Final Report Guidelines

1. Motivation

Congratulations on surviving through this semester’s CS150 project. While you have no doubt spent many nights coding and debugging in Cory, this final write-up is your chance to consolidate all of the design work that went into your finished project into a single report. In the future this may be useful for reference purposes or to hand to prospective employers. Because of its importance, it will be worth approximately the same amount as an entire checkpoint and thus you should take the time to make it as polished and comprehensive as possible.

2. Overview

The final report will consist of the following components:
- Cover Page
- Table of Contents
- Abstract
- System Description
- Design Metrics
- Conclusion
- Suggestions
- Appendices

The total page limit is 20 pages, consisting of approximately 10 pages of text and 10 pages of appendices and diagrams. Anything beyond 20 pages will be torn off and ignored.

3. Sections

a. Cover Page and Table of Contents:
   Self-explanatory.

b. Abstract:
   A brief (approximately 1 paragraph) description of the overall project including a timeline, general layout description and a very high level block diagram if you want.

c. System Description:
   Approximately 5-6 pages of text with additional space for diagrams. For each subsystem describe how it works, give a detailed block diagram, timing diagrams if necessary and state machines if applicable.
d. **Design Metrics:**
   At most 1 page including # of LUTS used, design and implementation timing, and a brief discussion of tradeoffs involved with design in terms of these metrics (and others in the synthesis report)

e. **Conclusion:**
   About a page long detailing any extra features you implemented, any major bugs you encountered, what you would have done differently and anything else that seems suitable to discuss.

f. **Suggestions:**
   A couple paragraphs with suggestions about how to improve the project in future semester and what could have been better.

g. ** Appendices:**
   This is the place for all the block diagrams, timing diagrams or FSMs that didn’t fit in your report