

Test / Evaluation of Presentation

As part of my project plan I have allowed time for testing and evaluating each major part of the project. This is the test and evaluation of the presentation part.

I have shown my presentation to 3 people, two adults and one child and asked them to tell me what they thought of the design and how it would work on screen and if it would be alright for both children on the children's slides and parents on the parents slide. I also asked them to tell me about any mistakes. I have put what they said below :-

1. Some of the testers thought that the home page hyperlinks could be misleading. This was because some people were confused by the hyperlinks taking them back to the very first page. They were expecting it to take them to some form of index where they could make a choice on what to see next. I agreed with the testers so I amended my presentation so that the home page button on my presentation takes the viewer back to the second page. This is the main index page and gives the user the option to go through all of the choices again or to go to a particular slide.
2. The testers also said that some of the hyperlinks were not going to the right places. From the Index page the Aikido button took the user to cooking. I have now checked and fixed this, the hyperlink now goes to the Aikido page which is what you want it to do.
3. The testers felt that I had used inappropriate music and sound effects. I liked the Indian rap music and sound effects, but I can also see why some would find it inappropriate. I took off the sound effects and put on a single piece of soothing classical music which runs all the time through the presentation (Pachelbel – Canon) the youngest tester would have preferred something a bit more lively
4. One of the testers was concerned that the music by Pachelbel may be copyright. This would mean that I would break copyright law if I played it as part of a public display without the copyright owners permission. I hadn't thought of that so I have put in a piece of music by a friend of the family who writes music for TV (BBC, National Geographic etc). He is the copyright owner on the piece I have used and has given me special permission to use the piece for this presentation.
5. The testers and my reviewer felt that there were too many mouse clicks to get the animations going and also it was sometimes difficult to

know when to click the mouse. I agreed with this so changed the presentation. I now have an instruction that appears on screen that tells the user when to click to make the presentation continue. I have also made most of the animation on each slide automatic. This means that the user clicks once when instructed and then plays until the user wants to move to the next slide.

6. In the original presentation I had a seventh slide that said goodbye. As my original design was only for six slides the testers felt that I had not followed my design closely enough. Also they told me that I was only allowed six slides as part of the course instructions. I checked the DiDA instructions and it does say to only use 6 slides. Also this was the number on my design. I just thought it was nice to say thank you at the end. I removed the seventh slide and made the sixth slide have a final message instead.
7. The testers said that my video clip did not work and was too small anyway. The reason that the slide did not work in the presentation was because it was a QuickTime movie. I had the video converted to a type that would play on windows machines (wmv). I also made it so that the video expanded during the presentation to fill the whole screen while it played. When it finished playing it disappears and the rest of the slide continues.
8. The testers said that the sound files had used left a little speaker icon on the middle of the screen which was annoying during the presentation. I re did the sound file and set it to hide the icon. It now does not show when played.
9. Some testers felt that the information on the site did not make it clear if it was for the adults or children. I have put headings on each of the main bits of text to make it clear which information is for Adults. Which is for children and which is for both. On the adults page I added a hyperlink to the make space website so parents can find out more if they need to as space on a slide show is limited