This is a checkoff assignment worth 5 points (if you do it, you get 5 points; if you do part of it, you get 3 points; if you don't do it, you get 0 points). Learning goal: To prepare you for the work in this course.

- **1.** Complete the **Programming Experience Survey** linked on Brightspace by **Sun Aug 28**. I am using this to get a sense of the programming experience of the students in the course.
- **2.** Access, create an account, and make a post on Piazza: https://piazza.com/vanderbilt/fall2022/nsc32706270

When you post, Piazza should prompt you to associate the post with a folder. Link your post to the "welcome" folder. Your post should say why you are taking this course and what you hope to learn.

- **3.** Access Google Colab (https://colab.research.google.com), upload and run autoencoder.ipynb (posted on Brightspace), take a full screen shot of your computer showing that it completed (your screen shot should include the image of digits produced by the program).
- **4.** Install (if necessary) and set up Python on your computer with the packages outlined on the class slides (see class slides for details).
- **5.** Confirm that you can run autoencoder.py in VS Code (or another IDE). Take a full screen shot of your computer showing that it completed (your screen shot should include the digits, as above).
- **6.** Confirm that you can run autoencoder.ipynb on a Jupyter notebook running on your computer. Take a full screen shot of your computer screen showing that it completed (your screen shot should include the digits, as above).
- **7.** ZIP together all three of the screen shots and submit that **single ZIP file** on Brightspace. All assignments will be submitted as a single file like this.

Unexcused late assignments will be penalized 10% for every 24 hours late, starting from the time class ends, for a maximum of two days, after which they will earn a 0.