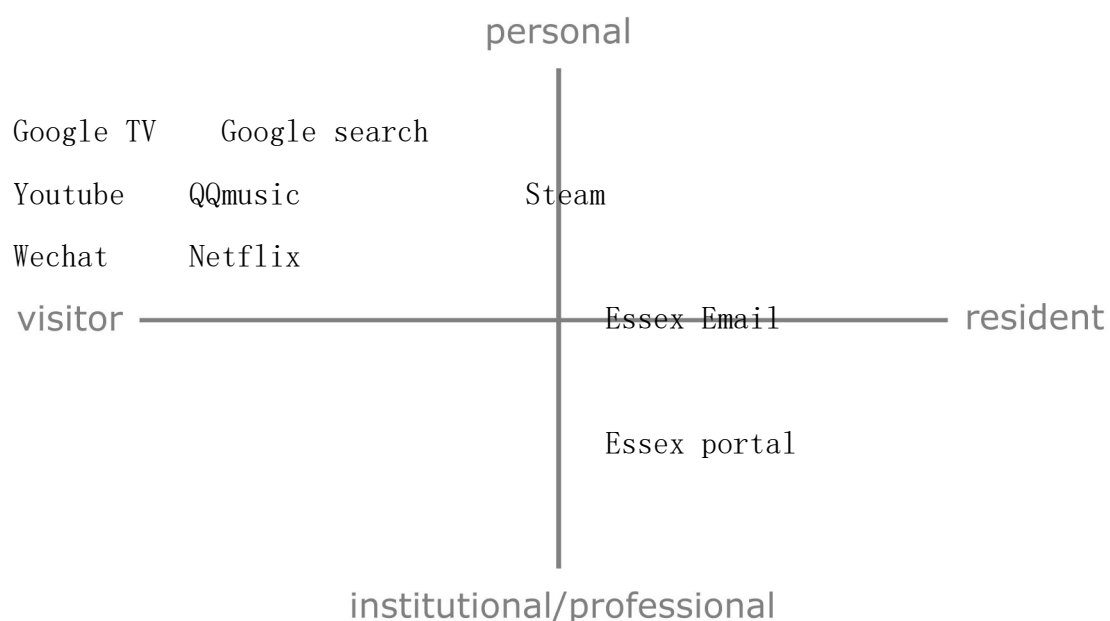CS220 Essay

DI Reflection

Nowadays internet is human's necessary daily tool to connect with society or doing their jobs. Smart phones and many equipment which could connect internet can be found everywhere, people use them with a very high frequency. There are always many arguments about---is the internet a benefit or a disadvantage for people and children. Though it is a thing that almost everyone knows how to use, the skills and the targets are quite a huge different. Every generations internet user has their own feature and favorite topics. I suppose the most of the 'anti-internet' people are elder, they could now accept it comfortably probably because it has a huge difference with their view. I am a generation Z person, using internet is like an instinct for me. I started to play online game since I was 6 years old, so be an 'internet visitor' is quite a easy thing for me.

What is an 'internet visitor'? That is a character in a new typology for online engagement which invented by David S. White and Alison Le Cornu. The basic theory of the typology is to distinguish the 'visitor' and the 'resident' of internet users. Visitors are like the travelers in reality, they come and take what they want then just left. Resident is more like to contribute the internet, they could provide value for the internet.

When I was young, I am a typical visitor---I go online playing games and searching for useful knowledge then just go offline. But I think that is because the games in the past are a kind of 'independent', most of the online games nowadays have their requirements of communication, teamwork, and creativity, etc. I will should how I use internet website or application in V&R map to have more details.

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Nowadays many video uploader has their knowledge and experience in their videos, I could learn plenty of knowledge and skills from them. Dramas are really the best partner when I having my spare time, they could relax my mind and give me a vision that not reality but more artistical than life. Most of my games are from the platform Steam, it is

one of the most popular and famous gaming platform. The story games could display me stories just like dramas, I have more connection with the characters because I could control them. The competitive games is the trend nowadays, I could release my whether positive and negative emotion, also the teamwork with other players is fairly important in these kind of games just like sports. I use my Essex email to contact my tutor or department manager, and use it for receiving emails from Essex Uni and department.

Internet is a double-blade for human, it depends how we use it. It could lead children have addictions or steal people's privacy, but I believe the positive effect is more than the disadvantages. Everything has their features, such as strength, weakness, opportunities, and threats. Internet is a very convenient path to get information, people just need type a key word and press 'enter' then could have all the brief information. If you need to find a book or paper for more academia information, an e-library service also could give you all the information you need, faster and more efficient than a real library. I will use the internet more frequently to make my studying more efficient. I already have a bit addiction about internet, I should try to walk or have sport outdoor. Because of the convenient of internet I almost stay at home everyday unless necessary, I should do something to improve that. As

such a number of users, internet has a plenty of opportunities. There are numerous of websites about job requirements and becoming video creators. As I described, If someone has his talent about express his own opinion, then he could give a try. Everyone has their own way to express and display their information, there are many people who will be attracted because common viewpoint. A video creator who has numerous of subscribers could have a considerable income and achievement, it is an opportunity for people who wants to try. Opportunities usually come with danger or threats, the number of people who wants to use internet to do their evils increase with the population of internet. Nowadays, many websites which could steal people's privacy is not rare, honestly people's privacy is decreasing because the develop of internet, as long as someone is still using internet it is almost impossible to defend all the offence.

I think internet is necessary for a person who lives in a modern society, people have to accept it though it has a few problems. The trend of the world is becoming more and more technical, people need to know how to use it efficiently and how to protect themselves from it. Elders may difficult to study how to use it, but I could teach them start from my grandparents, it is not a suddenly change but a step by step improvement. We young generations have the responsibilities to protect

our older family number from the threats of internet but keep the convenient for their lives.