

R4: Information Architecture

Instructions:

Write a reflection paper about the Information Architecture.

To be honest, I cannot attend to our class last Saturday due to personal reason, but I started learning about the information architecture by checking our own lessons and browsing through net. Information Architecture. Information Architecture is all about structuring and organizing pieces to have a sustainable and innovative way, it is applicable in all the things that are needed to have a structured design.

When I read all about the different systems that has information architecture like the taxonomy and Choreography to have a smoother flow and stabilized system. But I want to focus on how important and how can we apply information architecture in my own course, Computer Science, For me, it's a bit much complicated because you need to understand the relationship of each areas to know what design you should do to this system or I should say application. Given that we created persona's and experience map to understand the user I think those processes will help me create a good information architecture when I created their website's user interface design and interaction design. But when we thought about the interface design of a certain website it has a lot of areas we needed to consider. I am excited to learn how to create a better design if I am creating categories so that my user will navigate certain things easily. In terms of navigation, I learned that there are types of navigation such as global navigation, local navigation, contextual navigation and supplemental navigation and they have different uses depending on what website/application you need. But I think that global navigation is the most helpful because it allows access to the major parts of the site, it means you do not need to go into certain pages in order to navigate something. But most of the parts we needed to consider on building information architecture, I wanted to learn how we can use labels properly. Labels might look simply but its structure is complicated, and it is hard how to put them properly. I think that labels are important because it helps us to clearly describe what happened next if you click those buttons or even read those texts.

Learning Information architecture alone, through internet and Power point is hard. Reading this information about what should we consider in building system is not that helpful, so I am excited what will I learn when we start creating navigations, search buttons, labels, etc. and apply them to our projects.