Homework 0: Background Survey

Please answer each of the questions below:

- Group Partner Name: **Surabhi Mithal**
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- Are you an Undergraduate, MS or PhD? **MS**
- What is your major? **Computer Science**

- Limited TA support: Kindly acknowledge the fact that, being a 8*** course, CSCI 8715 does not have a departmental TA support despite sizeable enrollment in mid 30s. What activities would you volunteer to help enhance this course?
  I can help the TA with any literature survey over the web if needed.

- Which of the following prerequisites do you have?
  - **Principles of Database Systems (CSci 5707)**

- Which spatial database management systems and data analysis tools have you used previously (choose all that apply)?
  - I have not used any of these previously

- Have you had any previous courses where homeworks (not projects) were completed in teams? If yes, which courses? Describe your experience.
  I have taken the courses **CSCI 5707** and **CSCI 5708**. I feel that there is always better learning working in teams due to increased inflow of thoughts to understand concepts and approaches to solve a problem.

- Which topics other than those in the Schedule are you interested in learning?
  I am interested in learning about various applications/use cases of spatial databases with case studies.

- Please write a single paragraph on your objectives for this course:
  I am have a database background, since spatial databases is a fairly evolving field, I want to learn about it. I also want to learn about the current research going on in Spatial databases. This is my first 8000 level course, so I also want to learn about methodologies to read/critique research papers.

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