Lecture handout, Aug 23, 2022

Announcements

The first assignment (A1) has been posted:  www.cs.cornell.edu/courses/cs6742

You should enroll on piazza: piazza.com/cornell/fall2022/cs6742/home
(password provided in class or via email)

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 how to do research
   ● Implications for course structure & coursework
     Paraphrasing Eugene Charniak: “The best way to do something is to do something.”
   ● Assignment A1 and how it is informed by this philosophy
   ● Enrollment and course selection

Student-information submission – due Wednesday Aug 24, 5pm (but earlier is better!) Everyone (enrolled or not) should complete the Student-information form (on Piazza)