

MICHIGAN STATE  
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# 08/28: Capstone Overview

## The Capstone Experience

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*From Students...  
...to Professionals*

# Capstone Overview

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## ➤ Course Logistics

- Client Projects
- Course Logistics (Continued)



# CSE 498, Collaborative Design

- “The Capstone Experience”
- Instructors
  - Dr. Wayne Dyksen (“Dr. D.”)
  - Malcolm Doering
- Class Meetings  
MW, 3:00-3:50pm, 1225 EB
- Syllabus
- Web Site
  - [capstone.cse.msu.edu](http://capstone.cse.msu.edu)
  - Check it often.



# Course Goals

(1 of 3)

- Give You Experience
  - Real World (As Possible)
  - In Corporate Setting
- Help You Transition
  - From Student
  - To Professional

# Course Goals

(2 of 3)

- Teams of Students
- Build Significant Software System
  - Design
  - Develop
  - Debug
  - Document
  - Deliver
- For Corporate Clients
- In 15 (Short) Weeks



# Course Goals

(3 of 3)

- Build a Significant Software System
- Work in a Team Environment
- Learn New Tools and Environments
- Build and Administer Systems
- Develop Your Communication Skills
- Develop Interview Talking Points
- Etc...



# Project Deliverables

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- Project Plan Document & Presentation
- Alpha Presentation
- Beta Presentation
- Project Software & Documentation
- Project Video
- Design Day

See [Major Milestones](#).



# All-Hands Meetings

## Presentations By

- Dr. D.
- Teams
  - Status Reports
  - Formal Presentations
    - Project Plan
    - Alpha
    - Beta
  - Project Videos
- Guest Speaker(s)



# All-Hands Meeting Agendas

- 08/28: Capstone Overview
- 09/02: (Labor Day, No Meeting)
- 09/04: Project Plan
- 09/09: Risks and Prototypes
- 09/11: Team [Status Report Presentations](#)
- 09/16: Team [Project Plan Presentations](#)
- 09/18: Team [Project Plan Presentations](#)
- 09/23: Team [Project Plan Presentations](#)
- 09/25: Team [Project Plan Presentations](#)
- 09/30: Resume Writing and Interviewing
- 10/02: [Career Gallery](#)
- 10/07: Schedule and Teamwork
- 10/09: Creating and Giving Presentations
- 10/14: Team [Alpha Presentations](#)
- 10/16: Team [Alpha Presentations](#)
- 10/21: Team [Alpha Presentations](#)
- 10/23: Team [Alpha Presentations](#)
- 10/28: [Design Day](#) and the [Project Videos](#)
- 10/30: Camtasia Demo
- 11/04: Team [Beta Presentations](#)
- 11/06: Team [Beta Presentations](#)
- 11/11: Team [Beta Presentations](#)
- 11/13: Team [Beta Presentations](#)
- 11/18: Team Status Reports
- 11/20: Team Status Reports
- 11/25: Team Status Reports
- 11/27: Team Status Reports
- 12/02: [Project Videos](#)
- 12/04: [Project Videos](#) and [All Deliverables](#)
- 12/05: [Design Day Setup](#)
- 12/06: [Design Day](#)
- 12/12: [Project Videos](#)



# Urban Science Capstone Lab

- 3352 EB
- Door Lock
  - Electronic Keypad
  - Code = #####
- Systems
  - Three PC's per Team
    - Dell Rack-Mounted Server
    - Two Development Machines
      - ❖ 27" iMac
      - ❖ 13" MacBook Pro
  - Team 100% Responsible
    - Building
    - Maintaining
    - Securing
    - Backing Up
- Books
- WiFi
  - SSID: CSE498
  - Key: ????????
- Conference Area
  - Team Meetings
  - Client Conference Calls
  - Google Conference Calendar
- Appliances
  - Water Cooler/Heater
  - Whirlpool Refrigerator
  - Microwave
  - Keurig Coffee Maker
- Lockable Storage
  - One Drawer Per Team
  - Assigned and Labeled
  - Obtain Keys from CSE Office



# Scheduled Lab Times

- No Formal Lab Sessions
- “Credit” for Scheduled Weekly Meetings
  - Team Meetings
  - Client Conference Calls
  - Triage Meetings with Malcolm
- Meeting Times TBA With
  - Team
  - Client
  - Malcolm
- Students must be available to meet.



# Capstone Overview

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✓ Course Logistics

➤ Client Projects

• Course Logistics (Continued)



# Team / Project Generalities

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- Clients
  - Vary in Size and Type
  - Client contacts/mentors are “volunteers”.
- Team Contact Person
  - Picked By Team
  - Main Point of Contact for Client

# Team / Project Generalities

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- Project Types
  - All Significant Software Development
  - Vary in Specifics
- Project Level of Difficulty
  - Hard Enough
  - But Not too Hard
- Deliverable
  - To the Client
  - By the Due Date

# Team / Project Generalities

- Challenges
  - Very Short, Unforgiving Time Line
  - Client Contact
  - Team Dynamics
  - Project Plan (in Three Weeks)
  - Entirely New...
    - Languages
    - Environments
    - API's
    - SDK's
    - Processes
    - Protocols
    - Etc.
  - Project Management
  - Etc...



# Project Specifics

- Vary
  - Type
  - Current State of Specificity
- Challenge
  - Connect with Client
  - “Nail Down” the Project
    - Hard Enough
    - Not too Hard
    - Avoid Feature Creep
  - Course Feature, Not Bug



# Project Teams/Clients

- Team Auto-Owners
- Team Boeing
- Team GM
- Team IBM
- Team Meijer
- Team Mozilla
- Team MSUFCU
- Team Quicken Loans
- Team Spectrum Health
- Team TechSmith
- Team Urban Science
- Team Whirlpool

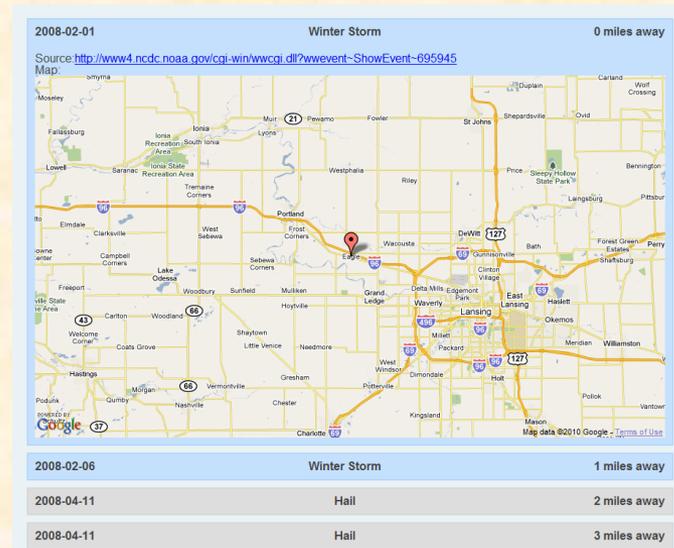


# Team Auto-Owners

## Project Overview

### Catastrophe Insurance Adjuster App

- Functionalities
  - Manage Independent Insurance Adjusters
  - Handling Claims Resulting from Catastrophes
    - Hurricanes
    - TORNADOS
    - Earthquakes
  - Remotely, At Site of Catastrophe
- Features
  - Handle Large Groups (Hundreds) of Adjusters
  - Assign Individual Adjuster to Claims
  - Map Locations of Adjusters and Claims
  - Show Historical Weather Data
  - Facilitate Two-Way Communications
- Technologies
  - CSS, HTML5
  - JavaScript, jQuery
  - Java
  - Microsoft SQL Server, DB2 or MySQL
  - Web Services
  - National Weather Service Storm Prediction Center
  - Capstone Weather Incident Verification System, Spring 2010



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# Team Boeing

## Project Overview

### Optimization of Boeing Assembly Lines

- Functionalities
  - Simulate Aircraft Assembly Line
  - Teams of Humans and Robots
  - Optimize Assembly Line Layout
- Features
  - 3-D Graphical Visualization
  - First Person View of Assembly Workers
  - Inverse Kinematic Algorithms
  - Quality Metrics
- Technologies
  - C++, Python
  - Gazebo
  - Pathfinding
  - Simulation (First Person View)
  - Networking
  - QT Application Framework
  - Optimization
  - 3-D Modeling
  - Capstone [Paper Airplane Builder Game Simulator](#), Spring 2013



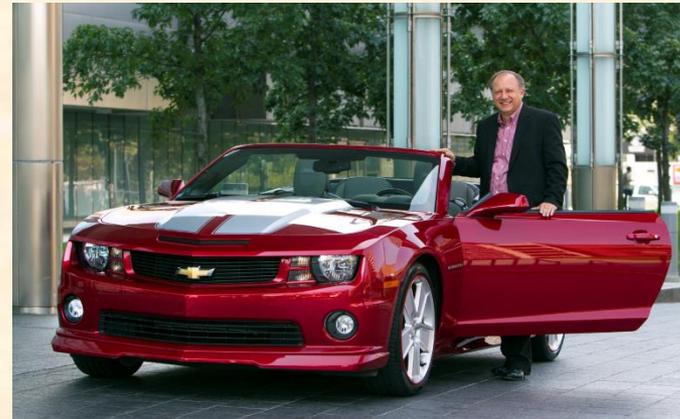
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# Team GM

## Project Overview

### Augmented Reality Auto Mobile Guide App

- Functionalities
  - Provide Information About a Particular Car
    - Make and Model
    - Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price
    - Available Options
    - Location of Nearest Dealer
  - By Pointing Mobile Phone or Tablet Camera
- Features
  - Information Overlaid Over Car Image
  - Integrated with Social Media
  - Support both Apple iOS and Google Android
  - May Be Positioned as a Game
- Technologies
  - Apple iOS (iPhone and iPad)
  - Google Android (Phones and Tablets)
  - [Argon Web Browser](#)
  - [ARToolKit](#)
  - [ATOMIC Authoring Tool](#)
  - [ArUco](#)
  - [IQ Engines](#)
  - [PAR Works](#)



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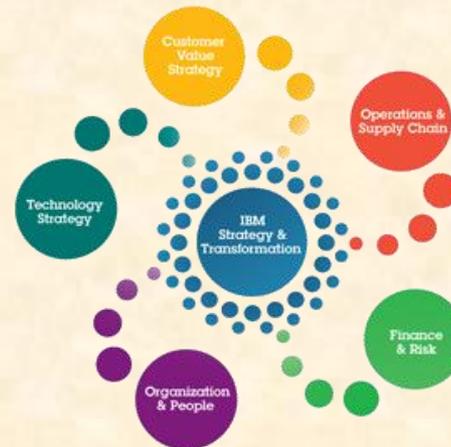


# Team IBM

## Project Overview

### Information Technology Assessment Toolkit

- Functionalities
  - Toolkit for IBM Executive Consulting Services
  - Gather and Synthesize Client IT Information
  - Identify Potential Gaps
  - Prioritize Projects
- Features
  - Replace Existing Limited Spreadsheet Tools
  - Windows 7/8 Native Application
  - Consolidated Remote Database
  - Support Cross Client Analysis
- Technologies
  - Java, XML
  - IBM DB2 Database
  - Microsoft Windows Application Development

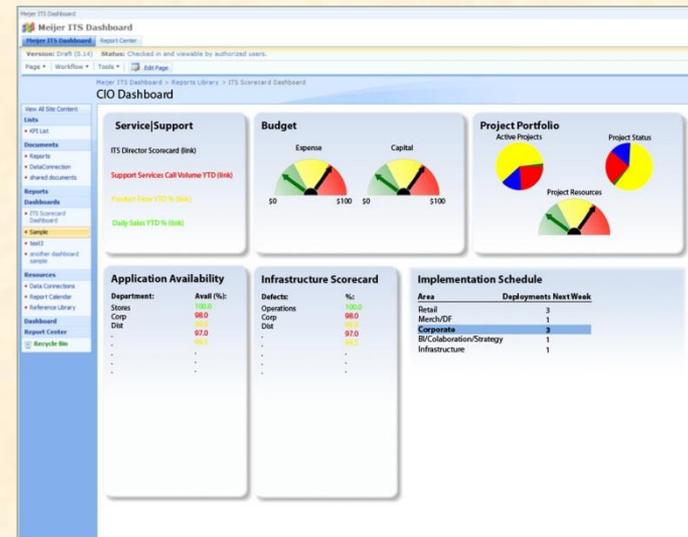


# Team Meijer

## Project Overview

### Chief Information Officer Dashboard

- Functionalities
  - Dashboard of Information Technology Services (ITS) Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
  - Targeted for Chief Information Officer (CIO) and ITS Leadership
  - Supports Desktop and Mobile Browsers
- Features
  - Spotlighting (Red/Green) of Actual vs. Goal
  - Trending: Up, Down and Rolling
  - Drill-down
  - Alerts and Notifications
  - Consistency of Delivery and Format
  - Extensible Architecture
- Technologies
  - C#, JavaScript
  - Microsoft Internet Information Services (IIS)
  - Microsoft SharePoint 2010
  - Microsoft SQL Server
  - Microsoft .NET
  - Capstone [ITS Scorecard Dashboard](#), Fall 2009
  - Capstone [Chief Information Officer Dashboard](#), Spring 2010



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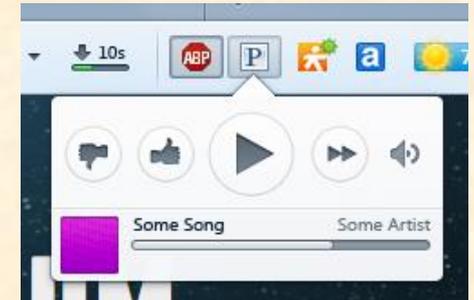


# Team Mozilla

## Project Overview

### Australis-Styled Widgets for Mozilla Firefox

- Functionalities
  - User Installable Widgets
  - For Completely Restyled Firefox
  - To Be Released End of 2013
- Features
  - Bugzilla
  - Weather
  - Music
- Technologies
  - CSS, HTML, JavaScript
  - XUL (XML User Interface Language)
  - Mozilla Firefox Add-On SDK
  - Web APIs for Bugzilla, Weather and Music
  - IRC (Internet Relay Chat)



# Team MSUFCU

## Project Overview

### In-School Banking Program

- Functionalities
  - Enable Mini MSUFCU Branch
  - At Local Elementary and Middle Schools
  - Accept Deposits from Students
  - Run by Parent Volunteers
- Features
  - iPad App
  - Intuitive User Experience
  - Create and Manage Student Accounts
  - Transfer Information to MSUFCU
  - Secure
- Technologies
  - Apple iPad iOS
  - Objective C, Xcode, C#
  - CSS, HTML, PHP, JavaScript
  - Microsoft SQL Server, MySQL
  - Encryption Based on SQL Standards

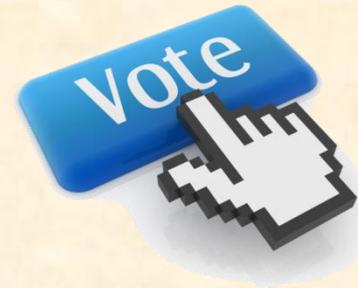


# Team Quicken Loans

## Project Overview

### Survey and Voting Web Apps

- Functionalities
  - Collect Opinions and Feedback
  - Of Quicken Loan's Team Members
  - Via Online Surveys and Votes
- Features
  - Responsive Web App
  - Manage Surveys and Votes
    - Create and Send
    - Collect Results
  - Support Live Voting
  - Display Results Graphically
- Technologies
  - CSS, HTML5
  - Microsoft .NET
  - Microsoft Internet Information Services (IIS)
  - Microsoft Active Directory
  - Web Browser Plug-Ins



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Engineered to **Amaze®**  
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# Team Spectrum Health

## Project Overview

### Talent Connections Careers Mobile Site

- Functionalities
  - Apply for Spectrum Health Position
  - Via Mobile Devices
  - Including Phones and Tablets
- Features
  - Simple and Easy Process
  - Web App, Consistent with Non-Mobile Site
  - Useable by Both Internal and External Candidates
  - Support for High Resolution Displays
- Technologies
  - CSS, HTML5
  - JavaScript, Ajax
  - jQuery, jQuery Mobile
  - Microsoft C#, ASP.NET MVC 4.0
  - Microsoft Internet Information Services (IIS) 7.0
  - RESTful Web Services



**SPECTRUM HEALTH** 

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# Team TechSmith

## Project Overview

### Learning Activity Capture

- Functionalities
  - Collect User Learning Activity Information
    - “Read an Article”
    - “Watched a Video”
    - “Took a Quiz”
    - Etc.
  - Summarize Information for User
- Features
  - Collect Information Via
    - TechSmith Smart Player
    - Web Browser Add-On
    - Microsoft User Interface Automation
  - User Provided Activity Hints
  - Shareable Activity Lists
  - Learning Activity Reporting Web Site
- Technologies
  - CSS, HTML5, JavaScript
  - Python, C#/.NET
  - Microsoft Windows and Ubuntu (Unix)
  - Advanced Distributed Learning, Learning Records Store
  - Tin Can API
  - RESTful Web Services
  - Microsoft Windows User Interface Automation



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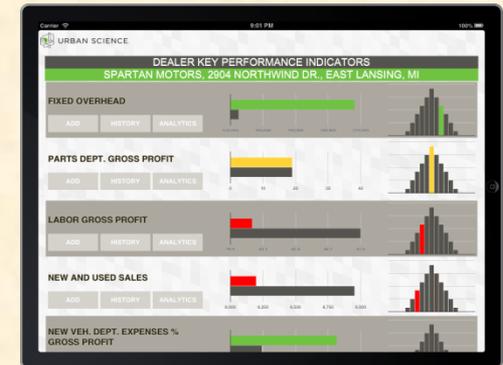


# Team Urban Science

## Project Overview

### Dealership Consultant Mobile Apps

- Functionalities
  - Support Urban Science Consultants
  - Meetings with Automobile Dealers
  - Provide and Collect Information
    - Before Meeting
    - During Meeting
    - After Meeting
  - Natively on iPad and Android Tablet
- Features
  - Useable During Meeting
  - Provide and Collect
    - Specific Action Plan
    - Dealer's Reaction
    - Meeting Atmosphere
    - Specific Process to be Utilized
    - Dealer Agreements
  - All Information Stored in SQL Database
- Technologies
  - Apple iOS iPad
  - Google Android Tablet
  - Microsoft Bing Maps or Google Maps
  - Web Services
  - SQL Server
  - Capstone [Mobile Geography Management](#), Fall 2012
  - Capstone [Dealership Consultant Mobile App](#), Spring 2013



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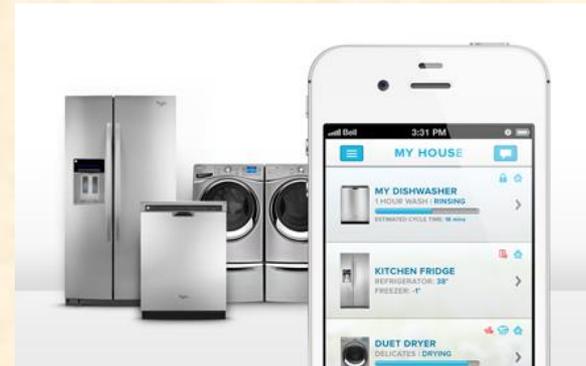


# Team Whirlpool

## Project Overview

### Connected Appliance SmartZones

- Functionalities
  - Extend Whirlpool Connected Appliance Feature
  - Enable Consumer Interaction Using SmartZones
  - Mobile Apps
- Features
  - Native Apple iPad and Google Android Tablet Apps
  - Use Geolocation and Geofencing
  - Support Various SmartZones
    - Vacation
    - Comfort
    - AlertMe
    - RemindMe
- Technologies
  - Apple iOS 6.x or Higher
  - Android Jelly Bean 4.2 or Higher
  - PhoneGap (Optional)
  - Mapping APIs (for Showing Locations of Geofenced SmartZones)
  - Whirlpool Connected Appliance APIs



Benton Harbor, Michigan



# First Assignments

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- Read the Syllabus.
- Check out the Lab (3352 EB).
  - See if you can find it.
  - See if you can get in.
- Check out the Web Site.
- Research your Project.
  - Client
  - Technologies



# What's Next?

- Teams
  - Assignments by Email Tonight
  - Meet Initially by Tomorrow Afternoon
  - Lab Machine Assignments in Lab
  - Start Configuring Lab Machines
  - Team Photos
    - Wednesday 09/04, After All-Hands Meeting
    - Dress Casual (But Appropriate)
- Client
  - Contact by Email by Tomorrow COB
  - Conference Call by Phone by Friday or Tuesday
  - Review Project Proposal



# Capstone Overview

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✓ Course Logistics

✓ Client Projects

➤ **Course Logistics (Continued)**



# Urban Science Capstone Lab Machines

- Three Per Team
  - Rack-Mounted Dell Server
    - Connected to the Outside World
    - Keep Secure
  - 27" iMac
  - 13" MacBook Pro
- Operating Systems on iMacs and MBPs
  - Run OSX
  - Install VMware Fusion (from [here](#))
  - Create Virtual Machines As Needed
    - Windows XP, Vista, 7, 8
    - Linux



# Urban Science Capstone Lab Miscellany

- Security
  - Keep Lab Doors Closed
  - Do Not Open Doors For Strangers
  - Email Dr. D. if Door Becomes Unlocked
- Wireless
  - SSID: CSE498
  - Key: ???????
- Coffee
  - Some Provided by Dr. D.
  - Bed, Bath & Beyond (Get 20% Off Coupon)
- Game Playing
  - Not On Monitors Facing Hallway
  - Not If Other Team Members Need Machine



# Expectations & Workload

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- Extremely High For Both
- Your MSU Career Capstone
- Addition to Your Personal Portfolio
- Experience Viewed Like an Internship
- Interview Talking Points
- Leverage Into a Job Offer



# Major Milestones

- 09/11: Status Report Presentations
- 09/16: Project Plan Presentations
- 10/14: Alpha Presentations
- 11/11: Beta Presentations
- 12/02: Project Videos
- 12/04: All Deliverables
- 12/05: Design Day Setup
- 12/06: Design Day



# Meeting Attendance

- Required
    - All-Hands (Class) Meetings
    - Team Triage Meetings
  - 5% of Final Grade
  - Late == Absent
  - Almost No Excuses Accepted
    - One or Two Excused Possible for Interviews
    - Must Provide Information In Advance  
(Date, Company, Recruiter Name & Contact Info)
  - Must Attend (No Excuses Accepted)
    - Your Team Presentations
    - All Project Video Viewing
    - Design Day
- Do NOT Schedule Interviews  
Do NOT Schedule ANYTHING  
Do NOT Buy Plane Tickets



# Team Organization

- Up to Each Team
- Organize into Roles
  - Client Contact
  - Program Manager
  - Developer
  - Tester
  - Systems Administrator
  - Etc...
- Everyone Must Make Technical Contributions



# Team Dynamics

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- Key to Success
- Significant Component of Course Grade
- Address Problems Immediately
  - Within Team
  - With Dr. D. and/or Malcolm
- Be Ready to Discuss During Interviews



# Grading

(1 of 3)

• Team (70%)	
▪ Project Plan Document & Presentation	10
▪ Alpha Presentation	10
▪ Beta Presentation	10
▪ Project Video	10
▪ Project Software & Documentation	25
▪ Design Day	<u>05</u>
▪ Total	70
• Individual (30%)	
▪ Technical Contribution	10
▪ Team Contribution	10
▪ Team Evaluation	05
▪ Meeting Attendance	<u>05</u>
▪ Total	30



# Grading

(2 of 3)

- Final Grade Sum Of...
  - Individual Total
  - % of Team Total Based on Team Contribution
- Grand Total =  
(Individual Total)  
+  
(Team Total) \* (Team Contribution) / 10.0
- *Nota Bene*: Your Team Contribution will have a very significant effect on your final grade.



# Grading

(3 of 3)

- We reserve the right to make changes with sufficient notice.
- No special consideration will be given for final grades including but not limited to
  - status in any academic program including CSE,
  - financial aid,
  - rank in the armed forces,
  - job,
  - graduation,
  - mortgage,
  - wedding,
  - visa status,
  - or anything else.



# Integrity of Scholarship

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- MSU's policies will be enforced.
- Individual and team work must be original.
- Violators...
  - ...will be referred to the appropriate deans.
  - ...may receive a grade of F in the course.



# IP & NDA's

- IP: Intellectual Property
  - By Default, Owned by You
  - Client May Request
    - Right to Use
    - Assignment of Ownership
    - Etc.
- NDA: Non-Disclosure Agreement
  - May Be Required by Client
  - You will...
    - ...respect/protect intellectual property.
    - ...respect/protect source code.
    - ...etc.
- Normally Not an Issue
- Always Contact Dr. D. Before Signing Anything



# Using Resources

- Ok For “Help”
  - People
    - Past Capstone Teams
    - Other Capstone Teams
    - Faculty Members
  - Articles
  - Sample Code
  - Etc...
- Not Ok For “Entire” Project
- If Unsure, Ask Dr. D. and/or Malcolm



# Using Existing Code

- Ok
  - Examples
  - Prototypes
  - Open Source Code
    - Fragments
    - Libraries
    - Utilities
- Not Ok
  - Vast Amounts of Your Project
  - Not Open Source
- Ask Client in Advance
- Document and Report All Existing Code Used
- Be Careful!
- If Unsure, Ask Dr. D. and/or Malcolm



# Design Day

- College of Engineering Event
  - Engineering Building
  - Friday, December 6, 2013
- Displays (Booths) of Design Projects
  - CSE Capstone
  - ECE Capstone
  - ME Capstone
  - Etc...
- Presentations and Awards
  - Panel of Judges
  - CSE Team Project Videos



# VISA

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- Verified Individualized Services and Accommodations
- Let us know immediately.
- We will work with you.



# Office Hours

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- Any Time...
  - Visit: 3149 EB
  - Call: 353-5573
  - Email: ([dyksen@cse.msu.edu](mailto:dyksen@cse.msu.edu))
- Make Appointment



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Questions?

