

CS118: Team Information Safari

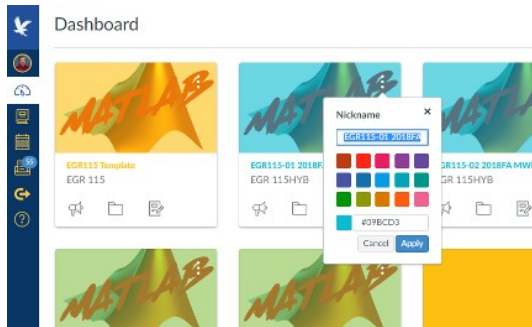
Each person must submit a word processing document (.DOC, .DOCX, .ODT, .PDF; **but NOT a file from Apple Pages which is not portable between platforms**) with his/her answers to these questions.

Question 0: Provide your *affirmation* (find it in the syllabus or the Canvas announcements) including credit for all people with whom you worked on this assignment. The affirmation must be present on all submissions.

Assignments



1. Edit the class nickname in Canvas Dashboard to show your correct section information. Submit a screenshot of the modified label.



2. With rare exceptions, at what time of day is every assignment due?

Collaboration



3. For most assignments in this course, will the instructor find it acceptable if you:

- a. Do your work without assistance of any kind?
- b. Do your work with only the assistance of an instructor?
- c. Do your work with only the assistance of the tutors or TA/Lab Assistants?
- d. Do your work with other student(s) **describing generally** their approach?

These two are often related...

- e. Do your work with other student(s) telling you what to write?
- f. Do your work with other students(s) showing you their work?

g. Do your work with other students so that you turn in essentially the same thing?

h. Submit work as yours which somebody else performed?

Assistance

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4. What is the email address for your instructor?

5. What is the building and office number for your instructor?

6. You are welcome at all of my office hours – just drop by! But for this exercise find a one hour block of those office hours which is available and most convenient to you and write it here.



7. Prepare your computer:

(a) If you own a **Windows** machine, use the link below and download the zip file; extract it; and install Notepad3. Provide a screenshot of the program running on your computer. **If you don't own a Windows machine, write "No Win" below.**

<http://tiny.kindy.net/?id=92>

(b) If you own a **Mac**, visit the link below and follow the directions to make TextEdit prepare a "plain text file" by default. Provide a screenshot of the program saving a plain text file. **If you don't own a Mac, write "No Mac" below.**

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Grading



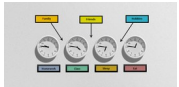
8. How long do you have to request a re-grade?

9. How do you go about requesting a regrade?

10. Approximately what percentage of the final grade is obtained from **EACH** exercise set?

11. Approximately what percentage of the final grade is obtained from **EACH** program?

Time Management



Many college students find the demands on their time to be a new experience. School work is more demanding; homework is *every* day; s/he must take care of details previously handled by other people – getting to and from school; getting food and other daily supplies; handling paperwork for school and personal life; meeting with people for both academic and administrative purposes; preparing for the next day/week/semester/internship/job.

Students have limited hours for things they may not realize they'll need to schedule, like: **dealing with university details, exercising, traveling to class, wasted time / goofing-off, talking with friends, reading Facebook or Twitter, watching movies, playing video games, etc.** For many engineering students a realistic estimate of the available time for items not related directly to their courses, sleeping, and basic daily preparation is about 6 hours per day – yours may be more or less. (Unfortunately, these 6 hours are spread out through the day and rare is the block of time more than an hour or two.)

Ask yourself: As you "spend" your limited time, are your scheduling assumptions realistic? Is homework really going to take 30 minutes ... or will it take 3 hours? If you find later that your assumptions were flawed, are you prepared to sacrifice some your "free" time to keep up your grades?

Important notes



Contrary to common perception, you as a student do NOT function better late at night. Your brain is tired and your body is tired; and since you have many items to juggle in your day, you are stressed. You need your sleep. **Go to bed!** One reason the assignments are due by 11:59pm is to give you a chance to get your sleep.

It is also not the case that you function better "at crunch time". While you might feel more motivated to complete work, you will not do better rushing to complete it. Get your work done before it's required – including preparing for the next day. Once you've caught up on everything, any time you have left before bed is available for whatever you wish – without guilt or worry. And most likely with good grades.

Bottom line: Plan your day to force yourself to bed by midnight. Get up at 6 to 8am, even if you don't have to. Spend your day as if you were being paid to work – because it's actually worse: **You're paying others for your time!** Maximize the benefit you get from that time!

A contemporary observation:

Many students use their phones as alarm clocks. These have proven to be remarkably adept at NOT waking up the student. Buy a "backup" (traditional) alarm clock and use it! Here's one I like:



<https://amazon.com/gp/product/B000UUKOLO>