The focus of Tutorial 11 is peer review. Peer review is a key part of both collaboration and how we vet knowledge within any field. This tutorial will allow you practice the skill of both helping others generate a better design and argument, as well as helping you to consider peer feedback and how to weigh it.

During that tutorial, your team will talk with another DP team about their current design, and offer constructive feedback. That team will do the same for you. Our goal is for this peer review exercise to be another avenue for you to get feedback on your design in preparation for the final report.

To prepare for this tutorial, you’ll need to read the other team’s preliminary report (or current final-report draft) beforehand. Since you normally don’t have to do a reading in advance of tutorial, we’ve canceled recitation 20 to compensate.

Your TA will contact you soon to let you know which team you’ll be exchanging drafts with. You’ll email that team either a copy of your preliminary report, or a more recent draft of your design if you’d prefer (and if such a draft exists).

As you read the other team’s draft, consider the following questions. These questions should guide your initial feedback for the peer review, though you should also address other issues (concerns and praise) that arose during your review.

1. Based on the introduction and system overview, what are the design priorities of the system and what technical challenges do they address?

2. What is/are the topology choice(s) made by the team? How is that choice justified?

3. What questions do you have after reading the preliminary report?