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# Interacció i Disseny d'Interfícies

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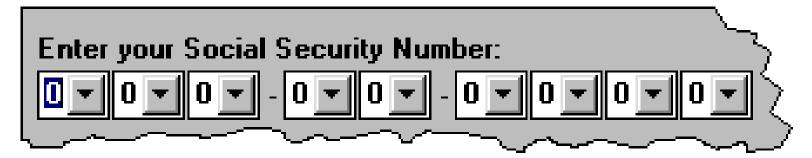
#### Temari de teoria (HCI)

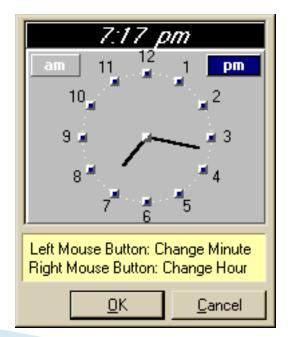
- Introducció a HCI, principis generals de disseny, percepció i color (2 sessions)
- Interacció (2 sessions)
  - · Hicks, Fitts...
  - Sistemes i mètodes interacció i selecció
- Usability testing. Mètodes quantitatius per experiments (1 sessió)
- Mètodes d'interacció avançada. RV, RA (1 sessió aquest curs no ☺)

## Continguts

- Apunts i transparències de suport
- Referències útils a la web:
  - http://usability.gov
  - http://uxbooth.com
  - https://usabilitygeek.com
  - http://www.nngroup.com/articles/
  - http://www.interaction-design.org/encyclopedia/
  - https://uxdesign.cc/
  - http://uxplanet.org/

#### **Motivation**





#### **Definitions: HCI**

- What does HCI mean? Which are its objectives?
  - Human computer interaction is a field that deals with the <u>study (to improve)</u> of how humans interact with <u>machines/devices</u>.
  - HCI is a very relevant issue when evaluating the quality of an application.
    - · An application must fulfill its requirements,
    - · It has to provide an easy access to its features.

#### **Definitions: UI**

- When an application is difficult to use, it is perceived as a low-quality application.
  - User Interfaces: tools and methods that are used to communicate between the user and the system
  - User Interfaces may be <u>determinant</u> on ease of use perception of application

#### HCI is about

- understanding and critically evaluating the interactive technologies people use and experience
- understanding contemporary <u>human practices and</u> <u>aspirations</u>

#### HCI. Initial models

- Software crisis in the 70s lead to focus software engineering with a new view
  - Including non functional requirements such as usability and maintainability

#### **HCI.** Initial models

- One of the original focus of HCI was usability.
  - Originally stated as "easy to learn, easy to use"
  - More on this later today...
  - GUI: comprehensible, accessible, easy to use
- Helped to influence computer science and technology development more broadly and effectively
- It grew to include other areas, not restricted to computer science

# **Usability**

- Usability: Defined in ISO 9241 standard as
  - The ability in which a product may be used by specific users in order to carry out specific tasks effectively, efficiently, and with satisfaction in a specific use environment.
  - Usability is always referred to a concrete user group and a concrete user application

# **Usability**

- Usability:
  - **Efficacy** is the ability of correctly and completely achieving a certain goal.
  - Efficiency is the relation of used resources and the completeness and correctness of achieved goals.
  - Satisfaction is the comfort and acceptation of a system by the users and other people that are affected by its use.

#### User experience (UX):

- "Experience or User Experience is not about technology, industrial design, or interfaces. It is about creating a meaningful experience through a device."
- "the perception left in someone's mind following a series of interactions between people, devices, and events"
- What you remember and feel from the use of a device

User experience (Peter Morville's honeycomb):



- Interaction Design:
  - "Interaction design is about shaping digital things for people's use"
    - How we interact with devices ("digital things")



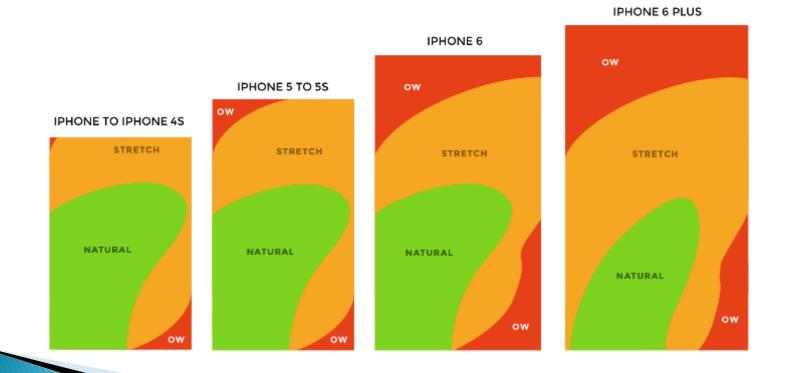


- Interaction Design:
  - Unlock with your face?



## **HCI & UX. Some requirements**

For mobile take into account the thumb zones



# HCI. Desktop systems

- Desktop systems:
  - Large screens
    - Space for everything
  - Mouse pointer
  - Keyboard
    - Adequate for creating content

# HCI. Mobile systems

- Mobile systems:
  - (Relatively) Small size
    - Must carefully think on what to fit
    - Notifications often not properly solved
  - Interaction with the finger/stylus
  - (Almost) No keyboard
  - Software limitations

# HCI. Mobile systems

- Tablet systems:
  - (Relatively) Large size
    - May fit what we need
  - Interaction with the finger/stylus
  - (Almost) No keyboard
  - Software limitations

- Tools for Mobile Development:
  - Native tools
    - Provided by the OS designers
    - Focus on the OS features
  - Cross-platform
    - Provided by third-party institutions
    - Focus on facilitating the development
  - Other third-party software
    - Focus on facilitating the development

- Two main ways to develop:
  - Web apps
  - Native OS apps

#### Web apps. Pros:

- Develop once & deploy everywhere
  - Almost any system has a capable browser
- Easy updating
  - App is loaded everytime the browser connects to the page
    - Only needed to change the server code
- Well-known tools and techniques
  - PHP, Java...

#### Web apps. Cons:

- Limited user interfaces
- Not as rich as native apps in terms of:
  - UI
  - Communication
  - Access to local resources
    - · camera, GPS, ...
- Inefficient and insecure communication protocol
- Mainly designed for large displays with mouse

#### Native apps. Pros:

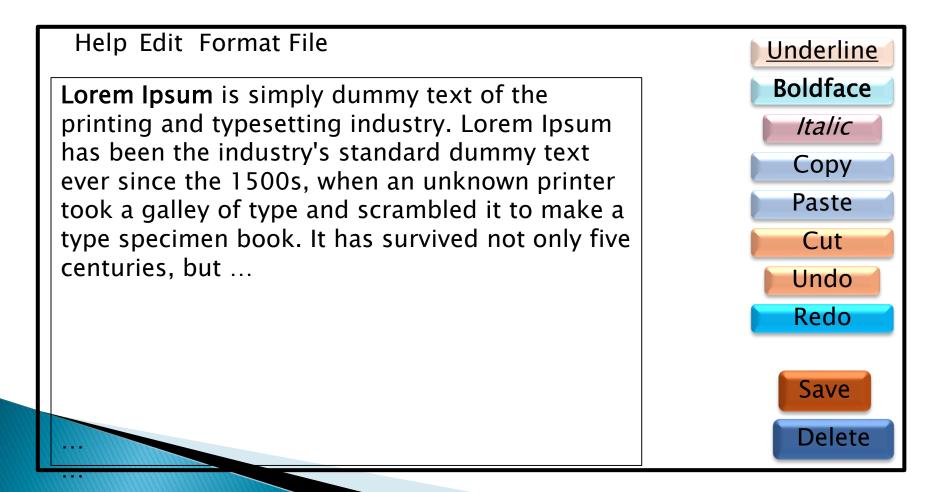
- Richer UI
- Many controls
- Safe and fast access to local resources
  - GPS, camera, files...
  - Efficient communication
  - Any protocols allowed
- Smaller variety in languages and tools (SDK)
- Designed for small screens and touch controls

#### Native apps. Cons:

- No universal access
  - Each OS has a different app format and development environment
- Difficult to manage updates
  - Require individual (user guided) updates per device
- Less general than desktop programming
  - Though a lot of new material is on the web

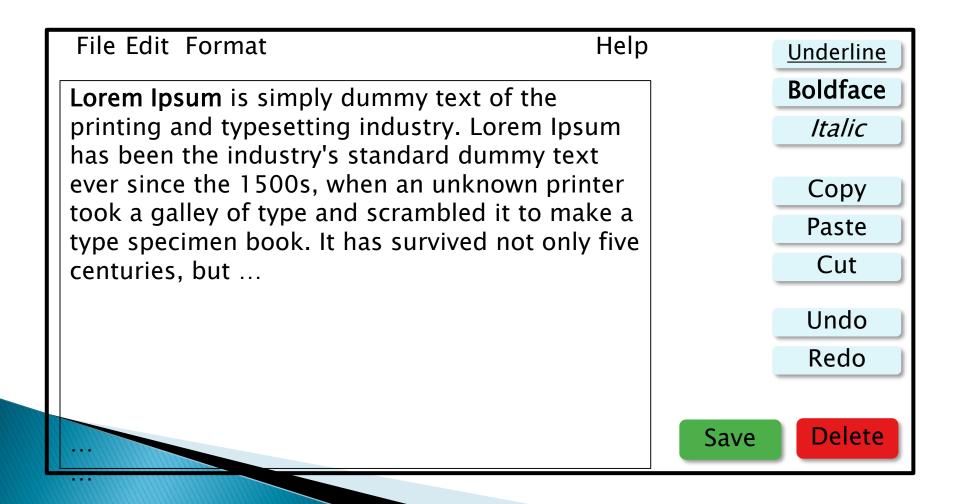
## UI Example. Redesign

What's wrong with this simple text editor?



## UI Example. Redesign

#### Better design:



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