CSE440: Introduction to HCI
Methods for Design, Prototyping and Evaluating User Interaction

Lecture 03:
Designing for Diversity

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Your perspectives on diversity

Social anxious, depressed, have dietary restriction

Single mothers, just married, pregnant women

Social "outsiders" (e.g. homeless, ex-convicts), Low income, low education

Amputee, wheelchair users, deaf and hard-of-hearing

Childs, elders, international's

Bodybuilders, office worker, manual labor, politicians
Due Friday night

Project Proposal!
    We will work on it today and in section tomorrow

The more time you can spend on it between today and tomorrow night, the better!

Contribution statement along with each group submission
Please sit with your team ;)
Design Critique
Why critique?

Critique helps evaluate early, often, and cheaply
   Applicable to artifacts of many types
   Compare to other expert inspection methods

You are not your own worst (best!?) critic
   We collectively know more than any one of us
   It is hard to see past your own decisions
   Design requires getting past our own infatuation
Why critique?

You will encounter critique in many other disciplines
   visual art, writing, design, code (i.e., code review)

Over time, you should gather people who can give you high-quality critique in everything you do
   You may meet some of those people in this class!
Critique is about improvement
What is critique?

Critique is a method for feedback
   It is not just a list of complaints

1. Presenters sit down with critics
2. Quickly explain their artifacts (e.g., in less than 2 minutes)
3. Critiques ask clarification questions, then give feedback
4. Presenters respond to questions and take notes on what is discussed
Critique is not criticism!

Seriously, not just a list of complaints

Critiques offer honest feedback
Both positive and negative
  Presenters should be able to learn what works well and what is problematic about their artifact

It is then presenter’s responsibility to sort through feedback, decide what is important, and how to act
  You must take notes for later review
Common issues in critique feedback

Lack of Clarity
Taking it Personal
Design Apathy
Contradictions
Indecisiveness
Resistance
Too much Negativity

(McDaniel)
Tips for those receiving feedback

Taking advice is not giving up authorship
   You still make the final decision
   A half-baked suggestion does not contain all the details of a finished solution

Design your critique
   What you show invites different forms of feedback
   Verbally indicate what kind of feedback you want, but also provide an artifact of appropriate form
   This course will guide you what feedback you invite at which stage
Tips for critics

Hamburger method:
- Bun: something fluffy and nice
- Meat: Criticism on how to improve
- Bun: Something fluffy and nice

I like, I wish, What if method:
- I like: Lead with something nice
- I wish: Some criticism, often leading from what you like
- What if: An idea to spark further conversation

Socratic method:
- Identify an aspect of design and ask “Why?”
- Can be good if unsure what else to say
- Forces presenter to give, or develop, explanations for decisions
- Avoids that the presenter gets defensive (gives him/her a chance to justify)
Tips for critics

Limit your use of personal pronouns (e.g., “you”)
   Critique is about the artifact, not the designer!

A designer deserves honest feedback
   Both positive and negative
   Including clarity and rationale

Help with actionable suggestions
Critique summary

Fall out of love with the things you build
   Let others help you see past the infatuation

Get feedback early, often, and cheaply

Focus on improvement
   In brainstorming, we were not criticizing
   In critique, we are not defending

You will learn to both give and receive critique
   If you are having difficulties… (join the club)! =)
Designing for Diversity: Project Proposals
Proposal draft activity (Step one)

5 minutes: Take turns to present your best idea as submitted in assignment 1a. Only one idea per person.
Proposal draft activity (Step two)

5 minutes: After hearing all ideas, which ones are you most excited about? Pick 2 ideas that your team would like to move forward with. If there is no consensus, discuss how the ideas could be combined.
Proposal draft activity (Step three)

10 minutes: For each of the two ideas, discuss the questions on the handout. Pick the idea that is ultimately most promising.
Proposal draft activity (Step four)

3 minutes: Prepare to present and get feedback.
- Who will present? (The others should take notes)
- What will be presented in a 1-2 minutes pitch?
Peer-feedback session

5 (x2) minutes: Take turns in providing each other with feedback.
- Pitch your project idea (2 minutes)
- Get feedback from the other group (3 minutes)
- Invert and repeat
Feedback questions:

What do you think is interesting about the chosen target group?

How do you think this target group could be interviewed or observed (within the scope of this class)?

Why do you think is the design problem unique to that population?

Do you know whether the design problem has been addressed in the past, and if yes, how? (We want to avoid creating another Facebook or Meet-up!)

In general, do you think the project can be turned into something exciting and novel? Or is there a way to give it a more exciting twist?
Ask me something!