Monday, November 14

On Monday, I will walk through the history of computer networks, starting with the early visions of Paul Otlet and Vannevar Bush, proceeding through the creation of the ARPANET in the 1960s, and building up to the modern Internet and the World-Wide Web. I’ll also talk a little about my own work as a graduate student at Bolt Beranek and Newman, the company that built and ran the ARPANET.

Reading: Vannevar Bush, “As We May Think,” Atlantic Monthly, July 1945.

Wednesday, November 16

This class is an “internal field trip” in which we explore Gates Hall and several of the research projects going on here in the Computer Science building. We’ll meet in Gates 100 instead of our regular classroom in Wallenberg. Gates 100 is just to the right if you enter the building through the big curving doors facing Gilbert Biology. Those doors open with your Stanford ID even when the building is locked.