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End of Course

Advanced Machine Learning for NLP
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PRESENTATION ADVICE

Big Idea

- Don't give your presentation to *me*
- Explain why what you're doing matters to a lay person
- I will have science writer from NASA
- If she's confused, you'll get a worse grade

The Data

- Okay, you've explained why this is a good idea
- Now explain why the data you have helps you show that it works
- Give examples of your data, and what your system should do
- (Can interleave in the explanation of why)

- **Keep this short**
- Most people spend too much time
- Don't talk about data processing, formatting, etc.
- Important and takes time, but not worth talking about
- Make it clear what each group member did (but do so briefly)
- Give contribution of project
  - New model?
  - Different data?
  - Something else?

Does it Work

- Give baseline of what a good system should do
  - Existing system
  - Most frequent class
  - Human performance
- Show what your system does
- If difference is small, error bars can help

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Don't go over time!

- 12 minutes per project
- 1 minute for questions
- Don't leave important things toward end to be rushed
- Will be very strict with time!

- NIPS or ACL format
- Due on day of final (May 8), 19:30 Mountain
- Submit via e-mail to me and Alvin