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Seminar on Network Security / Internetworking
fall semester 2014

2nd course meeting

Today's agenda

1. Seminar arrangements
2. Advice on the presentation
3. Questions, clarification, reassurance?
 - Main purpose of today's meeting

SEMINAR ARRANGEMENTS

Seminar

- Friday, 12 December 2014, all day
- Detailed schedule will be in Noppa
- Attendance mandatory
- Presentations are 15 minutes, followed by 5 minutes discussion
- Upload your presentation to Optima — PowerPoint or PDF
 - It is OK to make minor updates to the presentation after the submission deadline
- Practice the presentation; find a test audience
- Do not overrun your time! It is hard.

Grading

- The seminar paper is the most important part of the course
- The presentation is an opportunity to explain the paper
- Presentation and performance in the opponent tasks can sometimes increase or decrease the grade

Opponent tasks

- Read the paper before the seminar day and prepare some questions
- Take notes of the presentation
- At the end of the presentation, audience may ask questions; **opponent must ask at least one question**
- Submit comments on the final paper and presentation to Optima by **16 Dec 2014 noon**

ADVICE FOR THE PRESENTATION

What is a good presentation

- **You are the teacher!** What do you want the audience to learn?
- **What should the audience remember?** Could be:
 - Key technical ideas
 - Enough to be able to read the paper and learn more
 - Your own contribution
- The presentation should have a **structure**
 - Logical and easy to follow
- Use **pictures and examples**
 - Preferably your own; acknowledge any borrowed pictures on the slide

Presentation structure

- Begin by **introducing the topic**; set the scene
- Next, give a very short **outline** for the talk
 - What you are going to talk about
 - Motivation: why it is important
- For the **main content**, focus on what is useful for the audience
 - Don't try to repeat everything that is in the paper
- Close with a summary or conclusion
 - What should we remember: **take-home message**

Some detailed advice

- Think, can you write it in **fewer words**?
- **Avoid meaningless boilerplate text**, especially in the introduction, outline and conclusion
- Use PowerPoint **animations** only for a reason
- Use color and **pictures** when meaningful
- **Show the whole slide**, not bullet by bullet
- Slides help you to remember the story, but **don't read directly from the slides**
- Practiced timing often fails; **plan what to do if you run out of time or finish too early**
- **Stop for a second before moving to the next slide**, so that the audience has time to digest your previous sentence

Questions?