

Topic Due: April 26, 4:30 pm

Web Page Complete: May 10, 11:59 pm

Presentation: May 14, noon

Goal:

Select one topic appropriate to this course and present the topic to the class during the Final Exam meeting time. You will also need to also present the material in web page form, as described below.

The Topic: (10 points)

Your topic must be appropriate for the course (*This course examines the ethical, cultural, economic and political aspects of the Internet as a social technology.*) The topic needs to allow you to either present alternate (and possibly controversial) ideas or present a technical issue that has an impact on the course.

Topics used for *Questions of the Day* or *Homeworks* are allowed use for your project; however, your presentation will be required to move the topic far beyond what was already discussed in class.

The topic is due by **April 26, at 4:45 pm (via email)**. I encourage you to bring your topic to me before the due date so we can discuss how appropriate the topic is and what directions you may be taking. You should do enough research before you choose your topic to ensure that you will be able to find plenty of quality information to make a good presentation.

The Web Pages (60 points)

The web pages must be located on Google Sites and the site name should be **cs121s11_final_PUNetID_PUNetID**, where each member's PUNetID is in the address. One of the team members must own the site and share, with editing privileges, the site with the other team member. You must also share the site, without editing privileges, with profchadd@gmail.com. You may choose to make your site as public or private as you like.

Your web page needs to introduce the topic and provide enough background material for your readers to understand why the topic is interesting and how the topic intersects with the class. Making connections between your topic and your readers' daily lives is a good idea. Further, you need to provide at least one page describing each side of the issue (for a minimum of two pages) and one page outlining your opinions, backed-up with researched information, on the topic. If teammates disagree, each teammate is welcome to provide their own opinion page.

If you chose to present a technical issue rather than a controversial issue, you'll need to provide the issue's history, current state of the art, and possible future directions. Each of these aspects should be their own page.

Finally, you need to provide an About page that introduces each teammate to the reader.

For guidance: The content of the web pages should be roughly equivalent to a 1500 word essay.

Web Page Layout

You may choose any template or theme you like. The web site needs to be easy to read and easy to navigate. If the template or theme automatically generates pages you'll need to make sure to delete any unused pages.

Make sure to cite any articles, images, video, or other material you use for your site. The CS121 Example Site on GoogleSites contains a page describing proper citation format.

The Presentation (30 points)

The Presentation will be during the Final Exam time slot and each team will have a total of 10 minutes. This time slot will be broken down into 8 minutes for presentation and 2 minutes for questions. In order to complete all of the presentations in 2.5 hours presenters will need to adhere to these guidelines very strictly. Presentations need to come as close as possible to 8 minutes (+/- 30 seconds). Presentations shorter than 7.5 minutes will lose points.

Your presentation must not consist of you and your teammate reading the web page to the audience. The web page may be used as a visual aid or prop but should not be the sole content of the presentation.

Be creative!

- Run the presentation like a debate between teammates

- Use multimedia (But don't show someone else's movie.)

 - You can checkout cameras from the TIC.

 - You must speak live for 2 minutes during the presentation.

See the syllabus for further guidelines.