Sketching with Hardware

10: Interaction Design

What is Interaction Design?

- Part of User Experience Design
- Introduced by Bill Moggridge and Bill Verplank in the mid 80s
- Design of Human-Computer Interfaces
- Overlaps with User Interface Design
- Difference: The result of Interaction Design is not always a User Interface

Five Pillars of Interaction Design

 Defined by Moggridge, extended by Gilliam Campton-Smith and Kevin Silver:

- Words
- Visual Representation
- Physical Objects and Space
- Time
- Behavior

What does this mean?

- User-Centered approach (can't be done in the scope of this course due to time constraints)
- Connection to cognitive pyschology:
 - Mental Models
 - Inteface Metaphors
 - Affordances
 - → "The Design of Everyday Things" (Norman, 1988)

Affordances

"The affordances of the environment are what it offers the animal, what it provides or furnishes, either for good or ill."

- James J. Gibson, 1979

"Affordance is what the environment offers the individual."

- Wikipedia









Designing Tangible UIs

- Physical objects offer different affordances than GUIs:
 - Three dimensional
 - Tangible
 - Physical properties (size, weight, ...)
 - Collaboration between users is easy
- Affordances should be obvious
- Ideally, TUIs should work without a GUI/display
- Haptic feedback is possible

Project Demos