

Initial Reading — Week of 04 January

CSCI 6606 Winter 2015/16

02 January 2016

There will not be a class meeting on Monday 04 January 2016. We will meet to review the syllabus and discuss the assigned articles on Wednesday 06 January.

Read and be prepared to discuss the following in detail.

I recommend that you read the articles at least twice to prepare properly.

Andrew Dillon, 1991. Readers' models of text structures: the case of academic articles. *International Journal of Man-Machine Studies*, 35(6):913–925.
(DOI: [10.1016/S0020-7373\(05\)80168-3](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0020-7373(05)80168-3)); author's pre-print at (URL: <https://www.ischool.utexas.edu/~adillon/Journals/Reader%20models.htm>).

I want to know if you are persuaded by the conclusions and if they are sufficiently justified in the article. You will need to consider many factors including the statistical evidence so I advise you to read about the details of the methods employed.

Next we will consider two follow-up articles:

1. Andrew Dillon and Dille Schaap, October 1996. Expertise and the perception of shape in information. *Journal of the American Society for Information Science*, 47(10):786–788.
(DOI: [10.1002/%28SICI%291097-4571%28199610%2947:10%3C786::AID-ASI7%3E3.0.CO;2-Z](https://doi.org/10.1002/%28SICI%291097-4571%28199610%2947:10%3C786::AID-ASI7%3E3.0.CO;2-Z)).
2. Andrew Dillon, April 2000. Spatial-semantics: How users derive shape from information space. *Journal of the American Society for Information Science*, 51(6):521–528.
(DOI: [10.1002/%28SICI%291097-4571%282000%2951:6%3C521::AID-ASI4%3E3.0.CO;2-5](https://doi.org/10.1002/%28SICI%291097-4571%282000%2951:6%3C521::AID-ASI4%3E3.0.CO;2-5)).