Multiagent Systems

WS 2011/2012
Plan for Today

- Get to know each other
- Administrative issues
- How to give a good talk?
- Feedback
- Example session
Get to know each other

- Prepare name tags
- Find a perfect matching such that matched students don’t know each other
- Interview your partner (6-10 minutes)
  - name, field of study, semester
  - hobbies, likes/dislikes, what makes him/her angry
  - reasons for choosing the seminar, expectations
- Introduce your partner
Administrative Issues
## Dates

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Rough Schedule

- First talk (at most 45 min)
- Discussions (15-20 min)
- Break (20-30 min)
- Second talk (at most 45 min)
- Discussions (15-20 min)
What you have to do in order to pass

- attend all meetings
  - you may be absent once if you have a *(very)* good reason
- read the abstracts sent to you by your colleagues before the respective talks
  - prepare questions
- write an abstract for your talk/topic and send it to us in time (a week before the talk)
- give a good talk
- chair a session
- participate in discussions
Do I have to meet my supervisor?

- No, but we strongly recommend to meet your supervisor at least once, for example to discuss the general plan of your abstract and the talk at least 3 weeks before the talk.
- In addition, you should send a draft version of your slides (if you want to use slides) roughly a week before you deliver your talk, same for the abstract.
Abstracts

• Instead of handing in reports at the end of the term, we want you to write an abstract of your talk beforehand and give it to your colleagues so that they can prepare
  ‣ Introduction and Motivation
  ‣ Definitions and Notation (if necessary!)
  ‣ Main ideas of the talk (no proofs)
  ‣ not too formal, focus on intuition

• Length: 4 pages

• To be submitted one week (7x24 hours) before your talk.

• Read the abstract of the other talks and think of questions to ask.
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Tasks as a Session Chair

- introduce the speaker and the topic
- give time signals to the speaker: 10, 5 and 1 minutes before time runs out
- moderate the discussion
  - think of questions to start the discussion (!)
  - make sure that everybody is involved
  - keep an eye on the time
# Session Chairs

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How to give a good talk?
When preparing your talk

- read your paper thoroughly until you fully understand it
- ask your supervisor if something is unclear
- (possibly) coordinate with the other student who speaks on the same day
- decide which material you want to present
- decide how you want to present the material
- think of questions you can ask during the talk
- prepare slides etc.
- practice your presentation several times
- ensure the equipment works (connect to projector via VGA)
What makes a good talk?

Make a list!
(5 min, in german if you do not know the english name)
Feedback
A general note on Feedback

• Do not underestimate the value of feedback!
• Everyone should want to give good talks.
• To improve, you have to find out where your strength and weaknesses are.
• While you can try to observe yourself (recommended!), there are things that only others notice or that you would have misjudged.
  ‣ e.g. ‘speaking’: too fast/slow? clearly enough? monotonous? etc.
  ‣ did something on purpose, but the effect was not as intended?
• There are few occasions where you actually get feedback.
• Therefore, appreciate it whenever someone makes the effort to give you feedback!
Seminar Feedback

• We encourage you to give feedback on the talks
  ‣ immediately after the talk, before the discussion
  ‣ approximately 5 minutes
  ‣ our list may guide you w.r.t. aspects to give feedback on
One minute papers

• at the end of each session
• what is the most important thing I learned today?
• what was unclear?
• same paper will be used to collect your questions before the talk
Practice
‘Giving Feedback’

Dummy Talk by
Hans Georg Seedig
Questions about the seminar?
Concluding Remarks

• YOU are the expert on your topic.

• This seminar is as much about giving good talks and giving and receiving feedback as it is about Multiagent Systems.
See you on November 23rd!

Seminar homepage:
http://dss.in.tum.de/teaching/110-seminar-mas-ws1112.html