CISY 8403

Peer Review Questions

**Site Identity and Purpose**

1. Whose software are you reviewing?
   1. Include the author(s), representative firm, etc.

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1. The Needs Assessment
   1. Is it appropriate for the problem? Why or why not?
      1. It is appropriate because it addresses the problems stated in the scenario.
   2. Complaints and/or positives
   3. Suggestions for improvement
      1. N/A
2. What is the goal(s) of this software?
   1. How are these goals communicated?
      1. The goals of the software are communicated through the needs assessment.
   2. Are the design, navigation, security and functionality supporting the software’s goals?
      1. Yes
   3. Complaints and/or positives
   4. Suggestions for improvement
      1. N/A
3. Who is the target audience?
   1. Discuss the stated or perceived audience’s demographics
      1. Gamers of any kind looking to maybe find a new game to get into or a gamer who wants to leave their opinion on a certain game for everyone to see.
   2. Do the design, navigation, security and functionality appeal to this audience?
      1. Yes
   3. Complaints and/or positives
      1. It would be good if the titles of the games are displayed above the game’s thumbnail with the systems that the game can be played on. I.E, Portal 2 (Xbox, PS, & PC)
   4. Suggestions for improvement
      1. See above
4. Does the software communicate the available tasks effectively?
   1. Are these elements functional?
      1. Yes
   2. As a whole, do these elements work together?
      1. Yes
   3. Complaints and/or positives
   4. Suggestions for improvement

**Interactions, Content Delivery and Accessibility**

1. How does the software deliver its content? Is the content delivered accessible to a variety of users?
   1. Does the software provide multiple ways to deliver its material? What are these ways?
      1. By clicking on the game’s thumbnail, it will direct the user to the page of the game giving a brief summary of said game, the user reviews, and the ratings based on the reviews.
   2. Does the software effectively deliver material in an accessible manner?
      1. Yes
   3. Complaints and/or positives
      1. There is no name for the reviews so they are all anonymous. I don’t know if this was intended but it would be nice to have a name attached to the review.
   4. Suggestions for improvement
2. Does thesoftware display and/or deliver its information regarding content, interactions and use effectively? Yes.
   1. Complaints and/or positives
      1. The layout makes it easy on the eyes and easy to read.
   2. Suggestions for improvement
3. Do the software’s functional elements work well?
   1. Do the software’s functional elements “work”? Are these features timely?
      1. Yes
   2. Are instructions included or is the software intuitive?
      1. Intuitive
   3. Complaints and/or positives
      1. User does not know that they have to login in order to create a review.
   4. Suggestions for improvement

**User Interface and User Experience**

1. Is the software interface appropriate for the software’s intended uses and audience? Yes
   1. Complaints and/or positives
      1. Good layout, the color palette of the site makes it easy on the eyes as stated before, the shadow behind the games are nice as well along with the rounded edges.
   2. Suggestions for improvement
      1. No navigation after clicking on a game. Add a back button
      2. Would be nice if a name of the user who is logged in is displayed next to the sign out button
      3. Titles as stated before
      4. Change Login in to Login (lol)
      5. Enlarge the success messages (maybe center it?)
2. Are the design layout guidelines being used appropriate to the software’s problem solving approach? Yes
   1. Complaints and/or positives
   2. Suggestions for improvement

**Software Security**

1. Does the software follow industry specifications regarding the implementation of security practices? Yes
   1. Complaints and/or positives
   2. Suggestions for improvement
2. Is the software appropriately secure based on its needs, users and intended purposes? Yes
   1. Complaints and/or positives
   2. Suggestions for improvement
      1. I would lower the length of the email field in the sign up page.

**Peer Review Pointers**

Point out what you didn’t like and what the software did well in a professional manner.

* 1. Do this after your first interaction with the software and again after several interactions to see if you have changed your mind.
  2. Use constructive terms and if possible direct the individual to resources that may help in the implementation of better software.
  3. If a design element does not make sense to you immediately or improve the interface, the developer needs to know your opinion. Then look at the software as if you were the intended target audience and share your comments.
  4. Focus on helping the developer improve his or her software, rather than just earning points for CISY 8503.