

Comments on DAM 312

Overall performance in the module was very good. Ability to develop, execute, and deploy a material speculation was excellent. Understanding and synthesis of the theory and design strategies was excellent. Personal development as a designer was excellent.

Final Prototype: excellent development of the final prototype. You manifested and realized your idea well leading to the prototype being reasonably effective as a material speculation. In hindsight, there were key design decisions that did not work as well, e.g. the look of the artifact did not support it as a storage container. The deployment was very good and like a good material speculation, it held its own surprises when deployed in the everyday. Final Video: Very good video - clear and well communicated the material speculation. Deployment: Excellent deployment given the time frame of the class. Interesting results and it was very good that new things were discovered in the deployment. Your reflection revealed insightful comparisons between the approaches in the electives. I feel you have a good understanding of how these can contribute to your development as a designer.

You investigated the design space of your material speculation reasonably well. Perhaps, more attention during the preliminary deployment would have refined or progress your design exploration better. Nevertheless, the ideas and concepts became more refined as the elective progressed leading to a well executed deployable prototype.

You and your team did a very good job of considering and refining the technical choices for the prototype given the timeframe of the elective. The final outcome mapped close to what you had envisioned and given the timeframe was very well executed. You were able to iterate between design decisions and technical decisions reasonably well.

This is not the focus of material speculations rather the objective is to investigate potential relations between people and artifacts. Your material speculation was excellent in this respect. It balanced purpose with speculation in a very effective way that opened up to reflections between the organic and the technical. It was very good at creating unanticipated encounters and interpretation on the relations and meaning of the artifact.

The final artifact explored the relations between the organic and the technical and appeared to create a level of reflection on the part of your participants.

The form and senses in the final artifact was excellent. The considerations of the concept and the artifact nature of an object in a refrigerator was very strong - helping to create defamiliarization.

Based on our meetings and presentations your team appeared to be effective.

Based on our meetings, presentations and the final outcome you and your team appeared to employ reflective design processes. Your attention to the role of making and reflecting in action as the ideal way to manifest a material speculation was very strong.

It appeared that you were strong in your self-development and continual learning. This was most evident in your ability to grasp a new concept (material speculation) and implement it very well.

There was programming involved that was well executed in the prototype.

You executed your material speculation well which demonstrates that you situated the work well in the everyday and strongly validated it in context.

You and your team did an excellent job of conceptualizing your ideas, iterating, situating and making concrete in context your final prototype.

Your ability to understand the concept, analyze it through design and through realizing it in a functional form was excellent.

It was a pleasure to work with you - your attitude and overall approach to the class was excellent. It was evident to me that you are an excellent design leader.

Keep an open mind, stay reflective, and keep progressing along your current development as a designer. You have excellent strengths in design reflection and awareness - I look forward to seeing your future projects.

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