Trends in User-Centered Design

HCDE 518
User Centered Design

On Tuesday, March 1, we will wrap up the course lectures with a look at current trends in user-centered design: where we have been, where we are going, and where you see the future headed. This class has served as an introduction to a number of user centered design methods and the user centered design process, but we have only begun to scratch the surface. This lecture will try to give a perspective on what we've covered and what is still to come.

To prepare for this class, please read the items below. There are a large number of readings, but none of them are particularly long.

What to Read


What to Turn In

After reading the articles, link them together by writing 2-3 paragraphs answering the following question: Based on where User Centered Design has been—what problems it has addressed, what systems it has invented, what methods it has used, etc.—say where you think UCD is going, and where it should go, and why. Your answer can be focused on UCD research or practice (or both).

To get credit for this answer, you must be specific. That is, you must refer to specific problems, methods, techniques, or systems in your answer, and the principles relevant to them. You may also refer to specific societal trends, political events, the current technological or social “climate,” developments in other fields (e.g., materials science), etc. Be as specific as possible in your answer. Vague, generic, or ungrounded answers will not be given full credit for this reading response.

All of your responses for this class should be Times New Roman 12 point font, single spaced, with 1-inch margins on all four sides of the page. Print double-sided to save trees.