

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:
 - a. Rich data source: Wikipedia discussions
 - 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)