

COS 333

Course Conclusion

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Objectives

- Summarize the course
- Describe the end-of-semester schedule
- Describe project deliverables
- Have project team meetings

Agenda

- **Course summary**
- End-of-semester schedule
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Course Summary

- We have covered:
 - Three-tier programming
 - The Python language, database programming, network programming, concurrent programming with multiple processes & threads, server-side web programming, the JavaScript language, client-side web programming, security issues in web programming, XML programming, server-side options, client-side options (desktop & native Android/iOS apps)

Course Summary

- We have covered (cont.):
 - Software engineering
 - All through the course, but with focus at the end...
 - Requirements analysis, design, implementation, debugging, testing, evaluation, maintenance, process models

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Schedule

- **After this week's meeting with your TA adviser & before your presentation**
 - (Strongly suggested) Declare feature freeze
 - (Strongly suggested) Meet with your TA
 - Rehearse project presentation
 - Discuss final app version
 - Discuss deliverables
 - Polish, debug, test, evaluate, document

Schedule

- **After your presentation & before Dean's Date**
 - Polish, debug, test, evaluate, document

Schedule

- **Dec 13 (Dean's Date) at 5PM**
 - Finalize Google team directory
 - *Project Overview* doc (from early in course)
 - *Timeline* doc (from throughout the course)
 - Presentation slides
 - *Grader's Guide* doc
 - *Product Evaluation* doc
 - *Project Evaluation* doc
 - Source code (compressed file)
 - Finalize GitHub repo
 - Finalize product!

Schedule

- **Dec 14 to (at least) Jan 7**
 - Don't touch Google team directory, GitHub repo, deployed system
 - Be available to answer grader questions
- **Jan 7**
 - Course letter grades to Registrar
- **Jan 8 (approx)**
 - Project grade reports to you

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Project Deliverables

- Did you...

Deliverables: Presentation

- **Presentation**
 - Cover these topics:
 - Background and motivation?
 - Functionality?
 - Design?
 - Reflection?

Deliverables: Presentation

- **Presentation: Background & Motivation**
 - Provide adequate background?
 - Compose the presentation for the appropriate audience (primarily COS 333 instructors & COS 333 students)?
 - Motivate your system well?
 - Describe existing systems, and compare & contrast your system with them?
 - Consider organizing by scenarios?

Deliverables: Presentation

- **Presentation: Functionality**
 - Describe what your system does?
 - Describe and demonstrate your system's core functionality well?
 - Consider organizing by scenarios?

Deliverables: Presentation

- **Presentation: Design**
 - Describe how your system works?
 - Provide a good description of your system's design at an appropriate level of detail?
 - Provide a graphical system architecture overview?
 - Provide a graphical DB schema?

Deliverables: Presentation

- **Presentation: Reflection**
 - Provide a good reflection on your project experience?
 - Describe what went well during your project, and what you should have done differently?
 - Describe lessons learned?

Deliverables: Presentation

- **Presentation: General**
 - Get the timing right?
 - Use ~15 minutes for the presentation?
 - Allow ~5 minutes for questions?
 - Reasonably balance your presentation among team members?
 - Provide presentation slides in your Google team directory?

Deliverables: Timeline

- **Timeline**
 - Clearly indicate each team member's contribution to your project during each week of the semester?
 - Keep your Timeline current through the Dean's Date?

Deliverables: Grader's Guide

- **Grader's Guide**
 - Describe what your system does and how to get it to do what it does?
 - Did you strive for and achieve:
 - Completeness?
 - Correctness?
 - Clarity?

The most important doc

Deliverables: Grader's Guide

- **Grader's Guide: Completeness**
 - Begin your document with an overview of your system?
 - Organize your document as use cases?
 - Provide a table of contents listing your use cases?
 - Compose your first use case (or some introductory text) to describe how to access or install your system?
 - Include use cases to cover all (or most) of your system functionality?
 - Provide a section at the end that describes additional system functionality?

Deliverables: Grader's Guide

- **Grader's Guide: Correctness**
 - Populate your system's database to contain the data required by the use cases?
 - Compose your use cases such that they can be executed sequentially **by each grader**?
 - Compose your use cases such that they can be executed sequentially **among graders**?
 - Instruct the graders to contact you for a database reset (if necessary)?

Deliverables: Grader's Guide

- **Grader's Guide: Clarity**
 - Compose your use cases such that the graders can understand them?
 - Compose your use cases such that they're concrete and specific?
 - Use screen images effectively?

Deliverables: Product Eval

- **Product Eval**
 - Include these sections:
 - Testing?
 - Eval by users?
 - Eval by experts?

Deliverables: Product Eval

- **Product Eval: Testing**
 - Answer the question "How well does the system work?"
 - Describe how you tested your system (see next slide)?
 - Describe the results of your testing, that is, which parts of your system work well and which do not?
 - List all known bugs?

Deliverables: Product Eval

- **Product Eval: Testing (cont.)**
 - Describe your:
 - Internal testing?
 - White box external testing?
 - Statement testing?
 - Boundary testing?
 - Black box external testing?
 - Use case testing?
 - Stress testing?
 - Test automation?

Deliverables: Product Eval

- **Product Eval: Eval by Users**
 - Answer the question "How well does your system meet the needs of its users?"

Deliverables: Product Eval

- **Product Eval: Eval by Users (cont.)**
 - Conduct interviews with typical users?
 - Compose a task list (maybe abstracted from use cases) and provide it in an appendix?
 - Present your task list to typical users?
 - Observe your users as they used your system to perform the tasks?
 - Encourage your users to talk aloud while performing the tasks?
 - Take thorough notes?

Deliverables: Product Eval

- **Product Eval: Eval by Users (cont.)**
 - Provide a summary of the interview notes?
 - Provide your detailed notes from each user interview in an appendix?
 - Tell us how many user interviews you performed?
 - (Optionally) Conduct surveys or distribute questionnaires?

Deliverables: Product Eval

- **Product Eval: Eval by Experts**
 - **You assume the role of expert!**
 - Maybe with help from Princeton's *User Experience Office*

Deliverables: Product Eval

- **Product Eval: Eval by Experts (cont.)**
 - Perform a thorough heuristic evaluation of your system?
 - List the 10 Nielsen evaluation categories, with positive and negative comments in each category?
 - Compose your heuristic evaluation to be specific to your system?
 - (Optionally) Perform cognitive walkthroughs of any parts of your system?

Deliverables: Project Eval

- **Project Eval**
 - Include these sections:
 - Project experience?
 - Technical issues?
 - Acknowledgements?

Deliverables: Project Eval

- **Project Eval: Project Experience**
 - Reflect upon your project experience?
 - Describe some positive and negative aspects of your project experience?
 - Describe what you learned from your project experience?

Deliverables: Project Eval

- **Project Eval: Technical Issues**
 - Describe some technical problems that you encountered and how you solved them?

Deliverables: Project Eval

- **Project Eval: Acknowledgements**
 - List (and briefly describe, as necessary) the pre-defined software that you used?
 - PostgreSQL, Flask, Jinja2, jQuery, React, Bootstrap, Render, Heroku, ...
 - Cite the major sources of information that you used?
 - Particularly helpful web pages, tutorials, books, ChatGPT or other LLMs, ...

Deliverables: Source Code

- **Source code**
 - Extract your code (and only your code) from your GitHub repo?
 - Place your code in a src directory (or a src.zip file) in your project directory?

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