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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

OVERVIEW

This report outlines the usability study completed on the MoPOP (Museum of Pop Culture) mobile website. The goal of this study was to assess the usability of the MoPOP.org mobile ticket ordering process. A majority of MoPOP site visitors visit on their mobile phone, but a majority of ticket conversions are completed on desktop. MoPOP's goal for this usability study was finding out why most site users purchase tickets on desktop as opposed to on their mobile phones, and determining if a change to the mobile site could lead to an increase in mobile site conversions.

Our primary research questions were:

- 1. How successfully do users:
 - a. Navigate through the General Admission ticket process
 - b. Navigate through the Event/Exhibition ticket process
- 2. What obstacles or frustrations prevent users from making an online ticket conversion?

PARTICIPANTS AND METHODOLOGY

A heuristic evaluation and usability tests were conducted independently. The heuristic evaluation was completed by each of the four student researchers using the ten usability heuristics created by the Nielsen Norman Group.

The usability test was conducted with six participants (4 male, 2 female) who indicated via a participant screener that they had never been to MoPOP before. Because most attendees of MoPOP are one-time tourist visitors, we wanted to find participants who, although local to Seattle, had never attended the museum. The user testing consisted of two tasks: purchasing a general admission ticket and purchasing an exhibition ticket, both while using their mobile phone to access MoPOP's mobile site.

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The heuristic evaluation yielded three unique issues:

- 1. The system does not highlight field with an error
- 2. There is no indication of where the user is in the process of completing a purchase
- 3. There is no visual distinction that the purchase button is a finishing action

The usability testing yielded six major issues, nine minor issues, and two cosmetic issues. The major issues include:

- 1. Billing information fields are cut off such that user can not see their full entry
- 2. Users could not find promo code field
- 3. There is no clear indication of how ticket will be delivered
- 4. There is no indication of a button being pressed
- 5. Users experienced considerable unnecessary scrolling
- 6. Users could not find exhibition tickets

The usability testing results indicate that the mobile website is learnable but not intuitive. Of the six participants, all six indicated they would prefer to complete the ticket purchasing process on a desktop if given the choice.



OVERVIEW

The Museum of Pop Culture, also known as MoPOP, is looking to improve pages and workflows on their mobile website, MoPop.org. The purpose of this study is to identify usability issues with the MoPOP ticket ordering process on mobile phones. 60% of the users who access MoPOP.org do so on mobile devices, and for that reason we focused our efforts on studying the responsive site. This study looked at 2 different workflows: purchasing a general admission museum ticket and purchasing a ticket to an exhibition. We determined the usability issues in these workflows in order to make the MoPOP site easier to use on a smartphone and increase mobile ticket purchases in the future.

The specific objectives of this study include:

- 1. Identify issues that might deter MoPOP mobile users from completing an online ticket purchase.
- 2. Assess the ease of viewing MoPOP museum event details and purchasing an online ticket.
- 3. Determine user satisfaction with mobile ticket conversion.

The questions we intend to investigate are based on the current interaction flow of MoPOP.org see appendix page 10). We answered the following research questions as part of this study:

- 1. What is the path users take when completing an online ticket purchase?
- 2. What is the path users take when searching for museum events?
- 3. Are the number of steps taken by the users to fulfill each task given to them based on each planned scenario in line with assumed metrics? And if not, why is that so?
- 4. How successfully do users:
 - a. Navigate through the General Admission ticket process
 - b. Navigate through the Event/Exhibition ticket process
- 5. What obstacles or frustrations prevent users from making an online ticket conversion?

PARTICIPANT PROFILES

The user group defined with this project is fairly broad, as the bulk of museum attendees are tourists within a wide age range. We tested the MoPOP ticket ordering workflows with 6 participants between the ages of 18-35. Four of our participants were male and two were female.

| ID# | Gender | Age Group | Works in UX? | Workflow | Phone | Browser Preference |
|-----|--------|--------------|-----------------|----------|-----------|-----------------------|
| 1 | F | 18-25 | No | Α | iPhone 5 | Safari |
| 2 | М | 26-35 | No | В | Android | Chrome |
| 3 | М | 26-35 | Yes | Α | iPhone 10 | Chrome |
| 4 | М | 26-35 | No | В | Galaxy s5 | Chrome |
| 5 | F | 18-25 | No | А | iPhone 6 | Safari |
| 6 | М | 18-25 | No | В | iPhone 5 | Safari |



The most important criteria in our screener was whether or not the participant had ever been to MoPOP. We only wanted to test first-time visitors in order to more closely mimic MoPOP's main demographic: tourists who are new to Seattle. Every participant we tested indicated in the screener that they had never visited MoPOP, but participant 6 later told us he had been to MoPOP. We decided to keep his data in our data set because he'd never purchased a ticket to MoPOP online. Our participants used a range of cell phones and browsers to access to MoPOP mobile site, ensuring that any findings shared between participants were not a bug or byproduct of a specific phone or browser.

METHODS

We used two methods to evaluate the MoPOP ticket-ordering process: a heuristic evaluation and a think-aloud usability study. The heuristic evaluation allowed us to do a detailed analysis from a professional perspective, and the think-aloud user study gave us insights on real site use and participant attitudes toward the process.

Heuristic Evaluation

We performed the heuristic evaluation by each analyzing the site individually, then came together to synthesize the key findings from the results. We compiled violations and successes of the site within these ten heuristics outlined by the Nielson Norman group:

| Heuristic | Description |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Visibility of system status | The system should always keep users informed about what is going on, through appropriate feedback within reasonable time. |
| Match between system and the real world | The system should speak the users' language, with words, phrases and concepts familiar to the user, rather than system-oriented terms. Follow real-world conventions, making information appear in a natural and logical order. |
| User control and freedom | Users often choose system functions by mistake and will need a clearly marked "emergency exit" to leave the unwanted state without having to go through an extended dialogue. Support undo and redo. |
| Consistency and standards | Users should not have to wonder whether different words, situations, or actions mean the same thing. Follow platform conventions. |
| Error prevention | Even better than good error messages is a careful design which prevents a problem from occurring in the first place. |
| Recognition rather than recall | Make objects, actions, and options visible. The user should not have to remember information from one part of the dialogue to another. Instructions for use of the system should be visible or easily retrievable whenever appropriate. |

| Flexibility and efficiency of use | Accelerators unseen by the novice user may often speed up the interaction for the expert user such that the system can cater to both inexperienced and experienced users. Allow users to tailor frequent actions. |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Aesthetic and minimalist design | Dialogues should not contain information which is irrelevant or rarely needed. Every extra unit of information in a dialogue competes with the relevant units of information and diminishes their relative visibility. |
| Help users recognize, diagnose, and recover from errors | Error messages should be expressed in plain language (no codes), precisely indicate the problem, and constructively suggest a solution. |
| Help and documentation | Even though it is better if the system can be used without documentation, it may be necessary to provide help and documentation. Any such information should be easy to search, focused on the user's task, list concrete steps to be carried out, and not be too large. |

Usability Study

Testing took place between February 26th and March 6th. Prior to beginning the test, each participant signed a video release consent form and completed a pre-test questionnaire to determine their familiarity and previous experience with buying tickets on their mobile phones. The usability test began with the moderator providing general information regarding the purpose of the study, then the participant completed the workflows. We encouraged participants to think aloud as they completed their tasks. Each participant was given a promo code specific to the study that allowed them to complete one ticket conversion at no cost.

Half of the participants began with task A, and the other half began with task B.

Task A. Purchase a general admission ticket for MoPOP

Task B. Purchase a ticket for a special exhibition

Following the completion (or incompletion) of the initial task, the participant was instructed to complete the secondary path, but to stop at the point of entering personal information and not attempt to complete a second purchase. Therefore, half of our participants completed workflow A and the other half completed workflow B.

Workflow A. Purchase a general admission ticket -> then attempt to purchase a ticket for special exhibition but stop at the point of entering personal information

Workflow B. Purchase a ticket for special exhibition -> then attempt to purchase a general admission ticket but stop at the point of entering personal information

After each workflow, the moderator asked a few post-task questions. After the user completed both tasks they completed a short survey and debrief.



FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

SUCCESSES

Overall, participants were satisfied with their experience using the MoPOP mobile site. When asked if the participants felt this process was similar to online purchases on other websites, most replied with "yes, for the most part." There was considerable overlap between the findings of the heuristic evaluation and the usability testing. The table below presents notable successes from the usability testing as well as the unique findings from the heuristic evaluation.

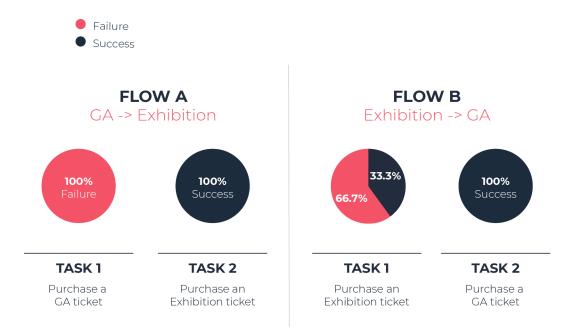
| Method | Success | Description |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Heuristic Evaluation | Visibility of system status | Some buttons give user feedback The "Tickets" button within the hamburger dropdown on the homepage as well as the "Plan your visit" page are both visually responsive when clicked. |
| | | Processing action gives user feedback "Continue" buttons during the purchase process change to say "Processing" when clicked, showing that the information is being parsed, and will take some time. |
| Heuristic Evaluation | Match between system and the real world | Site uses real world language Verbiage like "Add to cart" make the process intuitive and similar to other online shopping experiences. |
| Heuristic Evaluation | User control and freedom | Flexible purchasing options Users are able to purchase multiples tickets of several types at one time. |
| | | Data is saved The data is saved - even when users click out of the process, their ticket is still in the cart. |
| Heuristic Evaluation | Consistency and standards | Ticket types are clearly distinguished The distinction between a regular ticket and an event ticket is made clear. |
| | | Consistent colors The same color scheme is used across the entire website. |
| Heuristic Evaluation | Error prevention | Option to review There is a step where users can review their inputted information prior to confirming the ticket purchase. |
| | | User friendly calendar format The date selected is presented on the following screen after selection as a reminder for users that is their correct date. |

| Heuristic Evaluation | Recognition rather than recall | Consistent with industry standards The sight mimics what is industry standard for a normal flow through online ticket purchasing. |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Heuristic Evaluation | Flexibility and efficiency of use | Option to create account The user is given the option to log in to their account so they can bypass the process of entering their personal information upon repeated interaction with the site. |
| Heuristic Evaluation | Aesthetic and minimalist design | Aesthetically pleasing The site is on brand with a consistent color scheme, intentional use of white space, and good use of typog- raphy, hierarchy and margins. |
| Heuristic Evaluation | Help users recognize, diagnose, and recover from errors | Clear language surrounding errors If there is an error on the page, the system lets the user know what the error is in an understandable language. |
| Usability Testing | "Buy Tickets" button is big and noticable | The button to purchase tickets is bright pink, large, and easy for users to find. |
| Usability Testing | Users can make a purchase without creating an account | Most of our participants were new to the site and opted to check out as a guest. The site allows for this capability and does not require ticket purchasers to create a login. |
| Usability Testing | Quick link to Tickets page from search engine | By selecting the "Tickets" link directly from a search engine, users are directed to the page to purchase a ticket. This streamlines the purchase process and reduces the number of clicks users make when com- pleting a conversion. |
| Usability Testing | Phone number input field takes multiple formats | The input field where users enter their phone number does not require a specific format, making it easier for users to enter information without error. |
| Usability Testing | System recognizes an existing user | One of our participants did have an existing login and the site recognized the return user. |



OPPORTUNITIES

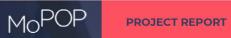
As mentioned previously, we led our participants through two flows. Flow A = General Admission ticket purchase -> Exhibition ticket, and Flow B = Exhibition ticket -> General Admission ticket. Upon making a conversion, the task was marked as successfully completed. The data below represents the completion rate for each task described above in the methods section.



Three out of three Flow A participants failed their first task, but all succeeded at the second task. Flow B had similar results as two out of three participants failed their first task, but successfully completed their second. Therefore, we found that the mobile website is **learnable**. All of our participants successfully completed their second task even if they failed the first.

Many of our findings from both the methods overlapped, but there were opportunities revealed through the heuristic evaluation that did not arise in the usability test. The table below presents these findings.

| Method | Opportunity | Description |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Heuristic Evaluation | Visibility of system status | No visual indication of where you are in the process of purchases There is no indication of how far along the user is in the purchasing process until the user gets to the billing information screen. At that point there are three steps listed at the top of the screen, but the highlighted section is incorrect. Inconsistency of how buttons change after being pressed A couple of buttons provide some visual feedback when they are pressed, but there is no consistency. Some change color to a shade darker, and others underline the words on the button. |



| Heuristic Evaluation | User control and freedom | No clear back option in some places There is no back button (other than the browser default back button) for the user to take a step back and change their visit date if they wish to once they are in the personal information section. No clear exhibition end date There are notes above the visit date calendar that show when special exhibitions open, but not when they end. In order to determine when an exhibition ends the user must abandon the ticket buying process and go to another page. Checkout as guest option is scrolled off screen Users have the option to login, register, or check out as a guest, but the guest option is only visible when one scrolls to the bottom of the page. |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Heuristic Evaluation | Consistency and standards | User is unnecessarily prompted to log out Once the order process is complete, the user is prompted to log out even if they never created a log in. Inconsistent button styling Buttons are not all one color on the site; some are white with pink outline and some are pink inside. |
| Heuristic Evaluation | Error prevention | No information validation When entering personal information the user is able to enter junk data without an error. For example, entering letters in the zip code field |
| Heuristic Evaluation | Recognition rather than recall | Ticket prices not obvious at every step The ticket prices are not carried through the process so a user must remember the price of each ticket from the initial pricing chart. |
| Heuristic Evaluation | Aesthetic and minimalist design | Finishing action is not distinguished from other actions The final "buy ticket" button has no weight associated with it (no differentiated style from other buttons) Format is not always optimized for mobile In some places there is a bulk of information that is not completely legible on mobile. For example, the big grid of prices is above the buy tickets button and users have to scroll down to find the buy ticket option. No padding between certain elements There are some elements that do not have padding between them. For example, the 'Continue shopping' and 'Proceed to checkout' buttons. |



| | | Confusing menu layout The user can get themselves deep in the hamburger menu. It becomes difficult to discern open from closed sections and the hierarchy becomes fairly confusing on mobile devices. Unstyled elements Many of the inputs and dropdowns throughout the purchase process are unstyled HTML Unnecessary information on General Admission tickets On a General Admission admission ticket purchase flow there is information about exhibitions but no context for it. |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Heuristic Evaluation | Help users recognize, diagnose, and recover from errors | No error highlighting When a user fails to enter required information into the form the system alerts them to this fact, but does not take the user to the error and highlight exactly where. |

We organized our usability test findings on a three tier rating scale. From the testing, our participants revealed **6** Major issues, **7** Minor issues, and **2** cosmetic issues with the mobile site.

Major - Causes significant frustration, delay, sometimes inability to complete a task; high priority fix

Minor - Small effect on usability but is an issue to keep an eye on; low priority fix **Cosmetic** - Issue that should be fixed if time allows, but does not impair the users ability to use the site

The following tables rank our usability test findings by severity (Major, Minor, Cosmetic), along with recommendations for how to approach the Major enhancement opportunities.



MAJOR FINDINGS

MAJOR Finding #1 Billing information fields are cut off

Issue found in 6/6 studies

The billing information fields do not fit on the screen and the first 5 characters are cut off. This makes it very difficult for users to enter their personal information. In some cases, like the state field, the user can not see any of their entry.

"Would rather use my desktop to alleviate any confusion."

-Participant 5

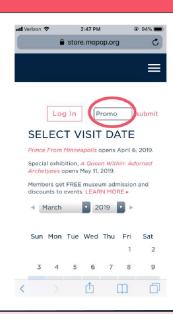


RECOMMENDATION: Change the organizational structure to a single-column layout (for mobile) so that all the text fields and labels are clearly visible. This should help improve usability as the users will be able to see what they're typing, and they would not have to scroll and zoom as much as they do now.

MAJOR Finding #2 Promo code field is not in standard location

Issue found in **5/6** studies

Most users expected the promo code field to be on the same page as the billing information. Several of the users tried to enter the promo code into the gift certificate field without success. None of the participants who struggled to find the field went back to the first page and found it, suggesting this first page is not an intuitive place for the promo code field. Additionally, almost every user expressed verbally that they expected the promo code to be entered on the same page as the billing information.



RECOMMENDATION: Changing the position of the "Promo Code" field from where it is currently positioned to be next to the "Gift Certificate" field should alleviate this issue. Best practices followed across popular e-commerce websites (e.g. Amazon.com) have often combined the Promo Code and Gift Certificate fields as one, and these fields have labels such as "Promo Code or Gift Certificate" and usually function to accept both types of codes, even though the structure of the codes is generally different.



MAJOR Finding #3 Ticket delivery method is not clear

Issue found in **2/6** studies

Several participants expressed that they did not know how the ticket would be delivered, or were frustrated that they were not given an option of how the ticket would be delivered. There is no indication that the ticket will be delivered to the email the user enters during checkout.



RECOMMENDATION: There should be a clear indication before the user clicks the submit/purchase button that the ticket will be delivered to the email ID that they have provided. Ideally, this information is best dispensed out when the user is filling out their email address to make sure the user enters a valid email address. Additionally, it can also be displayed on the checkout page.

MAJOR Finding #4 No indication of a button being clicked

Issue found in **5/6** studies

Most of the buttons in these workflows do not give any visual indication that they are being clicked. Users expressed confusion multiple times because they were not sure if they should wait for the system to respond or click the button again. This issue was perpetuated by the slightly longer time it takes for the 'add to cart' button to refresh the system. This led to users ending up with multiple of the same tickets in their shopping cart.

RECOMMENDATION: Every button click needs a visual confirmation so that the user understands that their response was submitted. This can be in the form of an animation around the button itself, to signify that the button is being pressed. Another form would be to instantly show any form of a "loading" animation, until the next screen is loaded, or the next action is performed.



MAJOR Finding #5 Unnecessary scrolling

Issue found in **3/6** studies

Most screens in these workflows do not resize to fit a phone screen. This caused users to do a lot of scrolling up and down and side to side to see everything on the screen. Several users commented on this being a frustrating part of the process.

"Not easy for a first time user." - Participant 2

RECOMMENDATION: Everything on the page should be displayed within the width of the mobile screen. A single-column layout, as mentioned earlier, will solve a part of this problem. While pieces like the ticket prices table are an important source of information, having to use scroll/zoom causes unnecessary burden on the user. This can be easily addressed by making sure that the width of the table adjusts according to the mobile screen and that everything fits. Aside from that, you should consider taking out any unnecessary piece of information that is taking too much real estate, from the mobile site.

MAJOR Finding #6 Confusing workflow to purchase exhibition ticket

Issue found in **3/6** studies Many of the participants initially tried to purchase an exhibition ticket through the large "buy tickets' button. From there the users could not find a clear distinction between general admission and exhibition tickets. The users were not inclined to click on the list of exhibitions from the menu at first and expected to find exhibition tickets through the 'buy tickets' option.

"Finding where things were was a little cumbersome." - Participant 6

RECOMMENDATION: Although the banner images lead straight to purchase some of the special exhibition tickets, the users who come directly to the Tickets page, should also be given a clear option to choose between Museum Admission ticket and a ticket for a special exhibition on the ticket page. This can include separate buttons for each type of ticket to clearly display the difference. You can also use a separate theme (to coincide the theme of the banner) to make this ticketing route distinct from the general admission ticketing route.

MINOR FINDINGS

MINOR Finding #1 List of exhibitions and details is difficult to find

Issue found in **2/6** studies

Users struggled to find a list of exhibitions all on one page. Most users expanded the current exhibition section in the menu to see the name of each exhibition, but did not navigate to the main exhibition page where they could see the exhibitions and details about each on one screen.



MINOR Finding #2 Users tried to click on the prices in the grid

Issue found in **2/6** studies

Several users attempted to click on the pink price in the pricing grid to purchase a ticket. Pink text in other places is clickable, which contributed to the confusion.

MINOR Finding #3 Billing information required even without something to bill

Issue found in **4/6** studies

Users were frustrated when they had to enter their billing information even though there was nothing to bill because they were using a promo code. It was not clear to users if this information was necessary for the ticket or not.

MINOR Finding #4 Unnecessary clicks in purchasing process

Issue found in **1/6** studies

User clicks "buy tickets" 3 different times before actually getting to the purchasing screen. This caused frustration with users who wanted to move through this process quickly.

MINOR Finding #5 Deleting an item from the cart requires a lot of scrolling

Issue found in **1/6** studies

In order to delete tickets that were accidently added to the cart, users had to do a lot of scrolling around. Additionally, each ticket had to be removed individually and the user had to wait for the screen to refresh before deleting the next. This was a time consuming process.

MINOR Finding #6 Reviewing cart requires repositioning screen

Issue found in **2/6** studies

At the end of the purchase process, the user is brought to a review cart screen. In order to see any of the useful information the user has to zoom out as the screen is not automatically sized to fit a mobile device.

MINOR Finding #7 Shopping cart status is not indicated

Issue found in **3/6** studies

There is no indication that something has been added to the shopping cart. This makes it easy for the user to add multiple tickets to their cart unintentionally. This is not in line with online shopping standards, where the item number is generally shown with the cart icon.



COSMETIC FINDINGS

COSMETIC Finding #1 Users expected the add to cart option to be in the price grid

Issue found in **2/6** studies

Several users attempted to scroll to the right in the price grid to find an add to cart option directly in the grid.

COSMETIC Finding #2 Users expressed confusion as to where the ticket button was on the ticketing page

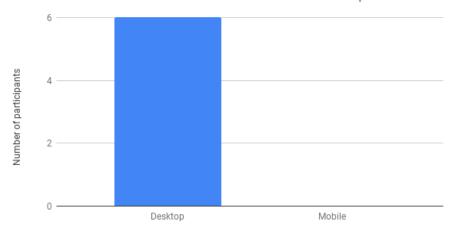
Issue found in **1/6** studies

Once the user navigates to the initial tickets page, the buy tickets button is below the price grid. Several users had some initial confusion in finding this button.

After the participants completed both tasks, they were asked to complete a short survey through Google Forms that asked them questions about their general experience using the site. We decided to separate this survey from the post-study debrief that was performed verbally in order to reduce the chance that users were answering more kindly in order to preserve our feelings. The most interesting insights we found from the post-test survey was that most participants would rather buy their tickets online than at the ticket counter, even after the majority of participants failed at least one of the ticket ordering tasks. Half of the participants also agreed they were able to use the system with ease.

At the end of the study users were asked if they would prefer to complete this purchase on a desktop or mobile device if given the choice. All users responded with desktop computer. Most users explained that this was because of the billing information being difficult to enter. Many also explained that the information on the screen would probably be easier to see on a desktop with less scrolling.

If given the choice, would you prefer to complete this transaction on a mobile device or desktop?





FUTURE STUDIES

Although most of our interviews went smoothly and according to plan, there were a few things we would consider doing differently if we were to conduct a similar study again.

1. Fewer facilitator questions between tasks

Some of the questions we asked between tasks were repetitive, and the answers we got from them had diminishing returns. This could be because the users mostly followed a very similar flow during both the tasks, so they did not have anything different to say. Had we anticipated this, we would have made a unique set of questions for each task and try to get different pieces of information. We could also cut down the total number of questions to make the study shorter.

2. Testing with older adults

Although we began recruitment with the age range of 18-48 in mind, we only ended up getting participants between the ages 18-35, and thus we missed out on a major piece of the demographic. If we were to do this again, we would plan accordingly and have at least 1-2 people from the age ranges of 36-48, to ensure wider demographic coverage.

3. Invite stakeholders to observe and participants in tests

Even after doing the heuristic evaluations, our users managed to surprise us with more usability issues. Having stakeholders from the MoPOP design and development teams join us for heuristic evaluations and/or user tests would help us communicate our findings more effectively.

4. Explore different study locations and setup

Because we wanted to make our participants more comfortable and be mindful of their schedules, we allowed them to suggest a spot to conduct their study. As a result, most of our studies were conducted in coffee shops. Although coffee shops are a public and relaxed setting, it was not as quiet as a secluded lab. It would be interesting to explore new environments to conduct future studies.

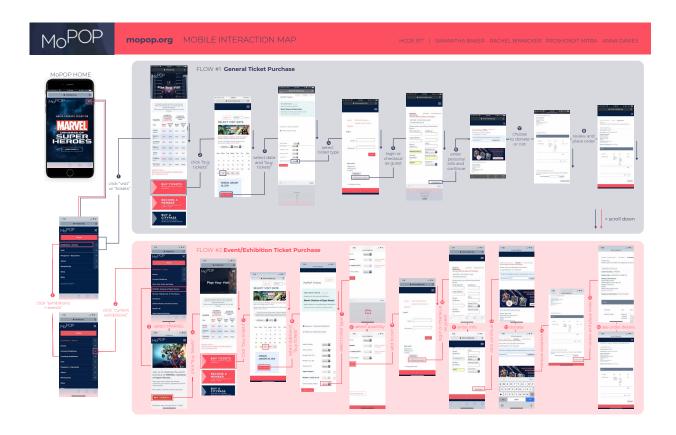
Aside from these, we might consider recording the entire test if we had a smaller team and only one person was conducting an interview. Fortunately, we did not need to do that because we always went in teams of two or three, and took plenty of notes during each session.



APPENDIX

1 Heuristic Evaluation source https://tfa.stanford.edu/download/TenUsabilityHeuristics.pdf

2 Interaction Map





3 Participant Screener

* Required

Museum of Pop Culture (MoPOP) Study Sign-up

Are you interested in taking part in a research study for the Museum of Pop Culture? Answer this short questionnaire and enter your email. We will reach out to schedule your session.

1. Email address * 2. Will you be in the Seattle area any time between between 2/20 and 3/10? * Mark only one oval. Yes No After the last question in this section, stop filling out this form. I don't know After the last question in this section, stop filling out this form. 3. Have you ever visited the Museum of Pop Culture? * Mark only one oval. Yes After the last question in this section, stop filling out this form. No I don't know 4. What is your gender? * Mark only one oval. Female Male Prefer not to say Other: 5. What is your age? * Mark only one oval. Under 18 18-25 26-35 36-49 Over 49



| 6. | Do you own a smartphone with internet access? * Mark only one oval. |
|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | Yes No After the last question in this section, stop filling out this form. I don't know After the last question in this section, stop filling out this form. |
| 7. | Are you interested in visiting the Museum of Pop Culture? * Mark only one oval. |
| | Yes |
| | ○ No |
| | I don't know |



4 Participant Consent Form

MoPOP Mobile Site Usability Test Consent Form

STUDY GOALS

We're investigating the usability of the MoPOP website, specifically the ticket buying process. We hope to learn more about issues users have with the ticket purchase process and how we might correct those issues.

WHAT WE WILL ASK YOU TO DO

Phase 1: Pre-survey

We will start by asking a few questions about the phone you normally use and the one you brought to the study today.

Phase 2: Usability test

We will ask you to order a ticket on the MoPOP website.

Phase 3: Post-survey

We will ask about your experience and your perceptions of the MoPOP website.

RISKS

There is no known risk to participating in this study.

BENEFITS

There is no direct benefit to you for your participation in this study.

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

Confidentiality

Your identity will be kept private. We will not link your name or other personally identifiable details to the content of this session in anyway way—your participation will remain anonymous. We store our research information on Google Drive, which has been identified by UW as privacy-compliant.

Compensation

We are so grateful for your participation. We have provided you with a free ticket to visit MoPOP on the date of your choosing.

Voluntary

Your participation in this study is voluntary. At any time, you may revoke consent to any or all of the activities.



YOUR OPTIONS

You may ask any questions of the researchers now. If you have any questions later or if you have something to add, you may contact us directly at skbakerl@uw.edu or ptmitra@uw.edu.

CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE

We ask that you permit us to make an audio recording of this interview. You are not required to consent to a recording in order to participate in the study. If you understand everything we just covered and are willing to be a participant in this study, please sign below.

This study has been explained to me. I volunteer to take part in this research. I have had a chance to ask questions. If I have questions later about the research, or if I have been harmed by participating in this study, I can contact one of the researchers listed on this consent form. I will receive a copy of this consent form.

Name of participant Signature of participant Date



5 Participant Gratuity Release

Gratuity Release

Research Study MoPOP Mobile Website Usability Study

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Phone: (925) 337-0362

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I have received a MoPOP ticket valued at \$26.

Name of participant

Signature of participant

Date



6 Moderator Guide Flow A

| Facilitator Name: | Participant ID: |
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Moderator Guide

Museum Admission → Exhibition Admission

Intro

Say: Hi, my name is [name]. Thank you for helping us out with a project for school. We are masters students in the Human Centered Design and Engineering program. We're working to improve the usability of the mobile Museum of Pop Culture (MoPOP) website, and focusing on ticket ordering. MoPOP is a museum dedicated to contemporary popular culture here in Seattle. Can you start by telling me about the last time you visited a museum? [wait for answer]

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| acilitator Nar | me: Participant ID: |
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| re-Test | Questions |
| Say: V | Ve will start with a few pre-test questions |
| ··· | Do you work in the user experience field? |
| <u></u> | Which city do you live in? • If they say Seattle, Say: How long have you been living in Seattle? |
| 9 | What phone have you brought in today and is that the phone that you use regularly? |
| <u></u> | What internet browser do you prefer to use on your phone? Please use this browser for the study today. |
| 9 | On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is nothing at all, and 5 is very much, how would you rate your confidence/comfort using your mobile phone for purchasing tickets online? |
| | (Not comfortable at all) 1 2 3 4 5 (very comfortable) |
| <u></u> | Have you ever used your mobile phone to purchase a ticket for an attraction or event? |

Important Notes

- ★ Remember to never tell the user how to complete a task, even if they were not able to complete it or completed it incorrectly.
- **★** Start the video

Task 1 - Purchase GA Ticket



| Facilita | ator Na | me: | | | | _ | | Parti | icipant | ID: | | _ |
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| 9 | Say: I | am o | n page | elofya | our pac | ket if y | you wo | uld like | e to fol | low along | g. Imagine | |
| | you are visiting Seattle and have heard great things about MoPOP. You decide | | | | | | | | | de | | |
| | to visit the museum and purchase a ticket online beforehand. Use your | | | | | | | | | e your | | |
| | mobile device to purchase a museum admission ticket to MoPOP through | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | MoPOP.org . Please use the promo code listed on your handout when | | | | | | | | | /hen | | |
| | | _ | | | • | | | | _ | | you wish to | 0 |
| | • | _ | _ | | | | | _ | | • | k from the | |
| | | you se | | | 3 | | | | | | | |
| | | <i>y</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Facil | litato | r Qu | estio | ns | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. | What | t did t | he par | ticipar | nt do fir | rst? | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. | How | many | times | did th | e parti | cipant | expres | ss conf | usion? | [cross off | f a number | |
| | each | time] | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. | How | many | times | does t | he par | ticipar | nt click | the ba | ck but | ton? [cro | ss off a | |
| | numl | ber ea | ch tim | ne] | | | | | | | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 10 | | |
| | ı | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 0 | / | 0 | 9 | 10 | | |
| 4. | List a | ny roa | adbloc | ks the | partici | pant rı | uns int | o while | purch | nasing the | e ticket: | |
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| | | | • | | ne par n ema | | it succ | esstully | / purc | nases a t | icket and | |
| | 70001 | ves a | COIIII | matio | ii ciiid | | | | | | | |
| | Did t | he pa | rticipa | nt cor | mplete | the ta | ask? | | | | | |
| | | | Yes | 5 | | | | No | | | | |
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| | Notes | s on c | omple | tion: | | | | | | | | |
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| | 2.00 | | | | | | | | | | | |



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| | : That is the en | d of the first task | k. I would now like to a | sk you a coup | le of |
| quest | ions about you | ır experience. | | | |
| Tas | k 1 Debri | ef Questio | ns | | |
| 1. | | • | cing these purchases of good packet. | _ | |
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| 2. | | ning you like abo | ut this process? Ibout this process? | | |
| 4. | - | his ticket-buying where you purc | process was similar t hase things? | o the process | you follow |
| | | | | | |

★ Start the video

| Facilita | ator Na | me: | | | | _ | | Participant ID: | | | | | |
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| Task | (2 - F | Purc | hase | Exhi | bitior | n Tick | cet | | | | | | |
| <u></u> | again choic | n. Now e . Ple | v, I wou ease ste | ıld like | you to ne poir | purch | nase a t | ticket t | to an e | back to Mo xhibition o al informat | • | | |
| Facil | litato | r Qu | estio | ns | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. | What | did t | he par | ticipar | nt do fii | rst? | | | | | | | |
| 2. | How each | | | did th | e parti | cipant | expres | ss conf | usion? | [cross off a | a number | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | | | |
| 3. | | _ | ach tim | | • | • | | the ba | | ton? [cross | s off a | | |
| 4. | List a | ny roa | adbloc | ks the | partici | pant rı | uns int | o while | e purch | asing the | ticket: | | |
| V | Task | (Cor | mplet | ion | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | lete if t al pay l | • | • | | essfully | y reach | nes the po | int of | | |
| | Did t | he pa | - | ant cor | nplete | the ta | ask? | | | | | | |
| | | | Yes | 5 | | | | No | | | | | |
| | Notes | s on c | omple | tion: | | | | | | | | | |
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| Facilita | ator Name: | | Partio | cipant ID: | |
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| _ | That completes ions about your e | | I would now like to | o ask you a coup | ole of |
| Tas | k 2 Debriet | f Question | S | | |
| 1. | | · · | g these purchases e 4 of your packet | _ | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Eas | sy | | Average | | Difficult |
| 2. | Is there anything | g you like about | this process? | | |
| 3. | Anything you w | ould change abo | out this process? | | |
| 4. | Did you feel this on other sites w | | rocess was similar se things? | to the process y | ou follow |

| Facilitator Name: | Participant ID: |
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| Say: That completes the task portion of couple of questions about your experience | this study. I would now like to ask you a |
| Post-Test Debrief Questic | nns |
| | all experience with the MoPOP website's |
| If given the choice, would you prefered device or desktop computer? | er to complete this purchase on a mobile |
| 3. As you performed the tasks, did yo exhibitions were ending soon in ar | · |
| for different categories, such as the | ou notice that pricing levels were different ere was special student pricing, etc? er decision about which kind of ticket to |
| Say: Now, I'll have you fill out this post-texperience. Please feel free to let me kno complete this survey. [Hand participant t | w if you have any other feedback as you |



| acılıt | ator Name: | Participant ID: |
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| \ft | er the study | |
| 05 | st Study Facilitator | Debrief |
| 1. | Did the participant follow th purchase? | e flow from the interaction map for the GA ticket |
| | YES | NO |
| | a. If no, where did they o | deviate? |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| 2. | Did the participant follow th ticket purchase? | e flow from the interaction map for the exhibition |
| | YES | NO |
| | a. If no, where did they o | deviate? |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| 3. | Any other notable findings f | rom this study? |
| | | |
| | | |



| Facilitator Name: Partic | cipant ID: |
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Moderator Guide

Exhibition Admission - Museum Admission

Intro

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| Facilitator Name: | Participant ID: |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Pre-Test Qu | estions |
| Say: We v | vill start with a few pre-test questions |
| Ç Do | o you work in the user experience field? |
| <u></u> w∣ | nich city do you live in? If they say Seattle, Say: How long have you been living in Seattle? |
| | nat phone have you brought in today and is that the phone that you e regularly? |
| | nat internet browser do you prefer to use on your phone? Please use s browser for the study today. |
| WC | a a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is nothing at all, and 5 is very much, how ould you rate your confidence/comfort using your mobile phone for rchasing tickets online? |
| (N | ot comfortable at all) 1 2 3 4 5 (very comfortable) |
| | ve you ever used your mobile phone to purchase a ticket for an raction or event? |
| Important N | otes |

- \star Remember to never tell the user how to complete a task, even if they were not able to complete it or completed it incorrectly.
- **★** Start the video

Notes on completion:



| Facilita | ator Na | ıme: | | | | _ | | Parti | icipant l | D: | |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Task | 1 - F | Purcl | hase | Exhib | oition | Tick | et | | | | |
| <u></u> | you a to vis mob MoP e purch visit, | are vis sit the ile dev OP.or hasing | iting Somused wice to g. Plea g to genote that | eattle a um and purcha se use t this t | and ha d purch ase a ti the pr icket a | ve hea nase a icket t omo c t no co | ticket of an expose ode listopst. You | at thing online xhibitic ted on I may c | gs abo before on of y your h choose | ut MoPOF hand. Use rour choic andout w any date | ce through |
| Facil | itato | r Qu | estio | ns | | | | | | | |
| 1. | Wha | t did t | :he par | ticipar | nt do fi | rst? | | | | | |
| 2. | | many time] | | did th | e parti | cipant | expres | s conf | usion? | [cross off | number |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | |
| 3. | | _ | / times ach tim | | he par | ticipar | nt click | the ba | ck but | ton? [cros | ss off |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | |
| 4. | List a | iny roi | adbloc | ks the | partici | pant ri | uns int | o while | e purch | nasing tick | <et:< td=""></et:<> |
| ✓ | The t | ask is | mplet compl | ete if t | • | | nt succ | essfully | / purcl | hases a ti | icket and |
| Did th | ne par | ticipa Ye s | ant cor | nplete | the ta | ask? | No | | | | |



| Facilit | ator Name: | | Participant ID: | | | | | | |
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| * | Stop the video | | | | | | | | |
| | : That is the end of t ions about your exp | | uld now like to asl | kyou a couple | of | | | | |
| Tas | k 1 Debrief C | Questions | | | | | | | |
| 1. | Rate your experier completion scale prating. | , - | • | _ | | | | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | | | |
| Eas | sy | | Average | | Difficult | | | | |
| 2. | Is there anything y | ou like about this | s process? | | | | | | |
| 3. | Anything you wou | ld change about | this process? | | | | | | |
| 4. | Did you feel this tie on other sites whe | 5 0 1 | | the process yo | u follow | | | | |

| Facilitator Name: | | | | | Participant ID: | | | | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------|----------|-----------------|---------|----------|----------|---------|-----------|----------|
| * | Start the video | | | | | | | | | | |
| Task | (2 - I | Purc | hase | GA T | icket | | | | | | |
| | Say: I am now on page 3 of your packet. Please navigate back to MoPOP.org again. Now, I would like you to purchase a <i>museum admission ticket</i> . Please stop at the point of entering your personal information, and do not purchase this ticket. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Facil | litato | r Qu | estio | ns | | | | | | | |
| 1. | Wha | t did t | he par | ticipar | nt do fi | rst? | | | | | |
| 2. | How many times did the participant express confusion? [cross off number each time] | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | |
| 3. | | _ | / times ach tim | | he par | ticipar | nt click | the ba | ck but | ton? [cro | oss off |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | |
| 4. | List a | iny ro | adbloc | ks the | partici | pant rı | uns into | o while | e purch | asing tic | :ket: |
| ✓ | The t | ask is | mplet compl | ete if t | | • | | essfully | / reach | nes the p | ooint of |
| | Did t | he pa | rticipa Yes | | mplete | the ta | ask? | No | | | |
| | Note | s on c | omple | tion: | | | | | | | |

| Facilita | ator Name: | | Partici | ipant ID: | |
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| * | Stop the video | | | | |
| | That completes | | sk. I would now like to | ask you a couple | e of |
| Tas | k 2 Debrie | f Questio | ns | | |
| 1. | | • | ing these purchases (age 4 of your packet. | _ | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Eas | sy | | Average | | Difficult |
| 2. | Is there anythin | ng you like abou | ut this process? | | |
| 3. | Anything you w | ould change al | oout this process? | | |
| 4. | Did you feel this on other sites w | , , | process was similar t nase things? | o the process you | ı follow |

| Facilitator Name: | Participant ID: |
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| Say: That completes the task portion couple of questions about your experie | of this study. I would now like to ask you a nce. |
| Debrief Questions | |
| How would you describe your ov ticketing process now that you u | erall experience with the MoPOP website's used it to complete a few tasks? |
| If given the choice, would you pr device or desktop computer? | efer to complete this purchase on a mobile |
| 3. As you performed the tasks, did yexhibitions were ending soon in | • |
| for different categories, such as t | you notice that pricing levels were different here was special student pricing, etc? tter decision about which kind of ticket to |
| Say: Now, I'll have you fill out this post experience. Please feel free to let me kr complete this survey. [Hand participant | now if you have any other feedback as you |



| Facilitator Name: | Participant ID: |
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| After the study | |
| Post Study Facilit | ator Debrief |
| Did the participant for ticket purchase? | llow the flow from the interaction map for the Exhibition |
| YES | NO |
| a. If no. where did | thev deviate? |

2. Did the participant follow the flow from the interaction map for the GA ticket purchase?

> YES NO

a. If no, where did they deviate?

3. Any other notable findings from this study?



8 Participant Handout Flow A

Task 1

Imagine you are visiting Seattle and have heard great things about MoPOP. You decide to visit the museum and purchase a ticket online beforehand. Use your mobile device to purchase a *museum admission ticket* to MoPOP through **MoPOP.org**. Please use the promo code listed on your handout when purchasing to get this ticket at no cost.

You may choose any date you wish to visit and note that the ticket you receive will be valid for one week from the date you select.

PROMO CODE: UWTESTER

Task 1 Post Question

Rate your experience completing these purchases using the ease of task completion scale printed below:

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|------|---|---------|---|-----------|
| Easy | | Average | | Difficult |



Task 2

Please navigate back to MoPOP.org again. Now, I would like you to purchase a *ticket* to an exhibition of your choice. Please stop at the point of entering your personal information, and do not purchase this ticket.

Task 2 Post Question

Rate your experience completing these purchases using the ease of task completion scale below:

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|------|---|---------|---|-----------|
| Easy | | Average | | Difficult |



9 Participant Handout Flow B

Task 1

Imagine you are visiting Seattle and have heard great things about MoPOP. You decide to visit the museum and purchase a ticket online beforehand. Use your mobile device to purchase a ticket to an exhibition of your choice through MoPOP.org. Please use the promo code listed on your handout when purchasing to get this ticket at no cost.

You may choose any date you wish to visit and note that the ticket you receive will be valid for one week from the date you select.

PROMO CODE: UWTESTER

Task 1 Post Question

Rate your experience completing these purchases using the ease of task completion scale printed below.





Task 2

Please navigate back to MoPOP.org again. Now, I would like you to purchase a museum admission ticket. Please stop at the point of entering your personal information, and do not purchase this ticket.

Task 2 Post Question

Rate your experience completing these purchases using the ease of task completion scale printed below.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|------|---|---------|---|-----------|
| Easy | | Average | | Difficult |



10 Note Taking Form

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| DATE: | | |
| PARTICIPANT #:_ | | |

Moderator prompts pre-test discussion.

Pre-test questionnaire

| Geographic/Demographic | |
|---------------------------|--|
| information: | |
| | |
| | |
| What type of phone did | |
| you bring with you today? | |
| Is this the phone you | |
| normally use? | |
| | |
| Have you ever used your | |
| mobile phone to make a | |
| purchase on the internet? | |
| If so, have you ever used | |
| your mobile phone to | |
| purchase a ticket for an | |
| attraction or an event? | |
| | |

Additional notes:



Moderator instructs participant to complete Task 1.

| Questions | Obs | ervati | ons | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| What did the participant do first? | | | | | | | | | | |
| How many times did the participant express confusion? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| List any roadblocks the participant runs into while purchasing ticket: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Additional observations: | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | | |

Completion (circle one): Success

Notes on completion:

Post Task 1 questionnaire

| Rate your experience | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---------------|----------|
| completing these | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 = Difficult | 5 = Easy |
| purchases | | | | | | | - |
| Is there anything you like about this process? | | | | | | | |
| Anything you would change about this | | | | | | | |
| process? | | | | | | | |
| Did you feel this ticket- buying process was similar to the process you | | | | | | | |
| follow on other sites where you purchase things? | | | | | | | |

Fail



Moderator instructs participant to complete Task 2.

| Questions | Obs | ervati | ons | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|--|
| What did the participant do first? | | | | | | | | | | | |
| How many times did the participant express confusion? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | |
| List any roadblocks the participant runs into while purchasing ticket: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Additional observations: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Completion (circle one): Success Fail

Notes on completion:

Post Task 2 questionnaire

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---------------|----------|
| Rate your experience completing these purchases | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 = Difficult | 5 = Easy |
| Is there anything you like about this process? | | | | | | | |
| Anything you would change about this process? | | | | | | | |
| Did you feel this ticket- buying process was similar to the process you follow on other sites where you purchase things? | | | | | | | |



Moderator prompts post-test discussion.

Post-test questionnaire

| Post-test questionnaire | |
|----------------------------|--|
| How would you describe | |
| your overall experience | |
| with the MoOP website's | |
| ticket process now that | |
| you used it to complete a | |
| few tasks? | |
| | |
| If given the choice, would | |
| you prefer to complete | |
| this purchase on a | |
| mobile device or desktop | |
| computer? | |
| | |
| A | |
| As you performed the | |
| tasks, did you notice that | |
| some of the special | |
| exhibitions were ending | |
| soon? | |
| | |
| As you performed the | |
| tasks, did you notice that | |
| pricing levels were | |
| different for different | |
| | |
| categories, such as | |
| special student pricing, | |
| etc.? | |
| | |

Facilitators debrief test session.

Post-study facilitator debrief

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|----------------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|--|
| Did the participant follow the flow from the | | YES NO | |
| interaction map for the Exhibition ticket | a. | If no, where did they deviate? | |
| purchase? | | | |
| Did the participant follow the flow from the | YES | NO | |
| interaction map for the GA ticket purchase? | a. | If no, where did they deviate? | |
| Any other notable findings from this study? | | | |



11 Heuristic Evaluation Results Synthesis

Heuristic Evaluation MoPOP.org ticket ordering Reviewer Workflow Date

| Heuristic | | DETAILS | Valations | Cuanagene |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Heuristic | | DETAILS | Violations No indication that a button has been pressed | Successes The "Tickets" button within the hamburger dropdown and the one |
| | | | No visual indication of where you are in the process of purchases | on the "Plan your visit" page are both responsive to clicks. "Continue" buttons during the purchase process change to say "Processing" when clicked, showing that the information is being |
| 1 | Visibility of System Status | | | parsed, and will take some time. |
| | | Always keep users informed | No standard of how buttons change after being pressed | |
| | | about what is going on. Provide appropriate feedback within reasonable time. | | |
| | | | Confusion between "promo code" and "gift certificate" | Buttons like "add to cart" make the process intuitive and similar to online shopping experiences |
| | Manah Bahasan Castana and Isl | Speak the users language with | | Steps like "Product selection", "payment", and "confirmation" are commonly used in this context. |
| 2 | Match Between System and the Real World | words, phrases and concepts familiar to the user, rather | | |
| | | than system oriented terms. Follow real-world conventions, making information appear in | | |
| | | a natural and logical order. | Once the user is in the personal information section there is no | Users are able to purchase multiples tickets of several types at one |
| | | | clear way to back out | time. The data is saved - even when users click out of the process, their |
| | | | Not a "Next" or "Previous" button clearly visible on each screen There are notes above the visit date calender that show when | ticket is still in the cart |
| 3 | User Control and Freedom | Users often choose system functions by mistake. Provide | special exhibitions open, but not when they end. In order to determine when an exhibition ends the user must abandon the | |
| | | a clearly marked "out" to leave an unwanted state without | Users have the option to login, register, or check out as a guest, but | |
| | | having to go through an extended dialogue. Support undo and redo. | the guest option is only visible when one scrolls to the bottom of the page. | |
| | | | It is not clear if a ticket is already in the users cart when they exit the process (no shopping cart alert) The path for Museum Admission and Special Exhibition look | The distinction between a regualr ticket and an event ticket is |
| | | | confusingly similar The language is confusing around discounts, promo codes, and gift | made clear. |
| | | | certificates Once the order process is complete, the user is prompted to log out | Same color scheme across the app |
| 4 | Consistency and Standards | Users should not have to | even if they never logged in. The option to enter a promo code is not at the end with billing | |
| | | wonder whether different words, situations, or actions mean the same thing. Follow | information, as one would assume Buttons are not all one color; some are white with pink outline and | |
| | | platform conventions. | some are pink inside No clear indication of what is clickable and what is not (pink type) | |
| | | | There is no vaidation on the personal info entered (I entered letters for zip code and it let me) | There is a review step where users can review their inputted information prior to confirming ticket |
| | | | The input fields on the text boxes make it difficult to see if the content is correct | The date selected is presented on the following screen after selection as a reminder for users that is their correct date |
| 5 | Error Prevention | Even better than good error messages is a careful design | There are no error prevention methods | |
| | | which prevents a problem from occurring in the first | | |
| | | place. Make objects, actions, and | The login or continue as a guest is not a step that is intuitive to | The sight mimics what is industry standard for a normal flow |
| | Companyition Dather Than Decall | options visible. User should not have to remember information from one part of the dialogue to another. | users System does not tell you how you will recieve your tickets. And it | through online ticket purchasing |
| 6 | | | does not give you an option to choose your ticket type (electronic, will call, etc.) | Different types of ticketing options |
| - 0 | Recognition Rather Than Recall | | The ticket prices are not visible at every point in the purchase process. | |
| | | appropriate. | | |
| | | | User clicks "buy tickets" 3 different times before actually getting to | The user is given the option to log in to their account so they can |
| | | up the interaction for the expert user so that the system | the purchasing screen (lots of steps to take to purchase tickets) There is a lot of zooming out and scrolling around because the | bypass the process of entering their personal information. |
| 7 | Flexibility and Efficiency of Use | | website does not resize appropriately | |
| | | experienced users. Allow users to tailor frequent actions. | | |
| | | | | |
| | | Dialogues should not contain information which is irrelevant or rarely needed. Every extra | The final "buy ticket" button has no weight associated with it (no differentiated style than other buttons) There's a lot of information in some places organized in a fashion. | Aesthetically pleasing - good color scheme & use of white space |
| | | unit of information in a dialogue competes with the | There's a lot of information in some places organized in a fashion that is not legible on mobile Big grid of prices is above the buy tickets button and users have to | |
| | Aesthetic and Minimalistic | relevant units of information and diminishes their relative | scroll down to see it When cart items expire, the 'continue shopping' and 'proceed to | |
| 8 | Design | visibility. | checkout' buttons are jammed next to each other (probably happens in other places too) | |
| | | | the menu can get really deep and the different sections open and closed are confusing | |
| | | | Many of the inputs and dropdowns throughout the purchase process are unstyled HTML. On GA admission tickets there is information thrown on about | |
| | | | on GA admission tickets there is information thrown on about exhibitions but no real context for it. When a user falls to enter required information into the form the | If there is an error on the page, the system lets the user know what |
| | | | system alerts them to this fact, but does not highlight where. When a user incorrectly enteres their login info, there is no | the error is Uses plain language to show errors and makes suggestions for |
| 9 | Help Users Recognize, Diagnose | Everocood in plain landers | indication that something went wrong. the page just refreshes | recovering from it |
| and Recover Fr | and Recover From Errors | Expressed in plain language (no codes). Precisely indicate the problem. Constructively | | |
| | | suggest a solution. | | |
| | | Even though it is better if the system can be used without | No info icons or places you could get more information about a field | |
| 10 | Help and Documentation | documentation, it may be necessary to provide help and | | |
| | | documentation. Help information should be easy to | | |
| | | search, focused on the user's task, list concrete steps to be | | |
| | | carried out, and not be too large | | |



12 Usability Study Results

| Issue | Ρl | P2 | P3 | P4 | P5 | P6 | Category | Severity |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----------------|----------|
| user thought they could scroll over on ticket price grid and could not | | | | × | | X | Usability Issue | Cosmetic |
| user expressed confusion as to where the ticket button was on the ticketing page | | | | | | X | Usability Issue | Cosmetic |
| Billing info fields are cut off - user cannot see the first part of their entry | | х | Х | х | х | х | Usability Issue | Major |
| Users could not find the promo code field | X | | X | X | Х | Х | Usability Issue | Major |
| user is not clear on how the ticket will be delivered | | X | Х | | | | Usability Issue | Major |
| there is no indication of a button being clicked | X | Х | Х | Х | Х | | Usability Issue | Major |
| there is a lot of scrolling back and forth and up and down to complete the purchase (not responsive) | | x | | x | | X | Usability Issue | Major |
| user could not find a way to select a ticket to an exhibition vs general admission | | | X | X | | x | Usability Issue | Major |
| there is no easy way to see a list of all exhibitions | X | | X | | | | Usability Issue | Minor |
| the pink prices in the grid look clickable but are not | X | X | | | | | Usability Issue | Minor |
| User expanded and collapsed several sections in the menu before finding tickets button | | | | | | | Usability Issue | Minor |
| Register as user is first option and users accidentally clicked that before checkout as guest | | | | | | | Usability Issue | Minor |
| there are many pages to go through to purchase a ticket | | X | | | | | Usability Issue | Minor |
| billing info is required even if there is nothing to bill | | X | Х | | X | Х | Usability Issue | Minor |
| deleting an item from the cart requires a lot of scrolling and clicking each item individually | | | | × | | | Usability Issue | Minor |
| had to zoom out to review cart before final purchase | | | | | X | | Usability Issue | Minor |
| the system does not indicate that there is already a ticket in their cart, thereby making the user add multiple tickets without knowing | | × | | | | × | Usability Issue | Minor |
| clicking the continue button at the end exited the purchase process | | | | | | | Bug | |
| Blank page when clicking on tickets from google search | | X | | | | | Bug | |
| user is unsure if date should be selected before clicking submit | | Х | | | | | Usability Issue | |
| site has a logout option when the user has not logged in | | X | X | | | | Bug | |
| user clicked add to cart multiple times because the website was slow and there was no indication the button had been pressed - then there were multiple tickets in the cart | | | | × | | | Usability Issue | |
| promo code is not cleared out once it is used | | | | X | | | Bug | |
| sometimes there is a confirmation screen and sometimes there is not | | | × | x | | | Bug | |
| user received an error and had to re-enter phone number | | | | | Х | | Bug | |

13 Task Competion Results

| Participant | Study | Task 1 | Task 2 |
|-------------|-------|---------|---------|
| 1 | А | Fail | Success |
| 2 | В | Success | Success |
| 3 | А | Fail | Success |
| 4 | В | Fail | Success |
| 5 | А | Fail | Success |
| 6 | В | Fail | Success |

14 Post-Test Questionnaire Results

| Participant | I was able to use the system with ease | I found the system unnecesarily complex | and events | I would prefer to order my ticket online rather than at the ticket counter | I feel that there was inconsistency in the system | I felt confident using the system | |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Agree | Strongly Disagree | Agree | Strongly Agree | Strongly Disagree | Agree | |
| 2 | Disagree | Disagree | Agree | Strongly Disagree | Agree | Strongly Disagree | |
| 3 | Disagree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | |
| 4 | Agree | Disagree | Disagree | Agree | Agree | Disagree | |
| 5 | Disagree | Agree | Agree | Strongly Disagree | Strongly Agree | Strongly Disagree | |
| 6 | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Strongly Agree | Agree | Agree | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Average | 2.5 | 2.16 | 2.33 | 2.83 | 2.83 | 2 | |