**UI Evaluation Response**

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This paper is in response to the UI evaluation of our app “Movie Reviewer” conducted by Team 51. The first problem that the user seems to have come across is the inconsistencies found throughout the app with regards to button positioning and button navigation. We have found that this is absolutely valid and we see why it will enhance usability for an app as simple as ours. Having buttons at a certain place in the app is not necessary, and we agree that they could be positioned more consistently. A way to do this would be to set a standard layout and go through the layouts of each of our screens and change them as necessary to keep them consistent. This will be a fairly simple task that should be easy to implement without changing any functionality.

In response to the user’s complaint about the “Home” button leading to the Profile Screen has come about because of the fact that our Home screen is indeed the Profile screen, which allows the users to look up for movies and recommendations. Our team has discussed and we feel that a good way to solve this confusion and create a better design would be to have a home screen with some visuals of latest movies that will have links to the Profile page, movie search and movie recommendations. This will also solve the problem of the Home button in the movie search page leading to the initial splash screen.

With regards to the aesthetic design, we agree that our choice of a flashy blue may not have been the best color to go with an app like this. On top of your suggestion of using a lighter color, we feel that we could bring about the zing in our app through some animations or perhaps movie trailers that we’re planning to show on the Home screen. Or, an easier alternative could be to have posters in the home screen. Then, we could go for lighter colors. We also agree that the “Login” and “Register” buttons requiring a tap in order to appear on the screen may have been confusing for first time users, but we implemented it as we felt it might have been a cool feature that gave a slightly simple yet elegant design. It probably needs a little getting used to for first-time users. But that is definitely a valid point. We were thinking of providing some visual aid that hints the user that he’s supposed to tap on the screen to make those buttons appear.

Coming to the issue of having to tap on the search textbook in order to type a movie for searching, we see why this may have caused a confusion. Our app has been designed is that the keyboard is automatically hooked up to that textbox when the user opens that page since that is essentially the only place where the user can input any kind of text. Hence, instead of pressing anywhere on the screen, all the user needs to do is simple type and press enter without having to press anything.

We agree that probably one of our best looking screens was the registration screen as it was quite neat, and we appreciate the fact that you’ve mentioned our recycler views for “New DVDs”. As per your suggestions above and our plan, we’re thinking of revamping the other screens to make them look much better.

We’d like to thank Team 50 for all their useful inputs on our app, and for taking the time to play with Movie Reviewer. We look forward to incorporating the suggestions and hopefully coming up with an improved product that users found find more aesthetically pleasing and easy to use.