Expert Review



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Overview

- Expert Review is a methodology based on known user interface design best practice to identify departures from good design principles and the level of severity for the departures
- Also known as Heuristic Evaluation

Learning Objectives

- Understand benefits and limitations of expert review
- Describe usability heuristics/guidelines
- Perform Expert Review

What is Expert Review?

- An easy to use, easy to learn, discount usability evaluation technique
 - used to identify major usability problems of a product
 - in a timely manner with reasonable cost.
- Does not indicate what is right about an interface

What is Expert Review?

Procedure

- 2-5 evaluators independently check a system for violations to well-known usability guidelines
- The potential usability problems are merged into a single master list
- Evaluators independently rate the severity of each problem
- Additional Step: Evaluators suggest solutions for each problem

Best Timing in the Software Development Lifecycle

 In the middle of the development cycle – immediately after any mockups, prototypes, or early versions of products.

Expert Review (NISTIR 7804)

 Multi-disciplinary team of human factors experts and clinical experts compare the EHR's user interface design to scientific design principles and standards, and identify design issues that could lead to safety risks.

Usability Guidelines

Detailed list of guidelines Page 65-87 in NISTIR 7804

Methodology

Page 32-35 in NISIT 7804

1. Use errors in EHRs

- a. Patient Identification Error:
- b. Mode errors
- c. Data accuracy error
- d. Data availability error
- e. Interpretation error
- f. Recall error
- g. Feedback error
- h. Data integrity error

General Principles

- 2. Visibility of system status
- 3. Match between System and the Real World
- 4. User Control and Freedom
- 5. Consistency and Standards
- 6. Help Users Recognize, Diagnose and Recover from Errors
- 7. Error Prevention

General Principles

- 8. Recognition rather than recall
- 9. Flexibility and Minimalist Design
- 10. Aesthetic and Minimalist Design
- 11. Help and Documentation
- 12. Pleasurable and Respectful Interaction with the User
- 13. Privacy

2. Visibility of System Status

The system should always keep the user informed about what is going on, through appropriate feedback within reasonable time.

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3. Match between System and the Real World

The system should follow the user's language, with words, phrases and concepts familiar to the user, rather than system-oriented terms.

Follow real-world conventions, making information appear in a natural and logical order

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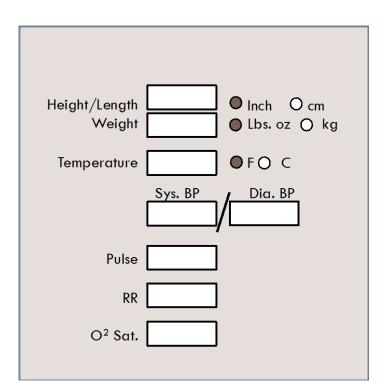
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4. User Control and Freedom

Users should be free to select and sequence tasks (when appropriate), rather than having the system do this for them. Users often choose system functions by mistake and will need a clearly marked "emergency exit" to leave the unwanted state without having to go through an extended dialogue.

Users should make their own decisions (with clear information) regarding the costs of exiting current work. The system should support undo and redo.

4. User Control and Freedom



This EHR reverts to prior data if a parameter is entered that is not "in range" with NO WARNING to the user.

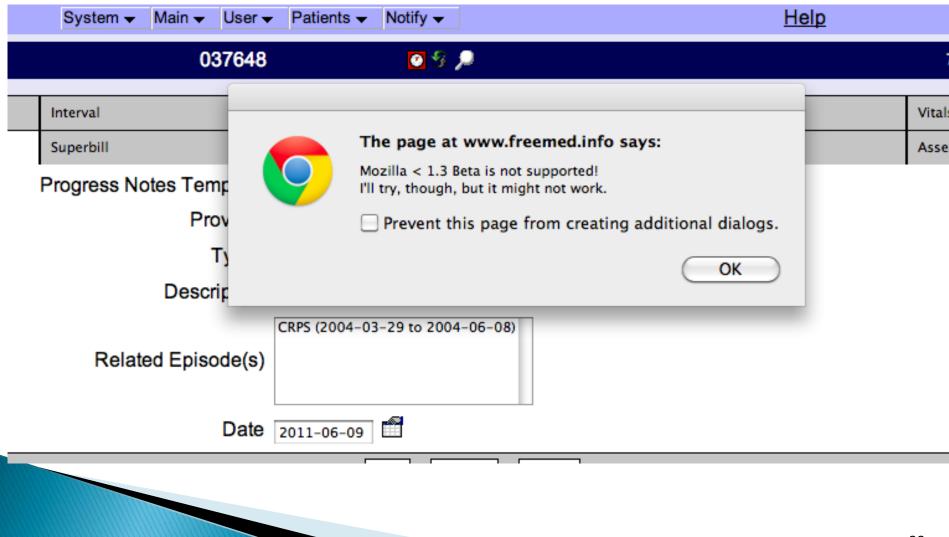
5. Consistency and Standards

Users should not have to wonder whether different words, situations or actions mean the same thing. Follow platform conventions.

6. Help Users Recognize, Diagnose and Recover from Errors

Error messages should be expressed in plain language (NO CODES).

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7. Error Prevention

Even better than good error messages is a careful design that prevents a problem from occurring in the first place.

7. Error Prevention

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8. Recognition rather than Recall

Make objects, actions and options visible. The user should not have to remember information from one part of the dialogue to another.

Instructions for use of the system should be visible or easily retrievable whenever appropriate.

8. Recognition rather than Recall

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9. Flexibility and Minimalist Design

Accelerators-unseen by the novice user-may often speed up the interaction for the expert user such that the system can cater to both inexperienced and experienced users. Allow users to tailor frequent actions.

Provide alternative means of access and operation for users who differ from the "average" user (e.g., physical or cognitive ability, culture, language, etc.)

10. Aesthetic and Minimalist Design

Dialogues should not contain information that is irrelevant or rarely needed. Every extra unit of information in a dialogue competes with the relevant units of information and diminishes their relative visibility.

11. Help and Documentation

Even though it is better if the system can be used without documentation, it may be necessary to provide help and documentation.

Any such information should be easy to search, focused on the user's task, list concrete steps to be carried out, and not be too large

12. Pleasurable and Respectful Interaction with the User

The user's interactions with the system should enhance the quality of her or his work-life. The user should be treated with respect.

The design should be aesthetically pleasingwith artistic as well as functional value.

13. Privacy

The system should help the user to protect personal or private information belonging to the user or his/her patients

Rating Severity

Each violation of a usability principle is categorized as follows:

Rating	Severity
4	Catastrophic: Potential for patient mortality.
3	Major: Potential for patient morbidity.
2	Moderate: Potential for workarounds that create patient safety risks.
1	Minor: Potential for lower quality of clinical care due to decreased efficiency, increased frustration, or increased documentation burden or workload burden.
0	No Issue / Not applicable

Documenting Findings

Place of Occurrence	Usability Problem Description	Usability Guidelines Violated	Severity Score
Med List in eRX screen	Concepts in drop down lists not fully visible	Visibility, Recognition /recall	3

Details for Planning & Executing the Method

- Decide on the scope of the review and on the scenarios and data sets to be used
- Evaluators perform expert review independently
- Analyze results and make recommendations for redesign

Exercise

- Perform expert review on sample screenshots
 Conduct individually for 7 minutes
- Share your findings with neighbor
 - Discuss for 7 minutes and refine your list as necessary
- Rank severity of identified problems
 Conduct individually for 5 minutes
 - Share your scores with neighbor for 5 minutes

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