PhD in CS: Comprehensive Exam Form
(For students with a catalog year of 2018 or later only)

Student Name (Last, First): _______________________________ G#: ___________________

Student e-mail address: _______________________________ Credits completed: _______

Proposed Critical Review Topic (for the written part of the comprehensive exam):
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Proposed Broader Research Area:
(the focus area of any reputable archival journal [such as IEEE or ACM Transactions] can be proposed as the broader research area)
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Target Oral Exam Date: _____________________________

Name of the Research Advisor: _____________________________ Signature: ______________

Name of the Second Examination Committee Member (Proposed): _____________________________ Signature: ______________

Date: Student Signature: PhD CS Program Director:
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Notes:
1. All PhD CS students are required to take the comprehensive exam within the first 36 credits in the program (part-time students can’t postpone the exam beyond five years). Shorter deadlines may be imposed by the CS department for students transferring from another PhD program or changing their catalog year.
2. This form must be submitted to the CS department at least four months prior to the target oral exam date.
3. An initial reading list of the research papers selected by the student and his/her advisor must be attached to this form. The reading list, as well as the names of other examination committee members, will be finalized and communicated to the student by the CS department.