CS/INFO 1305 Information Architecture, Exercise (HCI Ex 1) **Due Wednesday, 7/25, at 10:00pm**

Work with *one* partner. First register your group in CMS—one person *invites*; the other *accepts* the invitation. Type the text answers to questions 1 and 2 in one document and submit it in CMS. The diagrams may be submitted on paper in class or electronically in CMS. Once you have registered your group in CMS, only one partner per group needs to make the submission.

1. Design the homepage and one subpage of _______ for a mobile browser. Draw a sketch, also called a *wireframe*, of each page. In a paragraph describe which informational and navigational elements (see lecture notes) are important and present on your "pages." Are there elements/functionalities that you have left out of or introduced to your design due to *mobile* browsing? Note that wireframes focus on the space allocation, prioritization of content, functionalities available, and intended behaviors. Therefore do not concern yourself with styling and graphics.

You can submit your sketches on paper (in class) or electronically (in CMS). Submit your paragraph in CMS.

2. Visit the *Home* page of http://www.cnet.com/; then click on a story/article available. (*Mute your machine*—ads may play and would create too much noise in the classroom/lab.) Evaluate both the news page that you chose and the *Home* page based on our class discussion on Web design on 7/25. Refer to your notes! Specifically, comment on whether the *Home* page and the navigation elements on the contents page (your chosen news page) are effective. General comments such as the "the purpose is clear" or "the organization is messed up" are not helpful. Refer specifically to the items discussed in class. Your critique should be about one page (double-spaced).