

CS 485/ECE 440/CS 585 Fall 2017 Homework #4

This won't be graded. You can pick your partner. Each pair of partners should email me a three-slide presentation as a PDF (please make the slides in LibreOffice in the standard size and then export as PDF) before 11:59pm on Monday, November 20th. Each pair of students should plan to present their slides (in 2-3 minutes) on Wednesday, November 22nd or Friday, November 24th. I'll display your slide, so no need to bring a laptop or anything. We'll present in random order, so make sure you're in class and ready to present on both those days.

Pick a specific issue that is related (either directly or loosely) to network neutrality. Pick something that you and your partner disagree on, or are at least willing to make two different cases about. For example, you could pick "Was Comcast in the wrong when they were spoofing RST packets to throttle bittorrent traffic?", and one partner could make the case that Comcast was wrong and the other that Comcast was in the right. Or, as an example of something more loosely related to net neutrality, you could debate, "Is Facebook Zero a good thing for African countries or a bad thing?" Please avoid partisan politics and try to stick to technology, specific societal impact issues, and policy that is related to technology. I'm hoping for passionate debates, but not the stupid kind that you can find on cable news channels.

Your first slide should introduce the topic and give a little bit of background and context, and can be presented by either partner. Then the second slide should be presented by one partner and be one side of the debate, and the third slide presented by the other partner and be the other side of the debate.