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## DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

### IT351 - Human-Computer Interaction

#### Lab Assignment -1: Serial Position Effect

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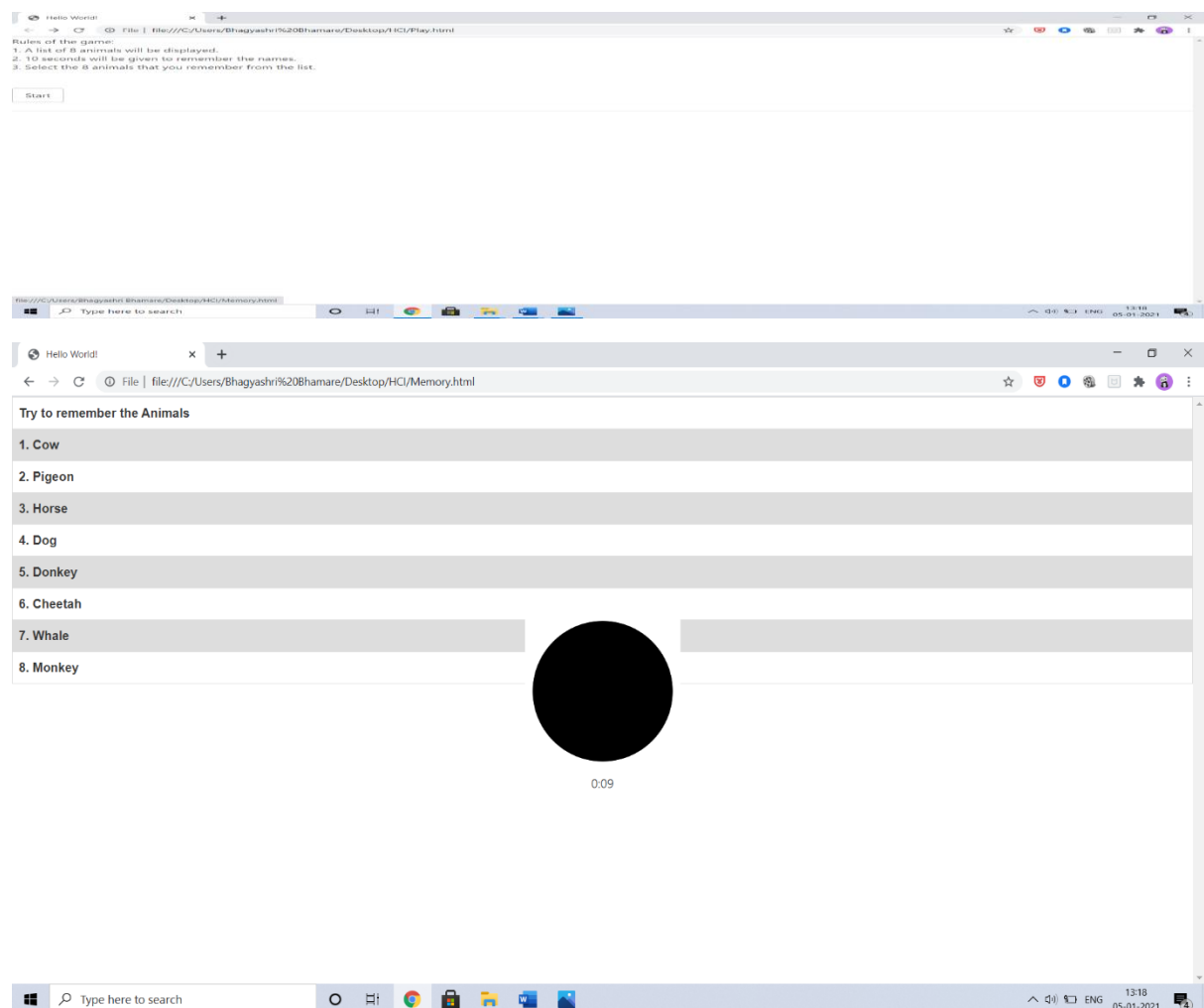
**Serial-position effect** is the tendency of a person to recall the first and last items in a series best, and the middle items worst. When asked to recall a list of items in any order people tend to begin recall with the end of the list, recalling those items best (the **recency effect**). Among earlier list items, the first few items are recalled more frequently than the middle items (the **primacy effect**)

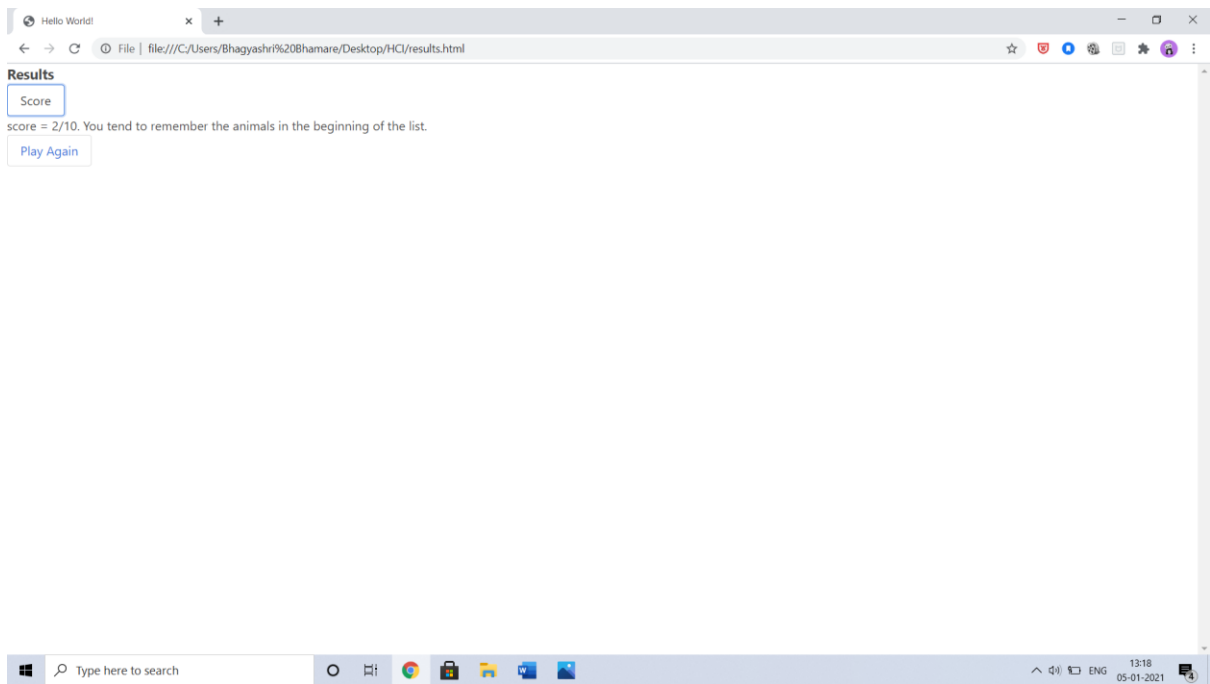
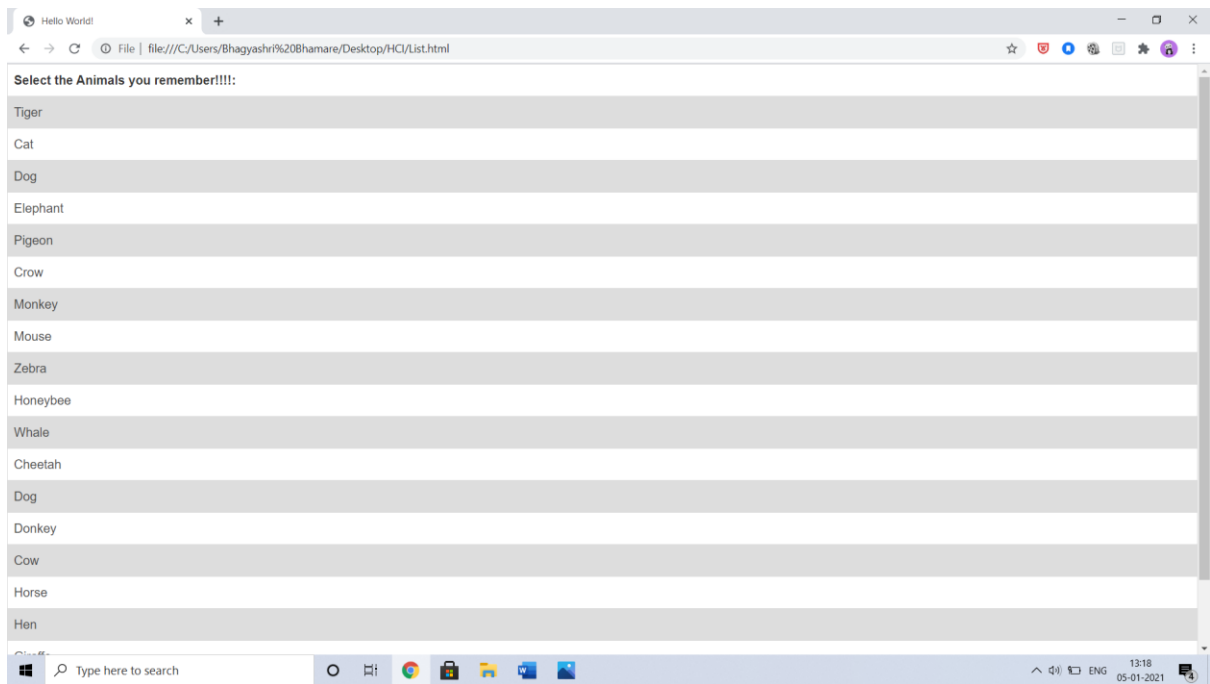
Serial Position Effect experiment-

GUI to understand Serial-position effect

Read the list animals sequentially within a stipulated time. Then choose the items in the list freely. Record the recall frequencies of these animals.

Results-





Time given to each participant to go through the list - 10 seconds

List of animals to remember-

Cow, Pigeon, Horse, Dog, Donkey, Cheetah, Whale, Monkey

List of animals -

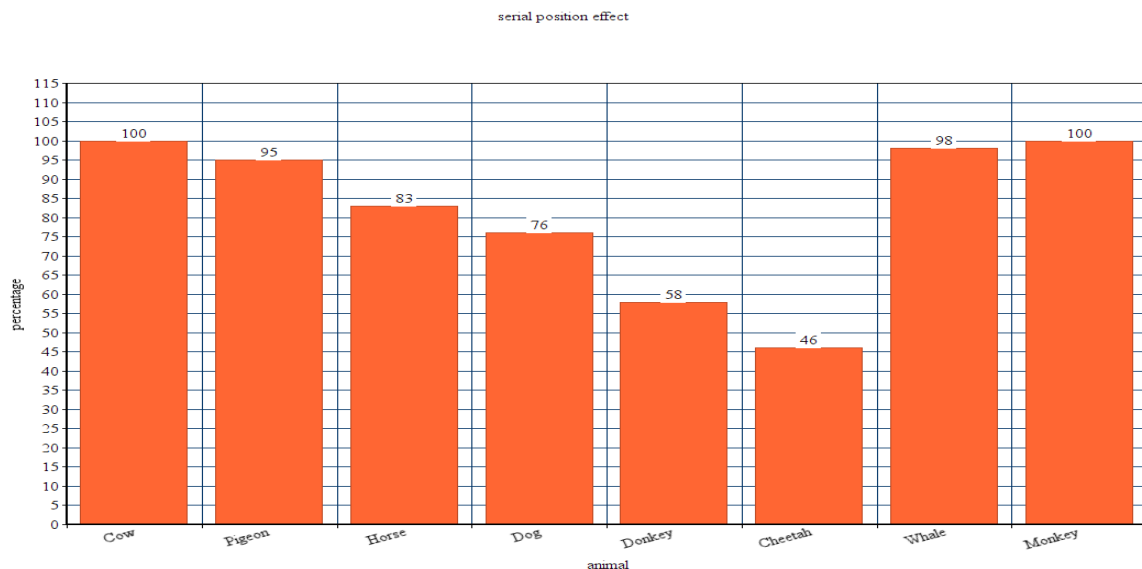
Tiger, Cat, Dog, Elephant, Pigeon, Crow, Monkey, Mouse, Zebra, Honeybee, Whale, Cheetah, Dog, Cow, Horse, Hen, Giraffe

ANALYSIS OF RESULTS:

Percentage of total time we got correct animal-

1. Cow -100%
2. Pigeon-95%
3. Horse-83%
4. Dog- 76%
5. Donkey-58%
6. Cheetah-46%
7. Whale-98%
8. Monkey-100%

For better understanding, the above information has been represented graphically :



Analysis-

- 1) The primary and recency effects do play a major role in recalling the animal names as we can clearly see that the animals in the first few and the last few positions have a high percentage of recall compared to the animals in the other positions.
- 2) Most of the people remember money because of popularity
- 3) Due to personal bias Dog and Donkey are guessed correctly
- 4) On performing the experiment multiple times, it was observed that individuals tend to recall more animals from the list.

This experiment proves the Serial Position Effect.