

Recommendations for Improving Heuristics and Usability for wikiArt

Overview:

This document outlines 3–6 actionable recommendations to enhance usability and heuristic compliance for WikiArt. The suggestions are based on heuristic audits, focusing on improving user experience and interface functionality.

Recommendations for WikiArt

1. Enhance Visual Feedback

- **Heuristic Criterion:** Visibility of System Status
- **Issue:** No feedback when navigating or applying filters.
- **Recommendation:** Add subtle loading animations to indicate system activity.

2. Simplify Homepage Design

- **Heuristic Criterion:** Aesthetic and Minimalist Design
- **Issue:** The homepage appears cluttered with too many clickable elements.
- **Recommendation:** Group related links and prominently feature key actions (e.g., Search, Featured Art).

3. Improve Search Suggestions

- **Heuristic Criterion:** Recognition Rather Than Recall
- **Issue:** No suggestions for misspelled or incomplete searches.
- **Recommendation:** Implement autocomplete and offer alternative suggestions for search terms.

4. Add Tooltips for Terminology

- **Heuristic Criterion:** Match Between System and the Real World
- **Issue:** Terms like “Periods” or “Movements” may confuse users.
- **Recommendation:** Provide tooltips or an integrated glossary to explain unfamiliar terms.