

**CMSI 601 GRADUATE SEMINAR**

Fall 2008

**Assignment Progress Report #1**

<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Problems</b>	<b>Date Due</b>
	Progress Report #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Draft of Related Work</li><li>• Input-Process-Output</li></ul>	1 OCT 2008

Progress report #1 consists of the literature review you have completed to date and a description of how you will accomplish your project.

The related work and/or background section is produced from your literature review and completed annotations. It describes how your work builds on and contrasts with the related or background work you have identified. It clearly identifies where your project fits among others' work.

The Input-Process-Output defines the input and anticipated output of the project you are working on and describes the processing needed to transform the input into the output. For example, if my input is an editorial in which the author argues a point by analogy and the output is the conclusion a human reader might form from that analogy, the process describes how the input text will be parsed and mapped into an internal representation of conceptual structures, the strategies needed to recognize the argument and the analogy, and the reasoning mechanism needed to draw a relevant conclusion from the input. It will also describe the process by which the final result of the reasoning will be displayed to the user. This section describes the architecture of the implementation you will complete. From a computer science perspective, this would include use cases and high-level UML diagrams to support your narrative.

You most likely will not have all the details of either the literature review or architecture finalized at this point. This exercise will help you refine your ideas and gain a better understanding of the work remaining to be done. It will also give me a better insight into your progress to date. Include diagrams to convey your points.

One final note:

The progress report should describe the results of your work to date, rather than the process you employed to achieve those results. Write in the style of the papers you are reading. When you go back to those papers, you'll see that the focus is on the technology and on the results; the authors only rarely use "we" and even less frequently use "I". Rather, they focus on technical issues and concerns, the comparison of techniques, or approaches to solving various problems.