

Assignment: Seminar Presentation of a paper with Questions

One student group presents one paper each, and prepares questions to another paper during the course. The main objective with this assignment is that the students shall acquire a capability to critically analyze advanced texts about experimental and participatory design, acquire the understanding of these texts, and then communicate it in a clear and understandable manner to the fellow students. Each paper will be given approx. 20 minutes for presentation and questions.

Presenting a paper

The student group is allocated a paper which the group is required to read carefully, analyze, select relevant parts, formulate a presentation, and then deliver an oral presentation (with or without PowerPoint support). During the seminar, the group will have 10-12 minutes for their presentation while the rest is for questions from another group and discussions in class.

You might find the following elements useful for your presentation of the paper:

1. Paper presentation:
The students present the paper, where they clearly state:
 - a. The WHAT:
What is the key question(s) that the author(s) address in their text?
 - b. The WHY:
How do they motivate (i.e. justify) the importance of the question(s)?
 - c. The HOW:
How do they go about to produce their argument(s) to the question(s) addressed?
 - d. MESSAGE:
What is the answer to the questions stated, or what is the key message of the paper (or chapter) that the author(s) try to send to the readers?
 - e. BENEFIT:
What are the potentially positive benefits, that the authors state themselves, of the key message of the text?
2. Critical assessment
 - a. What are the strengths and the limitations of the paper that you would like to bring forward?
(i.e. what do you think is clear and unclear with the papers' content)

Formulating questions

To formulate questions to the paper you are required to read the paper carefully and find questions that are suited to stimulate a discussion. You can use the above list as a basis for formulating questions. The questions and discussion session will take 5-10 minutes.