

TECM 4190 - Homework and Readings

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<u>Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Readings</u>	<u>Homework</u>
Week 1	August 25	<p>Read Carliner article (chapter 1) in Spilka, pp. 22-51.</p> <p>Albers (2005). The Future of Technical Communication. http://courses.christopherylam.com/5191/readings/albers_2005.pdf</p> <p>Watch this YouTube video about version control and GitHub http://youtu.be/E8TXME3bzNs</p>	<p>Bring your laptop (if you own one) to class.</p> <p>Set up Twitter account if you don't have one. Follow 20 technical communicators.</p>
Week 2	September 8	<p>Cowan Chapters 1, 2, and 5</p> <p>Dick's article (chapter 2) in Spilka, pp. 51-81.</p> <p>Rainey and Dayton (2005). Do Curricula Correspond to Managerial Expectations? Core Competencies for Technical Communicators http://courses.christopherylam.com/5191/readings/rainey_2005.pdf</p> <p>Anthony (2005)- Article on Corpus Analysis http://www.antlab.sci.waseda.ac.jp/research/ipcc_2005_anthony_antconc.pdf</p>	<p>Add text from 10 technical communication job ads to the GitHub repository entitled "corpus". Name the file your last name (e.g., "lam.txt")</p> <p>Write a 300-word response to the Rainey and Dayton article in a plain .txt file. Guiding question: What was surprising from the article, particularly in regards to technological competencies from both samples in the study? Push to github class repository "5191-responses". Name the file your last name followed by -readings (e.g., "lam-readings.txt").</p>
Week 3	September 15	<p>No readings for this week. You'll be working to finish your first project</p>	<p>Project 1- Interview and Corpus analysis due</p>

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			Be prepared to share your findings in a 5-7 minute presentation
Week 4	September 22	<p>Spilka chapter 5: Content Management: Beyond Single Sourcing by William Hart-Davidson</p> <p>Basic rules of HTML. http://www.techrepublic.com/article/basic-html-rules/</p> <p>Watch this video: Learn HTML in 15 minutes https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ggh_y-33Eso</p> <p>Another Adam and Sara's Article (Yep, both are required reading) http://courses.christopherylam.com/5191/readings/andersen_2011.pdf</p> <p>Adam and Sara's Article http://courses.christopherylam.com/5191/readings/carter_2003.pdf</p>	<p>Reflect: Write a 300-word response to the Chapter 5 reading using the following guiding question: How does Hart-Davidson alter your perspective on a technical communicator's role within an organization? Add a .txt file to your folder in the 5191-responses GitHub repository. Be sure to "git pull" before "git push".</p> <p>Create a codecademy.com account and complete the HTML Basics lesson</p> <p>Add an .html page (it can be blank, but must have all required elements of a valid) to a GitHub repository named "HTML-practice". Clone the repository to your computer, add a folder with your last name, and push back to the repo.</p>
Week 5	September 29	<p>Cowan chapters 3 and 4</p> <p>Clark and Anderson (2005). Renegotiating with Technoigy: Training Towards More Sustainable technical Communication http://courses.christopherylam.com/5191/readings/clark_2005.pdf</p>	<p>Add at least 10 tags to your HTML page and update it in your GitHub repository</p> <p>Reflect: Write a 300-word response in HTML answering the following question: What do Clark and Anderson say about technologies like XML? How does technology (and XML in particular) fit into their notion of sustainable technical communication?</p>

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		<p>A really good introduction to XML http://www.sitepoint.com/really-good-introduction-xml</p>	<p>Commit and push your reflections to the GitHub repository "5191-responses".</p> <p>Come to class with 3 options for a database containing at least 20 entries. These must be written out and you must be ready to discuss them in class</p>
Week 6	October 6	<p>Cowan chapter 7</p> <p>Watch this 15 minute video on CSS. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wz2klMXDqF4</p> <p>Watch this 18 minute video on XSLT. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hzGG32kz9nc</p> <p>Read and go through the XML examples provided by A list apart http://alistapart.com/article/usingxml</p>	<p>Reflect: Write a 300-word response in HTML. Answer the following question: What is XSLT and how is it useful for technical communicators? Commit and push to GitHub repository "5191-responses" in your folder.</p> <p>Add .css file to your github repository. File must style at least 3 HTML elements</p>
Week 7	October 13	<p>Cowan Chapter 8</p> <p>Watch YouTube lecture on XSLT transformations #</p> <p>Don't be afraid of XSLT http://www.ntg.nl/eurotex/DeBoerXSLT.pdf</p>	<p>Reflect: Write a short status report about your progress on the XML database project. Include questions at the end of the .txt file. Commit and push to GitHub repository "5191-responses" in your folder.</p> <p>Show up for Google Hangout. Time TBA</p>
Week 8	October 20	<p>Albers (2003). Single sourcing and technical communication career path http://jazzoetry.net/tech-writing.pdf</p>	<p>Reflect: Write a 300-word reflection. Use the following guiding question: How does Albers' article about single sourcing change your perspective about this class and your future as a technical communicator? Commit and</p>

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			push to GitHub repository "5191-responses" in your folder.
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Week 9	October 27	Spilka Chapter 8: Addressing Audiences in a Digital Age	XML database project due. Send me a link to your GitHub repository.
Week 10	November 3	<p>Watch this YouTube Video on MadCap Flare (6 minutes) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=83riPAybyzk</p> <p>Coming to content managementInventing Infrastructure for Organizational Knowledge Work http://www.rhetcomp.gsu.edu/~bgu/8121/TCQ-CMS(Hart-DavidsonEtAl).pdf</p> <p>The impact of single sourcing and technology http://pdf.aminer.org/000/592/394/creating_single_sourced_tutorials.pdf</p>	Reflect: Write a 300-word free response to the two articles assigned. Commit and push to GitHub repository.
Week 11	November 10	Watch this MadCap Flare Webinar on YouTube (60 minutes) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jA_Jl6t-nmE	Homework TBA
Week 12	November 17	Do your own research to fill in the knowledge gaps of MadCap Flare	<p>Continue to work on your persuasive memo.</p> <p>You should be working in teams for your final project as well.</p>

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Week 13	November 24	Readings TBA	Project 3 - Persuasive memo due. Create GitHub repository, add PDF files, and send me your link.
Week 14	December 3	No New Readings	Keep working on your final projects.
Finals Week	December 10	No new readings	Project 4 due. Create GitHub repository, add files, and send me the link.