SOFTWARE METRICS

BTH, SWEDEN

PRODUCT NAME: Abe books

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Usability measurement proposal From users point of view

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**Introduction**

A website is one or more webpage that relate to a common theme, such as person, business or organization. Web usability In recent trends usage of website became very common to do daily tasks in life, ecommerce website is nothing but importance of clarity, simplicity and consistency’s to design web pages, so that the user can perform work and desired operations “efficiently & effectively”, e-governance websites, social networking, web portals, online ticket booking etc. Are very common things individuals perform? This resulted in creating websites which is of more interactive and more dynamic. Usability is one of the major factors that determines the successfulness of a website. In the following sections, many users have been discussed about the differences between beneficial and non beneficial sites websites.

**Purpose**

Using CMM level 4, Abe books always focus to considering deliver online e-services with best user experiences. To reach the level of provide g great user experience to all the customers who purchased the book’s through are made easy to use. This report is been written and studied as an objective to help in attaining this objective. The area of interest of author in report is to propose a metric for measuring the usability of the Abe books web application from the user’s point of view.

**Product**

Abe books is having a former name as advanced book exchange, it is a venue for the customers who wants to purchase books through online. The books in this web site are listed in three categories they are used, rare and out of print. This company has launched its websites in 1996 Abe books offers six resigned websites North America, French, Germany, Italy, UK and Spain. Abe books users can search the books they will be provided with listings of many independent book stores. There are two facilities available in this website, one can buy books through online and while others also maintain a regular store front.

**Usability**

User is provided with advanced search, browser, rare books and textbooks. As soon as the user open the application he will have a menu bar with options, author, title, keyboard, ISBN of the book user is searching for more over user is provided with individual user account with an option of “MY ACCOUNT”, so that user can keep track of purchases and get the updates of new book available on the web site, there is a book available on the web site, there is a basket option. We can view titles of books that were selected by the user and about to go for the payment

**Overview**

Following is a brief description and reminder of this document:

**Section 1:** it provides the context, purpose and overall description of document.

**Section 2:** this section provides the measurement goal for which the product would be examined

**Section 3:** this section specifies methodology, questions and metrics to be considered for achieving goals identifiedin section 2

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**Section 4**: it presents entities, attribute types, metrics and scale type.

**Section 5:** in this section, questionnaires is presented followed by suggested empirical study method

**2. Measurement goals**

Following table describes the measurement goals of produce

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| purpose | perspective | Environment and |  |
| constrains |  |
|  |  |  |
|  | To assess the usability | Global users are like adults, |  |
| To evaluate Abe books to assess the | customer’s(users) effectiveness, | students, book lovers, poets, |  |
| usability of the web application | effectiveness, efficiency, learn | technocrats and so on……. |  |
|  | liability, user satisfaction, |  |  |
|  | accessibility, user experience, |  |  |
|  | navigation, attractiveness, |  |  |
|  | completeness |  |  |



1. **Goal-Question-Metric (GQM)** 
   1. **GQM Table**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Serial** | **Goal** | **questions** | **metrics** |
|  |  |  |  |
| **G1** | **simplicity** | Is it easy for the users to | Satisfaction when operating |
|  |  | search and operate? | through webpages for |
|  |  |  | required books. |
|  |  | Does all the pages in the | Satisfaction with unlimited |
|  |  | web site are available to | acess to the pages for the |
|  |  | the user? | required books. |
|  |  | Does the close captions | Satisfaction with close |
|  |  | provide the necessary | caption as output method. |
|  |  | output? |  |
|  |  | Does the user believe in | Satisfaction with the |
|  |  | fear of missing something | availability of information |
|  |  | in the web site? | that is required. |
|  |  | How effective is the web | Satisfaction with loading |
|  |  | site in loading the pages? | time. |
| **G2** | **Navigation** | Does the search navigates | Gratified with the desired |
|  |  | to the desired result? | search result. |
|  |  |  | 5 |



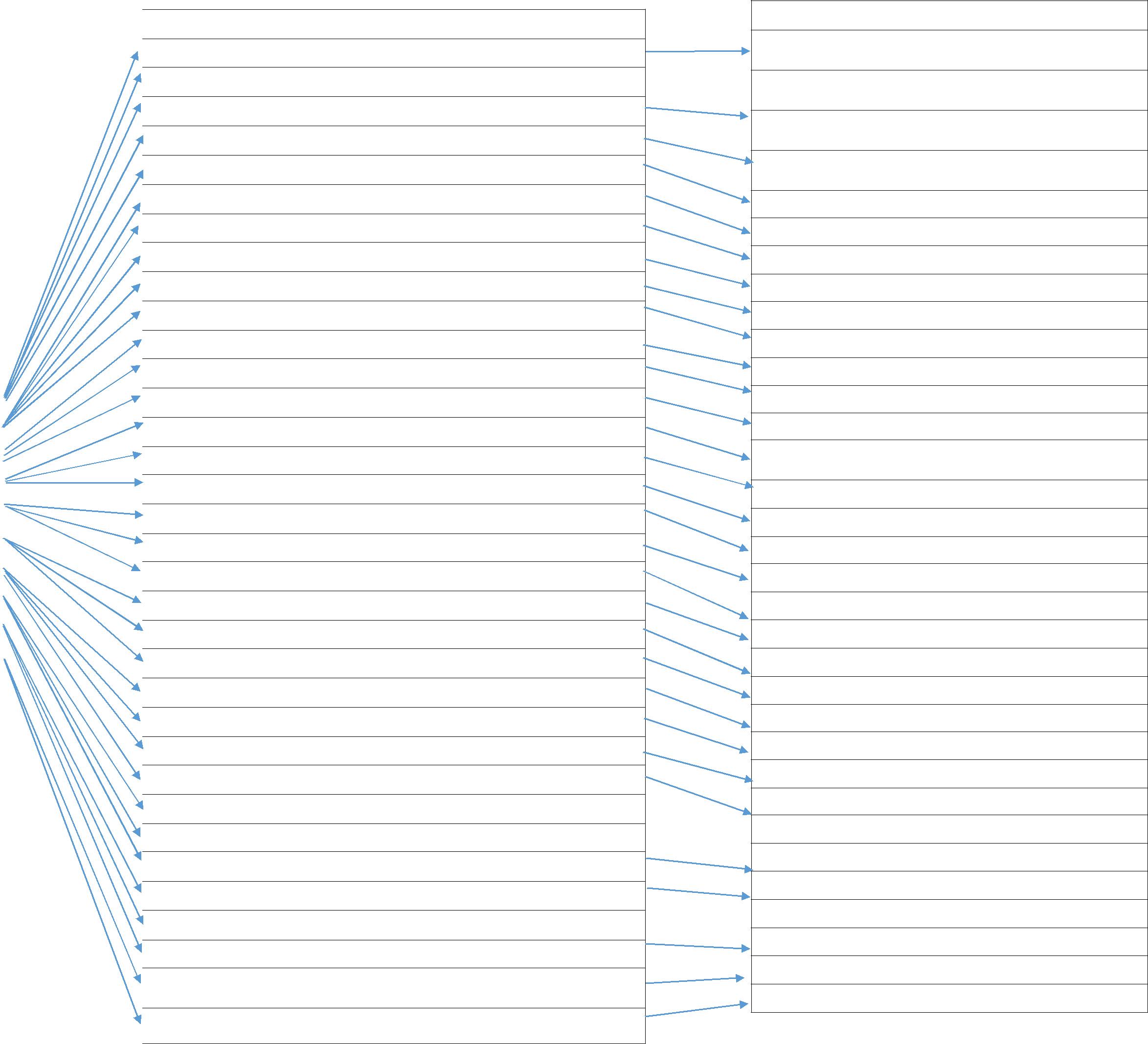
|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | Does the links work | Gratified with the |
|  |  | efficiently? | navigation. |
|  |  | Is it difficult to navigate | Easiness to navigate from |
|  |  | between the links and the | current page to home page. |
|  |  | home page? |  |
|  |  | Does the link states where | Relief with the navigated |
|  |  | it is navigated to? | output of the link. |
|  |  | Is the user given a variety | Availability of number of link |
|  |  | of navigation options? | options. |
| **G3** | **Reliability** | Is there any presence of | Less number of errors. |
|  |  | errors? |  |
|  |  | Is the specified book in | Incorrect author spelling but |
|  |  | the web site is correct? | relevant books. |
|  |  | Does the content in the | Satisfied with the reliable |
|  |  | link match to the specified | content accessed with the |
|  |  | book? | link. |
| **G4** | **Usefulness** | Is the web site really | Satisfied with the usability of |
|  |  | useful in searching the | search options to get |
|  |  | required book? | required book. |
|  |  | Does the user get | Level of acceptance to get |
|  |  | adjusted with the changes | adjusted. |
|  |  | made to the web site |  |
|  |  | design? |  |
|  |  | Is the web site usable for | Available to different types |
|  |  | different type of users? | of users. |
| **G5** | **Supportability** | Does the web page | Availability of email contact |
|  |  | provides various contact | method. |
|  |  | methods? |  |
|  |  | Is the user satisfied with | Satisfied with the provided |
|  |  | the contact methods? | contact method. |
|  |  | Does FAQ’s provide | FAQ’s support in resolving |
|  |  | necessary solution to the | the queries. |
|  |  | user? |  |
|  |  | How long user needs to | Time taken for the reply. |
|  |  | wait for reply in case of |  |
|  |  | contact? |  |
| **G6** | **Attractiveness** | Is the web page attractive | Satisfied with the |
|  |  | to the users? | appearance of the web site. |
|  |  | What is the experience of | Level of enjoyment. |
|  |  | the user on using the web |  |
|  |  | site? |  |
|  |  | Is the color used in the | Satisfied with the colors |
|  |  | web site are attractive? | used. |
| **G7** | **Efficiency** | How much time does it | Lesser search time. |
|  |  | take to search? |  |
|  |  | How much time does it | Lesser loading time. |
|  |  | take to load a book? |  |
|  |  |  | 6 |



|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | How much time does it | Number of broken links are |
|  |  | take to navigate between | less. |
|  |  | the links? |  |
|  |  | Does the web site works | Satisfied with the |
|  |  | at any instant of time? | performance. |
| **G8** | **completeness** | How often does the web | Satisfied with the revision. |
|  |  | page get revised? |  |
|  |  | How effectively is the user | Level of completeness. |
|  |  | satisfied with the web |  |
|  |  | site? |  |
|  |  | Is the close caption | Inconsistence in providing |
|  |  | available in the search | close caption. |
|  |  | string? |  |
| **G9** | **Safety** | Does the web site has the | Feeling secured with the |
|  |  | safest payment | payment procedure. |
|  |  | procedure? |  |
|  |  | Is the web site secure to | Safety while using web site. |
|  |  | use? |  |
|  |  | Is the user information | Secured user information. |
|  |  | secured? |  |
| **G10** | **compatibility** | Does the web site works | Satisfied with different |
|  |  | on various electronic | devices. |
|  |  | devices like ipad, phones |  |
|  |  | and tablets? |  |
|  |  | Does the web site works | satisfied |
|  |  | on different web |  |
|  |  | browsers? |  |

**3.2 GQM TREE**

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|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **questions** |  |
|  |  | *I*s it easy for the users to search and operate? |  |
|  |  | Does all the pages in the web site are available to the user? |  |
|  |  | Does the close captions provide the necessary output? |  |
|  |  | Does the user believe in fear of missing something in the web site? |  |
|  |  | How effective is the web site in loading the pages? |  |
|  |  | Does the search navigates to the desired result? |  |
|  |  | Does the link works efficiently? |  |
|  |  | Is it difficult to navigate between links and home page? |  |
|  |  | Does the link states where it is navigated to? |  |
|  |  | Is the user given a variety of navigation options? |  |
|  |  | Is there any presence of errors? |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| **goals** | Is the specified book in the web site is correct? |  |
| Simplicity |  | Does the content in the link match to specified book? |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Navigation |  | Is the web site really useful in searching required book? |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Reliability |  | Does the user accepts the changes made to the web site? |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| usefulness |  | Is the web site useful for all types of users? |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Supportability |  | Does the web page provides the contact address? |  |
| Attractiveness |  | Is the user satisfied with the contact methods? |  |
|  |  |  |
| Efficiency |  | Does FAQ’s provide necessary solution to the user? |  |
| Completeness |  | Is the web page attractive to the user? |  |
|  |  |  |
| Safety |  | What is the experience of the user on using the web site? |  |
|  |  |  |
| compatibility |  | Are the colors used in the web site are attractive? |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  | How much tome does it take to search? |  |
|  |  | How much time does it take to load a book? |  |
|  |  | How much time does it take to navigate between links? |  |
|  |  | Does the web site works at given any instant of time? |  |
|  |  | How often the web page gets revised? |  |
|  |  | How effectively Is the user satisfied with the web site? |  |
|  |  | Is the close caption available in the search strings? |  |
|  |  | Does the web site has safest payment procedures? |  |
|  |  | Is the web site secure to use? |  |
|  |  | Is the user information secured? |  |
|  |  | Does the web site works on various electronic devices like ipad, mobiles, |  |
|  |  | tablets |  |
|  |  | Does the web site works on different web browsers? |  |
|  |  |  |  |

**metrics**

Satisfaction when operating through webpages for required books.

Satisfaction with unlimited access to the pages for the required books.



Satisfaction with unlimited access to the pages for the required books.

Satisfaction with the availability of information that is required.

Satisfaction with loading time.

Gratified with the desired search result.

Gratified with the navigation.

Easiness to navigate from current page to home page.

Relief with the navigated output of the link.

Availability of number of link options.

Less number of errors.

Incorrect author spelling but relevant books.

Satisfied with the reliable content accessed with the link.

Satisfied with the usability of search options to get required book.

Level of acceptance to get adjusted.

Available to different types of users.

Availability of email contact method.

Satisfied with the provided contact method.

FAQ’s support in resolving the queries.

Satisfied with the appearance of the web site.

Level of enjoyment.

Satisfied with the colors used.

Lesser search time.

Lesser loading time.

Number of broken links are less.

Satisfied with the performance.

Satisfied with the revision.



Level of completeness.

Inconsistence in providing close caption.

Feeling secured with the payment procedure. Safety while using web site.



Secured user information.

Satisfied with different devices.

Assignment 2- Part II

Software Metrics (PA 1407)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| serial | goals | questions | entities | attributes |  | metrics | Scale | Scale point |
|  |  |  |  | internal | external |  | type |  |
| G1 | simplicity | Is it easy | Input (process) |  | Easiness | Satisfaction | Ordinal | Very Easy, |
|  |  | for the |  |  |  | when |  | Easy, |
|  |  | users to |  |  |  | operating |  | Neutral, |
|  |  | operate? |  |  |  | through |  | Hard, Very |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | webpages for |  | hard. |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | required |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | books. |  |  |
|  |  | Does all the | Input (process) |  | Helpfulness | Satisfaction | Ordinal | Very |
|  |  | pages in |  |  |  | with |  | Helpful, |
|  |  | the web |  |  |  | unlimited |  | Helpful, |
|  |  | page are |  |  |  | acess to the |  | Neutral, |
|  |  | helpful and |  |  |  | pages for the |  | Not |
|  |  | available to |  |  |  | required |  | Helpful. |
|  |  | the user? |  |  |  | books. |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Does the | Input (process) |  | Easiness | Satisfaction | Ordinal | Very Easy, |
|  |  | close |  |  |  | with close |  | Easy, |
|  |  | captions |  |  |  | caption as |  | Neutral, |
|  |  | provide the |  |  |  | output |  | Hard, Very |
|  |  | necessary |  |  |  | method. |  | hard. |
|  |  | output? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Does the | Output |  | Usefulness | Satisfaction | Ordinal |  |
|  |  | user | (process) |  |  | with the |  |  |
|  |  | believe in |  |  |  | availability of |  |  |
|  |  | fear of |  |  |  | information |  |  |
|  |  | missing |  |  |  | that is |  |  |
|  |  | something |  |  |  | required. |  |  |
|  |  | in the web |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | site? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | How | input (process) |  | Helpfulness | Satisfaction | Ordinal | Very |
|  |  | helpful is |  |  |  | with loading |  | Helpful, |
|  |  | the web |  |  |  | time. |  | Helpful, |
|  |  | site in |  |  |  |  |  | Neutral, |
|  |  | loading the |  |  |  |  |  | Not |
|  |  | pages? |  |  |  |  |  | Helpful. |
| G2 | navigation | Does the | Searching |  | Ordinal | Gratified with |  | Very Easy, |
|  |  | search | process |  |  | the desired |  | Easy, |
|  |  | navigates |  |  |  | search result. |  | Neutral, |
|  |  | to the |  |  |  |  |  | Hard, Very |
|  |  | desired |  |  |  |  |  | hard. |
|  |  | result? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Does the | Testing | No broken |  | Gratified with | Absolute | Number |
|  |  | links work | procedure | links |  | the |  |  |
|  |  | efficiently? |  |  |  | navigation. |  |  |
|  |  | Is it difficult | Navigation |  | Easiness | Easiness to | Ordinal | Very Easy, |
|  |  | to navigate |  |  |  | navigate from |  | Easy, |
|  |  | between |  |  |  | current page |  | Neutral, |
|  |  | the links |  |  |  | to home page. |  | Hard, Very |
|  |  | and the |  |  |  |  |  | hard. |
|  |  | home |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | page? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Does the | Navigation |  | Remember it | Relief with | Nominal | Yes OR No |
|  |  | link states |  |  |  | the navigated |  |  |
|  |  | where it is |  |  |  | output of the |  |  |
|  |  | navigated |  |  |  | link. |  |  |
|  |  | to? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Is the user | Navigation |  | Learnability | Availability of | Nominal | Yes OR No |
|  |  | given a |  |  |  | number of |  |  |
|  |  | variety of |  |  |  | link options. |  |  |
|  |  | navigation |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | options? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| G3 | reliability | Is there any | Errors | Density of | Tracability | Less number | Absolute |  |
|  |  | presence of |  | errors |  | of errors. |  |  |
|  |  | errors? |  |  |  |  |  |  |



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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | Is the | Reliability | Trust | Correctness | Incorrect | Absolute |  |
|  |  | specified |  |  |  | author |  |  |
|  |  | book in the |  |  |  | spelling but |  |  |
|  |  | web site is |  |  |  | relevant |  |  |
|  |  | correct? |  |  |  | books. |  |  |
|  |  | Does the | Testing |  | Learning | Satisfied with | Nominal | Yes OR No |
|  |  | content in |  |  | process | the reliable |  |  |
|  |  | the link |  |  |  | content |  |  |
|  |  | match to |  |  |  | accessed with |  |  |
|  |  | the |  |  |  | the link. |  |  |
|  |  | specified |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | book? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| G4 | usefulness | Is the web | Usefulness |  | Easiness | Satisfied with | Ordinal | Very Easy, |
|  |  | site really |  |  |  | the usability |  | Easy, |
|  |  | useful in |  |  |  | of search |  | Neutral, |
|  |  | searching |  |  |  | options to get |  | Hard, Very |
|  |  | the |  |  |  | required |  | hard. |
|  |  | required |  |  |  | book. |  |  |
|  |  | book? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Does the | Usability |  | Learnability | Level of | Nominal | Yes Or No |
|  |  | user |  |  |  | acceptance to |  |  |
|  |  | accepts the |  |  |  | get adjusted. |  |  |
|  |  | changes |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | made to |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | the web |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | site? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Is the web | Usefulness |  | Satisfaction | Available to | Ordinal | Very |
|  |  | site usable |  |  |  | different |  | satisfied, |
|  |  | for all types |  |  |  | types of users. |  | Satisfied, |
|  |  | of users? |  |  |  |  |  | Neutral, |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Dissatisfied, |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | very |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | dissatisfied |
| G5 | supportability | Does the | Functionality/ | Availability |  | Availability of | Nominal | Yes or No |
|  |  | web page | Usability |  |  | email contact |  |  |
|  |  | provides |  |  |  | method. |  |  |
|  |  | the contact |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | address? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Is the user | Usability |  | Satisfaction | Satisfied with | Ordinal | Very |
|  |  | satisfied |  |  |  | the provided |  | satisfied, |
|  |  | with the |  |  |  | contact |  | Satisfied, |
|  |  | contact |  |  |  | method. |  | Neutral, |
|  |  | methods? |  |  |  |  |  | Dissatisfied, |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | very |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | dissatisfied |
|  |  | Does FAQ’s | Usability |  | Coverability | FAQ’s support | Nominal | Yes OR No |
|  |  | provide |  |  |  | in resolving |  |  |
|  |  | necessary |  |  |  | the queries. |  |  |
|  |  | solution to |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | the user? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | How long | Supportable |  | Consistency in | Time taken | Ordinal | Within a |
|  |  | user needs |  |  | reply/Response | for the reply. |  | day, within |
|  |  | to wait for |  |  | time |  |  | 3 days, |
|  |  | the reply? |  |  |  |  |  | within a |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | week, |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | greater |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | than a |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | week, |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Never |
| G6 | attractiveness | Is the web | Usability |  | Attractiveness | Satisfied with | Nominal | Yes OR No |
|  |  | page |  |  |  | the |  |  |
|  |  | attractive |  |  |  | appearance of |  |  |
|  |  | to the |  |  |  | the web site. |  |  |
|  |  | users? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | What is the |  |  | Satisfaction | Level of | Ordinal | Very |
|  |  | experience |  |  |  | enjoyment. |  | satisfied, |
|  |  | of the user |  |  |  |  |  | Satisfied, |
|  |  | on using |  |  |  |  |  | Neutral, |
|  |  | the web |  |  |  |  |  | Dissatisfied, |
|  |  | site? |  |  |  |  |  | very |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | dissatisfied |
|  |  | Is the color | Usability |  | Attractiveness | Satisfied with | Nominal | Yes OR No |
|  |  | used in the |  |  |  | the colors |  |  |
|  |  | web site |  |  |  | used. |  |  |
|  |  | are |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | attractive? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| G7 | efficiency | How much | Efficiency/Time |  | Response Time | Lesser search | Ordinal | <1 sec, |
|  |  | time does it | behavior |  |  | time. |  | < 10 sec, |



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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | take to |  |  |  |  |  | <minute, |
|  |  | load a |  |  |  |  |  | > minute |
|  |  | book? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | How much | Efficiency/Time |  | Response Time | Lesser loading | Ordinal | <1 sec, |
|  |  | time does it | behavior |  |  | time. |  | < 10 sec, |
|  |  | take to |  |  |  |  |  | <minute, |
|  |  | navigate |  |  |  |  |  | > minute |
|  |  | between |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | the links? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Does the | Efficiency/Time |  | Response Time | Number of | Ordinal | < 1 sec, |
|  |  | web site | behavior |  |  | broken links |  | < 10 sec, |
|  |  | works at |  |  |  | are less. |  | < minute, |
|  |  | any instant |  |  |  |  |  | > minute |
|  |  | of time? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | How much | Efficiency/Time |  | Response Time | Satisfied with | Ordinal | < 1 sec, |
|  |  | time does it | behavior |  |  | the |  | < 10 sec, |
|  |  | take to |  |  |  | performance. |  | < minute, |
|  |  | search? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| G8 | completeness | How often |  | Compliance |  | Satisfied with | Absolute |  |
|  |  | does the | Functionality | with |  | the revision. |  |  |
|  |  | web page | (Product) | functional |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | get |  | requirements |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | revised? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | How |  |  |  | Level of | Absolute |  |
|  |  | effectively |  |  |  | completeness. |  |  |
|  |  | is the user |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | satisfied |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | with the |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | web site? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Is the close | Testing Process | Completeness |  | Inconsistence | Nominal | Yes OR No |
|  |  | caption |  |  |  | in providing |  |  |
|  |  | available in |  |  |  | close caption. |  |  |
|  |  | the search |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | string? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| G9 | safety | Does the | Design Process | Security |  | Feeling | Nominal | Yes or NO |
|  |  | web site |  |  |  | secured with |  |  |
|  |  | has the |  |  |  | the payment |  |  |
|  |  | safest |  |  |  | procedure. |  |  |
|  |  | payment |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | procedure? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Is the web | Testing Process | Security |  | Safety while | Nominal | Yes or No |
|  |  | site secure |  |  |  | using web |  |  |
|  |  | to use? |  |  |  | site. |  |  |
|  |  | Is the user | Testing Process | Security |  | Secured user | Nominal | Yes or No |
|  |  | information |  |  |  | information. |  |  |
|  |  | secured? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| G10 | compatibility | Does the | usability |  | Compatability | Satisfied with | Nominal | Yes or No |
|  |  | web site |  |  |  | different |  |  |
|  |  | works on |  |  |  | devices. |  |  |
|  |  | various |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | electronic |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | devices like |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | ipad, |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | phones and |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | tablets? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Does the | Usability |  | Portability | satisfied | Nominal | Yes or No |
|  |  | web site |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | works on |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | different |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | web |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | browsers? |  |  |  |  |  |  |



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Assignment 2- Part III

Software Metrics (PA 1407)

1. **QUESTIONAIRE**

To measure the usability of the website questionnaire is formulated. In order to design the questionnaire in a generalized way the set of standards or guidelines are taken from http://www.abebooks.com/ . In order to understand which age group are visiting the book store the age is dependent as the store consists of all variety of books for different group of age. In our survey questionnaire, which we intend to use the same once that is used for the questionnaire. In our survey questionnaire, initially we asked questions like age, name and how frequent does they visit the website. The survey is posted in the book website itself. This reduces the scope of the total number of respondents to those who only visit the website. Alongside with the common general questions we also imbibed some questions that relate to the usability measurement of the website. The questions are presented below and the corresponding need for particular question.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **S.No** | **QUESTIONS** | **PURPOSE OF THE QUESTION** |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| 1. | The average number of clicks | We related this question to understand the |  |
|  | that are required by the user to | navigation of the website. We framed this |  |
|  | reach the required book from | question in order to relate to the three |  |
|  | the home page. | clicks count metric. |  |
| 2. | How much time does it | This question is important as it elaborates |  |
|  | usually taken to get the | the usability of the website. |  |
|  | response for the posed query? | The time take by the maintenance team to |  |
|  |  | give the feedback for the posed question by |  |
|  |  | the user has effect on the website usability |  |
|  |  | measurement. |  |
| 3. | On a scale of 1 -5 how easy is | This help in understanding the readability |  |
|  | the website typography, | of the website. |  |
|  | language and book displayed |  |  |
|  | is it understandable.(5-very |  |  |
|  | easy, 4-easy,3-sufficient,2- |  |  |
|  | satisfactory,1-difficult) |  |  |
| 4. | If there are any changes that | The question is important to the adults as |  |
|  | are necessarily made on the | they can now see and understand the |  |
|  | design part of the website for | changes made to the website and the |  |
|  | interest among users. Are | maintained by team can be given feedback |  |
|  | these changes notified to the | if there is further still any improvement |  |
|  | users. | that are to be made. |  |
| 5. | Do you think the current | Certain users usually habituated to sign in |  |
|  | search option was better to | and signup links to create and; login into |  |
|  | obtain the required book that | the account. The traditional buttons. Even |  |
|  | is intended was this search | the search space given for Author, Title, |  |
|  | option really helpful, More | and Keywords etc. was that way easy |  |
|  | over the buttons MY Account | enough or still there is another way |  |
|  | and Sign on are they | required from user perspective can be |  |
|  | understandable? | known. |  |
| 6. | On a scale the design changes | To understand whether the changes made |  |
|  | that are made on the website | on the website are understood and the users |  |
|  | are they good enough?(5- | like The new look of the website. |  |
|  | excellent,4-very good,3- |  |  |
|  | good,2-satisfactory,1-poor) |  |  |
| 7. | Can this website easily found | The success of the website is interlinked |  |
|  | on the search engine while | with the usability of the website. …The |  |
|  | typing the url while searching | total number of index pages defy the actual |  |
|  | over the internet? | success of the website. |  |
| 8. | On the scale of 1-5 how it is | The buttons play a key role with respect to |  |
|  | easy to understand the buttons | the success of the website. |  |
|  | on the website?(5-very easy,4- |  |  |
|  | easy,3-sufficient,2- |  |  |
|  | satisfactory,1-difficult) |  |  |
| 9. | On what scale do you give | It helps to understand that the availability |  |
|  | rating to the availability of the | of the books in the website and the |  |
|  | required book that you want is | usefulness of the website such that if more |  |
|  | available when correct string | and required books are easily available the |  |
|  | or keyword or author name is | intended users intention to use the website |  |
|  | given Do you find the book | to search and read the books or buy them |  |
|  | you want to read? (5- very | increases [3]. |  |
|  | easy,4- easy,3- difficult,2- |  |  |
|  | poor,1-hard) |  |  |
| 10. | Is the website running without | This helps to understand the small |  |
|  | any flaws or in general are | problems that the web developers are |  |
|  | there any other problems | unable to notice and also thus helps in |  |
|  | minute that are to be | much more accurate improvisation of the |  |
|  | considered while developing | website design by removing the small |  |
|  | the website? | flaws also [3]. |  |

1. **Proposed Empirical Study**

The purpose of conduction of empirical study for a product is very important. The usability of the product can be improved by the empirical study. In this paper we propose an empirical research method that is carried out in a small web company. The small web company is called……. ,this small web company is currently at the capability maturity model (CMM) level 4. The maturity level of the web company also helped us tremendously in our work. To carry out the empirical method procedure without any deviation from the quality standard of the web company.

1. **EMPIRICAL METHOD**

In this section we will explain the empirical research method that is used. We also explain the purpose or cause of choosing the particular empirical method.

1. OBJECTIVES

Our main objective is carrying out the usability measurement of the online book store website company namely http://www.abebooks.com/. The main focus is on the usability of the website. The web company is CMM level 3 organization, so

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we have obtained a set off defined metrics that can be used in our plan of execution in order to measure the usability of the website. The usability measurement of the website in this project is based on the user’s perspective. In order to know the users perspecti ve on the revisions that are made on the website with respect to design and to know the intensions of the user we need to use certain empirical method. There are various techniques to perform the study. The survey is used as the empirical method to reach our objective that is to empirically evaluate the usability of the website.

b) DATA COLLECTION

In order to collect data we use the online survey questionnaire. For the survey that we conduct it involves gathering two types of data collection methods. One of the data collection involves posting the online survey questionnaire link on the website that is under inspection and inform the users about the survey, the opinions that are given by the users are collected later as part of data collection. The website is useful in posting the questionnaire link as it helps in reducing the number of users sampling space to only those who use the website to retrieve the books. The second data collection method involve giving the questionnaire to the users who are accustomed to the website and who use more frequently which help in practically observe the responses and also the results obtained will be concrete results as they know what the book store website is lagging in terms of design perspective. Their answers can be much reliable once.

c) Subjects for sample

The sampling of the population should be so appropriate that the selected sample space should represent and reflect the whole population…. There are three kinds of classification of the users who use the book store website [1][3]. Children, adults and parents are the three classes that visit the website. Therefor as there are three classes that are present so we need to considered while analysis of data into three categories that is feedback from the children, Feedback from the adults and the feedback from the parents? But these data that is categorized doesn’t affect the maintenance usability of the website as all the data together is combined in order to analyze. Therefore the only difference is that the responses are gathered using the data collection method using the different categories. But the results are combined in order to understand the usability measurement of the website.

d) Research Method

The online survey questionnaire is the research empirical method used in order to understand the usability measurement of the website. As the responses of the user are very much required we use the online survey. The survey and experiment generalize the sample to a large population and also both require a random sample here for the survey we use the sample as the users who visit the website to check with the books. But Our research involve the opinion of the population or user so with respect to survey and experiment the survey is better choice as the formal experiment s the sample will determine the population not the population determining the sample.

Although formal experiment can also be used in this research as one variable can be using the current design of the website and the other variable is the website after the changes made according to the user and both the development results are analyzed to understand the better once. But we observed the survey is the better option and it helps to concentrate on the large population sample.

Other alternatives for the empirical method selection involve the case study and postmortem. The case study is not considered as it does not provide the controlled environment .The opinions of the user is must in order to understand the design flaws in the website. The work involves identifying the impact of the usability measurement of the website on the changes made to the design of the website. Thus the nature of study for empirical method is retrospective approach which should be followed. These two above stated requirements are in contrast to the case study empirical method.

Similarly the postmortem analysis is considered after the development of the project. This postmortem analysis help to understand and learn the issues in the product after development. There is no availability of the users who have been using the website for long time so it is hard to get reliable and concrete results. Thus it makes the choice of postmortem analysis impossible to generalize the results to large population.

More over the results can only be generalized in both the case study and survey to only to similar metrics and similar projects within the organization.

Thus we choose the survey as it helps in getting the data and to cumulate them to large extent of population sample size. The formal experiment is not chosen as it involve the control over the variables that are under the investigation. The current variable is the design revisions that cannot be influenced under the controlled environment but to revise based on the user revelations about the need for changes in the design of the website so thus the experiment is also neglected. Which gives us the only option the survey.

1. Approach

The steps followed while developing gathering the data.

* 1. The questionnaire is posed in the website that is under the investigation. The notification is given to the users about the coupons and the discounts that are there on purchase of the books. This process of getting the required book is time bounded.
  2. The same questionnaire is traversed among more common users to get the results on the design aspects of the website and these users help in reflecting the general user group or large population and identify the important aspects of usability measurement by observation.
  3. The obsolete entities and incomplete data are discarded when the data is collected[1].
  4. To find the gap in the design the data collected is imbibed with the selected metrics and scales and then transforming the data to measurable once.
  5. Finally map the data with the usability measurement activities and then provide the rules and protocols to the web designers to improve the website.

IV. **SUMMARY**

This section deals with the summary of the complete usability measurement of the online book store http://www.abebooks.com/. The initial phase or part one include the measurement goal while measuring the usability of the website. The usability measurement is based on the Goal

– Question- Metric (GQM) framework.

The questions were formulated and the corresponding metrics that are necessary to the question are stated. Then later the metrics are mapped to the attributes and entities. Furthermore the scale and measurement type are noticed. The questionnaire that is related to the usability of the website is written to understand then proposed the online web survey based on questionnaire that is prepared as the empirical method to state the goal.

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