

CIS 15 Spring 2010 Makeup Assignment

Instructions

- This is the assignment that makes up for the class we missed due to weather on the 10th February
- **It is due on Wednesday March 17th.**
- You should submit it by bringing a hardcopy to class that day.

The task

Go to:

http://www.ted.com/themes/what_s_next_in_tech.html

There are 114 talks to choose from. Each video is about 15 minutes long. Watch *two* videos and answer these questions:

1. Which two videos (talks) did you watch?
Be sure to specify the name of the speaker, the date (year) of the talk and the speaker's main contribution to technology (i.e., why were they there?).
2. Did you like them? Why or why not?
What was cool (or not) about them? Was there anything that made you say "I wish I had thought of that"? Was there anything inspirational in them (i.e., anything that made you say, "I need to work harder so I can learn how to do that!")?
3. How do the two talks that you watched relate to each other?
Compare and contrast the different technologies discussed. Who are the prime beneficiaries? Are there any long term implications for humanity? If yes, what and when do you think they will be realized?
4. How does what you watched relate to what you are studying in computer science?
Was there anything that made you say "How did they do that"? Is there anything new that you want to research or study more about in computer science that you learned about from the talk?

If you don't have internet connectivity at home, you can do this in the WEB building or the library. Bring headphones so you can listen to the sound!