Paper Reading and Discussion

Lecture 01

Seminar Overview

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Structure of Classes

Paper discussion

- 30 min (9:30-10:00): stand-up meeting
- 60 min (10:00-11:00): discussion (6 hats)

Oral presentation of research work 30 min (9:30-10:00): stand-up meeting 30 min (10:00-10:30): presentation 1

• 30 min (10:30-11:00): presentation 2

Stand-up Meeting

- Each participant briefly talks about the status of their research by answering
 - 1. What I did since our last meeting?
 - 2. What I plan to do until our next meeting?
- Today, let's introduce ourselves and talk about our research interest
 - MSc or PhD? Semester? Supervisor?
 - What is your research about?

About the Course

Course Website

- All course information (agenda, grades, papers, presentations, etc.) are available in my website
- o http://www.dcc.ufmg.br/~figueiredo
- Link "Teaching"
 - -> "Paper Reading and Discussion"
- Direct link:

https://homepages.dcc.ufmg.br/~figueiredo/disciplinas/2023b/papers.htm

Assessment Criteria

Paper discussion: 40 points

Oral presentation: 30 points

Feedback form: 30 points

Paper Discussion

- We focus on discussing high-quality software engineering research papers
- Suggestions are welcome based on the following criteria
 - Recently published paper (last 5 years)
 - Full research paper (more than 8 pages)
 - Premier conference (ICSE, FSE, ASE)
- The flow of discussion is inspired by the "6 Thinking Hats" [Bono]

Six Thinking Hats

- Focusing on a variety of perspectives, but in a clear, conflict-free way
 - Blue Hat: "the Conductor's Hat"
 - o White Hat: "the Factual Hat"
 - Red Hat: "the Hat for the Heart"
 - Yellow Hat: "the Optimist's Hat"
 - Black Hat: "the Judge's Hat"
 - Green Hat: "the Creative Hat"



Our Script for the 6 Hats





Oral Presentation

- Each student has to present their own research work in 15 to 20 minutes
 - If the student has no personal research, they may present a literature paper
- Presentations are scheduled according to the course agenda
 - Deadline for choosing a date: 25/08
 - Changes are allowed if two students agree to swap dates between them

Current Presentation Agenda

- 01/09: Rubio
- 01/09: Henrique
- 22/09: Euler
- 22/09: João Paulo
- 22/09*: Saymon
- 27/10: Guilherme
- 27/10: Altino
- 27/10*: Abel

- 17/11: Bruna
- 17/11: Jefferson
- 17/11*: Felipe
- 01/12: Amanda
- 01/12: Cleberson
- 01/12*: Pedro
- 15/12: Arthur
- 15/12: Nathan

* 3rd presentation because we do not have classes in 29/09 and 06/10.

Topics for Presentation

- Research presentations typically cover the following topics
 - Motivation / Problem Statement
 - Background / Key Definitions / Context
 - Research Proposal / Study Design
 - Solution / Contributions / Results
 - Limitations / Threats to Validity
 - Related Work
 - Conclusion

in case of empirical work

Tips for Title and Text

- Use unique titles and numbers in all slides
 They help in the discussion phase
- Avoid slides with too much text
 3 to 6 bullets with a few words are enough
- Make sure all text, images and tables are visible
 - I recommend font size larger than 20 points

Feedback Form

- All students should provide feedback to the presenter about the research work and the oral presentation
- Students must hand it to the professor by the end of the class
 - Late deliveries are subject to 50% penalty

Questions in the Form

- 1. Summarize the talk's key message in one sentence
- 2. Name one thing you learned from this talk
- 3. Name one thing worked especially well in this presentation
- 4. Suggest one specific change how the presenter can improve her/his presentation
- 5. Please provide additional feedback, including suggestions for further readings and tools

Missed a Class?

- What happens if I miss a class? Do I have a second chance?
 - I did not participate in paper discussions
 - I did not present my research work
 - I did not deliver feedback forms
- Prepare yourself for a very exceptional exam (a.k.a., very hard exam)

Exceptional Exam (optional)

- In very special cases, students may opt for the exceptional exam to replace
 - all paper discussions (40 points) or
 - the oral presentation (30 points) or
 - o all feedback forms (30 points)
- The exceptional exam is scheduled to December 16th (Saturday) at 9:25 h
 - You have to request it at least one week earlier (until December 9th)

Next Class (25/08)

Discussion of the following paper

- K. Newman, M. Endres, B. Johnson, W. Weimer.
 From Organizations to Individuals: Psychoactive Substance Use By Professional Programmers.
 ICSE, 2023.
- How to prepare yourself for the discussion
 - Read the paper in advance
 - Identify the hat's perspectives: facts, strengths, drawbacks, etc.