

# Project Guidelines

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## 1 Project Guidelines and policies

### 1.1 Submission dates \deadlines

Submission dates:

- **Project I:**

- **Step 1 and 2:** together 26 November 2012 at noon. This is a soft deadline. Even though this deadline is "soft" it is not unimportant as experience learns missing this deadline will significantly increase the chance of missing the final deadline also. More importantly even this is the chance for you to get feedback on your work before your final submission, so you have a change to improve it and get a better grade.
- **Step 3:** 18 December at midnight. First five days delay, each day 0.2/10 less grade. After that no submission possible.

- **Project II :**

- Submit your report by: Friday 23 December 2012 night.

**DISCLAIMER : The deadlines are at the moment still preliminary and possibly subject to change.**

## 1.2 Guidelines for Project I

Train and Test data, and evaluation programs are available under “Assignments” on Blackboard or downloadable from internet (see project description in PDF for the url).

- YOU WILL WORK IN PAIRS AND DELIVER PER PAIR YOUR JOINT WORK.
- Submit at each Step a report with a zipped version of the code.
- The report should read like a scientific article, with different sections for Introduction, relevant theory and background (CYK, PCFGs, Smoothing), implementation, Results and Conclusions. If you think something is important, then mention it in the report- do not say things like ”refer to the code”. Make sure that the report is a coherent and complete document, including references.
- Make sure step 2 and 3 do not have to recompute the result of step 1 every time, instead the result is read from a (grammar) file that is produced in step 1.
- IMPORTANT: You should not submit any output files. All relevant results should be incorporated and stated clearly in your ”results and analysis” section and supported by relevant tables/figures.
- Write your programs so that they can be called from the command-line or parametrized using configuration files. Having to edit the code to run the program on data files is not acceptable. This is obvious, but for example, you should not refer in your code to file paths or files that exist on your hard disk but will not be present on another machine.
- Submit your code in one zipped or tar-gzipped archive. You MUST include a README file with information on what each module/class of your code does as well as instructions on how to compile (if needed) and run your code on the data files provided for the course to get the results included in your project report. Running your code on the data files should be relatively easy to do on a Linux machine. You SHOULD NOT submit the data files provided for the course together with your code.

### **1.3 Guidelines for Project II**

- You will start reading and working on this project before the lecture of 6 Dec. This means that there will be overlap with the time given for the first project. This is because we gave you extra time to finish Project I!
- To make it more fun, you will work in groups of three students. Students who worked together in Project I cannot work together in Project II.

*For any questions regarding the projects, please contact me at gemdbw - at - gmail.com*