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Next Generation User Interfaces

Pen-based Interaction

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History of Pens and Writing Instruments



stones as writing instruments for cave paintings
starting ~40 000 BC

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cave_painting]



History of Pens and Writing Instruments ...



stylus
~3200 BC



reed pen
~3000 BC



silver pencil
~1000 BC



ink brush pen
~300 BC



quill pen
~500-1900 AD



History of Pens and Writing Instruments ...

- Clay and wax tablets
 - ~3200 BC
- Papyrus
 - ~3000 BC
- Parchment
 - ~300 BC
 - made from animal skin
- Paper
 - invented in China in 105 AD
 - brought to Europe by Arabs
 - produced in Europe ~1100 AD
 - rags were only replaced by wood pulp ~1850 AD



Papyrus



Paper



History of Pens and Writing Instruments ...



dip pen
~1800



fountain pen
1884



ruling pen



radiograph
1953



pencil



History of Pens and Writing Instruments ...



marker pen
~1910



ballpoint pen
1938



rollerball pen
1963



ceramic tip
pen





40 000 Years of Evolution in Writing Tools

- Existing pens and writing tools have evolved over the last 40 000 years
- Pens have been optimised for the corresponding writing surfaces
- It sometimes took a long time before a new writing tool got adopted (e.g. paper)
- There has been a *coevolution of paper and work practices* over a long time period
- *Everybody knows how to use pen and paper* and has some *expectations* when using these artefacts



The Paperless Office

Over the next decade, most corporate offices will still be geared to the movement of information on pieces of paper. Office automation will bring improvements in productivity through the use of automatic typewriters and other stand-alone equipment that crank out paper faster. Some inter-office information will move electronically, but what the manager reads and files will be printed on paper.

But during this period, a relatively small but fast-growing group of companies will have moved into the office-of-the-future environment. The leap forward will be led by the "papermakers"—those companies that are involved primarily in generating, modifying, or moving paper. These pioneers

will have hooked together word-processing equipment into office systems to transfer information electronically and to move it into and out of central electronic files. For them, it will be the start of the paperless office.

Productivity gains will rival those of today's factory and accounting departments. But the pacing factor will still be people, because the technology of the office of the future does not fit the structure of how things are traditionally done in the office.

Historically, the key stimulus in the application of any new technology has been the need to solve a current problem. And the "papermakers" now have an overpowering problem, one that is too big to be solved by today's word-



The Myth of the Paperless Office ...

- For decades, people have predicted the office of the future as a paperless office
 - documents generated, published and distributed electronically
 - documents read electronically
- What has happened to this imminent revolution?



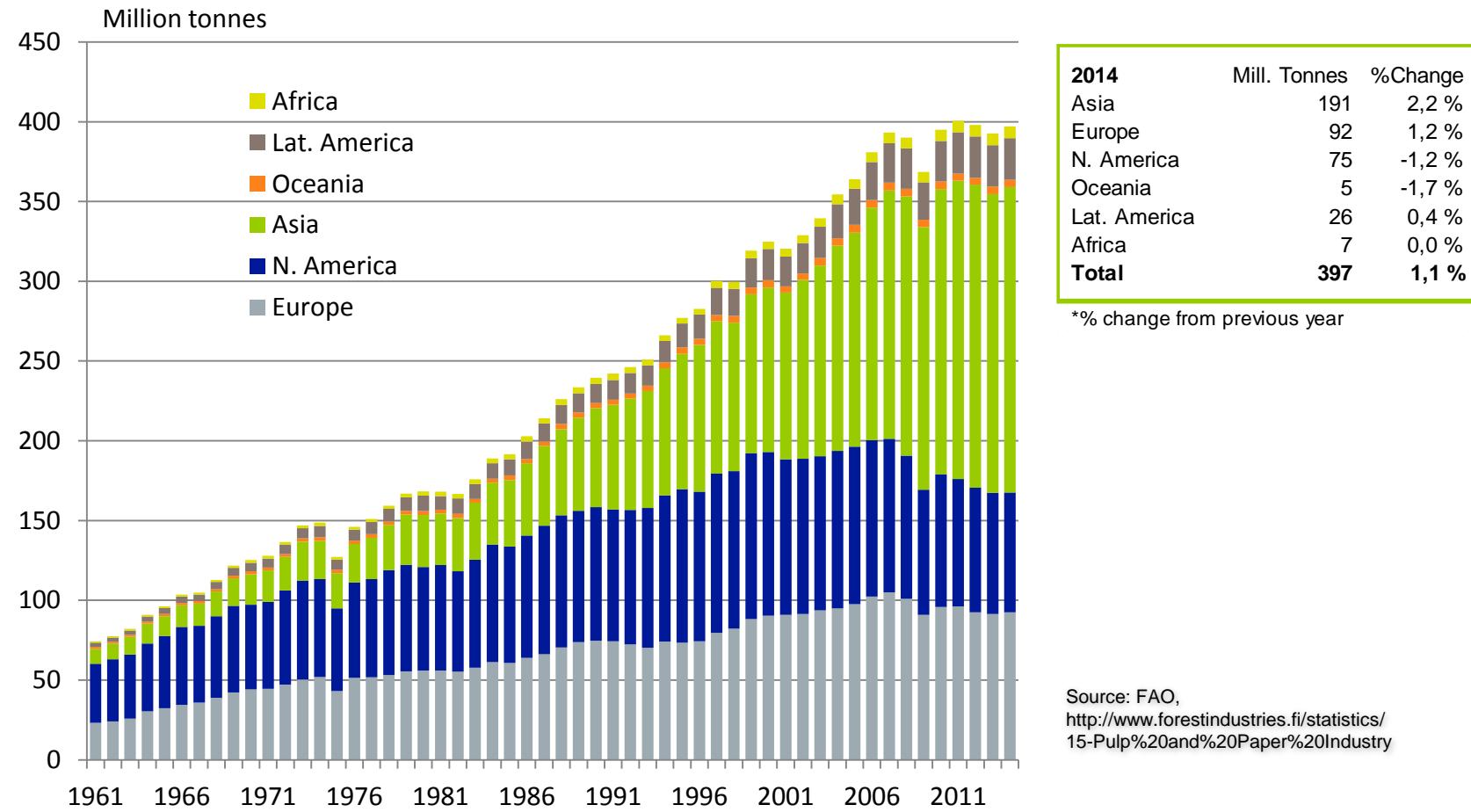


The Myth of the Paperless Office





Worldwide Paper and Board Consumption





Affordances of Pen and Paper

- The *affordances* of an object are the *physical properties* of an object that *determine how people use* that *object*
- Affordances of paper
 - light, flexible, mobile and cheap
 - robust
 - porous
 - opaque or transparent
 - high resolution
 - ease of navigation
 - flipping through pages or across documents
 - easy to annotate
 - hard to replicate and must be accessed locally
 - ...



Affordances of Pen and Paper ...

- Human interaction with paper
 - grasping
 - folding
 - tearing
 - carrying
 - writing on
 - *juxtaposing paper documents*
 - arranging paper documents in space
 - ...
- *Paper supports some forms of collaboration and interaction that are difficult to mimic in digital space!*



Affordances of Pen and Paper ...

- Affordances of pens
 - robust
 - light
 - mobile
 - colour
 - erasable
 - cheap
 - durable
 - easy to draw on different surfaces
 - ...



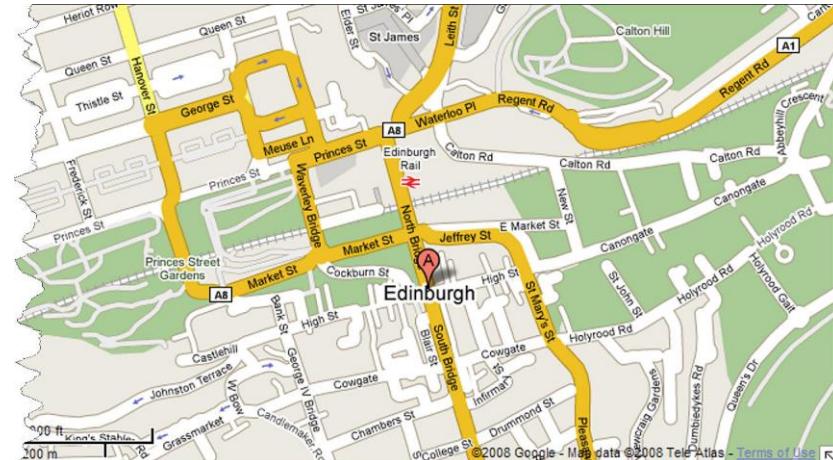
Today's Human-Computer Interaction



- How are pen and paper currently integrated in our daily work with computers?
- How to deal with the *paper-digital divide*?



Bridging the Paper-Digital Divide



Paper-Digital Integration

Electronic Paper



Amazon Kindle

Augmented / Interactive Paper



Anoto Digital Pen and Paper Technology



Telautograph

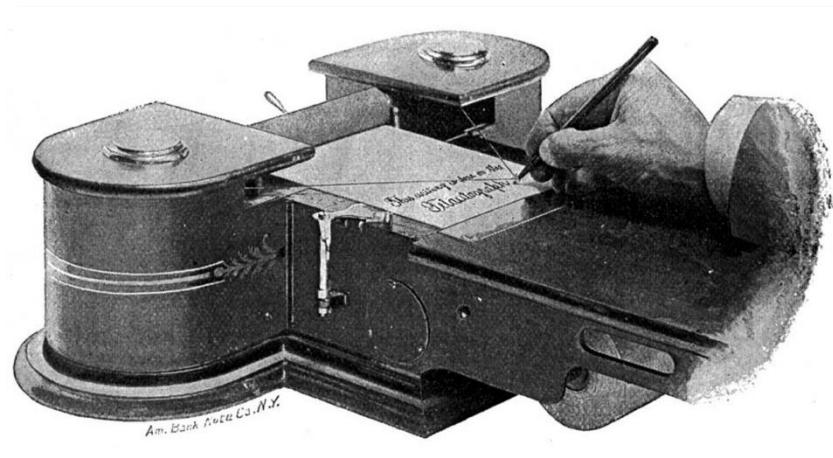
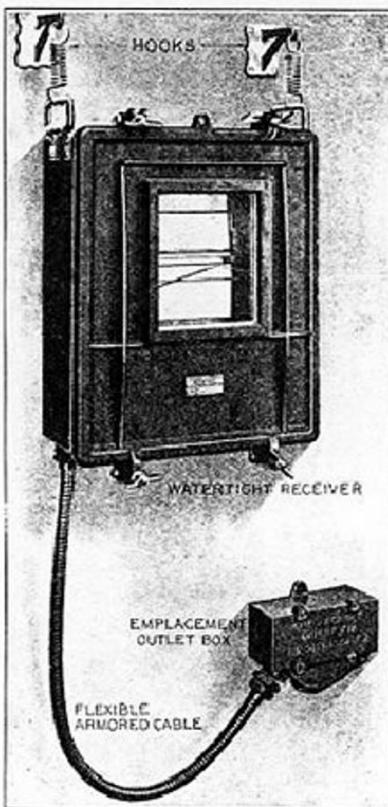
- Telautograph invented in 1888 by Elisha Gray
- Transforms *pen writing* at the sending station into *electrical impulses* (via potentiometers)
- Reproduces the drawing at the receiving station via a pen attached to a servomechanism
 - e.g. remote signatures



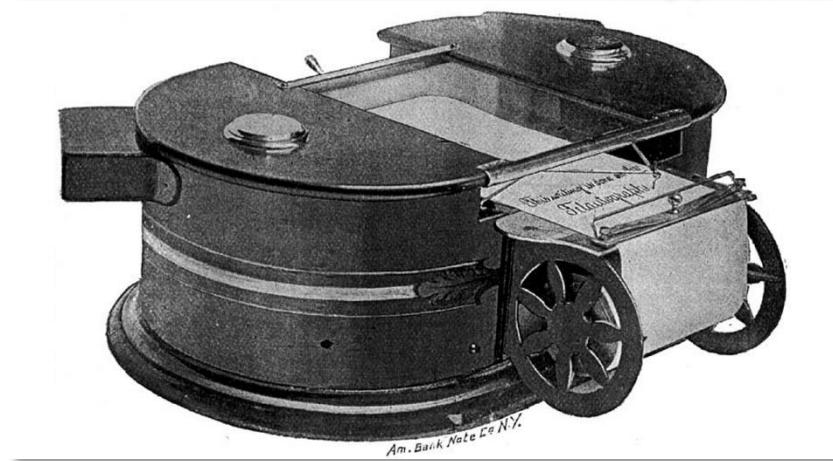
Telautograph [<http://www.ndl.go.jp/exposition/e/data/L/3991.html>]



Telautograph ...



Telautograph Transmitter



Telautograph Receiver

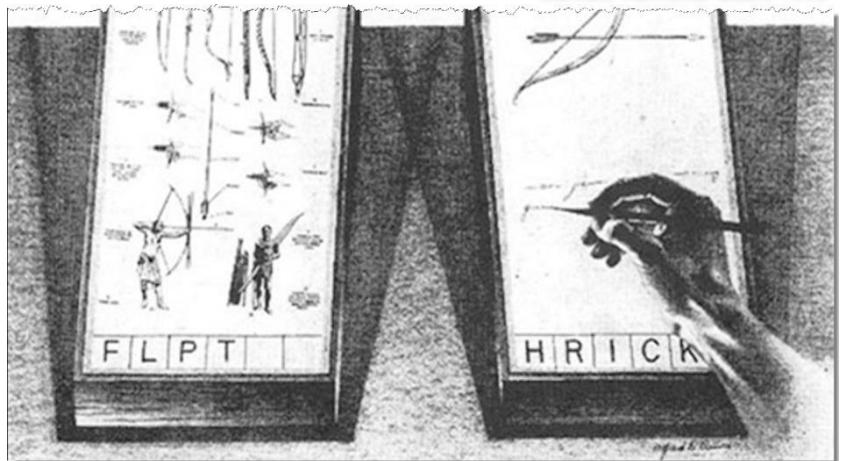


Memex

- Vannevar Bush's article '*As We May Think*' (1945) introduces the *Memex* (*memory extender*)
- Store and access information on microfilms
 - create and follow cross-references in the form of *associative trails*
 - *pen-based creation* and *annotation* of content



Memex, Vannevar Bush, 1945

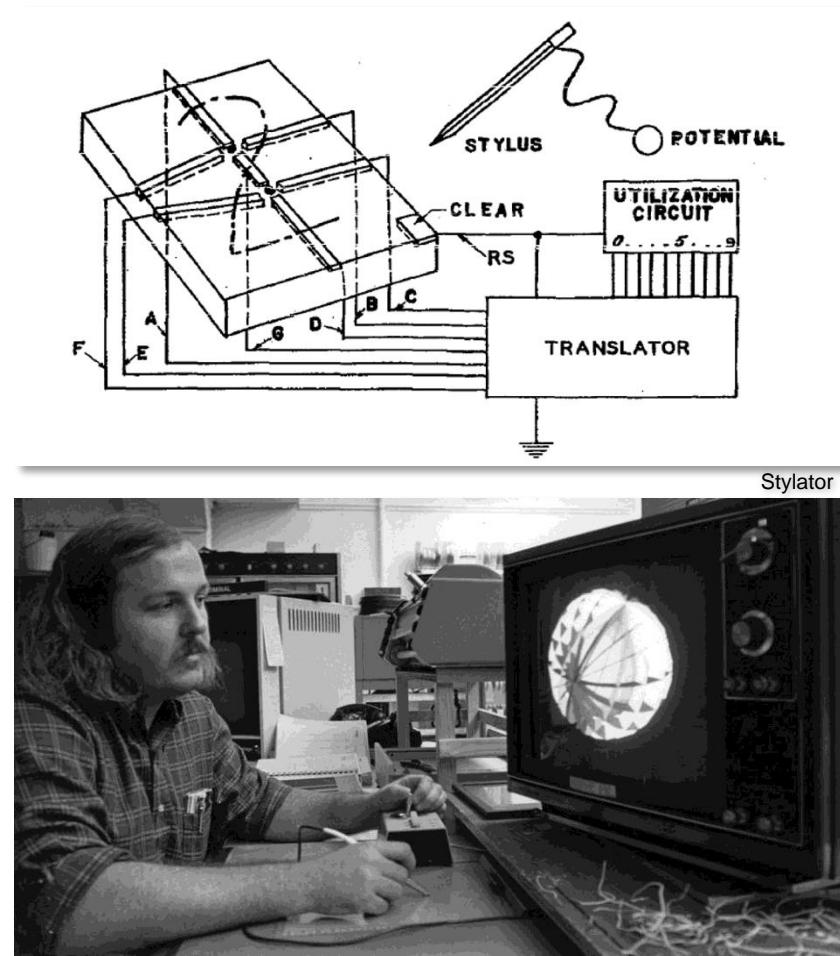


Pen-based Memex interaction



Stylator and RAND Tablet

- Stylator (stylus translator) was the first computer with pen-based input
 - demonstrated by Tom Dimond in 1957
 - *handwriting recognition*
- Another early pen-operated computing device was the RAND Tablet in 1961

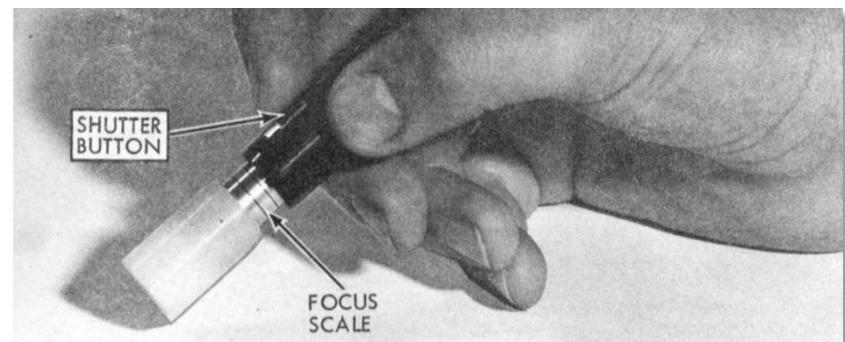


[<http://alltabletpc.blogspot.be/2011/07/history-of-tablet-pc-from-ancient-times.html>]



Sketchpad (1963)

- Sketchpad developed as part of Ivan Sutherland's PhD thesis at MIT
 - drawing tool
 - light pen and buttons
 - first graphical user interface
 - direct manipulation of graphical objects
 - basis for many new interface ideas





Light Pen

- Light-sensitive pen input device for cathode ray tube (CRT) screens
 - creates a signal each time the screen's electron beam passes the position of the pen
- Disadvantages
 - not very accurate due to rounding errors and noise
 - entire screen image has to be rather bright



HES [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Light_Pen]



Graphics Tablet

- Digitises hand-drawn sketches
- Passive tablets
 - pen powered by the tablet (electromagnetic induction)
- Active tablets
 - pen has its own battery
- In addition to the *electromagnetic tracking* there exist other solutions
 - acoustic tracking
 - optical tracking



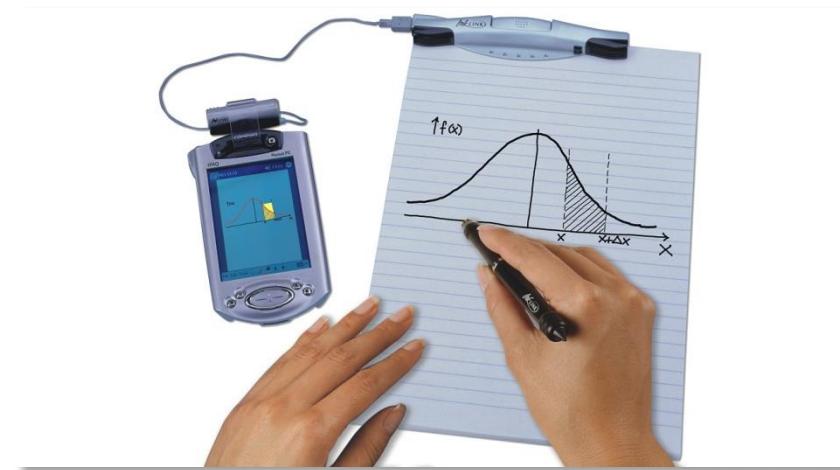
Wacom Bamboo



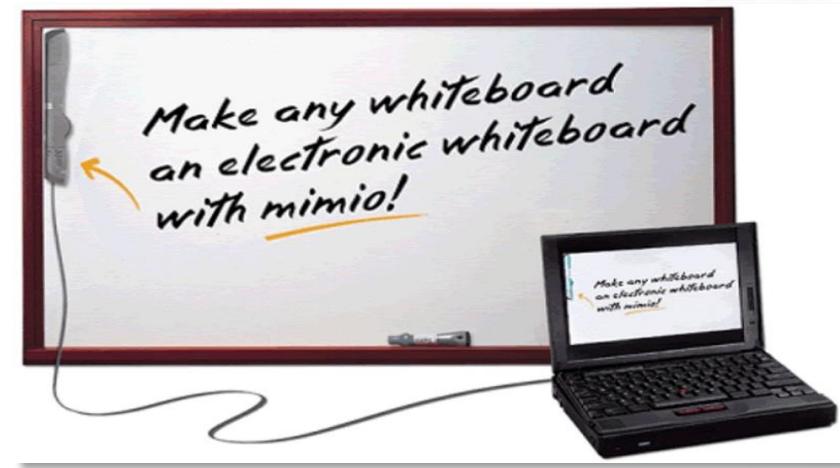
Wacom Cintiq

Ultrasonic Position Detection Pens

- Paper clip to track hand-writing on paper via ultrasonic position detection
- Larger versions transform standard whiteboards from a simple writing medium into a powerful collaboration and communication tool
- *Calibration* might be an issue



Seiko InkLink

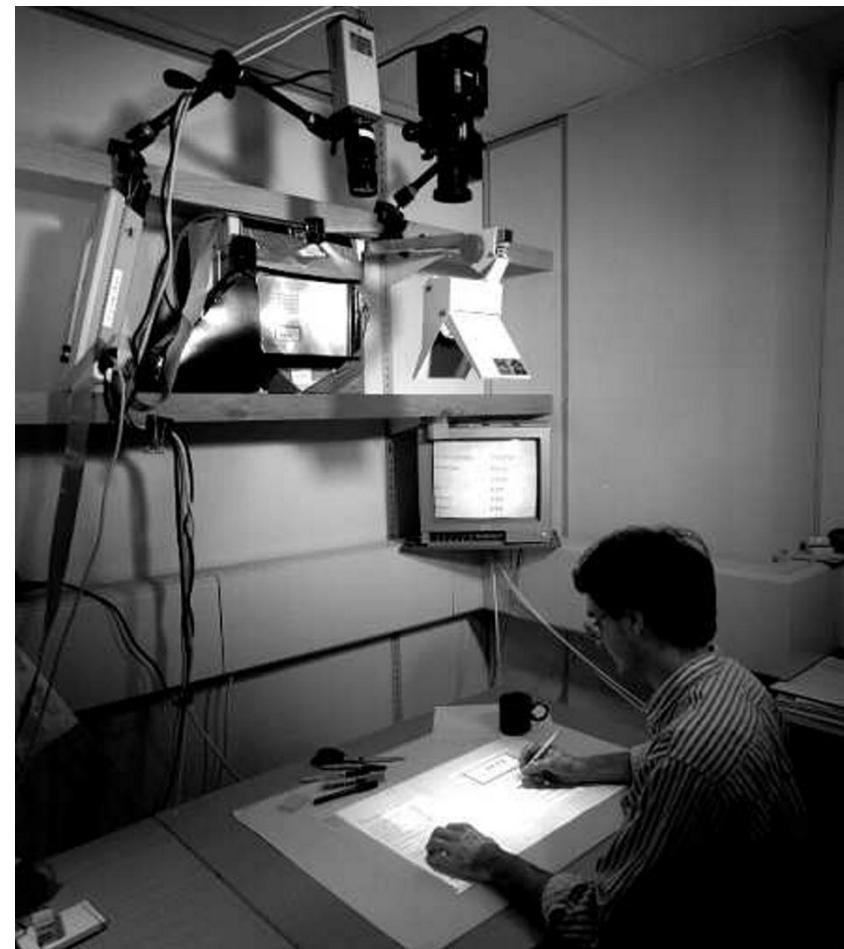


Mimio Xi



DigitalDesk

- DigitalDesk developed by Pierre Wellner at Xerox EuroPARC
 - camera-based tracking and projection
- *"Instead of making the workstation more like a desk, make the desk more like a workstation"*
- Many follow-up augmented desk projects
- What about *mobility?*

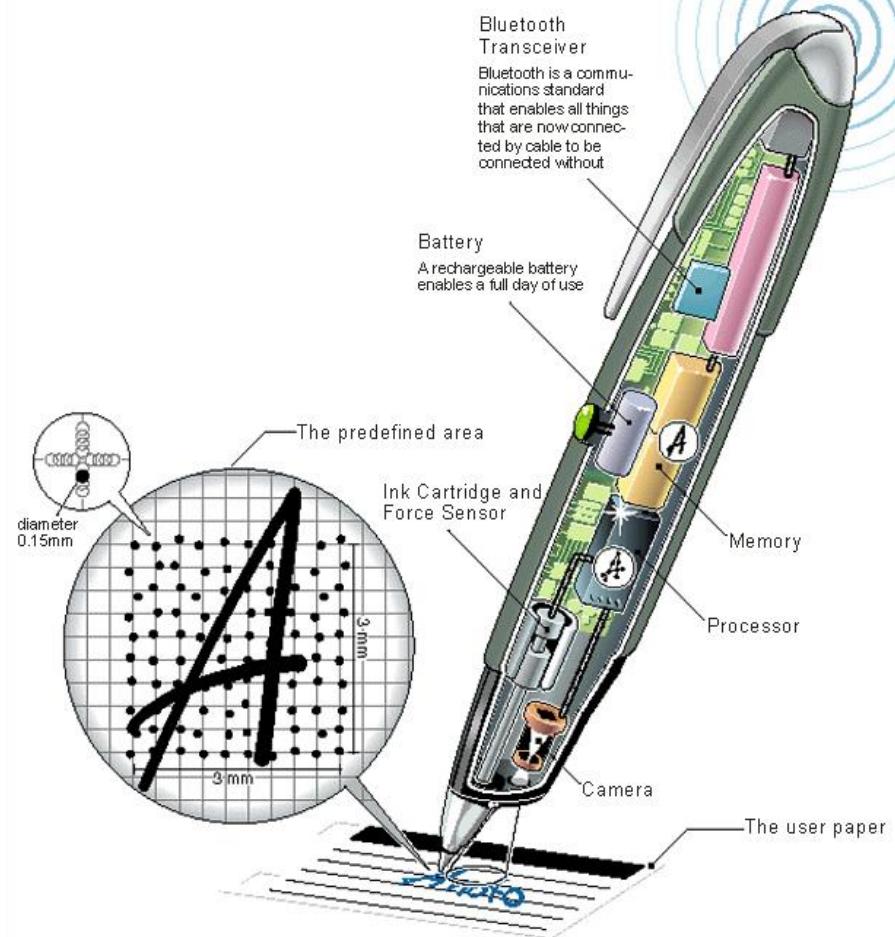


Pierre Wellner, DigitalDesk, 1991



Digital Pen and Paper Technology

- *Anoto* offers
 - camera technology
 - pattern license (virtual paper space of 60 million km²)
- Pen manufacturers
 - Nokia
 - Maxell
 - Adapx
 - Livescribe
 - ...





Digital Pens



Nokia SU-1B



Magicomm G303



FLY Fusion
Pentop Computer

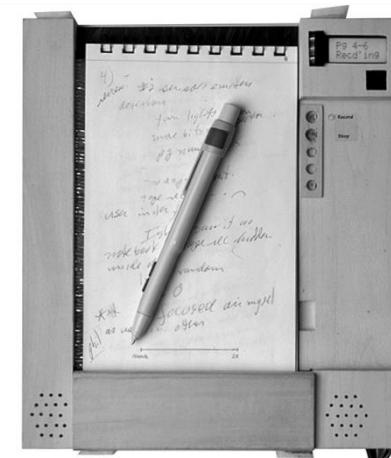


Livescribe Echo
Smartpen



Notetaking

- Audio Notebook by Lisa Stifelman (1996)
 - records audio and synchronises it with the handwriting
 - uses graphics tablet for pen tracking
- Livescribe Echo Pen (2010)
 - records audio on the pen and synchronises it with the handwriting
 - uses Anoto pattern for the pen tracking



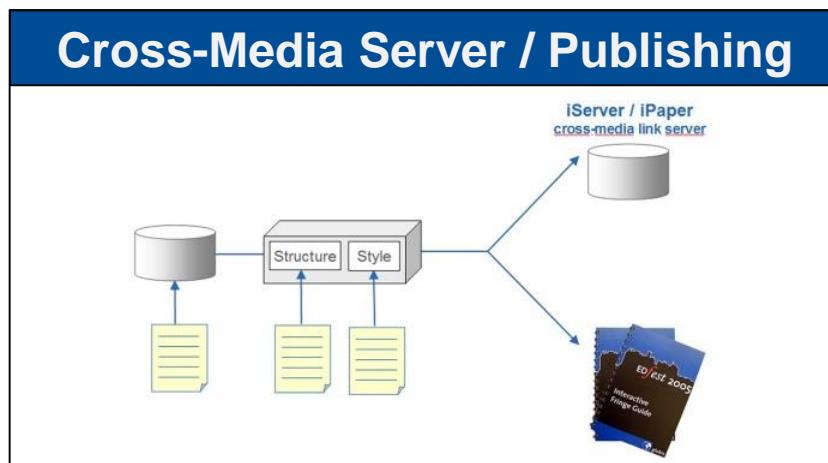
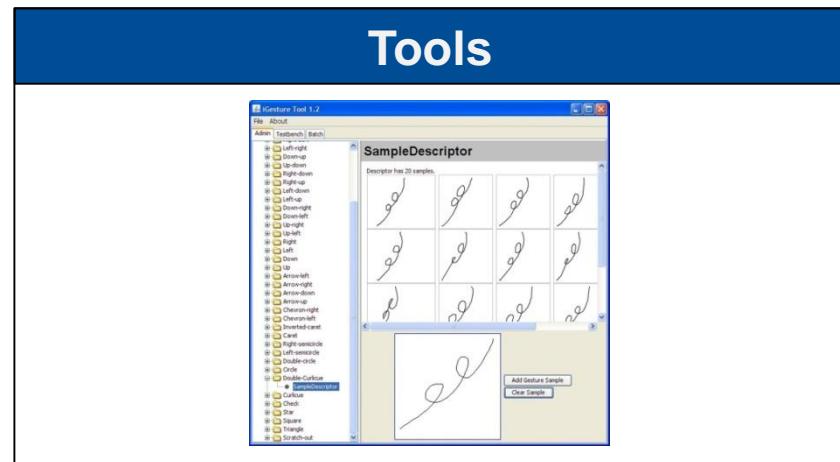
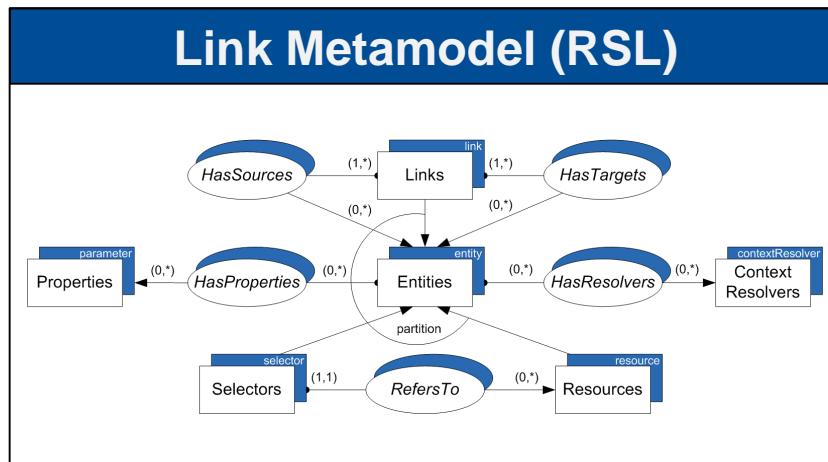
Lisa Stifelman, Audio Notebook



Livescribe Echo Pen

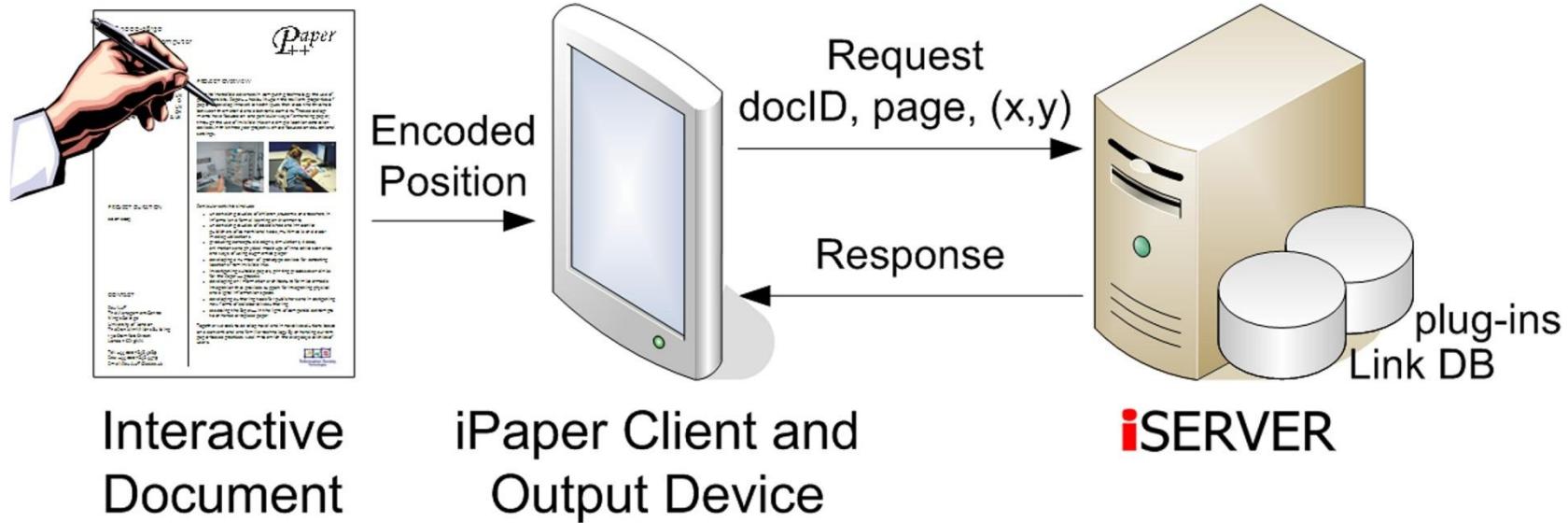


iPaper Research





Cross-Media Server (iServer)



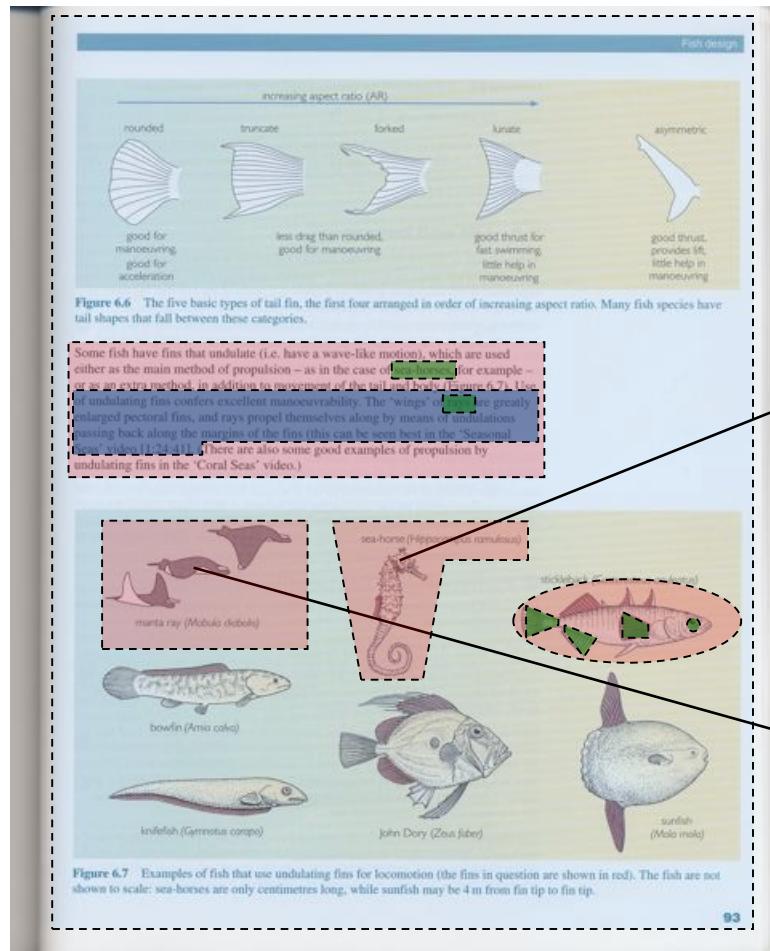
Interactive
Document

iPaper Client and
Output Device

iSERVER



Active Page Areas and Layers



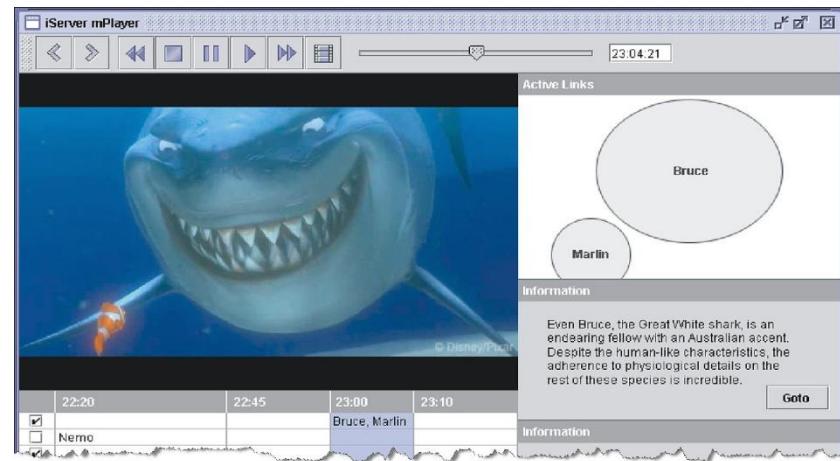
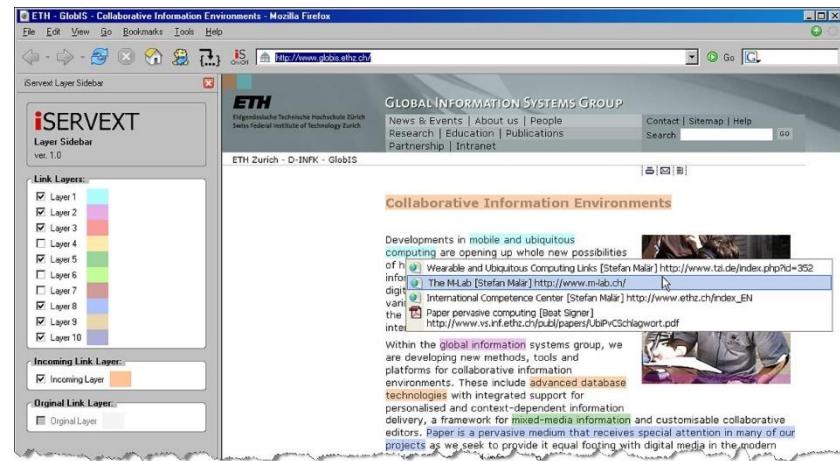
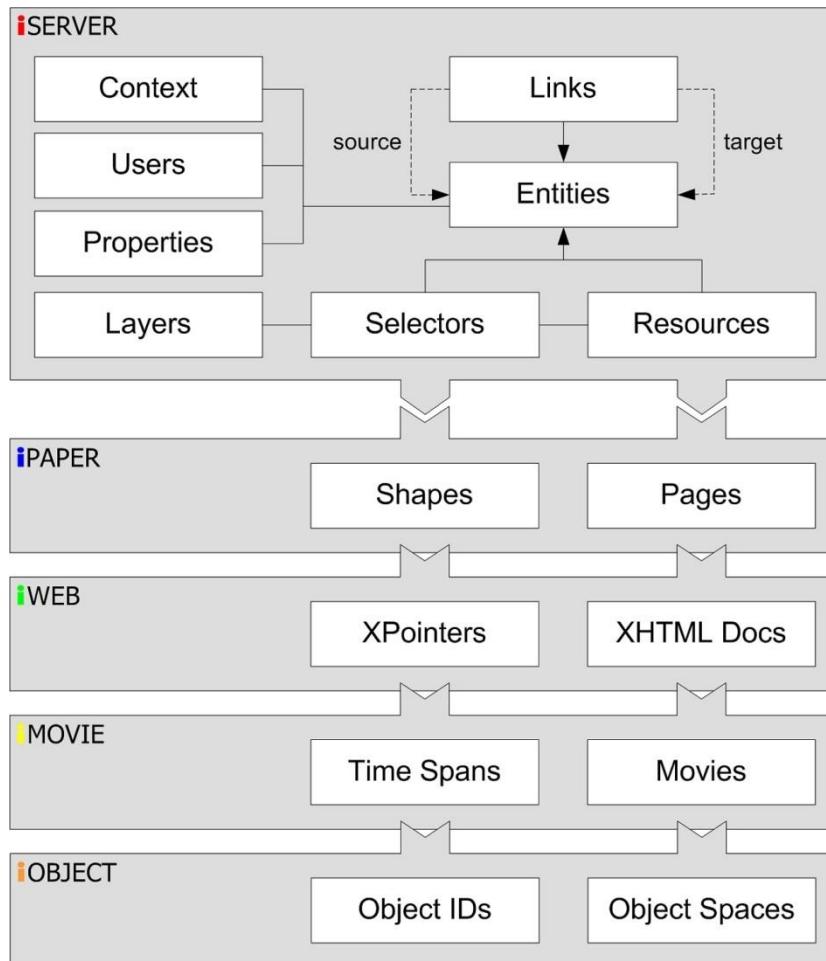
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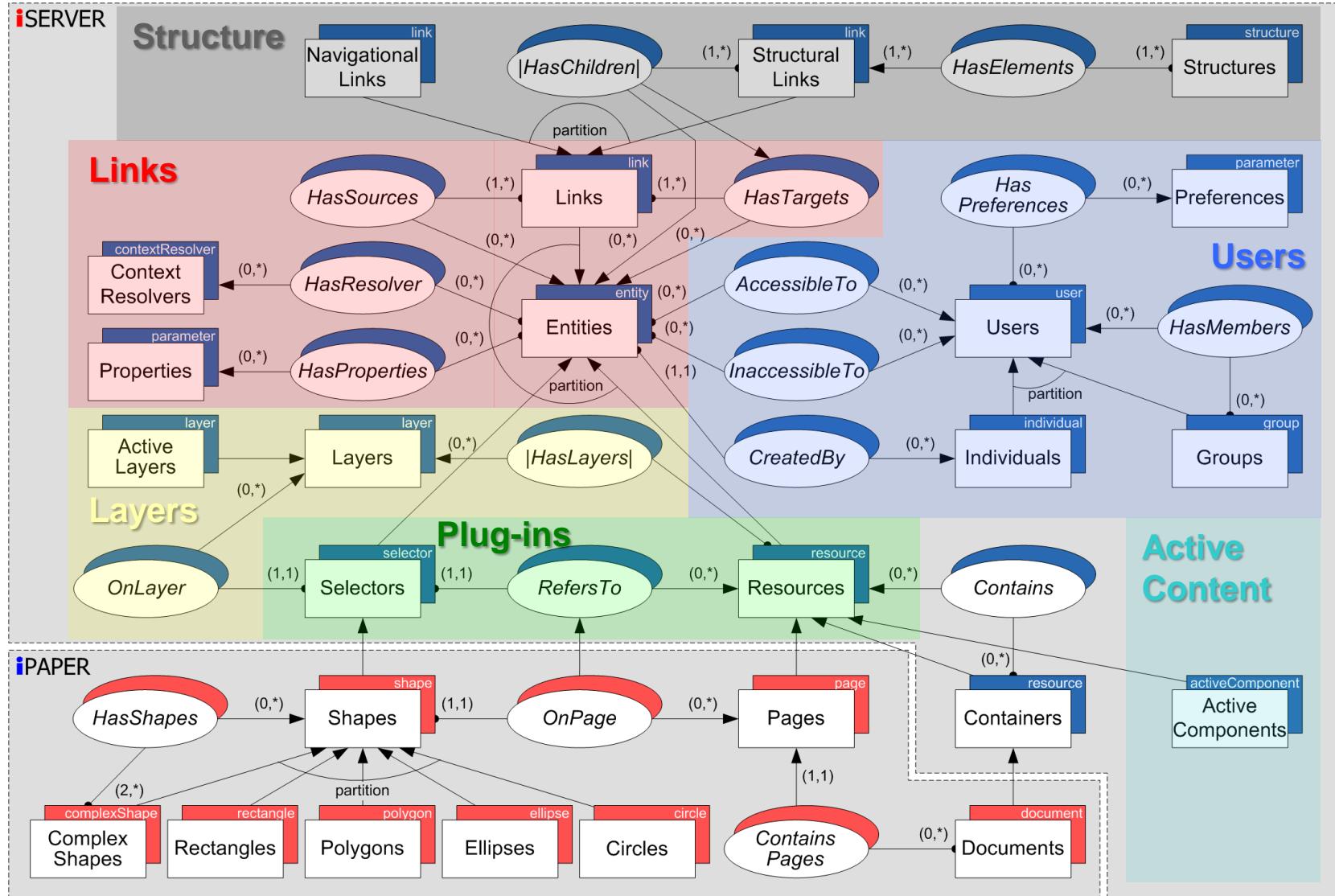


video clip



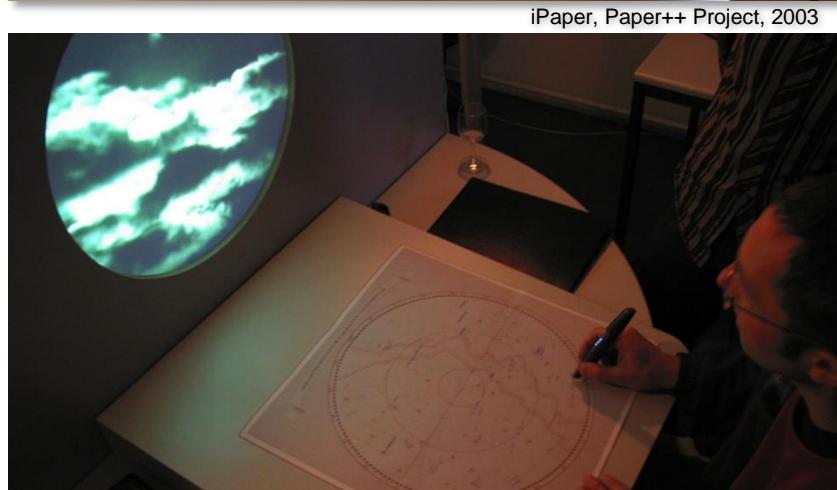
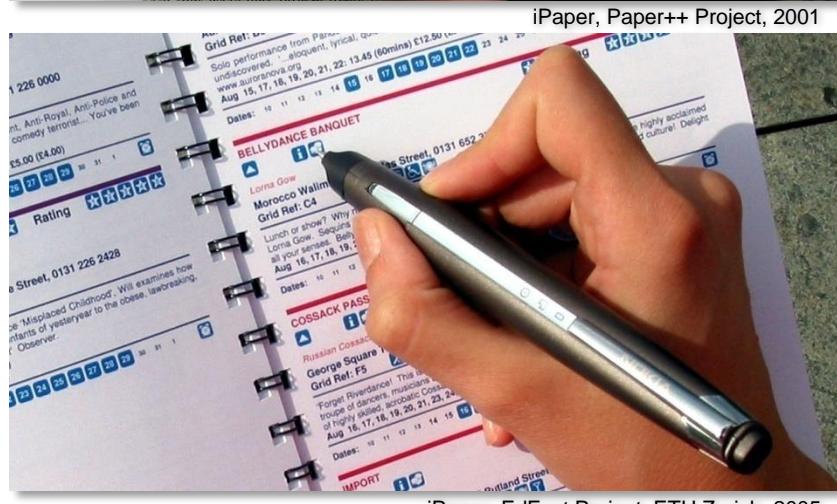
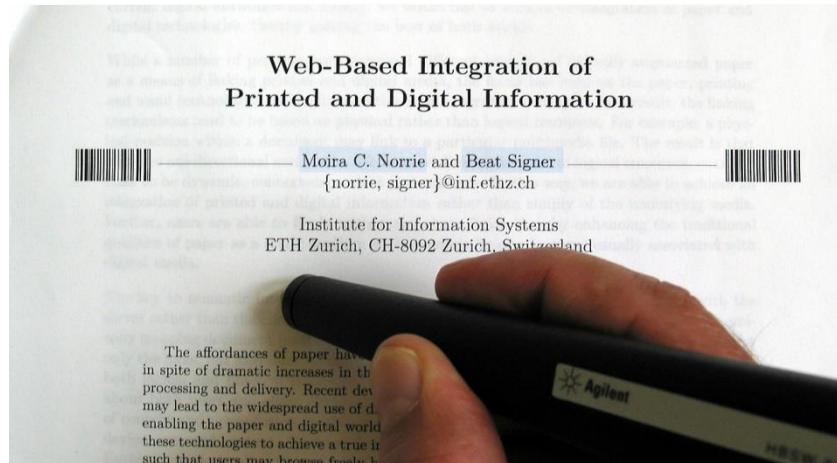
RSL Metamodel and iServer







Input Device Independence



iPaper, EdFest Project, ETH Zurich, 2005

iPaper, The Lost Cosmonaut Project, ETH Zurich, 2004



Digital Pen and Paper Applications

■ Enhanced Reading

- interactive paper maps
- interactive festival brochures
- educational materials
- auction brochures
- scientific publications
- ...

■ Paper-based Interfaces

- PowerPoint
- document proof-editing
- digital libraries
- video analysis tool
- educational games

■ Enhanced Writing

- photo album
- researcher's notebook
- mammography annotation
- query by sketching
- ...

■ Art Installations

- Lost Cosmonaut
- Generosa Enterprise

■ Interactive Tabletops

- photo browser
- collaborative sketch tool



PaperPoint Presentation Tool

The screenshot displays the PaperPoint software interface. At the top is a toolbar with icons for Pointer Settings, Screen, Application, ???, Slide Selector, and Slide Controls. Below the toolbar are two main sections: 'Interactive Paper @ ETH Zurich' and 'Paper in Everyday Settings'. Each section has a 'Show' button at the bottom. Below these are two smaller preview windows for 'iPaper @ ETH Zurich' and 'EdFest Project', each with its own 'Show' button. At the bottom left is a 'PaperPoint' logo with 'powered by KIMA SERVER IPAPER globis' and copyright information. The bottom right corner shows the ETH Zurich logo.

Pointer Settings

Screen

Application

???

Slide Selector

Slide Controls

White

Black

Save

Exit

Prev

Next

Arrow

Pen

Eraser

Run

Pause

Slide Selector

Slide Controls

1 2 3

4 5 6

7 8 9

0 Show

First

Last

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ETH

Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich

Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich

- Mobile PowerPoint presentation tool
 - *non-linear* presentations
 - real-time annotations
 - digital whiteboard
 - ...
- Multi-pen support
 - brainstorming



EdFest Project



Global Information Systems Group, ETH Zurich



EdFest User Trials



Global Information Systems Group, ETH Zurich

EdFest Documents

comedy

A NIGHT AT THE PICTURES - STEVE DAY Rating

GSOH Comedy

Café Royal Fringe Theatre, 17 West Register Street, 0131 556 2549

Grid Ref: D5

Are you tired of comedians and their cliched routines about Rembrandt? Caravaggio? When will they do something different? It's just another deaf comedian talking about art! '... revelatory... very funny' Guardian. www.isitmyround.com

Aug 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28: 20.00 (60mins) £6.00 (£4.00)

Dates: 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 1

OMID DJA-LILI - NO AGENDA Rating

What's on at...? Where am I?

MAP KEY

- Metro Fringe Box Office
- Venues
- Railway Station
- Car Parking
- Tourist Information
- Public Walkway
- Road Closed Pedestrian only 11.00 - 21.00
- Taxi Rank
- Toilets
- Metro Fringe Hall & Bar E-Ticket Tent
- Edinburgh International Film Festival Box Office
- Edinburgh Military Tattoo Box Office
- Edinburgh International Festival Office The Hub
- Edinburgh International Book Box Office
- Mails
- Edinburgh Interactive Entertainment Festival

Scale: 1 km | 500m | 250m | 100m | 50m | 25m

EDfest 2005

Preferences

comedy dance & physical theatre music theatre

Booking

Start reservation

Number of tickets

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

reserve

Map

EDfest 2005

Suggest show...

I like best any ...from category...

dance & physical theatre music theatre any

...starting...

today tomorrow

August 2005

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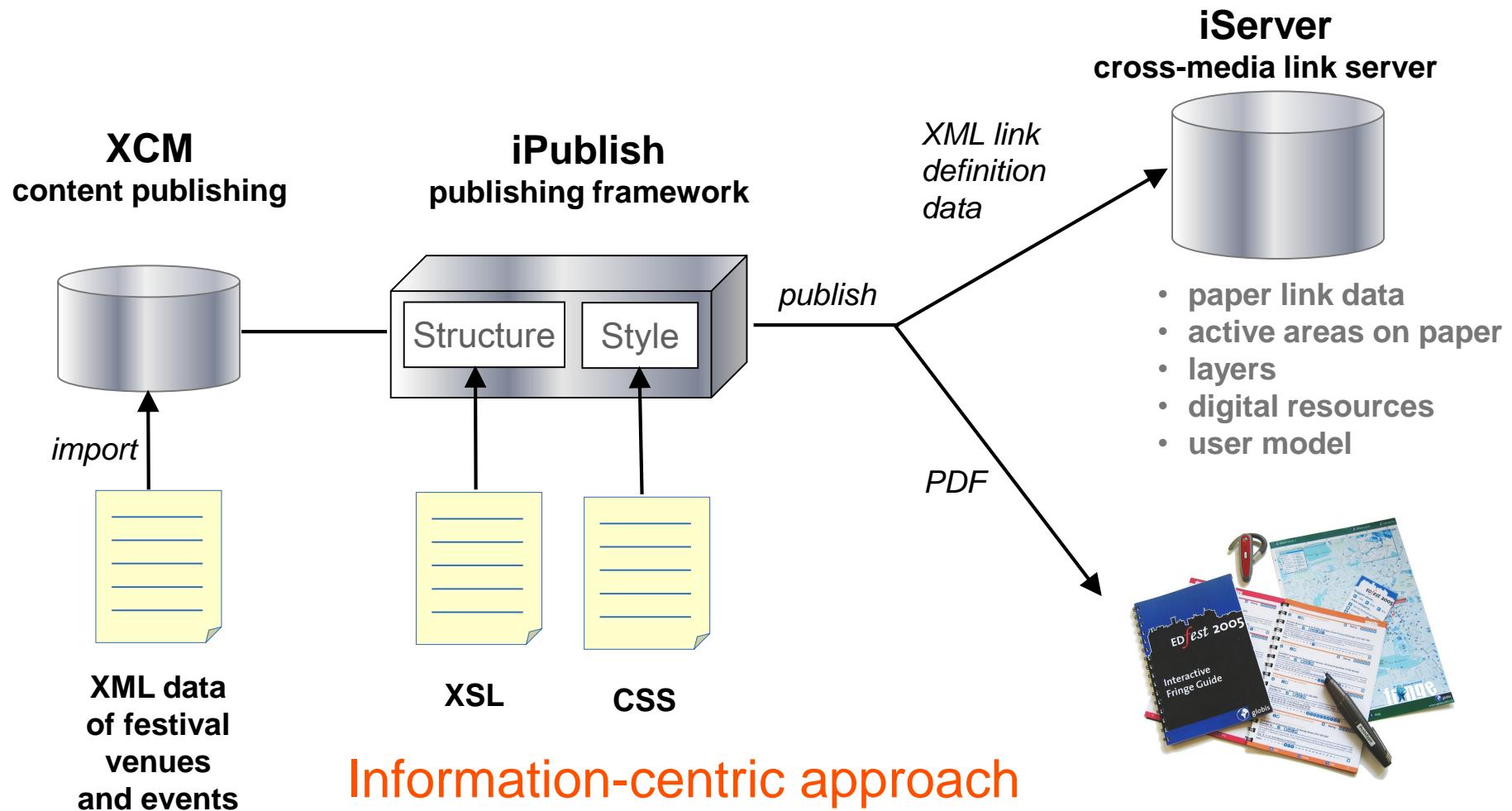
...at...

9	10	11	9 - 12
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18	19	20	18 - 21
21	22	23	21 - 24

Global Information Systems Group, ETH Zurich



Cross-Media Publishing Framework





Natural History Museum, London

Go to Mammals, Gallery 23

Find CATS - the meat eaters.
Look closely at the eyes of the cheetah, jaguar and tiger.
Do the eyes of the big cats face forwards or are they positioned on the sides of the animal's head?

Find the polar bear at the end of the Gallery.
Look at the position of the polar bear's eyes.
Now stand next to its hind legs.

Can you see the bear's eyes from where you are standing?

Do you think it could see you?

Follow the dolphin wall into Gallery 24 to the horse exhibit G23.
Look at the position of the horse's eyes.

Do they face forward, or are they positioned on the side of its head?

Now stand at the back of the horse.

Can you see its eyes?

Do you think it could see you?

Look at the other animals on display in Galleries 23 and 24. Look at the position of their eyes.

Why do you think that different animals have eyes in different positions?

(Clue: think about what the animal needs its eyes for, is it a hunter?)

Go to Creepy Crawlies, Gallery 33

Find the picture of the horsefly at the entrance to the Insects section.
Look closely at the picture of the horsefly's eyes.

How much of a horsefly's head is covered by its eyes?

Why might it be an advantage to have eyes like this?

(Clue: think about what happens when you try and touch a fly. Can you touch it, or does it move before your hand gets too close?)

Look at the other insects in the Gallery. Look at the size and position of their eyes.
You can look more closely at other insects in INVESTIGATE.

See this again

See this again

See this again

Go to INVESTIGATE, museum basement

Find some insects in the trays at the side of the room.
Choose one insect that looks interesting. Look at its eyes, and then describe them below.
Think about how big their eyes are compared to the insect's head, the shape of the eyes,
and where they are positioned on its head.

Below there are two pairs of pictures. Use the wand to touch the pictures for more information
on the plants and animals. Or touch the red rectangle for a special activity.

Begin the activity

Begin the activity

Begin the activity

Begin the activity

What is the difference between what the fly and the human can see?

Why do you think this is?

See a close up of
a fly's eye under an
electronmicroscope

Find out more
about insect vision

Find out more
about the
adaptations of
predators and prey

turn over

Paper++ Project

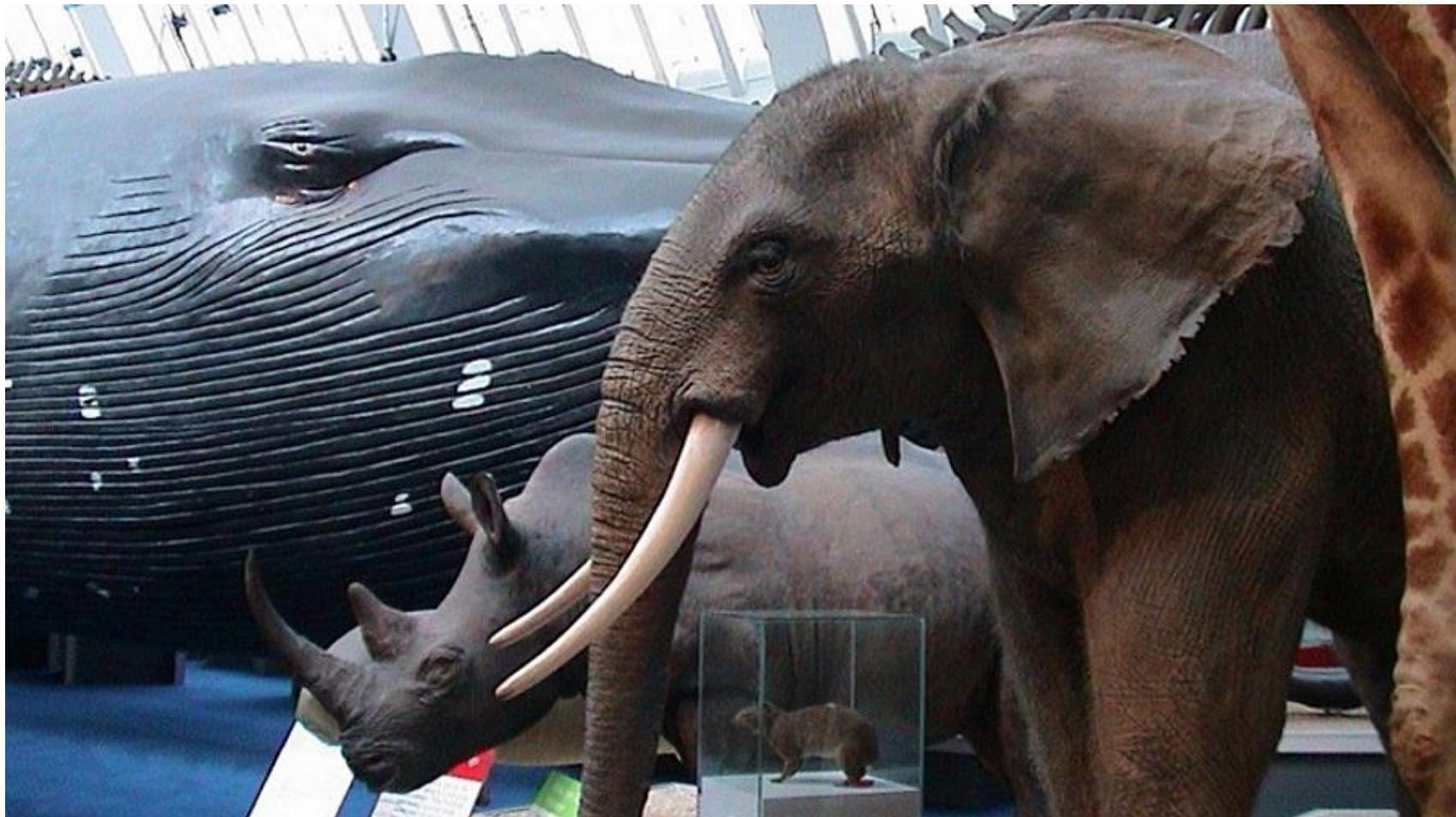
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Natural History Museum, London ...



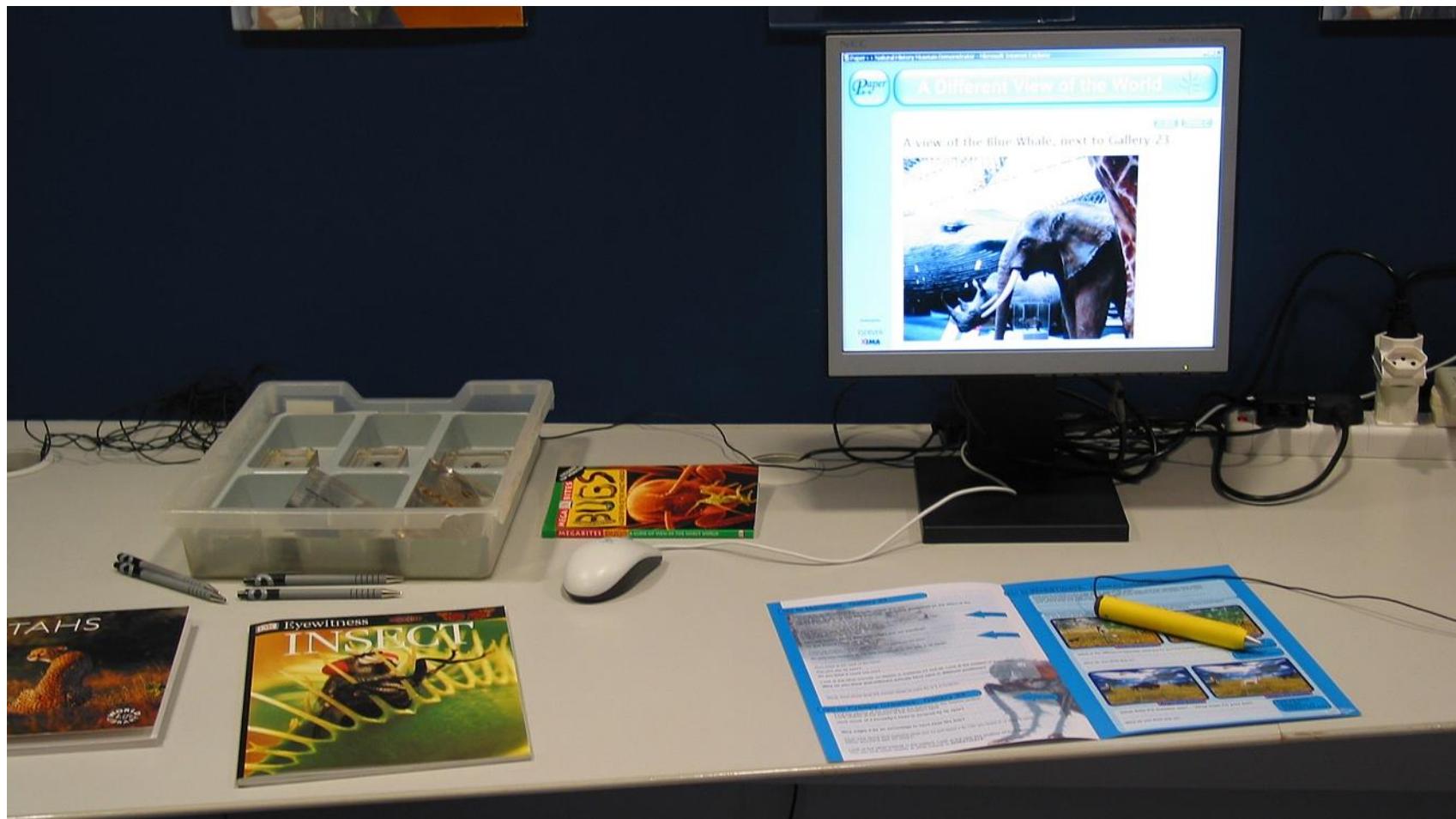


Natural History Museum, London ...





Natural History Museum, London ...





Print-n-Link

- Handle *existing* PDF documents
 - e.g. research papers
- *Automatic* link authoring at print time
 - applicable to other domains

paper have ensured its retention as a key medium for reading and annotating documents. Paper has many advantages over digital media in terms of how people can work with it, both individually and in groups. It is portable, light, cheap, flexible and robust. Furthermore, various forms of paper-based collaboration and interaction are nearly impossible to support in digital environments [12].

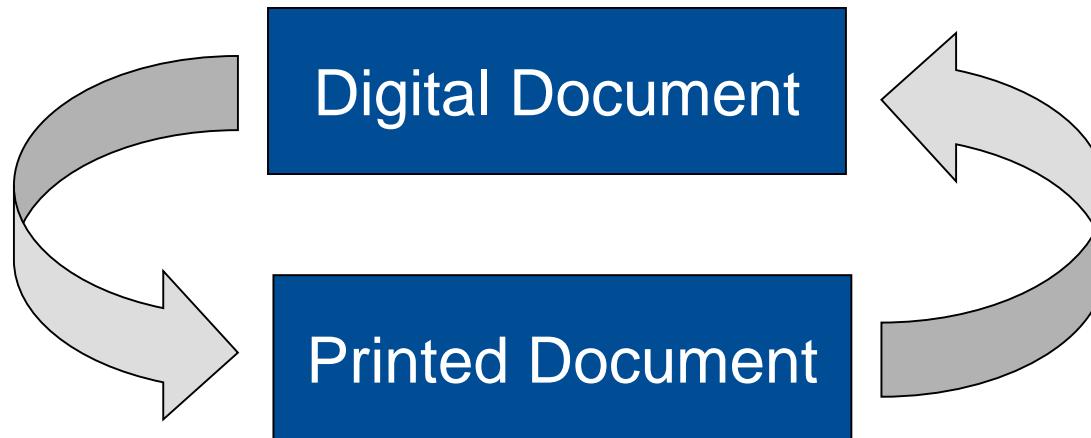
A set of reading-related affordances of paper documents are pointed out by Sellen and Harper in their book *The Myth of the Paperless Office* [18]. First, paper allows for quick and flexible navigation through a document. The size of a document acts as a rough indicator for the amount of information stored in it and provides a spatial orientation

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 - [12] D. M. Levy. *Scrolling Forward: Making Sense of Documents in the Digital Age*. Arcade Publishing, October 2001.
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Document Authoring and Editing

- Digital pen and paper-based user interface
- Support for collaborative editing
- *Multiple* digital/physical *editing iteration cycles*
 - *seamless transition* between paper and digital information



PaperProof: Paper-Digital Proof-Editing

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Word document titled "Interactive Paper". The document contains several paragraphs of text, some of which are highlighted in yellow. A floating window titled "Accept or Reject Changes" displays a list of changes made to the document, with the first item being "Deletion". The "Accept" button is highlighted.

Interactive Paper

Digital pen technologies bridge the paper-digital divide by enabling user actions on paper to be tracked. Handwritten notes and sketches can be digitally captured.

Active areas on paper can be defined that link to digital content and services and users activate them by simply touching selecting them with the pen. Possibilities abound for publishing new forms of interactive documents and providing paper-based interfaces to applications.

We have developed a platform and range of tools to support the rapid prototyping and production and testing of all kinds of interactive paper applications. Possibilities abound for publishing new forms of interactive documents and providing paper-based interfaces to applications.

iPaper

iPaper is a framework that supports the rapid development and deployment of interactive paper applications. Active areas can be defined on paper and linked to digital content and services. By providing an extensive library of active components, a wide range of applications without having to do any programming.

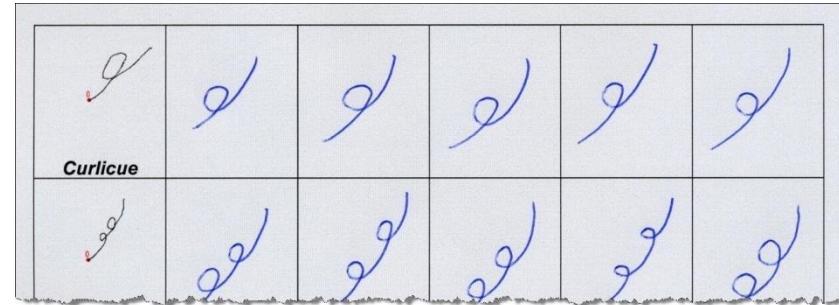
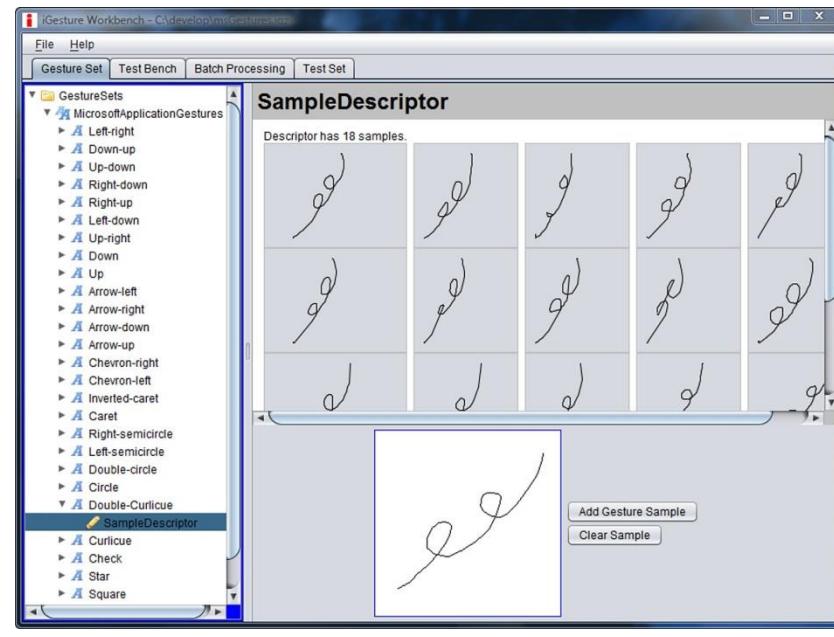
of iServer, a general cross-media server, which means that a wide range of physical and digital media including web pages, databases and RFID tags as well as application programs.

iGesture

iGesture is a general and extensible framework to support the gesture recognition algorithms. The API makes it simple for a developer to create their own gesture-based interfaces. It is device independent and can be used on various platforms.



iGesture Framework



■ iGesture Workbench

- create/test gesture sets and algorithms

■ Different modalities

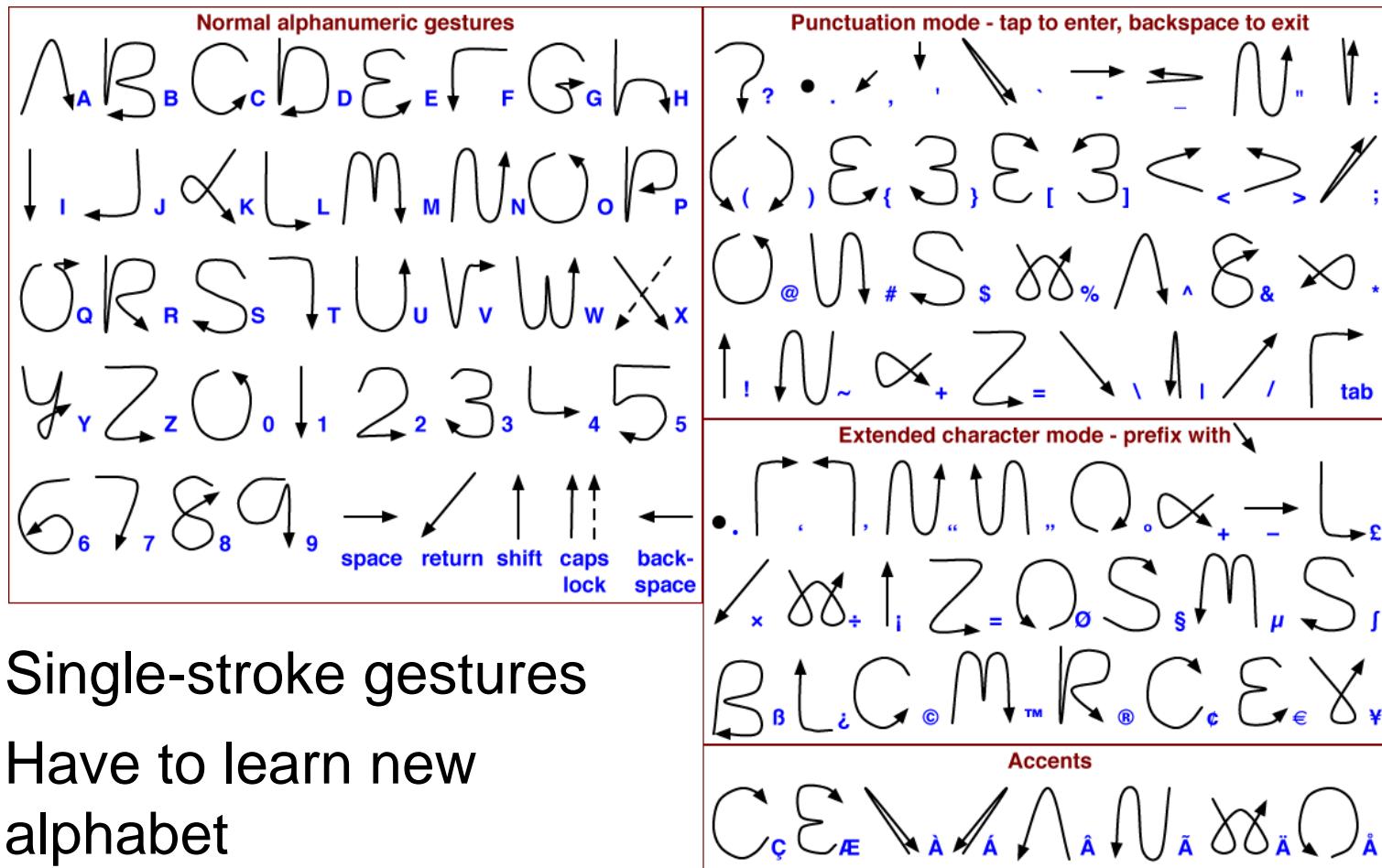
- digital pen, tablet PC, mouse, Wii remote, ...
- multimodal gestures

■ Open Source

- <http://www.igesture.org>



Graffiti Gestures (Palm OS)



- Single-stroke gestures
- Have to learn new alphabet



Microsoft Application Gestures

≡	scratch-out	erase content
△	triangle	insert
□	square	action item
☆	star	action item
✓	check	check-off
↙	curlicue	cut
↘	double-curlicue	copy
○	circle	application-specific

○	double-circle	paste
↙	left-semicircle	undo
↘	right-semicircle	redo
^	caret	past/insert
▽	inverted-caret	insert
<	chevron-left	application-specific
>	chevron-right	application-specific
↑	arrow-up	application-specific



Gesture Design Guidelines

- Different gestures should not look too similar
 - better recognition results
- Gestures should be user friendly
 - intuitivity and usability
- Reasonable size of gesture set
- Reuse of gestures
 - same semantics for different applications
 - application-specific gestures



Digital Ink Processing

- Parse proprietary pen formats
 - position, timestamp, force, tilt, ...
- Stroke detection
 - pen up and pen down events
 - time difference between succeeding points
 - distance between succeeding points, ...
- Interpolation / Filtering



Ink Markup Language (InkML)



- XML language for representing digital ink
- Pen movement data
 - <trace> and <traceFormat> elements
 - x,y coordinates, force, angles
- Device-specific information
 - resolution, sample rate, ...



Ink Markup Language (InkML) ...



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Rough Guide

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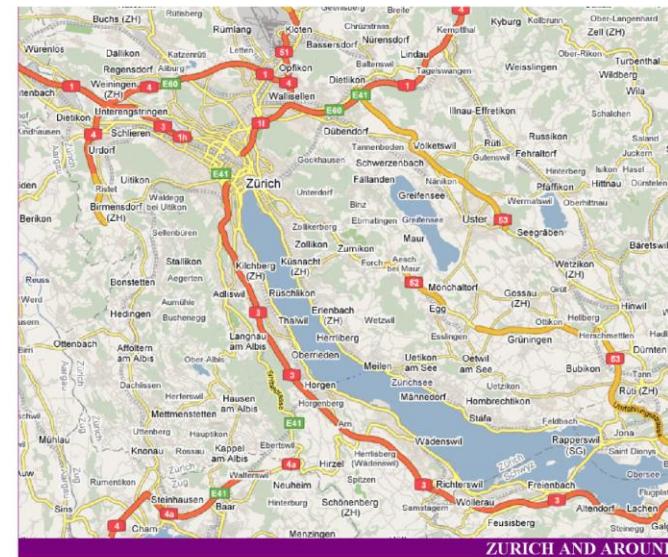
Zürich

Zürich's relationship to the world is not of the spirit, but of commerce.

C.G. Jung

Not so long ago, ZÜRICH was famed chiefly for being the cleanest, most icily efficient city in Europe. Apocryphal stories abound from the 1970s of the calm and order of the midweek lunch hour in the financial district, of tourists embarking on efforts to find a cigarette butt or an empty crisp packet discarded on the streets – and drawing a blank every time. Things have changed. If you live in a big city yourself and are tiring of Switzerland's picture-perfect country towns, visiting Zürich will be like coming home: finally you can walk on crowded, multi-ethnic streets, buy a kebab, get a drink after midnight, feel a lived-in urban buzz.

Zürich is still best known for a phrase coined as a response to the city's collective sense of superiority. After World War II, Zürich's foreign exchange speculators had become so powerful and secretive that irritated British ministers, amidst the 1964 sterling crisis, spoke of them as gnomes, scurrying about in the corridors and vaults of the private banks manipulating the outside world and forever counting their gold. Their reference to "the gnomes of Zürich" stuck, and journalists reporting on Switzerland's often-murky banking and finance industries still reach for the phrase today. Aptly, Zürich now hosts the world's most important market for trading gold and precious metals, and boasts the fourth-largest stock market, after New York, London and Tokyo. Exceptional affluence tends to define the area these days and yet, despite its wealth and status as Switzerland's biggest city (population 360,000), Zürich is not a flashy place at all. The ghost of the bible-thumping Reformer Huldrych Zwingli still stands at the shoulder of the bankers, industrialists and business people who live and breathe the city's ingrained Protestant



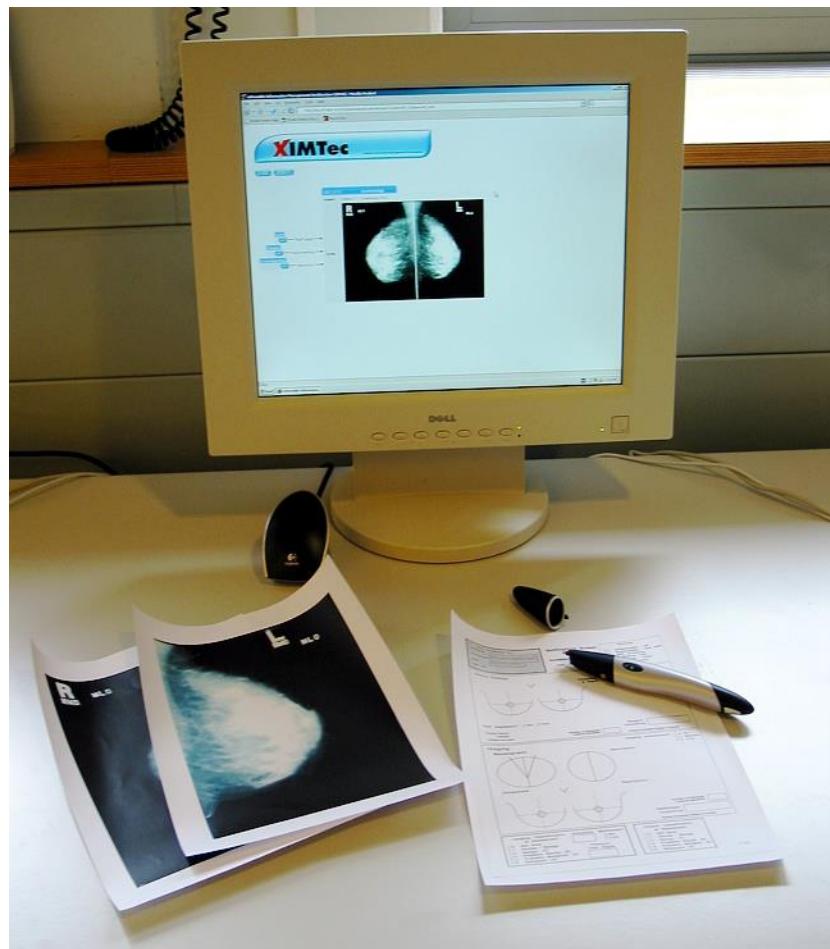
clubs. The medieval Old Town, characterized by the steep, cobbled alleys and attractive, small-scale architecture of the Niederdorf district, comprises a substantial part of the city centre and is perfect for exploratory wanderings. With a handful of medieval churches to take in, including the mighty Grossmünster and graceful Fraumünster, the superb Kunsthaus art gallery and the most engaging café culture in German-speaking Switzerland, you could easily spend days here.

Some history

The Romans were the first to fortify the area, creating a customs post on the Lindenhof in the first century BC and naming it *Turicum*. The legend of the city's foundation dates from the martyrdom of Felix and Regula, deserters from a Roman legion based in Valais.



Mammography Annotations



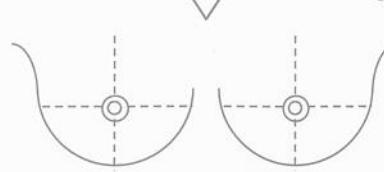
Nottingham Breast Service

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DoB: _____
Unit No: _____

Assessment Details
Date of Assessment: _____

Source
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 2 Symptomatic - Self refer
 3 NHS Screening
 4 Screening Trial
 5 Screening - Other
 6 Other (specify) _____

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Symptoms & Signs:


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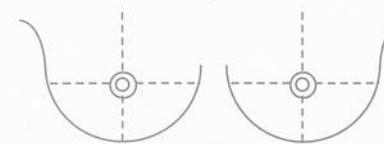
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Radiologist Assessing: _____
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Number of Separate Lesions Identified: _____

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DiDA Learning Material

- Diploma in Digital Applications
 - includes *Using ICT, Multimedia, Graphics and ICT in Enterprise*
- "...designed to stimulate students' creativity and develop real-world, practical skills..."
- Published by Edexcel (Pearson Education)
- Interactive DiDA book combines printed information with CD-ROM and web content



DiDA ...

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Why use a database?

- More and more data is generated all the time. Organisations need to be able to store, search and sort the data to produce valid and useful information.

Case study: The Boots Advantage Card

- Many high street stores offer customers some kind of loyalty card and need to store information about cardholders.
- For example, Boots customers can use the Advantage Card. Every time the customer makes a purchase, the card is scanned and points are added. These points can be used at any time to buy products in the store. When the card is scanned, the till displays the current value of points on the card.
- Boots has over 1400 stores and about 400 of these have an Advantage Point – this is an information point where a customer can insert the card and find out how many points they have to spend.

Activity 5.1

Every time a customer applies for an Advantage Card, a form is completed. Look at the [online application form](#) for a Boots Advantage card to find out what data is collected from each customer.

The same details are collected from each Advantage Card holder and the same data is stored for each of them. This data is stored on a computer along with the card number issued and a points total of zero.

The Advantage Card is not a swipe card with a magnetic strip – it is a smart chip card. This means that some data is stored on the card as well as in the database. When a customer makes a purchase, the chip is read to identify the customer and this speeds things up.

TALKING POINT 5.1

Think about different things you and your family do in a typical week and when and where data is being collected. What might it be used for?

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Making use of databases

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Designing a database structure

- Database software can recognise different types of data. When you design a database you must make sure that each field can accept the correct type of data.

Data types and formats

- It is very important to use the correct data types for fields as this helps to reduce errors by restricting what can be entered. You should make sure that you understand exactly what can and cannot be entered in fields with different data types.
- For each type, you can also specify the format. This table shows the common data types with examples of formats:

Type	Description	Examples of formats
Alphanumeric (Text)	Text including numbers	Upper case, lower case
Numeric	Numbers	Decimal places, currency, percentages
Date/Time	Date and time Date only Time only	05/06/87 15:45 Various date formats such as: 05/06/87, 5 June 1987, Various time formats such as: 15:45, 15:45:05, 03:34PM
Currency	Money	Symbol £, €, etc. Decimal places
Yes/No	Where input is limited to two values	

Can I do this?

Using database tools, make sure you can:

- Create a new database table
- Create new fields in a table
- Select field sizes and formats

You can specify how data must be displayed even if it is entered in a different format.

Activity 5.4

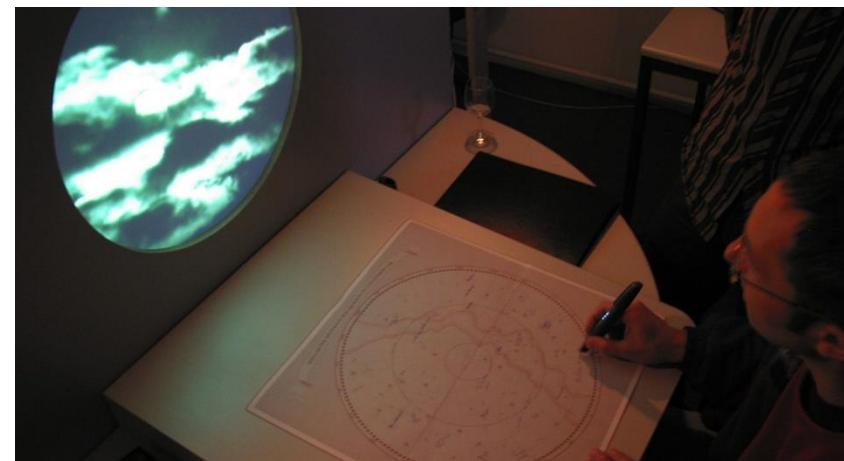
Create a database table and enter a field called BIRTHDAY. Select the correct data type and format it to dd/mm/yyyy. Try entering 4/5/05, 4 May 05, 04/05/2005, etc – you should see 04/05/2005 in every row of the table.

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The Lost Cosmonaut

- Writing as a collaborative act of memory and storytelling
- Reading, writing and narrative as an act of making sense
- Handwriting as a tool for human-computer interaction

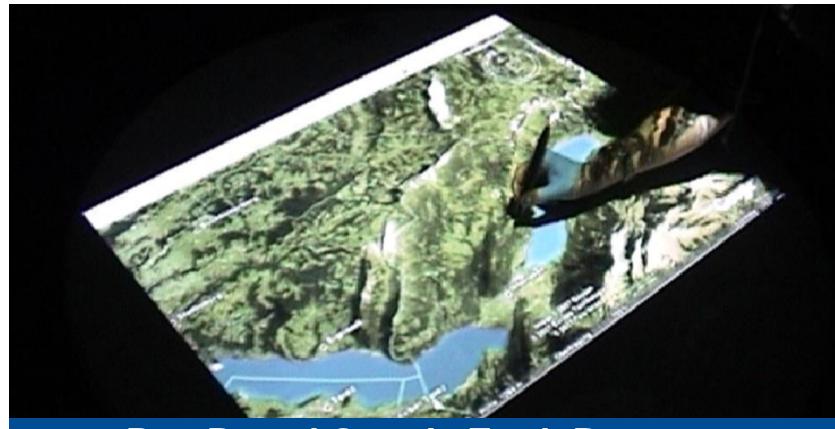


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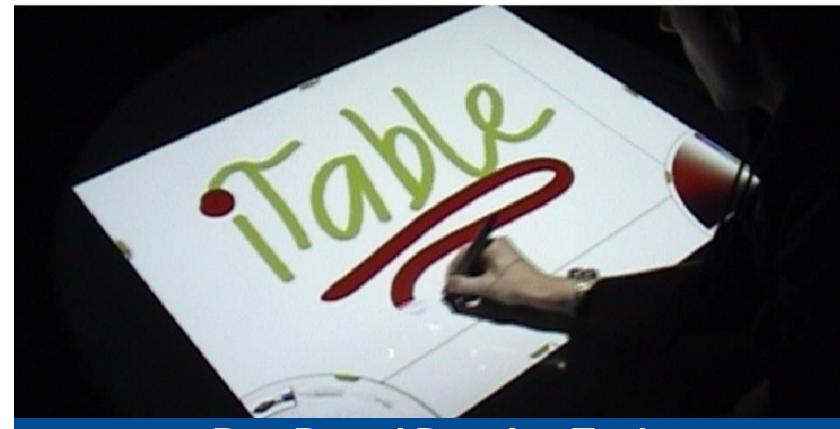
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Interactive Table (iTable)



Pen-Based Google Earth Browser



Pen-Based Drawing Tool

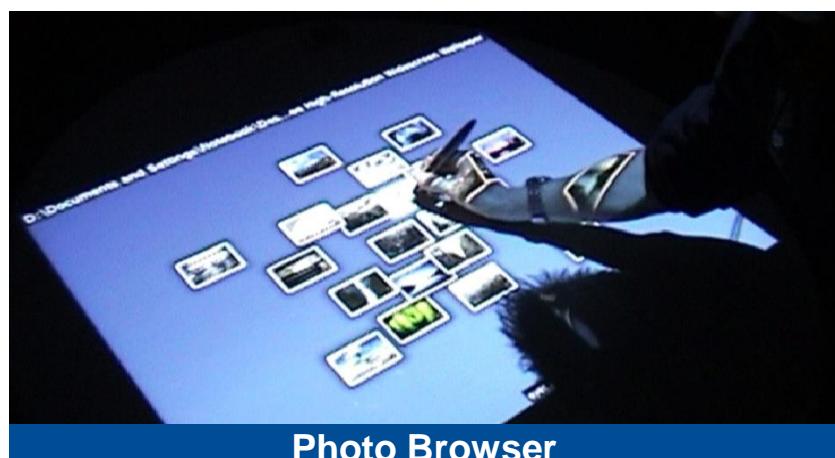


Photo Browser

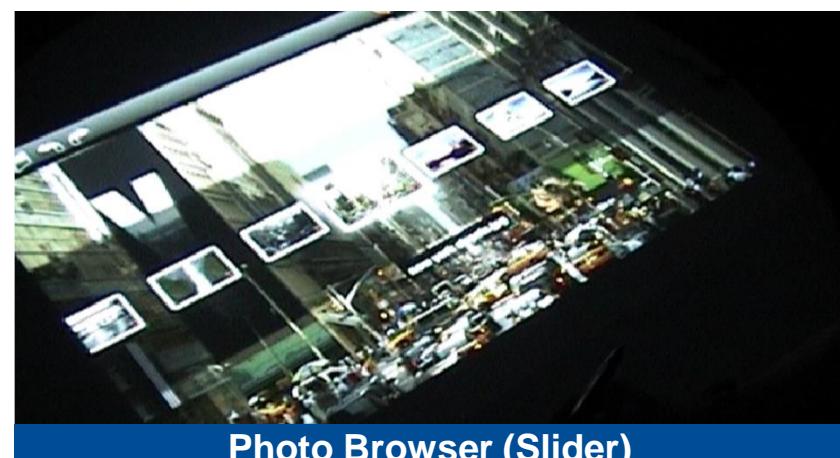


Photo Browser (Slider)

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Interactive Table (iTable) Video



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Pen and Paper Design

- *Visualisation* of interactive areas and functionality
 - design patterns
- Interaction design
 - online versus offline input processing
 - lack of modal dialogues
 - *multimodal interaction*
- Findings might be applicable to traditional GUIs
 - e.g. cross-application widget interaction

Dazzle - 50 Contemporary Jewellers Exhibition
10:00 - 14:00 **Dazzle Exhibitions** Rating:
Traverse Theatre
3,000 exhibits. Selling exhibition - designers from all over the world. Follows huge success at London's RNT. In spectacular Atrium space by leading restaurant. www.zone-d.com...

Craig McMaster: Scotland and the Environment Bookcase Event
10:00 - 11:00 **Craig McMaster** Rating:

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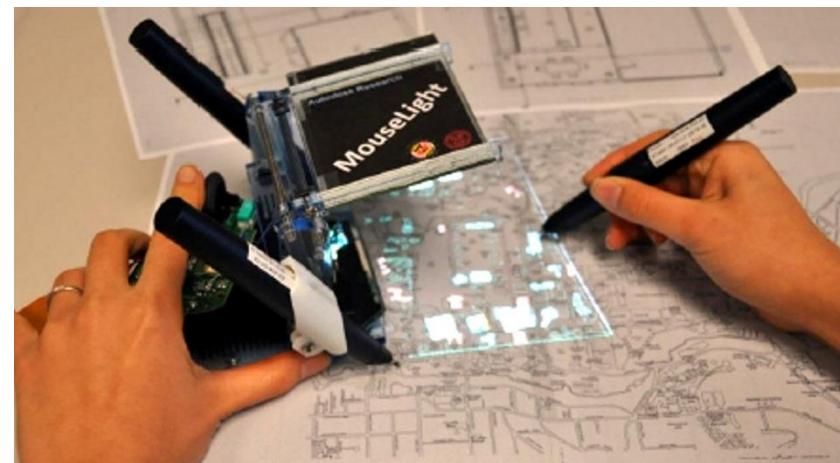
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Aug 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24: 23.45 (60mins) £12.00 (£11.00)
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Innovative Hardware and Materials

- Mobile solutions for feed-back on paper documents
 - spatially aware projection of information
 - digital pen with display
 - voice feedback
 - ...
- Fusion of electronic paper and interactive paper
 - printed electronics





Conclusions

- Pen input is not always the most effective input
 - sometimes it is faster to type on a keyboard rather than to write
- New challenges in terms of interaction design
 - what are the user's expectations (based on known use of pen)?
 - combination with other modalities and lack of control
 - visual encoding and design
 - how to provide feedback if used without a screen?
 - might need modes and timeouts
- Device independence and digital ink abstraction
 - different pens can be used to control an application
- Automatic application deployment and installation
 - easy interaction with arbitrary digital or physical documents

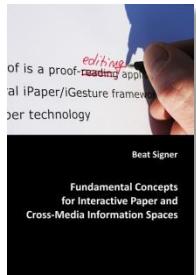


Homework

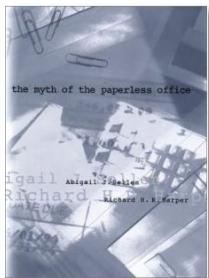
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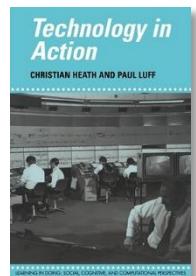
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