

CMSI 670
TOPICS IN INTERACTION DESIGN
Fall 2007

Assignment 0920

Time to exercise that other crucial research skill — finding and digesting (mentally) scholarly work.

Not for Submission

1. Read the sample paper that was given out in class, “the research way.”
2. Take note — you’ve read some papers today. They’re legitimate entries to your annotated bibliography, regardless of whether or not the subject matter interests you.

For Submission

What to Do

Find two papers from the literature — one published before 2000, and another published after — that you consider to be similar to those that were presented in class. “Similarity” here is up to you — just make sure that you can explain your definition to the class. Read these papers and write a brief analysis of what you’ve read. Specifically, provide the following:

- A brief summary of the paper
- A short list of interaction design topics that are touched upon by the paper
- The specific contribution that the paper claims to make to the field
- A list of related questions, tasks, issues, or problems that are *not* covered by the work reported in the paper

Be prepared to share your findings with the class.

How to Submit It

1. Submit your two analyses on hardcopy at the beginning of next week’s class. Make sure to include full citations of each paper.
2. Commit the LaTeX source files (of course you’re supposed to use LaTeX to write your analyses) to CVS under *homework/cmsi670/similar*. Make sure to commit a *.cvsignore* file as well, so that temporary artifacts aren’t committed to the repository.