**INFS 3338 – Research Paper – Fall 2016**

1. 2-person teams research and report on a cutting edge topic in Networking
2. 10-15 pages
3. 1-inch margins all round, 11-point font, Times New Roman, print front and back, stapled.
4. Harvard-style citations <http://guides.is.uwa.edu.au/c.php?g=380288&p=2575702>
5. Required sections
   1. Intro – Overview of topic, description, importance – 1 page
   2. How It Works – Get into some technical detail here, but only as much as you would want to explain to a CEO. 3 – pages
   3. Purpose – What business problems does this new technology address – 1 page
   4. Pros and Cons – What do the experts say about this, any pitfalls to look out for – 2 pages
   5. IMPACTS (most important section) – Analyze effects, if the new technology is adopted, on (as each might apply):
      1. Individual firms
      2. Consumers
      3. Industries
      4. Nations
      5. Global trade
      6. Other (specific to your technology): incumbents, suppliers or supply chain, competitors, IT companies, non-IT companies, etc

**5 PAGES OF ANALYSIS – Use evidence and argument**

* 1. Predict: Will this technology succeed? With whom? Why? Will any business models be disrupted? Predict the future. 1 page
  2. References

Steps, approximately 1 per week:

1. Topic, Research statement
2. Abstract – 250 words
3. Research list (articles, books, etc, which make up your bibliography) Aim for 20 different sources

Outline (same week)

1. First Draft
2. Final draft and presentation