

GUI Goofs

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Spot GUI Bloopers

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Kodak Picture Disk

Problem: One dialog box uses bold; the other does not

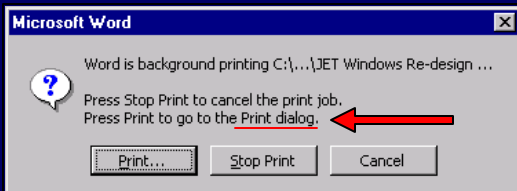
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Netscape Navigator 4.5

Problem: Unhelpful tooltip text

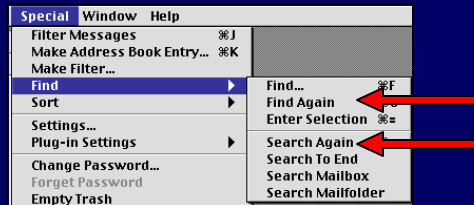
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Microsoft Word 98 Print Status Dialog Box



Problem: Geek-speak: Refers to "Print dialog", a technical UI component term

Eudora Pro 4.0 Special menu



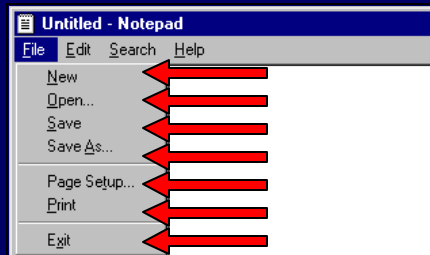
Problem: What's the difference between Find and Search?

Virus Scan 3.0.3 Warning

Your virus definitions are more that 30 days old. You should download the latest definitions file from McAfee.

Problem: Careless writing: typo -- "more that"

Microsoft Notepad Menu



Problem: No keyboard equivalents

Intuit.com

Problem: Unneeded Internal Links

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Microsoft Windows Ports Control Panel

Problem: Dialog box control buttons mixed with setting and help buttons

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Eudora Version Installation Dialog Box

Problem: Traps user: no way to Cancel installation at this point

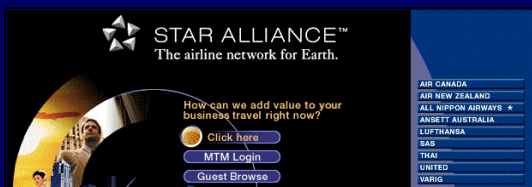
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SpellTools User Dictionary

Problem: No "... " on Import button

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StarAlliance Website



Problem: Some buttons open new browser, but are not marked

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Microsoft Website



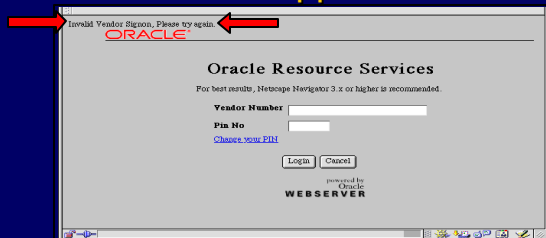
Problem: Tiny text!

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Oracle's ORS CLEATS web-application



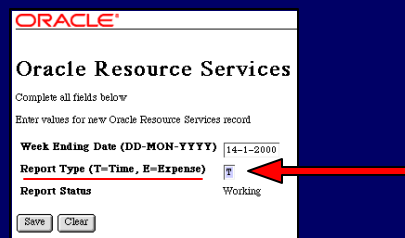
Problem: Easily missed error message

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Oracle ORS CLEATS: TTY GUI



Problem: Report Type must be typed

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