Second Assignment 1

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Pair up with another senior. Each of you has exactly five minutes to explain your topic to the other person. This explanation should include two components: a description of the problem or issue at the heart of the project, and a description of the deliverables, i.e., the project’s visible “output.” Obviously everyone will write a paper, but what will the paper contain — an algorithm? a testing procedure? a design? a plan? experimental results? . . . ? Will there be any other product, such as some software, a Web site, a database, . . . ?

If the explanation you receive from your partner is unclear on any point, ask questions.

I realize some of you have not settled on a final specific topic (some of you have identified only a general topic area). In this case, identify the major problems or issues about the topic that interest you and name some potential project ideas, even if you are not yet certain of their feasibility.

After your five minutes are up, each of you will give a one-minute description of the other person’s thesis and then answer a few questions about it. The intention is that these questions be general in nature, not specific questions that require a knowledge of the subject deeper than what you should generally have as a senior computer science major (you are not the expert on this topic; your partner is).