

Data Science Techniques (MAT 339)

Homework 6 - PART I -- HW 6 will be worth 10 points total

Submit a **hard copy** of your work at the beginning of class on Wednesday, February 25th. There is no **electronic submission** for PART I of this homework.

1. In this question you will read about the basics of a powerful automation tool known as `make` and install it on your system.
 - (a) Read the `lec-makefiles.pptx` slides in the `lec05-automation-shell-scripts` folder of the course repo. **Optionally** also read the **Build Systems** section of this web page: <https://missing.csail.mit.edu/2020/metaprogramming/>
 - (b) Install `make` in your system by following the instructions in "**Installing make for Git Bash.docx**" in the **Admin** folder of the course repo.
2. In this question you will create and run a very simple `makefile`.
 - (a) Create a one-line text file named `name01.dat` that contains one name, e.g. "Bart".
 - (b) Write a Python file named `hello.py` that reads in `name01.dat` and prints a greeting with that person's name, as in "Hello Bart!".
 - (c) You may already know you can run Python files from the command line if your terminal has Python installed. Earlier in the semester you should have set up **Anaconda** to run within **Git Bash** enabling this capability. In the terminal, in the same folder as the two files you just created, type `python hello.py`. Include this terminal line and the output as your answer to this part.
 - (d) Following the information in the slides you were to read above, create a simple `makefile` (you can name it `Makefile` or `Makefile.print-hello`) that runs `hello.py` and pipes its output (use `>`) to a file named `hello.txt`. The dependencies of `hello.txt` in the `makefile` should be `name01.dat` and `hello.py`. Include your `makefile` and successful execution of it as your answer to this part.
 - (e) Without changing `name01.dat`, run the `makefile` again. Supply the output as your answer to this part.
 - (f) Change the contents of `name01.dat` and run the `makefile`. Supply the output as your answer to this part.
3. THIS QUESTION IS OPTIONAL. In order to automate L^AT_EX file production using `make`, install **MiK^TeX**, and optionally a L^AT_EX editor like **TeXstudio**. Links are available through a Google search.