

CS159 - Assignment 0
Getting Warmed Up
Due: Monday January 24, 1:15pm (in class)

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. Administrative

- (a) Read the administrative handout from the course web page
- (b) What is the class policy on late work?
- (c) What is the 343rd word in the admin handout? I've posted a text version at <http://www.cs.pomona.edu/classes/cs159/handouts/admin.txt>
- (d) How did you figure out the previous question?

3. NLP in the popular media

Find one “popular media” article that discusses natural language processing, its application or related technologies. You can try news search tools such as news.google.com or you can look at individual sites like [nytimes](http://nytimes.com), [cnn](http://cnn.com) or a local paper or you can look at news aggregators such as [slashdot](http://slashdot.com), digg.com, etc.

Read the article and include the url and a short (1 paragraph) summary of the article.