PG Laboratory - V

User Experience Design Lab

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Experiment No. 4

Aim:

Evaluate the product based on user experience principles and give suggestions for improvement. Explain the usability testing process for the same.

User Experience Principles:

At the core of UX is ensuring that users find value in what you are providing to them. Peter Morville represents this through his User Experience Honeycomb.



He notes that in order for there to be a meaningful and valuable user experience, information must be:

- Useful: Your content should be original and fulfill a need
- Usable: Site must be easy to use
- Desirable: Image, identity, brand, and other design elements are used to evoke emotion and appreciation

- Findable: Content needs to be navigable and locatable onsite and offsite
- Accessible: Content needs to be accessible to people with disabilities
- Credible: Users must trust and believe what you tell them

Analysis of Case Study:

Website: Mumbai University

About Mumbai University:

The University of Mumbai (known earlier as University of Bombay) is one of the oldest and premier Universities in India. It was established in 1857 consequent upon "Wood's Education Dispatch", and it is one amongst the first three Universities in India. As a sequel to the change in the name of the city from Bombay to Mumbai, the name of the University has been changed from "University of Bombay" to "University of Mumbai", vide notification issued by the Government of Maharashtra and published in the Government Gazette dated 4th September, 1996. The University was accorded 5 star status in 2001 & 'A' grade status in April 2012 by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC).

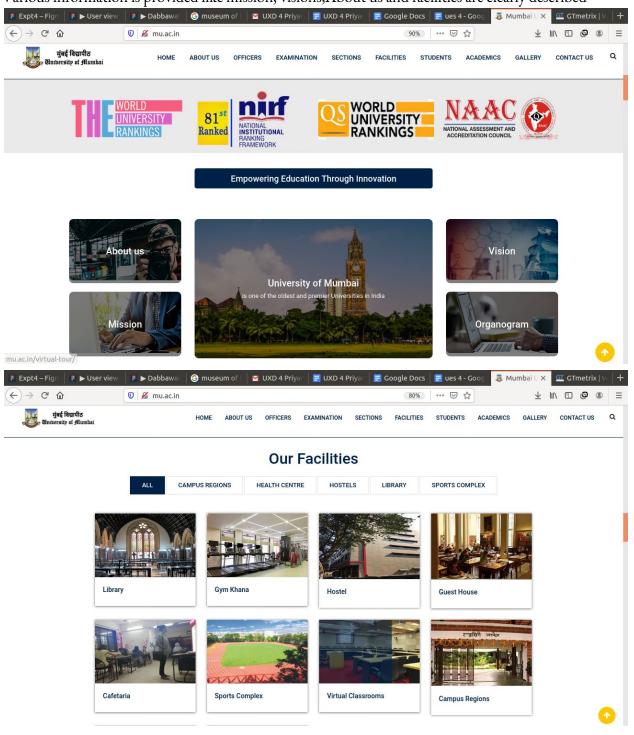
Home Page:

Useful Ux Principle: As the website loads we can see no of pages are linked in the navbar which can be used to navigate to other pages.

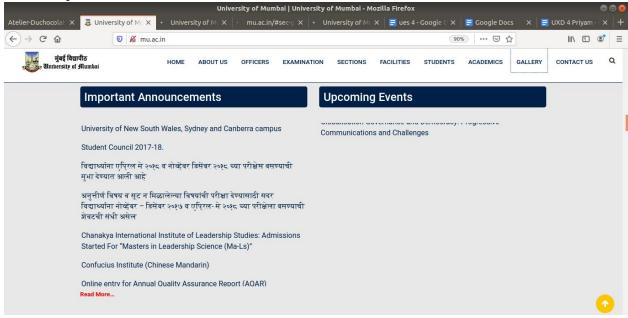
Findable Ux Principle: A search bar is provided in navbar to easily search anything on the website.



Various information is provided like mission, visions, About us and facilities are clearly described

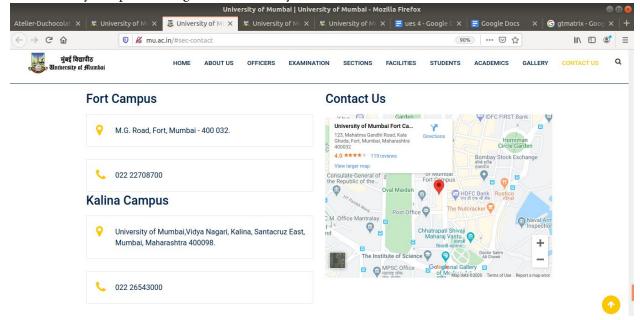


Announcements / Upcoming Events : This section is very useful for students in order to keep themself updated.



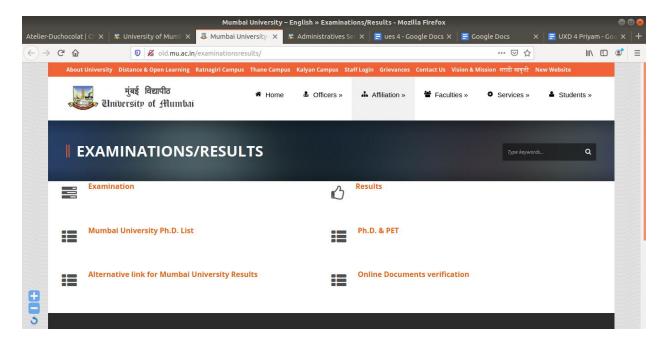
Contact Us:

Address of university and contact no is given if there is any inquiry so students can be easily contact the university. Maps are also given to avoid any kind of confusion.



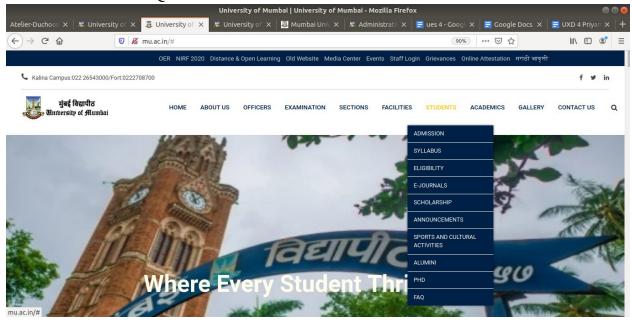
Exam/Results:

All the information related exams and results are provided here.



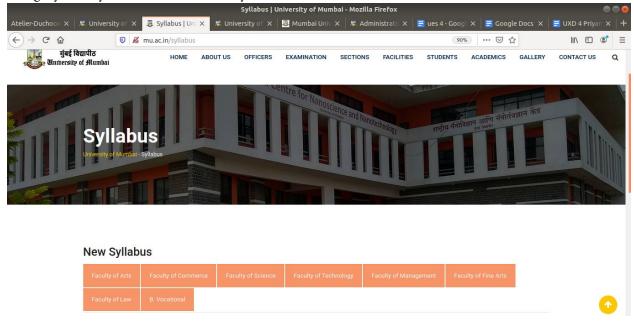
Students:

In this section all information related to students are provide like admission, syllabus, scholarship, announcements and FAQ etc



Syllabus:

Category wise syllabus is shown for easy and fast access.



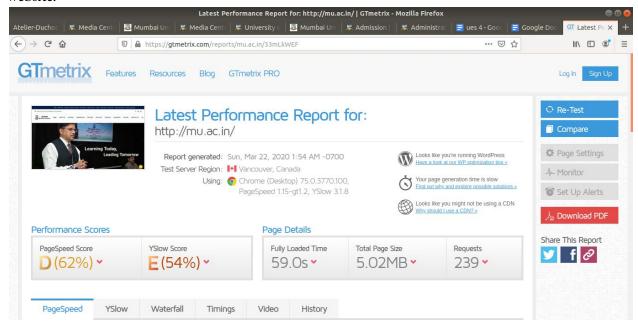
Distance and Open Learning:

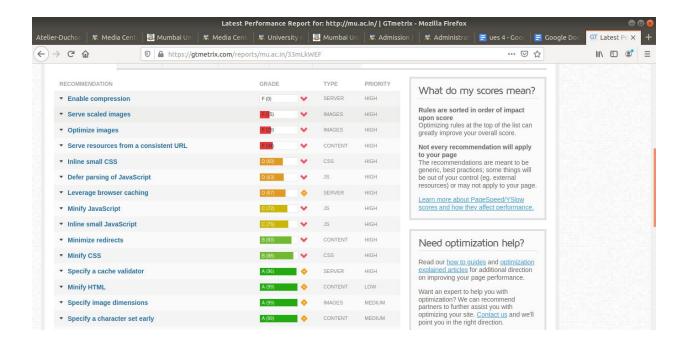
Distance & Open Learning is a distinct approach to impart education to learners who are removed in space and / or time from the teachers or the teaching institution on account of economic, social and consideration



Improvement Suggestion:

- 1. Inconsistency can be observed in whole website like navbar is not consistent in all webpages, different favicon is used in different webpage. Element layout of both pages Distance and open learning and main home page are different which feels like they are two different websites.
- 2. Email should be given in About Us section.
- 3. Newsletters are a great form of marketing and an easy way to reach users which should be given in footer.
- 4. Usability is compromised, instead of left and right navigation top navbar should be given. In Distance and Open Learning there should be some paddings between all elements.
- 5. There should be provision of local language support, for example, Marathi and Hindi.
- 6. Optimization and performance of the website is not good. Gtscore of the website is very bad. It takes 59 sec to fully loading the website which should be 5-10 sec not more than that. There are some technical issues mentioned in the photo which can increase the performance of the website.





7. User security is compromised, no ssh certificate is used.



Conclusion:

Thus, I performed an in-depth study of the Mumbai University website from user experience point of view and suggested a few improvements to it.