

# Adv. Diploma in Mobile App Development UI & UX Semester

#### Lesson 1

User Interfaces and User Experiences





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# Welcome New Members to Android



#### **This Semester**

#### **UI & UX Semester**

- Week 1-User Interfaces and User Experiences
- ☐ Week 2-Dynamic User Interfaces
- ☐ Week 3-Navigating Through Your App
- **☐** Week 4-Promotion Strategies

#### **Semesters**

#### **Overview**

- **□** Last Semester-Further Functionality
  - Design and Development Processes
  - **□** Geolocation
  - ☐ Further Functionality
  - ☐ Publishing your App
- Next Semester-Data Storage
  - ☐ Designing a Prototype
  - ☐ Storing Data
  - ☐ Retrieving and Displaying Data
  - ☐ Monetizing your App

#### **Semesters**

#### Reminder

**Tuesdays:** Theory

**Thursdays: Practical** 

#### **FAQS**

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**Software Used: Android Studio** 

Language Used: Java

**ToDo:** Watch Starter Pack Videos

#### Today's Agenda

# Lesson 1: User Interfaces and User Experiences

- ☐ Practical 4 Recap
- ☐ User Experiences
- **☐** User Interfaces
- ☐ UI and UX Architecture
- **□** Summary

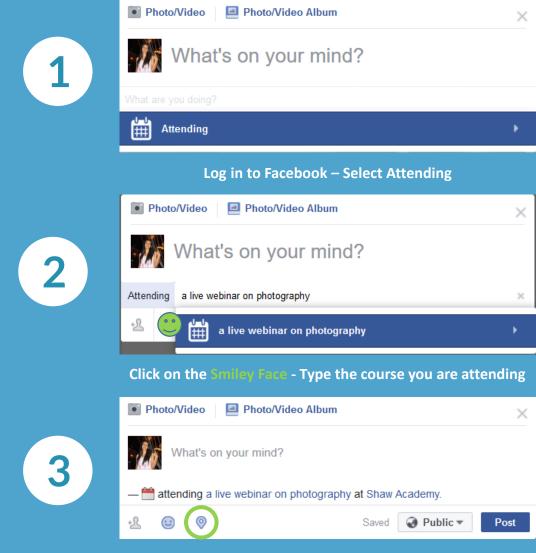
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#### **Practical 4 Recap**

Google Play Developers Console

**Configuring the App** 

Signing the App and Keystores



#### **Overview**

Dynamic and Modular

#### Why?

Allows the app to work on the largest amount of devices

Provides the best User Experience by doing so

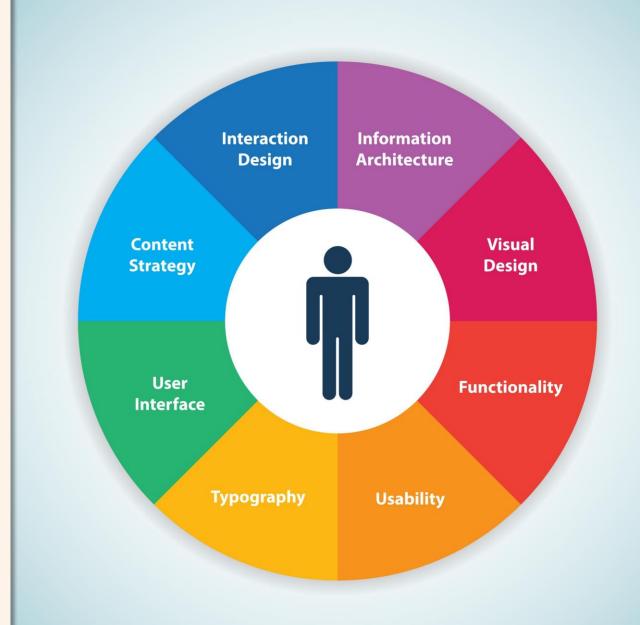


What the User experiences when using a product

Why is a positive User Experience essential?

With a positive User Experience a user will return to your app time and time again

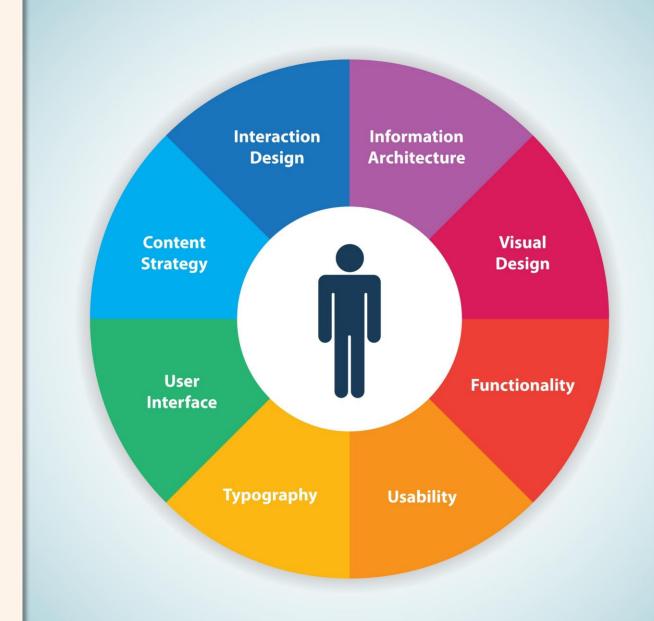
How can we design for the intangible?



#### What is that Experience based on?

- Functionality
- User Interface
- Context
- Design Focus

This is not an exhaustive list!

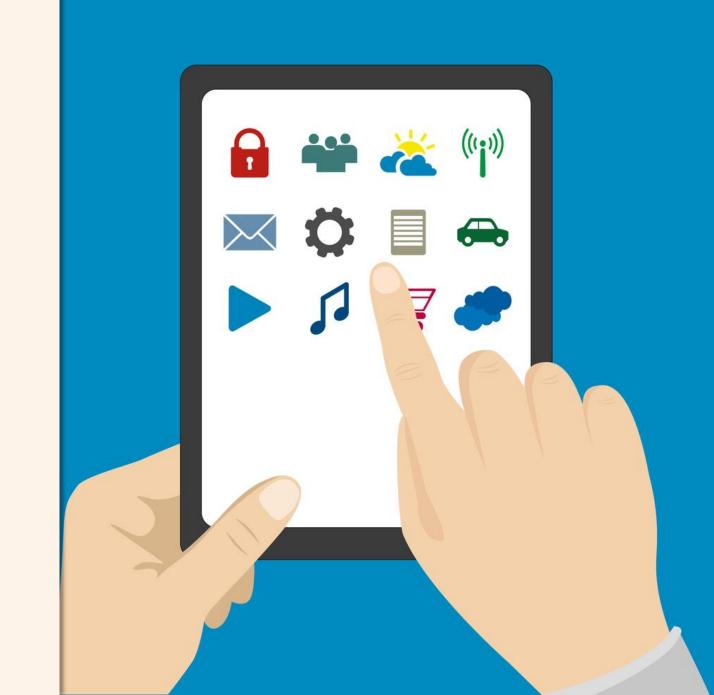


#### Context

Present/Physical

Device/Medium

Modal(State of Mind)



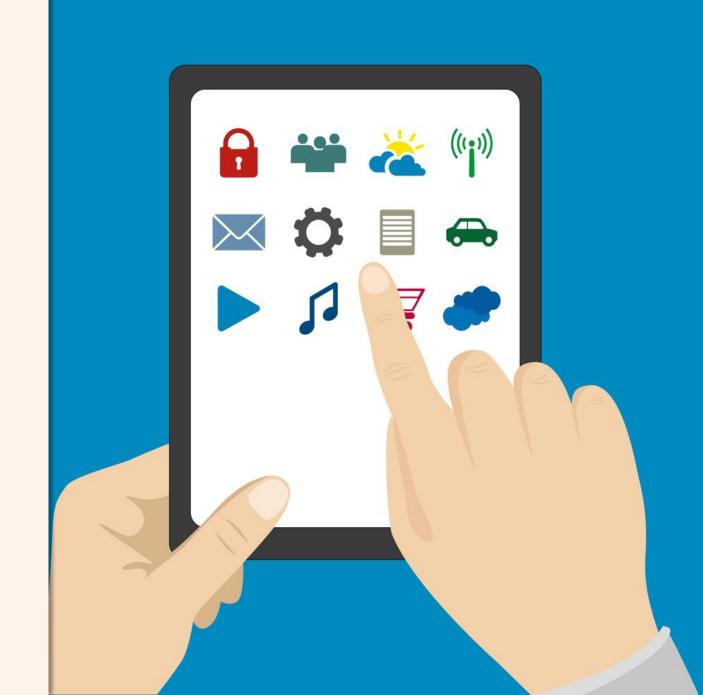
#### **Functionality**

What is the function of your App?

Primary functionality early on

Secondary functionality in updates

Users prefer apps that fulfil one function very well over apps that try and do to much at once



**Design Focus** 

Good Design Focus
->
The Best User Experience

Focusing on the functionality and context of your app and providing a good design for both is key

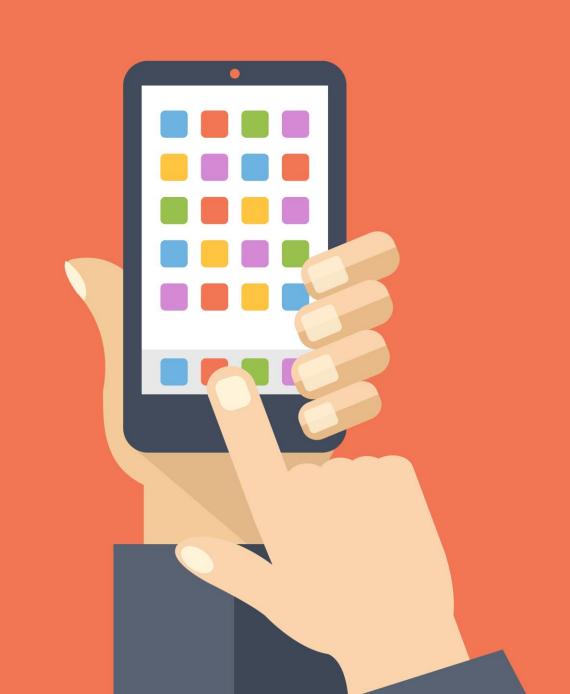


The User Interface is what the User sees when using an app

Why is this important?

2x times as likely to leave an app immediately than they are after 20 seconds

How can you achieve the best first impression?



#### **Design Elements of User Interfaces**

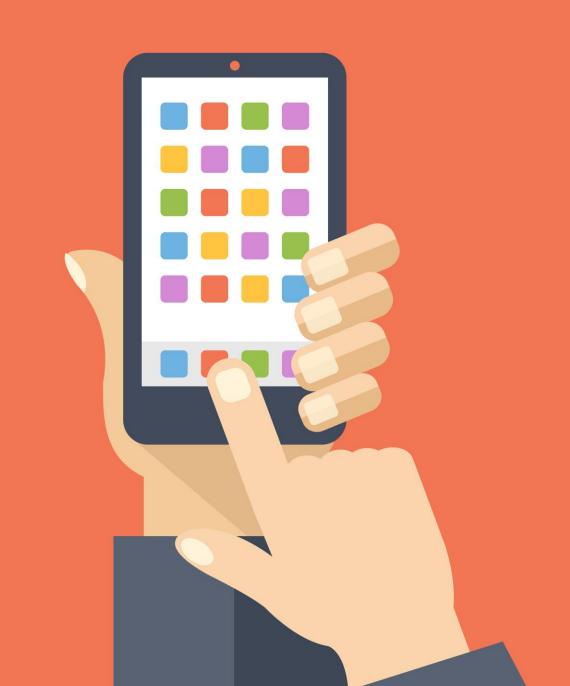
Context

Message

Look and Feel

Layout

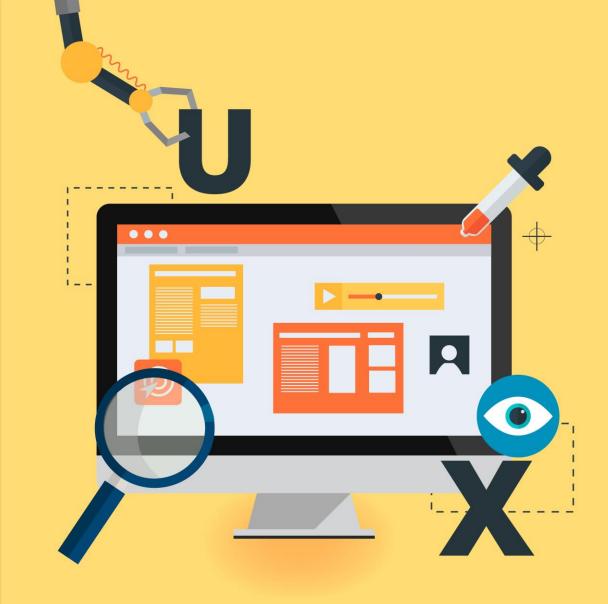
Colour, Typography and Graphics



#### **Nielsen's 10 Usability Heuristics**

#### Usability is how easy a UI is to use

- 1. Visibility of system status
- 2. Match between the system and real world
- 3. User control and freedom
- 4. Consistency and standards
- 5. Error prevention
- 6. Recognition rather than recall
- 7. Flexibility and efficiency of use
- 8. Aesthetic and minimalist design
- 9. Help users recognise and recover from errors
- 10. Help and documentation



#### Nielsen's 10 Usability Heuristics

The Usability Heuristics center around the 5 components of Usability

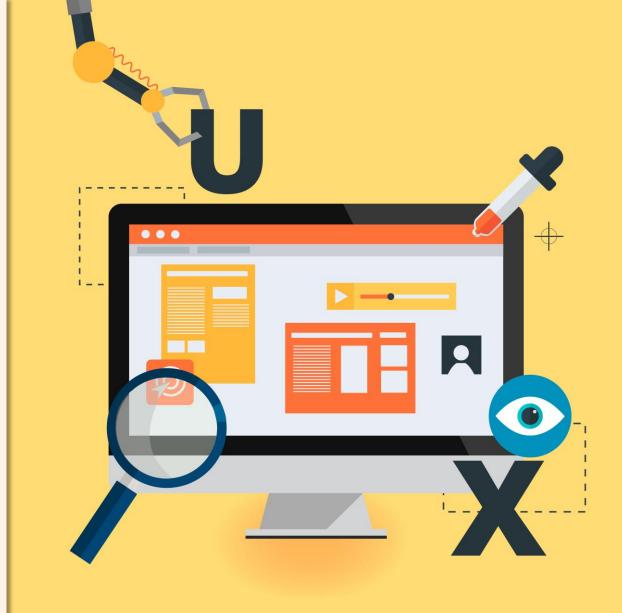
Learnability

Memorability

Efficiency

Satisfaction

**Error Handling** 



#### **Core Elements**

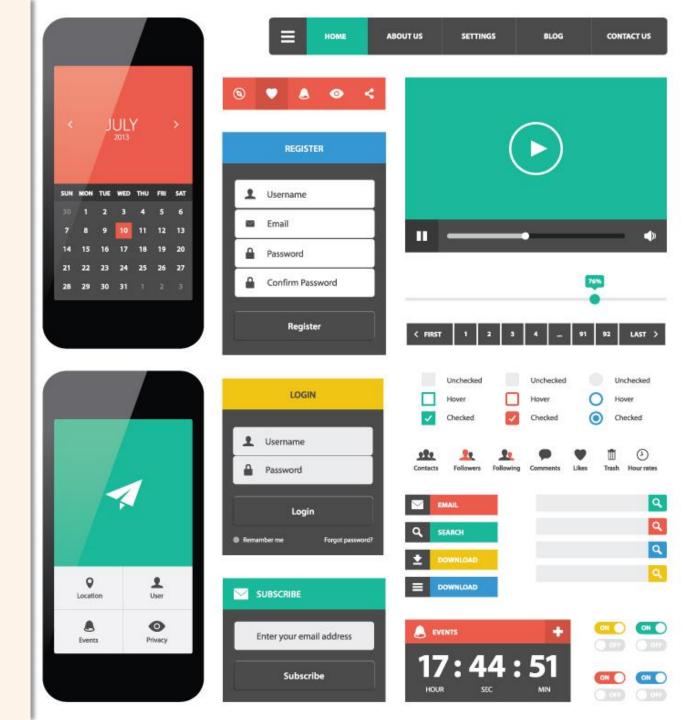
**Function** 

Navigation

Readability

Content

Screen Size



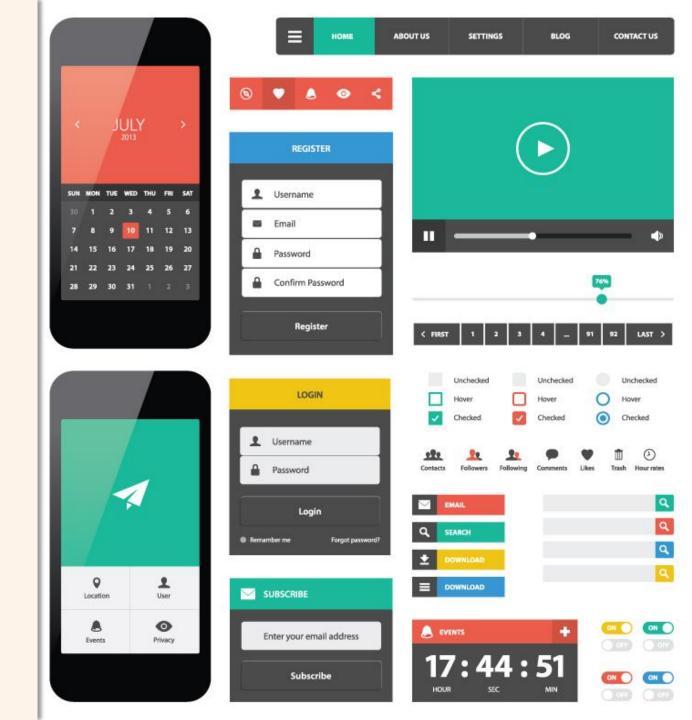
#### **Function**

What is the function of your app?

This is what the user is here for and should be extremely clear

#### **Navigation**

Navigation should be easy to recognize and easy to use

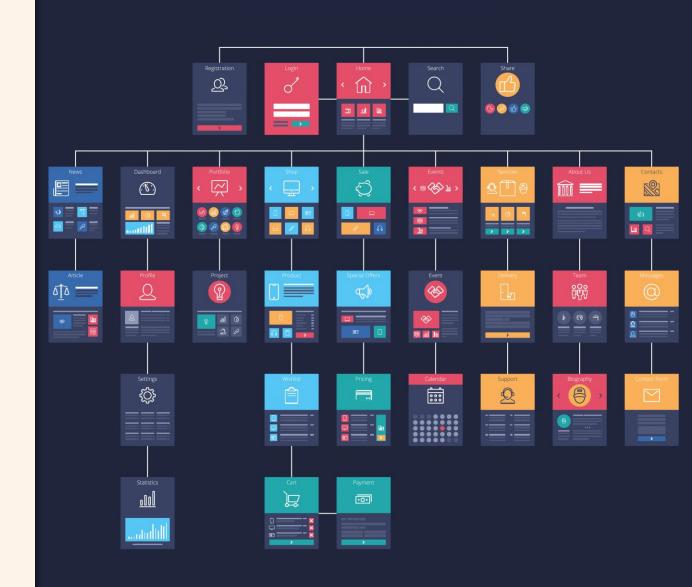


## What should a good UI and UX be based around?

A good UI and UX is based around the delivery of information in a readable, understandable and effective format

#### **Information Architecture**

All good mobile apps have a well thought out information architecture



#### **Information Architecture**

The organization of data within the information space

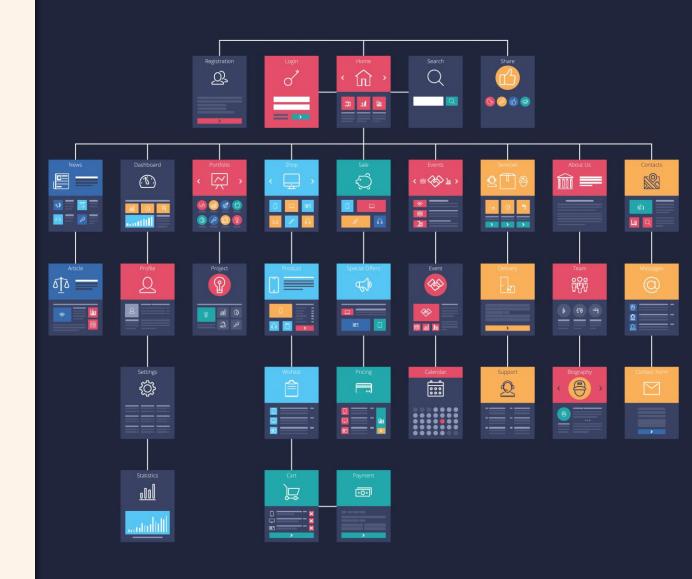
This includes:

Interaction Design

**Information Design** 

Navigation Design

Interface Design



#### **Information Architecture**

So lets have a look at some examples of information architecture

Hierarchical

**Hub and Spoke** 

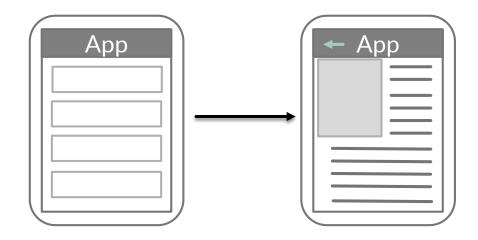
Nested

**Tabbed View** 

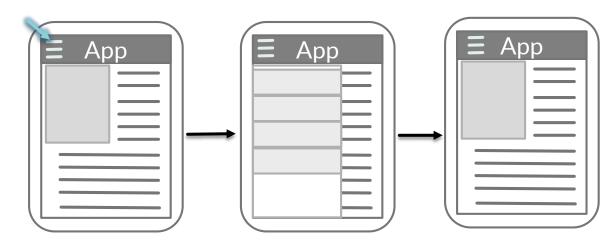
Bento Box/Dashboard

Filtered View

#### Example 1(Nested)



### Example 2(Hierarchical)



#### **Information Architecture**

## Building a Successful Information Architecture

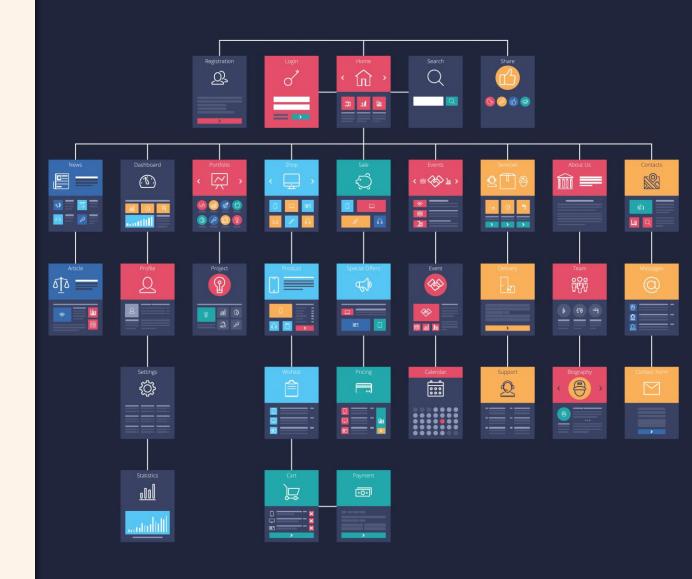
Keep it simple

Support a defined goal

Keep labels simple

Limit opportunities for mistake

Confirm paths



#### **Information Architecture**

#### **Testing**

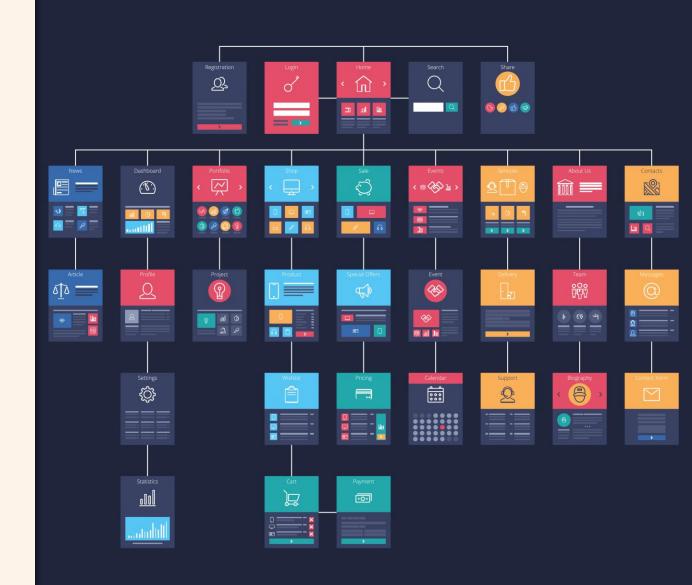
After designing your information architecture it is always good to test it

Wireframes

Paper Prototypes

**Context Prototyping** 

Testing



#### Recap

#### **User Experience**

What the user feels when they use your app

#### **User Interface**

What the user sees and interacts with when they use your app

#### **UI and UX Architecture**

The structure of both



# Lesson 1 SUMMARY

- ☐ App Overview
- ☐ User Experience
- **□** User Interfaces
- **□** UI and UX Architecture

□ Summary

Congratulations you have just taken the next step in designing you Android user interface

- o Email your questions to us and benefit the most
- We're here to help, so contact us anytime!

The next session is "Practical 1"

**NEXT LESSON** 

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## **QUESTION TIME**

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