

CS 4001 Term Paper Draft

You should have completed the research needed to write your term paper and know exactly what you need to write about. The rest of the term will be spent actually writing and improving it. To help in this process, write a rough draft of the paper.

- **Draft.** A rough draft is a continuous prose document with section headings and placeholders for diagrams or tables. You do not need to fine-tune the English, but it should be understandable.
- **Format:** As described on the course syllabus. Written in 12 pt, Times-Roman font (or similar) and double spaced, submitted using PDF.

A rough draft is typically the same length (or LONGER) than your finished paper. It should have all claims, arguments and evidence written. You may not be happy with how you have presented the argument, but all elements from your outline should exist.

Note that you DO NOT have to use correct APA/ACM formatting for your citations on the draft, but you must cite any quoted work or ideas you use. Include a works cited or bibliography section at the end of the paper.

Please spell-check the document, but we are not checking grammar and punctuation at this point in the process.

When we grade your draft we will be asking the following questions:

1. Is the claim clear?
2. Is the organization of the argument rational?
3. Does the claim and its supporting arguments have evidence to back them up?
4. Are counterarguments fairly presented and addressed?
5. Is sufficient background given to explain issues to the target audience?
6. Are sources of appropriate “weight” and are their enough of them to support your claims?

Submit: A PDF of your document to T-Square, and bring a printout of your draft to class.