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ASSIGNMENT 1 - A thinking assignment

The very rapid explosion of technology, has in general made society struggle with old forms as new forms are mushrooming every day. Knowing the possibilities and operating efficiency that technology provides in some areas of our life, we become frustrated with other areas that employ old forms of operations. For example every time you change dentist or doctor or fill any type of application, you are generally given a paper form to fill with basic information about you. And you think, can't I have a virtual place on the clouds for which I can just send them a link? and on and on similar examples are all around us... including educational institutions and educational systems. Write about two things you would change in the way we conduct our teaching and learning (not related to GIS), either in UF or in general at the college level, in the context of information systems and technology. Feel free to propose a radical system overhaul if that's what you think. Total 150 - 200 words, be prepared to elaborate in class.

Home assignments always due a week later.