

University of Michigan
Winter 2026 Midterm Individual Response Report
EECS 498-005: Special Topics
Nicole Hamilton

26 out of 34 students responded to this midterm evaluation.

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9. **What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)**
 - ◊ unique compared to other EECS classes, freedom of design choices, lot to explore and think about
10. **How can Nicole Hamilton improve this class? If possible, give specific examples. (Q980)**
 - ◊ nothing much, it's really good now
11. **Please enter any additional comments you have for Nicole Hamilton. (Q981)**
 - ◊ Really enthusiastic and caring professor, always open to answer and help students
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 - ◊ Neutral
15. **What's been the most interesting or fun part of the class so far?**
 - ◊ project, lot to think about and explore different kinds of choices
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 - ◊ all are cool but especially working on performance

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 - ◊ It is a lot on your own, but that is also a benefit
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 - ◊ Designing a system from scratch and making my own decisions
16. **Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful? Any that could be improved?**
 - ◊ The hashtable/hashblob has been the most useful because I am working on the index. There was a big gap between mapping the index in the project since there are more nested objects that need to be serialized which I needed to learn separately.

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 - ◊ Nicole Hamilton. The opportunity to combine the knowledge from my previous courses into one cohesive project is really cool.
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 - ◊ I didn't feel the exam was a very good test of our understanding. Some questions just felt like trivia that I got by chance.
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15. **What's been the most interesting or fun part of the class so far?**
 - ◊ Thinking about the crawler which is my part has been very interesting. Although the index and stream reading it might be the most interesting/newest concept. Hamilton is very chill and entertaining, she makes coming to lecture very fun and enjoyable. It's fun to banter with her sometimes.
16. **Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful? Any that could be improved?**
 - ◊ I worked on the parser and the getURL and SSL. SSL was probably the most interesting of those because I didn't really know about the SSL handshake stuff. I think overall the bloomfilter and hashblob were probably the most interesting concepts overall. I think the getURL test cases could be improved. I got 100% despite only sending get requests to "/. I only realized I was doing something wrong when it wasn't working in getSSL and I went back and changed it. I saw another post on Ed of someone running into the same trap.

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 - ◊ Single handedly, this is the best EECS course I've ever taken, it teaches you so much about the combination of networking, OS concepts, and distributed systems in a big application. I've learned so much different stuff in the context of a search engine which I didn't know had so many moving parts. I genuinely believe this is making me become a better engineer and I'm becoming to enjoy programming a lot more.
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 - ◊ Major strength is building a project where there's lots of moving pieces and there isn't an obvious answer to some problems. That type of flexibility of what you are able to do while simultaneously having to learn and build many different complicated problems (parsing, crawling, indexing, etc.) in a semester-long endeavor is something that I haven't quite done before. Professor Hamilton is very willing to help if our group has questions about the project, and a lot more enthusiastic and chill than I'd expected.
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 - ◊ I think the class could be improved by going a bit slower, as I sometimes have trouble following the code on the slides. Also, I think this class requires a lot more background information about certain topics than just a 281 prerequisite. This should probably be a class that has eeecs 370 on it, because there's a ton about pages and virtual memory. I'm sometimes lost as to what's going on, I think I'd be even more lost if I hadn't taken certain classes like eeecs485 or eeecs370.
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15. **What's been the most interesting or fun part of the class so far?**
 - ◊ The most fun part of the class has been working with a team of likable people who really care about the process of building a hard project out. The people on my team (and class in general) seem more skilled and interested in programming than in other classes I've been in, and that's been really cool to learn from people on my team who know a lot more than I do.
16. **Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful? Any that could be improved?**
 - ◊ All the hw assignments seem relatively helpful so I wouldn't say one or the other is more/less. you can basically take every part and put most of it into the search engine.

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- ◊ I think overall this is one of the best classes I have taken on campus. The topic matter of developing a search engine, especially for someone who is interested in a career in systems engineering, is deeply thought-provoking. How does one index the internet, and maintain pertinent information to display to the user when serving requests? How are search engine results ranked in terms of relevance to the search query? With the Professor's direct expertise developing the Microsoft (Bing) search engine, and particularly the ranker for the search engine, there is no greater authoritative source that I would like to taught the class with.

Specifically, I find that the lectures are very insightful. I really appreciate the block-level diagram with each part of the search engine shown. This has helped to prime my brain to understand the flow of information throughout the search engine. Moreover, I find that the actual code examples that Professor Hamilton shares in lecture are really insightful, especially for the LinuxTinyServer and similar examples.

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- ◊ I think having mini-project milestones would be helpful in being productive throughout the project. Like having an indexing milestone by Spring break or something like that.

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- ◊ Thanks for being an awesome instructor. I hope that you're contract will be renewed so that my friends can take this class with you.

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- ◊ Definitely developing the project from a ground-up way.

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- ◊ I appreciated the Multi-threaded Filesystem one and the ones related to crawling (Linux*), since those were the areas that I am focusing on for the finished product.

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 - ◊ Agree
15. **What's been the most interesting or fun part of the class so far?**
 - ◊ Writing the search engine.
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9. **What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)**
 - ◊ Professor Hamilton is full of knowledge and is fun and quirky in all the ways you would hope from a professor. So much cool stuff is covered at high levels and in depth at the same time. Being surrounded by such brilliant people is helping me learn lots.
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 - ◊ Maybe a little less code slides in class and some more focus on content even if it isn't super crucial to the Search Engine.
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 - ◊ Probably the team photos, it was a lot of fun!
16. **Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful? Any that could be improved?**
 - ◊ I think they have all been helpful. I like the idea of you keeping them open after due dates if possible because sometimes a teammate rushes ahead and does most of it. It is nice to try it yourself. (Especially for people with busy courseloads who like to go back and look at stuff after the fact)

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 - ◊ Class and team interaction, and working in teams about the projects.
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 - ◊ I think the hash stuff is excellent and the gets, I think can have more details about the performance stuff.

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 - ◊ Getting students started earlier or giving them a clearer view of how the project work should progress. I feel like the lectures follow how teams should be working on the projects and its a good team project to allocate work, but often times many members can feel lost on what to work on next.
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 - ◊ I think Most Positive Subsequence was really useful to get us started in the class but I think the HTML parser assignment was the best test. Truly felt like I was working with something real and having to deal with the struggles of HTML helped make other parts of the project feel much easier.

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 - ◊ Strongly Agree
4. **Nicole Hamilton acknowledges all questions insofar as possible. (Q968)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
5. **Nicole Hamilton uses techniques to foster class participation. (Q972)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
6. **Nicole Hamilton is willing to meet and help students outside class. (Q975)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
7. **Nicole Hamilton keeps students informed of their progress. (Q977)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
8. **Overall, this is an excellent course. (Q964)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
9. **What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
10. **How can Nicole Hamilton improve this class? If possible, give specific examples. (Q980)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
11. **Please enter any additional comments you have for Nicole Hamilton. (Q981)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
12. **I think this class may help me get a job.**
 - ◊ Agree
13. **Splitting things up as a team, I don't code everything myself but I'm still learning how everything works.**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
14. **Working on a team of 6 or 7 is really cool and not like any other class.**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
15. **What's been the most interesting or fun part of the class so far?**
 - ◊ [No Response]
16. **Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful? Any that could be improved?**
 - ◊ [No Response]

Course Name: EECS 498-005: Special Topics

Instructor Name: Nicole Hamilton

1. **I am learning a great deal in this course. (Q966)**
 - ◊ Agree
2. **Nicole Hamilton is enthusiastic. (Q114)**
 - ◊ Agree
3. **Overall, Nicole Hamilton is an excellent teacher. (Q965)**
 - ◊ Neutral
4. **Nicole Hamilton acknowledges all questions insofar as possible. (Q968)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
5. **Nicole Hamilton uses techniques to foster class participation. (Q972)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
6. **Nicole Hamilton is willing to meet and help students outside class. (Q975)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
7. **Nicole Hamilton keeps students informed of their progress. (Q977)**
 - ◊ Agree
8. **Overall, this is an excellent course. (Q964)**
 - ◊ Agree
9. **What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)**
 - ◊ I think the strengths of this class are that you get a very broad exposure to all of the concepts of a search engine, and how it works.
10. **How can Nicole Hamilton improve this class? If possible, give specific examples. (Q980)**
 - ◊ I don't know of any specific way to improve the class, but sometimes the lectures felt too difficult to follow because they were very dense. Some of them had a lot of very difficult information in one slide deck, and we only went very briefly over it instead of going more in-depth. But I understand that because there's so much content in the class to cover, there's a very strict time limit to how long we could spend on each thing. And I also know that we learn a lot of thi So that's why I'm not sure if this was just a personal struggle since I didn't have a lot of the previous experience required, or if this is something that can indeed be improved. Just thought I should mention it in case, because I know that some of my classmates also agreed.
11. **Please enter any additional comments you have for Nicole Hamilton. (Q981)**
 - ◊ I do really appreciate, however, Prof. Hamilton's willingness to help students whenever anyone had a question or was confused about something. I appreciate that she was very helpful to everyone, regardless of their skill level. Considering that some of us had never done anything like this, it was helpful that she was flexible about time constraints, exam difficulty, and office hours availability.
12. **I think this class may help me get a job.**
 - ◊ Agree
13. **Splitting things up as a team, I don't code everything myself but I'm still learning how everything works.**
 - ◊ Agree
14. **Working on a team of 6 or 7 is really cool and not like any other class.**
 - ◊ Agree
15. **What's been the most interesting or fun part of the class so far?**
 - ◊ I really enjoyed meeting so many people in this class. I've really enjoyed spending time with the people in my group and becoming friends with them. But of course, I also enjoyed learning more about how a search engine works.
16. **Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful? Any that could be improved?**
 - ◊ I thought that the multithreaded assignment was super helpful for me to see how a lot of the OS pieces work. Since I didn't take 482, I felt like I was a little behind in understanding these concepts, but I think this assignment really made things click for me.

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1. **I am learning a great deal in this course. (Q966)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
2. **Nicole Hamilton is enthusiastic. (Q114)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
3. **Overall, Nicole Hamilton is an excellent teacher. (Q965)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
4. **Nicole Hamilton acknowledges all questions insofar as possible. (Q968)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
5. **Nicole Hamilton uses techniques to foster class participation. (Q972)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
6. **Nicole Hamilton is willing to meet and help students outside class. (Q975)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
7. **Nicole Hamilton keeps students informed of their progress. (Q977)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
8. **Overall, this is an excellent course. (Q964)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
9. **What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)**
 - ◊ Professor Hamilton is very enthusiastic about the material and pushes her students in every single way. She helped me see graduate school as a possibility when I never thought it was. She has deep industry experience in the course she teaches, which makes it much easier for students. Her lectures, frequent office hours, and sense of humor help me learn.
10. **How can Nicole Hamilton improve this class? If possible, give specific examples. (Q980)**
 - ◊ N/A
11. **Please enter any additional comments you have for Nicole Hamilton. (Q981)**
 - ◊ Thank you for teaching us!
12. **I think this class may help me get a job.**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
13. **Splitting things up as a team, I don't code everything myself but I'm still learning how everything works.**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
14. **Working on a team of 6 or 7 is really cool and not like any other class.**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
15. **What's been the most interesting or fun part of the class so far?**
 - ◊ Learning about how a search engine is made, specifically how the Index is built and accessed.
16. **Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful? Any that could be improved?**
 - ◊ Vector/string/hashmap/memory mapping etc.

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 - ◊ Strongly Agree
2. **Nicole Hamilton is enthusiastic. (Q114)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
3. **Overall, Nicole Hamilton is an excellent teacher. (Q965)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
4. **Nicole Hamilton acknowledges all questions insofar as possible. (Q968)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
5. **Nicole Hamilton uses techniques to foster class participation. (Q972)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
6. **Nicole Hamilton is willing to meet and help students outside class. (Q975)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
7. **Nicole Hamilton keeps students informed of their progress. (Q977)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
8. **Overall, this is an excellent course. (Q964)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
9. **What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)**
 - ◊ Professor Hamilton herself is the greatest strength of this class. Having her knowledge, expertise, and past experience has really helped her show every aspect of the search engine they tried at Bing, and show which ones were actually useful. Furthermore, having someone as knowledgeable in the field and the code allows her to be extremely helpful when debugging or facing errors.
10. **How can Nicole Hamilton improve this class? If possible, give specific examples. (Q980)**
 - ◊ The only improvements to this class could be verifying all aspects of the autograder and assignments are sound before the beginning of the class.
11. **Please enter any additional comments you have for Nicole Hamilton. (Q981)**
 - ◊ Professor Hamilton has been an extraordinary teacher this semester, and I hope she is able to return to continue spreading her expertise and knowledge.
12. **I think this class may help me get a job.**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
13. **Splitting things up as a team, I don't code everything myself but I'm still learning how everything works.**
 - ◊ Agree
14. **Working on a team of 6 or 7 is really cool and not like any other class.**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
15. **What's been the most interesting or fun part of the class so far?**
 - ◊ The most interesting part of this class has been creating the different components of the search engine, learning how they all work separately.
16. **Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful? Any that could be improved?**
 - ◊ The most helpful autograded assignment is the UTF-8 assignment, as it helped us catch many of the bugs, even though we needed an extension to do so.

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 - ◊ Agree
2. **Nicole Hamilton is enthusiastic. (Q114)**
 - ◊ Agree
3. **Overall, Nicole Hamilton is an excellent teacher. (Q965)**
 - ◊ Agree
4. **Nicole Hamilton acknowledges all questions insofar as possible. (Q968)**
 - ◊ Agree
5. **Nicole Hamilton uses techniques to foster class participation. (Q972)**
 - ◊ Neutral
6. **Nicole Hamilton is willing to meet and help students outside class. (Q975)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
7. **Nicole Hamilton keeps students informed of their progress. (Q977)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
8. **Overall, this is an excellent course. (Q964)**
 - ◊ Agree
9. **What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)**
 - ◊ The topic is interesting and being able to build it from scratch has been helpful to understand how each part works on it's own and all together.
10. **How can Nicole Hamilton improve this class? If possible, give specific examples. (Q980)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
11. **Please enter any additional comments you have for Nicole Hamilton. (Q981)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
12. **I think this class may help me get a job.**
 - ◊ Agree
13. **Splitting things up as a team, I don't code everything myself but I'm still learning how everything works.**
 - ◊ Agree
14. **Working on a team of 6 or 7 is really cool and not like any other class.**
 - ◊ Agree
15. **What's been the most interesting or fun part of the class so far?**
 - ◊ I've enjoyed understanding how everything works specifically with the index.
16. **Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful? Any that could be improved?**
 - ◊ I don't know if i could pick one to be more helpful than the others since they've all helped me understand different parts of the search engine.

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 - ◊ Neutral
2. **Nicole Hamilton is enthusiastic. (Q114)**
 - ◊ Agree
3. **Overall, Nicole Hamilton is an excellent teacher. (Q965)**
 - ◊ Neutral
4. **Nicole Hamilton acknowledges all questions insofar as possible. (Q968)**
 - ◊ Agree
5. **Nicole Hamilton uses techniques to foster class participation. (Q972)**
 - ◊ Neutral
6. **Nicole Hamilton is willing to meet and help students outside class. (Q975)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
7. **Nicole Hamilton keeps students informed of their progress. (Q977)**
 - ◊ Neutral
8. **Overall, this is an excellent course. (Q964)**
 - ◊ Agree
9. **What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)**
 - ◊ I think the breadth of course material helps synthesize topics that are usually siloed off in different parts of the EECS department. The group work aspect of the course also challenges students to independently manage their time and collaborate in a large group.
10. **How can Nicole Hamilton improve this class? If possible, give specific examples. (Q980)**
 - ◊ The material is some of the most dense I've seen in any of my classes, and I think that's largely due to the sheer breadth of topics being taught. It seems like fundamentally a difficult balance to strike, to teach all the requisite topics but also to a level of depth that's helpful. It could be wise to enforce other ULCs, such as Computer Networks and Operation Systems, as pre-requisites, though alternatively, I think it is possible to teach the material in a way that takes less for granted prior understanding of the class content.
11. **Please enter any additional comments you have for Nicole Hamilton. (Q981)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
12. **I think this class may help me get a job.**
 - ◊ Agree
13. **Splitting things up as a team, I don't code everything myself but I'm still learning how everything works.**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
14. **Working on a team of 6 or 7 is really cool and not like any other class.**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
15. **What's been the most interesting or fun part of the class so far?**
 - ◊ I've enjoyed getting to know my teammates :)
16. **Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful? Any that could be improved?**
 - ◊ The multithreaded file ops assignments was quite fun, and exposed me to condition variables in C++ for the first time.

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1. **I am learning a great deal in this course. (Q966)**
 - ◊ Agree
2. **Nicole Hamilton is enthusiastic. (Q114)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
3. **Overall, Nicole Hamilton is an excellent teacher. (Q965)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
4. **Nicole Hamilton acknowledges all questions insofar as possible. (Q968)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
5. **Nicole Hamilton uses techniques to foster class participation. (Q972)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
6. **Nicole Hamilton is willing to meet and help students outside class. (Q975)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
7. **Nicole Hamilton keeps students informed of their progress. (Q977)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
8. **Overall, this is an excellent course. (Q964)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
9. **What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)**
 - ◊ It gives people experience in building a large-scale C++ project. Furthermore, the project is interesting and yields a lot of learning.
10. **How can Nicole Hamilton improve this class? If possible, give specific examples. (Q980)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
11. **Please enter any additional comments you have for Nicole Hamilton. (Q981)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
12. **I think this class may help me get a job.**
 - ◊ Agree
13. **Splitting things up as a team, I don't code everything myself but I'm still learning how everything works.**
 - ◊ Agree
14. **Working on a team of 6 or 7 is really cool and not like any other class.**
 - ◊ Agree
15. **What's been the most interesting or fun part of the class so far?**
 - ◊ [No Response]
16. **Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful? Any that could be improved?**
 - ◊ I liked the HashBlob the most, especially since I am working on the index.

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 - ◊ Strongly Agree
2. **Nicole Hamilton is enthusiastic. (Q114)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
3. **Overall, Nicole Hamilton is an excellent teacher. (Q965)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
4. **Nicole Hamilton acknowledges all questions insofar as possible. (Q968)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
5. **Nicole Hamilton uses techniques to foster class participation. (Q972)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
6. **Nicole Hamilton is willing to meet and help students outside class. (Q975)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
7. **Nicole Hamilton keeps students informed of their progress. (Q977)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
8. **Overall, this is an excellent course. (Q964)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
9. **What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)**
 - ◊ The class gives us a real world problem to solve and let us learn a lot of how to design systems from scratch. The teaching is also super nice.
10. **How can Nicole Hamilton improve this class? If possible, give specific examples. (Q980)**
 - ◊ Talk a little more how to make design decisions like how to weigh pros and cons.
11. **Please enter any additional comments you have for Nicole Hamilton. (Q981)**
 - ◊ Love her!!!
12. **I think this class may help me get a job.**
 - ◊ Agree
13. **Splitting things up as a team, I don't code everything myself but I'm still learning how everything works.**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
14. **Working on a team of 6 or 7 is really cool and not like any other class.**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
15. **What's been the most interesting or fun part of the class so far?**
 - ◊ The music before the class
16. **Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful? Any that could be improved?**
 - ◊ The performance part is really helpful

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 - ◊ Strongly Agree
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 - ◊ Strongly Agree
3. **Overall, Nicole Hamilton is an excellent teacher. (Q965)**
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 - ◊ Strongly Agree
7. **Nicole Hamilton keeps students informed of their progress. (Q977)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
8. **Overall, this is an excellent course. (Q964)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
9. **What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)**
 - ◊ Very interesting having to work on everything of a large system down to the byte, leading to very in depth understanding
10. **How can Nicole Hamilton improve this class? If possible, give specific examples. (Q980)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
11. **Please enter any additional comments you have for Nicole Hamilton. (Q981)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
12. **I think this class may help me get a job.**
 - ◊ Agree
13. **Splitting things up as a team, I don't code everything myself but I'm still learning how everything works.**
 - ◊ Agree
14. **Working on a team of 6 or 7 is really cool and not like any other class.**
 - ◊ Agree
15. **What's been the most interesting or fun part of the class so far?**
 - ◊ Working with a group and tackling problems creatively
16. **Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful? Any that could be improved?**
 - ◊ [No Response]

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 - ◊ Strongly Agree
2. **Nicole Hamilton is enthusiastic. (Q114)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
3. **Overall, Nicole Hamilton is an excellent teacher. (Q965)**
 - ◊ Agree
4. **Nicole Hamilton acknowledges all questions insofar as possible. (Q968)**
 - ◊ Agree
5. **Nicole Hamilton uses techniques to foster class participation. (Q972)**
 - ◊ Agree
6. **Nicole Hamilton is willing to meet and help students outside class. (Q975)**
 - ◊ Agree
7. **Nicole Hamilton keeps students informed of their progress. (Q977)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
8. **Overall, this is an excellent course. (Q964)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
9. **What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)**
 - ◊ Interesting team project with larger scale than available in other classes and a wide variety of unique topics covered.
10. **How can Nicole Hamilton improve this class? If possible, give specific examples. (Q980)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
11. **Please enter any additional comments you have for Nicole Hamilton. (Q981)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
12. **I think this class may help me get a job.**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
13. **Splitting things up as a team, I don't code everything myself but I'm still learning how everything works.**
 - ◊ Agree
14. **Working on a team of 6 or 7 is really cool and not like any other class.**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
15. **What's been the most interesting or fun part of the class so far?**
 - ◊ [No Response]
16. **Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful? Any that could be improved?**
 - ◊ [No Response]

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 - ◊ Strongly Agree
2. **Nicole Hamilton is enthusiastic. (Q114)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
3. **Overall, Nicole Hamilton is an excellent teacher. (Q965)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
4. **Nicole Hamilton acknowledges all questions insofar as possible. (Q968)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
5. **Nicole Hamilton uses techniques to foster class participation. (Q972)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
6. **Nicole Hamilton is willing to meet and help students outside class. (Q975)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
7. **Nicole Hamilton keeps students informed of their progress. (Q977)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
8. **Overall, this is an excellent course. (Q964)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
9. **What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)**
 - ◊ There's a lot of thinking, and design involved that are challenging, a lot of learning, searching about some of the concepts as well. It broadly covers all of the concepts I've learned throughout my 4 years at this university and I feel like is the perfect one of last classes to take and challenge myself. It I think by far the most useful class for improving my skills in collaboration and team communication as it actually demands these things in order to do well in the class. Also, Nicole Hamilton is extremely knowledgeable about the search engine itself and addresses any and all questions.
10. **How can Nicole Hamilton improve this class? If possible, give specific examples. (Q980)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
11. **Please enter any additional comments you have for Nicole Hamilton. (Q981)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
12. **I think this class may help me get a job.**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
13. **Splitting things up as a team, I don't code everything myself but I'm still learning how everything works.**
 - ◊ Agree
14. **Working on a team of 6 or 7 is really cool and not like any other class.**
 - ◊ Agree
15. **What's been the most interesting or fun part of the class so far?**
 - ◊ Working with the teammates thinking, and designing the search engine. Going to professor's office hour.
16. **Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful? Any that could be improved?**
 - ◊ As I'm mostly working on the index, hashblob and hashfile assignments have been the most helpful. Also, the utf-8 for delta encoding. Maybe the json parser assignment could be helpful to add.

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 - ◊ Strongly Agree
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 - ◊ Strongly Agree
8. **Overall, this is an excellent course. (Q964)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
9. **What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)**
 - ◊ Like working with smart people on a really interesting problem
10. **How can Nicole Hamilton improve this class? If possible, give specific examples. (Q980)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
11. **Please enter any additional comments you have for Nicole Hamilton. (Q981)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
12. **I think this class may help me get a job.**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
13. **Splitting things up as a team, I don't code everything myself but I'm still learning how everything works.**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
14. **Working on a team of 6 or 7 is really cool and not like any other class.**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
15. **What's been the most interesting or fun part of the class so far?**
 - ◊ [No Response]
16. **Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful? Any that could be improved?**
 - ◊ [No Response]

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8. **Overall, this is an excellent course. (Q964)**
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9. **What are the major strengths of this class? What is helping you to learn? (Q979)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
10. **How can Nicole Hamilton improve this class? If possible, give specific examples. (Q980)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
11. **Please enter any additional comments you have for Nicole Hamilton. (Q981)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
12. **I think this class may help me get a job.**
 - ◊ [No Response]
13. **Splitting things up as a team, I don't code everything myself but I'm still learning how everything works.**
 - ◊ [No Response]
14. **Working on a team of 6 or 7 is really cool and not like any other class.**
 - ◊ [No Response]
15. **What's been the most interesting or fun part of the class so far?**
 - ◊ [No Response]
16. **Which of the autograded assignments have been most helpful? Any that could be improved?**
 - ◊ [No Response]