

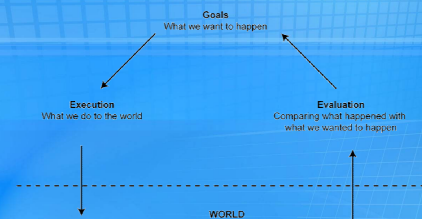
## Execution/Evaluation Action Cycle (EEAC)

- Donald Norman (1990) *The Design of Everyday Things*
- The structure of an action has four basic part:
  - **Goals:** We begin with some idea of what we want to happen; this is our goal.
  - **Execution:** We must then execute an action in the world.
  - **World:** To execute an action, we must manipulate objects in the world.
  - **Evaluation:** Finally, we must validate our action and compare the results with our goal.

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- Goals do not specify particular actions
- Goals and intentions do not have a one-to-one, relationship
- “Delete text” goal
  - Intention that involves the Edit menu
  - Intention that involves the Delete key
- Each intention involves a sequence of actions

Goal > Intention > Actions > Execution

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- Evaluate Results
  - Perceive new state
  - Interpret what we perceive
  - Evaluate new state with goal

Perceive > Interpret > Evaluate

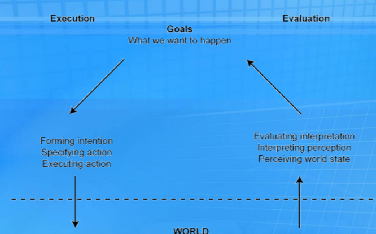
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## Execution/Evaluation Action Cycle (EEAC)

- Seven Stages of Action

Eg. Reading



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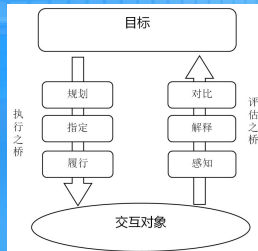
- The seven stages form a cycle
- The cycle can be initiated at any point
  - Some goals are data-driven - initiated when an environmental event is perceived
  - Others are goal-driven - initiated when the person conceives of a new goal

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## Gulf of Execution

- Does the interface allow us to carry out the actions required by the intention?

**Goal** = save a file

**Intention** = use the file menu

**Action** = click the save option

- Is there a save option in the file menu?

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## Gulf of Evaluation

- Given a particular interface design, how easily can you:
  - Determine the function of the device?
  - Determine what actions are possible?
  - Determine mapping from intention to physical movement?
  - Perform the action?
  - Determine whether the system is in the desired state?
  - Determine the mapping from system state to interpretation?
  - Determine what state the system is in?

(Norman, 1990)

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## Interaction Framework

- Abowd and Beale expanded on the EEAC to include the system
- System (S)**—Uses its core language (computational attributes related to system state)
- User (U)**—Uses its task language (psychological attributes related to user state)
- Input (I)**—Uses its input language
- Output (O)**—Uses its output language

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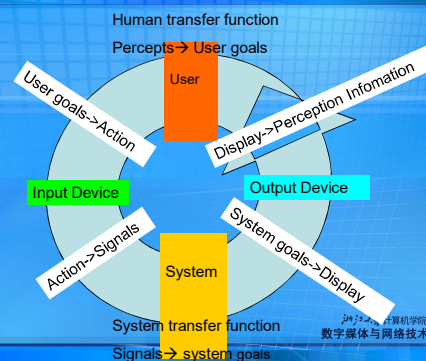
## Interaction Framework / EEAC

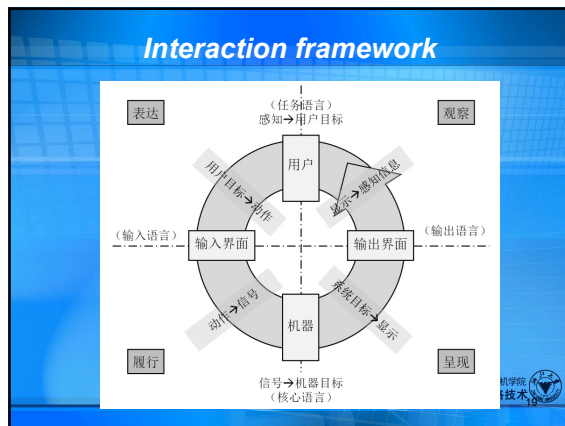
- Execution Phase**
  - Articulation**—The user formulates a goal, which is then articulated using the input language.
  - Performance**—The input language is translated into the core language (operations that the system will carry out).
  - Presentation**—The system manifests the result of the core-language operations using the output language.
- Evaluation Phase**
  - Observation**—The user interprets the results on the screen and reconciles them with the original goal.

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## General Idea of a User Interface





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- A computer system involves communication from a *Designer* to a *User*
- Hopefully, the model intended by the designer is perceived by the user

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*The 2nd part of this course is much more conceptual, informal and seemingly less technical than some of the courses you experience. This is because we must address the **human** aspects of interaction before we can provide satisfactory technical models and solutions.*

## Knowledge of People Requires Knowledge of :

- Cognitive psychology e.g. limitation of human short-term memory, gender differences
- Physical characteristics e.g. poor eyesight, small children
- Human perceptual abilities e.g. colour perception
- Language skills
- Learning ability
- Social interactions

## Goal in HCI: Universal Usability

- Address the needs of ALL users
- The computer is incidental to the design
- Achieve usability by considering humans and human needs as the driving force behind a design.

- (1) Occurring or likely to occur as an unpredictable or minor accompaniment
- (2) Of a minor, casual, or subordinate nature

***What is usability?***

- what do you think usability is .....

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Thank you.

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