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## GP - Person/Contribution Assignment

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### Task

Learn something about the life and the scholarly contributions of a distinguished individual. You will be assigned one person to research, to write about, and to report on. For the individual that you are assigned:

1. Prepare a 300 to 500 word paper on the person that you are assigned. It is required that you include in your paper (1) a biographical sketch of the person, and (2) information on the most salient contributions made by the person to formal systems and work in the fields of cognitive or computer science. Please try to keep relevance in mind. Also, please preface your text with a photo (an image) of the person and a quote attributed to the person, if at all possible.
2. Prepare a 5-10 minute slide show presentation on the person that you are assigned. It is required that you include in your presentation (1) a very short biographical sketch of the person, and (2) brief information on the most salient contributions of the person to formal systems and work in the fields of cognitive or computer science.

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### The people

- Emil Post
- Alan Turing
- Alonzo Church
- Andrey Markov
- Aristid Lindenmayer
- Noam Chomsky
- John Henry Holland

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### Notes on the submission and presentation of your work

Please render your paper in **pdf** format, naming your file `paper.pdf`, and your presentation in two formats, one in **pdf** format and the other in whatever is the format of the presentation software that you are using, naming these two files `presentation.pdf` and `presentation.WHATEVER`. When I invite you to submit your work via email, please do so by responding just one time to the email, just to me, attaching the three files. When you present, you will talk to us with your slides as props, and then share various bits of your paper with us.

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### Due Date

**Spring break, 2022.** When we return from Spring break, we will feature one or two presentations on most of the class days, until you have all presented on your person and their ideas.