

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

25 out of 34 students responded to this evaluation.

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15. **Comment on the quality of instruction in this course. (Q900)**
 - ◊ Hamilton is very passionate about the course material and she was always willing to help us or answer questions. She was very good at steering us in the right direction without giving away all the fun of a problem.
16. **What were the strengths of the course ? (Q953)**
 - ◊ I really enjoyed this course. I would come home and I would be excited to work on the project, the problems were just so

interesting and fun to work on. I think there were a couple of really good labs that taught me some very useful industry tools.

17. What suggestions would you make for improving the course ? (Q955)

- ◊ [No Response]

18. How might the class climate be made more inclusive of diverse students? (Q910)

- ◊ [No Response]

19. How helpful were the autograded assignments? Which were the best? Could they be improved? Any you would add?

- ◊ Very, there were definitely a couple we had to expand on by ourselves. Maybe adding redirect handling to the URL and SSL assignments. They were very nice to give some skeleton of what the engine should look like.

20. What was the best, most interesting, or fun part of the class? Will you have some favorite memories?

- ◊ I worked on the crawler, and I really enjoyed working on it. Getting my first thread crawling felt really good, so did getting 32 threads going in parallel. Once we put it on cloud, it was very rewarding to see the number of pages crawled going up.

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15. **Comment on the quality of instruction in this course. (Q900)**
 - ◊ I think sometimes we breezed through some difficult topics too quickly and were expected to know and use them fluently immediately after lecture, which I thought was an unfair expectation. Some of us had never taken 482 or other concepts like that, so while it wasn't impossible to catch up to others, it was definitely challenging. However, the autograder assignments that we needed to complete were crucial in helping us understand the concepts, so I appreciated getting help through those assignments. These were a massive help towards the end when we needed to start building the search engine.
16. **What were the strengths of the course ? (Q953)**
 - ◊ Getting exposure to challenging concepts was a helpful aspect of the class. Building a search engine from scratch was definitely not an easy task but very rewarding and something great to talk about during interviews.
17. **What suggestions would you make for improving the course ? (Q955)**
 - ◊ I think it would be helpful to describe some of the more technical and difficult lecture topics in more details and not just brush the surface. While yes, there were a lot of helpful examples, that doesn't always mean everyone understands everything the first time through, especially since if concepts are not described in detail.
18. **How might the class climate be made more inclusive of diverse students? (Q910)**
 - ◊ I think it's helpful to keep fostering an environment that welcomes questions and confusion so that people feel more inclined to participate.

19. **How helpful were the autograded assignments? Which were the best? Could they be improved? Any you would add?**

- ◊ These were extremely helpful because they saved us a lot of time at the end of the semester when we needed to build the search engine. I'd say almost all of them were useful in one way or another so there wasn't one specific best.

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- ◊ I really enjoyed getting to know and work with my team members. I think we had a great team dynamic which helped us work better together.

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 - ◊ really good, give understandings needed for project. 5 was good, stricter performance requirement maybe.
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15. **Comment on the quality of instruction in this course. (Q900)**
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16. **What were the strengths of the course ? (Q953)**
 - ◊ The strengths of this course were the knowledge and expertise of Professor Hamilton, as she gave us all the information we required to create a functioning Search Engine, and showed us the different approaches and pitfalls that could occur.
17. **What suggestions would you make for improving the course ? (Q955)**
 - ◊ I would suggest spending more time on GCP and distributed systems/networking, as those topics were not really covered in class, but were required for the search engine to function. Also, refinement to the autograder assignments is needed.
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19. **How helpful were the autograded assignments? Which were the best? Could they be improved? Any you would add?**
 - ◊ The autograded assignments were helpful, with the HashTable/HashBlob, UTF-8, and BloomFilter ones being the best. The rest could be improved to make them slightly more related to the engine functionality, and add a few assignments for distributed systems

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- ◊ The best part of this class was the group meetings we had, which always ran late but were very productive and fun. I definitely have made some great memories and friends along the way because of this class. None of this could have been possible without the insight, knowledge, experience, and playful vibe that Professor Hamilton brings to this class.

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16. **What were the strengths of the course ? (Q953)**
 - ◊ It really required actual teamwork that has to go on for a long period unlike other classes where you could meet just for a few days and done with the project. It also increased my ability as a developer by a ton.
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20. **What was the best, most interesting, or fun part of the class? Will you have some favorite memories?**
 - ◊ The lectures that were done after we were done with most of the technical materials were genuinely useful and fun. Coding and being competitive with other teams and trying to make the best engine was definitely fun because it had the competitive spirit in it.

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15. **Comment on the quality of instruction in this course. (Q900)**
 - ◊ Professor Hamilton is an excellent professor. She provides profound wisdom regarding both the systems design process and implementation as a previous engineer at Microsoft but also wisdoms about business, entrepreneurship, and ethics as well. I think she had some of the most engaging lectures I've had the privilege of attending. I also appreciate how after the primary class content was completed, she dove into interesting concepts in business, project management, IP, and finance. For a Major Design Experience/Capstone course, this really capped off my time so far at Michigan quite well.
16. **What were the strengths of the course ? (Q953)**
 - ◊ Certainly the teaching staff (Prof. Hamilton, Rickey, and Chris) were highlights. I also appreciated the weekly homework towards the beginning to whether ourselves as to what was coming next. I also like the bonds we felt like we made with our fellow classmates. I will look back at this class fondly.
17. **What suggestions would you make for improving the course ? (Q955)**
 - ◊ I think having project checkpoints (e.g. 10k documents crawled, or a preliminary frontend) would help pace the class better.
18. **How might the class climate be made more inclusive of diverse students? (Q910)**
 - ◊ I think that a lot of the class comes down to the teammates (and their levels of expertise) ultimately. However, as a younger team, I still felt this class was generally approachable.
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- ◊ Parser and LinuxSSL were most useful for the project.

20. **What was the best, most interesting, or fun part of the class? Will you have some favorite memories?**

- ◊ The T-shirts! Jess did a great job at designing them. Also getting candy at every lecture was something to look forward to. Thanks for the fantastic teaching job, Professor Hamilton. Would love to see you back so that my friends can take your class!

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 - ◊ I love the group work and semester projects. It really has me practice how to work in teams and do a big project from scratch. Really valuable experience
17. **What suggestions would you make for improving the course ? (Q955)**
 - ◊ Clarify the bigger map of the search engine in advance before we get into the full projects
18. **How might the class climate be made more inclusive of diverse students? (Q910)**
 - ◊ Should be more tolerant to students who didn't take OS in advance
19. **How helpful were the autograded assignments? Which were the best? Could they be improved? Any you would add?**
 - ◊ Helpful about the functionality, but still differs a lot comparing to the implementation of the real search engine. They could be more specific.
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 - ◊ Love the tight time before the final presentation, our team work together and debug, and also the final presentation is nice!

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6. **Nicole Hamilton seemed well prepared for class meetings.(Q230)**
 - ◊ Almost Always
7. **Nicole Hamilton explained material clearly.(Q199)**
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8. **Nicole Hamilton treated students with respect.(Q217)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
9. **Overall, this was an excellent course. (Q1)**
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 - ◊ Strongly Agree
14. **Working on a team of 6 or 7 was really cool and not like any other class.**
 - ◊ Agree
15. **Comment on the quality of instruction in this course. (Q900)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
16. **What were the strengths of the course ? (Q953)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
17. **What suggestions would you make for improving the course ? (Q955)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
18. **How might the class climate be made more inclusive of diverse students? (Q910)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
19. **How helpful were the autograded assignments? Which were the best? Could they be improved? Any you would add?**
 - ◊ [No Response]
20. **What was the best, most interesting, or fun part of the class? Will you have some favorite memories?**
 - ◊ [No Response]

Course Name: EECS 498-005: Special Topics

Instructor Name: Nicole Hamilton

1. **This course advanced my understanding of the subject matter.(Q1631)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
2. **My interest in the subject has increased because of this course.(Q1632)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
3. **I knew what was expected of me in this course.(Q1633)**
 - ◊ Frequently
4. **I had a strong desire to take this course.(Q4)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
5. **As compared with other courses of equal credit, the workload for this course was...(Q891)**
 - ◊ Much Heavier
6. **Nicole Hamilton seemed well prepared for class meetings.(Q230)**
 - ◊ Frequently
7. **Nicole Hamilton explained material clearly.(Q199)**
 - ◊ Frequently
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 - ◊ Agree
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 - ◊ Agree
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 - ◊ Almost Always
12. **I think this class may help me get a job.**
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14. **Working on a team of 6 or 7 was really cool and not like any other class.**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
15. **Comment on the quality of instruction in this course. (Q900)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
16. **What were the strengths of the course ? (Q953)**
 - ◊ I learned a ton about many CS topics like distributed systems, compilers, web design, and system design in addition to learning about how to design an entire search engine from scratch. I thought this class was very valuable, possibly the most valuable CS class I have taken. On top of that, working in groups of 6 was quite fun. The project felt more like working on a startup than a typical class project (in a good way).
17. **What suggestions would you make for improving the course ? (Q955)**
 - ◊ I would recommend making EECS 482 a prerequisite and use the time devoted to OS topics to something else.
18. **How might the class climate be made more inclusive of diverse students? (Q910)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
19. **How helpful were the autograded assignments? Which were the best? Could they be improved? Any you would add?**
 - ◊ [No Response]
20. **What was the best, most interesting, or fun part of the class? Will you have some favorite memories?**
 - ◊ [No Response]



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 - ◊ Strongly Agree
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14. **Working on a team of 6 or 7 was really cool and not like any other class.**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
15. **Comment on the quality of instruction in this course. (Q900)**
 - ◊ Lectures were intuitive and homeworks helped team get a jumpstart on parts of the project. Lectures were fun to attend and always really interesting, lab sections helped cover anything that may have been left out or not covered a lot during lecture.
16. **What were the strengths of the course ? (Q953)**
 - ◊ This was truly a big project that required lots of teamwork and hardwork from all members of the team. Every peice of the project I worked on or homework assignment I did I felt I was learning something new but also using all the skills I've learned over the course of my time in college as well. Working on the project made everything I'd learnt up to this point feel useful and have real world practical applications for actual products.
17. **What suggestions would you make for improving the course ? (Q955)**
 - ◊ I think giving teams loose deadlines for when different parts of the project should be working would really help in getting things done on time (when should you be able to crawl on machine, when on multiple, when deploy to GCP?). I also think making the teams do more together in the beginning would help develop the team chemistry more I felt like I really didn't know the people I was working with too well until closer to the end since we were all working on different parts.
18. **How might the class climate be made more inclusive of diverse students? (Q910)**
 - ◊ It's already very inclusive and Proffessor Hamilton seems very accepting of everyone

19. How helpful were the autograded assignments? Which were the best? Could they be improved? Any you would add?

- ◊ Very helpful, gave a good jumping off point for all of the projects.

Best: HTMLParser, Linux Servers, and Multithreaded File

Improved: The expression parser assignment just felt very different from what we end up doing with the query compiler could be improved.

Add: I think a constraint solver assignment would be helpful, also maybe a small assignment to get people started on the crawler could also be useful

20. What was the best, most interesting, or fun part of the class? Will you have some favorite memories?

- ◊ The whole project was extremely fun, and talking to students in other MDEs it seems like the most involved and intense one by far. I thought it was very fun to get to make a lot of the design decisions for our own engine instead of everything just being handed to us. I really liked lab and being able to interact with Professor Hamilton often to keep us on track. My favorite memory has to be attending the special topic lectures at the end of the course when my team was the only people showing up and we just got to hang out with the Professor.

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14. **Working on a team of 6 or 7 was really cool and not like any other class.**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
15. **Comment on the quality of instruction in this course. (Q900)**
 - ◊ n/a
16. **What were the strengths of the course ? (Q953)**
 - ◊ n/a
17. **What suggestions would you make for improving the course ? (Q955)**
 - ◊ na
18. **How might the class climate be made more inclusive of diverse students? (Q910)**
 - ◊ na
19. **How helpful were the autograded assignments? Which were the best? Could they be improved? Any you would add?**
 - ◊ na
20. **What was the best, most interesting, or fun part of the class? Will you have some favorite memories?**
 - ◊ na

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14. **Working on a team of 6 or 7 was really cool and not like any other class.**
 - ◊ Agree
15. **Comment on the quality of instruction in this course. (Q900)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
16. **What were the strengths of the course ? (Q953)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
17. **What suggestions would you make for improving the course ? (Q955)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
18. **How might the class climate be made more inclusive of diverse students? (Q910)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
19. **How helpful were the autograded assignments? Which were the best? Could they be improved? Any you would add?**
 - ◊ [No Response]
20. **What was the best, most interesting, or fun part of the class? Will you have some favorite memories?**
 - ◊ [No Response]

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 - ◊ Agree
2. **My interest in the subject has increased because of this course.(Q1632)**
 - ◊ Agree
3. **I knew what was expected of me in this course.(Q1633)**
 - ◊ Sometimes
4. **I had a strong desire to take this course.(Q4)**
 - ◊ Agree
5. **As compared with other courses of equal credit, the workload for this course was...(Q891)**
 - ◊ Much Heavier
6. **Nicole Hamilton seemed well prepared for class meetings.(Q230)**
 - ◊ Frequently
7. **Nicole Hamilton explained material clearly.(Q199)**
 - ◊ Frequently
8. **Nicole Hamilton treated students with respect.(Q217)**
 - ◊ Agree
9. **Overall, this was an excellent course. (Q1)**
 - ◊ Agree
10. **Overall, Nicole Hamilton was an excellent teacher. (Q2)**
 - ◊ Agree
11. **I felt included and valued when working with other students. (Q253)**
 - ◊ Frequently
12. **I think this class may help me get a job.**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
13. **I learned how an entire search engine works and how to build one from scratch.**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
14. **Working on a team of 6 or 7 was really cool and not like any other class.**
 - ◊ Disagree
15. **Comment on the quality of instruction in this course. (Q900)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
16. **What were the strengths of the course ? (Q953)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
17. **What suggestions would you make for improving the course ? (Q955)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
18. **How might the class climate be made more inclusive of diverse students? (Q910)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
19. **How helpful were the autograded assignments? Which were the best? Could they be improved? Any you would add?**
 - ◊ [No Response]
20. **What was the best, most interesting, or fun part of the class? Will you have some favorite memories?**
 - ◊ [No Response]

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Instructor Name: Nicole Hamilton

1. **This course advanced my understanding of the subject matter.(Q1631)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
2. **My interest in the subject has increased because of this course.(Q1632)**
 - ◊ Neutral
3. **I knew what was expected of me in this course.(Q1633)**
 - ◊ Sometimes
4. **I had a strong desire to take this course.(Q4)**
 - ◊ Agree
5. **As compared with other courses of equal credit, the workload for this course was...(Q891)**
 - ◊ Much Heavier
6. **Nicole Hamilton seemed well prepared for class meetings.(Q230)**
 - ◊ Sometimes
7. **Nicole Hamilton explained material clearly.(Q199)**
 - ◊ Frequently
8. **Nicole Hamilton treated students with respect.(Q217)**
 - ◊ Agree
9. **Overall, this was an excellent course. (Q1)**
 - ◊ Agree
10. **Overall, Nicole Hamilton was an excellent teacher. (Q2)**
 - ◊ Agree
11. **I felt included and valued when working with other students. (Q253)**
 - ◊ Frequently
12. **I think this class may help me get a job.**
 - ◊ Agree
13. **I learned how an entire search engine works and how to build one from scratch.**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
14. **Working on a team of 6 or 7 was really cool and not like any other class.**
 - ◊ Strongly Disagree
15. **Comment on the quality of instruction in this course. (Q900)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
16. **What were the strengths of the course ? (Q953)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
17. **What suggestions would you make for improving the course ? (Q955)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
18. **How might the class climate be made more inclusive of diverse students? (Q910)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
19. **How helpful were the autograded assignments? Which were the best? Could they be improved? Any you would add?**
 - ◊ [No Response]
20. **What was the best, most interesting, or fun part of the class? Will you have some favorite memories?**
 - ◊ [No Response]

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 - ◊ Agree
2. **My interest in the subject has increased because of this course.(Q1632)**
 - ◊ Agree
3. **I knew what was expected of me in this course.(Q1633)**
 - ◊ Frequently
4. **I had a strong desire to take this course.(Q4)**
 - ◊ Agree
5. **As compared with other courses of equal credit, the workload for this course was...(Q891)**
 - ◊ Lighter
6. **Nicole Hamilton seemed well prepared for class meetings.(Q230)**
 - ◊ Frequently
7. **Nicole Hamilton explained material clearly.(Q199)**
 - ◊ Frequently
8. **Nicole Hamilton treated students with respect.(Q217)**
 - ◊ Agree
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 - ◊ Agree
13. **I learned how an entire search engine works and how to build one from scratch.**
 - ◊ Agree
14. **Working on a team of 6 or 7 was really cool and not like any other class.**
 - ◊ Agree
15. **Comment on the quality of instruction in this course. (Q900)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
16. **What were the strengths of the course ? (Q953)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
17. **What suggestions would you make for improving the course ? (Q955)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
18. **How might the class climate be made more inclusive of diverse students? (Q910)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
19. **How helpful were the autograded assignments? Which were the best? Could they be improved? Any you would add?**
 - ◊ [No Response]
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 - ◊ [No Response]

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 - ◊ Agree
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 - ◊ Heavier
6. **Nicole Hamilton seemed well prepared for class meetings.(Q230)**
 - ◊ Sometimes
7. **Nicole Hamilton explained material clearly.(Q199)**
 - ◊ Sometimes
8. **Nicole Hamilton treated students with respect.(Q217)**
 - ◊ Agree
9. **Overall, this was an excellent course. (Q1)**
 - ◊ Agree
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 - ◊ [No Response]
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 - ◊ [No Response]
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 - ◊ [No Response]

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 - ◊ Strongly Agree
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 - ◊ Almost Always
12. **I think this class may help me get a job.**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
13. **I learned how an entire search engine works and how to build one from scratch.**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
14. **Working on a team of 6 or 7 was really cool and not like any other class.**
 - ◊ Agree
15. **Comment on the quality of instruction in this course. (Q900)**
 - ◊ Very good quality, however, I didn't realize the intricacies of a Search Engine until much later, which kinda surprised me at how much work the crawler was.
16. **What were the strengths of the course ? (Q953)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
17. **What suggestions would you make for improving the course ? (Q955)**
 - ◊ Possibly delve into GCP more, or maybe AWS? I don't understand the issue with BM25, if and only if you pair it with PageRank or something of that sort.
18. **How might the class climate be made more inclusive of diverse students? (Q910)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
19. **How helpful were the autograded assignments? Which were the best? Could they be improved? Any you would add?**
 - ◊ Pretty good, possibly a more rigorous ranking assignment?
20. **What was the best, most interesting, or fun part of the class? Will you have some favorite memories?**
 - ◊ Just staying up til 4 am, hoping that the crawler didn't crash. Very fun memories. I'll be remaking this SearchEngine this summer in Rust, with a lot more features, just for the fun of it. I was pretty disappointed in our final results so I want to do

better. Doing the entire project myself as well will teach me about the aspects I didn't participate in.

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14. **Working on a team of 6 or 7 was really cool and not like any other class.**
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15. **Comment on the quality of instruction in this course. (Q900)**
 - ◊ I really like her style of teaching and the way she lead the discussion. The food she brings to class is good.
16. **What were the strengths of the course ? (Q953)**
 - ◊ The system design ideas are super fun.
17. **What suggestions would you make for improving the course ? (Q955)**
 - ◊ Make checkpoints for the project
18. **How might the class climate be made more inclusive of diverse students? (Q910)**
 - ◊ Let students choose the songs.
19. **How helpful were the autograded assignments? Which were the best? Could they be improved? Any you would add?**
 - ◊ They get us up with a good start.
20. **What was the best, most interesting, or fun part of the class? Will you have some favorite memories?**
 - ◊ The final project and burning all nighters.

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 - ◊ Strongly Agree
15. **Comment on the quality of instruction in this course. (Q900)**
 - ◊ Professor Hamilton is very good at explaining, and although the lectures are a good component of the course, I think that its most important part is the teamwork I got to develop throughout this semester thanks to the class.
16. **What were the strengths of the course ? (Q953)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
17. **What suggestions would you make for improving the course ? (Q955)**
 - ◊ I think the course was overall excellent. The only thing I would suggest is drilling more into the students' heads an adequate timeline for when each part of the search engine should be completed (having a more clear roadmap) because it was often easy for me to not realize the amount of work we'd have to perform for a given part of the engine, and this would then lead to late, late nights. Professor Hamilton and the staff already do a good job at this, but some of the students that have never really worked on big projects may need a better idea of the effort and time distribution required.

I also think that the grading is a bit fuzzy: nobody really knows how they are doing in the class until after the last day of classes. It may also be more of a personal opinion, but structuring the course based on how a team did with respect to others doesn't seem to be a good model: This semester, for example, many teams did very well and had a very similar performance, but imposing a curve forces entire grade steps to be determined by very low variation in the results. Analyzing each project for what it is would perhaps be a better and fairer method.

18. How might the class climate be made more inclusive of diverse students? (Q910)

- ◊ It's already very inclusive. Good job!

19. How helpful were the autograded assignments? Which were the best? Could they be improved? Any you would add?

- ◊ Extremely helpful. In fact, most of the code we submitted for the assignments was code we reused in our search engine.

20. What was the best, most interesting, or fun part of the class? Will you have some favorite memories?

- ◊ Everything. The project really makes you learn a lot about systems design. Not only this, but it's an excellent introduction to working in a team bigger than most classes offer (usually ~3 people, when in this class it's 6). Very good course overall! I hope more students get the opportunity to take it in the future.

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Instructor Name: Nicole Hamilton

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 - ◊ Neutral
2. **My interest in the subject has increased because of this course.(Q1632)**
 - ◊ Agree
3. **I knew what was expected of me in this course.(Q1633)**
 - ◊ Almost Always
4. **I had a strong desire to take this course.(Q4)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
5. **As compared with other courses of equal credit, the workload for this course was...(Q891)**
 - ◊ Much Heavier
6. **Nicole Hamilton seemed well prepared for class meetings.(Q230)**
 - ◊ Frequently
7. **Nicole Hamilton explained material clearly.(Q199)**
 - ◊ Almost Always
8. **Nicole Hamilton treated students with respect.(Q217)**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
9. **Overall, this was an excellent course. (Q1)**
 - ◊ Agree
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 - ◊ Strongly Agree
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 - ◊ Almost Always
12. **I think this class may help me get a job.**
 - ◊ Neutral
13. **I learned how an entire search engine works and how to build one from scratch.**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
14. **Working on a team of 6 or 7 was really cool and not like any other class.**
 - ◊ Strongly Agree
15. **Comment on the quality of instruction in this course. (Q900)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
16. **What were the strengths of the course ? (Q953)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
17. **What suggestions would you make for improving the course ? (Q955)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
18. **How might the class climate be made more inclusive of diverse students? (Q910)**
 - ◊ [No Response]
19. **How helpful were the autograded assignments? Which were the best? Could they be improved? Any you would add?**
 - ◊ [No Response]
20. **What was the best, most interesting, or fun part of the class? Will you have some favorite memories?**
 - ◊ Liked working with group of ppl.

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