

# CS 577a Team Formation Mixer

Friday, Sept. 7, 2:45-4:00 PM

Courtyard east of Olin Hall

# Putting together a good group

- Your group needs a mix of skills.
  - you need no more than 1 hardcore programmers.
  - you need someone who can organize and motivate the group.
  - you need people who can write English.
  - you need people who can deal with a customer, and make sense in a presentation.

# Bad SE group configurations

- 5 geeky linux hackers.
- 5 english majors.
- 5 good friends.
- 5 bitter enemies.
- 5 turnips.
- 1 dedicated person, 4 who drop the class around Thanksgiving.

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- ‘Mixer’ exercise: helping you form project teams
  - Candidate 577a projects.
  - 5 succinct roles.
  - Form groups.
- Disclaimer: the groups you form right now aren’t necessarily your groups for the class. The idea is to meet people.

# Example roles for 5 people

- Leader (schedule, organization)
  - Concept (customer interaction, goals, reasons).
  - Requirements (functional specification, prioritization).
  - Architecture (how to build it).
  - Techie (builds prototype).
- (reality will be far more complicated)

# The mixer itself

- Candidate leaders pick desired projects.
- Others decide what role you'd like, cluster around role placards.
- Leaders visit role groups, try to recruit team members.
- Meet each other!!
- Have fun!