CS 3204 Survey Spring 2006

Instructions

A collection point, called Survey, has been set up on the Curator for your responses to the following questions. Please give them careful thought. If you want to add a text response to a question, put them in a single text file and submit it to the Curator via the collection point SurveyAux.

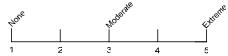
If you are concerned about the fact that the survey responses are not anonymous, I will not be looking at these until midsummer, and I will not, in any case, connect your responses to you unless you indicate you want a response from me.

General Questions

- 1. Which of the following methods would you prefer to have used to form the project groups?
 - 1) Free selection by students (as used this term).
 - 2) Selection made by course instructors without any student input.
 - 3) Selection made by course instructors, collecting student preferences but treating those as optional.
 - 4) Course instructors select group leaders from pool of all students, and those group leaders are then responsible for selecting the rest of the group.
 - 5) Other. (Submit a description of what you would prefer via the auxiliary survey collection point.)
- 2. Which of the following policies regarding group membership would you have preferred?
 - 1) Group membership is fixed from the time the group is formed until the end of the course.
 - 2) Groups are broken up after each project phase, and new groups with entirely different membership are formed for the next project. Each member of the next-phase group would have ownership of the code from his/her group on the previous phase.
 - 3) Group membership is fixed from the beginning of each project phase until the end of that phase, but students are allowed to move from group to group when a new phase begins.
 - 4) Other. (Submit a description of what you would prefer via the auxiliary survey collection point.)
- 3. Would you like the project evaluation to include some formal peer review that would allow each group member to assess the amount of contribution made by each member of the group?
 - 1) No, absolutely not.
 - 2) No, I don't think so, unless some reservations I have were answered.
 - 3) No opinion.
 - 4) Yes, I think so, although I have some reservations.
 - 5) Yes, absolutely.
- 4. With respect to your group this term, what is your perception of the fairness in effort within group?
 - 1) Totally unfair, almost all the effort came from one or two people.
 - 2) Unfair, one person made little or no effort.
 - 3) No opinion.
 - 4) OK, but one or two people didn't make as much of an effort as I would have liked.
 - 5) Fine, we all made reasonable efforts.
- 5. How satisfied were you with the relative weight given to correctness under testing and the design doc when the projects were evaluated?
 - 1) Far too much weight was given to correctness under testing.
 - 2) Somewhat less weight should have been given to correctness under testing.
 - 3) No opinion.
 - 4) Less weight should have been given to the design doc.
 - 5) Far too much weight was given to the design doc.

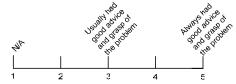
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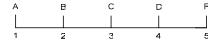


- 6. How much difficulty did you have in adjusting to working in the C language?
- 7. How would you rate the usefulness of the CVS repository (or some alternative like subver) in organizing your group's work?
- 8. How would you rate the usefulness of the CS3204 Forum boards in resolving your questions about the projects?

Use the following scale for questions 9 through 11:



- 9. How would you rate the usefulness of Vijay in resolving questions about the projects? N/A indicates you did not see him often enough with questions to give a fair rating.
- 10. Using the scale in question 9, how would you rate the usefulness of Yi Ma in resolving questions about the projects?
- 11. Using the scale in question 9, how would you rate the usefulness of Abdel in resolving questions about the projects?
- 12. Which of the following is the best approximation of the grade you expect to receive in the course?



Pintos-specific Questions

13. How would you compare the overall work load from P1-P4 vs other CS courses?



- 14. Using the scale in question 13, compared to major projects in other CS courses, how would you rate the difficulty of P1?
- 15. Using the scale in question 13, compared to major projects in other CS courses, how would you rate the amount of knowledge/skills you gained from P1?
- 16. How much difficulty did your group have in completing P1 within the allowed time?

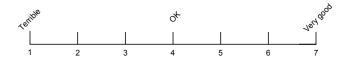


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17. Using the scale in question 13, compared to major projects in other CS courses, how would you rate the difficulty of P2?

- 18. Using the scale in question 13, compared to major projects in other CS courses, how would you rate the amount of knowledge/skills you gained from P2?
- 19. Using the scale in question 16, how much difficulty did your group have in completing P2 within the allowed time?
- 20. Using the scale in question 13, compared to major projects in other CS courses, how would you rate the difficulty of P3?
- 21. Using the scale in question 13, compared to major projects in other CS courses, how would you rate the amount of knowledge/skills you gained from P3?
- 22. Using the scale in question 16, how much difficulty did your group have in completing P3 within the allowed time?
- 23. Using the scale in question 13, compared to major projects in other CS courses, how would you rate the difficulty of P4?
- 24. Using the scale in question 13, compared to major projects in other CS courses, how would you rate the amount of knowledge/skills you gained from P4?
- 25. Using the scale in question 16, how much difficulty did your group have in completing P4 within the allowed time?

For questions 26 through 32, use the following scale:



- 26. How would you rate the clarity of the specifications for P1-P4?
- 27. How would you rate the adequacy of the internal documentation in Pintos?
- 28. How would you rate the adequacy of the external documentation for Pintos?
- 29. How would you rate the usefulness of the project review sessions?
- 30. How would you rate the clarity of the questions given in the design doc templates?
- 31. How would you rate the clarity of the feedback after your projects were graded?
- 32. How would you rate the usefulness of the "warm-up" project P0?