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Seminar: Foundation Models for Computer Vision

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How can I access these slides?

- Option 1 (preferred): seminar web page
 - https://cvg.cit.tum.de/teaching/ws2024/fmcv
 - Password for the materials page: fmcv24neu
 - Material page will go online after this pre-meeting
- Option 2: contact organizers
 - fmcv-ws24@vision.in.tum.de
 - Only use this option if you forgot the password



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How is the seminar organized?

- Seminar meetings: Talks and discussion
 - Block course, course schedule will be announced later
 - Location: In presence (if required also virtual, on Zoom)
 - In case of special circumstances please let us know and we will find a solution
 - Each session will consist of two talks which are held in English
 - Attendance is mandatory!
- Talk preparation / contact with supervisor
 - Schedule meetings with your supervisor
 - Four weeks before talk: meet supervisor for questions (optional, but recommended)
 - Two weeks before talk: meet supervisor to go through slides (optional, but recommended)
 - One week before talk: send slides to your supervisor (mandatory)
 - Two weeks after talk: submit your report via email (mandatory)



What about the presentation?

- General set-up:
 - Duration: 20–25 minutes talk + 10–15 minutes discussion
 - Make sure to finish on time not too early and not too late!
 - Rule of thumb: 1–2 minutes per slide \rightarrow 10–20 slides
 - Do not put too much information on the slides!
- Recommended structure (talk):
 - Introduction
 - Overview / Outline
 - Method description
 - Experiments and results
 - Personal comments
 - Summary



What about the discussion after each talk?

- Discussion afterwards will influence your grade
- Ask questions!
- There are **no** stupid questions!



What about the final report?

- General set-up:
 - Use LATEX template provided on web page
 - Length: 3-4 pages
 - Send final report as pdf by email to fmcv-ws24@vision.in.tum.de
 - Submission deadline: Two weeks after talk
- Recommended structure (main text only):
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How do you register for the seminar?

- Step 1: Official registration via TUM matching system
 - Go to https://matching.in.tum.de
 - Register for seminar with the title Foundational Models for 2D and 3D Computer Vision
- Step 2: Personal registration via email
 - In the list of papers on the web page, select your three favorites
 - Write an email ranking these three favorites to the seminar email address
 - Email subject: "[FMCV] application [your name]"
 - Include information about related lectures / courses you have taken so far
 - We do **not** need your CV or a motivation letter!
 - Registrations without email / emails with missing information will be ignored!
- Deadline for both registrations: July 25th, 2024



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Cc:	
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Hi Tarun and Dominik,

I would like to present one of the following papers:

- 1. Paper A
- 2. Paper B
- 3. Paper C

In the past, I have taken these related courses:

- CV2 (winter 22)
- I2DL (summer 23)

Best,

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How do we select candidates and assign papers?

- Candidate selection
 - Only students registered in the matching system AND emails containing all required information will be considered
 - Among students meeting the formal criteria, selection will be random
 - Note that if you have not taken any related course, you must be willing to invest a lot of work to learn the required basics
 - You will get notified by the matching system about the decision
- Paper assignment
 - A formal paper list will be published on the materials page in the next weeks
 - Papers are assigned after the participant list is finalized
 - We give our best to accommodate your preference list in the assignment



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Contrastive Methods

- Minimizes/maximizes the embedding distance of positive/negative pairs
- One of the first self-supervised methods for computer vision



Source: Barlow twins: Self-supervised learning via redundancy reduction



Masked Image Methods

- Predicts the masked patches
- Motivated by the success of masking in LLM



Source: Masked autoencoders are scalable vision learners



Self-Distillation Methods

- Uses an exponential moving average of the network weights as supervision
- Doesn't require negative samples



Source: Emerging properties in self-supervised vision transformers



Video Methods

• Uses the temporal consistency in videos



Source: V-JEPA: Latent video prediction for visual representation learning



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Visual Language Models

• Learns a shared embedding space of visual and language models



Source: Learning transferable visual models from natural language supervision



Segmentation Models

- Uses different user inputs to segment the object of interest
- Can be extended to work with language inputs



Source: Segment anything



Generative Models

- Produces realistic images from text prompts
- Often uses diffusion models



Source: Hierarchical text-conditional image generation with clip latents



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3D Foundation Models

• Produces realistic 3D models from text prompts



Source: Marigold: Repurposing diffusion-based image generators for monocular depth estimation



Questions?

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