

## IntroCS – IMPORTANT

Folks,

I'd like to address several things:

- your presentations
- my upcoming Monday absence and other absences
- the possibility of presentations by zoom in the evenings, starting on Wed, Nov. 3
- survey about your availability to attend evening Zoom sessions:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1dBermN89Buz5hVIZA8rHeJkVf-8zWUEhHQreV4g-2OA/edit>

I see that you've been working hard on your presentations for at least this past week and longer. This is the first time I've assigned this task in this form, and I am really looking forward to seeing what y'all have come up with.

However, as you've seen, I've been absent during several days this past week and earlier. This is due to increasing severe back pain. I will be going to doctors visits and possibly one or more procedures to address and alleviate the pain. I will be absent on those days, including this Monday.

I am trying hard to keep this from interfering with my teaching this class, which I love doing, especially since we have some very interesting material coming up that I think you all will like.

We need to see the presentations, but I may not be available in class even on the other days this week. As a workaround, my first thought was to have Zoom sessions during normal class time, but between doctors visits and technical problems that we've encountered, this isn't feasible at this time. And so, I'd like to propose (voluntary) Zoom sessions in the evening for each class, during which we can have the presentations.

I want to get to the next section of this course, and also I want you all to be rewarded as soon as possible for the work you've put in on the presentations.

Immediate answers to some questions:

- Do you have to attend your normal IntroCS period during the day? YES – DOE requirement
- Do you need to present during the normal schoolday period if I am in school that day? YES
- Would you be marked absent if you cannot attend a scheduled evening Zoom session? NO
- But should you attend the evening sessions even when your team is not presenting? YES!
- Can a team present in the evening even if not all teammates can attend? YES

Schedule for evening Zoom meetings on the days when I am absent from school, starting on Wed, Nov. 3:

Period 5: 7:00 – 7:45pm

Period 9: 7:50 – 8:35pm

Period 10: 8:40 – 9:25pm

The sequence of presentations will be the same (which teams go first, etc.) and the beginning of that schedule is already on the homepage for each period. We'll try to have 3 presentations/session, of 7-10 mins each.

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