SNLP assignment 0: introduction & warm up

Deadline: May 02, 2018

This assignment is mainly about warming up to the system we will use for assignments. Note that we will make heavy use of the version control mechanism git as it is provided by GitHub in this course. If you are new to git, you are recommended to go through a tutorial first. There are many useful free tutorials on the Internet. You may want to browse through a few to find one that suits best to your background. Although you can do all the exercises below through the GitHub web interface, you are recommended to make a local copy (clone), and work locally to become familiar with typical git usage. Exercising with command-line interface is also recommended, however, if you use an IDE, you can also use your IDE's git support for this assignment and the upcoming ones. At a minimum, you are recommended to familiarize yourself with git commands/concepts clone, commit, pull, push.

Before proceeding, please read the general instructions on assignments in the course syllabus.[1]

Exercise 1. *Accept the assignment*

Follow the link given in the printed version of the course syllabus to accept the assignment. This will enroll you to the course, as well as creating a private git repository for the assignment, including some starter code/information.

Exercise 2. *Update the README.md file*

Update the README.md file in your repository, and fill in the fields with the following information requested.

- Name[2]

- Student id (Matrikelnr.)

- Your native language(s)[3]

- Other languages you speak[4]

- Programming languages that you are comfortable with

Exercise 3. *A short write up*

Add a new **text** file, called essay.txt, where you describe your interest in linguistics and computation in at least 5 and at most 15 sentences.[5]

Please make sure that the file you created is a plain text file encoded in UTF-8 (or ASCII). Do not use any special formatting (including markdown).

Why am I doing this?

- This assignment counts as your registration
- Get used to the system we will use for later assignments
- A bit of exercise with git
- Introduce yourself
- Provide data for later exercises

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[1] However, note that unlike later assignments, which can be done in groups of two, this assignment has to be done individually.

[2] Please use your full official name as it is registered with the university. If you have a form of your name you prefer to use, add it after your full name in parentheses.

[3] Use a comma separated list if you are an early bi- or multi-lingual.

[4] Do not be shy about including languages that you are not fluent, but you have studied earlier and/or have some familiarity.

[5] We will use these essays for later class exercises (without revealing the identity of the authors). Please contact the instructor if you are not comfortable with the use of your writing sample for this purpose.