PRINCIPLES SUPPORTING USABILITY

- Usability is a quality attribute that assesses how easy user interfaces are to use
- Learnability: How easy is it for users to accomplish basic tasks the first time they encounter the design?
- Efficiency: Once users have learned the design, how quickly can they perform tasks?
- Memorability: When users return to the design after a period of not using it, how easily can they reestablish proficiency?
- Errors: How many errors do users make, how severe are these errors, and how easily can they recover from the errors?
- Satisfaction: How pleasant is it to use the design?

- **Utility** = whether it provides the **features you need**.
- **Usability** = how **easy & pleasant** these features are to use.
- Useful = usability + utility.
- 3 contexts of the concept of use; useful, usable and used
- useful is one that allows a user to accomplish a task or objective.
- Usability is about human behavior
- that are easy to do vs. those that are hard to do."
- Usable is more than "useful" ways product will be used;
 whether it enables the user to do so in a pleasurable,
 simple (ASAP) and effective manner.

- Many "useful" products fail to be "usable"
- Door with a handle and push/pull instruction useful but a failure on usability front!
- USED users to use that design or acceptance of product!
- A product may be both useful and usable and still fail to be used
- Sir Clive one-person battery powered and environmentally friendly car - failure (climate change issue crux)
- Segway, a personal vehicle which allows users to go anywhere on two wheels – legal issue not bothered at all!



