Design Principles – Text & Layout

# Task 1

The type of language used is affected by the age and skill level of the users. For each of the groups below, identify how you would change your use of language to meet their needs.

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|  | Use of Language |
| **Young Children** |  |
| **Elderly Adults** |  |
| **Technical IT Users** |  |
| **Non-Technical, Inexperience IT Users** |  |

# Task 2

Below are some statements regarding the amount of information in a user interface. Identify which are true and which are false.

**True False**

1. You should always provide in-depth detailed written information in your interface.

2. Whitespace is the space between words (where you press the space bar).

3. Whitespace is important to prevent your interface appearing cluttered.

# Task 3

(a) What do we mean by user interface layout?

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(b) Identify below the six features of a good user interface layout.

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3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(c) Choose a website you regularly use, annotate a print screen of the website below showing how they’ve used language, amount of information & layout effectively.