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 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 A little scientific evidence that names and language are valuable for helping people learn.
- Apr 21 Nielsen says usability jobs up by 5,000%. I hope he doesn't mean that now there are exactly 50 usability jobs.
- Apr 12 Coding horror on UI-first development.
- Apr 2 4-5 in the Seminar Room at 301 College Ave., David McDonald on "Consensus Large and Small: A Complementary Study of Wikipedia Social Practice." David's a good guy, should be a fun talk. More details here
- 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
- 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.
There's a nice tool for sketching animations called K-Sketch which you might find useful. Windows only.

Some folks might be interested in internships available at Apple. See Job listing #: 10289109 at CornellTRAK.

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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.

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