

## Paper 2

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In this phase of the term paper, you're giving general background and information about two database management systems. They should both be at least *plausible* choices for the task you wrote up last month, but one can be (and presumably will be) better than the other at the task. For this paper, though, you *are not* supposed to be doing an analysis of your task; just giving background on the two DBMSs.

The two DBMSs you choose should be *substantially different*. There are a number of different ways to achieve that; the most straightforward is probably to choose one that is relational and another that is a NoSQL-type system, but you can choose some other axis of difference if you prefer.

The sorts of background material you write about is somewhat flexible, but should include the sorts of information that explains why each system would be a plausible choice. What kinds of tasks is this DBMS usually used to solve? What kind of scale does it operate at? How is it maintained? Etc.

This paper should end up between three and four pages in length, not including references (or diagrams or tables, if any).

Hand this in *electronically via Canvas* (shocking, I know) by class time on the due date.