

# Critical Design Strategy (CDS)

Name design .....

Summarise essence .....

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First impression  
(circle 5 words)

- clear    confusing    sensible    indifferent
- clever    reliable    pointless    indistinctive
- complex    organised    moderate    spectacular
- useless    average    bad    fulfilling
- useful    fair    vague    beautiful

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User	1 Is suitable for the user and task	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Unsuitable→Suitable
	2 Is understandable for user and task to hand	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Incomprehensible→Understandable
	3 It doesn't require guesswork	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Requires guesswork→Clear assumptions
	4 Is trustworthy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Distrustful→Trustful
	5 Would be useful	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Useless→Useful
Environment	6 It would fit in with other technologies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Wrong setting→Right setting
	7 Uses suitable technology	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Unsuitable technology→Right technology
	8 Has appropriate interaction	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Unsuitable interaction→Appropriate interaction
	9 Its sizing is correct	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Unsuitable size→Suitable physical size
	10 Gives a positive ambience	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Poor vibe/ambience→Positive ambience
Interface	11 Suitable user interface	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Unsuitable GUI→Suitable GUI
	12 Ergonomic interface	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Uncomfortable→Ergonomic
	13 Facets are sized suitably	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Poorly proportioned→Suitable sized facets
	14 Interface suitably spaced	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Poor facet spacing→Relevant spacing
	15 Suitable quantity of interface parts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Unsuitable facet quantity→Suitable facet quantity
Components	16 Has all necessary components	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Missing components→All necessary components
	17 Has all suitable output/view types	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Unsuitable types→Suitable view types
	18 Clear relationships between parts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Unclear correspondences→Clear view relationships
	19 Task can be easily performed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Task unfulfilled→Task easily performed
	20 Suitable organisation of components	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Poor component layout→Good component layout
Design	21 Inspiring design	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Uninspiring→Inspiring
	22 Aesthetic and visually attractive	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Unattractive→Visually attractive (aesthetic)
	23 Good composition and space utilisation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Poor layout→Good composition
	24 Suitable coverage of data/underpinning facets/concepts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Unsuitable coverage→Suitable coverage
	25 Clear instructions, labels, legends to give context	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Poor labels/legends→Suitable legends/labels
Visual Marks	26 Right choice of channels to communicate things clearly	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Poor choice of channels→Good channel choices
	27 Communicates appropriate relationships/morphisms	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Inappropriate mappings→Appropriate mappings
	28 The types of marks used, communicate things well	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Inappropriate mark types→Suitable mark types
	29 Components are shown at the right level of abstraction/detail	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Poor scale/zoom→Good scale/zoom
	30 Nothing is hidden that shouldn't be hidden	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Overplotting→Clear display, easy read

Sum values

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Reflection: first impression, individual categories

Improvements:

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