Assignment 00 - Describe your background (Due: Friday August 31, 2018)

For this assignment you are to compose a brief document (of a paragraph or two) in which you explain your computing background. I assume that everyone possesses basic computer literacy, so that is not what I am most interested in knowing. Rather I am interested in knowing whether or not you have ever programmed and which programming languages you may have used.

Now, don’t be concerned if you do not know or are unsure whether you know what is meant by "programming". My past experiences in teaching this course for many years has shown that well more than 50% of the students taking this class have never programmed before and thus are not familiar with any programming languages. So, if this is the case with you then realize that you are likely to be in the majority. CMPS 134 is an introductory course after all.

Use MicroSoft Word (or some equivalent tool) to prepare this explanation. The document should be a paragraph or two in length, must have your name, date, course, etc. specified in a heading, and is expected to be properly written (that is, I expect it to be grammatically correct and clear; the product of a capable college student).

Although this explanation could be attached to an email message and sent to me, I do not want you to do that! Instead, this assignment requires that you communicate your explanation to me as a MS Word readable document file (with a .docx extension) sent via the CMPS 134 Course Web Site (CWS).

You will learn all about using the CMPS 134 and CMPS 134L web sites during your first meeting of CMPS 134L. So be sure to compose the document prior to you “lab meeting” and it will be during the lab that you will perform the submission.

Good luck, and I will be looking at your submissions over the upcoming weekend.

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