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**Department:** COMP\_SCI Computer Science**Course:** 339-0-20 Introduction to Database Systems**Quarter:** Fall 2004

## CTEC Online TA Report for Ananth Inamti Sundararaj

### Teaching Assistant Questions

| Wording of Statement  | Number of responses | 6 (high) | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 (low) | Average |
|---|---------------------|----------|---|---|---|---|---------|---------|
| 22. The lab teacher was able to answer the students' questions adequately | 19                  | 13       | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0       | 5.63    |
| 23. The lab teacher was well prepared for each session                    | 19                  | 16       | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0       | 5.84    |
| 24. The lab teacher communicated ideas in a clear manner                  | 19                  | 15       | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0       | 5.74    |
| 25. The lab teacher showed strong interest in teaching the course         | 19                  | 15       | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0       | 5.74    |

**Comments:** I didn't really interact with the TA (I had a physics lab at the recitation time), but he seemed like a cool guy. I respected that he attended classes. / Ananth is a better lecturer than Dinda, even though all he does is regurgitate the textbook. / Ananth has got to be one of the best TAs I've seen as a CS major. Most of the time I find CS TA's to be less than useless (you'd be better off bothering the prof directly). Ananth really seems to care about the students in the class. The man is obviously knowledgeable, very friendly and approachable. He shows up at lecture sessions and takes time to answer questions afterwards. His Monday night recitation covers everything you'd want to know to do the pending assignments. Response to email are prompt and thorough, and office hours are exceedingly helpful in clearing up conceptual questions. Everything you'd possibly want from of a TA. // around / Ananth was great. I must say that he was as good, if not better, than the prof, as in his TA sessions, he answered everyone's questions thoroughly, and clearly explained homeworks and projects. He was always approachable, office hours or not, and always responded quickly to emails. Ananth is an extremely valuable asset to Northwestern. / Ananth is without a doubt the best TA I've ever come across. He's very patient and fields "stupid" questions with tolerance, unlike most TA's who condescend and make you feel dumb every time you walk away from them. Ananth is extremely helpful and somehow infects you with optimism even when you believe you are going to fail your project/exam/the course. We love you, Ananth! / Very willing to work with students and explains most concepts pretty clearly. // Strengths - very attentive to students, very understanding of students' circumstances. NO WEAKNESSES / Very patient and willing to answer questions. / No weaknesses. He was generous with his time, clear in his teaching and effective in his assistance. // Ananth is really good. He does a good job making sure we understand. He is nothing but the best. =) / Ananth is a very clear, understandable TA that always seems to give more help to the students than should be expected of him. His help sessions and office hours were always extremely helpful, and he always answered all of my emails promptly. / The TA is well-prepared and very available to answer questions. // TA was awesome. / - ananth is a good person with good intentions. he responds in a timely manner but also in a quite ambiguous manner. whether this is intentional or not we may never know. the TA sessions are quite mundane as they often repeat the very basic info multiple times. /

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