CS 345: Homework 6 (Due: Dec 9, 2013 in class presentation or earlier as per Handout 1)

Rules. This is not an ordinary assignment. It involves a paper presentation. Depending on response rates, presentations are scheduled for the ultimate (12/9, a Monday) or penultimate day (12/2, a Monday) of classes. The finalized schedule will be announced in the course web-page on or around Nov 18-25.

Problem 1. (90 points)

Step 1. No later than the end of day of Nov 15, 2013, send an email to the instructor expressing your intent to present a paper. Include the title of the paper, and also a pointer to a PDF copy of it or a URL. (You can also include a preference of a time slot for the presentation or other requests consistent with Step 3 and Step 4 below.)

Note. A list of interesting (for presentation) papers has been posted in section C5/L7 area of the course web-page. As of Oct 28, it lists/points to a collection of 18 papers or monographs or Web-available studies; more papers might be added. A student can suggest one of them or find other similar papers or works. Topics need to be Web-search related. Requests from the L7 list will be assigned First-Email-Received First-Assigned. Thus it is advisable either to act early, or include (and say so) in your email what your first choice is and also include and identify as such a second or third choice.

Step 2. If the paper is acceptable and relevant to the class (e.g. from the L7 list, or acceptable but not from the list), an approval email will be sent out as soon as possible and definitely no later than Nov 21, 2013.

Step 3. By Nov 25, 2013 a schedule will be posted in the protected area of the course web-page. The schedule will be filled FIRST-IN, LAST-DAY filled, unless otherwise requested (per your Step 1 email). Thus the sooner you send an email as explained in Step 1 and Step2 the sooner you will receive a response and the sooner you can start working on the paper. As a bonus you will be assigned a slot the farthest away from the time of your email submission. Thus the first paper request received and approved will be scheduled for the last DAY (of two possible). Normally, it will be the last paper/slot presentation for that day unless otherwise requested.

Step 4. Every HW6 student is responsible for a 20 minute presentation (plus 10 extra minutes of questions/answers) for a total of 30 minutes. We plan to schedule 4-5 presentations for a 3-hour class. Prepare up to 10-15 slides. You can bring your own laptop or use the instructor's.
   If you plan to use the intructor's laptop AUTORUN and other features are disabled; it is preferable to downloadthe material from the Web directly just prior to the presentation or send an mail to the instructor before 5pm the Friday before the presentation.

Step 5. By 5pm of the Friday before the presentation every student must prepare a 1-page summary (prominently include title of presentation and name) of the presentation and email it to the instructor (.pdf, .doc, or .docx, but .txt is also OK). The instructor will handout hardcopies in class before the talks and also post them in the course web-page.

Step 6. By 5pm of the Sunday before the presentation an email with the presentation (pdf, ppt, or pptx) must be sent by email to the instructor. The instructor will post the presentation in the course web-page.

Step 7. By 5pm of the Friday after the presentation or the Reading Day whatever comes first the instructor will email HW6 grades. The grade will account for

- prompt execution of STEP 1 (5 points),

- preparation and prompt emailing as in STEP 5 of the 1-page summary (20 points),

- prompt emailing of the presentation as in STEP 6 (10 points), and

- the presentation itself (55 points).