

## Assignment 4 Clarification

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There was a question raised last class about the Assignment 4 writeup and whether hypotheses were required. The idea of the writeup is to match a "Results" section in a paper (see the many readings we have done this semester). Often, a Results section will be structured to go over each main hypothesis, showing the results of an appropriate statistical test to reveal whether we have enough evidence to reject the corresponding null hypothesis. However, in this particular assignment, you might not have had formal hypotheses, which is ok. In this case, simply follow the instructions of first reporting on the results of the correlation tests, then reporting whether each categorical variable had an effect on the scales developed as part of Assignment 3. Alternatively, if you want to develop "hypotheses" by predicting whether or not you will find a result prior to running the test, that is fine too (and you can discuss whether or not the results matched your prediction). However, you don't need to spend a lot of space discussing and justifying your hypotheses as that type of writeup would not go in a Results section (and you got practice doing that in Assignment 2).