Hello class,

I am Brian Loughran, and I will be taking the Neural Networks course for the spring semester. I am taking this course because I find the topic of neural networks very interesting. From applications like self-driving cars, Deep Blue, TD-Gammon and more, the concept of using patterns similar to brain behavior is fascinating and seems poised to be relevant in industry advancement for years to come. I have already taken the intro to machine learning class, and I am excited to explore more specifically into the concept of neural networks specifically.

One thing that may be unique about me in this course is my current work/living situation. I work as a software engineer at an aerospace company in Connecticut. However, with the recent shift to working remotely, I have been able to move temporarily to Colorado for the ski season. This has been really fun, and I have already managed to ski 27 days this season (a new personal record for a single season for me, with many good ski days left to go). Below is a picture of me (left) and my brother when he came out to visit in December.

A picture containing outdoor, snow, person

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