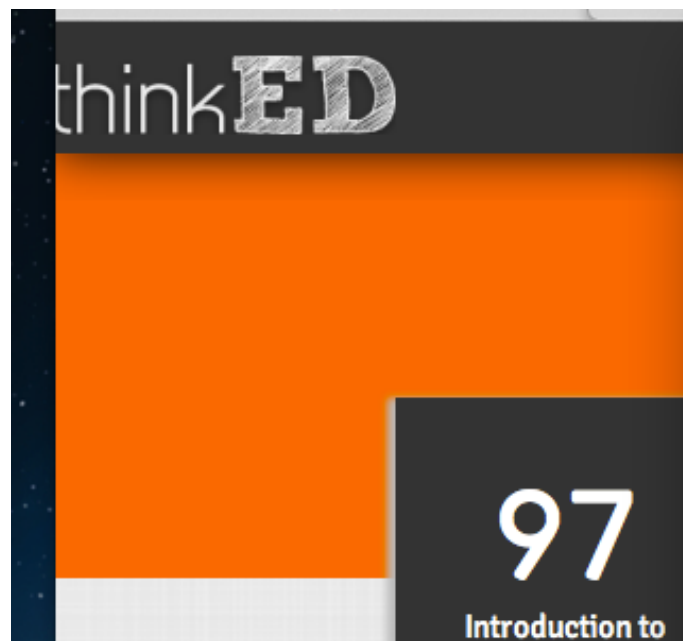Christopher G. Dolan
6.813 HW2
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Heuristic Evaluation of rethinkED
No Collaborators

1.
Severity: Minor
Description: rethinkED logo in header bar is cut off.
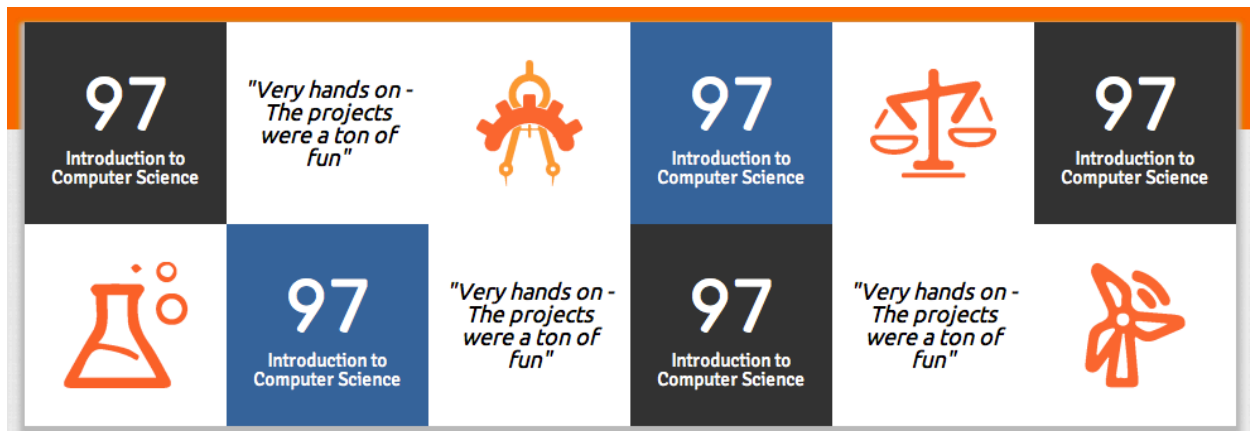*Heuristic:* Cosmetic

2.
Severity: Major
Description: No "button" affordance for center content box area (which is a link).
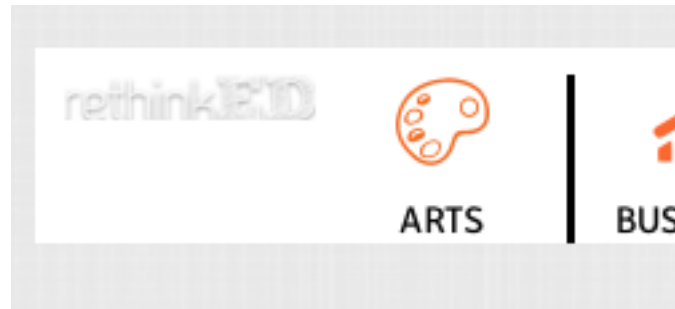*Heuristic*: Learnability

3.
Severity: Minor
Description: rethinkED logo in "categories" selection box is light grey on white.
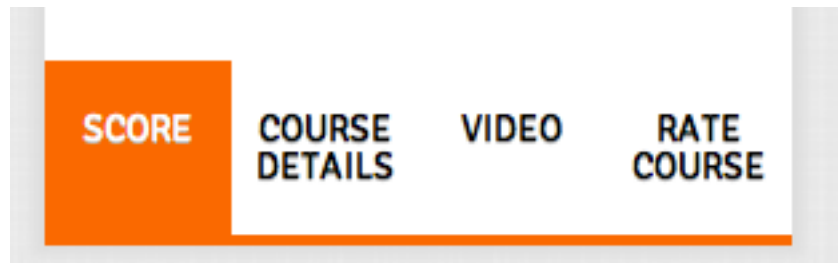*Heuristic*: Contrast and Readability

4.
Severity: Good
Description: Navigation items in individual course details have a strong "tab" affordance, hover state changes color of each item.
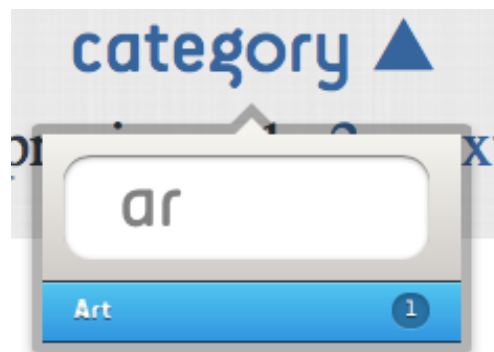*Heuristic*: Learnability and Recognition

5.
Severity: Good
Description: Auto-complete for search in drop down menus.
Heuristic: Flexibility and Efficiency

6.
Severity: Good
Description: Pie charts graphically represent the course score in a glance-able way.
Heuristic: Efficiency (for comparing multiple courses' scores)

7.
Severity: Major
Description: Scores are represented both as numbers in boxes for the "box banner" and as numbers in circles with pie charts.
Heuristic: Internal Consistency

8.
Severity: Minor
Description: Navigation toolbar for "Home", "Reviews", "Scoring", and "Resources" scrolls off top of page and is replaced by "sticky" categories menu. May be confusing.
Heuristic: Safety and Learnablility

9.
Severity: Major
Description: Information scent for course headings (in blue) implies link affordance but titles are not clickable.
Heuristic: Learnability

10.
Severity: Major
Description: Boxes have dates but it is unclear what they mean. Perhaps add a label like "Start Date" or "Next Assignment Due".
Heuristic: Learnability

11.
Severity: Good
Description: No results text in search results.
Heuristic: Error Prevention and Feedback, System Visibility

12.
Severity: Minor
Description: Search popover overlaps categories bar when scrolling.
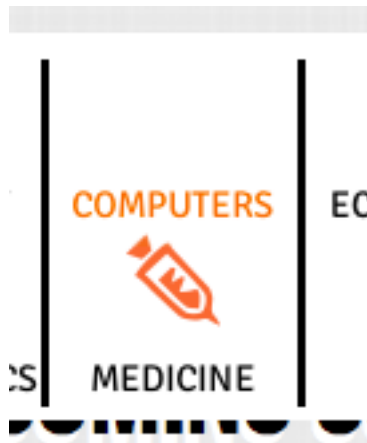*Heuristic*: Cosmetic

13.
Severity: Minor
Description: Mouse over for a category icon hides it. You might consider changing the color of the icon, like the text changes color to denote current selection.
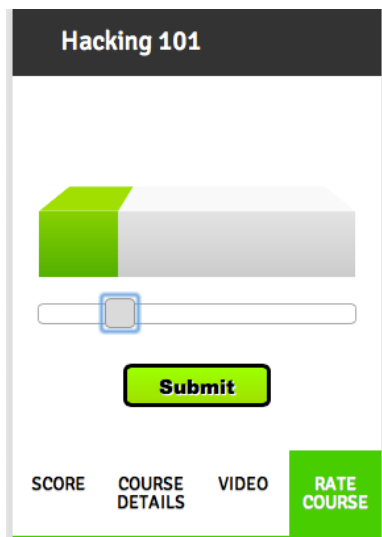*Heuristic*: Learnability

14.
Severity: Minor
Description: Slider fills up bar to denote score. Is more green good or is more white good? May want to consider adding a :(and :) to either end to be clear which is high and low score, as well as some tick marks for 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, etc...
Heuristic: Learnability, Recognition, and Feedback

15.
Severity: Minor
Description: "Table of Resources" has sections of different color blocks but meaning of groupings and colors unclear.
Heuristic: Learnability

Td	Ec	Gc	Th	Ly	Iu	Sh	Le	Yt	
TED Ed	Stanford eCorner	The Great Courses	Treehouse	Lynda	iTunes U	Shmoop	Learnist	YouTube Edu	