Announcements

First assignment (A1) has been posted: see http://www.cs.cornell.edu/courses/cs6742

Today’s outline
1. Why does this course exist?
   a. Scope
   b. Implications
      Intertwined:
      - Better understanding of people
      - Better systems
      - Better society
2. Two examples
   b. Rich phenomenon: Style vs. content - politeness
3. Course philosophy: learn about NLP, but also about research
   a. Implications for course structure & coursework
      Paraphrasing Eugene Charniak: “The best way to do something is to do something”
   b. Assignment A1 and how it is informed by this philosophy
   c. Enrollment and course selection

Student-information submission – due Monday Aug 29, 5pm (but earlier is better!) Everyone (enrolled or not) should submit the following.
Do so as an email to cristian@cs.cornell.edu, subject “CS6742 student info”

1. Name
2. Cornell NetID (has the format of your initials followed by a number, e.g., LJL2)
3. Preferred email address
4. Whether or not you are currently enrolled in CS6742 in Student Center
5. Student type (examples: senior undergrad majoring in CS and Sociology, IS MPS, CS Meng, 1st year Stats PhD, 2nd-year CS PhD)
6. What background you have, including but not limited to how you satisfy the prerequisites
7. What are your goals for participating in this course?