

Lecture 19 Announcements

(April 9, 2015)

- A2 grade status: the assignments have all graded, and grade release will happen soon, hopefully today.
 - about 60% of the grades have been entered into CMS; we may end up releasing grades before all of them are in. Please be sure you have your CMS notifications set up to be notified when "...one of your grades is changed (i.e. regrade response)."

Competition 1

- a preliminary "assignment" has been released on CMS
 - It is *optional* to submit an initial writup; we'll give you quick feedback on your writeup style, presentation of content, etc., and we'll have an idea of how things are going for a sample of the class
 - *it is required that you form your group for the competition on this preliminary CMS assignment.* We will transfer over the groups from this assignment to the real one. (So, just consider this a forcing function to get your group in early.)
- For the Kaggle part of the competition, we need each group's "leader" to give us a email address to enter on our Kaggle competition site. Please also do this.
 - <http://goo.gl/forms/KXmzeGiUfd> You'll need to know your group's netids. Only the (nominal) leader of the group should submit the form.
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A treat!

- We've arranged for a guest lecture by consummate data scientist Lars Backstrom (!!!)
 - top-notch, very influential research
 - **leads the Facebook News Feed team**, made the backend that for people-you-may-know (does feature extraction and ranking of the friends of friends of over 500 million users (times an average of 40,000 friends of friends means 20 trillion rankings))
 - Cornell alum (undergrad and PhD)
 - here for Charter-day weekend only
- No lecture on April 28 – instead, weekend session with Lars.
 - **we'll get your input on scheduling**, and potentially also on questions you'd like him to cover.
 - **we need a sufficient number of you to commit to make this worth the favor Lars is doing for us**
 - any suggestions on recording or transcribing the event for those who can't come, please let us instructors know!