UX Cheatsheet

47 Actionable UX Hacks to Fix Your App

By Simon McCade

Practical UX Hacks

1. Ensure layouts fit the screen
2. All elements should align to a grid
3. Use colour to create hierarchy
4. Define components and then reuse where appropriate
5. Use white space to separate text and elements
6. Try not to use more 3 colours
7. Don't vary where you put the navigation
8. Where applicable, avoid making users scroll
9. Ensure all actions provide feedback
10. Establish a consistent design language
11. Interactions should feel easy and natural
12. Text should be at least 11 points so it's legible
13. Increase contrast between the font colour and the background
14. Improve legibility by increasing line height
15. Place icons and buttons close to the content they modify
16. Don't centre align text or buttons
17. Use cold, dark colours in the background
18. Remove clutter and overload

19. Add functional interactions
20. Define a clear action button
21. Keep the navigation simple with as few links as possible
22. Have only one primary goal per screen
23. Avoid double-scroll at all times
24. Make all icons and actions easily recognisable
25. Align form labels and fields in a single vertical line
26. Don't force users to signup before providing value
27. Error messages should be helpful, concise and easy to understand
28. Make search boxes are easy to find
29. Use the screen real estate wisely
30. Don't forget to design for color blind users
31. Only display hints when needed
32. Show a skeleton of app elements to communicate it's loading
33. Avoid "click here" links
34. Increase line spacing between lists and paragraphs
35. Don't disable the browser back-button
36. Remove anything that isn't absolutely necessary for the user to accomplish a task
37. Simple, obvious terms are better than industry jargon

38. Place high-priority content at the top of each screen
39. Buttons need to look clickable
40. Avoid using hamburger menus on desktop apps
41. Screens shouldn't take more than a few seconds to load
42. Use warm, bright colours in the foreground
43. Avoid creating dead end screens
44. Keep navigation accessible at all times
45. Use common app patterns and interfaces
46. Always provide a link to reset your password
47. Keep forms short and sweet

Need advice on implementing these hacks?

Schedule a free consultation so we can discuss how I can help you create a modern and intuitive app.

Simon McCade
Design Better Digital Products

studio@simonmccade.com
www.simonmccade.com