CS3245

Information Retrieval

Lecture 0: Course Organization

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Teaching staff

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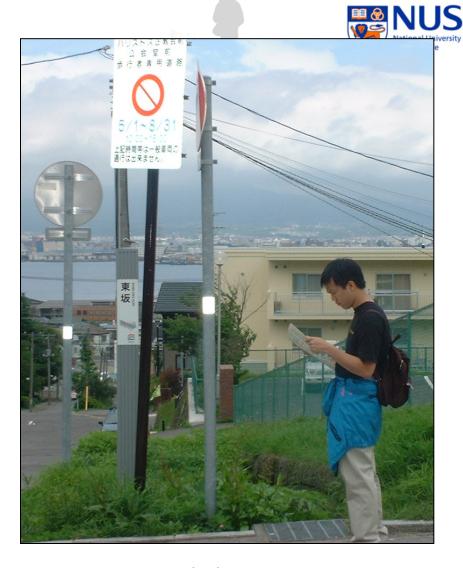
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Course web sites

http://www.comp.nus.edu.sg/~cs3245

- Homework
- Other supplementary content

http://ivle.nus.edu.sg/

- Lecture
- Discussion forum
  - Any questions related to the course should be raised on this forum
  - Emails to me and Ziheng considered public unless otherwise specified
- Announcements
- Homework submissions

Freedom of information rule

- Collaboration is acceptable and encouraged

- To assure that all collaboration is on the level, **you must always fill in the name(s) of your collaborators on your assignment.**

- You will be assessed for the parts for which you claim is your own contribution.

Facebook rule

- You are free to meet with fellow students(s) and discuss assignments with them.

- Writing on a board or shared piece of paper is acceptable during the meeting; however, you **may not take any written (electronic or otherwise) record away from the meeting**.

- After the meeting, do something else for at least a half-hour (Facebook, or doing an assignment for a different class), before working on the assignment.

  - This will assure that you are able to reconstruct what you learned from the meeting, by yourself, using your own brain.
  - You will be asked to certify that you meet this requirement per assignment.

Python

- We'll be using the Python programming language for our entire class homework assignments

- You are expected to learn Python and use it for the assignments

- Don't worry, Python is an easy language to transition to for most programmers and it is very useful for string manipulation
  (a key characteristic for teaching IR)

NLKT

- We will also be using the Natural Language Tool Kit (NLKT) for helping us deal with some parts of the course.

- It's coded in Python (surprise!)
  - Yes we know that this is a course on **information retrieval** and not **natural language processing**, but the two are forever intertwined

- Please install both Python 2.6.x and NLTK on your own personal computer
  - Programming Lab 2 will also have both installed.