

**FS 101  
Software Everywhere  
Fall 2013**

**Short Writing Assignment: Summarizing an Article**

**Due Date: Wednesday, September 11, 2013**

After carefully reading Louis Menand's "Live and Learn" article from The New Yorker, prepare a précis about this text. Your précis should present, in condensed form, all of the key points and arguments that Menand makes. Along with providing an informative title for your précis, using no more than one page, and only including your own words, you must summarize the central tenets of the article. As you complete this assignment, you must faithfully report the arguments and claims in the text and resist the temptation to share your own interpretations and viewpoints.