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)
   http://videolectures.net/icwsm2012_dunbar_facebook/

2. Go to your FB page, tab “All friends”, and manually categorize your own network, responding to the following questions
   - how many FB friends do you have?
   - how many are
     (1) intimate (e.g. partner, parents, best friend)
     (2) close personal friend
     (3) friend
     (4) acquaintance
     (5) stranger (people-you-don’t-really-know-but-somehow-got-in)
   - what is your FB Dunbar’s number?
   NOTE: if you have more than 250 FB friends, only categorize a random set of 250, but indicate the number you actually have.

3. Write a summary with the above information, adding any thoughts inspired by the above exercise and Dunbar’s talk (one-page max)

4. If you are not on Facebook: do step (1) above in class, and then your assignment will be to report and present the collected stats in class
assignment #1: logistics and deadlines

1. Rest of morning session: watch the talk by Robin Dunbar.

2. Afternoon session:
   - finish watching the talk
   - start working on the categorization task
   - if finished, start working on the one-page report

3. HARD DEADLINE TO SUBMIT REPORT: Wed 07.03.2018, midnight
   - send by email to: daniel.gatica-perez@epfl.ch
   - skanda.muralidhar@epfl.ch
   - pdf format
   - late assignments will NOT be given any credit

4. People with no Facebook: talk to Skanda in the PM session to get organized:
   - presentation of aggregated results in class: Fri 16.03.2018
   - send presentation slides to both Daniel & Skanda on the same day
questions?

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