INFO/CS 4302
Web Information Systems

FT 2012

Week 2: Project Kickoff
Connecting Passengers to Safety Information

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- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8QePIJsSzy4
The goal of the programming project is to gain hands-on experience with the concepts and technologies taught in this course. Because we believe that it is much more fun to develop own ideas than to implement pre-defined project assignments, we let you, in groups, define your own course-related project. With this freedom comes the responsibility of self-studying course topics, finding existing datasets, working out interesting and technically challenging use cases, and delivering creative software solutions.

This will involve the following steps:

- By October 14th 11:59pm, each group should have submitted a 3 pages **project proposal** to the course **CMS**. Each proposal must follow the **project and proposal guidelines** outlined below.

- We will read the proposals and either accept or reject proposals by October 21st. Rejected proposals must be revised within one week in close cooperation with the teaching assistants and course instructors. Implementation can start as soon as a project proposal has been accepted. Please consider our **implementation guidelines**.

- In class on Tuesday, November 6th and Thursday, November 8th, each group should give a 5 min presentation about their project and preliminary results (**presentation guidelines**).
Goals

• Gain hands-on experience with course topics

• Define your own course-related project
  – think about convincing use cases
  – find open datasets from the Web
  – develop a data-centric Web application

• Teamwork (in groups of three)
Project Guidelines

• Your project idea must be novel and convincing. You cannot hand in some existing solutions from the Web or something you coded for other courses.

• The result of your project must be a Web application.

• This application must use at least one, publicly available dataset from the Web
Project Guidelines

• The application must clean, process, organize, and structure the data as needed.

• The application must have a Web-based user interface that generates some added value from the data for a web user, e.g.,
  – by combining data,
  – by providing some interaction with the data
  – by visualizing data
Project Guidelines

• The application must provide a RESTful API to the underlying structured dataset.

• The application must either expose a Linked Data interface or provide structured data markup for its Web pages.
Timeline

- 08/30: teams formed
- 9/9: in class Q&A
- mid Sep: Project Proposal
- 10/14: Project Status Presentation
- 11/06, 11/08: Final Presentation, Demo, Report
- 12/13: Final Presentation, Demo, Report
Timeline

1. Find team partners
   - 08/30

2. Brainstorm use cases, browse data sets
   - 9/9

3. Develop and write an attractive and feasible proposal; start wireframing/creating mockups
   - mid Sep

Project Proposal

- 10/14

Project Status Presentation

- 11/06, 11/08

Final Presentation, Demo, Report

- 12/13
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A growing collection of Web links relevant for this course.

Open Datasets

US Open Government Data (Data.gov), Other Open Government Data Sources
Linked Open Government Data
International Open Government Data Search
the Data Hub, Linked Open Data Cloud datasets
World Bank Open Data
nature.com linked data

Project inspiration / Open Data Challenges

NYC BigApps 3.0
Data.gov showcases
TWC Linked Open Government Data Demos
ChallengePost

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New York City challenged software developers to create apps that use city data to make NYC better.
Next Steps

• Form groups of three
  – use Piazza to announce ideas / find teammates
  – inform us (Piazza post) about groups by **Sept. 9th**
  – ping us if you are not in a group by Sept. 9th

• Brainstorm / Browse datasets / Think about use cases

• Question and Answer Session mid September

• Write project proposal / Start wireframing and/or developing mockups

• Come to office hours and talk to us