18-842: Distributed Systems
Final Presentation Guidance

Objective: To communicate your project's successes to Professor and TA staff.

Overview: Each team will create a 6-minute video describing the implementation results of their project.

Scope: Your video's purpose is to report results, not to demo the product. You should spend less than 30 seconds describing what your project does (assume we've seen your previous video and read your design document and attended your group meetings. We just need a quick reminder). For the rest of your time, you should consider describing these elements (but you aren't required to cover all of them):

- How did you implement the distributed aspects of your system?
  - Describe any configuration, consistency, consensus and fault tolerance challenges.
  - Describe any use of particular algorithms or concepts from class materials.
- How did your "skills challenge" pay off?
  - Did it help or hurt your project?
  - Are you skilled enough in this new language/technology/etc to credibly put it on a resume?
  - Would you recommend that future class projects use the same language/technology/etc?
- How did you organize your team?
  - Did it help or hinder your work?
  - Would you do anything differently about team/schedule/management if you were starting over?

Video Scope: Your presentation video needs to be fairly professionally produced. Don't just gather your group in front of a webcam and have a chat. Design this video as if you were defining a sales presentation. You probably want a single person narrating the video, though that isn't a strict requirement. You definitely want to use well-chosen graphics. At a minimum, you should be showing a series of slides — make sure they are carefully produced (spell-checked, readable, balanced, etc). Even better may be some animations about how the system is used, how information travels in your system, etc.

Delivery Methods: Post your video to Youtube or Vimeo with a private URL. Then, go to ALE and share your URL on the discussion group “Final Presentation Links.” In that discussion group, post a reply containing your group number, your group name and the video link. You must post the video by Tuesday, 28 April, at 9:30 am.