

CS 376 – Practicum in CS Presentations – Fall 2012

Conference Presentation Homework Assignment

Due: Thursday 18 October, by midnight

For your third presentation, you will be making 10-minute presentations based on papers taken from scientific conference proceedings. The scenario we are trying to reproduce is one in which you are attending a national or international meeting, and you have 10 minutes to present your research results. (Which is, unfortunately, all too realistic a scenario.)

You are required to find a suitable paper, either from the library or on-line, and submit a copy no later than the time and date posted above. You may submit your entry electronically via e-mail to the instructor, either as an attachment or as a URL to where the paper may be found on-line. Alternatively you may submit a hard copy, either in class or in the instructor's mailbox in room 1120 SEO. (Hard copies are due by 5:00 p.m.)

YOU MUST INCLUDE A FULL BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCE, including the author(s) name(s), the title of the paper, the conference at which it was presented (i.e. the proceedings in which the paper may be found), and such information as page numbers, proceedings volume number, and the date and place of the presentation if available. See the references section of any paper for examples of what should be included. This information may be included in the body of your e-mail, or on a separate cover sheet if submitted by hard copy. Ideally it will be properly formatted for a bibliographic reference, so that I can cut-and-paste it to form a bibliography for our presentations. See the on-line bibliographies of papers presented during past terms to see the information and format required.

<http://www.acm.org> and <http://www.computer.org> have an overwhelming number (thousands) of conferences listed, and an even more overwhelming number (tens or hundreds of thousands) of papers listed. (Look for the words “conference” or “proceedings” in journal titles.) Unfortunately only the abstracts are free, and the papers themselves require a subscription. The UIC library has electronic subscriptions to many of these journals and conference proceedings, but not all. (Start with <http://www.uic.edu>, and follow links to “learning”, “libraries”, and then “e-journals”. There is limited access to some of these resources.)

Another approach, once you have identified a paper you like online, is to search for the author's personal web site. Googling the title of the paper will usually find a copy available without having to go through the subscription service, and may find additional useful information above and beyond what is found in the paper. For example, googling on “Investigating Swirl and Tumble Flow with a Comparison of Visualization Techniques” finds the web site <http://www.vrvis.at/scivis/swirl-tumble>. Many authors post copies of their personal papers. Along these lines, you may check faculty web pages, either at UIC or elsewhere, and/or the EVL (<http://www.evl.uic.edu>), BUT papers authored by the instructor of this course are not allowed. You are also strongly requested to please not repeat papers that have been presented in recent terms. (See the bibliographies posted on the class web site for full lists.)

In the event that two or more people select the same paper to present, the first person to submit will get it, and the others will be asked to select a second choice. (If you want to submit first and second choices originally, that is okay.)

Note that later in the term you will be asked to prepare a poster on the same paper as the one you pick for this assignment, so you may want to think about that when making your choice.