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Description of the product and its normal use

The product is a web application that is used for sharing media online and discussion about mentioned media. It is designed to be responsive so it can be used anywhere whether it is on a pc or a mobile. The users are a selection of people who want to share some laughs. We decided to leave out the educational purposes because the material might be not safe for work. There is however a warning about such material so that the user can decide whether they want to see it or not. The frequency of the use is depending on the users' free (or not-so-free) time when they want some fun (and distraction).

Method used and test users

User observation testing method was used. We first let the testers browse around freely on our web application on our laptops and wrote down their each move and comment on something. After the first part we asked them to perform some tasks that they might've missed when browsing on their own. We later asked to comment the contrast and color choices. Lastly, we will also make them quickly test the mobile version and whether they are satisfied with it.
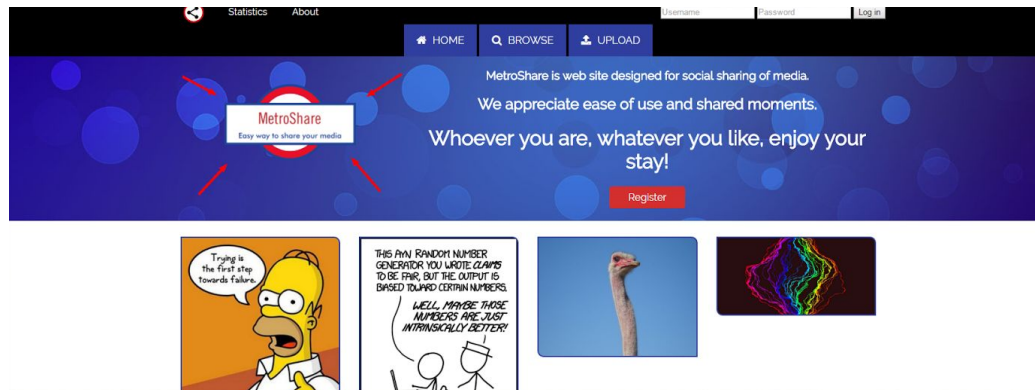
We had two testers; one who is unfamiliar with web design and such, and the tester from our first test, so that we could see whether we are going in the right direction. The test didn't take long, only 10 minutes for both.

Functions that were tested

- Identifying elements on the pages
- Login and Register
- Look at own profile page
- Browse media
- Search media
- Upload media
- Look at single media page (identify tags and comments)

Result of the test

Elements are easy to identify, distinct enough and there is enough contrast. The positioning of elements need a little bit fixing, which we were aware of, but it's good to know that both of the testers noticed it too:

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Metroshare logo is a little small and not positioned in the center. These small fixes are something we are working on right now.

Things to be fixed or added based on the results of the user testing and in general:
Important:
- Comment on photos (will add as according to plan)
- Uploading media (work in progress)
- Some positioning in the center (work in progress)
- See friend's photos when logged in (will add as according to plan)
- Contact info
- FAQ
Not important:
- Change profile picture
- Filter search
  possible solution:

  add tickable boxes on what to search next or below the search form in the search bar
- Make search form recommend possible searches
- Icon looks like a share button (not a big problem)
- Customizable theme

We first will fix the necessary parts of the functions that are still missing (for example uploading your own media) and only after it start to work on the important parts of enhancing the user experience, and then (if we have any time left) we will add the not important parts.