



## HOW TO CONDUCT A LITERATURE REVIEW AND DISCOVER THE CONTEXT OF AN IDEA (WITH PRIZE!)

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### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Dear ICVSS students. As the school approaches, I would like to provide more details on the reading group and the rules of the contest, and to remind you to do your homework prior to arriving at the school

Good ideas have deep roots.

Understanding such roots is key to being able to generate new ideas moving forward.

The goal of the Reading Group is to practice ways in which exploration of these roots can be performed.

Your homework prior to the commencement of the school consists in *\_studying\_* (not just reading) one or more of the references provided in the instructions, and tracing the ideas as far back as you can.

Group efforts are welcome, so if you want to coordinate with other students (and share the prize with them) that is fine, and in fact encouraged.

The outcome of your research will be summarized in a tree, where each node is a reference that contains a seed, or precursor, to one of the key ideas of the paper you have studied. The team that has been able to explore deepest (i.e. has the highest number of nodes in the tree) will win the \$1,000 prize PROVIDED that they can clearly articulate the links and defend them in front of fellow students.

The modality of the contest will be as follows. On the first day of the school, each team will be asked to submit report, in the form of a PDF to be send through the reading group competition webpage:

[http://svg.dmi.unict.it/icvss2010/reading\\_group.htm](http://svg.dmi.unict.it/icvss2010/reading_group.htm)

The file will describe the tree, and explain in a concise manner the rationale of their choices of nodes. The teams will first be screened by the school organizers, and the top contestants will be invited to present the results of their investigations in a few slides during the Reading Group. Fellow students will then be able to ask questions, dispute the findings, and finally vote for the best report.

So, please do your homework while you have access to a physical library (not just Google).

I look forward to seeing you at the school

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