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In contrast with last year, most groups chose for the nano assignment, and the concept presentations were promising. Not every group is online though. Perhaps partly due to an overlaid schedule, the students started really slowly. Also, somewhat disappointingly, only half of the students submitted a moodboard in unity, and all in all the quality, I must say, was quite OK. In general, however, the (total) group of students is somewhat unresponsive and passive. And with the exception of some, both blogs and portfolios are not maintained after CA1 and NM1, which makes them virtually useless as an instrument to monitor progress and as a measure for motivation and activity. I partially blame the mentor/tutor system for this, since they do not properly emphasize the importance of individual students' portfolios, nor, apparently, take the time to look at either blogs or portfolios!