

Standards and Guidelines Assignment

Assigned: 19 July; Due: 29 July; 15 points
To be done by groups of two or three people

Goals

By completing this assignment you will:

- ✿ become familiar with HCI guidelines,
- ✿ compare and contrast sets of guidelines,
- ✿ apply guidelines to evaluate a website, and
- ✿ have a chance to evaluate how you work with a group of other students.

Requirements

Select three guidelines from three published sets of guidelines (see list below for some examples and starting points). Write a brief description of the guidelines you chose. Comment on how you think they apply to the tasks of designing and evaluating user interfaces.

Find some websites that comply and do not comply with the guidelines you have chosen. Specifically: choose three websites that comply with the guidelines from one of your chosen sets but do not comply with guidelines from another of your sets.

Explain how the websites comply with the guidelines, and also explain how they violate the guidelines.

Do you think the guidelines provide good guidance for designers? Evaluate the utility of the guidelines by comparing sites that comply with some of the guidelines but violate other guidelines.

Guidelines Sources

You can find some published sets of guidelines on the WWW from:

- ✿ [URL:http://www.ida.liu.se/~miker/hci/guidelines.html](http://www.ida.liu.se/~miker/hci/guidelines.html),
- ✿ [URL:http://atwww.hhi.de/USINACTS/publications.html](http://atwww.hhi.de/USINACTS/publications.html), and
- ✿ [URL:http://www.usability.gov/guidelines/](http://www.usability.gov/guidelines/).

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Group Members: _____

Guidelines (4.5 points)

Found and described three guidelines from three different sources

Guideline 1: _____

Guideline 2: _____

Guideline 3: _____

Evaluation (10.5 points)

1. [9 points] Evaluated 3 websites using the guidelines. Described why and how the guidelines applied.

Website 1: _____

Website 2: _____

Website 3: _____

2. [1.5 points] Evaluated guidelines by comparing impressions of usability of two websites that comply with some guidelines and do not comply with others.

Additional Comments