



INFORMATION ARCHITECTURE AND DATA MODELLING CYCLE

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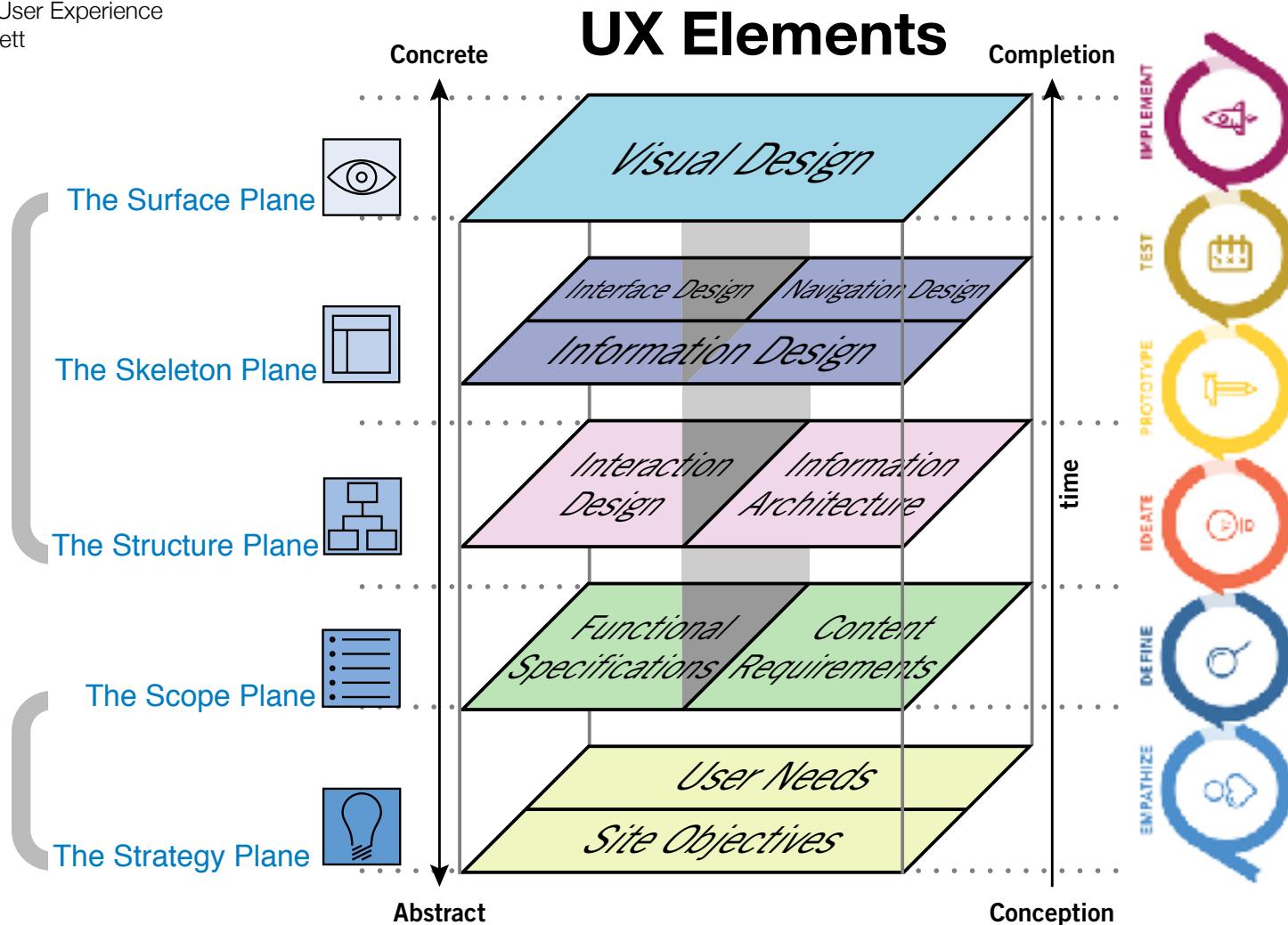
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Problem Solution

how and
how much

Problem Definition

who, what,
and why



HOME

LOBBY

ROOM

BOOKING

CHECK-IN

MEETUP

Source: MIT Mobile
Experience Lab

USER JOURNEY MAP

profile, activity, points

Booking
Data

Check-in
Data

Interact-
ion Data

Review
Data

Give check-in points
on app.
Get activity points
from other users at the
same table. Table lights up
to show activity, interests shown
on table & lobby display map.
Profiles added to app network.



Database

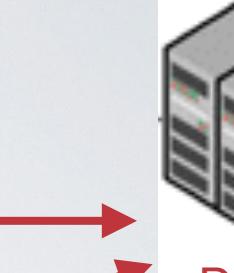
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Design Thinking	Computational Thinking	Description
Empathy	Decomposition	Collect and analyse <u>stories and data</u> to understand the stakeholders and discover their needs.
Definition	Patterns	Synthesise recurring <u>persona types, contexts, artefacts, and scenario</u> patterns to formulate problem (who, what, and why).
Ideation	Abstraction	Develop socio-cultural and technical systems to reshape user stories and data flow.
Prototyping	Algorithm	Build <u>experience prototype and computational models</u> to represent future scenarios for validation.
Testing & Implementation	Automation & Evaluation	Continuous testing, improvement and automation to evaluate <u>functional, emotional, social, economic and environmental</u> impacts (how and how much).

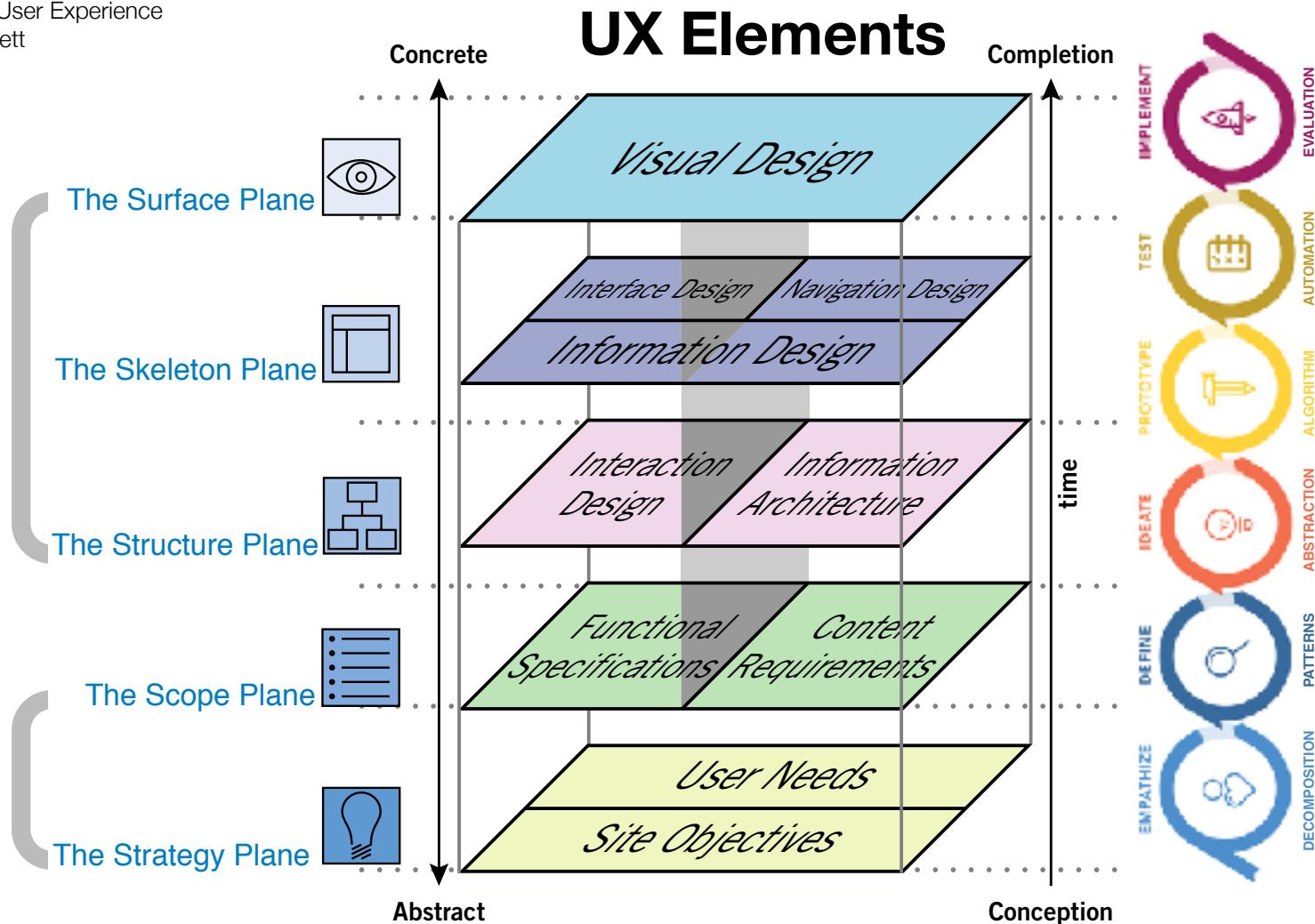
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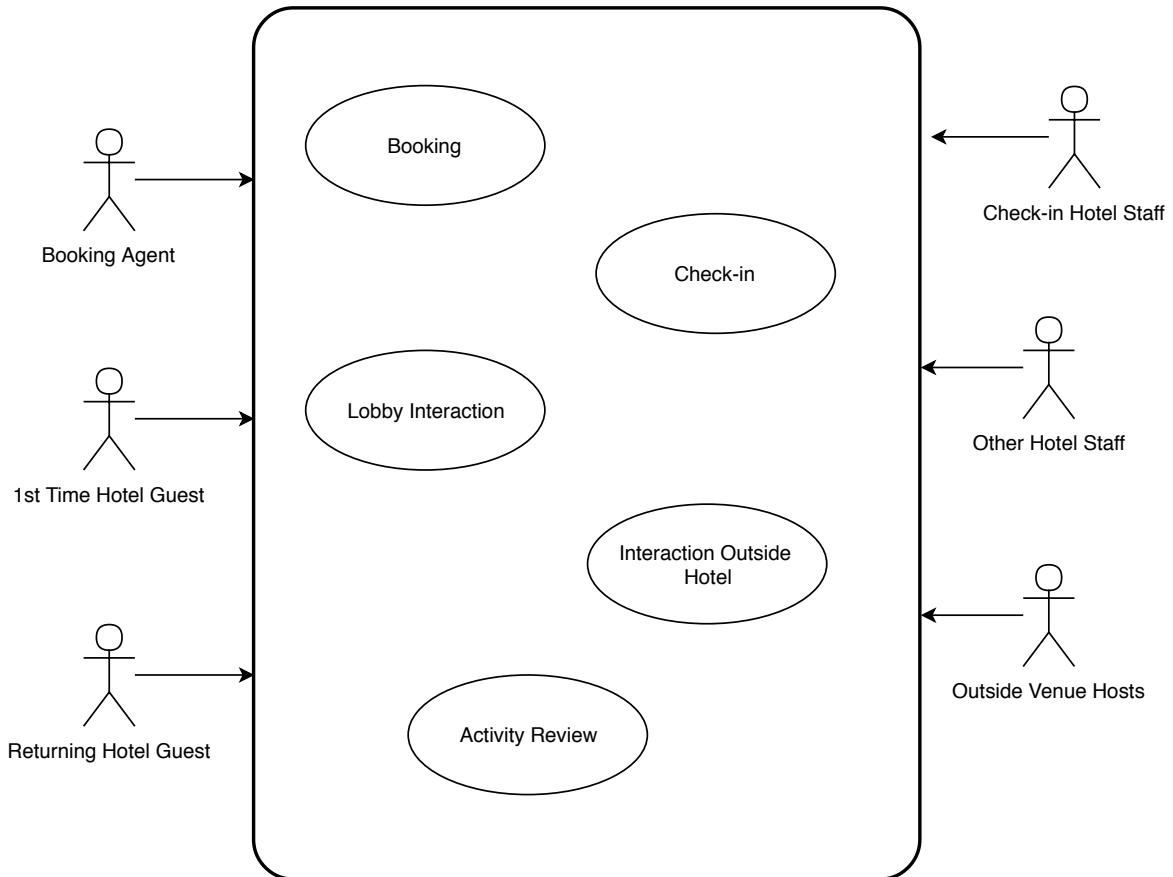
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Develop use cases from journey map.

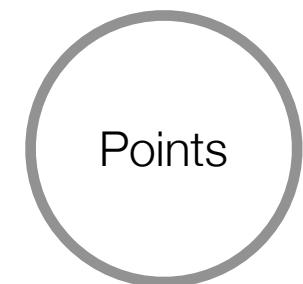
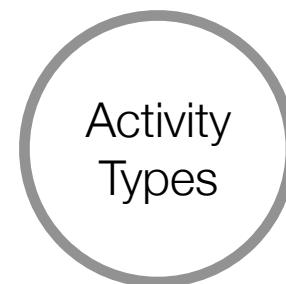
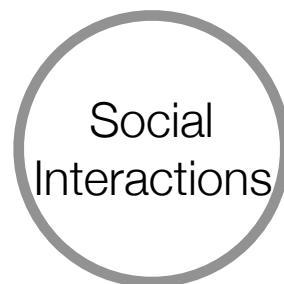
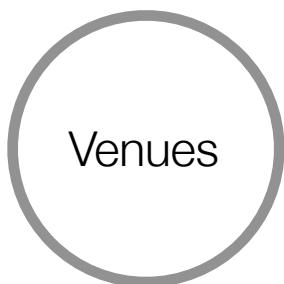
**To understand and construct our world
through data models.**



Use Cases of a Hotel Loyalty App

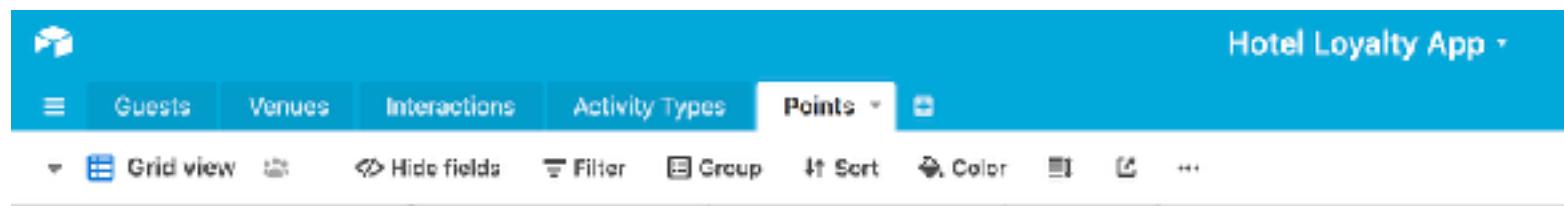
Derive data entities from use cases.

Data Entities to be Tracked

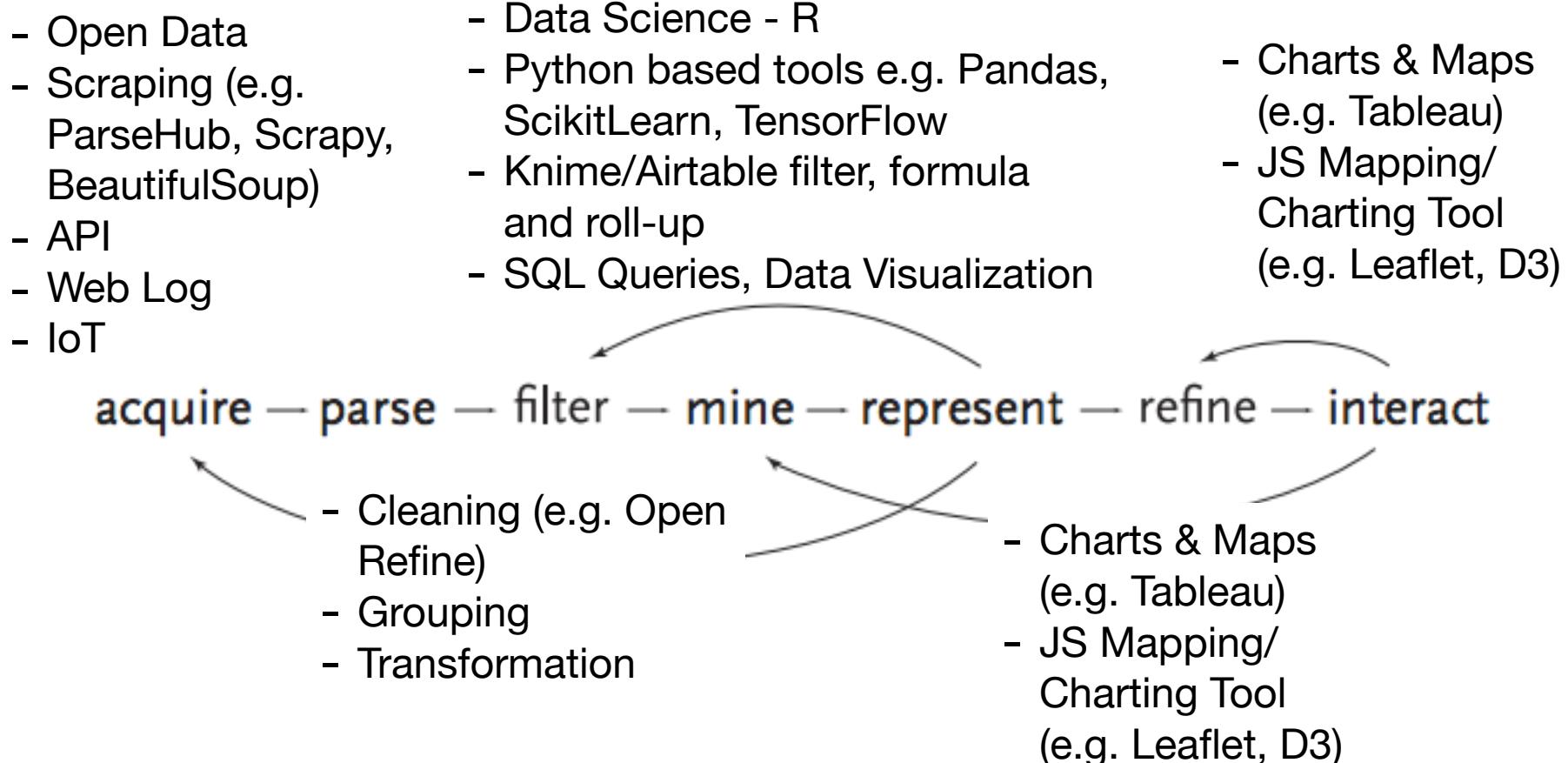


- e.g.
 - 1st time guests
 - Returning guests
- e.g.
 - Starbuck
 - Bar inside hotel
 - Boston Metropolitan Museum
- e.g.
 - Add friends
 - Take pictures
 - Share rides
 - Split bills
- e.g.
 - Museum tour
 - Bar hopping
 - Scenic picture taking
 - Business meeting
- e.g.
 - Revisit
 - Dine in hotel
 - Shop in hotel
 - Initiate contact
 - Give reviews

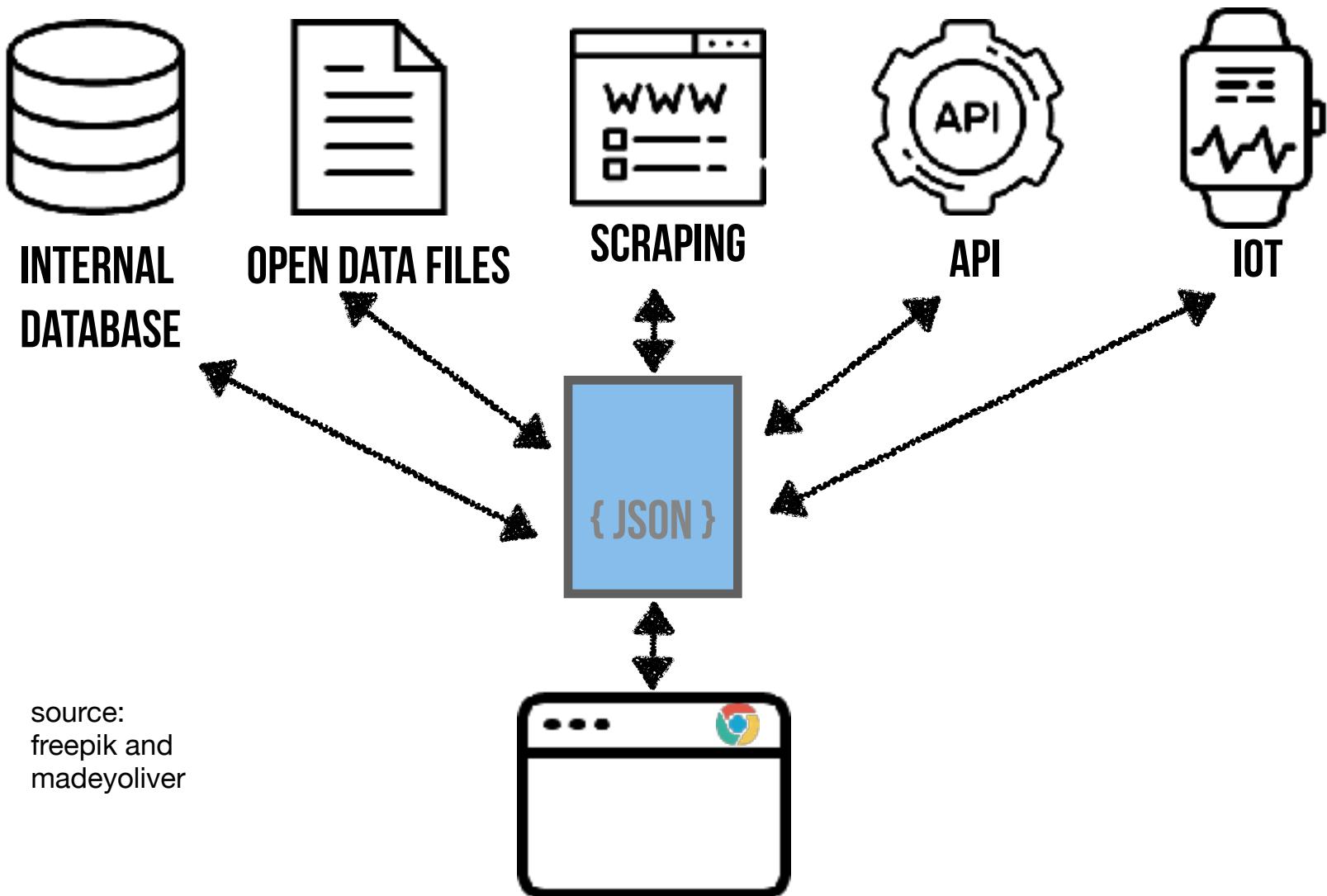
Tracking Data Entities



Where does the data come from?



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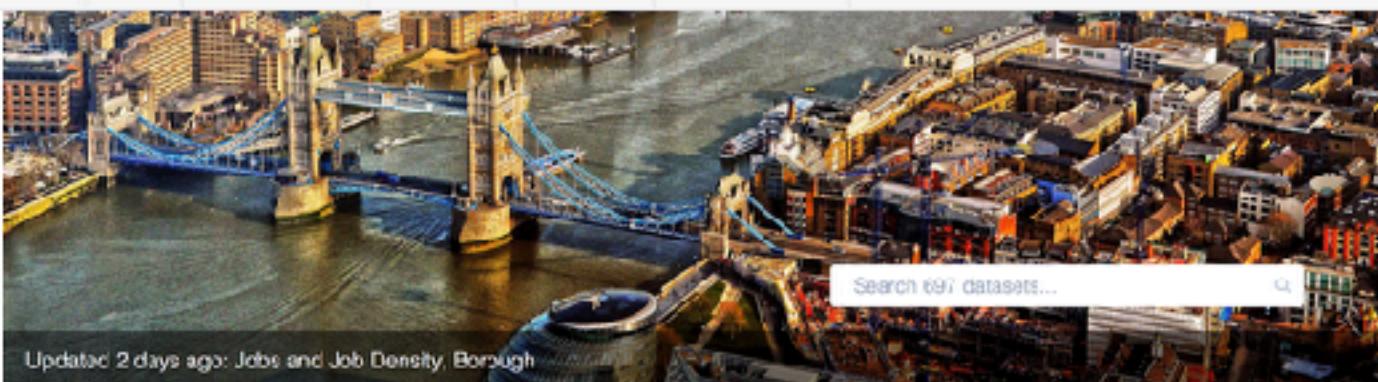
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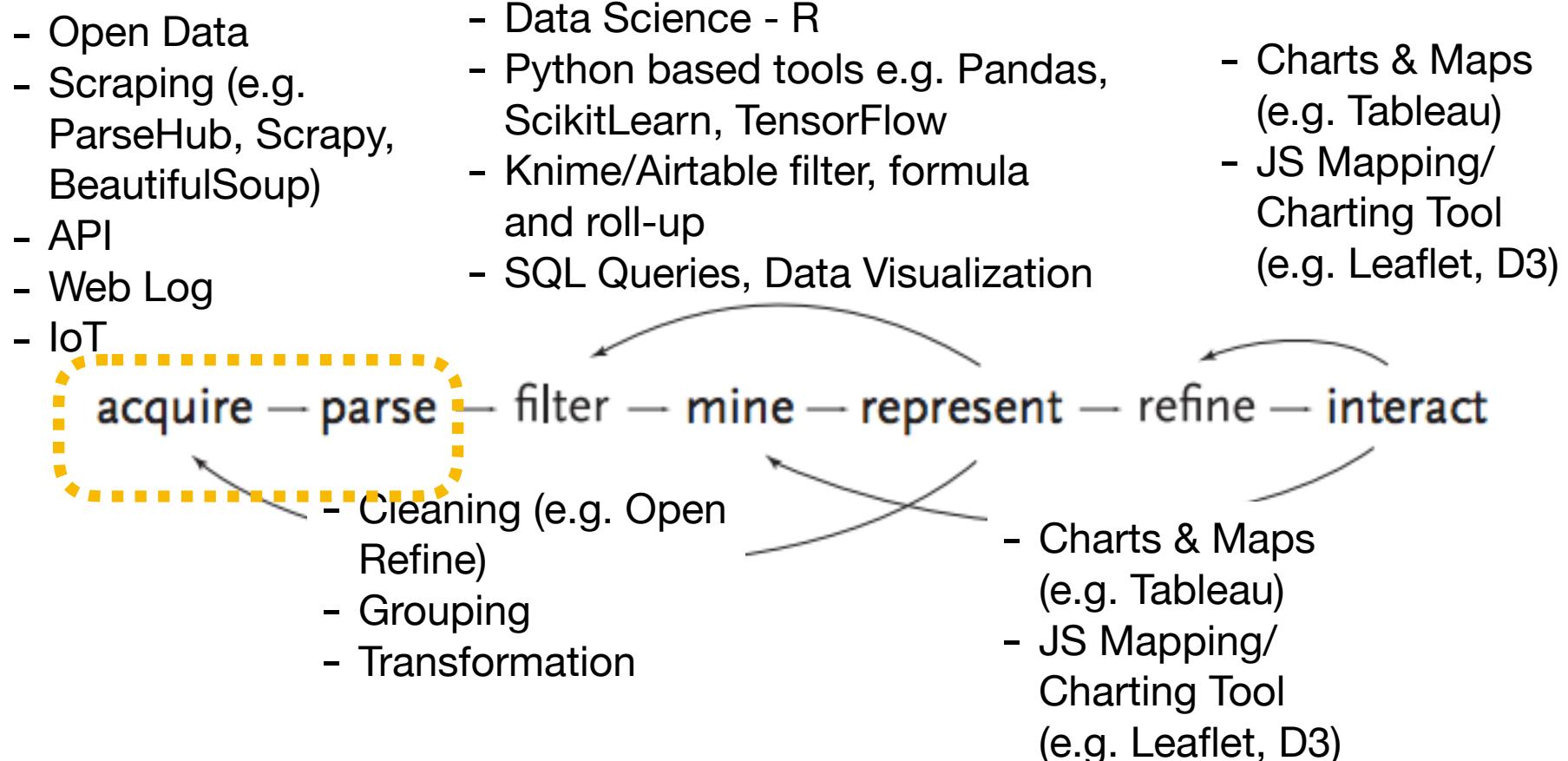
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DATA

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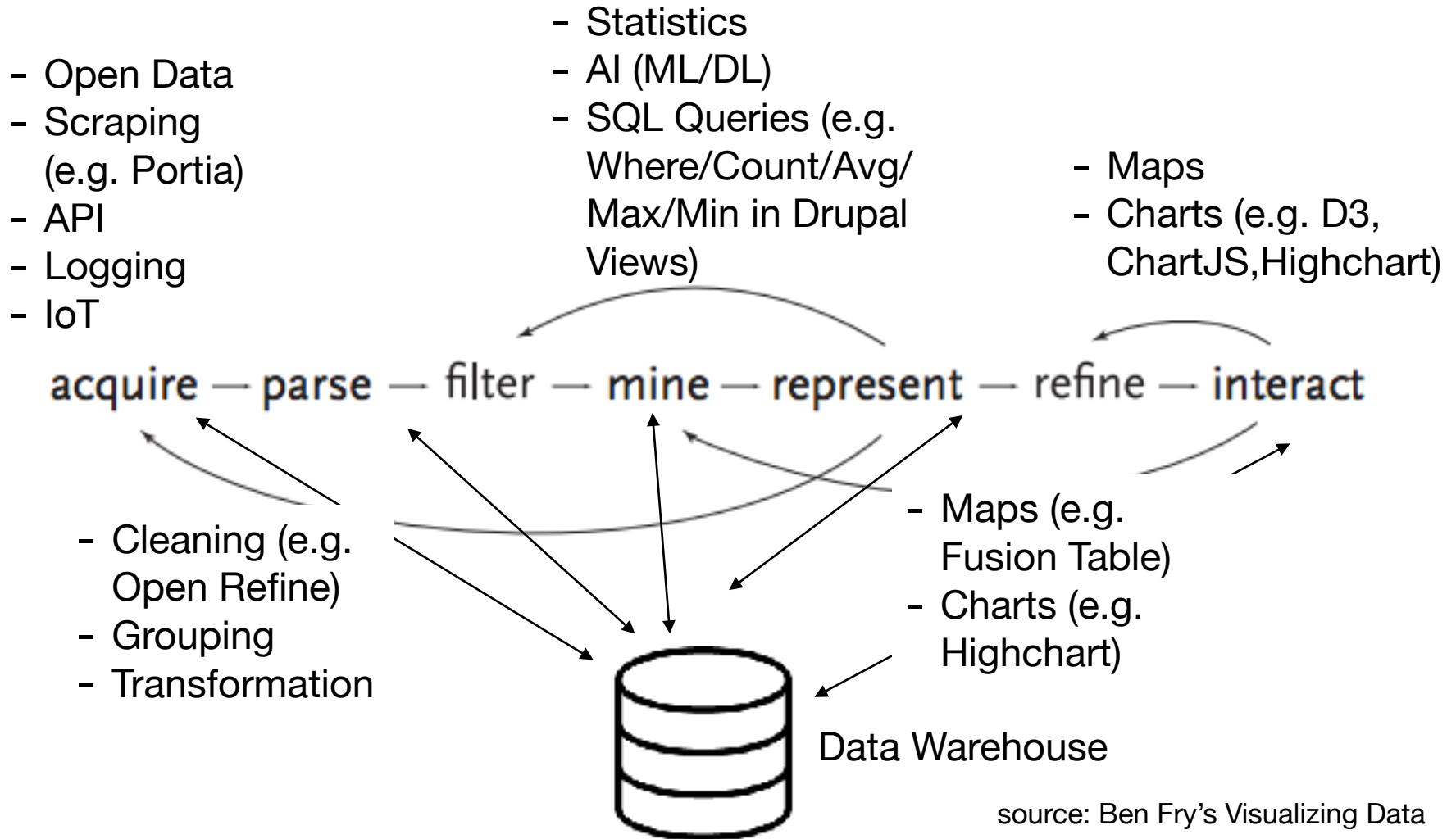
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Google refine

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HOW DOES THE DATA VISUALIZATION CYCLE WORK WITH DATABASE MANAGEMENT?



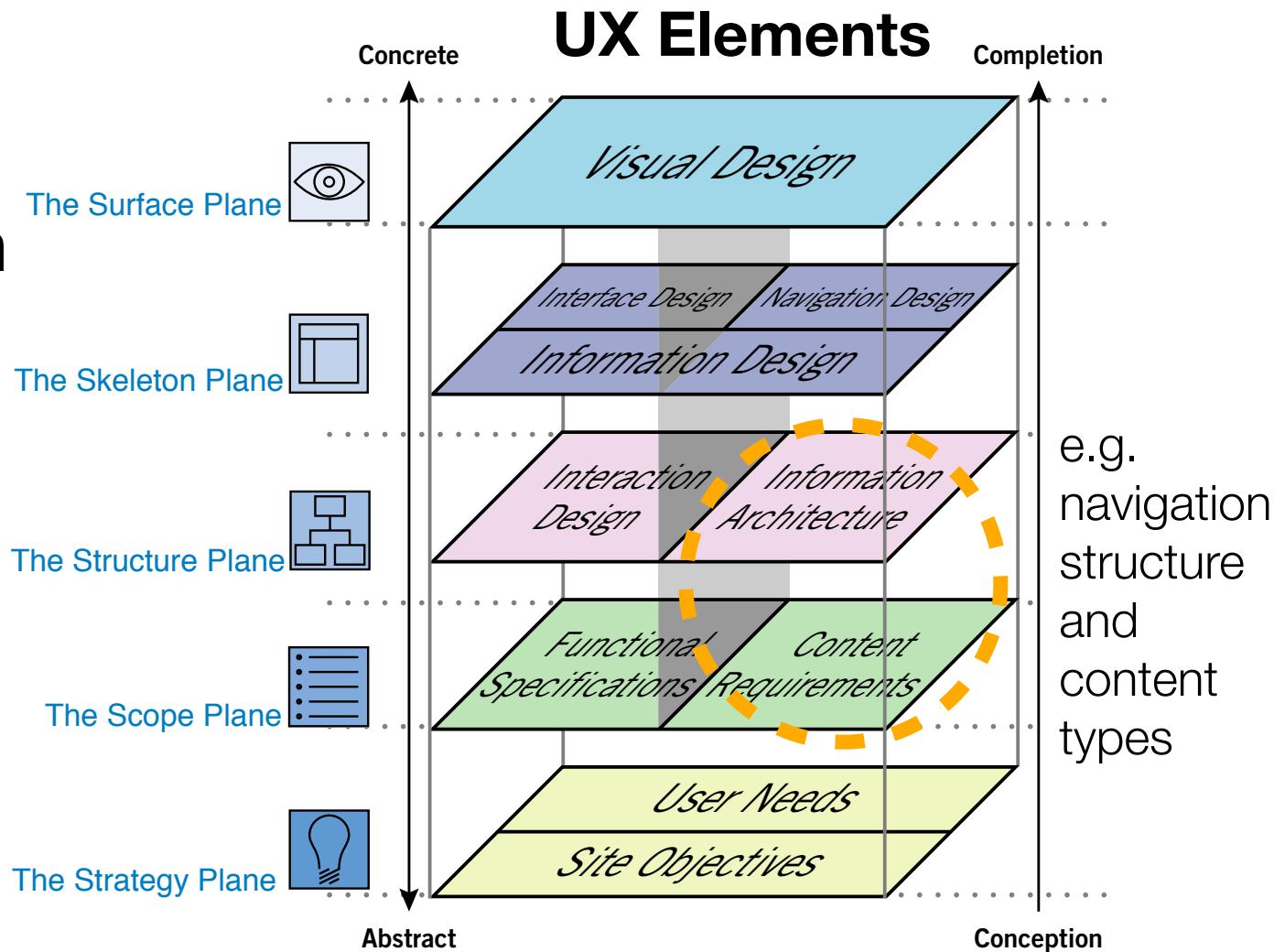
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FROM DATABASE MANAGEMENT TO CONTENT MANAGEMENT AND INFORMATION ARCHITECTURE

Can you see
a visualization
process
here?

Where does
data fit?

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身同感受

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界定问题

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THE 5 STEP DESIGN THINKING JOURNEY

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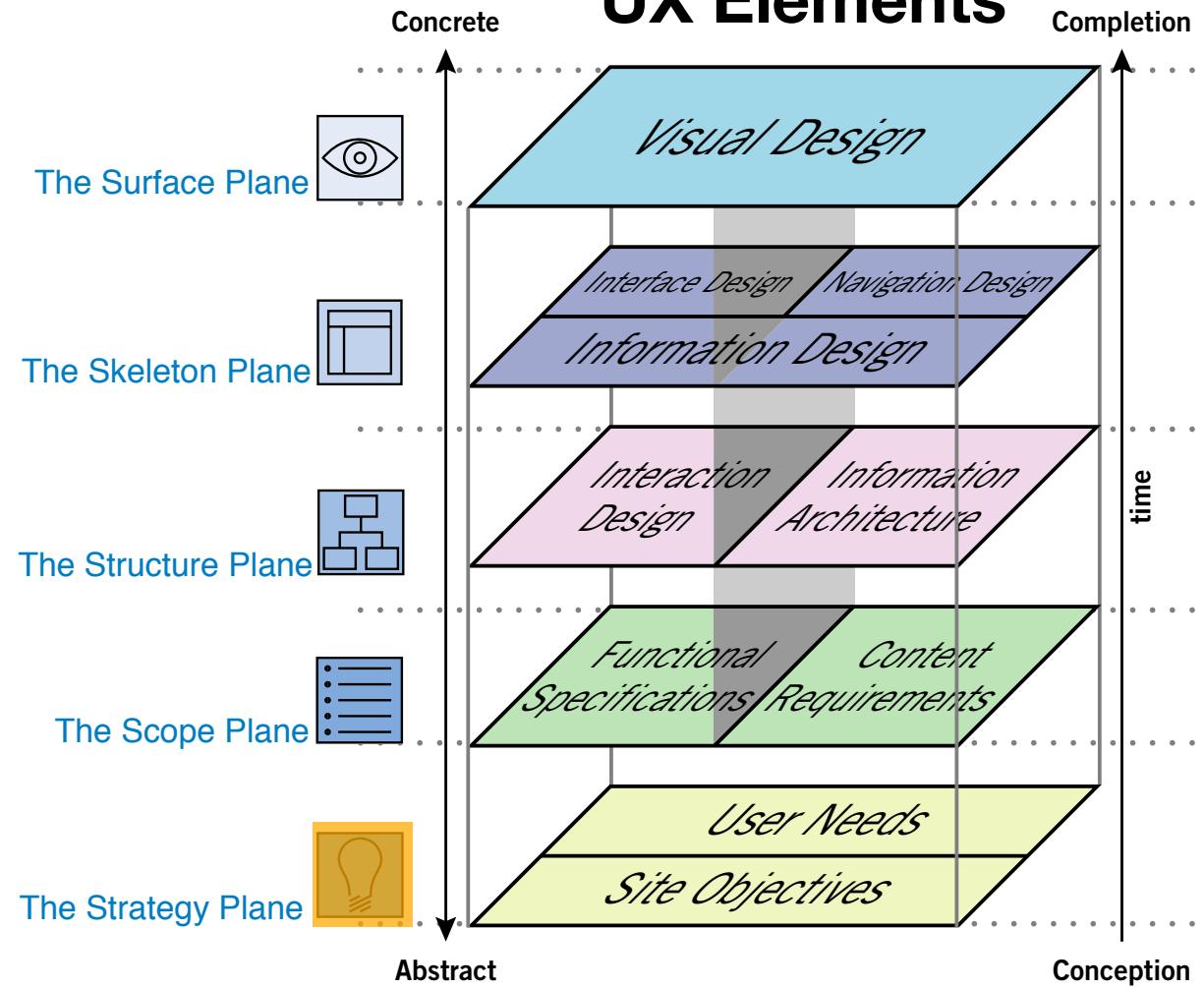


EXPERIENCE = JOURNEY

e.g. The Journey of a New CUHK Applicant

EXAMPLE:
THE JOURNEY OF A NEW CUHK APPLICANT

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Welcome Message

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CUHK Through the Lens

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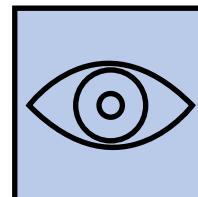
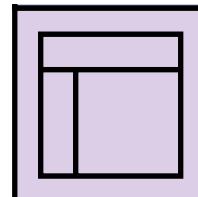
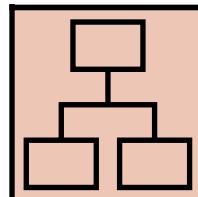
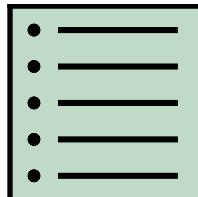
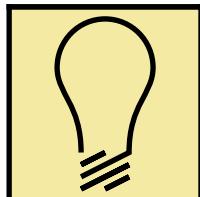
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SITE OBJECTIVES		TARGET USERS		USER NEEDS
Primary goal	Become top tier university in the world.	Primary User	Top local students and world-class academics	Apply for degree enrollment and job vacancies.
Additional goal	Increase research output.	Secondary User	Chinese students interested in the west	Interested to come to CUHK to study.
Additional goal	Build strong alumni network.	Secondary User	Foreign students interested in PRC	Will consider CUHK for full-degree and exchange program.



STRATEGY PLANE

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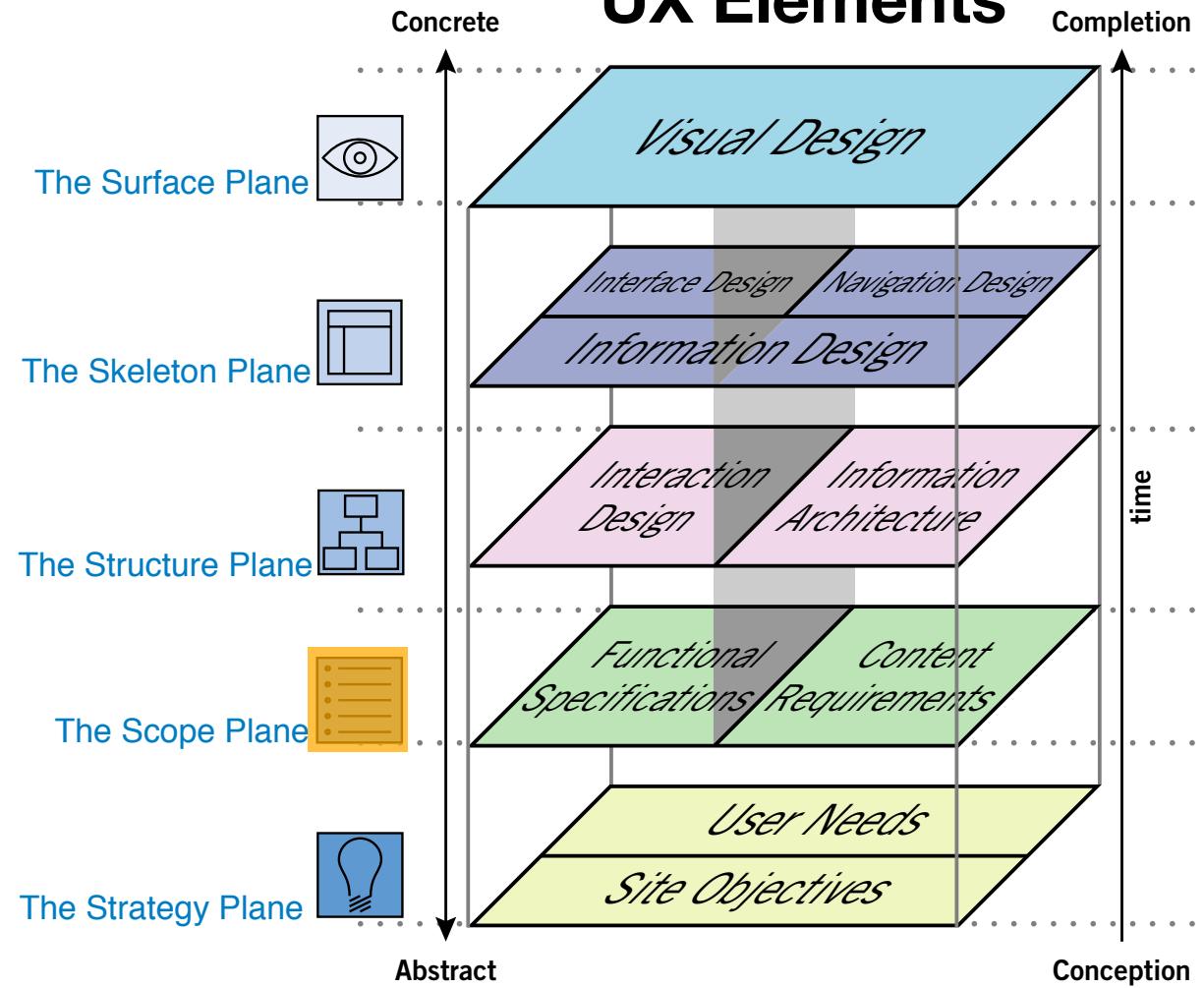
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THE JOURNEY AS A STORY

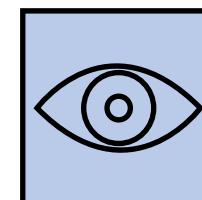
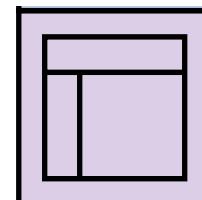
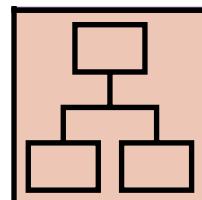
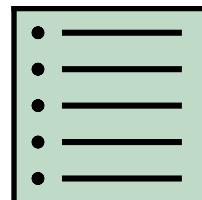
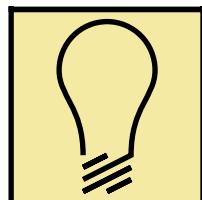
ELEMENTS

1. 人 (人物) PERSONA
2. 景 (場景) CONTEXT
3. 物 (物件) ARTIFACTS
4. 用 (使用) SCENARIOS

STRUCTURE

1. 起 (人物背景) BEGINNING
2. 承 (問題) CHALLENGE
3. 轉 (發展方案) RESPONSE
4. 合 (完成狀況) END

資料來源---劇本導引：
資訊時代產品與服務設計新法
作者余德彰，林文綺，王介丘



SCOPE PLANE

Journey Map (歷程圖)

功用: 有助收集和分類用戶的故事。

有助描繪用戶、器物或系統的故事，以人景物用的故事元素、**起承轉合**的故事結構，更好地**理解目標對象的需求，如何在故事中浮現**，並尋找設計機會。例如用戶日誌，用戶的生活地圖，或產品如何在空間中移動的流程（從製造商到商店貨架，再轉送到用戶的手上）。

參考資料來源: Designthinker Academy

	起	承	轉	合
人物				
場景				
文物				
情況				

	起	承	轉	合	
人物	- Local - PRC/ International	Curious about the school and program	Getting serious and anxious	Excitement	
場景	online promotion	school recruitment	CUHK	online/email	
文物	website	brochure/ presentation	- campus map - hk map - application form	letter of acceptance	
情況	online research Persona wants to filter program	staff roadshow Persona meets professor and CUHK staff	school visit Check out the school	application Finalize options Accept offer	admission

例子

TYPES OF PERSONA (e.g. STUDENT & STAFF)

Persona (人物輪廓)

功用: 有助分類不同人物的輪廓。

人物輪廓包括個人檔案（年齡、性別、教育程度、家庭關係、職業、收入等），生活方式偏好，購物和媒體使用習慣，人生目標和生活日程。工作小組必須為人物輪廓的類型數目達成共識，並且為每種類型命名，方便大家溝通。Persona 也可算在設計思維中很重要的pattern. 不同的persona有不同需要。

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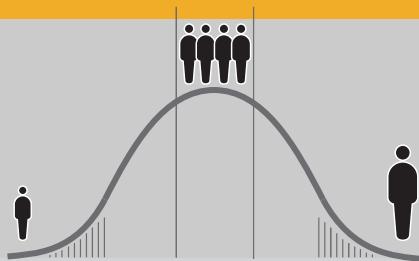
生活方式偏好:

購物習慣:

媒體使用習慣:

人生目標:

生活日程:



OBSERVATION AND UNDERSTANDING



LOCAL APPLICANTS



FOREIGN APPLICANTS

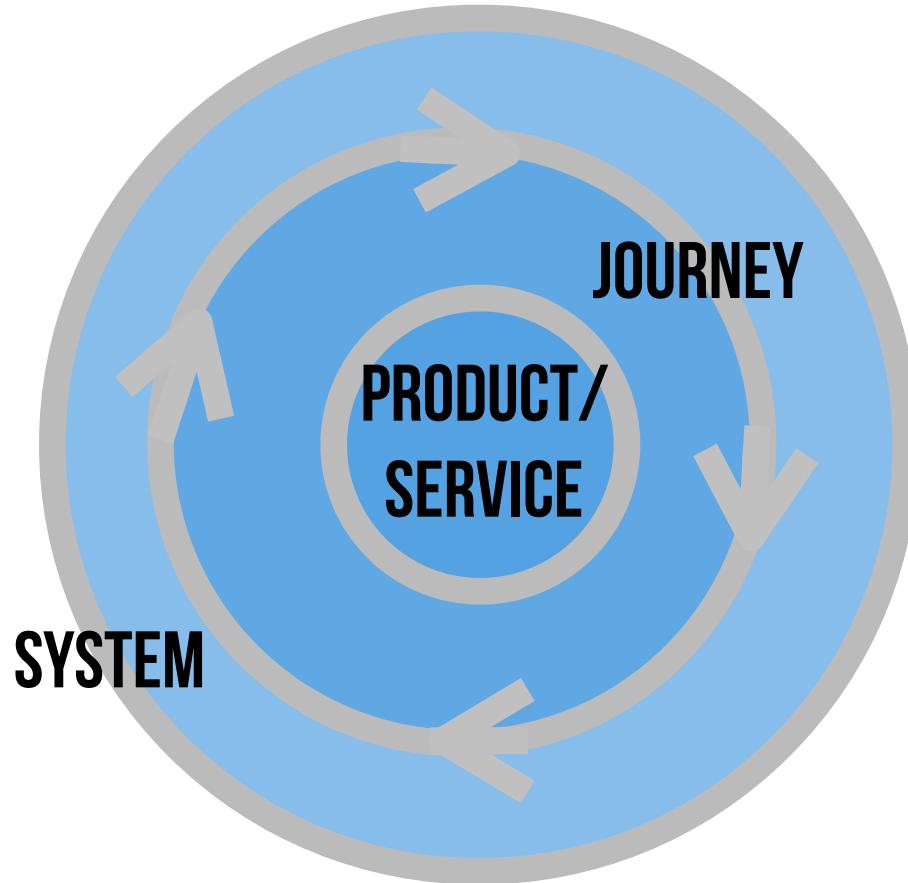


MAINLAND APPLICANTS

PROBLEM STATEMENT:

How can CUHK's website help new student and staff applicants **pursue their career objectives** over the alternatives out there while at the same time **communicate** the school's brand to continue attracting the best?

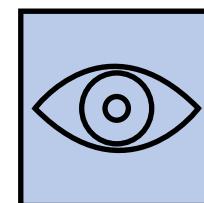
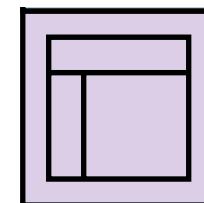
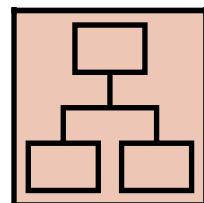
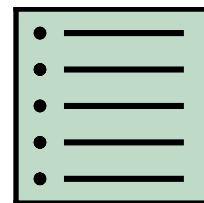
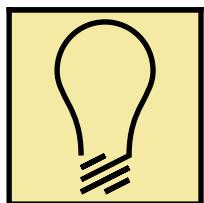
THE BIGGER PICTURE



- Product/Service: the offering (e.g. enrollment at CUHK) which is designed to address a need (e.g. world-class education).
- Journey: the process between a start and end point through which the user can have one's needs satisfied by accepting the offering (e.g. from gathering school info to final admission).
- System: the technical and social systems (e.g. school/faculty administration/research/teaching/student life) existing in an environment where competitive alternatives (e.g. other schools/programs) exist to address the same need. The question is: what are the compelling reasons for the persona to choose one offering over the others?

Content Production Plan

Level	Section	Description	Status	Deadline	Handled by
1.0	About Us	An overview of the organization	Current	NA	Peter
1.1	History	Historical background & timeline	In progress	15/10/11	Mary
1.2	Contact Us	Telephone no., address, and contact	New	22/10/11	John
2.0	Product	Listing of current products and services	In progress	25/10/11	Henry



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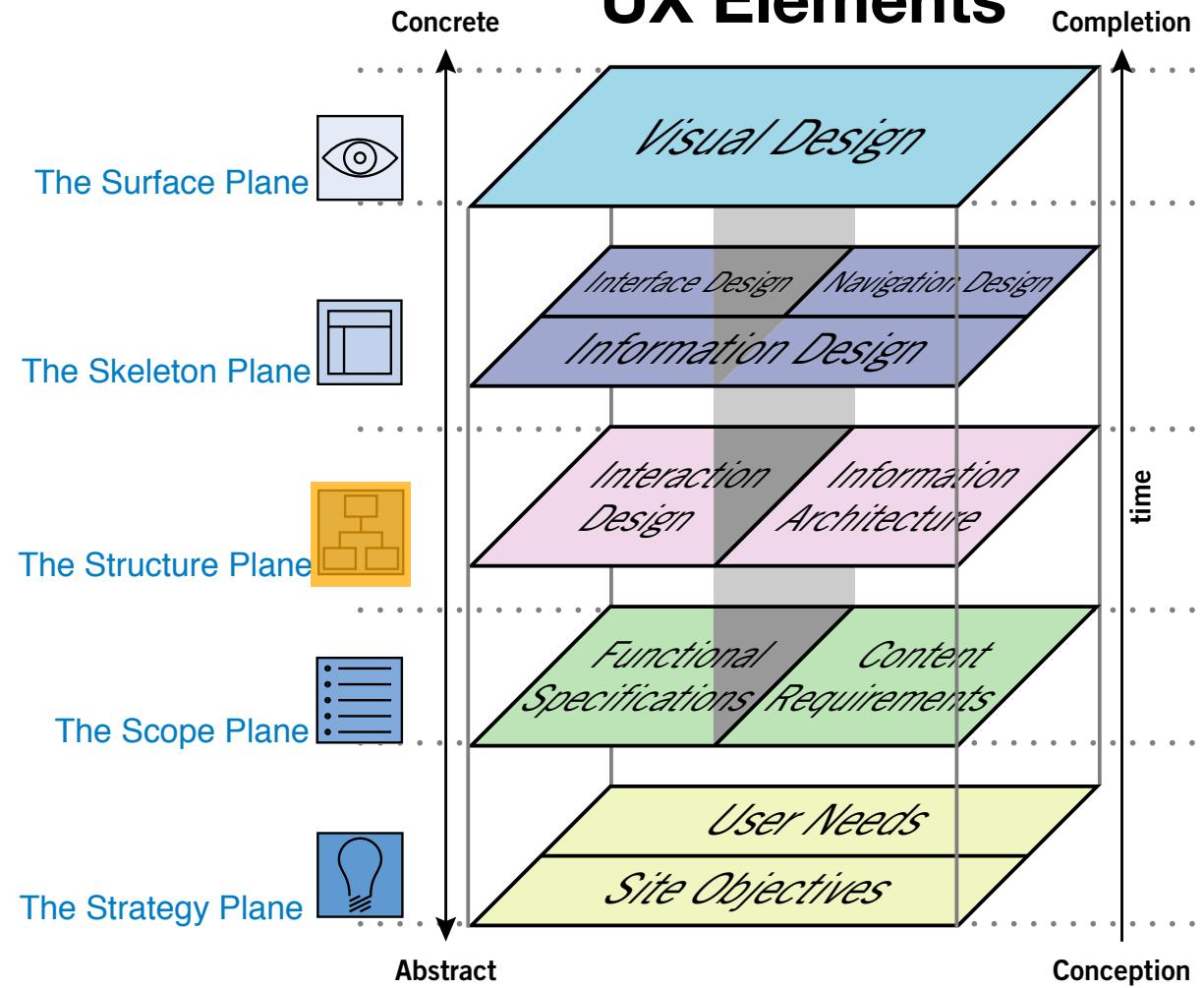
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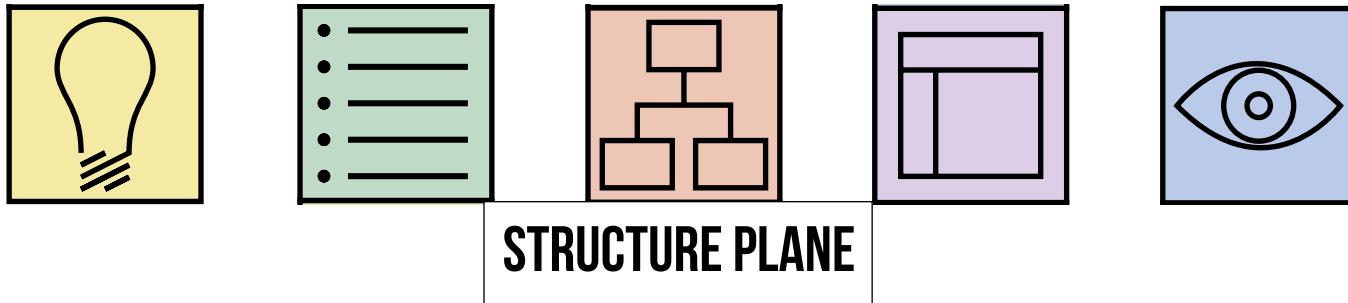
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Information architecture combines the art and science of structuring, organizing, labeling, navigating, and searching information space.

How do you organize this?



Content Organization Scheme

Logical Grouping

- **Alphabet**
- **Time**
- **Place**
- **Hierarchy**
- **Category**

Source: Richard Wurman, “Information Anxiety”

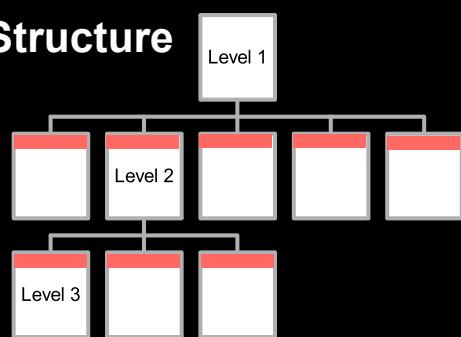
Visual Grouping

- **Linear**
- **Parallel**
- **Web**
- **Matrix**
- **Hierarchical**
- **Spatial Zoom**
- **Overlay**

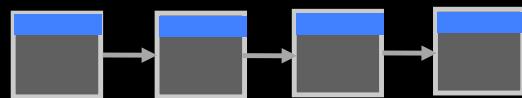
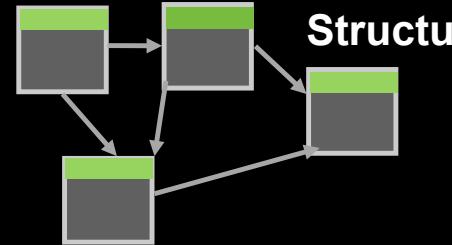
Source: Clement Mok, “Designing Business”

Information Architecture

Hierarchical
Structure

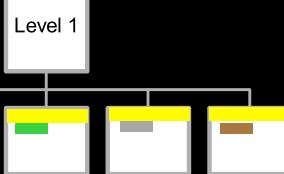


Organic
Structure

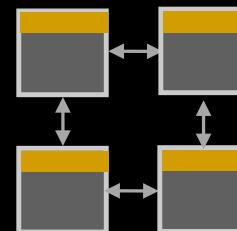


Sequential
Structure

Level 1



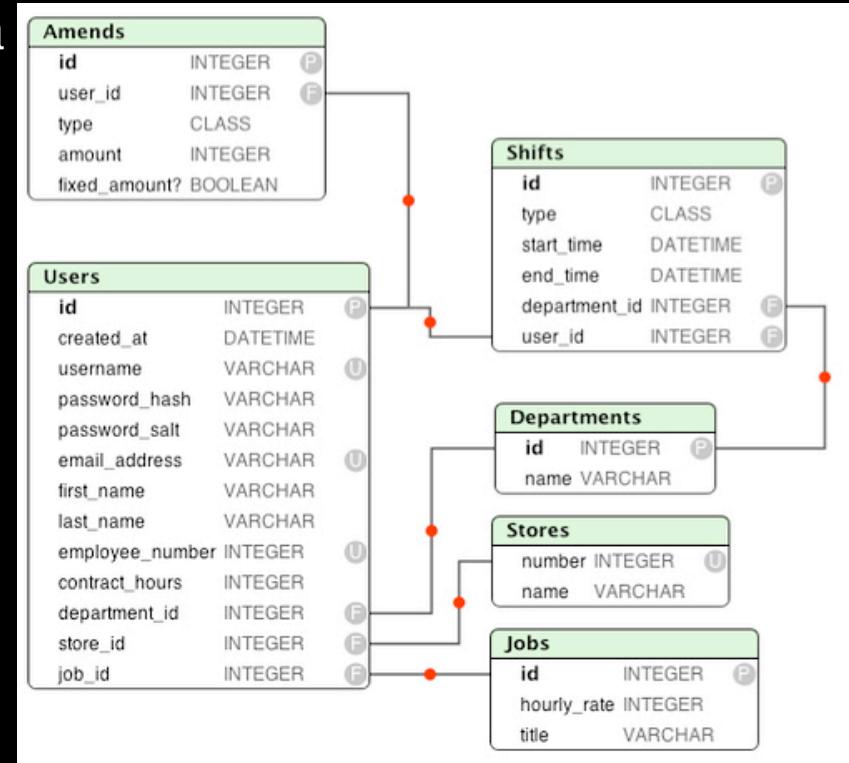
Hybrid
Structure



Matrix
Structure

Database can be defined as a collection of tables and table can be defined as collection of records. Each record is an unique entry of an object or event, which is made up of attributes:

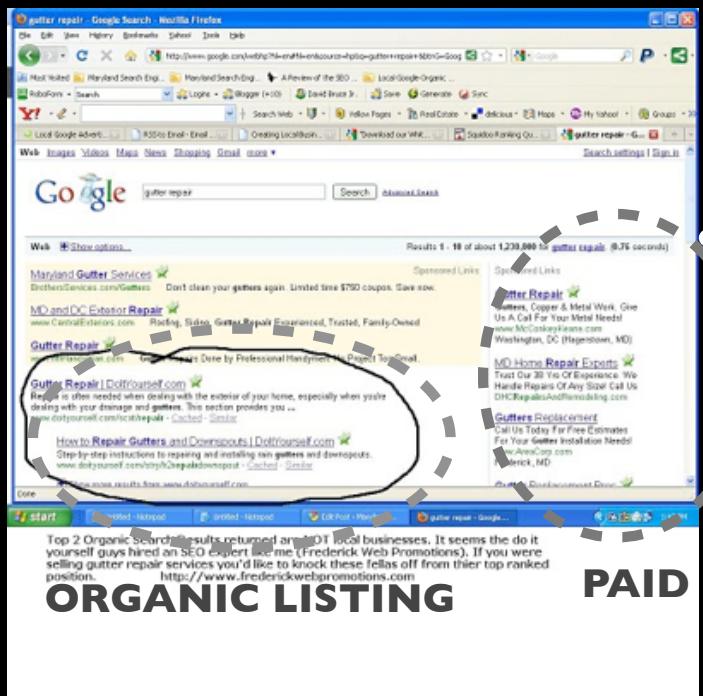
- ✓ Most important attribute is a key identifier.
- ✓ There are primary key and secondary key.
- ✓ Information between tables are related by keys.
- ✓ Data about data is called meta-data (e.g. Thesaurus, glossary, controlled vocabulary which can cross-referenced the database)



Source:Flickr

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SEARCH INTERFACE



CRAWLER/SPIDER/WEB BOT

1



2

CRAW
THE WEB

Meta-Data Defined



QUERY
ENGINE
SEARCH
INDEX

5

PAID LISTING

3

INDEXER
BUILD UP
WEB PAGE
INDEX
DATABASE

RESULT
LISTINGS

6



Question: Can you give me an example of what cannot be easily searched by web spider/crawler?

What is Web Analytics?

Web-based Tool Used for Analyzing Traffic to Your Site:

- What pages have been visited? How many times?
- Where your site visitors come from? Who are they?
- When do they visit? How frequent?
- How long do they stay? What do they buy?
- Where do they stop ? How frequent ?

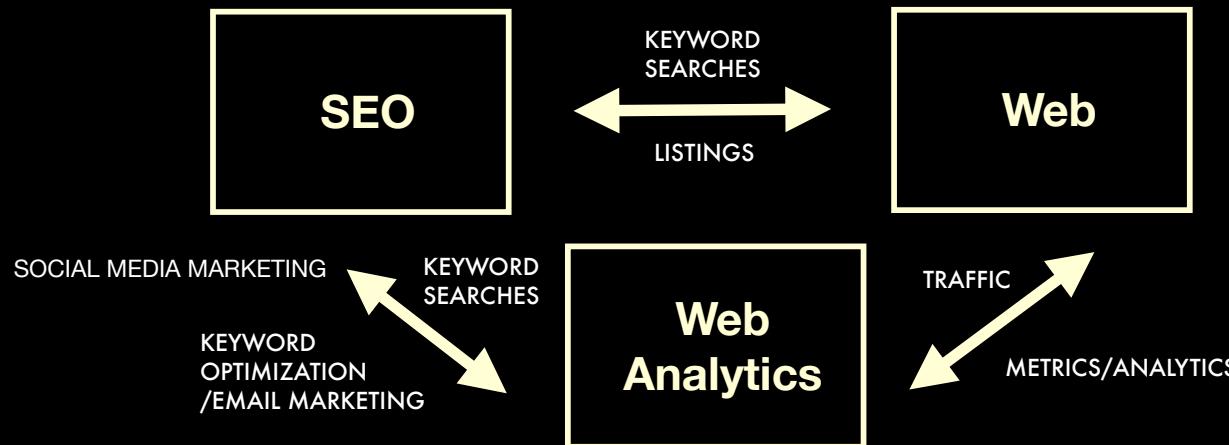
Organic and Paid Listings

- Organic (Natural) Listing (Content Driven - Page Rank Algorithm)
 - Tags (Meta, Title)
 - Body content
 - Links to you (negotiate partnership, build numerous websites, blogs linking to yourself)
- Paid Listing (Pay Per Click:view-->click-->transaction)
 - Sponsored ads
 - Conversion rates (browser->member->customer)

Why Web Analytics?

- Feedback to improve web design
- Know whether the content is enticing
- Has the user experience been captured?
- Who are the real users?
- What do they really care?
- How to make them come back for more?
 - conversion ratio (visitor-->member-->customer)

SEO and Web Analytics



- Web analytics tell you whether your web pages attract traffic (eye balls) or not.
- With feedbacks provided by web analytics, you make changes to your web pages, site structure, title, meta-tag, key word, and link strategies.

Keyword	Search Popularity	Relevance	Competition	Landing Page/Section

Source: Search Engine Optimization An Hour a Day by
Jennifer Grappone and Gradiva Couzin



WHY DO WE NEED CONTENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM?

Data entities and taxonomy help build the information architecture of the website while the menu items, buttons, and links set the structure for navigation and interaction.

SEO relies on the architecture to build the right content (with proper keywords found in the content Title, Body, Links, and URL alias) to increase web traffic and user engagement!

Web analytics provides the feedback to track the results to see if the content and design is working or not.

END OF MORNING SESSION