# HCI: THE DESIGN PROCESS

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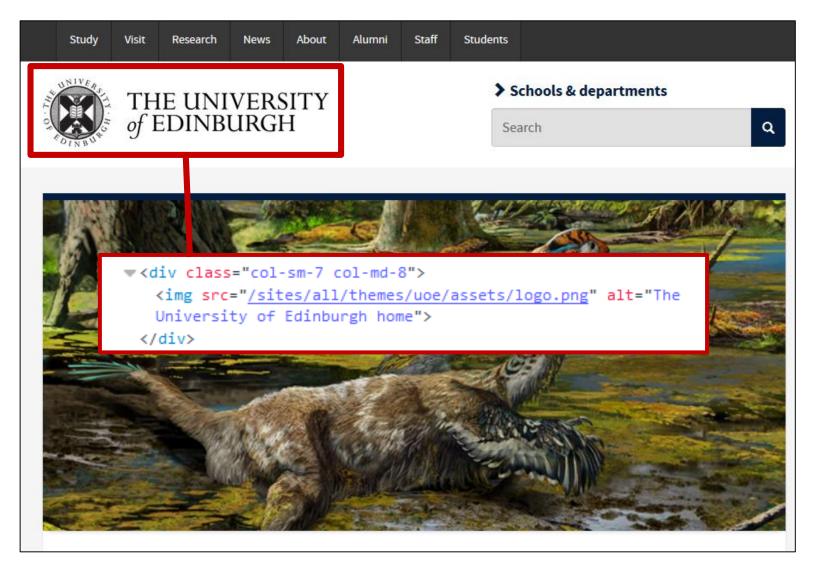
- Make Your UX Design Process Agile Using Google's Methodology
- https://www.interactiondesign.org/literature/article/make-your-ux-designprocess-agile-using-google-s-methodology

# Accessibility

# Basic steps to accessibility

- Add appropriate alt text to every image
- Use headings correctly
- Make your forms work with screen readers
- Use a "Skip to Main Content" link at the beginning of each page
- Make all content accessible by keyboard
- Create significant contrast between your text and background
- Use an accessible template

# Add appropriate alt text to images



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Reload

Preferences

Help and tutorial

Screen reader output Headings list Links list

#### Screen reader output

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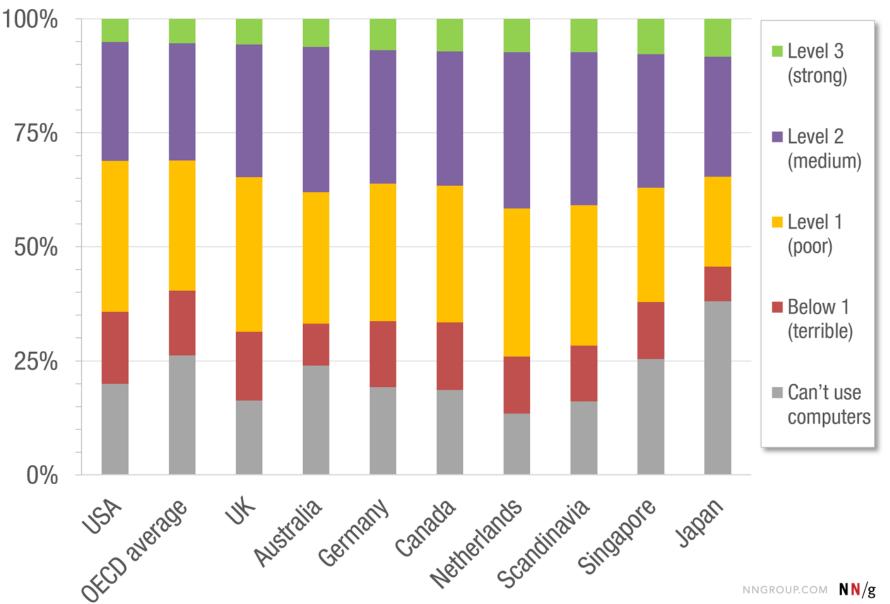
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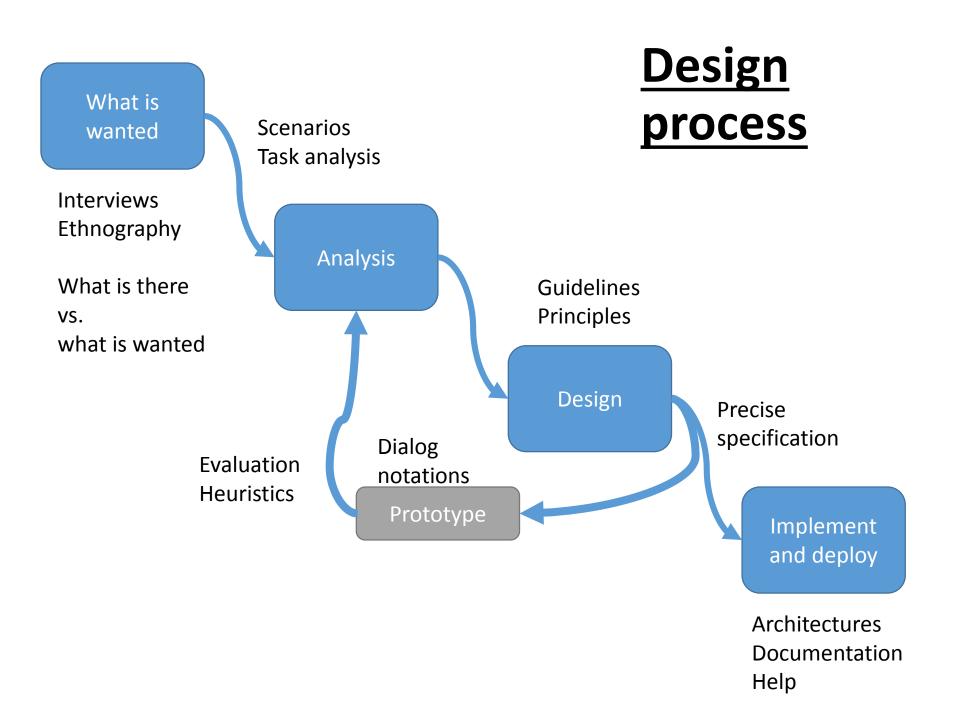
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What level of technical skill can we expect out of "average" users?



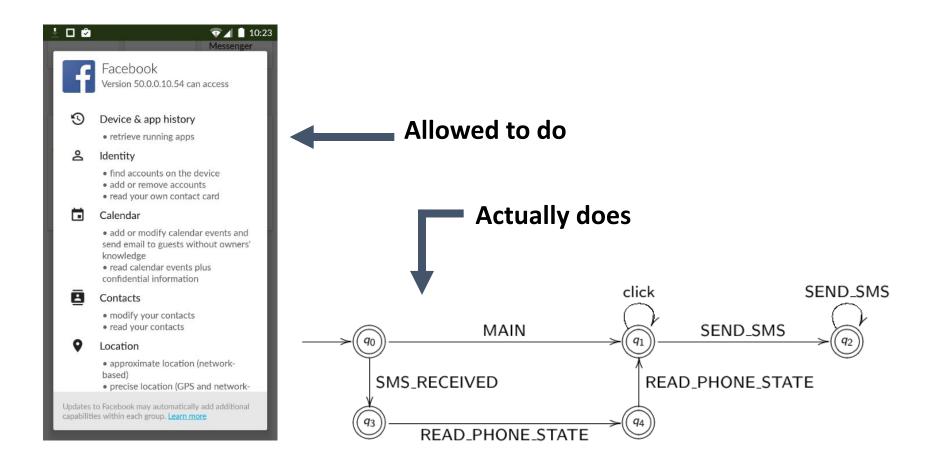


# Design Process

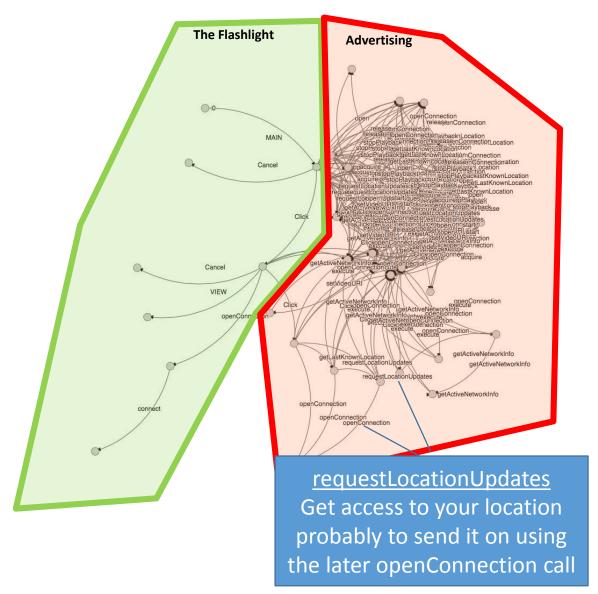


The following is part of a MSc project from last summer on re-designing permission screens for Android.

# Describing how an app uses permissions



Static analysis: Breaks an app up into a control flow diagram



### The brief:

Create a new permission screen using the output from a static analysis tool that helps people understand the context in which permissions will be used.

### **Problem 1:**

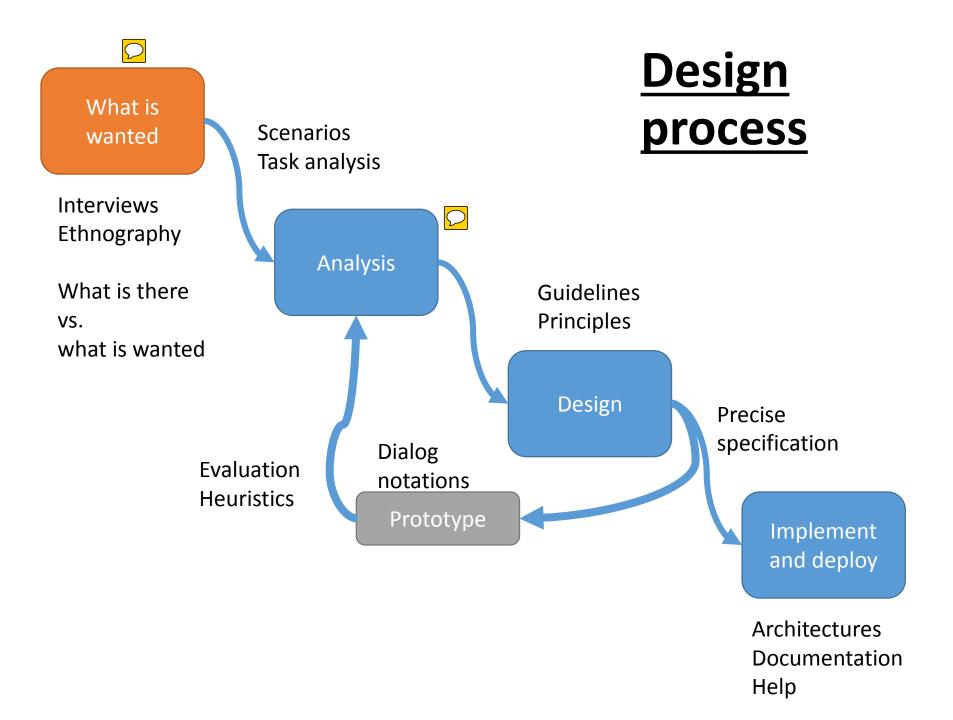
What permissions do people worry about?

Sub-problem:

Most people don't understand permissions enough to actually worry about them

## **Solution:**

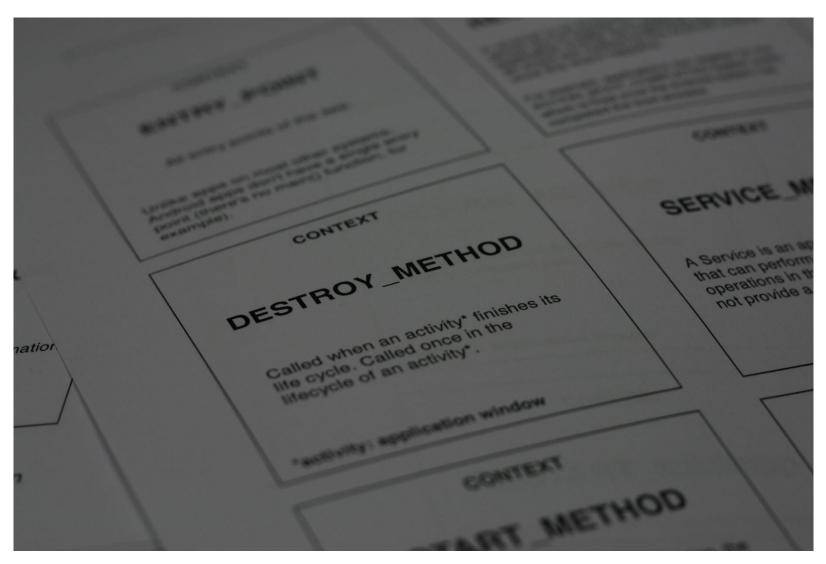
# Affinity diagram using Computer Security MSc students



# **Protocol**

- Pre-print a list of Android permissions and contexts
- 2. Have students brainstorm answers to questions onto sticky notes
  - A. Name three permissions
  - B. App behaviors you are not comfortable with
  - C. Situations that would cause a permission to be used
- Put all notes on the wall and do an affinity diagram
- 4. Encourage hierarchy design
- 5. Discuss outcome with participants as a group

# **Pre-printed contexts**



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PERMISSION

# ACCESS\_CHECKIN PROPERTIES

Allows read/write access to the "properties" table in the checkin database, to change values that get uploaded. PERMISSION

# ACCESS\_COARSE \_LOCATION

Allows an app to access approximate location.

#### CONTEXT

#### DESTROY\_METHOD

Called when an activity\* finishes its life cycle. Called once in the lifecycle of an activity\*.

\*activity: application window

#### CONTEXT

#### SERVICE\_METHOD

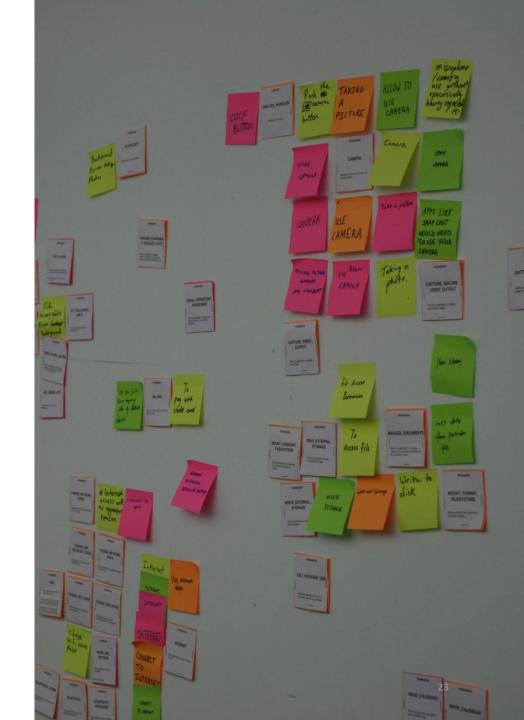
A Service is an application component that can perform long-running operations in the background and does not provide a user interface.

# Examples of pre-printed and brainstormed sticky notes



# **Initial sorting**

- This stage looked a lot like your tutorial
- We just sorted all the notes on the wall and added a few notes where needed

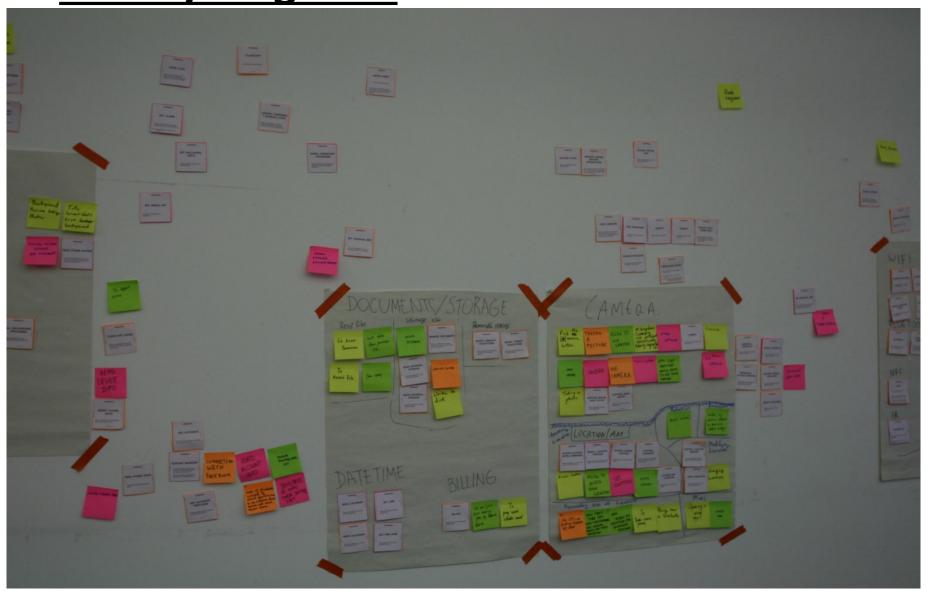


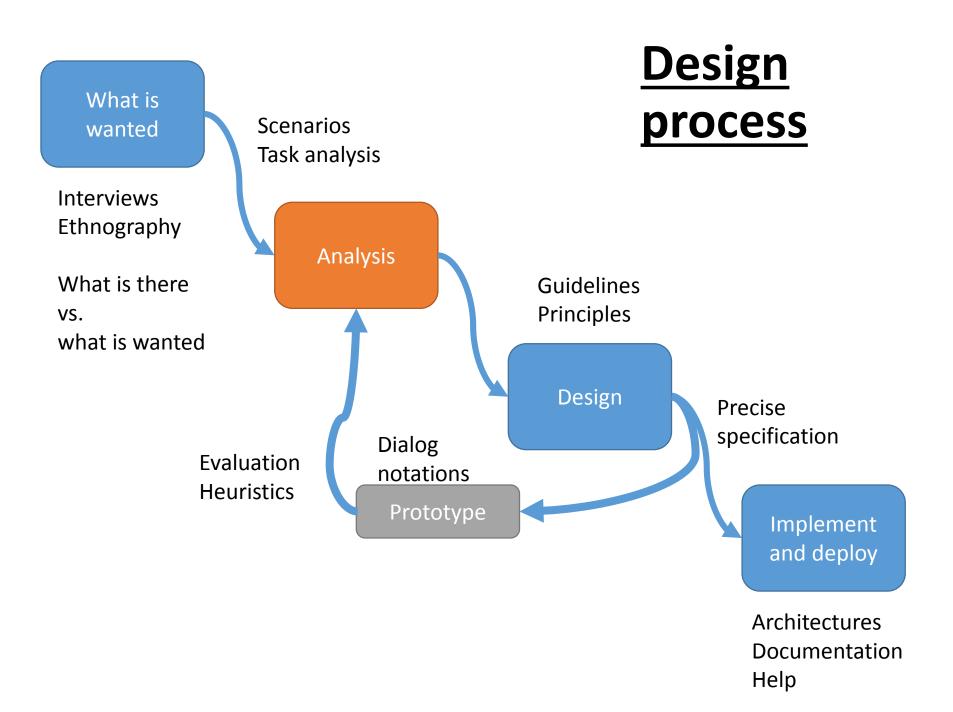
# Then we added structure

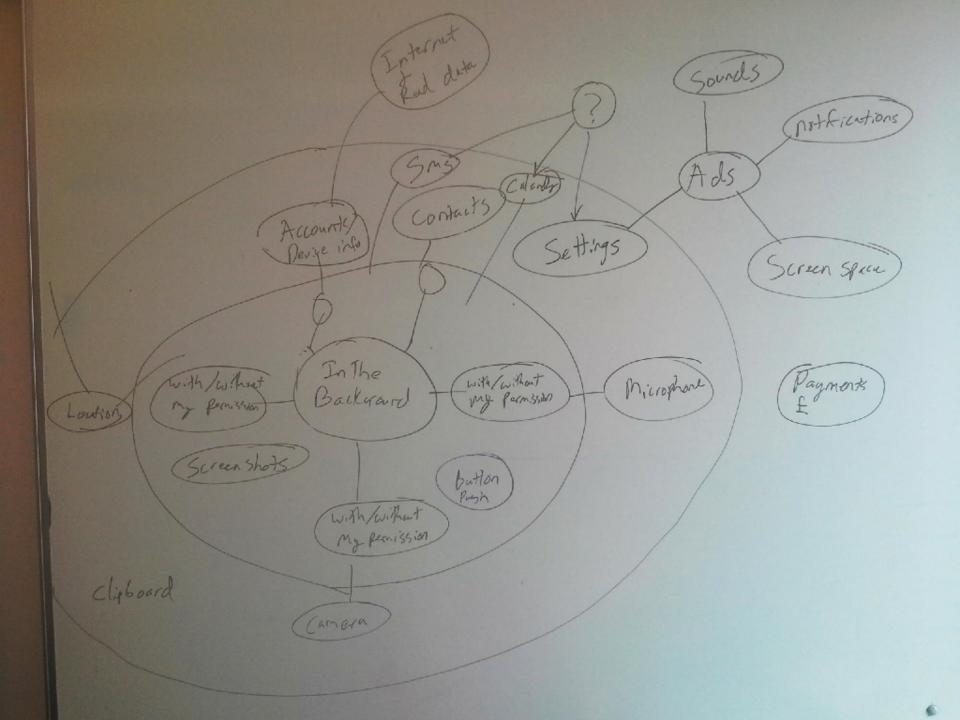


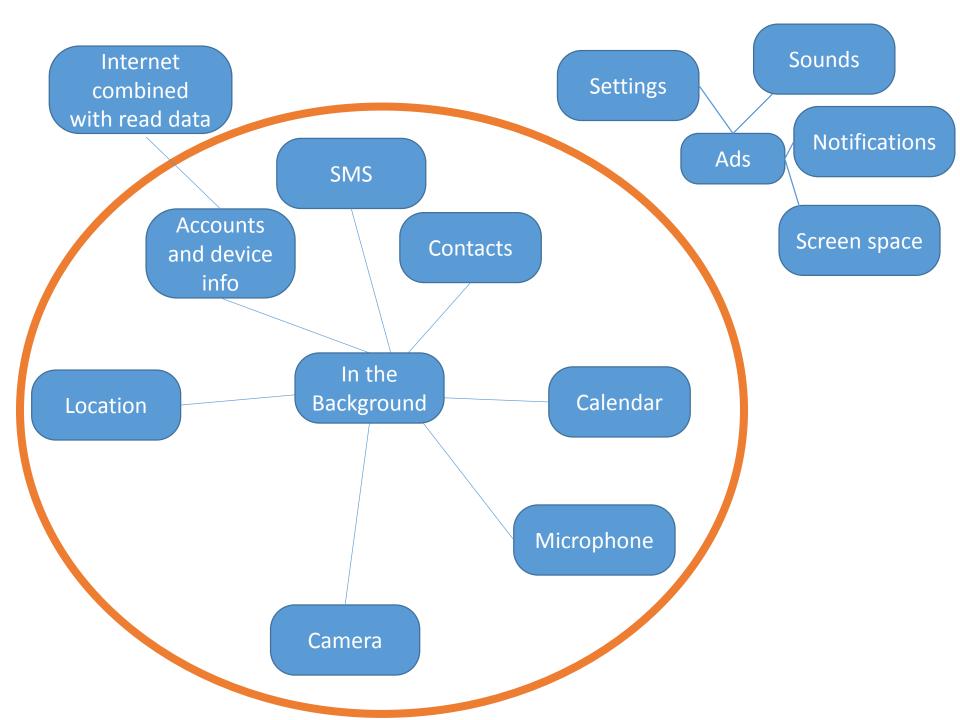


# How do we qualitatively analyze an affinity diagram?



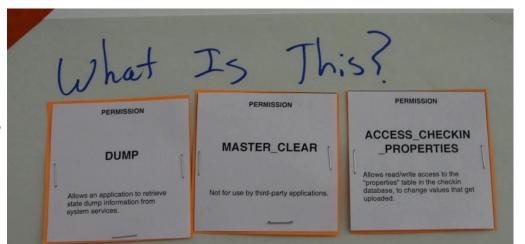


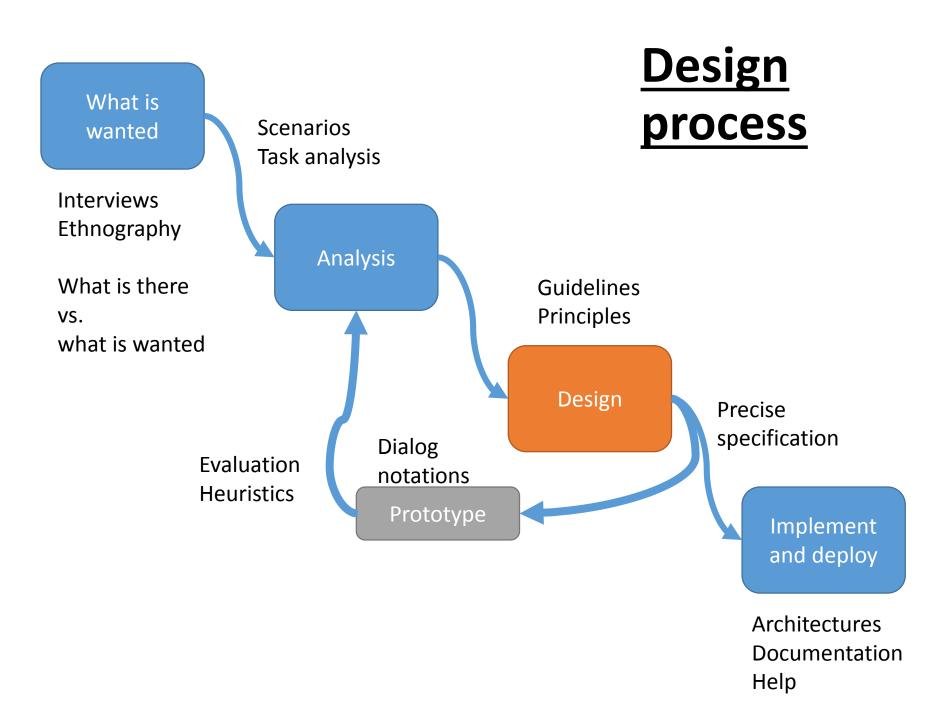




## **Outcomes**

- "with my permission"
  - Button presses
  - Opening an app
- Background vs. foreground
  - When the permission is accessed is important
- Purpose
  - Ads
  - Uploading private data like contacts and device ID
- Sensitive permissions focused on input/output
- Confusing permissions





# We designed an interface that shows permissions in context of when they can be used.

#### Button push required



#### Contacts

- modify your contacts
- read your contacts

#### Only when app is open



#### Calendar

- add or modify calendar events and send email to guests without owners' knowledge
- read calendar events plus confidential information

#### Anytime in the background

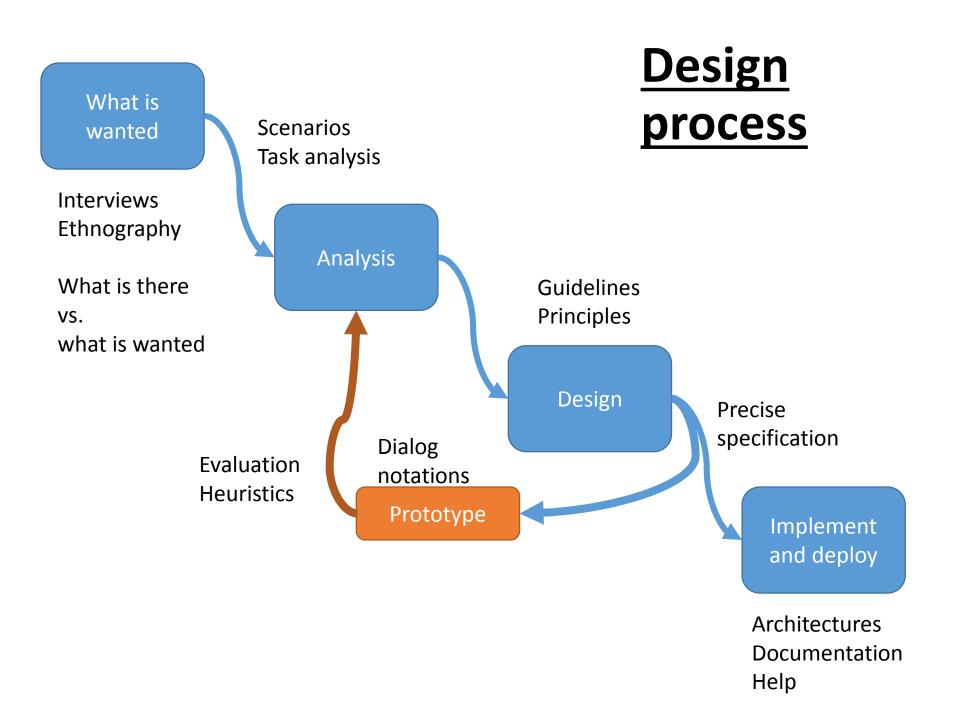


#### Identity (Ad software)

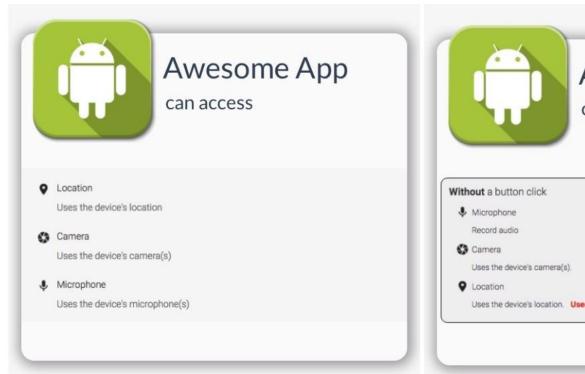
- find accounts on the device
- add or remove accounts
- read your own contact card

#### Location

 approximate location (networkbased)



# Created two interfaces to A/B test



Awesome App can access

Without a button click

♣ Microphone
Record audio

♣ Camera
Uses the device's camera(s).

♣ Location
Uses the device's location. Used by Ads

(a) Control group screen

(b) Experiment group screen

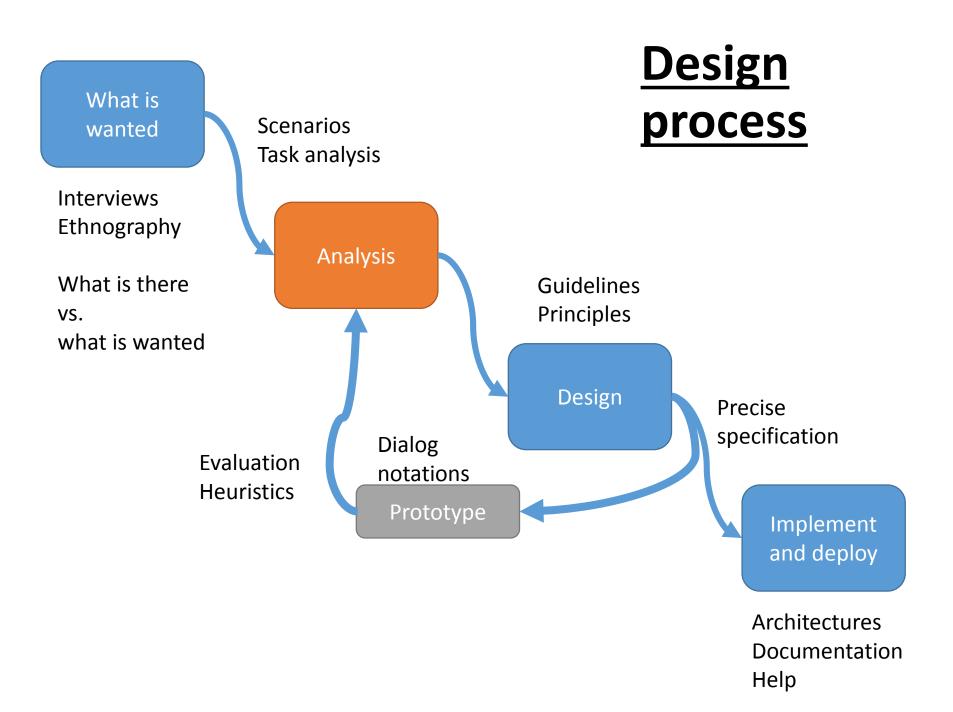
Figure 5.1: Survey question screens





#### Which of the following can this app do?

	Absolutely	Impossible	Neutral	Possible	Absolutely
	Impossible				Possible
Charge purchases					
to your credit card		$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
at any time.					
Get your location.		$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Allow ads to know					
your location.		$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
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Write on the SD card					



#### The results:

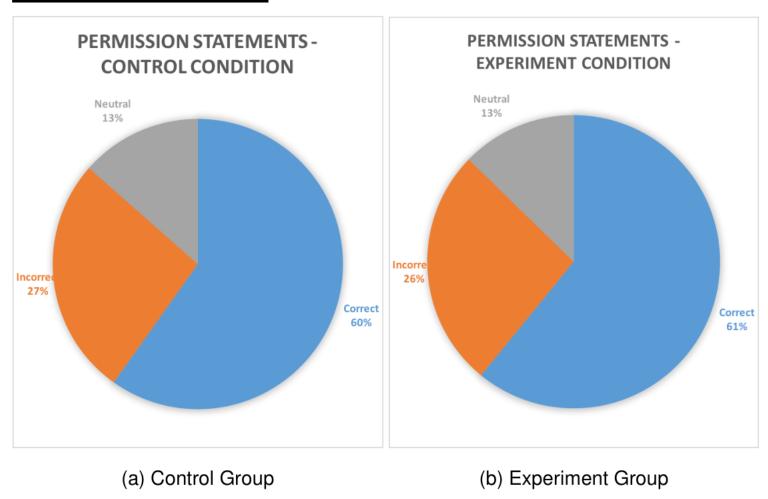
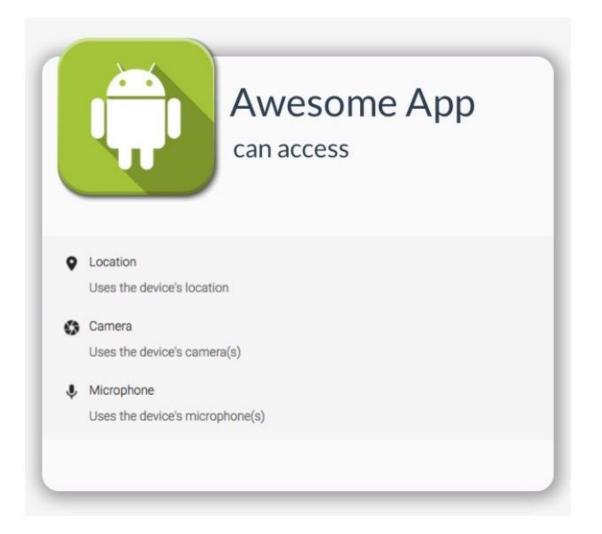


Figure 5.2: Permission Statements Results: Correct, Incorrect and Neutral

27% of people think they know what this screen says and are wrong.

13% are uncertain what this screen really means.



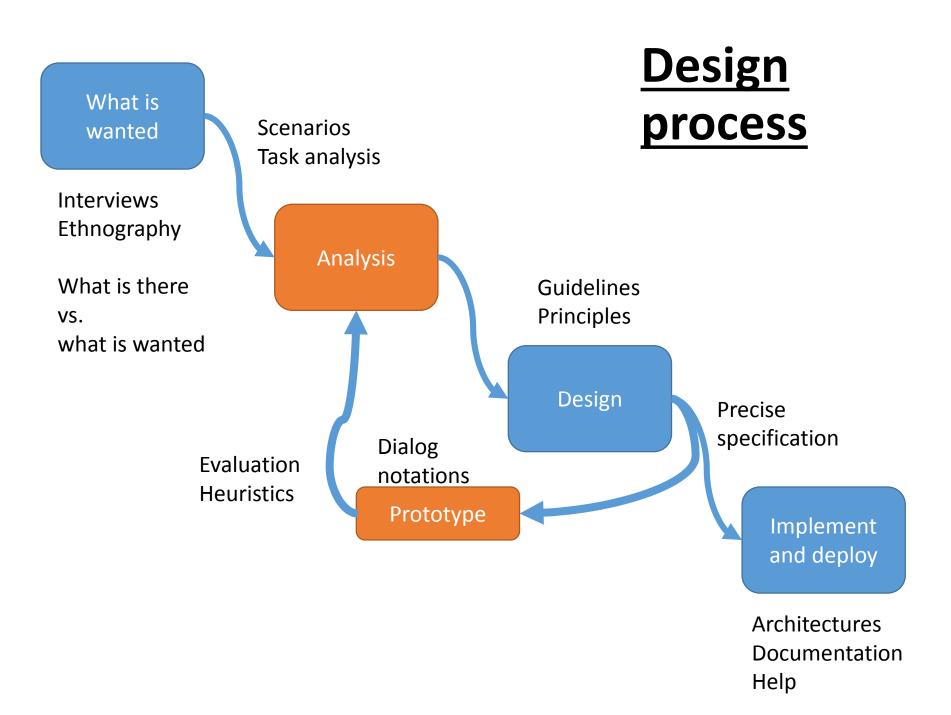
(a) Control group screen

### Case study from Nielsen Group

https://www.nngroup.com/articles/fancy-formatting-looks-like-an-ad/

#### **Problem:**

Why can't people find the population of the United States on the Censes Bureau site?





# The website does quite a few things correctly

- Most common task is large, obvious, and red
- Sections of the page are clearly labeled
- There is a search box
- Lots of navigation cues
- Sidebars clear
- Good use of grouping

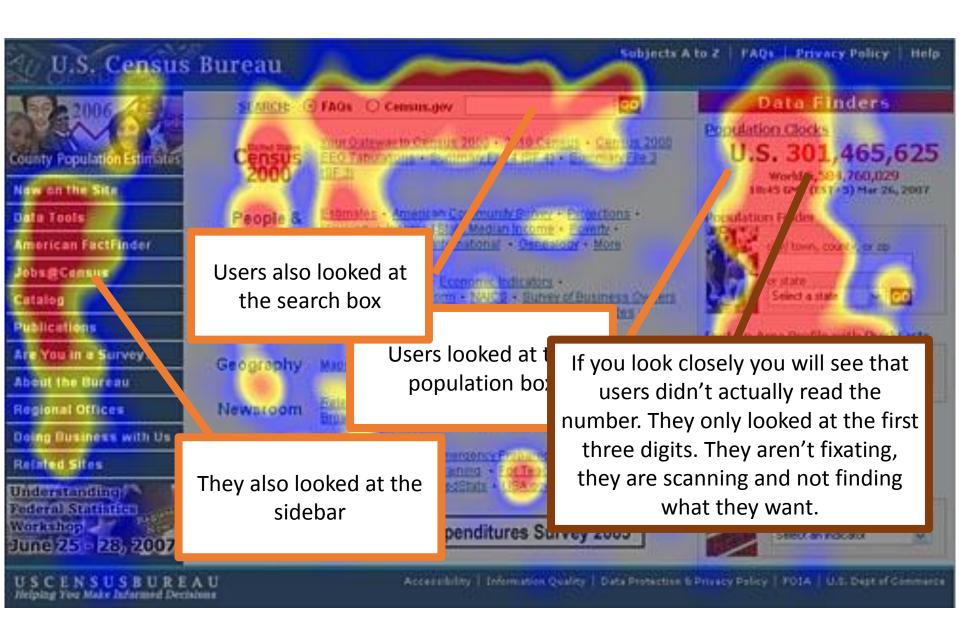


#### **Methodology options:**



- Think aloud (best choice)
  - Good: lots of data articulated, people can tell you what they are looking for
  - Bad:
- Heuristic
  - Good: No need to find a participant
  - Bad: Looking at the site there are no obvious heuristics seriously broken, so any result would be an educated guess
- GOMS Not really appropriate
- Contextual Inquiry Unlikely to be a contextual issue

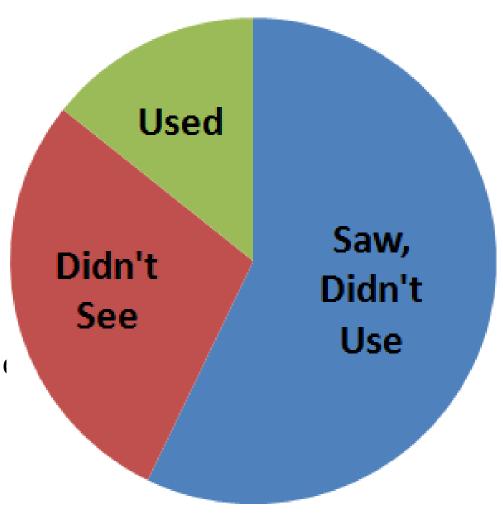
These researchers decided to use an eye tracker in addition to asking the participant to complete the task in a lab



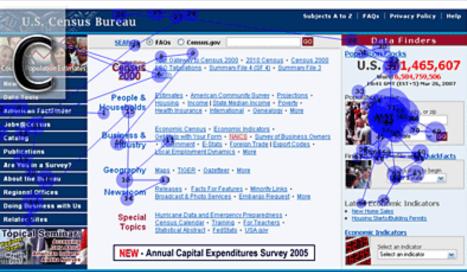
#### People didn't use the feature

 Only 14% of participants used the Population Check feature

- Why?
  - It looks like an advertisement
  - It uses terms like
     "Population Clocks" and
     "Data Finder" rather
     than "US Population"

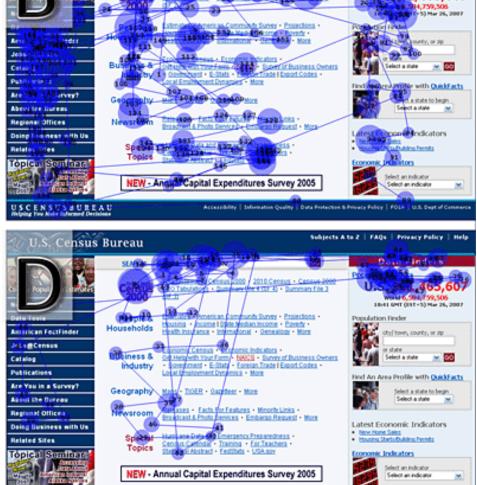






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## CW2 Questions

#### **Questions?**