Assignment 2: Peanut Document Indexing

I was unable to access Cindex for Assignment 1; luckily, I was finally able to access it for this assignment. I spent most of my time figuring out how to open the software and analyzing the user’s guide than I did on my actual assignment. After reading all the required documents, I was nervous about how I would create my first index. I wasn’t sure which topics were important enough to be labeled, and which topics weren’t. I also struggled to determine how extensive the index words needed to be. There was a limit of 100 words on each record, which helped me to quickly summarize just the main topic and categories of each section. The first time I read the documents, I made a list of each topic that I thought was important; however, after reading it the second time I minimized it excessively. Overall, I found using Cindex relatively simple, and I was extremely relieved to finally be able to see the layout and use it. Using Cindex gave me clarity that I didn’t fully have after my first assignment, so I am glad to finally have more understanding of this indexing software. Since I love reading, I thought this project was a lot of fun. Maybe in the future, I will be an indexer, but I don’t see it being something I would want to do. Even so, I love how the creativity and ability to read pairs with data organization. Indexing is the perfect mix of the arts and science.