## Northeastern University

Course: DA5020

**Assignment:** Module 4 - Data Import - D

Total Points: 100

**Date Due:** Posted on Blackboard

## **Learning Objectives**

In this assignment, you will learn how to:

read and parse text files

## **Tasks**

- (30 points) Load IMDB movie listing from the file <u>movies.list.gz</u>. Note that the file is compressed so you need to figure out how to uncompress it in R. Inspect the file and determine how to best load it -- this is not an XML file and requires custom string parsing.
- 2. (20 points) Parse the data. You should identify all the fields and their meanings within the file. Place the data into a data frame suitable for further analysis.
- 3. (10 points) Comment your code where you identify the movie rows that are part of your result set.
- 4. (20 points) Your result set should only contain movie title and movie release year. Your result set should **NOT** include rows for TV shows. You can identify the movies within the data file (look for a special marking field or some other indication). Make any other assumptions you need, but comment your assumptions. For a cleaner result set, look for duplicate titles and remove the duplicates.
- 5. (20 points) For correct syntax, coding style and readable code format.

If the data size is overwhelming, you can build a smaller subset of the file that's easier for testing, loads faster and is representative of the file (a random sample of rows). This is a common technique when building data loaders. This technique is for debugging purposes only. Your submitted assignment should be run against the complete data set.