

1. In design Heuristics, what does the term "advantages of matching between system and the real world" mean? What are the advantages?

The term refers to using principles that are reflective of real life, such as the use of language, concepts and behaviours and embedding those within the system that has been created. The impact of this means that users will be able to operate with a system just as naturally as they would within the real world which most of the time is automatic, meaning that the users experience will be a smoother and easier one by adopting this principle.

The advantages of adopting this principle within practice are endless. We can ensure that there is minimal learning to undertake from the user as they are working with concepts that they use in the real world, an example of this would be using a website that uses an icon of a trolley to represent all of the products they have selected, the lack of learning needed increases accessibility and speed in which a user can navigate a system, with a more intuitive use.

The familiarity of a system will mean that the user is more likely to enjoy the process of using the system which is reflective of their real world, and thus more likely to leave positive reviews and have an overall positive user experience.

With this principle we might expect to also see fewer errors being made by the user, if we use another example of a website that uses folders and to represent these they are in the shape of a tangible folder, they are able to make quicker connections on how to use the system and what it means.

2. What do you understand by "single source of truth"? How does it relate to redux? What are the advantages?

The single source of the truth in regards to Redux refers to creating a single centralised store which holds all the state of your entire application. The store is an object that holds the state tree for the whole project, so all attributes.

Advantages of having a single source of the truth within Redux, means that it is easier to manage larger applications, with all of the state logic being in one centralised place, so you are able to handle state changes and transformations with more ease. With this ease it also means that when having multiple developers working on an application they will be aware that all of the state logic will be in one place, making it easier for multiple people to work on it and develop it further.

With the single source of the truth, you are ensuring consistency within your application, with all components being able to access the same state, it is not only easier to manage but also easier when it comes to debugging allowing the developer to track changes easily, with tools like Redux DevTools which are optimised for a single state tree.

Further advantages will see that if any rules would need to change that would impact the application updates would be easy to implement, with the logic all being in one place. Finally an advantage to single source of truth in Redux is the community that works with and contributes to it, with lots of resources available in order to allow other to understand them more and create more reliable applications with the focus on a centralised state.

3. What is the difference between a stateless component and a stateful component in React?

A stateless component, receives data through props and renders the user interface based on the properties which it is using. Once the data is rendered it doesn't remember this data or manage any changes to it. Below is an example of a stateless component using props to receive data.

```
<!-- const UserBio = (props) => {  
  return (  
    <div>  
      <h2>{props.name}</h2>  
      <p>Age: {props.age}</p>  
      <p>Number: {props.number}</p>  
    </div>  
  );  
};
```

```
<UserBio name="Bob Ross" age={60} number={07751 678910}/> -->
```

In contrast to the stateless component, the stateful component can manage its own state. The state is an object which holds information and attributes that can be manipulated and changed over the lifecycle.

```
<!--import React, { useState } from 'react';

const Counter = () => {
  const [count, setCount] = useState(0);

  const increment = () => {
    setCount(count + 1);
  };

  const decrement = () => {
    setCount(count - 1);
  };

  return (
    <div>
      <h1>Counter {count}</h1>
      <button onClick={increment}>Increment </button>
      <button onClick={decrement}>Decrement </button>
    </div>
  );
};

export default Counter; -->
```

The stateful component can retain data and updates the user interface in accordance to this, because of this stateful components tend to be able to handle more complexities due to the state management. However the stateless components might see a stronger performance as they do not manage the state, and thus not having to perform as many re-renders.

Therefore a stateless component would be best suited to a more simple application whereas a stateful component can handle stateful data with more dynamic interactions.

4. List out the advantages and disadvantages of exploratory testing(used in Agile) and scripted testing?

Exploratory testing is set to engage the tester more within the software and the tester creates tests on a more ad-hoc basis based on what they have learnt, experienced or come across whilst engaging with the software. The advantages of this type of testing allows for adaptability responding to change which is a key part of the Agile way of working. Exploratory testing also encourages diversity and creativity from the tester, where they can implement techniques that might not be anticipated within scripted testing.

Although there are advantages to exploratory testing, the disadvantages that could be presented would be having a greater dependence on the skill level and creativity of the developer working on those tests which might not be as impactful if you have a developer with a lack of experience. It can also pose as tricky to track the progress of exploratory tests due to the ad-hoc nature of them it means there is no standard checklist. Finally it can also mean that certain tests might be missed or overlooked with this way of working, which could mean bugs being missed.

Scripted testing is quite different, with scripted testing we see detailed test cases that are predefined before any testing starts. A tester will have everything ready before hand to execute any tests such as the instructions, predicted results, and the conditions for the tests to be run under. An advantage to this way of testing will mean that this will be great for automation, with the consistency that is shown within the preparation to these tests, so these tests can be run the same way every time.

With details of the tests being predefined before the tests are written it means that the documentation for these tests will be detailed and reliable, which is useful for other developers wanting to look at this documentation for referencing of audit.

The disadvantages that a developer might run into with scripted testing would be the time management of these tests, there is a lot of preparation that has to go into these tests before they are even run which could pose an issue when you have tight deadlines. Unlike the flexibility for exploratory testing, scripted testing sees an inflexible system which might not be as adaptable to change, missing those unexpected

bugs that might be unearthed within exploratory testing.