

# LING 520: Computational Analysis of English

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# Class Outline

- ▶ Discussion about last week's text classification exercise
- ▶ General review
- ▶ Natural Language Parsing - introduction

# Announcements, Reminders etc

- ▶ Assignment 4 is due on saturday.
- ▶ My code examples from friday's tutorial: I uploaded what I already discussed. Please go through the code, AND the comments.
- ▶ I will continue with doing some review today.
- ▶ All Coursera courses and lectures I mentioned about in this class are free. If anyone is unable to download the content, take a copy from me.

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- ▶ do more practice (almost everyone)
- ▶ do more review (2-3)
- ▶ more communication with instructor (1-2)

# Discussion about last week's exercise

- ▶ Last Thursday, I asked you to pick one of the text classification examples from NLTK book and work through them to understand what is happening.
- ▶ I want each team to briefly summarize what they did, how much they understood in the process etc.

# General Review

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- ▶ Here is one way of doing it: `dictionary-creation.py`, `dictionary-use.py`

# Probability and Programming

- ▶ Katrin Erk's code, line by line + more.
- ▶ Note: This is the best and most comprehensible code on this topic I found so far. You are more than welcome to find something easier than this and share with the class if you think I am wasting your time by repeatedly talking about this.