PoID 2025 Interaction Analysis 1, Emil Hellberg Evaluated by Joona Wiik

Your analysis:

The most important advice I have for improving your essay is to be explicit in answering the assignment question. The assignment asked you to identify **the most essential interaction within the interaction system** of your choosing. You clearly state the interaction system you chose (the Capstone course) and expertly define multiple different interactions happening within the course itself. However, instead of focusing on a single essential interaction, your analysis ends up discussing multiple different aspects of the Capstone course. This isn't wrong per se, but you could also have opted to focus on one essential interaction (e.g. the face-to-face lectures, two-step verification into Moodle, sending messages to the teachers/team members). This might have helped you to reach a slightly more cohesive text and you wouldn't have had to fit so much disconnected information into such a short essay.

From reading through your essay, it is obvious that you are capable of writing clear and pleasantly readable text. Your essay progresses from one topic to the next in a natural way and is easy to follow. Your language is also professional as expected for a technical analysis like this. When it comes to the structuring of your analysis, you should have included a conclusion at the end of the text (something besides the numerical score and average). Within said conclusion, you could have either provided a quick recap of the most vital parts discussed during your analysis or deepened your evaluation of the different aspects of the interaction by providing some suggestions for future improvement.

I'm not fully sure where you found the structure you used for the interaction analysis that divides the analysis into A) the users, B) the input, C) the output, D) the interfaces, E) the system logic, F) the context of the system, G) the usability of the system, H) the goal of the system, and I) underlying hardware. This structure works just fine if it helped you find different aspects of the interaction to analyze and evaluate within the system. However, not all of these topics need to be mentioned or discussed. You are also allowed to choose to just look at the aspects that are interesting in that specific instance or should be improved in some way. Overall I think that the evaluative portions of the analysis would have benefitted from not being separated into nine smaller paragraphs and rather playing a bigger part at the latter part of your essay. This would have left the reader with a clearer structure to follow, e.g. following the familiar structure of A) Introduction, B) Description & Background paragraphs, C) Analysis & Evaluation paragraphs, and D) Conclusion.

However as this is your first assignment of the course, I do consider your essay an excellent start. Different courses have different requirements for ranking students' assignments and therefore you can fail to reach your full potential in the first essay as you're writing the text without any earlier feedback on what is expected of you. You've proven yourself a fully capable writer, and I believe you will excel in later assignments.

structure: 2/2

The text has proper introduction and middle section. Even though the paragraphs proceed fluently from one to the other, you should have also included a short conclusion to wrap up the main topics discussed during the essay

clarity: 2/2

The text is clear and easy to read and follow.

content: 1/2

The most essential interaction you chose is left somewhat ambiguous, and instead of focusing on a single interaction, your analysis ends up discussing various separate aspects of Capstone. Remember to have your primary focus on the original assignment.

evaluation: 1/2

The essay includes some evaluation on why certain design choices have been made and whether they are optimal or if compromises have been made. You could have however delved a bit deeper into the evaluation.

Reality check: 2/2

You have chosen a good system to analyze and stick to the point.

Total: 8/10 = 4

Your self-assessment:

Hmm. After I finished writing the assessment above and moved on to your self-assessment, I got a bit confused. Up to that point I thought that the grades you gave within your essay were meant to evaluate how successful the course and it's interactions were. However, as these gradings were apparently meant to represent your self-assessment, I'll give some guidance for future self-assessments.

You can find the introductory slides in Moodle (named *Intro session slides*). Slide 14 includes the five categories you should rank your essay on with short explanations. In your following self-assessments, please also include the 0-2 point rankings for these categories (structure, clarity, content, evaluation, and reality check). By analyzing your work based on these themes, you can gain a better understanding on which topics you should pay more attention to. However, don't include these within the essay itself – rather finish your essay first and then have a second look at it and evaluate how well you succeeded in each assessment category. Please, also convert your score (x/10) to a grade, based on the grading table (also on slide 14).

A short example of a possible self-assessment for future reference:

CATEGORY	0-2	EXPLANATION
Structure	2	The text followed a clear structure.
Clarity	1	I could focus more on making my text easy to
		follow because
Content	2	I believe I analyze the interaction system clearly
		because
Evaluation	0	I should have included more critical evaluation. I
		failed to do this because
Reality check	2	I think my performance was in line with the scope
		of the assignment because

Points: 7/10 Grade: 3

In later assignments, you can also include any questions you want to ask about your writing in this section. If you want me to give you some particular feedback based on your essays, feel free to write down any questions and thoughts in your self-assessment.

My grade: 4

Your grade: (4.66) Total grade: 4