

Self Reflection for COMM5961

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Looking back on this course, I realize that I have acquired a significant amount of new knowledge that was entirely strange for me three months ago. The learning process is really tough, but all my effort is worthy when I review all the class materials, especially when my own website is finally finished. I have to say that what I've learned in this course is far beyond my expectation, although I'm still not doing well in some ways.

First of all, my learning ability has been improved a lot through this course. With the necessary preview and review through plenty study resources online, I've established a brand-new self-learning rhythm. Now, I have formed the habit of previewing via online videos and using various websites to get more comprehensive knowledge as supplementary.

Besides, I now have a basic understanding of the context of Smart Cities, Internet of Things, Artificial Intelligence, Big Data, Cloud Computing and Blockchain, which is the foundation for entering the rapidly developing internet industry. Nevertheless, I have to admit that my grasp of them is far from enough and I need to understand deeper in these emerging technologies by multiple ways.

Furthermore, what impressed me most in this course is the importance of defining the problem when we plan to design a product. Influenced by the conventional exam-oriented education, I always rush to working out the problem rather than leaving enough time in the beginning for a full understanding of the problem. This may be good for a higher grade but bad for solving practical problems in real life. In the course, the design thinking process and the double diamond model lay

much emphasis on the problem spacing, therefore, I will always think highly of empathy for target users in the future user and data centric new media product design.

Moreover, the experience of making a complete website is so valuable, through which I could make the most of course content. In this way, I not only master the knowledge of design thinking and computational thinking better, but also clearly know the system of data driven product and services design.

In terms of my learning goal for the future, I will go on coding learning and in the meantime try to master more front- and back-end applications. In addition, I will try to find a suitable position of me in teamwork through the project in the next semester. At the moment, I am interested in product and services design after the three-month learning, so I will equip myself with all kinds of skills relative in order to find an ideal career.

Overall, I am pleasantly surprised by what I have learned in the past three months in COMM5961, and I'm looking forward to the course in the next semester.