

CSE 518A: Assignment 1

Due: September 17 (Friday), 2021

Notes:

- Please submit your assignments using Gradescope. You can find a tutorial on submitting a PDF to Gradescope [HERE](#) (pdf) and [HERE](#) (Youtube Video).
- The assignment is due **by 11:59 PM on the due date**. Remember that you may not use more than 2 late days on any one homework, and you only have a budget of 4 in total.
- Please keep in mind the collaboration policy as specified in the course syllabus.

Assignment Description:

Register a worker account in one of the crowdsourcing platforms (Amazon Mechanical Turk, Appen, clickWorkers, or microWorkers). Complete at least 3 different tasks and earn at least \$0.25 (both conditions need to be met) on one of the crowdsourcing platforms. Keep track of the amount of time you spend in doing the tasks.

1. Provide screenshots to show that you have done the tasks (any reasonable screenshots will do). For example, you can show the earning summaries or the screenshots of the tasks.
2. Based on the amount of time you spend in doing the tasks and the amount of money you earn, what is your estimated hourly wage as a crowd worker?
3. Choose one of the tasks you have done and answer the following questions:
 - (a) Briefly describe the task.
 - (b) Provide a guess of what the requester is using your data for.
 - (c) Do you like the way the task is designed? In your opinion, what can the requester do to improve the task design? (You can answer this question from the perspectives of how to be more fair to workers, how to make the task easier to complete for workers, how to improve the efficiency of data collection, etc).
4. In your opinion, what can the platform (e.g., MTurk) do to improve the crowdsourcing process?

Notes on Worker Accounts:

- MTurk might be an easier choice to complete this assignment. New workers on other platforms might have limited selections of tasks.

- If you encounter issues setting up an MTurk account, borrowing others' accounts might be an option. You can complete the tasks but **do not submit** them if you are worried about any potential violations of ToS or tax issues. Taking screenshots of the tasks is sufficient for showing that you have done the tasks.