

Internet Measurements Seminar

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1. Seminar Structure and Grading Scheme

- Regular conference paper publication process:
 - Call for Papers: Submission until specified date
 - Round of reviews by technical committee: decision to accept/reject?
 - Presentation of accepted/revised papers during conference sessions
 - Followed by discussion and Q&A
- In this Seminar: Reviews + Presentation *Grading*
 - Pre-selected (published) papers on Internet Measurements
 - Each student reviews papers for the sessions *40%*
 - Include 3 in-depth questions about the paper *10%*
 - Each student presents 1 paper (**~12-13 min + 5-7 min discussion**) *40%*
 - Include your own thoughts on the paper in one slide at the end *10%*

1. Learning Goals and Outcomes

- Learn about latest research in the area of Internet Measurements
 - Current problems, state-of-the-art methodology, open questions
- Acquire general skill set by taking roles of a reviewer and a presenter
 - Scientific conference/workshop, peer reviewing, paper publication process
 - How are good research papers presented in written form?
 - Importance of reproducibility and artifacts
 - Critical thinking while reading/reviewing papers and listening to talks
 - Questioning content, identifying strengths/weaknesses
 - Extract key results and main findings → takeaways
 - Presentation and discussion of results in concise manner for a talk

2. HotCRP Example <https://hotcrp.com>

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Paper summary

Please summarize the paper briefly in your own words.

Strengths

What are the paper's strengths? You may comment on the importance of the problems addressed, the novelty of the proposed solutions, the technical depth and potential impact.

Weaknesses

What are the paper's weaknesses? Just a couple sentences, please.

Technical Aspects

Is the research question well-motivated? What technical aspects are missing to understand the paper?

Security Considerations

Did the authors cover attacks and defense mechanisms (implicitly/explicitly)? Are there others that are missing?

Presentation of Proposal



Does the abstract convince the reader to read the full paper? Is the paper well-written and well-organized overall? Does the conclusion address the problem identified in the introduction?

2. Reviewing Process

- We invite each of you to our HotCRP instance
- Check email address (login) in invitation email
- Registration form: affiliation/collaborators can be anything (e.g., TUM)
- Papers will be imported to HotCRP for reviewing

- Reviews are due until the presentation date **if not presenting** on that day
 - i.e., before a session you either review OR prepare a presentation
- Overall 6 reviews throughout the seminar

2. Writing Hints for Reviews

- Review form provides prompts to assist in commenting on the papers
- If you used AI assistance for writing (i.e., anything beyond Grammarly), you must mark anything produced by such tools (incl. which one you used)
- Examples for public reviews:
 - SIGCOMM 2024 (sign up required) <https://sigcomm2024-program.discourse.group/>
 - TheWebConf 2024 <https://openreview.net/group?id=ACM.org/TheWebConf/2024/Conference>
- For in-depth questions:
 -  Avoid generic questions such as “*Can we apply AI/ML?*”
 -  Try to ask questions that, e.g., propose changing the design or configuration of the study and briefly elaborate on why

3. Presentation Hints

- Presentations typically follow the structure of the paper
 - Motivate the subject (~15% of time)
 - Explain measurement methodology (~40% of time)
 - Keep it simple: don't lose yourself in details; add background if needed
 - Present and discuss **main/most interesting results** (~30% of time)
 - Usually summarized in abstract
 - Summarize main findings/conclusions and describe outlook (~10% of time)
 - Add your own thoughts on the paper in 1 slide (~5% of time)
 - e.g., strengths weaknesses, limitations
- Practice your presentation
 - Get feedback from your fellow students
 - Be aware of the **time limit of ~12-13 min (time keeping is part of the grade!)**

4. Organizational Matters

- Seminar sessions will take place roughly every two weeks (to provide enough time for reading and preparation of papers) on BBB
- Sessions start at 4 p.m. (preliminary)
- *More information once the semester starts, introduction session will likely be on the first day of the lecture period (April 23)*