

Website Design Heuristic (a checklist for effective design)

Website to Evaluate:		
http://studentfolders.student.cascadia.edu/bit175/lucasrkostenko/experimental.html		
Purpose of the Site (one sentence):		
For prospective employers to check out his web interactive skills.		
Intended Users (list the different types):		
Friends, family, students, prospective employers		
Evaluation Scale:		
2=strongly agree; 1=agree; -1=disagree; -2=strongly disagree; 0= doesn't apply		
(-2 to 2)	Purposeful	(comment using complete sentences)
0	Site purpose is clear	This little drawing tool serves it's purpose to show off your skills.
0	Keywords and content match the site purpose	
2	Site content is current enough to be useful for purpose and intended audience	
2	Content is relevant to the specific page	
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(-2 to 2)	Appealing Visual Logic	(comment using complete sentences)
0	Site uses appealing elements that complement each other consistent with site purpose	Your experimental needs instructions and description of why it is there. Also, the color fonts cover part of your navigation.
0	Visual design establish a consistent mood and feel	
1	Visual hierarchy shows relative importance of information	
2	Design incorporates accessibility standards - Text is easily readable	
2	Site displays well in variety of browsers / readers / devices	
0	Simplicity of design, appropriate level of details, open space, chunking of information	
(-2 to 2)	Functionally Appropriate	(comment using complete sentences)
2	Site should provide a clear "scent" of information to get to destination page	The colors don't always seem to work and I can barely make out the green on the gray background. (probably because I am color deficient.)
NA	Site provides for user search and/or site index	
2	Site provides appropriate information based on browser, device type and user location	
2	Site downloads quickly as appropriate to the device	

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2	Site uses appropriate security/privacy assurances (privacy policy, https, scripting, cookies, account info, login, security verification, external link notices)	
(-2 to 2) Navigation Clarity		(comment using complete sentences)
0	Site is identified on every page	Make sure your header is always visible and easy to read. Label each page in the head of your html.
2	Navigation elements are consistent and predictable throughout site	
1	Accessibility for non-image browsers - Text-based navigation provided	
1	All navigation is clearly labeled and linked appropriately and visible at standard resolution (appropriate to the audience / device)	
2	navigation labels use phrases familiar to the user and is categorized appropriately	
1	Headers and (optional) breadcrumbs show the user's current location appropriate to the site	
General Site Comments (use complete sentences)		
This is a cool experimental piece. I might also include a “canvas” or “easel” for the user to draw on.		