Common Problems Noted in CSCI 6606 Term Papers*

Notation	Meaning
expand	expand acronyms at first use

p.#?	missing page number
	    page numbers are required for quotations
	    remember that copying illustrations is the same as quoting

Q	clarification needed
than?	comparisons must be complete e.g., do not write 'X is better' without making it clear *what* X is better than
proposed sol^{n}? *lacking necc. foundation* *unaware of existing research*	See *Principles for Term Paper Grading*

Problem	Example
mispelled words	e-mail (*not* email) et al. (note punctuation) Internet (capitalize proper nouns) lifecycle *or* life-cycle (*not* life cycle) naïve (note the diaeresis) Unix (not UNIX, because it is not an acronym) Web and Web-based (capitalize proper nouns), *but* webpage, webserver, and website
meaningless words (with improvements)	period of time → period *or* time in order to → to interval of time period → interval *or* time interval actually (when used solely for emphasis) → *omit* really (when meaning very)
imprecise language	mention (an incidental reference) . . . *when* noted, said, found, commented, etc. is what you mean
colloquialisms	a lot → much *or* many plenty of → much way better → much better has gone way high questions run through the mind access *(as a verb)*
inappropriate terminology	user friendly