

Extra Credit Readings

The suggested readings in this course provide supplemental material that is useful to draw on for both informing results and methods for the course project, as well as later knowledge of the space (which may help out on interviews, etc.) Reading these materials is highly encouraged.

If you choose to write a short report after reading one of these papers, it is eligible for extra credit (EC). At most 6 such reports may be submitted over the course of the semester. All readings are eligible for this opportunity, but must be submitted within **2 weeks** of the lecture week they were intended to supplement. Most weeks will have a reading posted about a week in advance, but not all will, and there is no assurance that a given week will have a reading, especially later in the course — *so don't wait until the last moment to take advantage of this opportunity.*

Requirements

Each reports should be 1-2 pages long and contain the following sections:

- 1) A summary of the reading, methods, and findings.
- 2) A description of why this work is needed, and the impact of the findings.
- 3) A description of how the findings were supported/proven in the work.
- 4) A discussion of how you could use the results in future work, and/or a description of a study that you would run to augment the findings in the reading. These should consist of **new content and ideas**, not already present in the reading itself (or other related work).

Each submission must be **emailed to the instructor in PDF or .doc format**, no later than 2 weeks after the week of the reading.

Grading

Grading of the EC reports is done on a [0,1,2] scale:

2 (0.5 EC points) - significant effort was put into understanding the paper and writing the report

1 (0.25 EC points) - fair effort was put into understanding the paper and the writing the report

0 (no EC) - minimal (insufficient) effort was put into the submission