CS 485: Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the complete name of the course?

   **CS 485-101 : Web Search**

   **Note:** Next year, it will become CS 345.

2. Who takes this course?

   Students who are interested in exploring the fundamentals of web searching.

3. How important are the prerequisites?

   There are NO listed prerequisites. An advanced junior or senior-level status will help you understand the relationship of web-searching with other areas of computer science such as architecture, algorithms, and languages.

4. Course Web access? Problems? What do I do?

   The course Web-page is described in Handout 1 to follow. If the prefix http://www.cs.njit.edu does not work for the URLs in the handouts to follow, then try http://web.njit.edu, otherwise there is a serious NJIT computing services problem.

5. Course email?

   You are encouraged to contact us by email if you cannot drop by. Use the alg485@cs.njit.edu address. The instructor or the assistant will respond (if there is going to be an assistant). If you receive an email from this account and you want to reply to that email DO NOT USE your mailer’s reply button or option. Send a NEW email since the reply address alg485@oak.njit.edu DOES NOT or MIGHT NOT EXIST.

6. Protected Area of the course web-page? Passwords?

   Learn how to navigate around the course web-page. In order to access the protected area, section C of the web-page, you must type in a login name and a password. There is no Oh! in the password, it is a zero! The password and login name are both case sensitive.

   Login : cs485

   Password: (only in the hardcopy)

7. How do I use the available course notes?

   The notes in section C5 of the course web-page are summaries of the material we cover in class. THEY DO NOT SUBSTITUTE FOR THE BOOK. DO NOT RELY SOLELY ON THEM. Homeworks and exams draw from the material of the textbook. The midterm and the final are open textbook; you will not be able to bring the notes. It is thus imperative that you know how to navigate around the textbook. The symbol on the right indicates the end of this document.