

CMSI 670

TOPICS IN INTERACTION DESIGN

Fall 2007

Assignments 1025, 1101, 1108

We have roughly the same assignment for the next three weeks, which will consist of “individual attention” sessions that, we hope, will help crystallize your individual projects. That should leave around five weeks in the semester, within which to actually write your proposal and prepare it for presentation on finals week.

Not for Submission

- For information on the four interaction styles, read Chapters 6–8 in Shneiderman/Plaisant.
- Norman’s discussion of affordances can be found in Chapter 4 of his book.

For Submission

Taking into account the reported status of your classmates in terms of an interaction design topic of interest and the clarity of a possible project, gather some papers from the literature and think of some suggestions or ideas that may work for that particular classmate.

What to Do

Submit your thoughts as a standalone paper that lists the articles that you found as references, and provides the following information:

- Reviews of each article, focusing on the same “fields” that were requested for your annotated bibliography (i.e., summary, topics, contributions, future work)
- Your opinion on why each article may be of interest to a particular classmate
- Ideas or suggestions stemming from these articles and your own knowledge of where a classmate is in their work — this ranges from project ideas for those who aren’t committed or decided yet, to specific project suggestions for those who already have a particular project in mind

While no specific paper or idea/suggestion count is suggested, the material you bring to the table should be commensurate with the general “3 hours per unit per week” rule of thumb of outside-class time. Also, place yourself in the position of being a *recipient* of your writeup and references — how valuable would these be to you if a classmate turned that in when it’s *your* “turn?”

Student Order

We’ll cover two students per session. Based on what you reported last week, and what you submitted as annotated bibliographies, the order is:

- **1025:** James, Xia
- **1101:** Ryan, Rich
- **1108:** Andrés

This order is based on how focused you already are on a particular topic or project; we’re doing the most “open” students first, to give them the most time to assimilate more material, narrow down on something, then refine it in later weeks.

On the day that you’re “it,” you only need to do one writeup. However, be prepared to report your progress verbally to the class.

How to Submit It

1. Bring a hardcopy version of your writeup for your classmate to keep.
2. Commit each writeup to CVS, within separate directories with the corresponding classmate’s first name:
 - `/homework/cmsi670/james`
 - `/homework/cmsi670/xia`
 - `/homework/cmsi670/ryan`
 - `/homework/cmsi670/rich`
 - `/homework/cmsi670/andres`