Literature Survey Report

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Abstract

a 150-200 word summary summarizing the technology/issues/problems (e.g., Byzantine quorum systems, high-performance multicast, etc) and summarizing the state of the art in that area. The first words of your abstract should be: “This report summarizes the state of the art in XXX as represented by papers [X,Y,Z]”, where XXX is the technology/issue/problem and [X], [Y], and [Z] are references below.
Overview of Technical Issues

“A half or full page explaining the technology and the issues involved. A figure is appropriate but optional (probably half of the students’ reports can use one, half not).”
Paper Summaries
Discuss the results, limitations, and strengths of each paper. 1 to 3 pages per paper

Paper #1 Title/Summary

Paper #2 Title/Summary

Paper #3 Title/Summary
Analysis
1 to 3 pages comparing and contrasting the papers reviewed. You will be expected to apply good judgement and your knowledge of fault tolerance, not just rehashing what the papers say. For example, your judgement about if the papers are making good points or are arguing about a “distinction without a difference”.
Conclusions
100-300 words summarizing the report

References
For this section’s content, just put the section title “References” then the list of these references for your paper…..

All papers mentioned in standard citation form. I prefer the format [JKZ93] for something with authors’ last names starting with ‘J’ and ‘K’ and ‘Z’ and year of publication 1993, not the [1] format (I have a horrible memory so I need the help remembering which paper you are citing when reading your reports). If there are more than 3 authors, do something like [JKZ+93]. The citation of course has the full author list, but the “label” for it (e.g., “[JZK+93]”) only has the first 3 authors’ initials, so the References section looks aesthetically pleasing!

You can cite the textbook too if it provides useful background on a specific issue, but include the section number probably to be helpful.

If you cite any web pages as the source, unless an author is listed, use the name of the organization (BBN Corp, UCSB for UC Santa Barbara, etc), then the title of the web page, then its URL. Assume the date of publication is 2002, unless it says last updated in 2001 or something like that.

Here are some example citations (notice I use “References” style in Word and also have a tab after the label):


