CSE/ISE300 Communications S14

- Location: Room 2205 Computer Science, 2nd floor, Multimedia Lab
- Time: Tue/Thur 5:30-6:50PM

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Paper 3 Code Document - Structure Sample

By Friday 25 April, send a **single** source file (doc or docx) by **email** to larry.wittie@stonybrook.edu with the **Subject:** line containing 300 Paper 3 sample.

From paper3 include only:
1. The optional cover page, if you have one
2. The title, your name, and date
3. The first paragraph – abstract or introduction
4. Each section header in the order within your Paper 3
5. The concluding paragraph
6. The first two pages of your appendix code
7. The number of pages of code in total

We will return comments on the structure of your Paper 3 by Thursday, 1 May 2014.
ERRORS in One Page Paper3 Outline - 1

A Working Title for Your Paper
Your Name 4/17/2014

Error if in four sections
What was your code’s main function?
What were its inputs and its results?
What programming language did you use?
Who wrote the code (you or you as part of a team?), for what initial purpose or course, and when?

Combine into one INTRODUCTION paragraph
Only the first two or three sentences.

Comments on Paper3 Outlines: Back Tuesday 4/22/14
Quiz in class 4/22 on word usage and sentence rewriting.
ERRORS in One Page Paper3 Outline - 2

Full text lines must be 6 inches wide, not 6.5 inches. Main report text lines must be 1.5-spaced, not single-spaced and not double-spaced. Main report text in 12-font, not 11-font and not 14-font. Text words in an easily read font, like Times New Roman or Cambria, not Garamond.

Code lines in a mono-width font, like Monaco or Andale Mono. Appendix code lines must be numbered & single-spaced.

Your final report must be well-organized into sections with HEADERS every two to four paragraphs.
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Notes from First Classroom Writing - S14

1. Avoid vague words like “nice” and non-specific phrases like “a lot of” and “another university”.
2. Avoid abrupt transitions between paragraphs
3. Avoid repeated thoughts, words, and phrases.
4. Do not use any contractions, no don’t, no can’t, and no it’s.
5. Avoid sentences starting with “So”, “Thus”, and “Also”.
6. Avoid sentences starting with “I think that” or “I believe”.
7. Avoid most uses of “due to” and all that mean “because of”.
8. Avoid lack of organization. Have sentences that fit together into paragraphs (and sections with section headers, in long papers).
9. Read, edit, and re-read what you write, preferably after a night of sleep before the final editing pass.
The final and major paper for this course will be due Thursday 8 May, both a printed version submitted at start of class and a single source file (doc or docx) email to larry.wittie@stonybrook.edu with the Subject: line containing 300 paper 3 code. Paper 3 counts for 30% of your cumulative numeric score, which will determine your final course grade of A, B, C, or F. A passing grade is mandatory for graduation.

No Penalty if submitted by Thursday 5/8/14 start of class.
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Paper 3 Code Documentation

Your paper 3 must be four to six prose text pages of effective final documentation for a significantly large program that you personally have written. The code should be 100 to 600 lines that you created and must be included as an appendix to your paper. All the rules for what counts as text in the first two papers apply for paper 3. The code in the appendix and any code quoted in the body of your paper do not count in the minimum of four pages.

Your paper must be interesting to read but also must be well organized. It must explain your code so clearly that it can help another professional improve your code.
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Size Requirements for Paper 3

Paper 3 must be at least 4 pages long, excluding lines that do not contain English prose text written by you and excluding the appendices. To be safe on length, aim for 5 pages with about 150 counted lines of text in 12 font and 1,950 to 2,400 words that count.

Remember that only prose lines written by you count - not tables of contents, tables of figures, section headers, figures, tables, captions for figures or tables, numbered or bulleted lists, blank lines, quoted text, references to sources, the title for your paper, or your name.
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More Requirements for Paper 3

The maximum length of paper3’s text part is 10 pages, including uncounted items. The appendix must not exceed 8 pages: code in the appendix may be in a tiny font and 2 or 3 columns. Number code lines; single-space your code. Combine all parts of paper3 into a single .docx or .doc file.

Many non-counted text items can make your paper more interesting to read, better organized, and graded higher. Full text lines must be 6 inches wide and on average hold 13 to 16 words. Each full page must have 30 or more lines (whether or not counted) spaced by 1.5, not single-spaced and not double-spaced. Number all pages.
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Relaxed Spacing Rules for Appendix Code Page

Use:
1. Margins maybe as small as 0.75” on all four edges
2. Single spacing for lines of code
3. Sans-serif mono-width font, such as Monaco, for code.
4. Different fonts for text words and code_names on report lines
5. Numbers on all lines of code, including comments, in appendix
6. Numbers for all pages of both paper report and appendix
7. Multiple columns & small font sizes to fit code into 8 pages max
8. Column separators as narrow as 0.1” (0.1 inch)
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Font Samples for Paper3 Code in Text.

Helvetica   1 i l 0 o O
The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.

Times       1 i l 0 o O
The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.

Andale Mono 1 i l 0 o O
The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.

Courier     1 i l 0 o O
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Monaco      1 i l 0 o O
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Suggestions for Start of Paper 3

In grading paper3, I expect to see many factual details that will help a programmer if she has to modify your code.

What are the code’s major function, its inputs and its results?

Who wrote the code, for what initial purpose, and when?

Tersely, what are the major algorithms and data structures? (Do not enumerate every module, like every tree in a forest.)

What are the major limitations of the code, of its internal data structures, and of the formats assumed for its input data?

How thoroughly was the code tested and with what input data (your appendix should list one or more complete test sets)?
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Suggestions for End of Paper 3

What code parts do not yet work? What may fix them?

What portions of the code are particularly tricky and may cause undesired side effects if changed hastily?

What changes would you have made to the code if you had more time to work on it? How would the changes improve it?

What special advice do you give anyone changing the code?

Remember to end your paper with a Conclusions paragraph, followed by an Appendix with all the Code and precise References to all your sources for Paper3.
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