

Golden Rules Web Design Checklist

Website: _____

Page: _____

Date: _____

I. Place Users in Control of the Interface			
Golden Rule	Keyword	UI Elements	Notes
1. Use modes judiciously	Modeless		
2. Allow users to use either the keyboard or mouse	Flexible		
3. Allow users to change focus	Interruptible		
4. Display descriptive messages and text	Helpful		
5. Provide immediate, reversible actions, and feedback	Forgiving		
6. Provide meaningful paths and exits	Navigable		
7. Accommodate users with different abilities & skill levels	Accessible		
8. Make the user interface transparent	Facilitative		
9. Allow users to customize the interface	Preferences		
10. Allow users to directly manipulate interface objects	Interactive		