### CS3245

# Information Retrieval

Lecture 0: Course Organization



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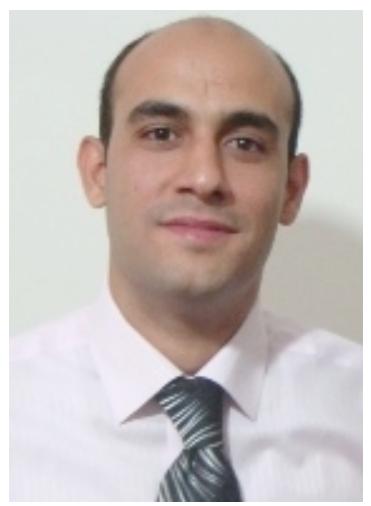
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### Course web sites

#### 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 Hadi 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 આ





 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.