Common Problems Noted in CSCI 6606 Term Papers*

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lacking necc. foundation } See *Principles for Term Paper Grading*
unaware of existing research

Problem	Example
misspelled 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	period of time → period *or* time
(with improvements)	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