

SWE3053

Human Computer Interaction

Lecture 18

Scientific Method

On Creativity

- Creativity: Ability to generate original ideas or solve problems in novel ways
- Original:
 - New
 - Fresh
 - Novel
 - Created for the first time

Creative Thinking

- Creative people are divergent thinkers
- Divergent Thinking: The ability to generate unusual, yet appropriate responses to problems or questions.
 - Produces many answers to the same question
- Convergent Thinking: The ability to produce responses that are based primarily on knowledge and logic.
 - Produces one (or few) answer(s) to the same question

*“The best way to get a good idea is to get a **lot** of ideas.”*

Linux Pauling

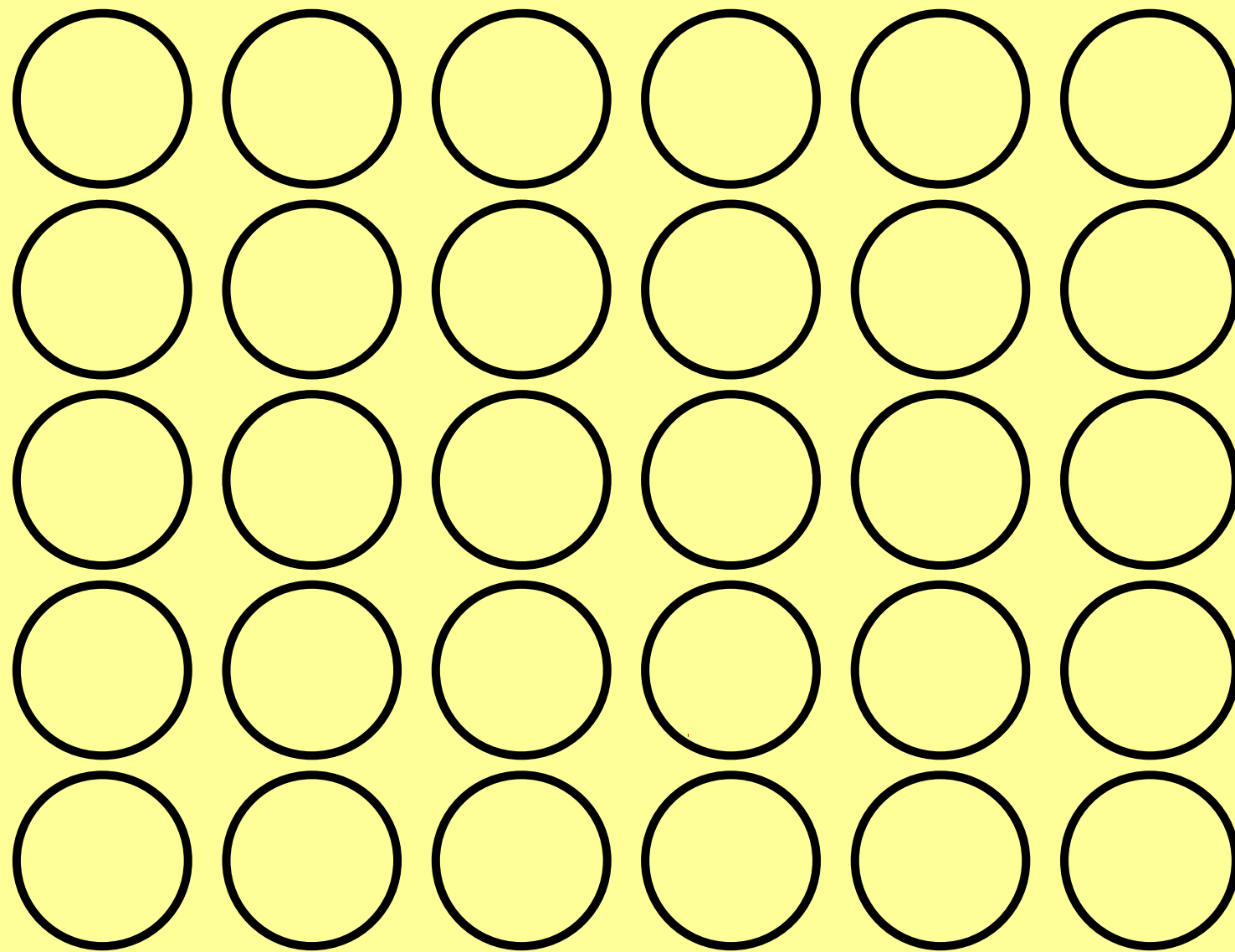


Purdue Creativity Measurement

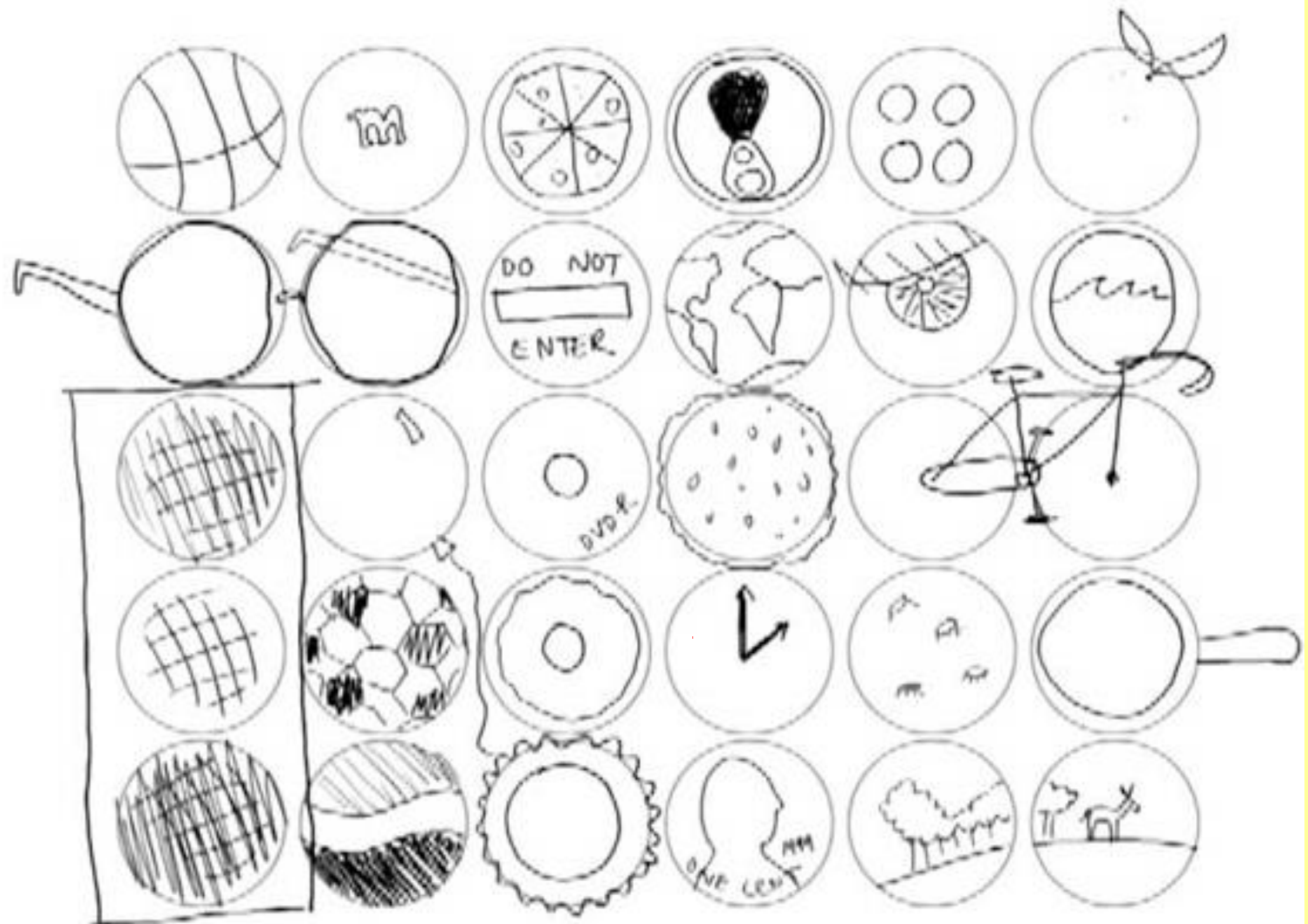
- Write down as much usage of a newspaper as possible
- A 10-year-old boy:
- Read it; Write on it; Paint a picture; Put it on a chair if it is messy; Shade for something you don't wanna see; Use it to pick up something hot; Use it to stop bleeding; Catch the drippings; Curtains; Shade light; Make a kite; Wipe windows; Use it as wrapper; Wipe eyeglasses; Make a paper bowl; make a paper hat; Make paper airplane; Use it as dustpan; Make a ball for the cat to play;



The “30 Circle” Measurement



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Brainstorming

- Alex Osborn (1953)
- A creativity technique
- For group or individual thinking
- Generating original ideas
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- Principles of Brainstorming
 1. Defer Judgment
 2. Reach for quantity
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Brainstorming Rules

1. Focus on Quantity

- Fostering divergent thinking!
- Quantity breeds quality

2. Withhold Criticism

- Participants should not criticise
- Instead participants should extend or add to the ideas
- Foster unusual ideas

3. Welcome Unusual Ideas

- New perspectives
- Don't kill good ideas at the early stage

4. Combine and Improve Ideas



GROUND RULES*

1. DEFER JUDGEMENT
2. ENCOURAGE WILD IDEAS
3. BUILD ON THE IDEAS OF OTHERS
4. STAY FOCUSED ON THE TOPIC
5. ONE CONVERSATION AT A TIME
6. BE VISUAL
7. GO FOR QUANTITY

* Borrowed from IDEO





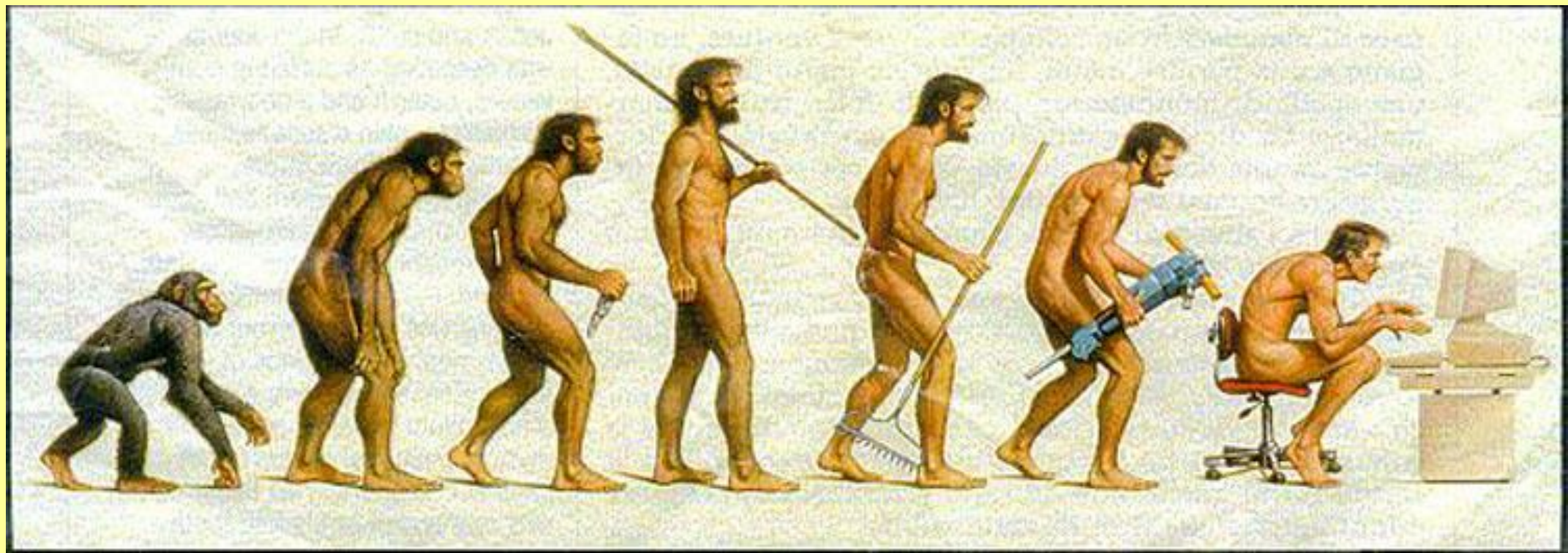


How great ideas were born?

- Really really great ideas were seldom coming from formal methods
 - Focus group interview
 - Users needs analysis
- Really really great ideas came from nowhere!
- E.g. Facebook; Youtube; Post-it Note
- Really Great Creative Ideas were Accidents!!!
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Evolution

- Evolution – incremental changes over long period of time
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Survival of Fitness

For every living thing on earth, the name of the game is **SURVIVAL**.



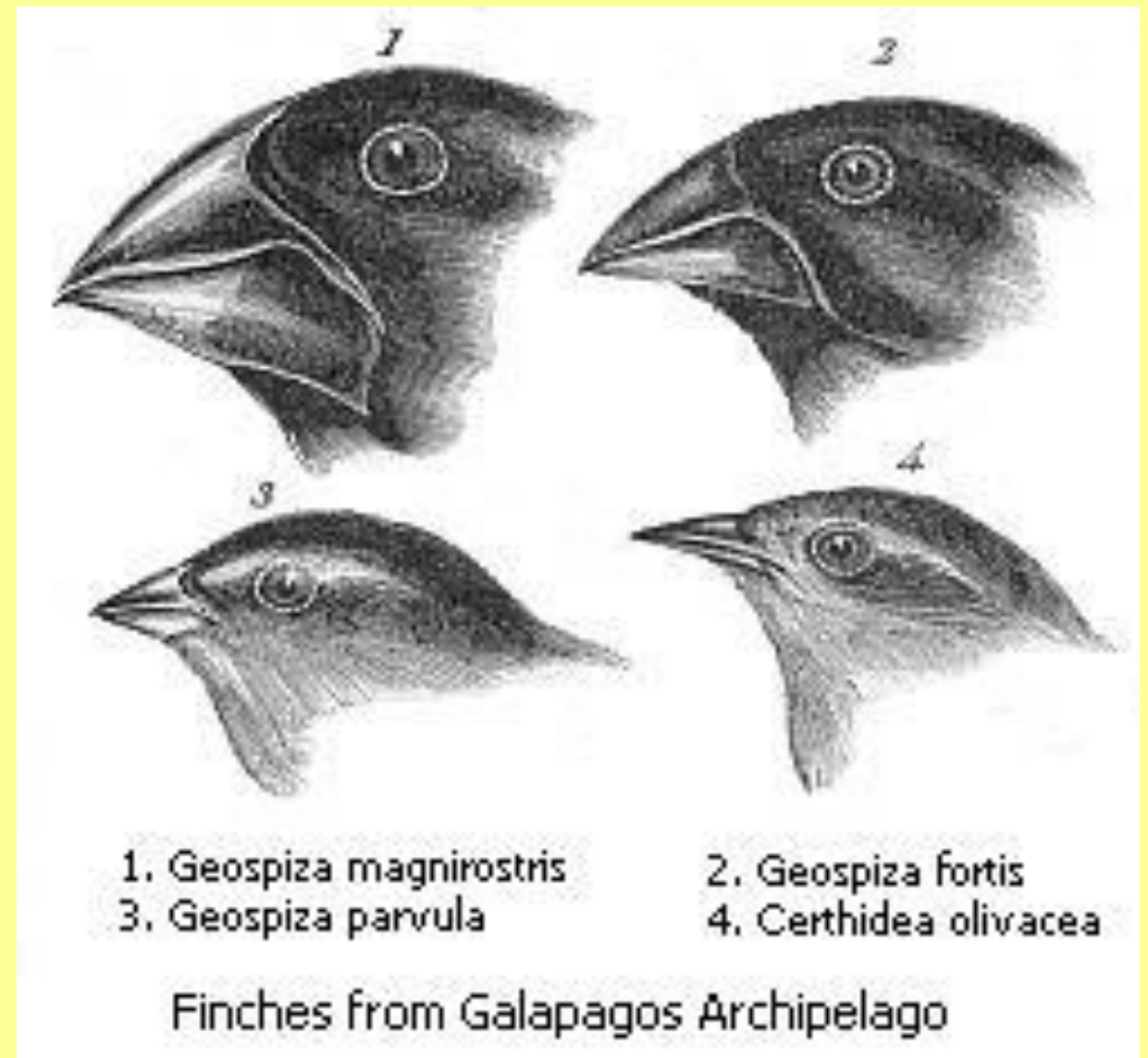
Who can survive?

- Natural Selection
- The species who can **adapt** to the nature will survive
- Those who can't adapt will extinct: die and disappear
- Cheetah vs. Gazella



Evolutionary Theory

1. Survival of Fitness, Natural selection
2. Variation
3. Heredity



1st Generation



2nd Generation



3rd Generation



4th Generation



Evolutionary Theory Applications

- Creative Ideas!
- No one knows what are great creative ideas (Nature)
- 1. Survival of Fitness, Natural selection
 2. Variation
 3. Heredity
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Assignment #8 – Coming up with a Research Question

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A Note on Research Methodology

Simplest design

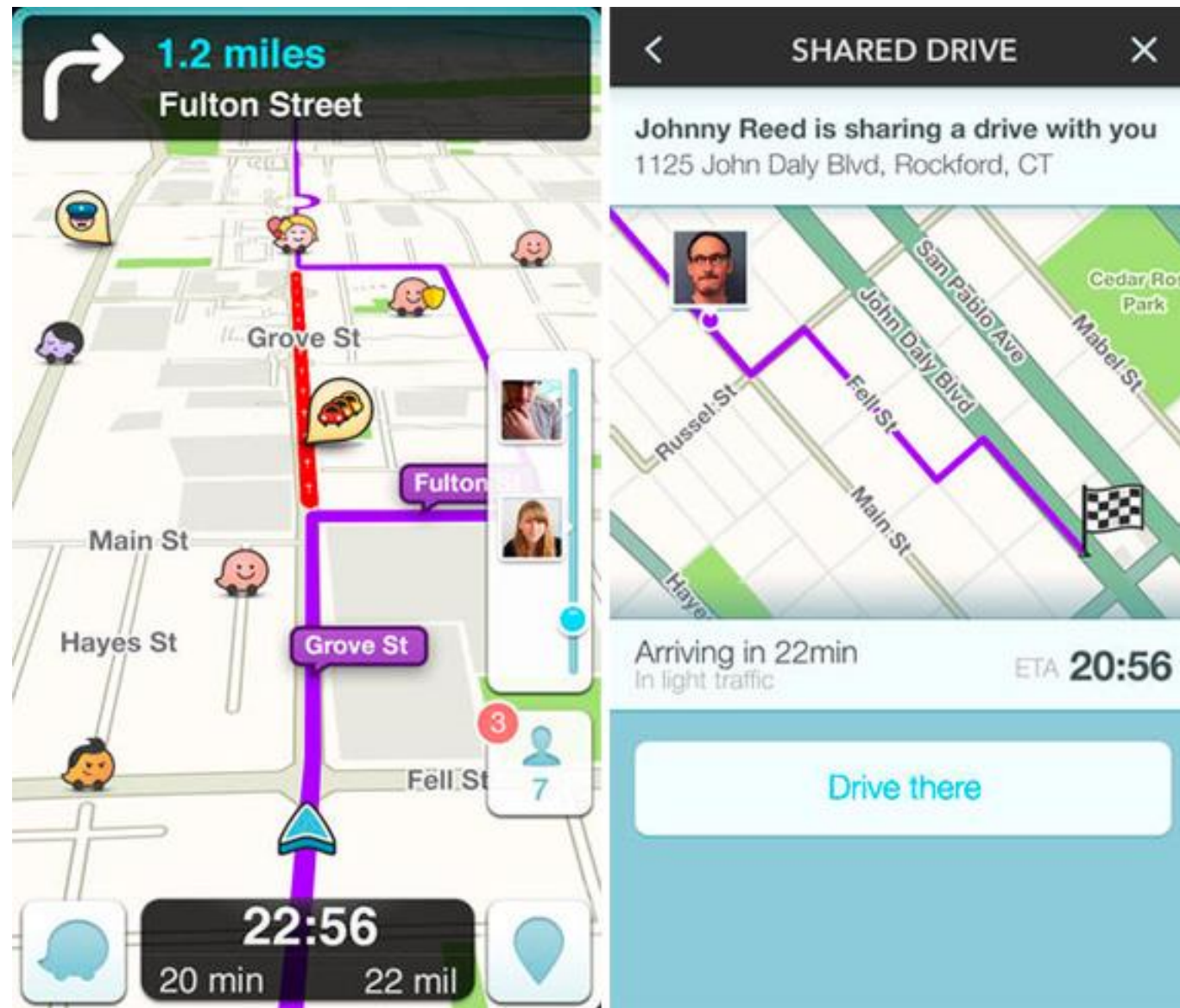
- one independent variable with two levels
- one dependent variable
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What if we want to manipulate more than one variable?

Complex Design

- Experiments that involve two or more independent variables studies simultaneously

Example: Navigator Interfaces



A few points for brewing research idea...

1. Think BIG initially
2. **Pick an area that you LOVE**
3. Narrow it down to a very small question
4. Single out ONE variable you want to explore
5. Check if anyone did this before



A few points for brewing research idea...

- Organized search for published work on a topic
 - PsycINFO – a database for psychology literatures
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“Mozart Effect”

Georgia program bringing classics to newborns



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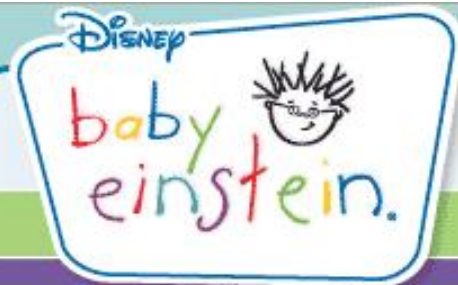


In studies, kids who listen to complex music show better math scores and skills

kind of like spaghetti right a stimuli that you provide to a noodles make," explained p

And there is evidence that the soothing sounds of the classics.

The governor's initiative comes on the heels of new research showing a link between listening to classical music and enhanced brain development in infants. Previous studies have shown the complicated compositions of Mozart and other classical musicians can improve mathematical and logic skills in older children.

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Thompson et al. (2001)

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Research Report

AROUSAL, MOOD, AND THE MOZART EFFECT

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Abstract—The “Mozart effect” refers to claims that people perform better on tests of spatial abilities after listening to music composed by Mozart. We examined whether the Mozart effect is a consequence of between-condition differences in arousal and mood. Participants completed a test of spatial abilities after listening to music or sitting in silence. The music was a Mozart sonata (a pleasant and energetic piece) for some participants and an Albinoni adagio (a slow, sad piece) for others. We also measured enjoyment, arousal, and mood. Performance on the spatial task was better following the music than the silence condition, but only for participants who heard Mozart. The

an example of enhanced performance caused by manipulation of arousal or mood. Such effects are well established. Very high or low levels of anxiety or arousal inhibit performance on cognitive tasks, whereas moderate levels facilitate performance (Berlyne, 1967; Sarason, 1980; Solomon & Corbit, 1974; Yerkes & Dodson, 1908). Moreover, negative moods and boredom can produce deficits in performance and learning (Koester & Farley, 1982; Kovacs & Beck, 1977; O’Hanlon, 1981), whereas positive moods can lead to improved performance on various cognitive and problem-solving tasks (Ashby, Isen, & Turken, 1999; Isen, 1999).

not identical. Performance on certain tasks, such as creative problem solving, may be facilitated by positive affect but not by arousal. According to Ashby et al. (1999), effects of positive mood are associated with increased levels of dopamine, which project from the ventral tegmental area to several brain areas, including the locus ceruleus. The locus ceruleus, in turn, is the largest producer of norepinephrine, the neurotransmitter most strongly associated with arousal. Thus, although mood and arousal rely on different neurochemical systems, these systems have overlapping neural substrates and may have similar effects on performance in many instances.

In sum, claims that brief exposure to music leads to short-term enhancement of nonmusical skills are misleading. Rather, the Mozart effect can be explained simply: Enjoyable stimuli induce positive affect and heightened levels of arousal, which lead to modest improvements in performance on a variety of tasks.

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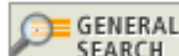
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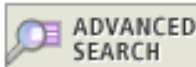
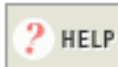
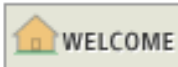
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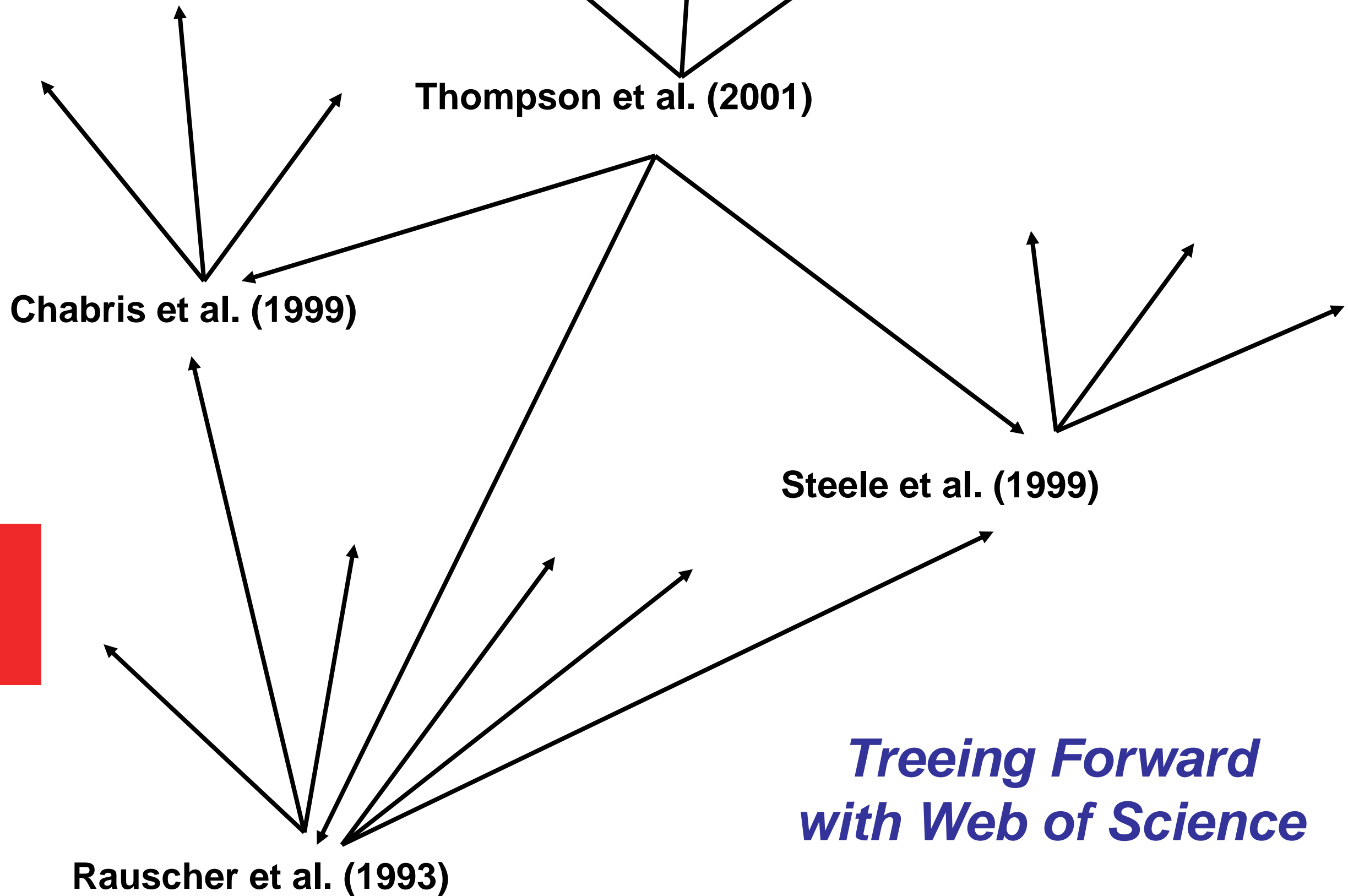
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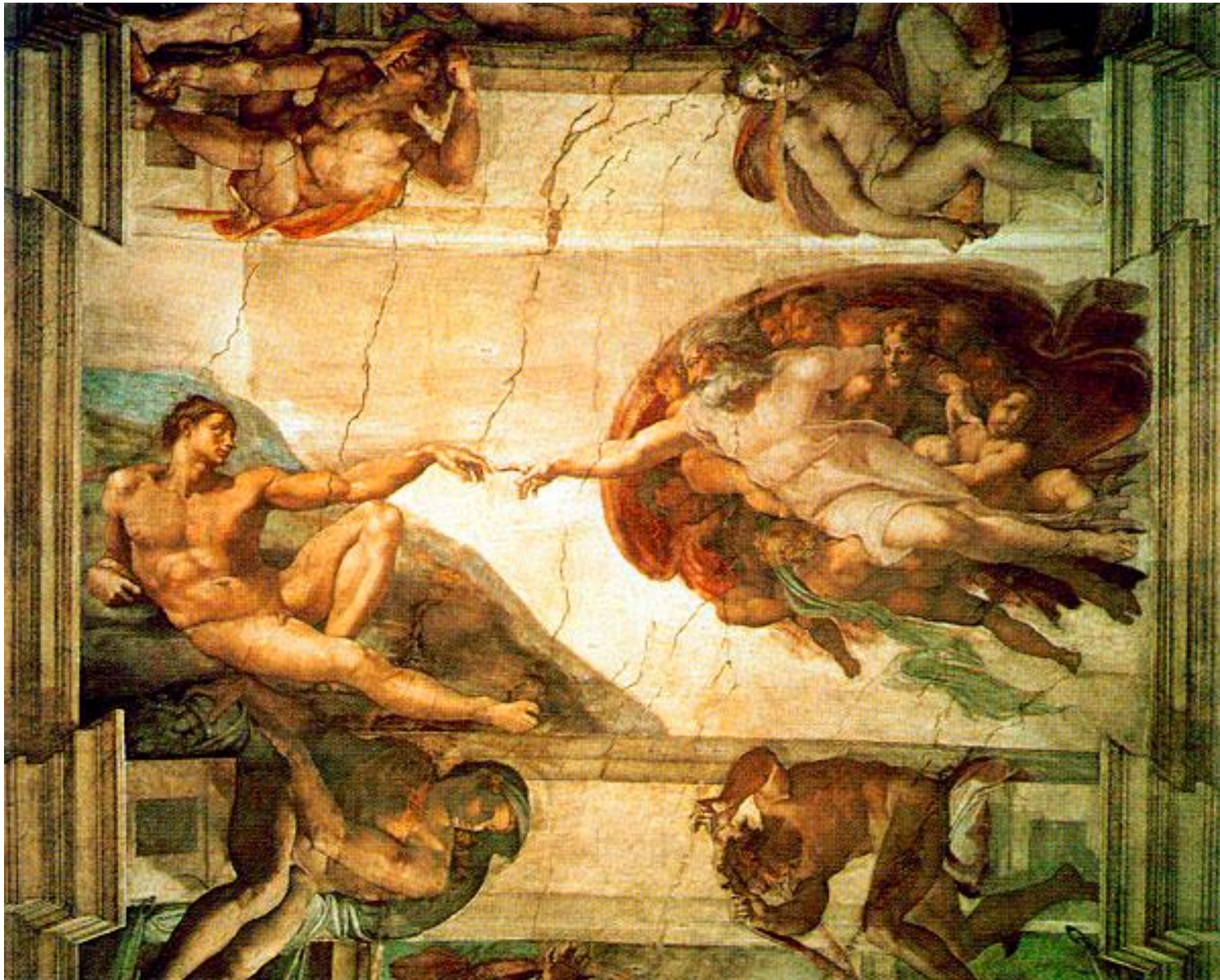
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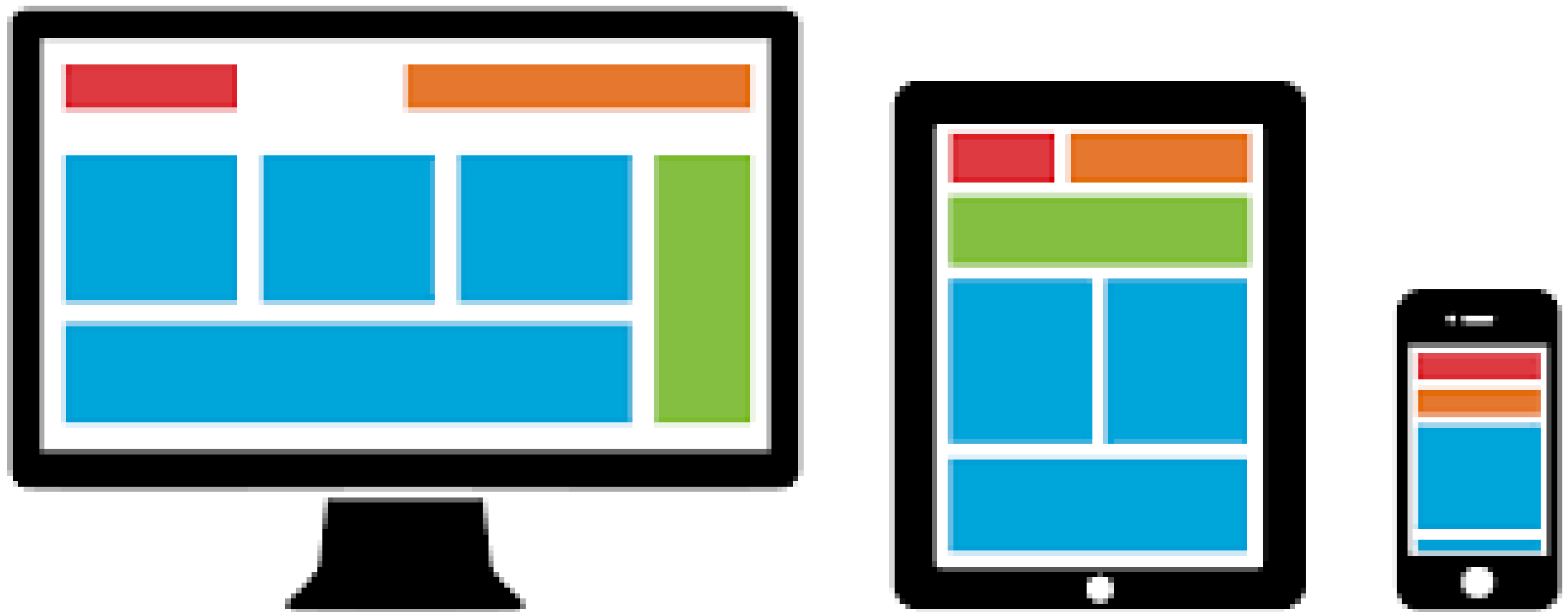


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If you're not prepared to be wrong, we will never come up with anything original.

Example 1: Position of website



Example 1: Effect of position/layout to choice

[General Topic]

I am interested in human behavior when browsing website, specifically how people make choice (e.g. purchasing decision).

- People make choice based on a lot of different criteria

[Be More Specific: effect of location to user's choice on a webpage]

If I place an item on a different location, is it going to have any effect to user's decision on making choice?

[Hypothesis]

Given everything being identical, will the position of an object affect user's choice on a webpage?

→ Go to do literature search

→ Design experiment to test out this hypothesis

1. Think BIG initially
2. Pick an area that you LOVE
3. Narrow it down to a very small question
4. Single out ONE variable you want to explore
5. Check if anyone did this before

Independent
Variable

What is the effect of *position of*
identical options on *choice*?

Dependent
Variable

