

# How to Design Voice Based Navigation for How-to Videos



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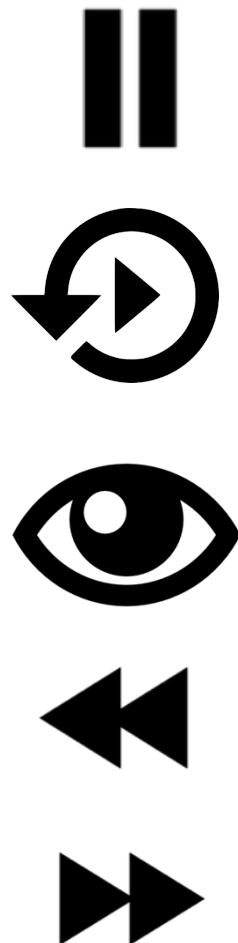
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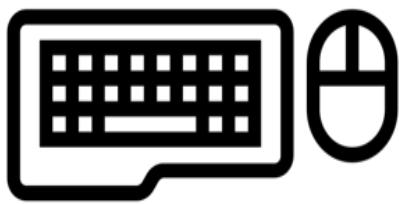
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100 million hours watched **in 2015 in North America**







# HOW TO KNIT A SCARF

STEP-BY-STEP  
FOR TOTAL BEGINNERS

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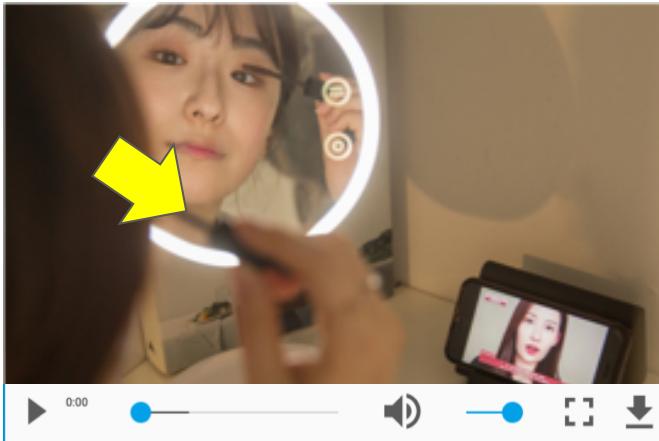
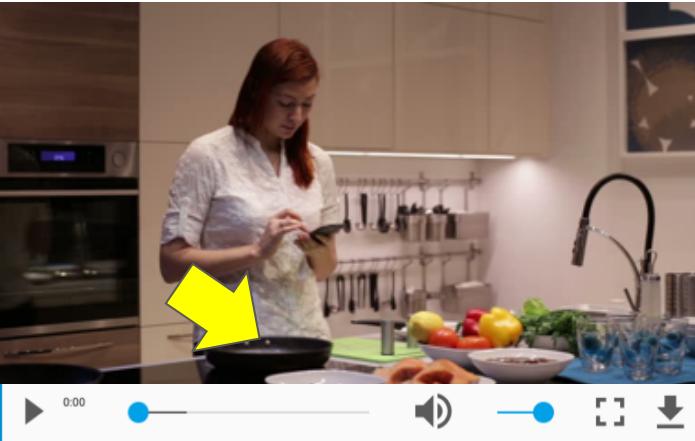
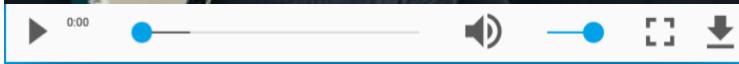










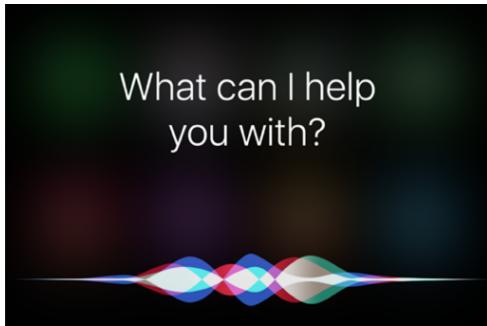


I HEAR WHAT YOU'RE SAYING

A profile view of Fry from the TV show Futurama, wearing his signature orange hair and white-rimmed glasses. He has a weary or annoyed expression. The background is a dark blue wall.

BUT I STILL ONLY HAVE TWO  
HANDS

Apple Siri



Google Assistant



Amazon Alexa

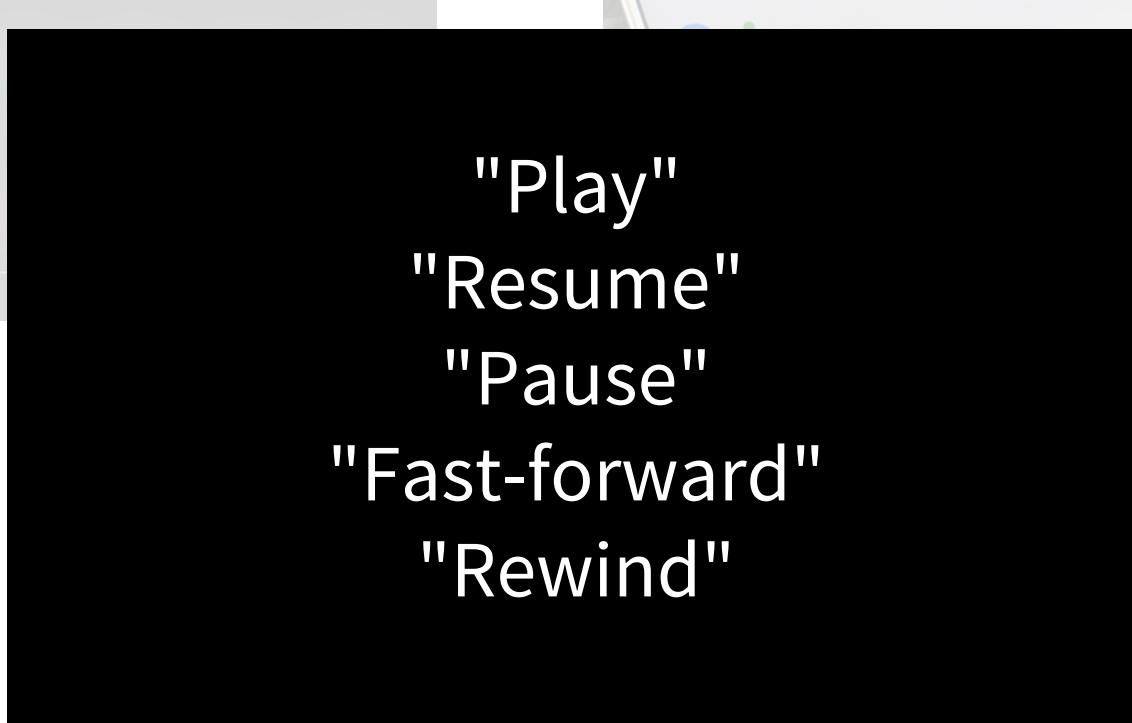


Microsoft Cortana



Apple Siri

Google Assistant



"Play"  
"Resume"  
"Pause"  
"Fast-forward"  
"Rewind"



Hi, I'm Cortana.

How should a useful voice interface for navigating how-to videos be designed?

# **USERS**

**USERS**



**GAP**

**HOW-TO  
VIDEOS**

# VOICE INTERFACE



USERS

HOW-TO  
VIDEOS

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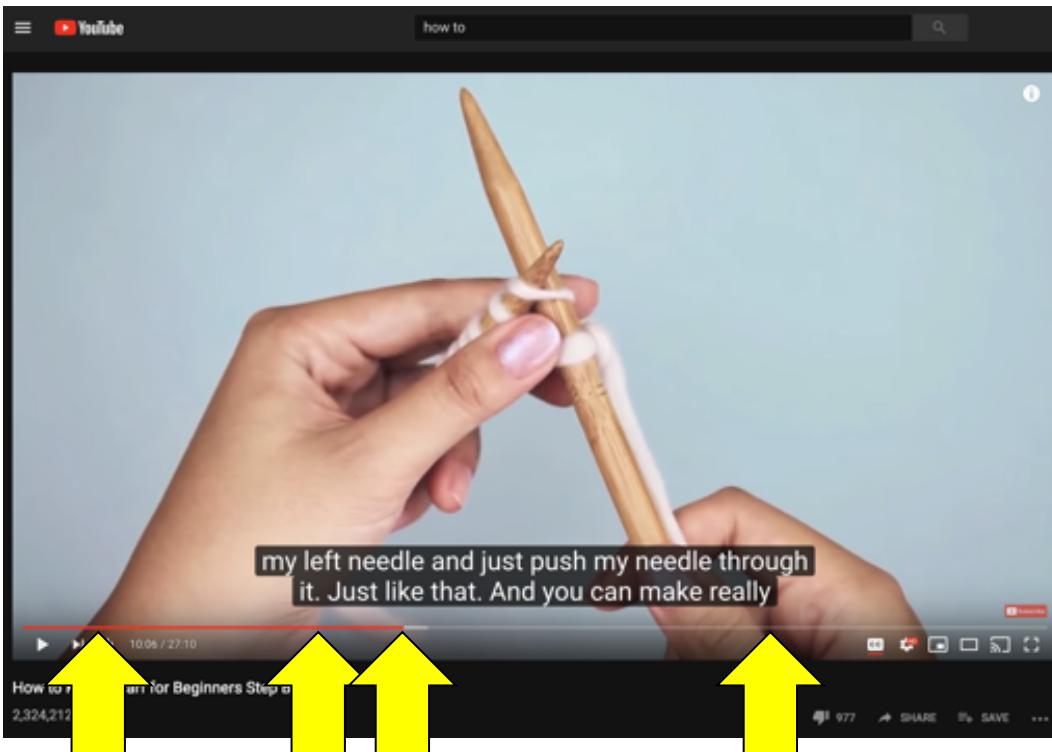
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# Think-aloud Study



10  
participants



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**Pauses**



**Jumps**



# Pauses (95)



Pace Control

Pause (78):

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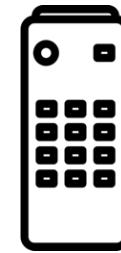
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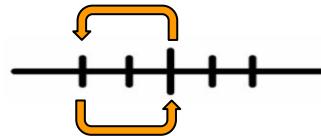


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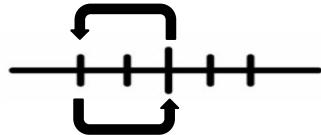
**Video Control**  
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else”**

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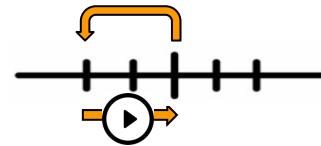


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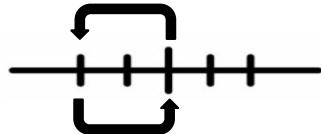


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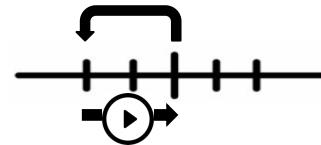


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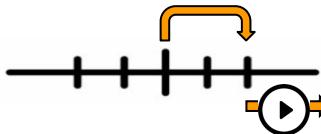
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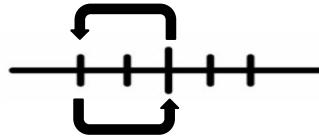


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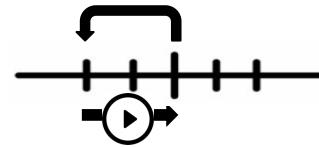


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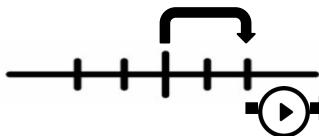
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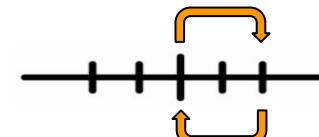
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Peek Jump (4):  
“I want to see what’s coming up”

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Using Voice for How-to Videos

Copy and paste your YouTube URL here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hM5M2Fu0RtY> Change Video

I heard: rewind 20 seconds

START LISTENING AGAIN View Instruction Page Again

Main Command	Popular Variants
play	resume, go, start, begin
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# Think-aloud Study

Available commands were not available in advance



7 participants

4 male, 3 female

average age: 35



4 participants

all female

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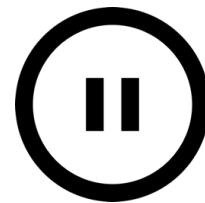


5 participants

all female

average age: 31

**Pauses**



**Jumps**



“Pause” and “Stop” are used differently



**Pace Control Pause:**  
“I need more time”



**Content Alignment Pause :**  
“am I doing it correctly?”



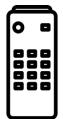
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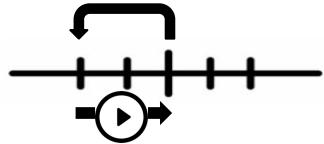
**“Stop” (18/25)**

**STOP** = **URGENT**

“Go back by a little”, “Go back by a bit”, “Stop!!”  
“Stop”, “I don’t know what’s going on”

*Contextual* and *explicit* time references are used differently

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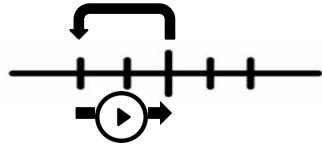


Contextual time reference:

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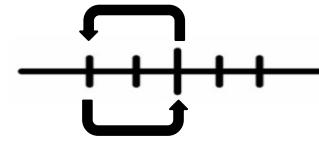


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**Is this the best we can do?**

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# Wizard of Oz Experiment



6 participants (3 male, 3 female) - 5 novice, 1 expert knitters

# Challenges

# Additional “Stop” before Further Navigation



“Go back 20 seconds”    vs.



# **Uncertainty from Unseen Content**

How to “scrub” or “click-guess” in VUI?

# **Three Design Recommendations**

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## **Support Conversational Strategies**

Support Iterative Refinements of Commands

Support Interactions with User Context

# Conversational Strategies

## conversational intents

*“Can I see it again, 10 seconds before?”*

*“Can I see the last three knit?”*

*“Can you move it back to when she shows how it looks like from the back?”*

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## command queues

“could we change the speed to like 1.25? I want to slow it back down when she actually starts the tutorial”

“I want to sequence commands, set rules like if there is a second needle, slow it down”

# Design Recommendations

Support Conversational Strategies

**Support Iterative Refinements of Commands**

Support Interactions with User Context

# Iterative Refinements of Commands

Users WANT TO reference to objects, actions, what speakers have said

*“I look at the frame and the state of the **objects** that appear to see if it’s before or after (the point I want to jump to)”*

*“can you repeat that again? How she did multiples of four, the **part where she said** multiples of four”.*

# **Design Recommendations**

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Support Iterative Refinements of Commands

**Support Interactions with User Context**

# **Support In-depth Examination of Tutorial Content**



# **Augmenting User Memory**

1. Keep a pointer to the origin and provide “comeback” to the point
2. Update interval of jumps

# **Provide Visual Feedback**

- 1) Thumbnails
- 2) Instruction milestones
- 3) Key frames
- 4) Frames with user-specified keywords

# VOICE INTERACTION



USER

HOW-TO VIDEOS

# VOICE INTERACTION



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Content Alignment Pause

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# Acknowledgements





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## HOW-TO VIDEOS

In-depth content examination

Memory augmentation

Visual Feedback





“67% of the millenials  
agreed they can find a  
YouTube video on anything  
they want to learn”

“Of smartphone users, 91% turn to their devices for ideas while completing a task”

