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The first photo assignment I made was a picture I took during my Grand Canyon trip in February, 2010. The first time I used the paintbrush to add a simple circle and text by using Photoshop. I know it is too simple, but I have no idea about it. After I saw some composition my classmates made in class, I tried to redo this assignment again. This time I used PhotoCap4, which is a sample open source to edit the effect part, and then using Photoshop to add a real halo and changing the text color to fix the whole image, also. Those two photos' link as below:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/53498366@N08/4989843911/in/set-72157624704714059/>

The second assignment is audio. At that time, I explored a little how to use Audacity, which is the free audio editing software. It can edit several audio clips I want to use for it. However, I was not familiar how to use it that time. So, I decided to use different software calls Logic Express, which is the professional audio and midi editing software for Mac only. I chose two audio clips and a sound effect from the database of my computer, and then combined another sound effect file that I found form the Internet. The first composition I made did not have a very good ending. Therefore, I also made a new composition at

<http://mediaediting.wikispaces.asu.edu/audio+assignment>

For the third assignment, I used Ulead DVD MovieFactory and Audacity, to separate editing the video and the audio part. I used the photos I took in Arizona, in Tokyo, and in the Southern Taiwan. Also, I took few more new videos and photos at ASU. The song clip I chose is one of my favorite signers, Tanya Tsai, who is from Singapore. Using Quicktime 7 to

export the wav files of the video I took, and then using Audacity to edit and to combine those clips together. Finally, I used Adobe After Effect to add text title and to edit those parts together to export the final video file. The link as below:

http://www.dailymotion.com/video/xf3pl5_stranger_school

Actually, I never heard the word “Social Network” before. Also, although I have a Facebook account because of my previous assignment, I do not often use it. I do not know how to use twitter, either. Therefore, I just used the software, the Cmap and the Egonet map, to follow the instructor making the part 1 and part 2 pictures. The last picture is the most difficult part for me. I have no idea to create my own network figure, so I chose the Google map indicated the distance between Taiwan and Arizona. Add the Skype icon, which is the software I used to communicate with my parents, among with two lines. The yellow line is the communication way between I and my parents. The green line is the communication way of my cousin and her family.

<http://mediaediting.wikispaces.asu.edu/Social+Network+assignment>

Interface assignment was another difficult part for me too, the interactive tool between human and computer. Although I use it often in my daily life, I was not very clear about the definition. I did not even know which one I want to use. Finally, I chose the self check-out machine in the grocery store. The one I used more often in the United States. Using Adobe Photoshop to edit the self check-out machine I found from the Internet. Erasing the part I think is not very convenient and adds a cart next to it.

<http://mediaediting.wikispaces.asu.edu/Interface+assignment>

At the last Life Experience assignment, I explored the Orison software, which I never heard and used before. Before class, I cannot use it on my PC at all. After class, it works, but

I have too much homework I need to deal with at that time. I made part 1 and part 2 during the weekend. The Part 1 I made two albums, Be found and Went up A-Mountain, which were the photos from the Digital Camera and the SenseCam I found in the short collection data. I chose the photos from the Boston trip to be the part 2 album title. The part 3 which is the long collection data over a 9-month period, let my head became really big. Finally, I decided to be the SenseCam, in order to create the perspective of the photos I saw, and trying to interact with the real world. <http://mediaediting.wikispaces.asu.edu/Life+Experience+assignment>

Overall, I think I learn a lot since I started studying at ASU this semester. Not only at this class but also in my other classes I take. For example, the Interface assignment and one part of the Life Experience assignment, The Perspective of The SenseCam, the knowledge I got from my Design Theory class. I got a lot of new ideas and skills that I never think and don't know how to approach it before. I enjoy this class.