

## Interação Pessoa-Máquina 2020/2021

## Assignment 1

## **Good and Bad Design**

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## **Faculty Website**

The two interfaces analysed on this assignment are the main pages of different faculty websites from distinct universities.

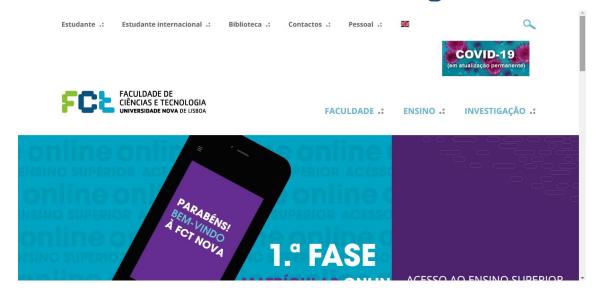
#### **Objective**

To inform the user about the faculty, expose the details relevant to all students, provide information about the works of the faculty to any user and much more.

## **Bad Interface Design**



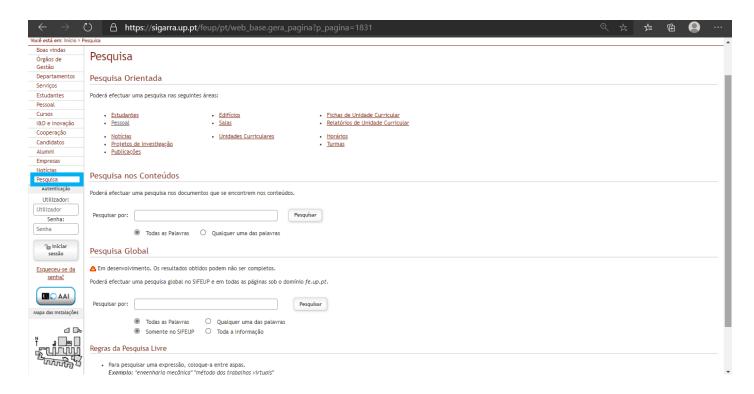
# Vs. Good Interface Design



## Reasons for being considered a bad interface design:



- 1. It's cluttered, which makes the website suffocating at first sight and unpleasant to navigate.
- 2. There is duplicate information (as highlighted in blue on the image above). Taking up space that could be used to make the page more dynamic for the user.
- 3. As the search icon is not available now (September 2020), the only way to search is presented by the image below. It is not an intuitive way for the user to explore and make requests to the website, leading this action to take minutes when it should take seconds.





4. The English version of the website is not fully translated, making it impossible to non-Portuguese speakers to understand all its content.

#### How to improve FEUP's website:

- Eliminate the duplicate information, choosing the one which will be more appealing for the public.
- Use dropdown menus or collapsed bars to diminish the amount of information in the sidebars, which are not recommended because they limit the space even more.
- Let the images take a main role, making them bigger and consequently brightening the design, and change the icons to more modern and simple ones.
- Create an English version of the images and correct the information that is not translated in the English website.

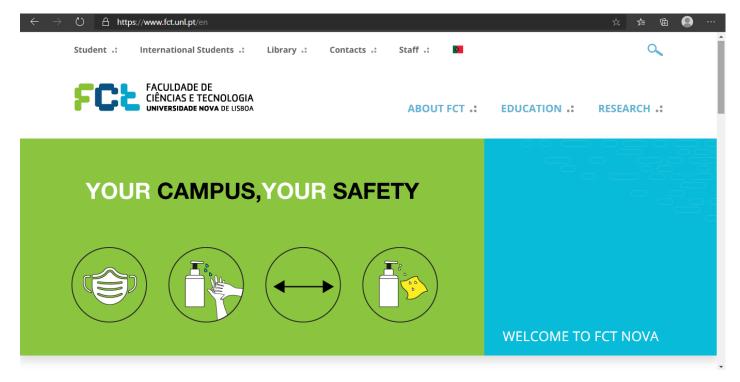
FEUP's website: https://sigarra.up.pt/feup/pt/web\_page.inicial

## Reasons for being considered a good interface design:



- 1. It has a clean and concise design. This is attainable by the use of a collapsed sidebar (as shown in the image below).
- 2. The website becomes more appealing due to the colors and the automatic slideshow highlighting the current events at the faculty.
- 3. The information is divided into specific categories to aid the user on their search and navigation. In case the user does not want to browse the website there is always a search field available.





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FCT's website: <a href="https://www.fct.unl.pt/">https://www.fct.unl.pt/</a>