

## CS 294-5

# Final Project Presentation Guidelines

On the last class meeting, we will have final project presentations. You will have around 6 minutes to describe your projects to the rest of the class, and a minute or two for questions. You can do this on the whiteboard or with slides, depending on how you prefer to do the presentation. 6 minutes is not a lot of time, and so you won't be able to go into much detail on what you've done. Depending on your project topic, your emphasis will vary (we don't need to be told what parsing is or how it's evaluated, for example) but you should emphasize the following:

- What problem is your project addressing, and why should we care?
- What is the concrete task you're investigating? What are the inputs and outputs of your system, how are you evaluated?
- What would a baseline be for this task?
- What is the key idea of your solution or system?
- What were the key challenges? Did you learn anything surprising?
- If you have results already, what are they? Any conclusions?

Class presentations are mandatory for all projects – if you can't make the last class, let me know, and we'll have to work something out. The degree of completion of your project is not what's being evaluated; the point of these presentations is to coherently distill what you're working on down to a very short executive summary. You should prepare for the presentation so that you don't just ramble for 6 minutes, but you needn't create a memorized powerpoint animation extravaganza. If you have slides, please put them on the web so that you can access them quickly from the classroom computer.