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## Dangling modifiers

- Showing an increase of 5%, Stanhope [2] claims that the method of virus detection is feasible.
- After participating in the beta version of the software, the survey showed that the users had found the user interface too complex.

## Linking words

- The results have shown that the application was successful. \_\_\_\_\_, the process has commercial application.
  
- The way the users behaved affected the overall performance of the application. Howard [5], \_\_\_\_\_, explains that the larger the user base, the more computer errors should one expect. \_\_\_\_\_, Allen [6] notes that 50% of these errors occur on a smaller scale.

## Reporting verbs

- Howard [5], for instance, \_\_\_\_\_ that the larger the user base, the more computer errors should one expect. However, Allen [6] \_\_\_\_\_ that 50% of these errors occur on a smaller scale.
- Howard [5], for instance, **argues** that the larger the user base, the more computer errors should one expect. However, Allen [6] **points out** that 50% of these errors occur on a smaller scale.
- Howard [5], for instance, **discredits** that the larger the user base, the more computer errors should one expect. However, Allen [6] **refuses the notion** that 50% of these errors occur on a smaller scale.

## Commas

- Separating multiple nouns (or other elements in a series)
  - The first, second and third experiment have shown that...
- Separating two independent clauses
  - Can stand on their own: “We first concluded that the results were an error in computation, but the second experiment showed that the error was due to the incompatibility of...”
  - Use little conjunctions – FANBOYS (for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so)
- Separating a modifier from the main clause
  - Modifier of place, time, ... (In 1998 at Berkeley University, the first computation was made...)

## Commonly misspelled words in CS

### right

- Adaptation
- Apparent
- Argument
- Consistent
- Definite
- Existence
- Foreign
- Grammar
- Heterogeneous
- Homogeneous
- Independent
- Insoluble

### wrong

- adaption
- apparant
- arguement
- consistant
- definate
- foriegn
- grammer
- heterogenous
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- independant
- insolvable



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### right

- Miniature
- Occasional
- Occurred
- Participate
- Preceding
- Primitive
- Propagate
- Referred
- Separate
- Supersede
- transparent

### wrong

- minature
- occaisional
- occured
- particepate
- preceeding
- primative
- propogate
- refered
- seperate
- supercede
- transparant

## Misused words in CS

### usual

- Alternative
- Comparable
- Complement
- Dependent
- Descendant
- Discrete
- Emit
- Ensure
- excerpt

### other

- Alternate
- Comparative
- Compliment
- Dependant
- Descendent
- Discreet
- Omit
- Insure
- exert





## Misused words in CS

### usual

- Foregoing
- Further
- Elusive
- Manyfold
- Omit
- Partly
- Principle
- Simple
- solvable

### other

- Forgoing
- Farther
- Illusive
- Manifold
- Partially
- Principal
- Simplistic
- soluble