

# IT3060 - Human Computer Interaction Assignment 1

Project title: User Research Techniques

**Craigslist.org** 

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		Make Gantt Chart			
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		Contribute to make the report			
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		User groups identified.			
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		Contribute to the interview.			
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#### 2. Project Description

Our team chose the website called "Craigslist" the one of most well-known websites for online marketplace. The primary purpose of this website is to connect users within specific geographical areas, enabling them to post listings for items, services, housing, jobs and more. Users can explore listings, communicate with sellers through mail, and negotiate transactions directly. Its simplistic, Text-heavy interface and lack of modern designs (e.g. images etc.) can be occur as usability challenges for users.

#### 3. Alternatives Considered

We considered several alternative considerations. Our team members chose,

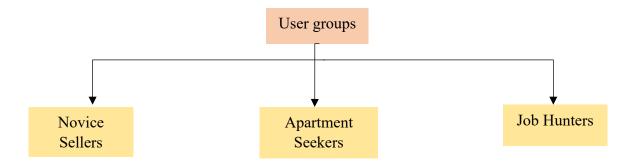
https://blinkee.com/

http://www.chestertourist.com/

https://kerala.craigslist.org/ websites.

After considering the given instructions in our HCI module we came up with the Craigslist website Because it has too many usability issues to cover up. Overall, it's really failed to cover up the UI/UX.

# 4. User groups identified.

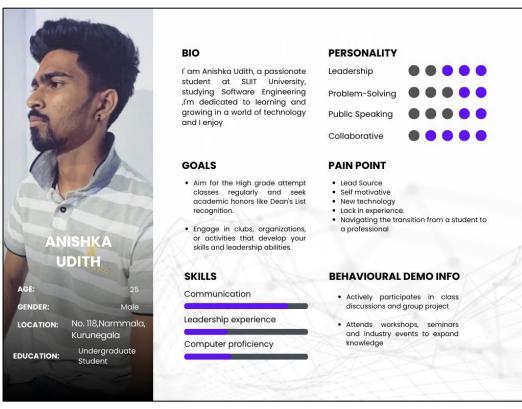


**Novice Sellers**: Individuals who are new to the website trying to sell items.

**Apartment Seekers**: Users who are looking for rental housing.

**Job Hunters**: People searching for Job opportunities.

#### 5. Personas





l' am Bhanuka Subash, an enthusiastic government university student, is on a relentless quest for knowledge. with a penchant for academic rigor, community involvement, and innovation, he strives to bridge learning and societal impact, embodying the spirit of a dedicated scholar and a responsible citizen.

- Participate in social programs and volunteer work to give back to the community.

  • For a successful career, secure
- internships and networking opportunities.

  • Participate in seminars and
- workshops in a variety of subjects to further your education.

#### SKILLS

Research and Analysis

Innovation

Problem Solving

#### **PERSONALITY**

Resilience

Open-Mindedness

Responsibility

**Empathy** 

#### **PAIN POINT**

- Time Management Struggle · Limited Resources
- Fear of Missing Out
- Pressure to Excel
- Balancing Social Engagement

#### **BEHAVIOURAL DEMO INFO**

- Reflects on his accomplishment and areas for improvement, setting goals for the next day.
- Spends the evening working on his personal coding project, experimenting with new coding languages and frameworks.



#### 6. Usability Issues

- Confusing text and links.
- Navigations are hard to understand.
- Not a filtering system for the category.
- No header.
- Layout problems.
- Not organized interfaces in an effect way.
- No back buttons or other buttons.
- Any user can change or delete the data on the website.
- No usage of identity of the website (No logo added, Confusing pages like feedback)
- No affective color usage.
- Difficult to understand instructions and some content included on the website. (Page contents are complex)
- Hides information.
- Hard to find some information quickly because of no highlights.
- The background color is not eye catching and no eye-catching colors (Not attractive)
- No special points are not Highlighted.
- Fonts are too small.
- Have a busy environment.

# 7. Scripts for contextual inquiry

# ➤ Craigslist.org: User Category – **Novice Seller**

Background description of	Questions to be asked from	Tasks to be given to the user
the user	the user	
Aniska Udith is a passionate student at SLIIT University. He is a person who is always	What is the main problem when using the website?	"Go to the make a post section."
willing to learn new technologies and get high grade classes. He is into a lot	What kind of improvements Do you wish to have here?	"Move to the housing section and tell me about the design of the page."
of different activities to show and improve his skills and qualifications.	What do you think about the design on the website?	"Go to the community page."
	Do you recommend filling the empty spaces in our website?	

# ➤ Craigslist.org: User Category – **Job Hunter**

Background description of	Questions to be asked from	Tasks to be given to the user	
the user	the user		
Sandalu Samarakoon is a	What are the think about	"Go to the Jobs category and	
hotel manager. He is a person	facilities on this website?	find the errors on this page."	
who is committed to guest			
satisfaction. He is passionate	Have you use this in your	"Go to services page and tell	
to improve the productivity of	mobile phone" tell me it is	me about error did you	
his job role.	mobile responsiveness?	faced."	
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# ➤ Craigslist.org: User Category – **Apartment seeker**

Background description of	Questions to be asked from	Tasks to be given to the user
the user	the user	

Bhanuka Subash is an	What are the problems did	"Go to the for sale page and
enthusiastic government	you face during surfing in our	showing that an add has been
university student. He is a	website?	deleted, it is big mistake that
person who is always seeking		anyone can delete the ad in
opportunity to succeed in his	What are your suggestions to	this way ."
career and secure his	improve that kind of issues of	-
internship by enroll in a lot of	our site?	"Go to the feedback page and
different activities.		show me how to design
		feedback form "

# 8. Sharable links of uploaded videos

#### Mr. Sandalu Samarakoon (Job Hunter)

o https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Z4AGJ6OEbayOLBSCOpJWVUCs hdBSnSo

## Mr. Bhanuka Subash (Apartment Seeker)

o https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19KMoVBPXN52k2uE6XDKcw4N1UpIf3o 7

## Mr. Anishka Udith (Novice Seller)

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/17- WEW80wpyMoRIipehGGbgYIzsJDZcJ

# 9. Usability issues identified using contextual inquiry.

- Fonts are too small.
- page contents are complex.
- not user friendly.
- Not attractive.
- Hard to find information quickly because of no highlights.
- No graphics
- Unclear information
- This site is very racking.
- Users can also delete information.
- Confusing filtering system.
- Confusing content because links are everywhere.

# 10. Ratings

Issue	High	Medium	Low
Fonts are too small.		<b>Ø</b>	
page contents are complex.			
not user friendly.			
Not attractive.			
Hard to find information quickly because of no highlights.			
No graphics			
Unclear information			
This site is very racking.			
Users can also delete information.			
Confusing filtering system.			
Confusing content because links are everywhere.			

# 11. Time Schedule (Gantt Chart)

Task	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Group registration					
Website Selection					
Workload Distribution					
Identify Usability Issues					
Stakeholder Identification					
Creating Personas					
Creating Contextual Inquiry					
Recording Videos					
Make the Document					
Submit Assignment 1					

# 12. References

1. Expert tips for writing a project description

By: Kate Eby on May 25,2021

Received date: August 03,2021

 $Link: \underline{https://www.smartsheet.com/content/project-description}$ 

2. 6 Steps to identify Usability Problems

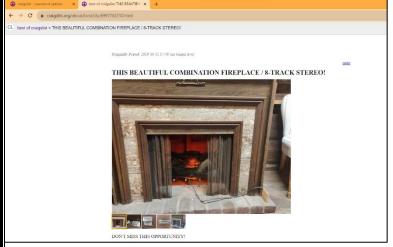
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# 13. Appendix

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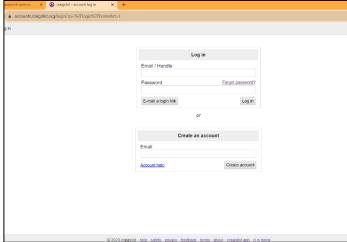
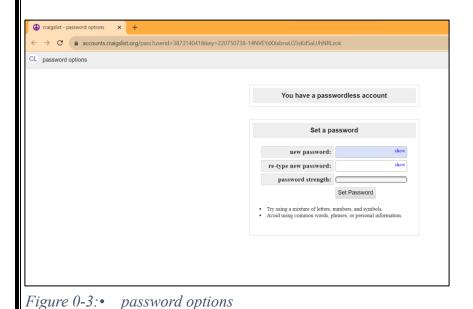


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BEAUTIFUL COMBINATION FIREPLACE / 8-TRACK

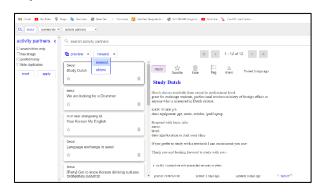
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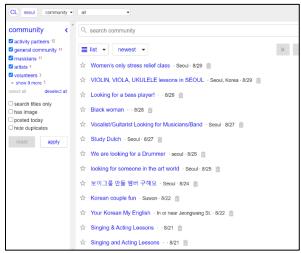


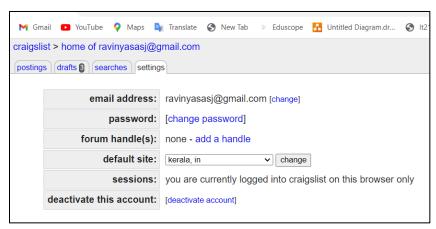
- about-> best of craigslist->
   THIS BEAUTIFUL
   COMBINATION
   FIREPLACE / 8-TRACK
   STEREO!
- account log in
- password options

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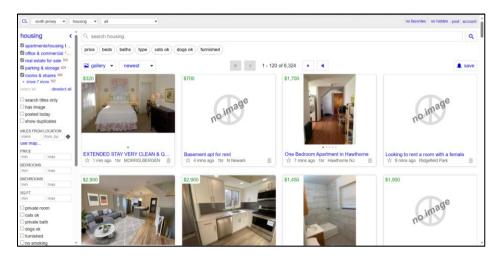


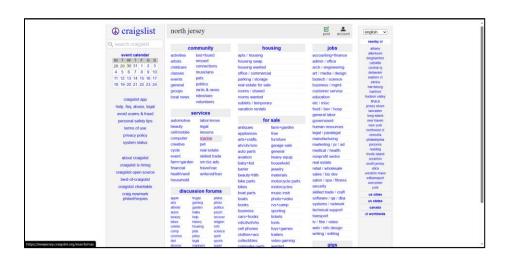






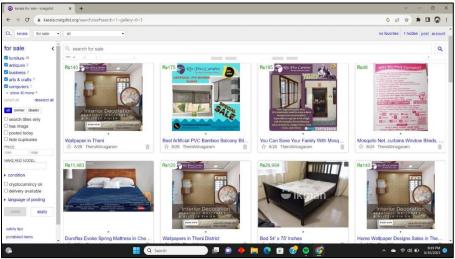
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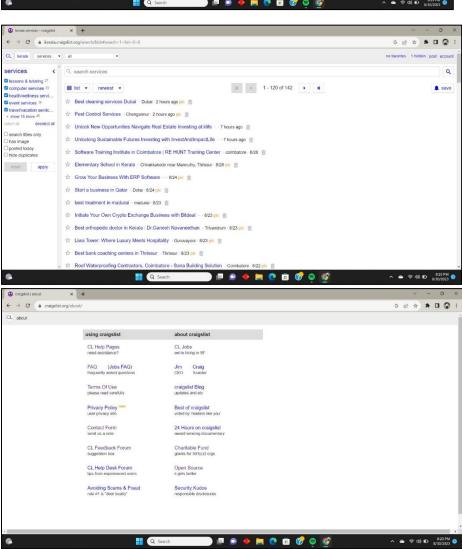






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