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The  
Story?

Principles of Complex Systems, Vols. 1, 2, & 3D  
CSYS/MATH 6701, 6713, & a pretend number  
University of Vermont, Fall 2023  
Assignment 17

"You chloroformed the janitor?"

**Due:** Thursday, April 4 in class

<https://pdodds.w3.uvm.edu/teaching/courses/2023-2024pocsverse/assignments/17/>

*Some useful reminders:*

**Deliverator:** Prof. Peter Sheridan Dodds (contact through Teams)

**Assistant Deliverator:** Chris O'Neil (contact through Teams)

**Office:** The Ether

**Office hours:** See Teams calendar

**Course website:** <https://pdodds.w3.uvm.edu/teaching/courses/2023-2024pocsverse>

**Overleaf:** LaTeX templates and settings for all assignments are available at <https://www.overleaf.com/read/tsxfwwmwdgxj>. If this link doesn't work, try <https://www.overleaf.com/read/tsxfwwmwdgxj#456832>

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All parts are worth 3 points unless marked otherwise. Please show all your workingses clearly and list the names of others with whom you ~~conspired~~ collaborated.

For coding, we recommend you improve your skills with Python, R, and/or Julia. The (evil) Deliverator uses (evil) Matlab.

Graduate students are requested to use  $\LaTeX$  (or related  $\TeX$  variant). If you are new to  $\LaTeX$ , please endeavor to submit at least  $n$  questions per assignment in  $\LaTeX$ , where  $n$  is the assignment number.

**Assignment submission:**

Via Brightspace or other preferred death vortex.

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**Please submit your project's current draft** in pdf format via Brightspace by the same time specified for this assignment. For teams, please list all team member names clearly at the start.

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Prepare and deliver short presentations to introduce your project.

Instructions:

1. All students must attend in person unless enrolled as online only (reminder: this is true of all lectures, barring reasonable excuses).

2. Talks must be G rated and respectful of others. See the PoCS syllabus, [Syllabus](#), UVM's student conduct standards, and UVM's [Our Common Ground](#).
3. Time: Please aim for no more than 5 minutes per person.
4. For you talk, your mission is to give an overview of your project:
  - (a) Explain what you are exploring and why it matters.
  - (b) Give an overview of data (origin, curation, quality, other issues).
  - (c) Optionally describe any progress so far.
  - (d) Outline what you're hoping to achieve.
5. At the start, please introduce yourself in a sentence (name + your department/field), and to acknowledge who you're working with.
6. Slides: Suggest 3 to 5. More may work but [100 is right out](#). Quality of slides forms part of the grade.
7. Slide format: PDFs are the least dangerous. Beamer/LaTeX is encouraged but not required. Powerpoint or Keynote will be fine as well. Probably.
8. Students who are online only may share their screen if needed.
9. **Please upload your slides to Teams some time on Wednesday, April 3, the day before the talk session on Thursday, April 4.** Use the channel "Projects—slides, videos, reports."
10. Practice! These are short talks so you can run through them a number of times to straighten everything out.