

CS159 - Assignment 0  
Getting Warmed Up  
Due: Thursday September 4, 2:45pm

Complete the tasks/questions below. For this assignment, just bring a printed copy to class. I'll have the online submission system up and running for the next assignment.

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 web page?
  - (d) How did you figure out the previous question?

3. Ambiguity in text

We saw in class a few news headlines that were ambiguous (in the examples in class, the most common interpretation was often not the intended interpretation). Find two news headlines that are ambiguous. State what about them is ambiguous (e.g. word has two meanings, word can be interpreted as two parts of speech, phrase attachment). Try and find headlines with different types of ambiguities. They don't have to be funny, but brownie points if they are :)