

Weight: 40% of the final grade.

The final presentations will be held on **Wednesday, January 11, 2012, starting at 10am** (location TBA). The reports are due at the same time.

As discussed in class, the final project consists of two parts:

1. Writing a report (≈ 5 pages long) on the selected topic. The report should be written clearly and should demonstrate understanding of the topic. It should cite all appropriate sources. After meeting with me, you should now have an idea on what your project will be about:
 - Please send me a tentative title and a 3-line outline of your presentation/report by **Monday, November 28th**.
2. A final presentation. The final presentations will be held on Wednesday, January 11th. This will be a full day event, from 10am until ~ 6 pm. You will be allocated *exactly* 25 minutes for your presentation. The presentation may use either slides or the blackboard. The main objective of the presentation is to teach other participants the subject matter of your talk. This is the objective against which the presentation will be graded. Here are some recommendations that may help with the final presentation:
 - Do not try to pack too much into the presentation. You do not have to present all the material from your report. You may also choose to present some background material that was not included in the report. Remember that your goal is to make the presentation as enlightening as possible to other students and the instructor.
 - Make sure that you do not assume too much background knowledge that is not there.
 - Rehearse/time your talk to see that it is of the right length. Keep in mind that in class people may ask you questions, so you may have to go a bit slower.