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CS 790M Human-Computer Interaction

Assignment #3

February 21, 2008

Due:	Monday, March 3, 5:00 pm
Points:	50
Weight in course grade:	7%

Software Tool: Interface Builder

For this assignment select and exercise a software tool that supports the construction of user-computer interfaces. Work with this tool on some simple application(s) and write a description of the tool's main characteristics and applicability (between 600 and 1000 words).

Indicate the selected tool's name, the company that produces it, the current status of the tool, and its availability. Then, describe its functions, organization, capabilities, and intended areas of applications. Using a set of at least five evaluation criteria indicate your personal opinions on the tool and provide recommendations for its potential users. To give an idea of the "look and feel" of the selected HCI tool you should also include at least five snapshots of the tool "in action".

Note that during round 2 of presentations you will present the tool to the class (a 15 to 20-minute talk). To avoid duplications, by Monday February 25 at 5:00 pm send an email to the instructor with the name of the tool selected. Check the course website on updates of what your colleagues have chosen so far.

Examples of possible tools include but are not limited to: Microsoft Visual Studio, Microsoft Expression Interactive Designer, Microsoft C# Express Edition, Microsoft Expression Web, Macromedia Dreamweaver, Macromedia Fireworks, ArcPad Application Builder, MIDP (Mobile Information Device Profile) User Interface, Python wxGlade, Apple xCode IDE, QT Designer GUI Builder, Adobe GoLive, Game Maker, Blender, Hammer World Editor, Carrara Studio, Genesis32.

Send the assignment by email to the instructor as a single PDF file, named A3_YourLastName.