# Heuristic Evaluation - Website Usability Testing Guide



# **Heuristic Evaluation**

**Scenario**: You want to compare your website's interface against a set of widely accepted principles with a few people to assist.

**What/Why**: Heuristic evaluation involves a small set of evaluators examining an interface and judging its compliance with usability principles or "heuristics". Use a heuristic evaluation form to help you identify key problems (form attached). According to Nielsen, just 5 evaluators can detect 85% of errors with this method!



## **Types of Questions/Prompts**:

- Create realistic tasks users can accomplish on your website
- Use the attached heuristic evaluation form to document each tester's experience.

\**Nielsen, Jakob.* "10 Usability Heuristics for User Interface Design." 10 Heuristics for User Interface Design: Article by Jakob Nielsen. Nielsen Norman Group, 1 Jan. 1995. Web. 19 Dec. 2014. <<u>http://www.nngroup.com/articles/ten-usability-heuristics</u>>.

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