In this document I describe the requirements for the final report. The goal is to give as much of a framework as possible while allowing for flexibility, since everyone’s projects are different. I’ve also tried to make it so that it’s possible to re-use your work from the interim report.

Your final report should follow a standard scientific report format (Title, abstract, introduction, prior work, the body of the report, conclusion), but otherwise it can be similar to the interim report. There is flexibility built into this requirement - feel free to deviate from the format a little bit if that makes your report more readable.

Similarly the interim report (but with some differences, see below), your report should consist of

- Exploring, understanding, and summarizing past work related to your project, and connecting that work to what you have done for the project
- Reports on collecting/scraping data
- Report on implementing and training models
- Analysis and summary of the results
- A broader impact and ethical implications statement, following the NeurIPS guidelines https://medium.com/@GovAI/a-guide-to-writing-the-neurips-impact-statement-4293b723f832. If you think your work does not have ethical implications, you can state that, and explain why. We expect at least a couple of paragraphs for the broader impact and ethical implications statement. The broader impact and ethical implications statement will be graded on the insightfulness of the analysis and the quality of the writing.

Your work will be graded on the amount and depth of the work you did, as documented in your report (60%) the readability of your report (10%), on the originality/depth/difficulty of what you have accomplished (25%), and on the broader impact and ethical implication statement (5%).

When grading your report on the amount and depth of the work you did, I and the TAs will weight the parts of your report into which you put in more work more.

1 Length requirement

There is no specific length requirement. We are looking for a report on the work you’ve done that’s comprehensive enough for us to understand exactly what you were doing and what you’ve accomplished, and is as concise as possible while satisfying the previous constraint. Typical reports I expect would be about 12-15 pages.

2 Acknowledging your sources

Any source that was used for your work, whether it’s a paper, a codebase, or the output of a tool such as ChatGPT should be acknowledged as such. For example, if you downloaded code to train an LSTM, that is completely legitimate, it should just be acknowledged. Similarly, if you got a particular idea from a paper you read, the source of the idea should be acknowledged.

With material from tools like ChatGPT and websites like Stack Overflow, using something like copy-and-pasting two lines of code that perform a standard task does not need to be acknowledged (although it’s nice to do it anyway). More substantial contributions, whether code or text, should be acknowledged as coming from ChatGPT/Stack Overflow, in the same way you would acknowledge using an existing codebase or blogpost.