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**University of Nevada, Reno**

**CS 691z / CS 791z Special Topics on Software Engineering**

**Assignment #2**

February 20, 2007

**Due:** Wednesday, February 28, 2007, 9:00 pm (by email, single Word or PDF document)

**Points:** 20

**Weight in course grade:** 5% in 691z, 3% in 791z

For this assignment you are required to read two articles (papers) on a chosen topic in software engineering and write a critical summary for each of them. Preferably, the topic should be related to your course project. Each summary should have between 400 and 500 words.

Each summary should concisely describe the main goal(s) of the article, the most important ideas put forth by the authors (at least three), several details (smaller points) you find interesting in the article, and your personal views on the ideas presented. For internal (class) purposes only, you could also include images, figures, and tables from the papers provided proper reference is given.

The articles chosen should be scientific journal or conference publications (preferably, IEEE or ACM publications), each of a minimum size of 4 pages in the *Communications of the ACM* format.