

CMSI 370-01
INTERACTION DESIGN
Fall 2014

Assignment 0925 Feedback

Because we have not yet fully explored the scopes of outcomes *1b* and *2b*, those proficiencies have a maximum value (for this assignment) of |. That proficiency, for those outcomes, carry the signal “keep doing what you're doing.”

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The way you connect mental models to design decisions definitely shows understanding, but the analysis is isolated to your observations. Many of these have been made before, and have been crystallized into guidelines or principles, and that's what your submission lacks.

As a matter of tone, there is a mismatch of voice which I think just comes from lack of exposure to reports of this type. I suggest that you do quick scans of CHI papers in the literature to get a feel for how people report on these studies, and the kind of phrases/language that they use.

1a — +

1b (max |) — As stated, there is virtually no mention of guidelines, principles, and theories. There is only mental model analysis, which, although sensible, has also been done by others before, and so your own work now should acknowledge that. (*/*)

2a — Generally decently-done content-wise, but raw data would have also been good rather than just summaries, plus the writing voice leans a little on the informal side. (*|*)

2b (max |) — There are virtually no call-outs to any of the material discussed in class. The raw analysis is good, as reflected in *1a*, but the correlation to existing/established practices is lacking. (*/*)

4d — Some points that could have been more compelling if an appropriately-chosen illustration accompanied them. Plus, really, no references? Where did those metrics come from? How about the very idea of lining up mental models? (*|*)

4e — Your first commit was on the due date, and there were three commits total. For the amount of writing you did, you will be better-served by smaller units of work. The “bulk” of the commits also shows in the occasional typos spotted—if you work in smaller chunks, proofreading each along the way, I think you will end up with better polish. (*|*)

(and unrelated to the proficiency—see if you can learn how to use .gitignore to mask out build products)

4f — Slight formatting tweaks added later, but content was pretty much in on time. (*+*)