I2CS Specific Information

For general info, you can check the portals Online Student and Online Instructor.

Online students will work on a project, give presentations, do the homework, and write reports about papers. Your class participation will be based on reports and mailing list discussion, since you cannot all easily participate in live discussion. If any of you would like to call in during the lecture, please let us know to ask the I2CS coordinators to set up the system. Also, you are welcome to participate in discussion through the mailing list.

Email Setup

Please use your @illinois.edu email addresses for all course communication. Note that you don't have to use the CITeS email web interface but can use other clients, e.g., Gmail:

- Step 1. Forward your Illinois email to your Gmail account (instructions: http://www.cites.illinois.edu/email/redirection/). Note that you should check inbox in both email accounts because some emails may not be forwarded and stay in the Illinois inbox.
- Step 2. Configure your Gmail to send emails using your SMTP server (instructions: http://online.dev.engr.illinois.edu/current-students/engineering-online-student-portal/technical-support/student-email). BUT if it doesn't work, please use the SMTP server info as below (from http://www.cites.illinois.edu/exchange/2010/otherclients.html):
  - Username: yournetid
  - Password: Active Directory password
  - Email address: yournetid@illinois.edu
  - Outgoing mail server: smtp.illinois.edu
  - Outgoing mail server: requires authentication
  - Outgoing mail server (SMTP) port: 587
  - Outgoing mail server security: TLS
- Step 3: Send an email to the Engineering IT to state that you plan to use the university SMTP server to send emails and request them to add your email address to the approved list.

Presentations

You will decide later about the best option for you to give your presentations: you can send us a PowerPoint with recorded voice, or you can call in and give a live presentation while someone flips the slides for you.

Additional Tips for Recording Presentations (From a CS527 student in Fall 2007)

1. Record audio separately for each slide. This may make file size a bit larger, but definitely makes synchronizing audio and slides a breeze.
2. Convert audio to WMA since you can embed these in a power point presentation. You cannot embed mp3's without some fudging.
3. I used WavePad, which is free, to edit my audio and do conversion.

Share Presentations on U of I Box

1. Use https://box-signup.uillinois.edu/ to signup if you do not have a U of I Box account
2. Use https://uofi.app.box.com/login to login
3. After login, browse and upload your presentation
4. Click on share and select “People in your company”
5. It gives a link to access your presentation
6. Use this link to share your presentation

Accessing Papers in Online Collections

To access papers through the university libraries you can use the library proxy server: http://www.library.illinois.edu/it/helpdesk/proxy.html.