

Feedback For 1st Semester

Hi Yan, Mengjiao, and Suzie-Mae,

I wanted to share with you the breakdown and comments on your final report from the PhD graders in hopes that you can use the feedback to understand how to improve your project next semester. Remember that your final grade was determined based on a combination of these grades, your advisor's grade, and your TA grade.

Reviewer 1: A-

Combating domestic violence is a very interesting and meaningful topic. The design goals of the project are clear. I really like the part that they design a web-based application rather than a mobile application because of the security concerns. Moreover, it is very interesting to find a way to hide all the web search traces with an emergency button. There are also some concerns I have about this project. The report was well written. The background and motivation was strong. One question I had was that they mentioned this project was based on a work from some prior Cornell students. But it's not clearly described how much work the prior team completed and how much work the current team contributed based on that.

Reviewer 2: A

This project leverages existing web app technology to solve a important problem for IPV. The implementation show their great effort, but evaluation is need to validate the application. The overall of the paper quality is good. I recommend to submit a poster to CHI.

Reviewer 3: A-

Interesting and very socially relevant project. The introduction was sufficiently motivated, and shortcomings of existing solutions were well explained. The initial feature list and design considerations seem on the right track. This is definitely a work in progress project. In terms of improvements, given the target-users and overall sensitivity of this project, I would have liked to see more details on why specific interface design choices were made (including appropriate references from HCI and other relevant fields).

From your advisor: It was a challenge to switch topics half way through the semester. The group has handled this, and other challenges, well. You should be proud. Keep up the good work!

Let me know if you have any questions. Enjoy your summers!

Best,
Emily