

Assignment 3: literature review and website

The assignment consists of two parts: (a) a written report reviewing the literature relevant to your project (minimum 5 pages, 95 points); (b) a website for your project (5 points).

Requirements for the literature review (95 points):

- The minimum length is five pages; there is no maximum length.
- Reasonable formatting must be used (e.g. 1.5 line spacing, 12 point font, one-inch margins)
- The review must cover at least eight sources relevant to the project. Of these, at least 5 must be *scholarly* sources: that is, books, or peer-reviewed journal or conference papers. The remainder may be non-scholarly sources, which might include websites, and articles in magazines and newspapers.
- The intended audience is your senior seminar classmates. Thus, you can assume some familiarity with the objectives of the project.
- For each source, the review must provide at least the following:
 - a brief summary of the relevant content
 - a critical appraisal of that content (Is it authoritative? Are there any weaknesses? Will you be adapting the content in any way for your own use?)
 - compare and contrast with one or more of the other sources
- Any appropriate structure of the document may be used. Options include:
 - Use the style of a *related work* section of a scientific paper. (Take a look at the publications webpage of any CS professor to see examples of this -- sometimes the related work section is absorbed into the introduction, and sometimes it is broken out in a separate section.)
 - Use the style of an *annotated bibliography*. See, for example, [How to Prepare an Annotated Bibliography](#), from Cornell University Library.
- The report will be graded on the usual characteristics for writing: clarity, correctness of spelling and grammar, completeness in addressing the above requirements, and logical structure.
- Submit to Moodle by the due time as a single file in any suitable format.

Requirements for the website (5 points):

- Must contain a suitable title, and a very brief description of the project.
- Must contain links to your project proposal and literature review.
- The site must be easy to read and usable; no additional credit is available for sophisticated formatting.
- The site must pass as valid HTML according to the [W3C Markup Validation Service](#).
- Submit by emailing the URL of your webpage to the instructor.

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