

Web page for CS graduate students

The Department website has a list of graduate students that is updated every semester. This list is updated after the "census" date and will include all students registered for credits in that term.

We have created a simple default page for graduate students with the option of each individual student customizing it. The default page shows some minimum information about the student, including the student's name, the degree in which they are currently enrolled, the email for the student, and a few extra ones.

Customization

Each student has an account in the department computing infrastructure with a default web home page at `people.cs.vt.edu`. You can place a file there named `info.json`. This will customize the look of your webpage. The file must be in JSON format (soon we will recognize other formats). The fields recognized are described in the next section.

Place this file in your `people.cs.vt.edu` web directory and name it `info.json`. To test it you should be able to open the file in your browser using this url: `http://people.cs.vt.edu/pid/info.json` where `pid` is replaced by your PID.

Please make sure you validate the contents of the file before calling us with problems. One validator that you can use is:
<http://jsonformatter.curiousconcept.com>

Fields

Here is a minimum example for a page that has just the student name, the PID, degree, and country of origin.

```
{
  "first" : "Cory",
  "last" : "Bart",
  "pid" : "acbart",
  "degree" : "PhD",
  "country" : "USA",
}
```

The default set of fields include: last, fist, pid, gender, country, ethnicity, degree, semesterjoined, advisor, and title. The title is for those of you that have already scheduled a final defense, where you have to provide the title of your dissertation or thesis. These are fields we get from the Banner database.

You can replace the default values by simply including them in your `info.json` file. So, if you want to add a nickname, change the `first` field to include your nickname.

Below is more complete example of the fields that you can use. They are self-explanatory. Remember this must be valid JSON.

```

{
  "first" : "Cory",
  "last" : "Bart",
  "pid" : "acbart",
  "degree" : "PhD",
  "gender" : "male",
  "country" : "Newark, DE, USA",

  "image" : "full-url-to-image.jpg",
  "bio" : "Second year PhD student with a serious interest in education",
  "graduation" : "Fall 2016",
  "advisor": "Dr. Eli Tilevich",
  "desk": "KWII, second floor, main open area.",
  "interests" : [
    {"interest" : "software engineering"},
    {"interest" : "digital education"}
  ],
  "skills" : [
    {"skill" : "python"},
    {"skill" : "jquery"}
  ]
}

```

Picture You can add a picture to your default page by adding an `image` field to the `info.json` file. Note that value for the image should be a full valid URL to the image so that it can be loaded on the web.

```

{
  "Last": "Perez",
  "First": "Manuel",
  "Degree": "PhD",
  "PID": "mperezqu",
  "image": "http://people.cs.vt.edu/mperezqu/halloween.jpg"
}

```

Send comments and problems to perez@cs.vt.edu.