Notes Usability

Description

Notes display short messages to the user. Usually a note is displayed on the screen for a few seconds, but the user can also dismiss it sooner. In graphical user interfaces, a Notes is a special window, used in user interfaces to display information to the user.

Examples

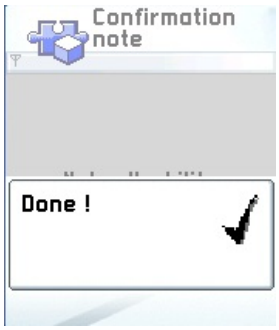
Depending on your requirement, design an application in such a way that note can show meaningful message

Confirmation note is used to show successfully completed operation. The symbol at right side of dialog confirm the user that operation completed successfully. Use confirmation note when the effect of the operation cannot be seen directly by user.

Confirmation note should NOT be used when:

1. There is already another dialog in the procedure.
2. A progress indication is visible during the procedure.
3. The user can see the result of the operation when it is performed. For example, when adding or removing objects in a list.
4. A setting has been changed. The new value of the setting is visible in the setting item.

Good confirmation note example

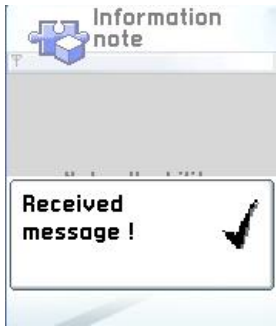


Bad confirmation note example

Information note is used to show an unexpected situation occur in application. An information note should be used when an error that can be rectified occurs. Information note can note be used to show error message.

Good information note example

Bad information note example



Warning notes can be used to notify user about some action. It should also play a warning tone. for example battery is low.

Good warning note example

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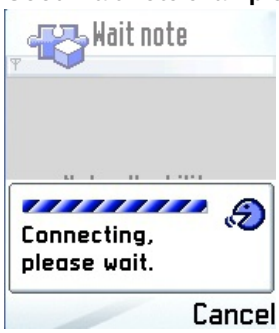
Use Error notes if the user does something that may cause considerable harm immediately or later. e.g., when the user gives a wrong PIN code. Repeating this a couple of times would block the SIM card.

Good error note example **Bad error note example**

Use wait note when you are doing processing that take long time. It does not, however, indicate how long the processing will take. it should provide option for user to cancel the operation, if they choose. for example connecting to remote server. provide a softkey to cancel the processing, if user want.

Good wait note example **Bad wait note example**



Progress notes is also used to show the processing that take long time. it also indicate how much processing has been done and how much is still left. it should provide option for user to cancel the operation, if they choose.for example downloading data from remote server.

Good progress note example **Bad progress note example**

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- Showing Notes
- Progress and wait notes in Symbian C++

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