

# CS 301 Discussion Assignment 1

## Introduction and Your Timeline

### Chapter 1 (5 points)

Please read through the online document “NSF and the Birth of the Internet – Special Report”. NSF is our U.S. National Science Foundation  
[http://www.nsf.gov/news/special\\_reports/nsf-net](http://www.nsf.gov/news/special_reports/nsf-net)

Locate what was occurring at the time of your birth in the timeline towards the bottom of the screen. In the window at the lower left of the screen, note the number of computers on the Net and the Baud Rate (speed of network connection). Then find what was occurring at the time you turned 18 years old, when you became an adult in the state of California.

Please introduce yourself to us by posting a message to the Blackboard discussion forum titled "Assignment 1." (You will find this under "Discussion Boards").

- Tell us your name, first-name and last-name (and let us know if you prefer to be called by some other name than the one shown in the class roster, i.e. what appears on your portal page).
- What is your major and what do you hope to do after graduation?
- What was occurring when you were born and when you became an adult? (from the NSF web page above).
- Thinking about the themes and issues covered in Chapter 1, mention some topic related to computers and technology that interests you and that has social, legal or ethical implications. (If you can't think of one, mention some application of computers or technology that is related to your major field.)

### Grading scale:

5 points	Posting done by the deadline, with the information requested
2-3 points	Posting done, not all information provided
0 points	Posting not done or instructions not followed

You may earn 5 points extra credit by replying to a post other than your own. The post must include new information. Posts that are essentially a "me too" post will not earn any points.