Homework 0: Background Survey

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1) Group Partner Name: Nipun Garg

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2) Are you an Undergraduate, MS or PhD?  MS

3) What is your major?  Computer Science

4) Limited TA support: Kindly acknowledge the fact that, being a 8*** course, CSCI 8715 does not have a departmental TA support despite sizeable enrolment in mid 30s. What activities would you volunteer to help enhance this course?

Reviewing other’s writing tasks.

5) Which of the following prerequisites do you have?

Familiarity with Relational Databases and/or Principles of Database Systems (CSci 5707)  -Yes I took this database course in Fall 2010.

Familiarity with GIS  I do not have any background in GIS.

6) Which spatial database management systems and data analysis tools have you used previously (choose all that apply)? None

7) Have you had any previous courses where homeworks (not projects) were completed in teams? If yes, which courses? Describe your experience.

Yes, CSCI 5707 and CSCI 5708. I think working in groups is a very efficient way to complete home works. It not only helps in gaining home work insight from different perspectives but also shares the work load between team members.

8) Which topics other than those in the Schedule are you interested in learning?

I think that the schedule pretty much covers most of the topics that I could think of.

9) Please write a single paragraph on your objectives for this course:

Since this is an 8000 level course, I am hoping that the course will help me develop a research aptitude and I would develop interest in reading good research papers. I have database background; I would like to get deeper knowledge of databases from spatial temporal perspective.