

# computational social media

## assignment #1

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# assignment #1: who are your Facebook friends?

1. Watch the talk by Robin Dunbar at ICWSM 2012 (1 hour 20 minutes)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QFvbUL1QI0M>

2. If you have a Facebook account:

- Manually code the first 150 people, appearing in your list of all friends, in the order in which they appear, according to this coding system:

(a) intimate (e.g. partner, parents, best friend)

(b) close personal friend

(c) friend

(d) acquaintance

(e) stranger (people-you-don't-really-know-but-somehow-got-in)

- Respond to these questions via the online form #1 (link posted on moodle):

\* How many FB friends do you have in total?

\* How many of your manually coded 150 FB friends belong to (a) Intimate; (b) Close personal friend; (c) Friend; (d) Acquaintance; (e) Stranger

\* How easy was it to categorize your FB friends? (a) Easy; (b) Medium; (c) Hard

\* Is your Dunbar's number higher than 150? (a) Higher; (b) About 150; (c) Lower

\* Discuss ONE aspect in Dunbar's talk that called your attention (open text)

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3. If you do not have a Facebook account, use your whatsapp contacts list or other social network similar to Facebook (not Twitter), and do step 2 with it.

4. If you do not have any of the above, respond to these questions via the online form #2 (link posted on moodle):

\* What are the challenges associated with the process of coding friends as proposed by Dunbar? (open text)

\* How easy would it be to code people in those terms? (a) Easy; (b) Medium; (c) Hard

\* Discuss THREE of the results presented by Dunbar's talk that called your attention (open text)

# assignment #1: logistics and deadlines

1. **DEADLINE TO SUBMIT RESULTS: Wed 09.03.2022, 7pm CET**  
- late assignments will not receive any credit
2. Results will be discussed in class on Friday 11.03.2022

**questions?**

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