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Assignment 1 : Good and Bad Design

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Good design - Swingline stapplers

- Simple
- Easy to use
- It's intuitive, one can easily understand where the paper is supposed to be placed and how to apply the staple
- Every stappler released afterwards was based on this design.



Bad design - This event creator

- Unnecessary complexity
- A supposedly simple task that usually requires the user to type the time in a box is instead replaced with a slider.
- This forces the user to spend more time trying to set a specific hour and minute for no reason.

The screenshot shows a 'Create Event' dialog box with the following elements:

- Title:** 'New Event Name...' (text input field)
- Calendar:** 'Personal' (dropdown menu)
- Starts:** '09/17/2019 12:00 PM' (text input field)
- Ends:** '09/17/2019 12:30 PM' (text input field)
- Event Description:** (text area)
- Calendar Popup:** A calendar for September 2019. The date '14' is highlighted in yellow. The date '17' is highlighted in grey.
- Time Selection:** A section titled 'Time 12:00 PM' with two sliders: 'Hour' and 'Minute'. The 'Hour' slider is set to 12 and the 'Minute' slider is set to 00.
- Buttons:** 'Cancel', 'Save', 'Now', and 'Done'.