

IC220 – Course Paper Cover Sheet

Your Last Name:

Your First Name:

Section: 8001 9001 10001

Paper due:

Thurs, April 16, 2009 – start of class

The maximum amount of credit this assignment is eligible for (check one):

- Full credit (submitted promptly at start of class on the due date)
- 20% off (submitted before 0800 on the following business day)
- No credit (submitted after that. All assignments must be submitted to possibly earn passing grade)

On the back is the grading rubric that will be used for your paper. Also, attached is an example of a previously submitted strong paper – you may find it helpful to see what it was like. Notice some of its strong features:

- Good summary of the problem
- Doesn't just rehash what others say, but adds some personal assessment and analysis
- Considers multiple points of view
- Relates the specific problem to computing in general

This paper assignment was previously announced. Here is a copy of the instructions.

Assignment: Research and write a paper discussing a current computer architectural topic/issue. This topic and paper must be researched and written this semester for this class (i.e. a paper from a previous class is not allowed to be used). Append a list of resources/references used to the end of your paper (you must have at least three sources).

-Paper Length: 3 to 5 pages.

-Paper Content: Your paper should have a main idea and some analysis, not just a rehashing of the sources that you found. For instance, if discussing a problem, how serious a problem is it and are the solutions you discovered likely to really work?

New instructions:

1. Please **do not** place your name on the paper – only on this coversheet, stapled to your paper.
2. Your paper must be typed.
3. You may use Wikipedia, but that counts for one source
4. Use your own words. Use quotations where necessary, but this should be infrequent and brief.

Feedback – please answer for credit (10 pts) but will not otherwise affect your grade

1. How long did this assignment take you to complete? (circle one)
0.5 hr 1 hr 2 hrs 3 hrs
4 hrs 5 hrs 6 hrs Other:

2. What was the best part about this assignment?

3. The worst?

4. Was this assignment useful to your learning?

5. Was this assignment: (circle one)

Way too easy Little too easy About right Little too hard Way too hard

6. Is there anything that I (the instructor) could have done better? Or other comments?