Review of The Gaming Platform

The Gaming Platform seems like an interesting and well defined project. Our impression is that your claims and assumptions are well thought through, and your usability goals and user experience goals are clear, providing a good point of departure for the system development process.

Conceptual model

- The conceptual model is easily understandable, and is a good description of what sort of system you want to create.
- The idea of having turn-based games is good because people are on the platform for a short period, and will maybe not be able to complete a full game. However, a turn-based game may conflict with the idea that the games should generate conversation between strangers.

Data gathering

- Gathering data by first observing the potential users, rather than starting by interviewing them seems to have been a good idea. It seems like this has given you knowledge of the users that you then would not have to include in the interview later on.
- You say that people were uncomfortable with the situation of playing against another player. Was this only because you were there and they felt that you were judging them, or is there some kind of social barrier which makes Norwegians scared of interacting with strangers making this a potential challenge for your system? We believe that you should think about whether or not there is a need for something more than the system in itself that would make the users make the initial contact to play together and against each other.
- Your plots needs to have a defined Y-axis. This is important if the reader is supposed to know what you are displaying. It is very hard to tell what you want do display from the plots in your midterm report.
- Interesting remarks on gender differences. Have you considered trying to make the system more appealing to women?

Conclusion

We believe that the Gaming Platform is a good project. We are really bored while waiting for the metro. In our opinion, the greatest challenges are in whether or not people on the platform will start using the system. If they start using the system, it has a good potential of fulfilling the goals of it being an ice-breaker and entertainment system.