WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method implemented by one or more processors, the method comprising:

maintaining a list of computing devices that are associated with a user and that each operate a respective local assistant module;

generating a notification based on content for a user, content being associable with a ranking;

selecting, based on ranking of the content, a modality from a plurality of modalities to alert the user of the notification, the plurality of modalities comprising one modality in association with a low ranking content and another modality in association with a high ranking content;

receiving an indication of an inquiry the user at the local assistant module of a given computing device of the computing devices of the list;

responsive to receiving the indication of the inquiry from the user, causing a reactive response to the inquiry to be output at the local assistant module of the given computing device;

responsive to receiving the indication of the inquiry from the user, causing the local assistant module of the given computing device to signal, at an end of the reactive response and in the modality, availability of the notification; and

responsive to additional input, at the local assistant module in response to the signaling, that indicates consent of the user, causing the notification to be rendered by the local assistant module of the given computing device.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein generating the notification based on the content comprises determining a length of the notification based on information associated with the user and/or based on the content.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein determining the length of the notification based on information associated with the user and/or based on the content comprises:

determining a ranking for the content based on the information associated with the user and/or based on the content; and

selecting the length of the notification based on the ranking for the content.

4. The method of claim 2, wherein the length of the notification is indicative of a level of detail of the content for the notification.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the modality to alert the user of the notification is one or both of: a light indicator and an audible indicator.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein signaling, at the end of the reactive response and in the modality, availability of the notification comprises notifying the user that the notification is available without providing the content of the notification.

7. A computer-readable storage medium comprising instructions that, when executed cause at least one processor to perform the method of any one of claims 1-6.

8. A computing device comprising means for performing the method of any one of claims 1-6.