Welcome to COMM/INFO 345

You should feel free to edit this wiki. That's what wikis are for. Make it more useful, add cool information, make your own announcements, and get comfy using it. If you're having trouble finding something, check out the Children section below or the list of pages above.

Upcoming due dates

- **May 13** (Tue, 7pm) Take home final
- **May 13** (Tue, 7pm) Project portfolio report
- **May 15** (Thurs) Final group feedback (Cancelled)

All deliverables

Notes from recent classes

It would be cool if people added their own notes, thoughts, and questions, rather than this just being a place where the slides wind up.

- **Thursday, Mar 27** – slides
- **Tuesday, Apr 1** – (slides from 3/27 continued)
- **Thursday, Apr 3** – slides
- **Tuesday, Apr 8** – slides
- **Thursday, Apr 10** – slides

All class notes | Readings (due before class)

Announcements

- **May 12** I have canceled the final group feedback – turns out we won't have time to do anything useful with it, so it doesn't make sense from a grading point of view to require you to do it.
- **May 2** A couple of job opportunities are posted in comments below. Some jobs, some internships, some in LA.
- **April 30** The video for the biometric demons here is posted here: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rjsjEItbk_c](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rjsjEItbk_c) I think you'll enjoy it even if you didn't read the paper.
- **May 1** Alexandra Zafiroglu, an anthropologist at Intel, will be talking in class about “Domesticating epiphytic technologies: ethnographic research and global technologies” Alex will talk about the practice of ethnographic research in the technology industry and how the insights about people it produces can drive product innovation. She's an excellent speaker and has done some very good research, so this is a rare opportunity.
- **Apr 26** Jef Raskin on intuitive, familiar interfaces, which might be worth a read for the question about affordances, idiom, metaphor.
- **Apr 22** Coding horror on UI-first development.
- **Apr 21** Nielsen says usability jobs up by 5,000%. I hope he doesn't mean that now there are exactly 5 usability jobs.
- **Mar 25** And, a reminder, that participation doesn't just mean saying stuff in class. Going to and briefly writing up talks, posting to the wiki (Hall of Fame, Shame Online), Cool web resources), participating in HCI-related experiments, all ways of showing that you're engaged with class and that would count when we're thinking about participation.
- **Mar 26** 3:30 - 4:30p in the Seminar Room of 301 College Ave to hear David Karger speak on "Why Everyone Should Be Their Own Database Administrator, UI Designer, Application Developer, and Web Site Builder, and How They Can." Refreshments will be provided at 3:15.
- **Mar 25** Here is the green on yellow text readability study I mentioned in class [http://hubel.sfasu.edu/research/AHNCUR.html](http://hubel.sfasu.edu/research/AHNCUR.html)
- **Mar 6** HCI/Ubicomp Guru Paul Dourish from UC Irvine is speaking on Accountabilities of Presence: Beyond Privacy in Ubiquitous Computing on Monday March 10th at 4:30pm at 301 College Ave, Large Conference Room. Get there early, the room is going to be packed.
• Mar 6 There's a nice tool for sketching animations called K-Sketch which you might find useful. Windows only.
• Mar 5 Some folks might be interested in internships available at Apple. See Job listing #: 10289109 at CornellTRAK.
• Mar 5 A lot of groups are pondering applications that involve location-aware activities and data. You might, for inspiration and warnings and ideas, check out the GeoNotes application that was developed at SICS in Sweden.
• Feb 28 You might enjoy and find useful this fun and interesting paper on personas and designing for personas called Interaction relabelling and extreme characters: methods for exploring aesthetic interactions. Enjoy.
• Feb 26 There's an excellent (but optional) reading on the use of storyboarding here: Storyboarding: an empirical determination of best practices and effective guidelines (only accessible from within Cornell) or here (from outside Cornell with your NetID).
• Feb 27 (posted Feb 22) For people who want to see an HCI talk that's more toward the technical and human physical capabilities side of the discipline, check out Tovi Grossman. Tovi is a faculty candidate in infosci in the HCI area, has been at Toronto, and will be talking about The Bubble Cursor for interacting with 3D interfaces at 301 College on Wed Feb 27 from 3:15-4:30. As always with HCI-relevant events, attending and submitting a small writeup can get you participation cred.
• Feb 20 Graphic design job posted below in comments.
• Feb 19 Don't forget to check out Jakob Nielsens' Alertbox on top 10 application UI errors that people make. Useful to think about in the context of the kinds of things we've been talking about in this class.
• Feb 18 See the comment below about some Microsoft recruiting happening on campus over the next day or two that could be fun and potentially job-tastic.
• Feb 16 Wondering what to do next as you start in on the PSR report and beyond? Try CHAR M - Choosing Appropriate HCI Research Methods and usability.gov, especially the section on analysis. They both will put some ideas in your heads.
• Jan 31 In general, if you go to an HCI-related talk and turn in a brief description of what you learned, we will so note that in the gradesheet and use that information when assigning grades. "HCI-related" can be pretty loosely defined.
• Jan 31 Likewise, if you participate as a subject in an experiment, we will note that in the gradesheet as well.
• Jan 29 Laura Granke, an HCI specialist from Google, is giving a talk at Olin 255 at 4:30 today called "Getting into the mind of the user". Check it out - totally relevant to class, and, as she says, "resumes will be accepted".
• Jan 29 The practicum for Thursday is up.