R1: My First Few Weeks of USERDES Class

Before having the first meeting of our class, I asked my classmate about who will be our professor in USERDES and they said that it's Ms. Jen, I asked them what kind of prof you are, they said that she's a kind prof and chill. That's what the student like the most, a chill prof because I think that it would help the performance of the student to improve if the prof is approachable. So, for our first meeting (I really don't remember what we did back then so I won't go into details) Ms. Jen asked us to introduce ourselves and tell what we feel that day. I said that I'm a bit sleepy and she told me that I should get a coffee because our class schedule is really the 'sleeping' time because it's in the afternoon (sadly I don't like drinking coffee haha). For the whole session we just introduced ourselves, it's kinda repetitive since we've been doing introduction since the first day.

On the second meeting, Ms. Jen posted a link for our attendance which is the userinyerface.com which we should finish it for our attendance. I'm really annoyed because I can't get past the password stage, I have to search for the alphabet of some Roman or Greek whatever but then you should just proceed. Then on the last part, it's the choose the image that contains a bow or glass which is common in every website in verifying if you're a human. It took me 5minutes to get pass that stage because I always follow the instruction but then you just have to choose anything or click next. I realized the importance of UX Design in this kind of attendance which is important for us users. Imagine that if you made a website just like the userinyerface.com and let other user experience it they would rage or even won't visit your page anymore.

I won't discuss every meetings we had so I'll just proceed with my overall reflection of my first few weeks in USERDES. I realized today that USER DESIGN is not about having good sense of design or being artsy, it's about putting yourself in other's shoes. User Design is about the User and the Client, even though you don't have any skills in editing, arts and etc. You can still pass this subject, it's about putting yourself in the shoes of the user, in web designing you have to think how convenient your page can be in front of the user. It's a real challenge for the programmers because there are lots of people who will try to visit your page and not everyone has the same attitude. By choosing the proper combination of colors, alignment and text font it would be a great help for you. You don't have to put designs on every part of your website just to make your website beautiful, being a minimalist is also a good thing. I'm more excited on the upcoming meetings, and challenges for USERDES and learn more about designing.