

Navigation Bar Experiment Debriefing

Thank you for your participation in the Navigation Bar Experiment. As you saw, we are trying to compare three different styles of navigation bars. The Simple style would only let you return to the home page. The Standard style would let you return to any page you had visited between the home page and the current page. The Experimental style would let you return to any page between the home page and the current page as well as any nodes that were near that path.

After collecting data from all of the subjects, we will compare the results statistically to determine whether any of the navigation bar styles is better than the other styles. We predict that, with some practice, the Experimental style will allow users to find information in a web site faster than the Simple or Standard styles.

Your name will not be published with the results of this experiment, and your individual results will be kept confidential. If you would like to see the results of this experiment, go to <http://www.otal.umd.edu/SHORE2001> and look for the Navigation Bar Experiment link. The results should be published online by the end of May 2001.

REMEMBER: None of the information presented in the web pages of this experiment is real. It was made up solely for the use of testing the different styles of navigation bars in this experiment.