## Heuristic Evaluation of Electurefy

## 1. Problem

We are evaluating the UI of Electurefy, a product for encouraging interactivity in large lecture settings by allowing lecturers to poll students for understanding.

## 2. Violations Found

## STUDENT UI

| Heuristic | Screen | Reason | Found By | Severity |
| :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| H2-1 | Answer Bolt <br> Screen | Time left for voting not seen. | B | 2 |
| H2-1 | Answer Bolt <br> Screen | Unclear whether a student <br> should or shouldn't take <br> action when they first see <br> the answer bolt screen. | AC | 3 |
| H2-2 | My Classes | Meaning, purpose, and <br> possible actionable events <br> of the fraction and "Goal" <br> percentage not apparent to <br> new users. | BC | 2 |
| H2-2 | Notification <br> Screen | "Cancel" does not represent <br> a valid action for the <br> instructions given. | AC | 2 |
| H2-2 | Answer Bolt <br> Screen | The times being displayed <br> are inconsistent and <br> unclear. Formatting is <br> different between entries <br> and time elapsed looks just <br> like time of day. <br> Additionally, the seconds <br> category provides little <br> useful information as <br> neither the student not <br> lecturer think of the lecture <br> in terms of seconds elapsed. | A | 2 |
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| H2-2 | Answer Bolt <br> Screen | Meaning of question mark <br> and light bulb is unclear | ABC | 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| H2-3 | Answer Bolt <br> Screen | Cannot change the vote <br> after leaving this screen. | BC | 2 |
| H2-4 | My Classes | Live course not on the top of <br> the list. | B | 2 |
| H2-5 | Answer Bolt | Previous bolts seem to be <br> still accessible. | ABD | 3 |
| H2-5 <br> (impleme <br> ntation) | Login | iPhone touch keyboard not <br> showing up when trying to <br> type. | B | 0 |
| H2-8 | Answer Bolt <br> Screen | Previous bolts not necessary <br> for students. | BC | 2 |

## LECTURER UI

| Heuristic | Screen | Reason | Found <br> By | Severity |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| H2-1 | Current Lec | No confirmation message after clicking <br> "Send Bolt". | BC | 3 |
| H2-2 | Lecture Stats | Color scheme and 100\% stack graph not <br> visualizing the contrast between bulb <br> and question directly. | ABC | 3 |
| H2-2 | Lecture stats | No summary of the responses to a bolt <br> for a given lecture (total bolts with a <br> positive response) | C | 2 |
| H2-2 | Course Stats | Numbers given are not actually <br> averages. | AC | 2 |
| H2-3 | Settings | No back button in the Settings page for <br> quick back to the Current Lecture screen. | B | 2 |
| H2-3 | Settings | Should not constrain user to defined <br> times for responses | D | 3 |

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| H2-4 | Current Lec | Bulb and question icons are of different order in this screen compared to others. | B | 2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| H2-4 | Schedule | Lectures are in chronological order while the users may want to access most recent ones first. | AB | 3 |
| H2-4 | Multiple Screens | Inconsistent placement of settings button. Why can you get to settings from some screens but not others. | A | 2 |
| H2-4 | Lecture stats | Coloring on question mark and light bulb icons not consistent with other screens. | C | 2 |
| H2-4 | Lecture Stats | Settings button in Overall Stats screen but not Lecture Stats. | B | 1 |
| H2-4 | Course Stats | Settings button not necessary here | D | 2 |
| H2-5 | Current Lec | Users can send endless bolts that confuse the students! | B | 4 |
| H2-5 | Settings | If attendance is low, randomly selecting bolt recipients may miss people who attend lectures. | B | 3 |
| H2-6 | Schedule | Lecture names are not informative. | AB | 3 |
| H2-6 | Schedule | Overall Stats button not apparent in the screen. | B | 3 |
| H2-6 | Lecture Stats | Response rate or number of responses lacking. | B | 3 |
| H2-6 | Current Lec | Status of the bolt is only known in settings | D | 3 |
| H2-6 | Current Lec | Icon meanings are unclear | A | 3 |
| H2-6 | Course Stats | Unclear hierarchy between item labels and button. | A | 2 |
| H2-7 | Current Lec | Dynamic panel wraps around to the first or last bolt, and may cause confusion when swiping. | B | 1 |
| H2-7 | Current Lec | Dynamic panel is an inefficient way to view bolt statistics. Doesn't have any | A | 3 |


|  |  | indicator or shortcut for most recent <br> bolt. |  |  |
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| H2-7 | Schedule | Expandable menu may cause <br> inefficiency when selecting. | B | 2 |
| H2-8 | Current Lec | Numbers of total responses in the <br> dynamic panel are unnecessary and can <br> be deleted. | B | 2 |
| H2-8 | Course <br> Statistics | 9/23 and 9/25 cannot both be Tuesdays. | AC | 0 |
| H2-8 | Current Lec | Too many numbers that look like times <br> on this screen. | A | 3 |
| H2-8 | Overall Stats | Response rate and total number of <br> responses can be merged into one line. | B | 2 |
| H2-8 | Lecture Stats | Bolt numbers unnecessary. | ABC | 3 |
| H2-8 | Course Stats | Date field is unnecessary, one button is <br> fine. | D | 1 |
| H2-8 | Current Lec | Lecturer does not need to see old bolts, <br> while lecturing | D | 2 |
| H2-10 | Overall Stats | Definition of Best and Worst lectures <br> ambiguous. | BC | 4 |

## 3. Summary of Violations

| Category | \# Viol. <br> (sev 0) | \# Viol. <br> (sev 1) | \# Viol. (sev 2) | \# Viol. <br> (sev 3) | \# Viol. $(\operatorname{sev} 4)$ | \# Viol. (total) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| [H2-1: Visibility of Status] | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| [H2-2: Match Sys \& World] | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 7 |
| [H2-3: User Control] | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| [H2-4: Consistency] | 0 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 7 |
| [H2-5: Error Prevention] | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| [H2-6: Recognition not Recall] | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 6 |
| [H2-7: Efficiency of Use] | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| [H2-8: Minimalist Design] | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 8 |
| [H2-9: Help Users with Errors] | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| [H2-10: Documentation] | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Total Violations by Severity | 2 | 3 | 19 | 16 | 2 | 42 |

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## 4 Evaluation Statistics

| severitylevaluator | evaluator A | evaluator B | evaluator C | evaluator D |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| level 0 | $33.33 \%$ | $33.33 \%$ | $33.33 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ |
| level 1 | $0.00 \%$ | $66.67 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ | $33.33 \%$ |
| level 2 | $20.83 \%$ | $41.67 \%$ | $29.17 \%$ | $8.33 \%$ |
| level 3 | $35.71 \%$ | $35.71 \%$ | $17.86 \%$ | $10.71 \%$ |
| level 4 | $0.00 \%$ | $66.67 \%$ | $33.33 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ |
| total (levels 3 \& 4) | $32.26 \%$ | $38.71 \%$ | $19.35 \%$ | $9.68 \%$ |
| total (all levels) | $27.59 \%$ | $39.66 \%$ | $22.41 \%$ | $10.34 \%$ |


| Evaluator | Violations found | Unique violations found | Cumulative Violations |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| B | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| A | 16 | 10 | 35 |
| D | 6 | 5 | 40 |
| C | 14 | 2 | 42 |

Number of Analysts vs. Violations Found


Number of evaluators

