CS159 - Assignment 0
Getting Warmed Up

Due: Thursday 8/27 at 11:59pm (in your time zone)

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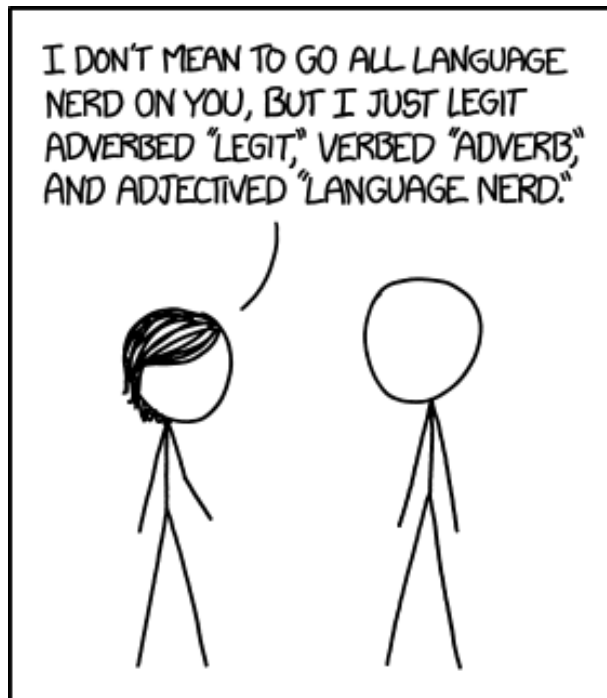
Complete the tasks/questions below. Any *reasonable* file format is fine (i.e., .txt, .docx, .pdf).

1. A bit about you

   (a) Why are you taking this course?

   (b) On a scale from 1-10 (10 being the best) how good of a programmer are you?

   (c) What languages have you programmed in? What is your favorite language to program in? Least favorite?

   (d) What is one topic you would like to see covered in this course?

2. Go to our piazza page (see the course webpage for the link) and make sure that you're enrolled.

3. Administrative

   (a) Read the administrative page from the course web page

   (b) What is the class policy on late work?

   (c) What is the 343rd word in the admin web page?

   (d) How did you figure out the previous question?

4. Ambiguity in text

   We saw in class a few news headlines that were ambiguous (in the examples in class, the most common interpretation was often not the intended interpretation). Find two news headlines that are ambiguous. State what about them is ambiguous (e.g. word has two meanings, word can be interpreted as two parts of speech, phrase attachment). Try and find headlines with different types of ambiguities. The headlines should be from recent news headlines that you find and *not* from lists of funny/ambiguous headlines that others have previous identified. They don't have to be funny, but brownie points if they are :)

Submission

When you're done, submit your answers online using the course submission mechanism found on the course webpage under "assign0". When you first click the link you'll be prompted to login using your campus credentials (note, this is not your CS account login). After logging in, you'll need to "enroll" in the course. Click on the link in the upper left corner for "Fall 2020" and then click the button to enroll in the course. Once you've done that, you can click on the course link and you should have access to the submissions for the individual assignments.