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Department of Computer Engineering

BLG374E – Technical Communications for Engineers – Spring 2013

Assignment 4 – Annotated Bibliography

Assignment Due Date: 11 – March – 2014 (Tuesday) 11:59pm

ASSIGNMENT 4

The assignment

Find sources and generate an annotated bibliography about one of the topics given below.

For each source give a brief summary of the main conclusions and interesting subjects or methodological elements. Note that, unlike a literature survey, an annotated bibliography does not require you to analyse the sources collectively or compare them with each other, but you certainly may attempt this.

You will need to submit the annotated bibliography with *references* laid out using IEEE Transactions Format:

https://www.ieee.org/publications_standards/publications/authors/author_templates.html.

You may use the templates supplied by the publishers if you wish, but only the formatting of references and citations is relevant (that is, the titles, headers, page sizes, and so forth, are not the target for this assignment). For a summary of the citation and reference aspect of these styles, this is a helpful resource:

<http://dal.ca.libguides.com/content.php?pid=860&sid=11818>

At least 7 sources must be from scholarly sources like journal articles, conference papers and books.

TOPIC OPTION 1:

Software usability from the perspective of:

- Measuring the usability of software.
- Usability of the kind of computer tool that you reviewed software for last week (e.g. video editing tools).

TOPIC OPTION 2:

A topic of your choosing. Try to choose a topic on which you can develop a project.

Submission policy

- Only electronic submissions through **Ninova** will be accepted.
- Late submissions or those submitted otherwise than according to instructions will not be accepted.
- Submit in a **PDF file**:
 - The annotated bibliography.
- Submit in **English**.
- Academic dishonesty, including cheating, plagiarism, and direct copying, is unacceptable.
 - For the attached report, considerable copied text is allowable as long as it is cited and referenced.

Grading policy

Components:

- *All necessary reference information is included.*
- *IEEE Transactions format is followed.*
- *Spelling mistakes are avoided.*
- *The formatting and punctuation are tidy and consistent.*
- *The most relevant pieces from each reference are mentioned.*
- *Some ideas are mentioned.*
- *The author name is included as well as a title.*

Bonus marks:

Discussions comparing different sources (up to 30%)
Analysis of individual sources (up to 30%)

Deductions:

Each spelling mistake: -15%
Each gross error in formatting, punctuation: -10%.
Presentation and gross grammar errors: up to -20%.