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Finding Examples of good and bad user interfaces

Good User Interface:

How TVSubtitles.net shows the available subtitles.

#	Episode	Amount	Subtitles
6x23	The Grand Gesture	1	
6x22	One for the Ages	2	 
6x21	The Unrivalled Standard	2	 
6x20	The Strongest Among Us	2	 
6x19	Where I Want to Be	2	 
6x18	When They See Us Coming	3	  
6x17	Put White on Me	2	 
6x16	The One That Matters Most	2	 
6x15	The Chance to Forgive	1	
6x14	Looking for a Lifeline	3	  
6x13	Hiding Not Seeking	3	  
6x12	The F is For	4	   

Picture 1: TVSubtitles.net interface

Goal?

display the list of episodes from a given tv show season, the number of available subtitles for each episode and their available languages.

What is Good?

The way they distinguish and display the different subtitle languages that a certain episode has (see right side of Picture 1).

Why is it Good?

the easy to look at and intuitive way they setup this interface allows the user to, with a quick look, see if the episode that he wants to see has subtitles available for the language he wants. They accomplished this using little flags. Each Flag represents the main spoken language in that country.

Bad User Interface:

Multi-Page Articles on the web

Indeed, as far as we're concerned, until it's as good as the watches Captain Kirk used to use on *Star Trek* we're gonna hold off.

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Picture 2: A 10-page article

Goal:

The Goal of this kind of system is to increase the total page views per different user so that the website can show those numbers to advertisers. This way the advertisers are more likely to buy ad space form the webSite, increasing revenue.

What is Bad?

Most webSites that break articles into several pages do so by section. So, the Intro is one section, the first point is another section, the second is yet another section, and so it goes until the conclusion of the article. So, if the article is kind of a list of information, then each item goes to its separate page, even if the list has 10 items (like the article in Picture 2).

Why is it Bad?

This way of presenting content force us (the readers) to spend considerably more time reading the article. It implies lots of clicking and waiting for the next however many minutes it takes to go through the entire article.

How to do it better?

One way to solve this awful User Interface would be giving the readers a choice at the top of the page. These multi-page articles should have a link at the top that readers can click to see to see the article in a single page.