

Homework Assignment #4

Due Dates:

Peer Review: Wednesday, Mar 02, before 10:00pm

Essay: Sunday, Mar 06, before 6:00pm

Tasks:

1.) Peer Review. If you need to, familiarize yourself with the purpose of doing peer reviews (see homework assignment #3). Then, follow the link below to our peer reviewing tool in order to provide ratings and constructive feedback for every student on your team (at least).

You will be able to return and edit your feedback and/or ratings at any time before the deadline; the students you provide reviews for will see only your latest submitted feedback and ratings. Other specific instructions are provided in the tool itself.

Submission: http://abstract.cs.washington.edu/~valentin/peer_eval.cgi

Note: Once everyone has submitted their peer reviews, we will announce how you may (a) see what others said for your work and (b) indicate whether you found their comments to be useful or not. These follow-on parts will be accessible via different links when the time comes, and will be unavailable during the initial submission.

2.) Essay. If you need to, familiarize yourself with the purpose of doing reflective essays (see homework assignment #3). Then, reflect on each of the following topics:

– Now that the beta release is history and at least some part of your team’s product is already functional, describe an aspect of the product that is important for your product’s viability, but that was not foreseen earlier (during the specification and/or design stages)? What is your team doing about this? Is there a better way to anticipate it or deal with it that you personally would try to do next time?

– We have had guest lectures from David Socha, Tessa Lau, and Ian King. Describe an observation made by one of the speakers that you particularly agree with or disagree with and describe how your experience supports or contradicts the point that was made.

Note: Considering the issue you pick from different viewpoints may improve the quality of your essay.

Format: Use at most 1 page of text total for both of your essays. Format your document to be single-spaced, using font size 10 or above, though margins can be wide if you wish. Non-textual artifacts (e.g., images), if any, are limited to 1 additional page. Be sure to use only common file formats (PDF, DOC, JPG, etc.) when you submit your work.

Submission: via UW Catalyst’s eSubmit tool; link available on the course calendar.

Follow-up: As part of our feedback on your reflective essay, we will pose a follow-up question or two, based on what you wrote. You will be expected to answer that in writing too, though we anticipate that the answer will take you less time to produce than the original essay does.