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Tutorial 10 GUI

1. Consistent behaviour of system when tasks are similar. Behaviour should change with different sets of tasks.

User efficiency - consider user's productivity when interfacing with the system.

Use human interface objects - think of related human objects which users can relate to - eg icons, metaphors like trashcan, etc

- Simple watch DVD player Aircraft cockpit
- 3. Needles & Bar Graphs –chemical plant monitoring, cockpit control Navigational Select Buttons –ATM, control panel Tick-Box Control survey form, registration form
- 4. For signalling attention use colour appropriately Cognitive directness – use interactions that are direct, not having to memorize a different set of actions. Feedback – should confirm actions like keypress - also, long processes should have an indication of the time taken. ...others possible...
- 5. Keying in a number needs a lot of care. It is very easy to make errors. 4 x 3 format better. Assignment of day of week which are not related to the numbers. Programming functions and data entry functions should be separate. (EP/SP put elsewhere?)

