

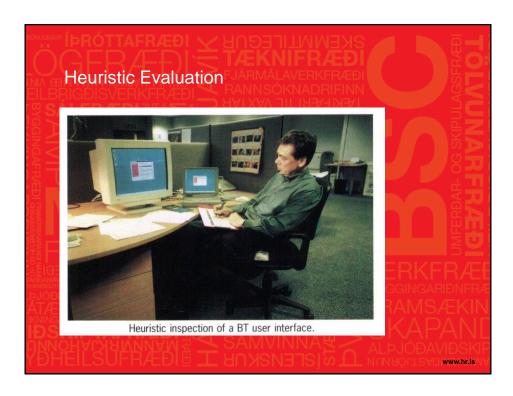
## **Summary**

- Heuristic evaluation
- Usability problems lists
- Problem lists heuristic evaluation
- Other expert evaluation methods

Reading



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# Heuristic evaluation - process

- Experts inspect the interface
  - Often 5 10 people
  - Have some interest in UI design
- Base the inspection on heuristics
  - Usually 5 10 UI principles
    - You will use the 5 key principles from Chapter 1 in the problem solving task
- The process of the inspection
  - Inspect, if the principles are followed
  - If not, there could be a problem in the interface when users use it
- Can you see any problems with the process?



### Heuristic Evaluation - Background

- Developed in the early 1990s
- Jakob Nielsen and Rolf Molich the authors
- The suggested 10 heuristics
  - Based on heuristics distilled from an empirical analysis of 249 usability problems
- Revised for current technology by Nielsen and others for:
  - mobile devices,
  - wearables,
  - virtual worlds, etc.



Jakob Nielsen



Rolf Molich

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## 2014 version of Nielsen's original heuristics

- Visibility of system status.
- Match between system and real world.
- User control and freedom.
- Consistency and standards.
- Error prevention.
- Recognition rather than recall.
- Flexibility and efficiency of use.
- Aesthetic and minimalist design.
- Help users recognize, diagnose, recover from errors.
- Help and documentation.



## 5 key principles from Ch. 1 used in this course

#### 1. Visibility

A control should be visible so users know it is available

#### 2. Feedback

 Sending information back to the user about what has been done and what has been accomplished

#### 3. Constraints

Restricting the possible actions that can be performed

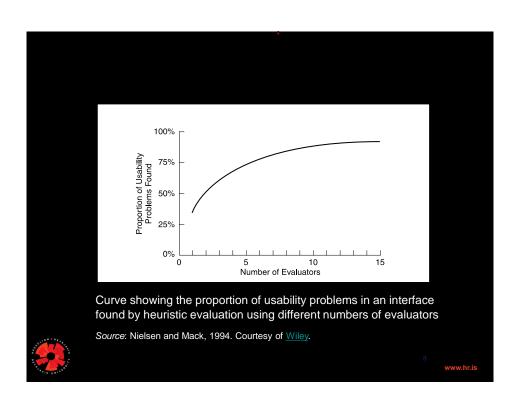
#### Consistency

Designing interfaces to have similar operations and use similar elements for similar tasks

#### Affordance

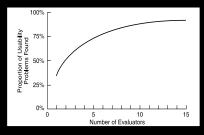


Refers to an attribute of an object that allows people to know how to use it



#### Number of evaluators

- Nielsen suggests
  - that on average 5 evaluators identify 75-80% of usability problems
- Cockton and Woolrych point out
  - that the number of users needed to find 75-80% of usability problems depends on the context and nature of the problems





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#### Good evaluators

- Usability specialists
  - Trained to conduct evaluation
- People that know the domain
  - Know the tasks that are solved in the system
  - Could be users or users representatives
- Experienced designers
- Developers
  - That want to look at the system from the users perspective
- Others
  - Could be friends, developers, family, that want to take part in what you are doing



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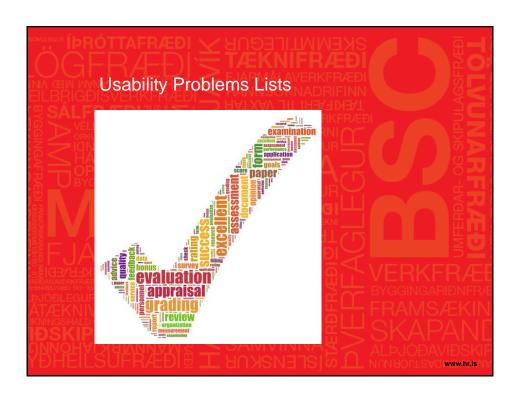


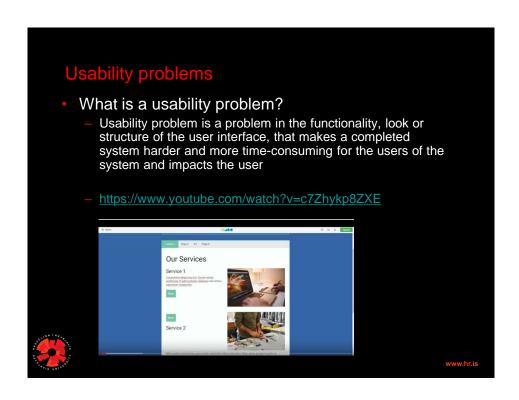
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## Advantages and problems

- Few ethical & practical issues to consider because users not involved
- Can be difficult & expensive to find experts
- Best experts have knowledge of application domain & users
- Biggest problems:
  - Important problems may get missed
  - Many trivial problems are often identified
  - Experts have biases







## Severity of Usability Problems

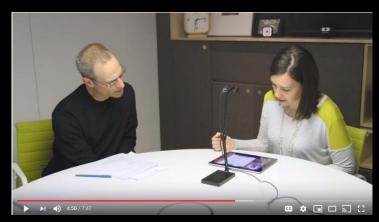
- Severity of usability problems
  - 1. Minor problems impacts the user not much
    - Stops for a short while and then continues
    - · Comments on something, but does not delay the user
  - 2. Rather serious has some impact on users
    - Delays the user more, he/she get rather irritated
  - 3. Very serious problem
    - The user can't continue has to stop solving this task
- Frequency
  - The problem is more serious, if many users experience it



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### **User Testing - Video**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U9ZG19XTbd4





Usability problems when testing with users					
			Fjöldi		
Alvarleiki	Nr.	Lýsing notendavandamáls	notenda		
<u>-</u>	1	Finnur ekki póstlista	3		
Alvarleg vandamál	2	Finnur ekki afstöðukort	3		
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Miðlungs vandamál	8	Erfitt að skilja flokkun á vörutegund	2		
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Fannst linkur á akrobat skjöl ekki nógu lýsandi 12 Fannst erfitt að hlaða niður akrobat reader

Minniháttar vandamál

# List in English

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Severity	Description	Number
Very serious	1. Can't find postlist	3
problems	2. Can't find map	3
	3. Option missing to send from offer site	3
	4. Hard to find information on voting system	3
	5. Usage of "contact us" not clear enough	3
	6. No way to find info on OLAP solutions	4
Rather serious	Could not find appropriate phone number	2
problems	2. Product categorization not clear enough	2
	3. No links for related material on voting system	2
Minor problems	1. Info on staff unclear	2
	2. Links to acrobat docs not descriptive enough	1
	3. Difficult to download acrobat reader	1
	4. Ultraspark server not categorized under Sun category	1
	5. E-mail missing in info about web solutions	1
	6. Unclear info on service request	1

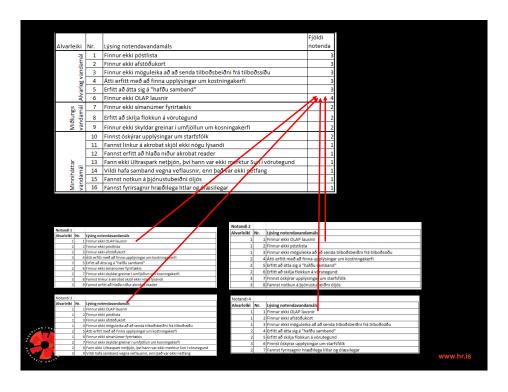
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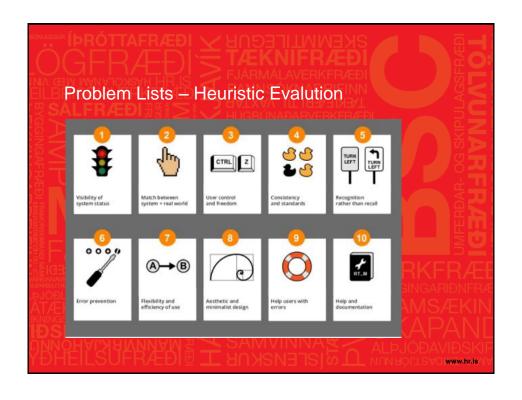
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2		Finnur ekki símanúmer fyrirtækis	
2		Finnur ekki skyldar greinar í umfjöllun um kosningakerfi	
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	1	:	Finnur ekki afstöðukort	
	1	4	Finnur ekki möguleika að að senda tilboðsbeiðni frá tilboðssíðu	
	2		Átti erfitt með að finna upplýsingar um kostningakerfi	
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	2	_	Finnur ekki skyldar greinar í umfjöllun um kosningakerfi	
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## Describing Usability Problems – Heuristic Evaluation

- Similar to describing usability problems from user tests
  - 1. Number
  - 2. Description of the problem that the user WILL have
  - 3. The heuristic that led to the problem
  - 4. Your estimated severity

Alvarleiki	Nr.	Lýsing notendavandamáls	Leiðbeining, sem leiddi til að vandamál fannst	
	1	Mun ekki finna pöstlista, því sýnileiki er ekki skýr	Sýnileiki	3
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	4	Mun eiga erfitt með að finna upplýsingar um kosningakerfi, ekki eins og fyrir	Samræmi	3
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2	6	Mun ekki finna OLAP lausnir	Sýnileiki	4
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Miðlungs vandamál	9	Mun ekki finna skyldar greinar í umfjöllun um kosningakerfi	Sýnileiki	2
	10	Mun finnast óskýrar upplýsingar um starfsfólk	Endurgjöf	2
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	12	Mun finnast erfitt að hlaða niður akrobat reader - er oft "óaðgengilegur" (grás	Takmarkanir	1
	13	Mun ekki finna Ultraspark netþjón, því hann var ekki merktur Sun í vörutegun	Sýnileiki	1
	14	Mun lenda í vandræðum því netfang er í ljós gráu	Sýnileiki	1
	15	Mun finnast notkun á þjónustubeiðni óljós	Endurgiöf	1
	16	Fyrirsagnir hræðilega litlar og ólæsilegar	Sýnileiki	1



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Minniháttar vandamál	15	Mun finnast notkun á þjónustubeiðni óljós	Endurgjöf	1
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### So First you Make Individual Lists

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When all evaluators are done:

- · Join the individual lists and make one joint list
- · Discuss the severity

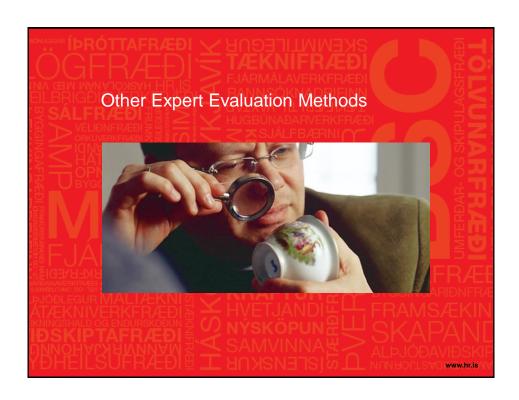


#### When you have found problems

- Make sure that you are sure that you understand the problem the user WILL have
- Redesign according to the joint list
- This is co-operation
- Evaluate the changed version next time



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### **Expert Evaluation – Inspection Methods**

- Evaluation methods without user participation
- The process:
  - Evaluator inspects the interface
  - Registers usability problems
  - Mentions also the strengths
  - The software could be sketches
  - Often some material used
    - To guide the inspection
  - Some are formal other informal





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### **Preparation Expert Evaluation**

- 1. Decide what materials to use
  - Heuristics, standard, company rules??
  - Sometimes the companies have decided what guidelines to use
    - These should also be used for evaluation
  - Or take new set of heuristics to get new aspects
- Ask evaluators to evalute
  - First alone, then meet and gather the results
  - They have to have at least 3 4 hours
    - 1 -2 hours for evaluation in private and two hours for a meeting



## Preparation – Expert Evaluation

- Decide where to evaluate
  - Do not need a evaluation laboratory, most often informal environment
- 4. Decide how to register the data
  - Need to register:
    - Where the problem occurs in the interface
    - Description of the problem from the users perspective
    - What information was used to find the problem
    - The problem severity



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## **Expert Method - Cognitive walkthrough**

- Focus on ease of learning
- Designer presents an aspect of the design & usage scenarios
- Expert is told the assumptions about user population, context of use, task details
- One or more experts walk through the design prototype with the scenario
- Experts are guided by 3 questions



#### The 3 questions

- Will the correct action be sufficiently evident to the user?
- Will the user notice that the correct action is available?
- Will the user associate and interpret the response from the action correctly?

As the experts work through the scenario they note problems.



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#### Methods: Evaluations



Formal user testing



**Expert evaluations** 



**Prototype Interviews** 



Remote evaluation



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