

Exploring  
interactions between  
humans  
and technology

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# Experience Portfolio

# Microsoft Design Research Internship

Microsoft Corporation

Investigated how Windows 8.1 updates would be received by varying groups of end-users through the design and execution of several studies.

Impacted design thinking of designers, researchers, and program managers surrounding core user experiences in Windows 8.1.



Research Methods  
Stakeholder interviews  
Task Analysis  
Surveys  
Usability Testing  
Heuristic Evaluation



Applied critical thinking and analytics to findings to support product development and future design directions.

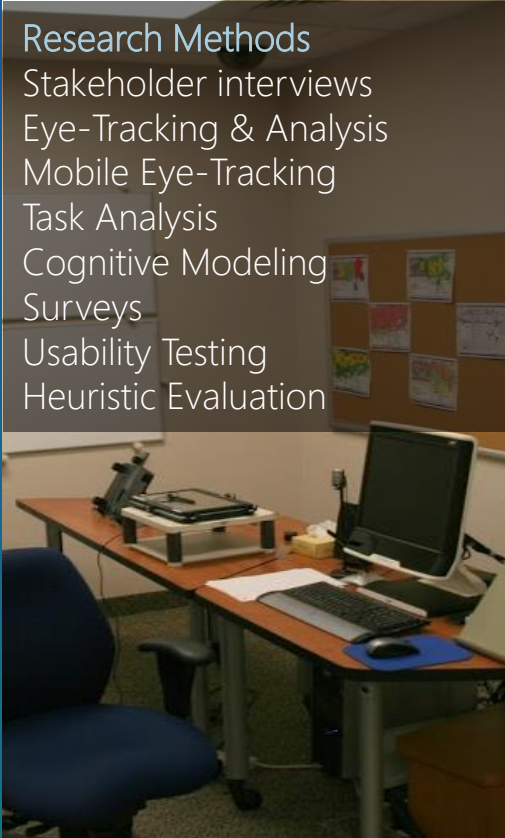


# HCI Research Internship

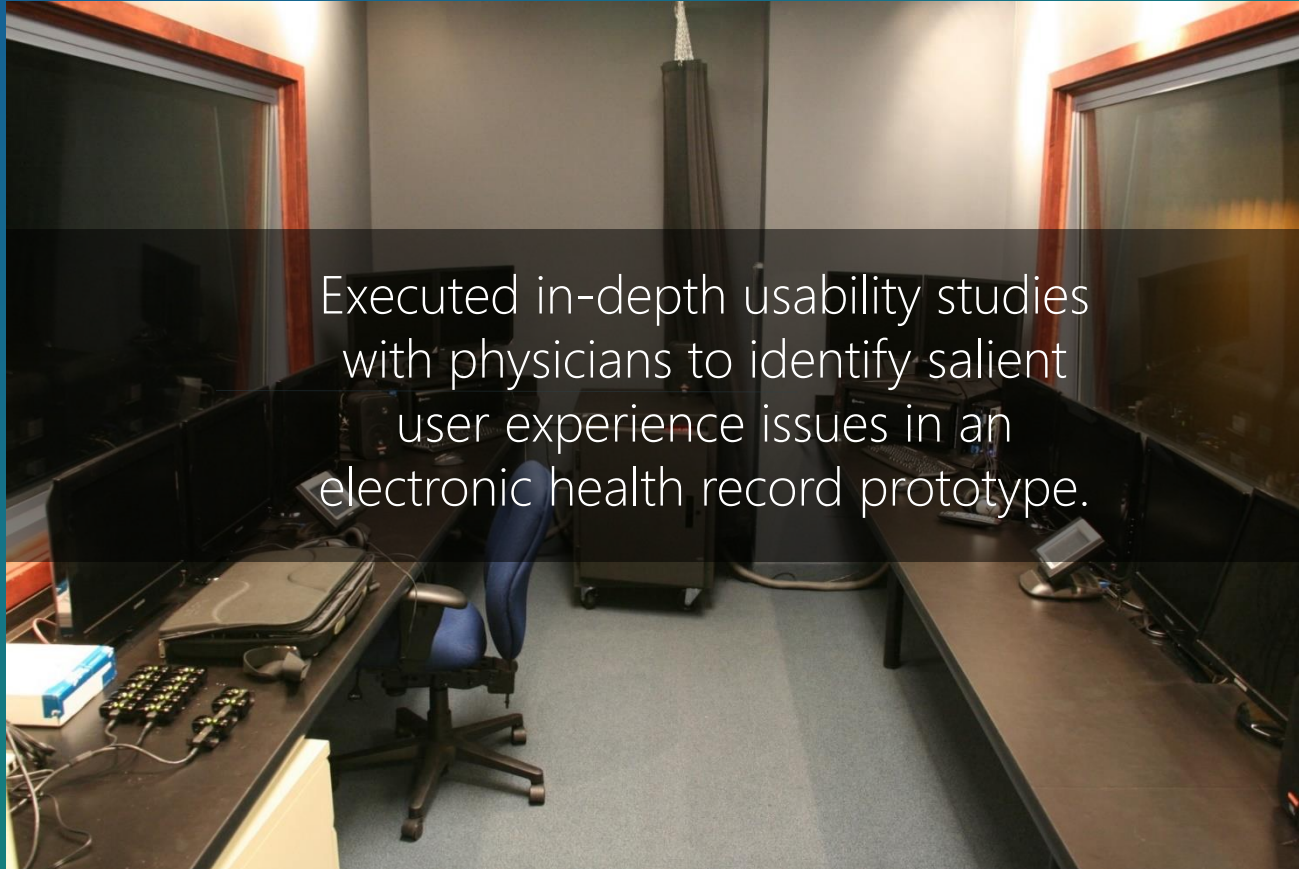
Biomedical Informatics Research Center, Marshfield Clinic

## Research Methods

- Stakeholder interviews
- Eye-Tracking & Analysis
- Mobile Eye-Tracking
- Task Analysis
- Cognitive Modeling
- Surveys
- Usability Testing
- Heuristic Evaluation



Executed in-depth usability studies with physicians to identify salient user experience issues in an electronic health record prototype.



Strengthened designers and product managers understanding of how medical staff perceive and utilize electronic health record systems.



Informed key stakeholders and research staff about design directions through presentations and reports.

Conceptualized and implemented a user-centered design process integrating cognitive modeling into existing evaluation methods.

# MenuMate: Table-top touch interface menu system for restaurants

Iowa State University, Ames, IA

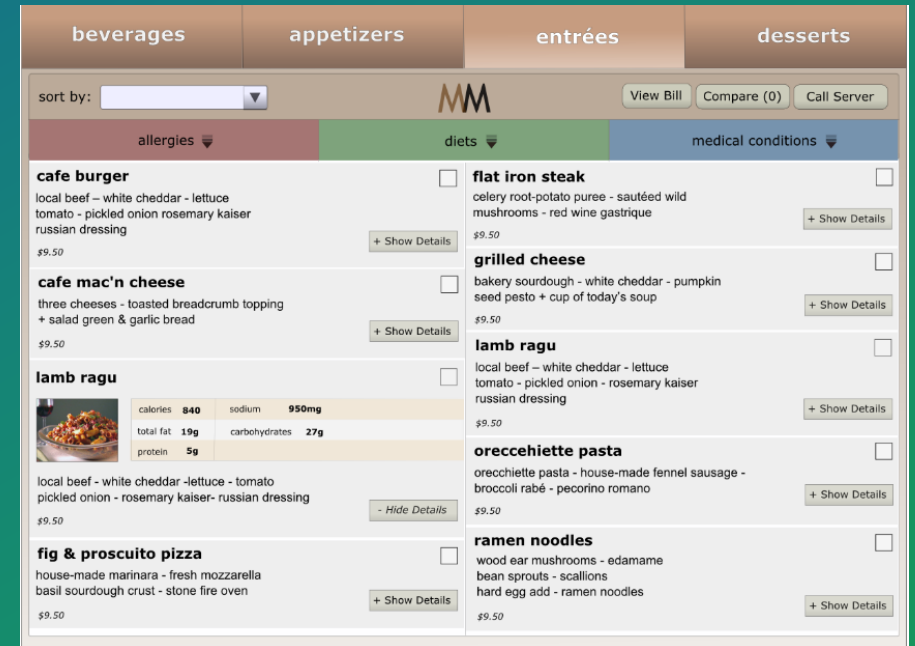
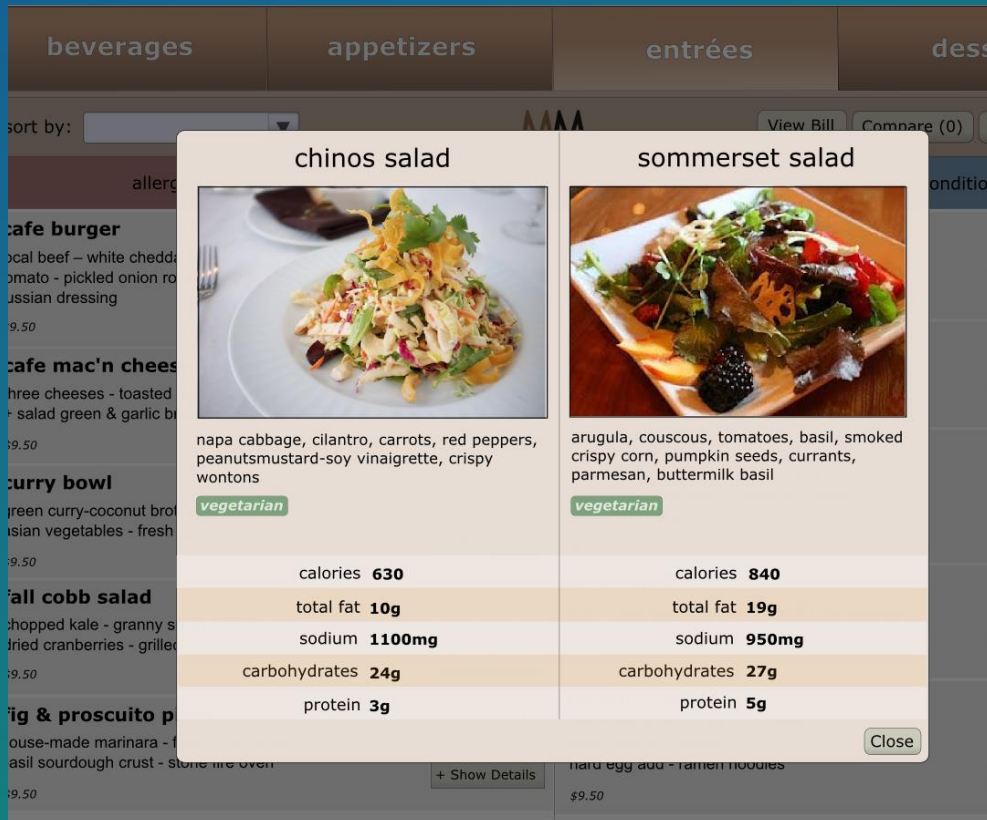
Designed, developed, and evaluated a digital restaurant menu system for a touch table interface.

Enhanced prototypes through iterative team design reviews.

Research Methods  
Prototyping  
Usability Testing  
Heuristic Evaluation  
Statistical Analysis  
Online Surveys

Examined sociotechnical implications of design in context.

Created research poster and presentation to communicate outcomes.

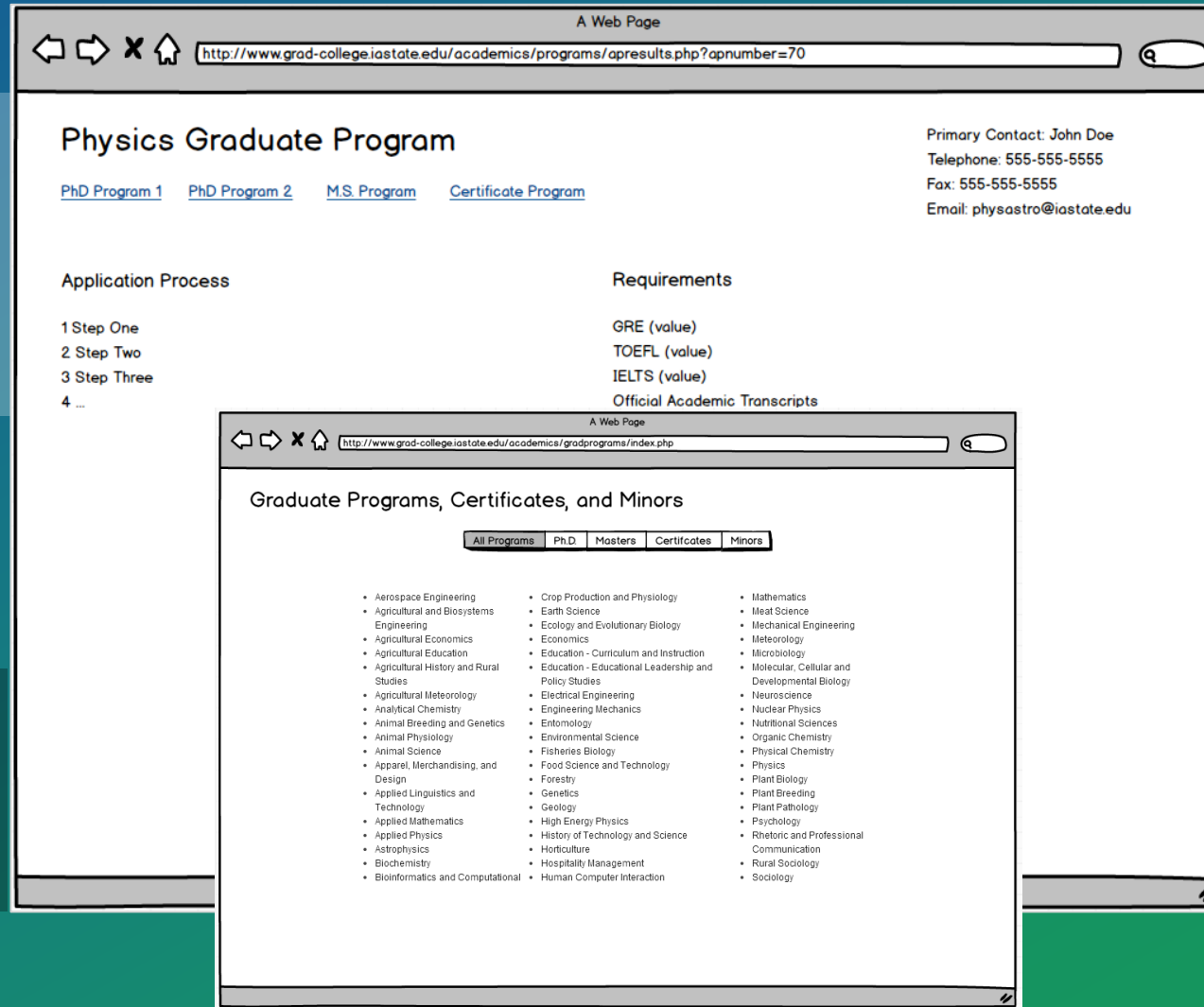


# Iowa State Graduate College Website Evaluation

Iowa State University, Ames, IA

Analyzed current state of graduate college website and provided design recommendations to support student goals.

Research Methods  
Interviews  
Task Analysis  
Heuristic Evaluation  
Prototyping



Reduced website complexity enabling students to quickly discover relevant information.

Communicated key findings to stakeholders through a presentation and report.



# Web Interface for Virtual Reality Interaction

Iowa State University, Ames, IA

Designed and developed a web-based programming interface to support virtual reality interaction on mobile devices.

Research Methods  
Heuristic Evaluation  
Expert Interviews  
Prototyping  
Web Development

```
def pressButton(button_name):  
    print("Request data", request.form["state"])  
    #converting state to python boolean value  
    if request.form["state"] == "true":  
        data = True  
    else:  
        data = False  
    sendToVRPN(encodeButton(button_name, data))  
    return "OK"  
  
@app.route("/text/<text_string>", methods=['POST'])  
def sendText(text_string):  
    print("Request data", request.form["data"])  
    data = str(request.form["data"])  
    sendToVRPN(encodeText(data))  
    return "OK"
```

Coupled existing web tools to enable quick authoring of interaction interfaces (mobile websites).

## VRPN Web UI

Using JQuery UI

Text

Sample Text

Analogs (VRPN Analog Channels)

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Slider Label: 0.17

Buttons (VRPN Buttons)

My Switch Box

My grid of Toggle Buttons

Integrated expert feedback through iterative prototype evaluations.

# Designing Haptic Interaction: *Assisted Virtual Assembly*

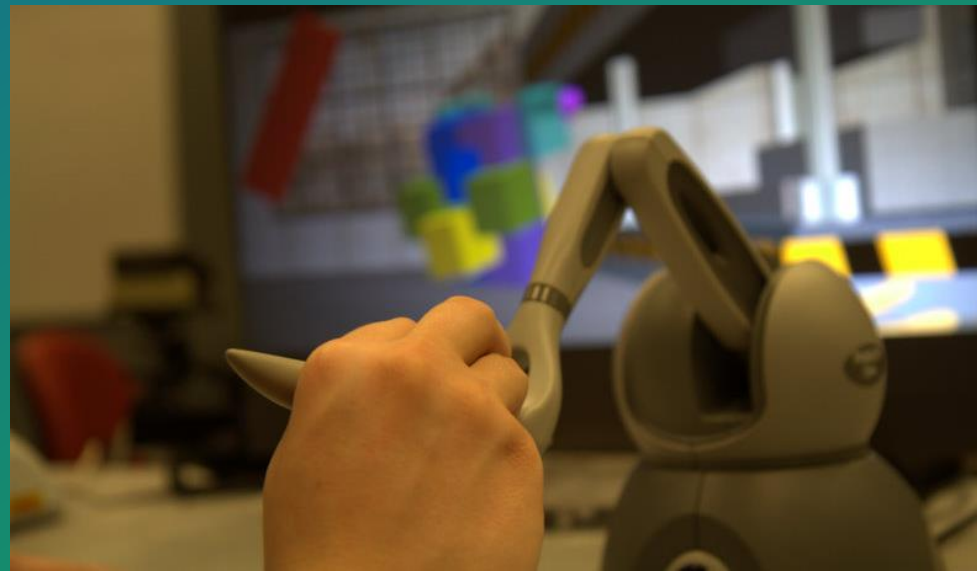
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Investigated a “snap-to” method for assembling virtual products integrating design guidelines from the “drop-and-drag” interaction convention.



Conceptualized virtual assembly interaction technique using a haptic device to encourage assembly process exploration.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cw4rOKokGWE>

Research Methods  
Heuristic Evaluation  
Expert Interviews  
Usability Testing  
Software Development

# ISU HCI UX Lab Development

Iowa State University, Ames, IA

Formulated lab processes and materials to help students utilize the resources of the Iowa State University UX Lab.



Established web-based modules to articulate user experience design principles in context.



Enabled user centered design learning for students interested in user experience.

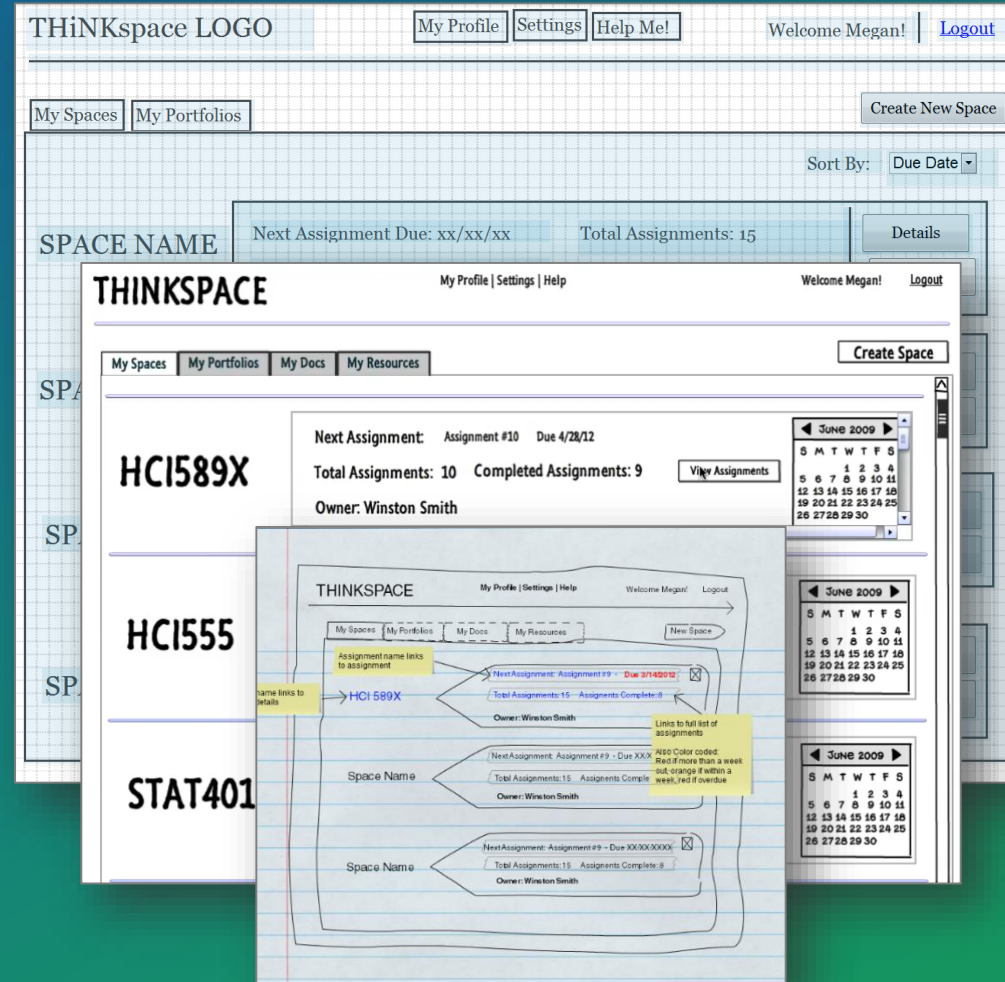


# UCD Lifecycle: ThinkSpace

Iowa State University, Ames, IA

Influenced ongoing design process of ThinkSpace learning environment.

Designed and developed low and mid-fidelity prototypes to evaluate the potential benefits of design recommendations in context.



Inspected a single user interaction through the deployment of numerous user-centered design activities with end-users and stakeholders.

Research Methods  
Affinity Diagramming  
Competitor Analysis  
Persona Development  
Low-mid fidelity Prototyping  
Online Surveys  
Usability Testing  
Heuristic Evaluation  
Descriptive Statistical Analysis

# Type 1 Diabetes Mobile Application

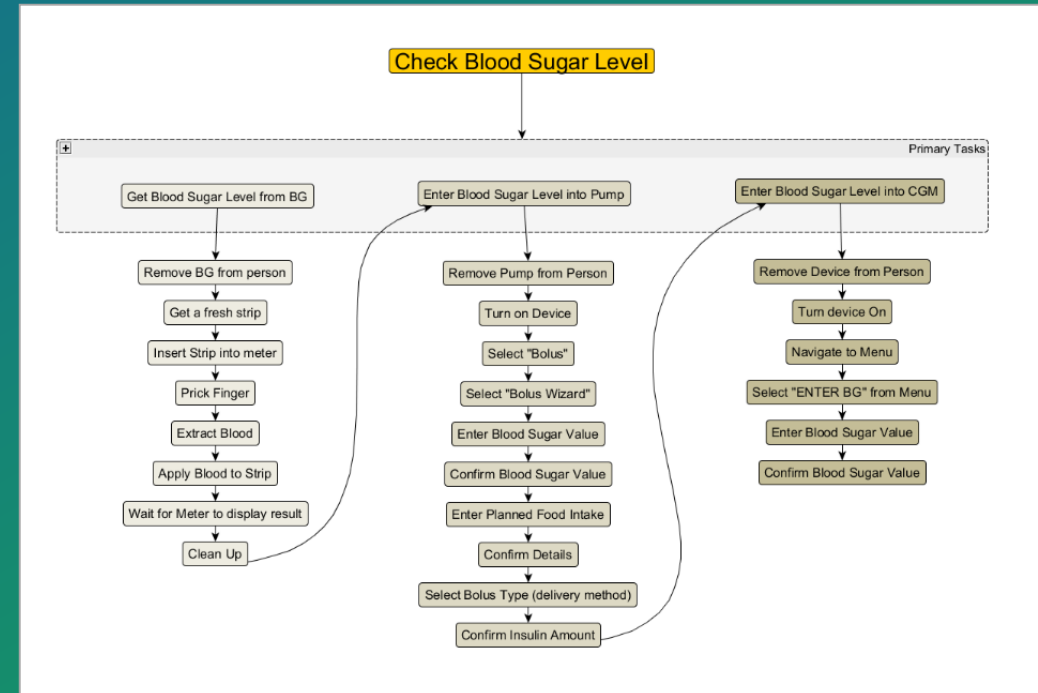
Iowa State University, Ames, IA

Designed and evaluated a mobile application to help people with Type 1 Diabetes manage their health.



Investigated existing technologies and processes to identify interaction constraints. Examined core scenarios through interviewing Type 1 Diabetic users.

Proposed new processes to minimize device interaction.

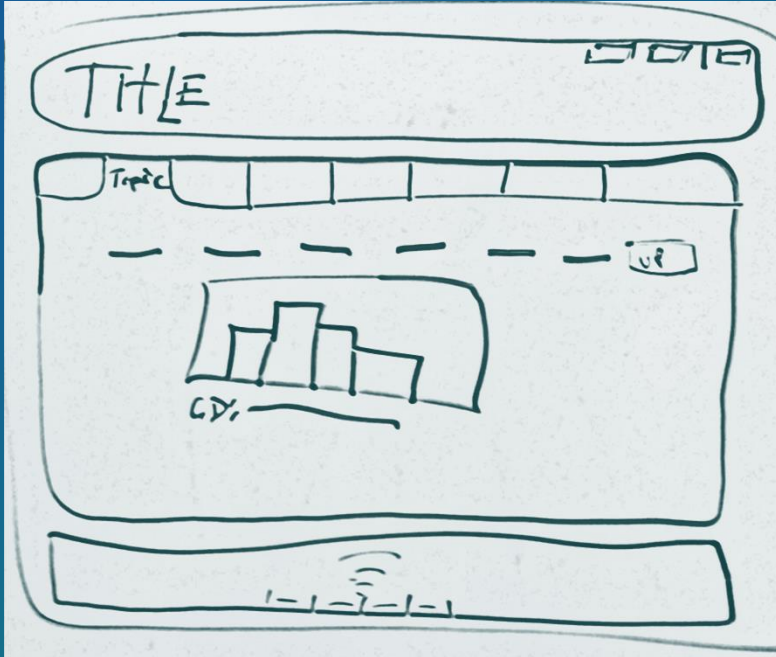


Research Methods

Task Analysis, Online Surveys, Low-Mid Fidelity Prototyping, Usability Testing, Heuristic Evaluation

# Design and Evaluation of Source Code Analyzer

Iowa State University, Ames, IA



Task Success						
Participant	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	Task 5	Task 6
User 1	Success	Success	Success	Success	Success	Failure
User 2	Failure	Success	Success	Success	Success	Success
User 3	Success	Success	Success	Success	Success	Failure

Critiqued prototypes through heuristic evaluation and iterative usability testing.

Interviewed programmers to gain insight into possible future software features.

Designed and programmed a web-based tool to help software developers better integrate into open source communities.

## Research Methods

- Task Analysis
- Low-Mid Fidelity Prototyping
- Usability Testing
- Heuristic Evaluation



# Socio-technical Analysis of Regents Hall, St. Olaf College

St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN. (Undergraduate project)

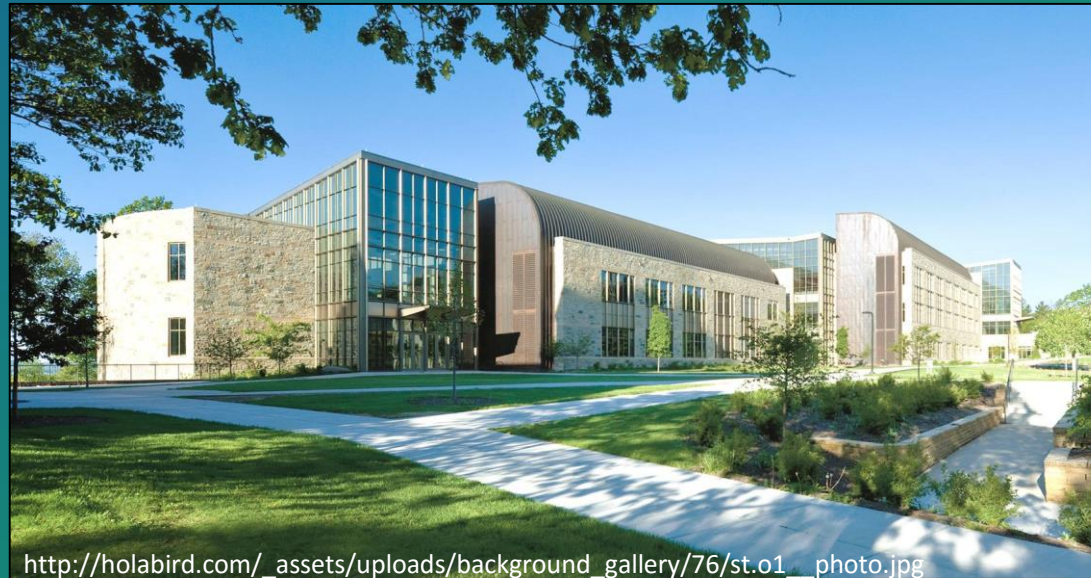
Enriched sociotechnical experiences of students in Regents Hall.

Observed and interviewed potential users to influence future space alterations.

Conceptualized prospective human-computer interactions across numerous interaction spaces.

Surveyed collaborative spaces to identify potential interaction issues.

Research Methods  
Surveys  
Stakeholder interviews  
Field Observations



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Presented findings and recommendations to the building's design team. Spring 2008.