

The Best Semester Project Ever

Me N. You

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1 What

Explain what you are going to be reading about or implementing for your semester project. Say why this topic interests you. Convince me that this topic is exciting to you and that you will learn a lot from working on it. Specify exactly what your goal is for the project, in terms of what you want to learn from doing this.

Your proposal should be at least three pages long. You may use LaTeX or another formatter like MS Word or WordPerfect.

Just as an example, here is a figure that I refer to as Figure 1.

2 How and When

Detail the steps you plan to take to accomplish your goal and what resources you will use. Include a tentative timeline. Here is an example:

1. March 5 Read first paper
2. March 10 Read second paper
3. end of March Summarize both papers in about 5 pages
4. April 15 Implement technique in first paper in Java
5. April 20 Test the implementation with one example
6. April 30 Write up my results in about 5 pages
7. May 2 Prepare oral report

3 Grading

I will evaluate your projects on how much effort I judge you have put into it and how much you have learned. Your grade will also depend on the quality of your written report and of your oral presentation.

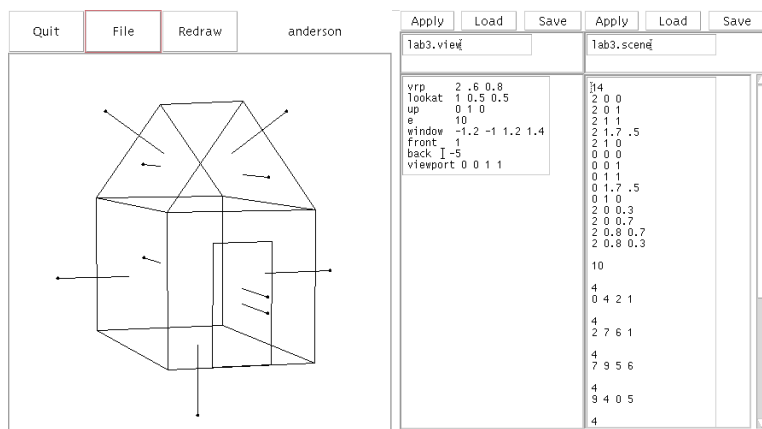


Figure 1: Silly example of including a graphic file.

It isn't required, but I strongly encourage you to hand in a draft of your report a couple of weeks before it is due. I will read them and make written suggestions on how to improve it. I also recommend you discuss with me what you plan to present orally. You will have 10 to 15 minutes only, and it is very difficult to put together an understandable and interesting talk that is that short.

4 References

If you have found some papers already, list them here.