

CS281: Computer Systems

Instructions for Lab Write Ups

1. The most important aspect of a lab report is to strive for a submission that *stands alone* from the lab handout. You want the reader of your report to be able to understand the purpose of the lab, your steps of experimentation, and your conclusions without having access to the handout. Your report should include enough of these aspects for the report to make sense independent of the handout.
2. You should address the questions asked in the handout. Try to look for ways to weave your questions responses into the narrative of your report rather than awkwardly insert numbered questions and answers in the middle of your report.
3. You should submit one report per group. Please be sure your names are all on the lab. You might rotate responsibility within your group for the lab write ups, or you might each choose to work on a part and combine them. Just be sure that one person is not consistently doing the majority of the lab reports.
4. Lab reports are due on the Friday following the lab at the start of class, unless otherwise noted.
5. You should LaTeX your labs wherever possible. Tables should be LaTeX. You can use Logisim where possible for circuit diagrams. If necessary, you can submit hand drawn figures on a separate sheet. Label each figure so you can refer to it in the text of your report.
6. Your labs should be cleanly written, largely free of significant errors or typographical mistakes.