

SW 5: Menus and Icons

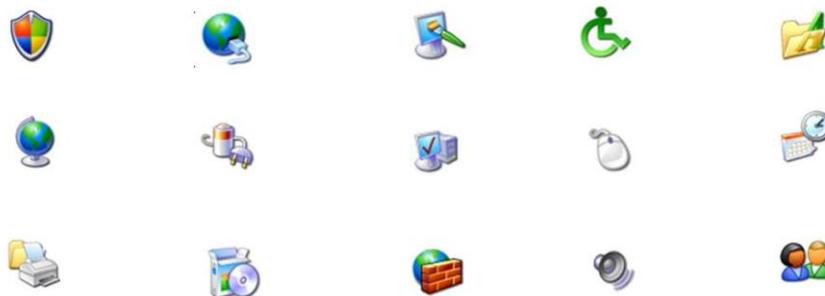
Exercise 1

Draw an icon to represent each of the following Control Panel options :

- Display settings
- Add/remove hardware
- Add/remove programs
- Power and energy saving
- Network connections
- User accounts
- Date and time
- Printers
- Accessibility options
- Mouse settings
- Firewall/security options
- Sound settings
- System settings
- Fonts

Each time, specify which principle discussed in was used to create this graphic.

2. Exchange your drawings with your neighbor. Is their ease of recognizing the icons consistent with the hierarchy of graphic principles studied in class ?
3. Compare your choices with those of Windows XP.



Exercise 2

We want to design the interface for video creation software. This system must be able to import existing video clips or record live footage, and then perform linear editing (cutting and splicing). It should also allow managing transitions between two clips (such as crossfades), adding subtitles to a clip, or applying special effects. The entire edited video is saved as a project file. In total, all the available actions are included in the following commands:

open a project,	record clip	copy clip	transition
new project,	import clip	cut clip	subtitle
save project,	compress clip	delete clip	special effect
close project	show timeline	move clip	properties

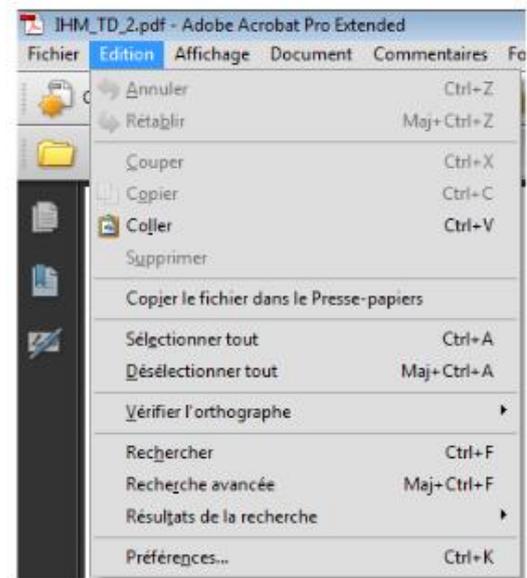
quit.

1. Design an icon for each of these functions, making sure to arrange them anywhere on your sheet (do not place them in the same order as listed).
2. Show the icons you designed to your neighbor. Can they figure out the meaning of each one? What characteristics make certain icons problematic?
3. Organize your icons into groups based on their meaning. Does this make them easier to identify?

Exercise 3

Here is a screenshot of the menus in Adobe Acrobat Pro Extended.

Analyze the "Edit" menu and identify at least 4 menu design properties and rules that we have covered in class.



1. What do the "..." at the end of a menu item mean?
2. What does the right arrow in front of a menu item mean?
3. What does the down arrow (sometimes displayed below the last item) mean?

Exercise 4

1. Correct the display format of these numbers shown in A.
2. Examine these two interfaces taken from the AADL website B and C. Criticize the use of color.

164.835
34.65
1.658
3573.45
34.965
456.492
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