

Inkscape 0.48 - "Default" UI interface evaluation

Inconsistent behaviour:

- while the "fill and stroke" "layers" and "align" buttons open side panels the "text" and "XML" buttons open stand-alone windows. Confusing.

Free space:

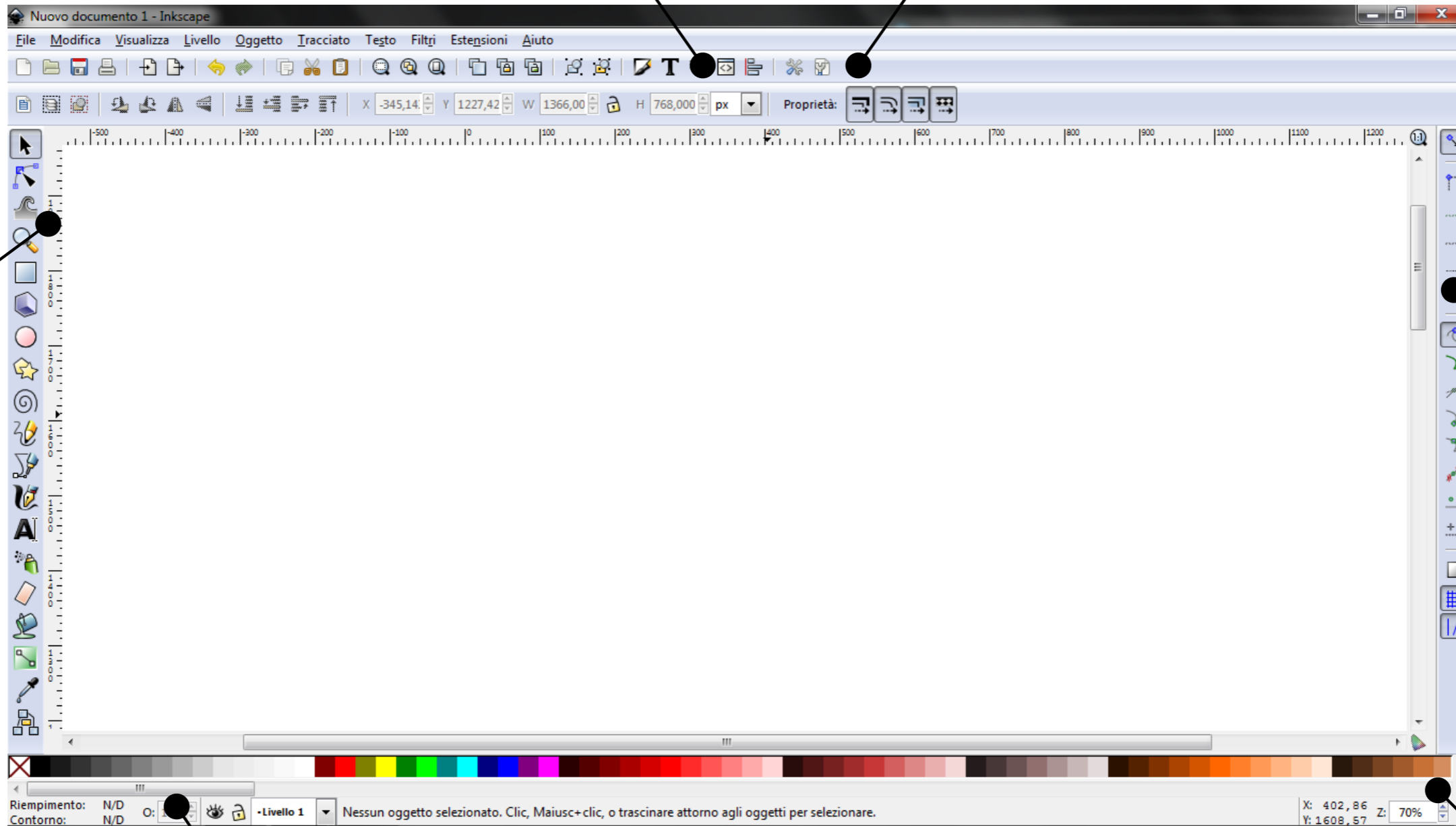
- this space could be used more efficiently: the layer dropdown menu and the color choice options could be placed here.

Measure numbers:

- why is the horizontal zero in the top left corner, while the vertical zero is in the bottom left one? both zeros should be in the same corner, i.e. the top left one.

Secondary importance controls

- these controls are seldom used and may be condensed in a single collapsing panel (e.g. the panels used for "fill&stroke" and "align" options)



Too many important controls placed in the lower bar by default:

- many people use docks or hiding panels: moving the mouse to the lower part of the screen may trigger the dock or the panel to show up and eventually cover the lower bar
- the color choice bar is uncomfortable: sliding it all the way to the right takes a lot of time
- the layer dropdown menu and the visibility+lock buttons are misplaced: they are important features and placing them in the lower panel confuses the user.

Lower bar too thick:

- consumes useful space