

BMI/CS 776 Spring 2015

Homework #0

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Due Thursday, January 29th, 2015 by 11:59pm

The goals of this assignment are (1) to make sure you can log into your course account and turn in files, (2) to collect information about your background in computer science and biology, and (3) to get some feedback on the topics covered this semester.

To turn in your assignment, copy any relevant files to the directory:

`/u/medinfo/handin/bmi776/hw0/USERNAME`

where `USERNAME` is your account name for the BMI network. You will likely want to use an SFTP client for this purpose.

1. Log into the server `adhara.biostat.wisc.edu` via SSH and change your password from its initial value using the `yppasswd` command. Once you have changed your password on `adhara` please use the servers `mi1.biostat.wisc.edu` and `mi2.biostat.wisc.edu` for completing assignments and submitting your work. It may take a number of hours for your new password to propagate from `adhara` to the other servers, so keep your original password handy. Note that you may need to run WiscVPN (<http://www.doit.wisc.edu/network/vpn/>) in order to access these servers if your computer is not already on the BMI (biostat) network.
2. Briefly answer the following questions and submit them in a single file to your `handin` directory (see the instructions at the top of this page).
 - (a) What background (if any) do you have in biology?
 - (b) What background do you have in computer science?
 - (c) What are your research interests and/or what are you most excited about learning in this course?
 - (d) Are there topics not currently in the syllabus that you would like to learn about this semester? In particular, are any of the topics listed on the slide “Other topics that I am considering adding” from the first day of interest to you?