Project 3: Create an idea inventory and organize an outline

Due: 10/20/05

Project 3: goal

• In this assignment, you will take an inventory of the ideas you have discovered in your research on your topic. You will organize the idea inventory into groups of related ideas and begin to anticipate the flow of ideas in your paper.
Idea inventory

- You have been reading and thinking.
- This has brought you into contact with many ideas. Some of the ideas are facts about your system, some are concepts from distributed cognition, some are methods of inquiry.
- Identify the ideas. Give them names and write them down.
- Now consider how the ideas relate to one another. Build groups of related ideas.
- Give the groups names and explore the internal organization of the groups.

Outline

- Your prospectus provided the top-level outline of your paper: topic, background, method, results, significance.
- Now you can start to organize and expand each section of the paper. You will be adding ideas to the sections that already exist. Keep or edit the text you already wrote for the prospectus.
- Insert organized groups of ideas into the appropriate sections of your outline.
- Notice that results will probably have two parts. Part 1: the nature of the system, and Part 2: the interpretation of the system as a cognitive system.
Turn in

An idea inventory and an outline of your paper. (And copies of the first 2 assignments).

- The idea inventory can be rough, even handwritten.
- The outline should be an expanded version of your prospectus. It will include some whole paragraphs and sentences, and some lists of bullets in outline style.
- Try to include detail in the outline. The more you tell us about what you intend to do, the better we can advise you.