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Heuristic Evaluation of The Archive  

Positive:  

1. Tasks are easily completed  
   a. Severity: Good  
   b. Heuristic: Ease of use  
   c. Comments: The tasks were easily completed once I was able to figure out the different image meanings in your interface.  

2. Design  
   a. Severity: Good  
   b. Heuristic: Aesthetic and Minimalist Design  
   c. Comments: The overall design and color choice of the applet is well chosen.  

3. Search Bar  
   a. Severity: Good  
   b. Heuristic: Ease of use  
   c. Comments: It is of very good design with laying out possibilities that match the word/words that have been searched.  

4. Ability to edit the music  
   a. Severity: Good  
   b. Heuristic: Ease of use  
   c. Comments: I like that you can edit the text in each of the songs.  

Negative:  

1. Main Screen – Layout  
   a. Severity: Major  
   b. Heuristic: Consistency and Standards  
   c. Comments: The main page is very off center and isn’t pleasing to the eye.
2. Main Screen – Log In
   a. Severity: Major
   b. Heuristic: Consistency and Standards
   c. Comments: The log in credentials aren’t as specified in the document provided. Either fix the document or the login username and password so that one may log in without much difficulty.

3. Main Screen – search bar
   a. Severity: Minor
   b. Heuristic: Consistency and Standards
   c. Comments: The search bar should not be visible on the main page since you shouldn’t be able to search for anything until you are logged into the system.

4. Buttons throughout the applet
   a. Severity: Major
   b. Heuristic: Recognition rather than recall
   c. Comments: The buttons throughout the applet do not have descriptive names. They are still called “JButton1” and “JButton2” which does not give any information as to what they are designed to do.

5. Side Tab Options
   a. Severity: Major
   b. Heuristic: Visibility, Ease of use
   c. Comments: The buttons on the side bar give barely any indication as to what they are meant to do. Text is needed

6. Bio Page Text Area
   a. Severity: Minor
   b. Heuristic: Consistency and Standards
   c. Comments: The text area for the biography input does not allow for the text to wrap at the edges, making it difficult to keep track of what the user is typing.

7. Big Black Area
   a. Severity: Major
b. Heuristic: Visibility

c. Comments: Is there something that is supposed to go in the big black area above the lower interface?

8. No ability to go back

  a. Severity: Major
  b. Heuristic: Ease of use
  c. Comments: When in the “Bear” tab, it is impossible to go back after making a selection without having to reselect the bear tab.