

To: 16.82 Students
From: 16.82 Faculty
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RE: Hardware Document Assignment Change

In an effort to keep the design work moving forward and to meet ordering deadlines, we are revising the hardware document homework assignment. Instead there will be two assignments: a purchasing list due 10/21 and a formal hardware document due 10/30. This memo concerns the 10/21 assignment. Another assignment sheet for the 10/30 document will follow.

Assignment: Write a document that introduces your work, describes your purchasing requirements and their costs, and includes a rationale for ordering the equipment. To persuade your readers to trust your judgment, your rationale should refer to high-level and/or detailed requirements, your lab work, equations, and other materials that back-up your design decisions.

While this document will not be graded for your CI requirement, writing faculty will provide comments. Consider this paper as an opportunity to practice some of the techniques you will use in the 10/30 document. The rationale will be included (in one form or another) in the formal hardware document.

Format: Write sufficient pages (no more, no less) excluding supplemental materials, double-spaced.

Schedule: 2 copies due Tuesday, 10/21 in class. Writing tutors are available during regular office hours and by appointment.