

Journal Instructions

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Each week you will update your journal, email me a copy in .pdf format, and be prepared to display your journal at the group meeting for discussion. At the end of the term your journal will be posted on the web.

Content

- What you did this week. Include things you tried to do but failed at, and the methods you used.
- Interesting or useful things you learned.
- Difficulties or questions you encountered.
- Ideas and tentative plan on what to do next.
- Suggestions and reflections on the research process.

Format

- Use L^AT_EX.
- Put your name and the page number on each page.
- Title it: Journal of your name for which semester 20xx.
- Section headings: Week of date: descriptive subtitle.
- Append your journal entry for this week and the end, so your journal accumulates.

Goals of Writing a Journal

- Remind you to do something each week.
- Keep me informed of what you are doing.
- Give you a safe forum to ask questions and make suggestions.
- Help you communicate with other group members.
- Keep everyone focused on the project goals, including the subgoal of learning how to work effectively as a group to do research.