                                                 First HCI Evaluation

Task: Two users should play as a student role and they both receive several notifications from professors/TAs about the course materials and mid exams.

User 1: The user goes to the first page and notices the notifications on the navigation bar very quickly.

User 2: The user also enters the home page and notices the red signs on the top navigation bar to remind there are some mails waiting to be read.

                                                  Second HCI Evaluation

Task: Two users should play as a student role and submit the assignments for one assignment by uploading several files from a local machine.

User 1: The user goes to the home page and finds the card for the specific CS4320 course very quickly and clicks on that card. Then it takes a relatively long time for him to find where the required assignment is, and then select the file type that needs to be uploaded, which is a file. And the user goes to the third page to choose a third file from locally. The last step goes very smoothly.

User2: The user enters the home page and finds the specific card for CS4320 course quickly just like user 1. But when he wants to choose the assignment that he wants to upload, he seems to forget the instructions for the module and assignment. Then he clicks the dashboard and goes to the home page again to find the specific information of that assignment. Then he goes through the later steps very smoothly, chooses and uploads some local files to the system.

                                                       Reflection

In the page where to choose which assignment to submit, I need to use different titles for assignments in case that users get confused about what assignment to upload, because the titles are all “assignment” followed by the number, and it will make students very confused when there is an increasing number of assignments.

I need to do something about the home page and second page to ensure that students are still able to access the materials or instructions from the second page so that they do not need to go back to the home page, which is not convenient at all for students.

Through this exercise, I think I can understand some basic standards of human computer interaction design and designers should think as users and make sure that every step takes care of users’ convenience and they do not need to goes to other pages to complete actions on this page.