

Communication in Computer Science

Acknowledgments

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Exercise

Outline the acknowledgments of your PhD dissertation:

- Just the structure (the skeleton).
- Be comprehensive (i.e., mention all the people you would like to mention).
- Write at least one complete paragraph.

Acknowledgments are special

In a scientific writing, the acknowledgments are

- about the messenger,
- not about the message.

Be mindful

- Whom do you thank?
- Whom are you forgetting to thank?
The sysadmins? The librarians? Both?
- How do you express your thanks?
(How many times “I” and “my” occur
in each sentence, for (a telling) example?)

Learning by example

Victor Borge, at the end of a show:

“I’d like to thank

- my parents,
for making this show possible,
- and my children,
for making it necessary.”

Learning by counter-example

Look for Olin Shivers's scsh acknowledgments
at

`http://scsh.net/docu/html/man.html`

Reference

How to use this book, Item 1

(the page that says

“For Mom and Dad for having me”)

in: The Tough Guide To Fantasyland

Diana Wynne Jones

(revised edition, 2006)