How to proceed? First, find articles that are interesting and readable.
Sample Term Paper topics are given at
This is a crucial step in the process; a poor choice of topic can make the rest of the term
paper process very painful.

When you have selected references you may end your library research and write your
paper based on the references you have identified. You may follow the following
recommended format to organize the paper.

**Term paper proposal format:**

You are required to submit a typed proposal, consisting of (1) the title of the topic, (2)
your name and email address, (3) a brief description (one or two paragraphs) of the topic,
and (4) five main references to recent books or articles you plan to use. Web links can be
used as references, however at least two references should be a book or a technical
article. The proposal can be in bullet or paragraph format. The length of the proposal
should be one page, double spaced.

**Term paper format:**

Length: Among 18 to 21 pages. Your paper should be typed on 8.5 x 11 inches white
paper, double-spaced.

Contents: At least (not limited) to the following: (You may select your presentation style
of writing as long as it composes a complete technical paper.)

0. An excellent title and team information (cover page)

1. Abstract and five keywords (cover page)

2. Introduction and/or Motivation

3. Discussion

4. Conclusion

5. References

Note: Term paper should be in MLA format and stapled together. A summary of the
MLA format can be found at http://www.studyguide.org/MLAdocumentation.htm.
Term paper evaluation criteria:

1. (10%) Title and Abstract: Was the title appropriate? Was the abstract a good summary of the paper?

2. (30%) Readability and Organization: Were there any grammar and/or spelling errors? Were complete sentences used? Were the sentences concise and clear? Were the paragraphs, sections, and the whole paper well organized? Did you present the information so that your reader could understand without going to the original source?

3. (35%) Technical quality: Was it clear to me that you understood the paper you were summarizing? Was your coverage of the paper reasonably complete?

4. (15%) Adequate references: Was the specified form followed? Did you refer to the bibliography as appropriate throughout your text?

5. (10%) Adequate length: Was there any sections that could be shortened or extended?

Extra credit (up to 5%) will be given to the originality and significance.

Term paper presentation:

Length of the presentation is 40 minutes, followed by 5-10 minutes discussion session where the participants/presenters will ask questions and discuss the topic.

Each presentation will be evaluated by all participants and evaluations forms will be provided.