Hi everyone. My name is Brian and I’m from Houston and love to hike, camp, backpack, and just generally enjoy the outdoors. Mu goal for this course is to learn about how to design apps that people want to use and conform with Googles Android Developer guidelines and learn about Apples guidelines since I have never dealt with those.

One product that I use all the time in the kitchen is a standard chef’s knife. I cook quite a bit and have tried all sorts of “time saving” utensils but always go back to a simple knife. They are dishwasher safe and easy to clean, no assembly required, don’t break, and don’t need to be plugged in. Every product like a food processor or a slap chop ends up either in the trash or in a cabinet never to see the light of day again.

An app that I use quite frequently is UDisc. It is an app for disc golf and tracks scores, has maps of courses, etc. It has a simple interface that is not cluttered and is easy to use for the most part. One that I don’t use as much as I used to is the Amazon app. It tries to do way too much and is impossible to find what you are looking for. The interface is extremely cluttered, and not only do you have to scroll up and down, but you have to scroll left and right, and there is a top menu bar, and there are bottom navigation buttons as well. I almost always use my desktop to access Amazon now.

By evaluating the interfaces of items that I use, I have realized that an uncluttered and simple interface is extremely important, and reduces the frustration of users.