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INTERACTION DESIGN
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Assignment 1206 Feedback

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1a — Your paper shows decent understanding of how mental models relate to interaction design. The compelling use of speech instead of typing (particularly integration with software libraries plus the use of autocomplete) and the usefulness of "tiled" displays instead of individual tabs all speak to an understanding of certain needs that today's text editors do not really meet, and an ability to translate those into some user interface ideas. It's a pity though that you spend a lot of time on *existing* features. You could have skipped those; we know them. Who knows what other interesting ideas you might have come up with if you didn't feel the need to just restate interface elements that we already know about? Don't get me wrong; I think it was useful to see these. You just didn't need to go into as much detail as you did. (**|**)

1c — You make multiple explicit references to interaction design principles and good coverage of interaction styles. The "too much old stuff" characteristic helps you here, at least: you mention many of these concepts in the context of reviewing what already exists in text editors. This shows your understanding of the concepts, even if it would have been better to show that with your *new* user interface ideas. (**+**)

2b — You make decent design decisions for the few brand-new interface ideas that you bring to the table. This time, the "review of existing UI" becomes a negative again. We aren't as concerned here with interaction design decisions that have already been *made* (like how toolbar buttons are designed)—we want to see what you do with them in terms of *your* ideas. (**|**)

4d — You use source information well, but I suspect you could have cited more than the one article that you used. The illustrations are well-done and were very helpful, particularly for your "tiled" idea. More of those would have been nice, but for this particular outcome, that isn't a drag. (**+**)

4e — Your commit frequency and messages are appropriate for this work. Time spread could have been better, but it was the last assignment for the semester, so… (**+**)

4f — Submitted on time. (**+**)