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INTERACTION DESIGN
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Assignment I206 Feedback

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1a — Your work and interface choice shows an understanding of a common user mental model when using a word processor, and you propose a decently-matched user interface for that mental model. This application is more specific than what I originally envisioned, but the understanding still does show. I hope you can apply a similar mapping to other applications in the future. (+)

1c — You don't mention many interaction design concepts here. Consistency is the main one, and you do refer to the direct manipulation interaction style, but not much else. You do use those concepts correctly, and at a good level of detail, but to really excel you need better coverage of more guidelines, principles, theories, etc. (|)

2b — Your design decisions are generally sound, though as mentioned in *1c* they do not use a lot of concepts seen in class. Further, the overall idea has very obvious similarities to Word's Outline View and to standard drag-and-drop. You address drag-and-drop briefly, but there is no mention of Outline View. Because they are very similar, you really should spend some time addressing that. Finally, your usability metrics analysis is hit-or-miss. Efficiency is the most straightforward but should get into more detail; learnability is not really supported well; errors could have been more specific. (/)

4d — You show some decent use of information around you, but without citations it isn't clear exactly what you got from where. Still, the information use is evident. Plus, you clearly invested some time toward doing the illustrations, and those go a long way in communicating your idea. (+)

4e — Your commit frequency is on the low end of what is appropriate for this work, and your messages are on the generic side (especially the second one, "Commit"). Time span could have been better too, but it was the last assignment for the semester, so we won't let that be a huge factor. In the end, this is about too few commits and overly generic messages. (/)

4f — Not submitted on time, but with some prior discussion of personal issues outside of class. (|)