

CMSI 370-01
INTERACTION DESIGN
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Assignment 0918 Feedback

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1b — Your writeups demonstrate an understanding of the metrics involved in this assignment quite well; the initial background sections in particular conveyed your foundational knowledge. (+)

1c — Your guideline audit was more a look at the documentation than a comparison of how well the systems tested conform to their corresponding guidelines. Further, I never received the Apple section, which was marked as something that Lisa would send. The expected work here was to look at the guidelines document and see how well the tested system conformed to those guidelines. As you mentioned, Ubuntu does not have such a document, but I would say that you can use this also as a basis for correlating the usability metric results to guidelines conformance (i.e., does it show that Ubuntu does not have a guidelines document because things are inconsistently laid out, arranged, hard to find, etc.?). (/)

2a — Your report on users responded to or interpreted the user interface is sufficient but could use more detail. For example, there is a hint that your subjects viewed many operations as “keyboard shortcut” operations—was that the case, or were these users just looking for shortcuts to menus/control panels that they already knew about? Observations such as these would have been informative. (|)

2b — You interpreted the metrics well, and clearly stated how each one fared. However, what is *your* take on which metrics are most important, and why? That view is more implied than stated. (|)

2c — Part of the assignment was to put yourself out there, and make a call. Which user interface would *you* choose, and why (objectively)? That is a key aspect of this exercise. (/)

4d — Resources and documentation are demonstrably used well, although the guidelines documents were not used as instructed. (|)

4e — Decent commit frequency with straightforward messages, considering that this assignment did not involve programming code. One correction with *what* you commit: be aware of build products vs. source files. For the LaTeX document, you really only need to commit the *.tex* file and, if present, accompanying image or figure files. The *.log*, *.aux*, and *.pdf* files are all derivable from the LaTeX file, and so don't really have to be committed to the repository. Finally, the committed file structure does not really match what was stated in the assignments. Try to conform better next time; it makes stuff easier to find. (|)

4f — Submitted generally on time, though some work came in after class started. (|)