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Seminar: Newest Trends in High-Performance Data Analytics

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Seminar: Learning Objectives

- Appraise research in the area of high-performance data analytics
- Compose a presentation covering their selected topic in depth
- Evaluate findings (tools or theory) of other researchers
- Explain theory and application covering their topic

Seminar

- The seminar assessment consists of the parts:
 - ▶ Presentation 35 min
 - + 5 min Q&A + 5 min feedback
 - 5 min shorter or longer is okay
 - ▶ Report
 - 10-15 pages (core content, without preamble/appendix)
- We publish all presentations and reports on our webpage
 - ▶ Please consider and agree
- Please check also [organisational remarks](#)
- A supervisor for formative assessment will be assigned
 - ▶ to each topic/student
- Today, you can pick topics from the webpage!

Schedule for Preparation of Presentation/Report

- 3 Weeks **before** presentation
 - ▶ Submission of a structure/rough sketch of the presentation to the supervisor
 - ▶ Receive feedback and optional discussion with the supervisor
- 2 Weeks **before** presentation
 - ▶ Sketch of the slides, feedback from the supervisor
 - ▶ Recommendation: practice the slides to find gaps
- 1 Week **before** presentation
 - ▶ Submission of the presentation slides as PDF (possibly print version)
 - ▶ Recommendation: practice slides for smooth transitions
- **Before** the end of the semester
 - ▶ Submission of the report as PDF per email to Jonathan¹ & supervisor

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Overview

Orientation

- Navigation bar is helpful for orientation of readers
- Section separators (last slide), help too

Content

- Rule of thumb: create 4-5 high-level sections
- Easy start/introduction
- Followed by a deep dive into selected content
 - ▶ Technical content is expected for CS audience
- Include appropriate pictures
- Provide backup slides in the appendix for details
 - ▶ There is **NO** excuse for delivering a too short presentation

- Tools: LaTeX Beamer (preferred, we provide a template), may use LibreOffice/Powerpoint/Keynote
- Primarily bullet points
 - ▶ The reason is that long sentences are typically read by a speaker which isn't the purpose of a presentation and even a "reading" lecture. Also attendees are often distracted, reading the text and won't listen to you the whole time. The bullets should help you to remember what you like to say and help listeners to keep track of where you are / revisit content.
- Include „Slide Nr/Slide count“ on **every** slide
- Text must be easily readable
 - ▶ No red on black, sufficiently large font
- Don't use weird backgrounds
 - ▶ Prints - white background preserves ink
 - ▶ Readability for the audience (and visually impaired)
 - ▶ Create a print version PDF
- Animations: Don't use them, except if **really illustrative**

Slide Design

- **Prevent** multiline bullets with fragments at beginning of the 2nd line, like this
 - ▶ Either rewrite lines to be single line,
 - ▶ or text on 2nd line to be at least 1/3rd
 - ▶ Much better: create subbullets / new keywords
- Slides should be (mostly) understandable without narration
- Rules of thumb for design of content:
 - ▶ Bullets should be readable from top to bottom
 - ▶ Bullets on one level should have a similar structure
 - ▶ Subbullets should suit the bullet
 - ▶ Bullets should fit the slide title
 - ▶ Slide title should fit the section
 - ▶ **Less is more**

Slide Design: Negative Example

■ Processor architecture:

- ▶ Describes the design and instruction set of a microprocessor
- ▶ Think about 64 bit vs. 32Bits
- ▶ follows Moore's law

■ More about storage systems

- ▶ There are various types:
- ▶ HDD based vs. tape based
- ▶ SSDs
- ▶ Based on more characteristics

■ Definition: High-Performance Computing

- ▶ High-Performance Computing (HPC - German: Hochleistungsrechnen) uses supercomputers and computer clusters to solve advanced computation problems. It is part of computer-aided computing and covers applications that have a high demand for computing or memory.

Slide Design: Improved Version

■ Definition: High-Performance Computing

"[...] uses supercomputers and computer clusters to solve advanced computation problems." [Wiki16]

■ Processor architecture

- ▶ Describes the design and instruction set of a microprocessor
 - Available control units
 - Instruction width in bits (e.g. 64 bits)

■ Definition: Storage system

"Storage systems are systems that can hold data for processing, or archive and backup data" Trans. [IT16]

- ▶ Media technology
 - ...
- ▶ Architecture
 - ...

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Talk

- Motto: The presentation is for the **attendees!**
- Please speak freely and don't read slides
 - ▶ Yes, attendees can read, too!
 - ▶ Reveal slides gradually, direct attendees' attention
 - ▶ Slides should support the speaker
- Stick to the expected presentation time
 - ▶ Optional slides help to ensure you don't be too fast
 - ▶ Check the clock periodically or practice, practice, ...
 - ▶ Delivering a presentation less than minimum time will lead to bad marks!
- Prepare yourself in time
 - ▶ Do **at least** one test presentation
 - Even for another person (or record yourself)
 - You can also hold it in front of your supervisor

Talk

- Prepare in advance
 - ▶ Try the presenter (colors, resolution)
 - ▶ Try the video conference system / upload presentation
 - ▶ Clean blackboard
 - ▶ Check clock, lights (always keep lights on)
- Stay in touch with the attendees
 - ▶ Look at them not the screen
 - ▶ Check your stance - don't put hands into your pockets
- Attend questions confidently
 - ▶ Answer short questions immediately
 - ▶ Postpone long questions/discussions

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Citations

- **Purpose:** “Das Zitat muss einen Zweck erfüllen.” [Zit14]
- **Mark, show unmodified:** “Du musst das Zitat kennzeichnen und darfst den Inhalt nicht verändern.” [Zit14]
 - ▶ You may include thoughts in [...] boxes
- Cite **only what is necessary** - (Trans. [Zit14])
 - ▶ Remember: Rewritten content of a citation is still owned by the original author(s)
- Add sources to the bibliography
- **Cite images** if not self-made



Figure: Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg. Source: "Christoph Braun" [Wiki11]

Wrapup and Final Slide: what should stick with the people?

Don'ts

- Stay on a weird end slide ("Questions", "The End", "Bibliography")
- Thank people for "listening"
- Undermine yourself

Do's

- Show slide during Q&A as it may inspire more questions
- Optimal slide: Summarize the "Contributions" you made
- Alternative slide: Summarize the talk
 - ▶ Key items people should remember
- Optional: Include your contact details (email)
- Last spoken sentence something like:
 - ▶ "With that I look forward to your questions"

Expectations

■ Prepare

- ▶ 35 min presentation
- ▶ 10-15 pages seminar report (without cover and appendix)
- ▶ 50% of the grade each

■ Content

- ▶ Overview and motivation
- ▶ Sufficient scientific depth
- ▶ Scientific context/state-of-the-art

■ Style

- ▶ Good design
- ▶ Well structured
- ▶ Easily digestible

Your task for next Session

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- Check your microphone and camera settings
 - ▶ Set up noise reduction and compressor
 - ▶ e.g., via pulseeffects/easyeffects on Linux
 - ▶ Adjust recording volume
 - ▶ Center yourself on your camera
- Prepare 1-2 slide presentation
 - ▶ About yourself or a favored topic
 - ▶ 2-5 min long
 - ▶ Focus on testing your setup
 - ▶ Get feedback from peers

"Students shouldn't go into life without the ability to communicate.

Your success in life will be determined largely by...

- your ability to speak,*
- your ability to write, and*
- the quality of your ideas,*

in that order."

— Prof. Patrick Winston

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