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Assignment 1
Task 3

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Rate each of the following user stories as <u>well written</u> or <u>poorly written</u>. Justify your answer.

Write 2 – 3 sentences of justification per story.

Story 1: "Bert doesn't need approval to take out the chainsaw, he's cool."

Rating:

Poorly written.

Justification:

This is a poorly written user story because of the absence of the structure of "As a <user>, I want <goal> so that <reason>", which has a clear purpose and context of the user story, that defines who is the user, what is their goal and why the goal is important. This user story is particularly vague and informal by employing subjective language of "he's cool", which does not suggest any actionable or measurable requirements, and no clear description of the functionality or value being delivered to the user.

Story 2: "As a library staff member, I never want Joyce bothered with fees."

Rating:

Poorly written.

Justification:

This is a poorly written user story because it lacks of specificity of the goal or desired outcome to achieve. Despite the existence of the basic structure of a user story, we understand the library staff member is our user, but we have no information on the conditions under which Joyce should not be bothered with fees. This user story is particularly vague with the description of "I never want Joyce bothered with fees", which not only does not provide sufficient detail for the development or testing of the feature, but also focusing on a specific individual rather than a general user scenario.

Story 3: "As a patron, when I receive a receipt for a loan, I want it to show me the date by which I need to return the items I borrowed so I know how to avoid late fees."

Rating:

Well written.

Justification:

This is a well-written user story because it clearly follows the structure of "As a <user>, I want <goal> so that <reason>", which has a specific target of individual, the patron as our user, and a clear goal, to present the return date on the receipt, and along with the intention, to avoid late fees. This user story is particularly specific and actionable that provides a clear specification of the feature to be implemented on the system.

Story 4: "When processing a loan, it needs to say if there are any outstanding late fees."

Rating:

Poorly written.

Justification:

This is a poorly written user story because it lacks of a clear user perspective and the intention of achieving this goal. This user story is particularly vague and hardly actionable that does not describe the functionality in a more measurable way, like where and how the outstanding late fees should be presented, and does not explain the intention of this feature in the system.

Story 5: "As a user, the system should turn on within 30 seconds so I can get on with my day."

Rating:

Well written.

Justification:

This is a well-written user story because it follows the structure of "As a <user>, I want <goal> so that <reason>", which has a specific target of general users, a clear goal of system turn on within 30 seconds and the intention of get started with the system. The user story is particularly actionable and measurable that provide a clear performance requirement of 30 seconds to turn on the system, allowing developers to have a clear development and testing of the feature.