

## CS 484S09 HW 1: Due Wed. January 28

1. Websites are increasingly important platforms for interaction design.

As an exercise consider this problem. Assume a friend has told you that every Spring SIU has an International Food Fair at the Student Center. Using the web, find out if will be held this semester and, if so, when and where it will be.

Describe your experiences as you do your best to try to find this information. The information may or may/not be available online. Note the date and time that you look for it. Contrast the following two approaches:

- a. Start at SIU's home page ( <http://www.siu.edu/> ) and do your best to find the information by following links.
- b. Use search as your primary method to find the information.

If after 5 minutes, on a particular approach you are unsuccessful, just write up your experience. Actual users would be also expected to give up after a trying for several minutes.

- c. Summarize your experience in looking for this information. Did you get an answer?

2. One interaction paradigm discussed was *Wearable Computing*. Find a consumer-ready (a system that ordinary consumers could actually buy today), wearable computing example. Describe the system and give a URL for the product. If possible also give the cost.

3. Web browsers are sometimes used by users to download files to their local computers. Use 2 different browsers to explore the functionality of determining where downloaded files should be stored. For each browser give brief instructions on how the user could change this setting and then comment on the *visibility* and *mapping* of this aspect of the interface.