# An introduction to **INTERACTION DESIGN**

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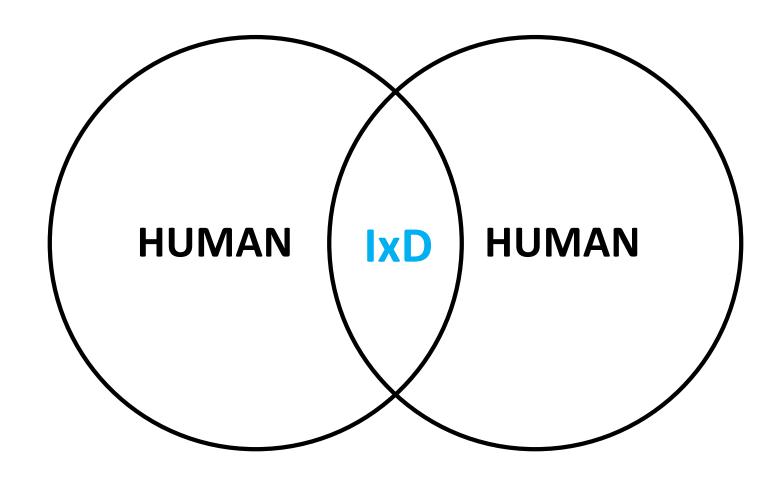
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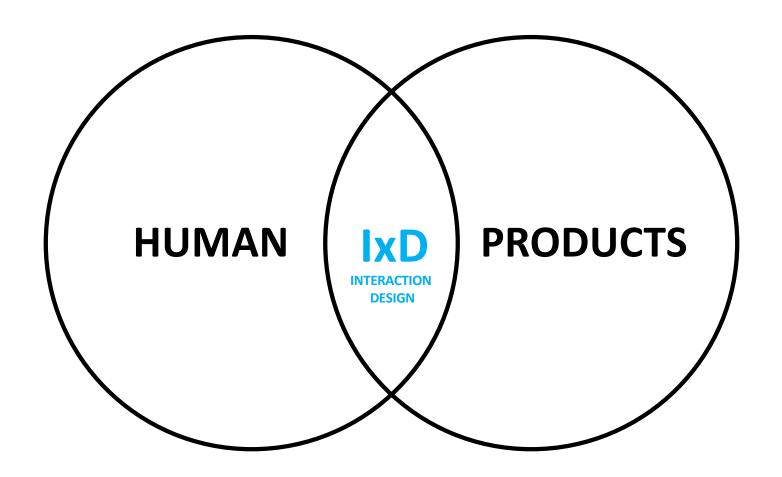
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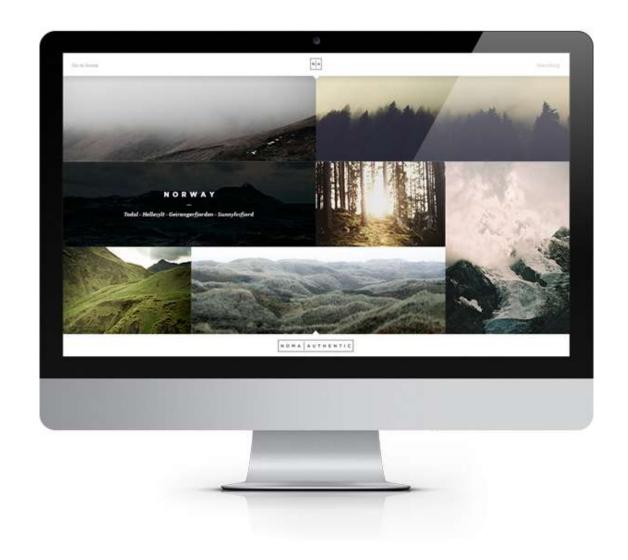
If there is a simple, easy principle that binds everything I have done together, it is my interest in people and their relationship to things

Bill Moggridge





# The products we design, must have a conversation with their users



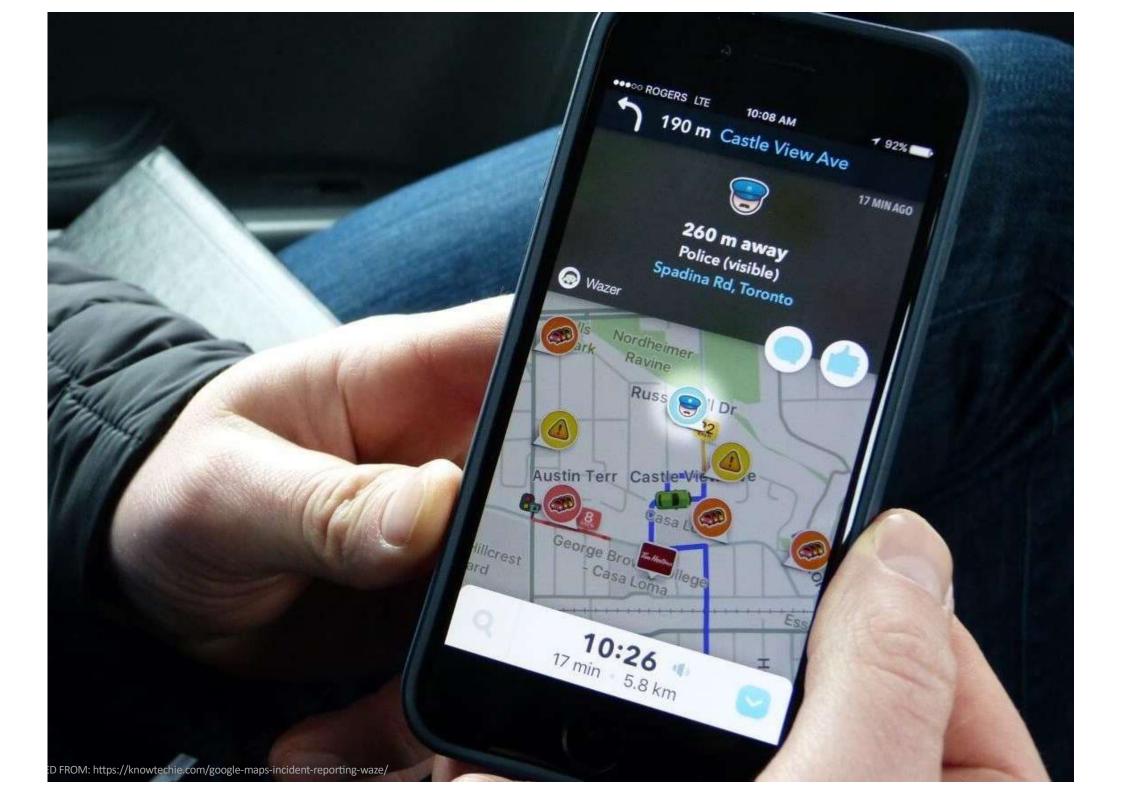


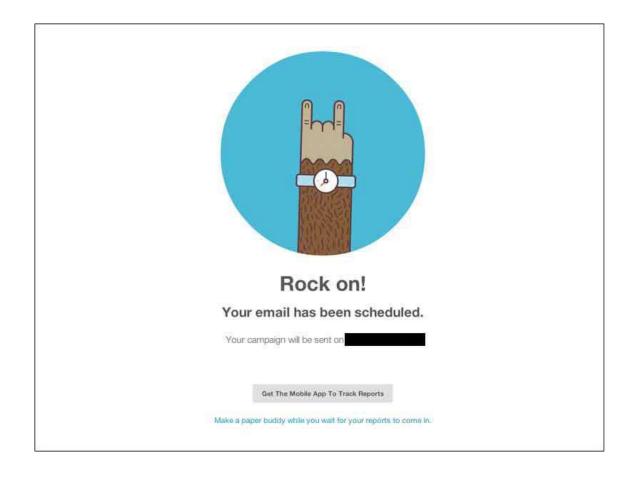
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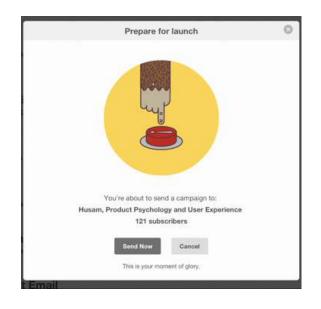




















What would a helpful human do?

What would a thoughtful, considerate interaction feel like?

Does the product treat the primary persona humanely?

How can the software offer helpful information without getting in the way?

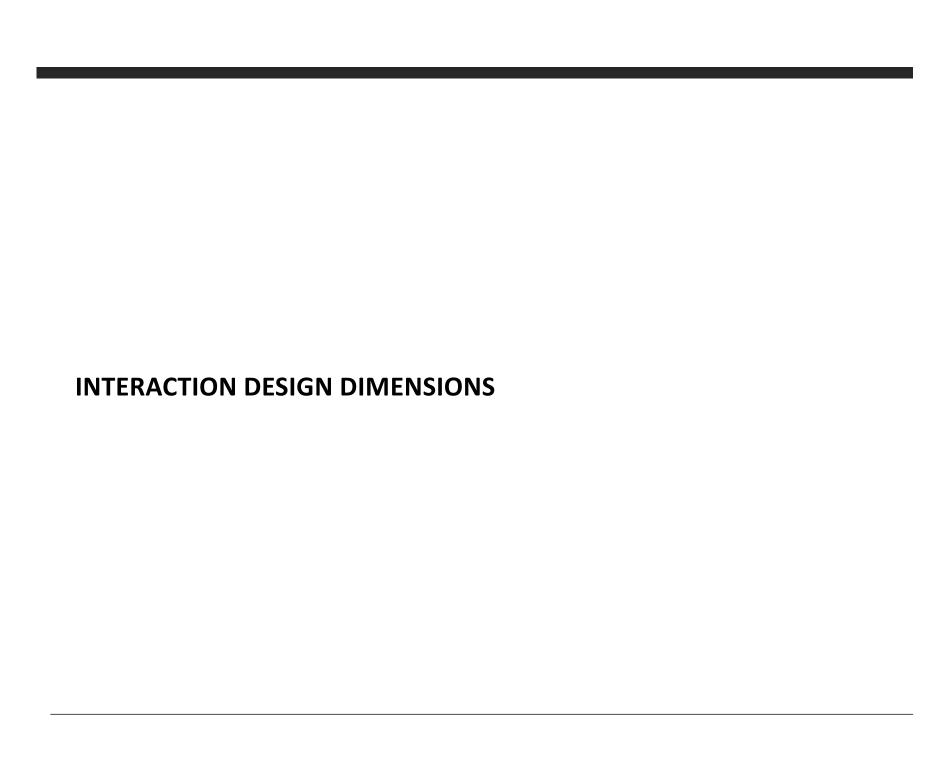
How can it minimize the person's effort in reaching goals?

Interaction Design is the creation of a dialogue between a person and a product, system, or service. This dialogue is both physical and emotional in nature and is manifested in the interplay between form, function, and technology as experienced over time.

John Kolko, Author of Thoughts on Interaction Design (2011)



What is being designed, then, is not a thing but a human-world relation in which practices and experiences take shape.

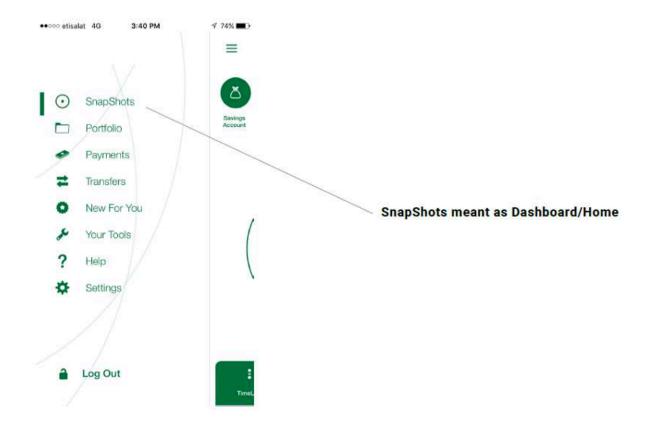


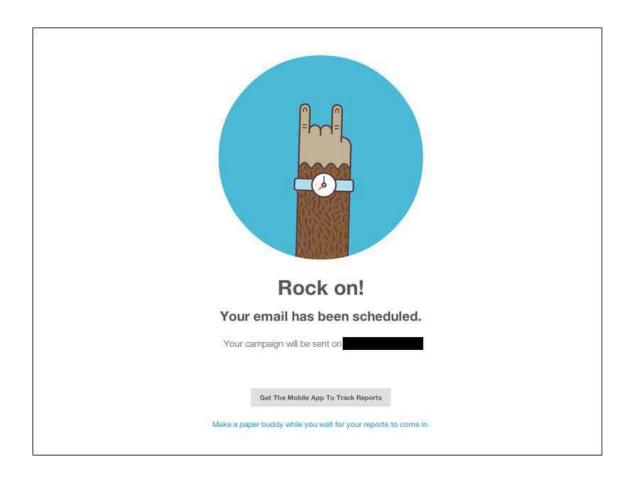
# **5 DIMENSIONS OF INTERACTION DESIGN**



# 1D: Words Should be meaningful, consistent and with a suitable "tone of voice"

#### DON'T





# **2D: Visual representations**

Usually supplement the words used to communicate. Colors, typography, icons etc. should be aligned with words

DON'T DO

#### Looking at Sydney Opera House

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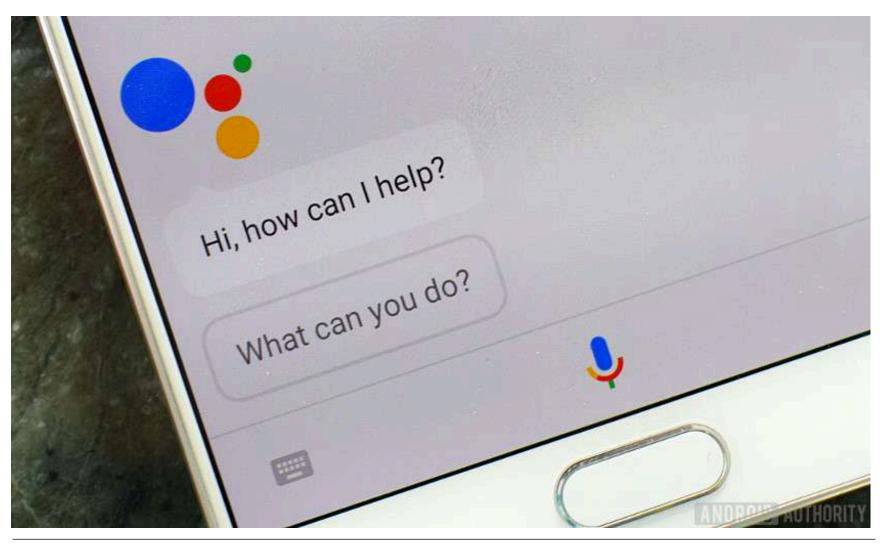
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# **3D: Physical objects or space**

The context and the object has an important role in interaction definition

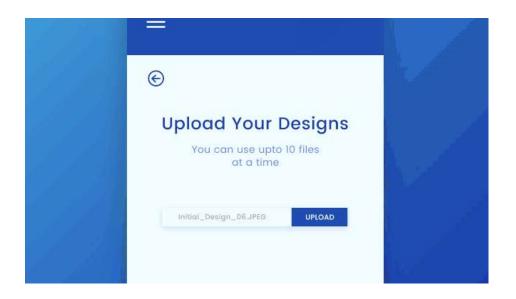
#### DO



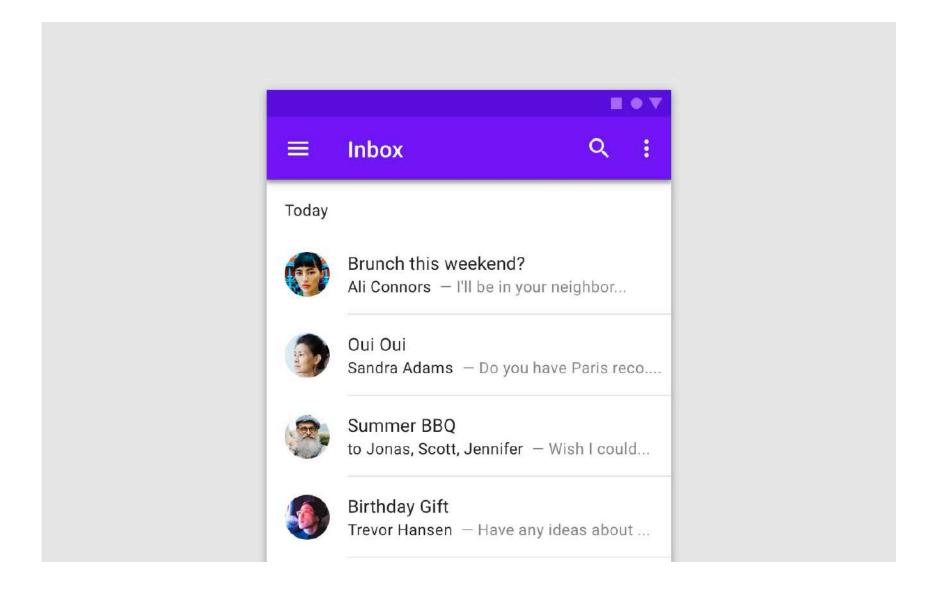
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## 4D: Time

It's mostly related with motion. Motion increases meaning. Could also be concerned with the time a user spend interacting with the product



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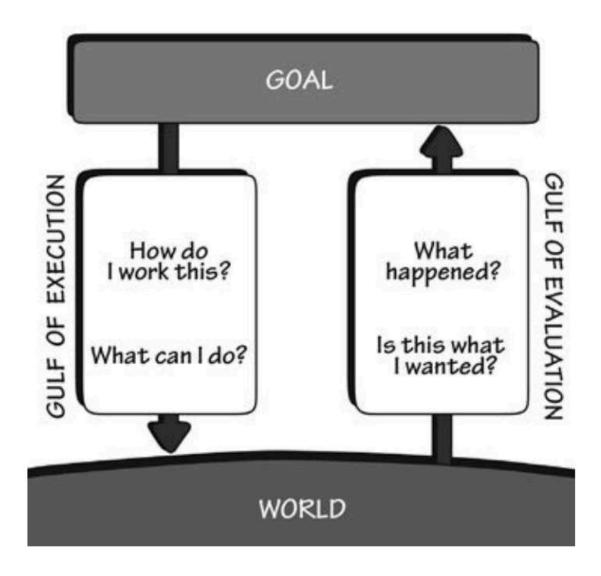


## 5D: Behaviour

How do users perform actions on the website and what is their emotional response

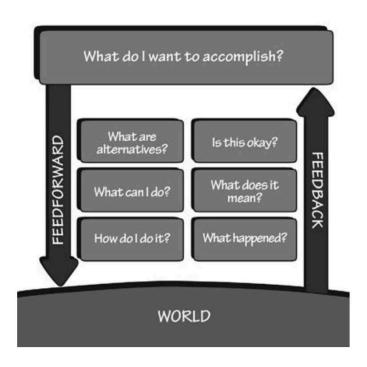
# **HOW DO WE INTERACT**

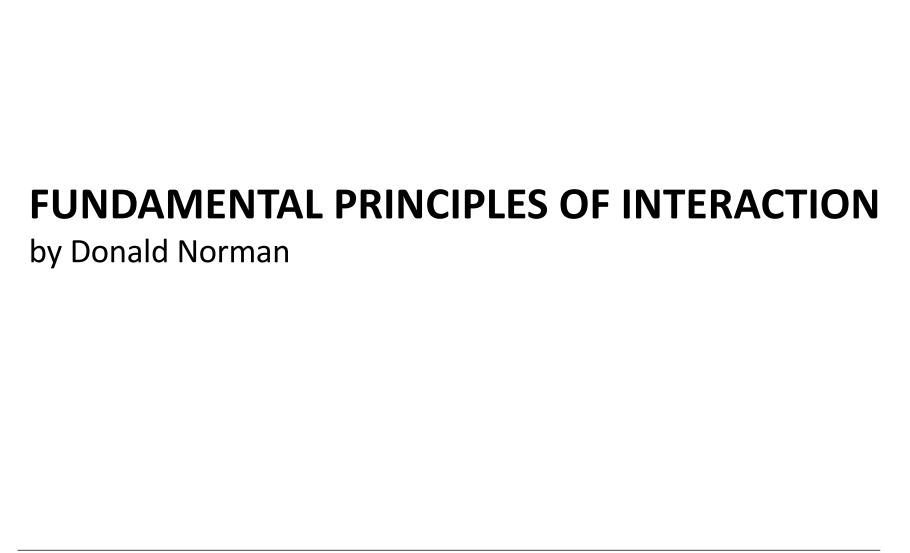
by Donald Norman



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Ensure that at each stage, the product provides the information required to answer the question.

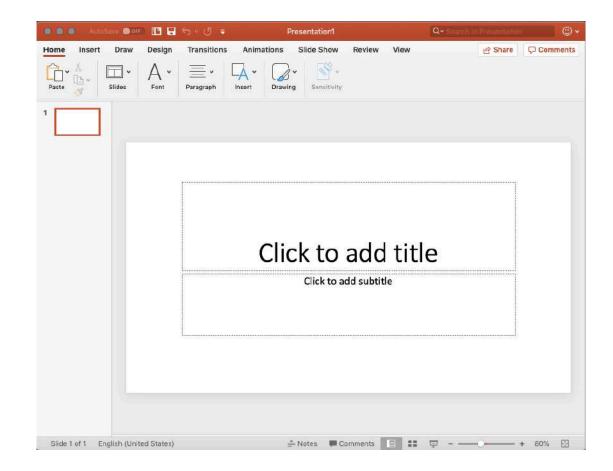




# **DISCOVERABILITY**



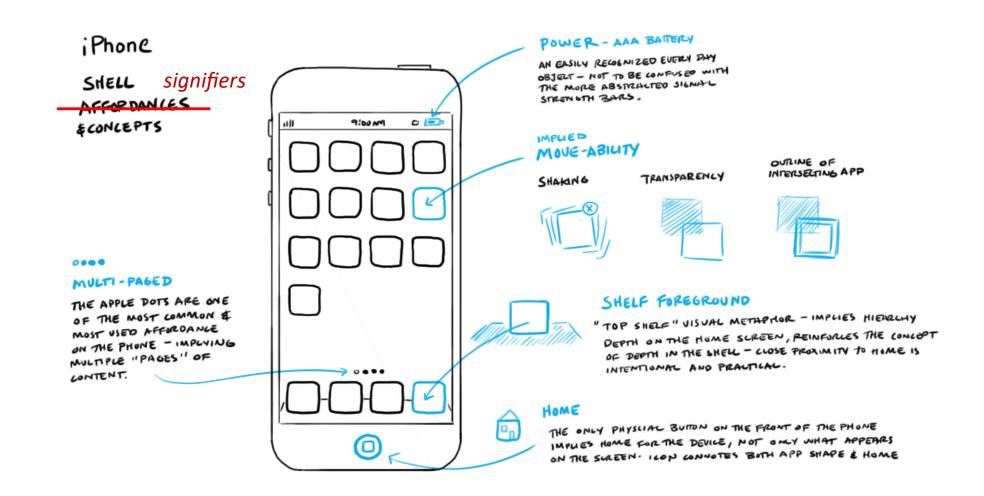




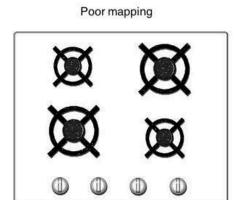
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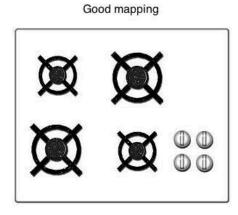


#### **SIGNIFIERS**



# **MAPPING**

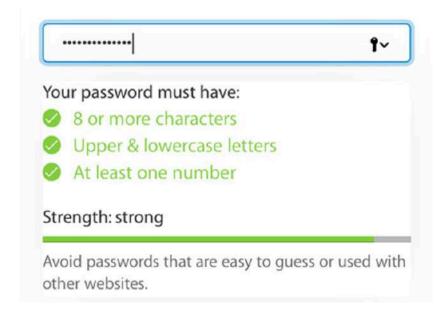




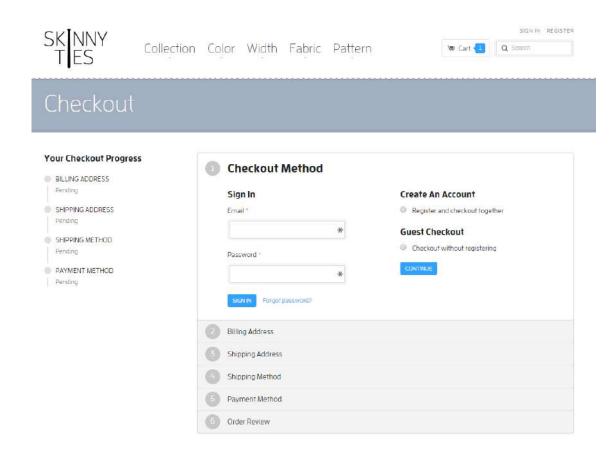


# **FEEDBACK**

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# **CONSTRAINTS**



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There is a sixth principle, perhaps most important of all: the **conceptual model** of the system.

# **CONCEPTUAL MODEL**



# In early 2016 Fiat Chrysler automobiles recall over 1 million vehicles

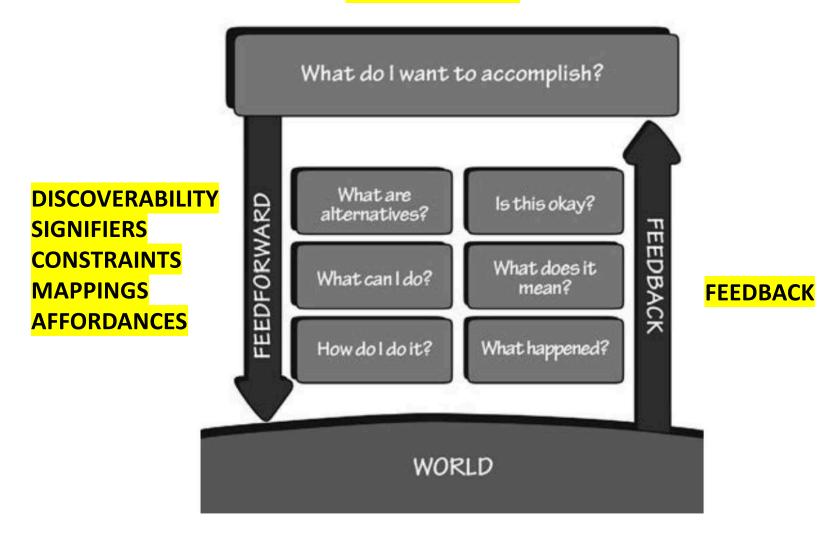
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# Follow user's mental models

#### **MENTAL MODEL**



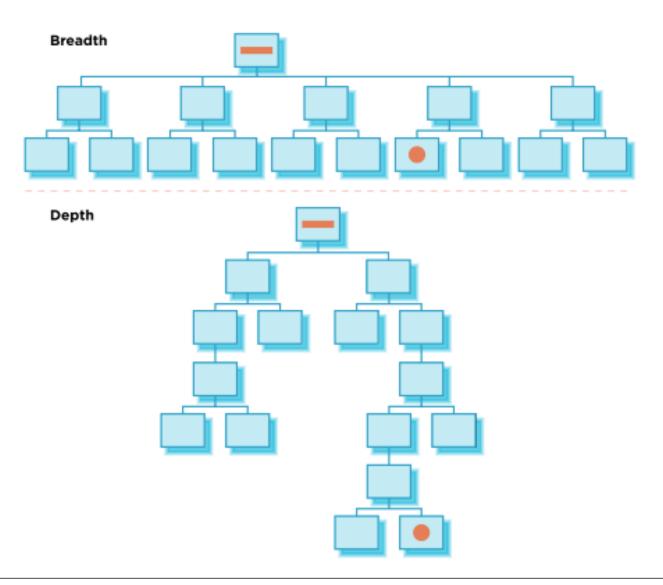


Once we learn them, we can act upon a user interface, perceive its reaction, and productively achieve our goals, as we do with the natural world.

# **QUALITIES OF SUCCESSFUL NAVIGATION**

by James Kalback

# **BALANCE**



#### **BALANCE**

Between the number of visible menu items on a page (breath) and the number of hierarchical levels in a structure (depth);

Broader structures works better than deeper ones;

Create clusters of information;

# EASE OF LEARNING

The ease of learning is directly related to ease of navigation;

On the Web there is no idea of training that was associated with applications in the beginning of the computational systems;

The duration of time spent on the web is measured in seconds.

# CONSISTENCY AND INCONSISTENCY

Consistency is a perceived quality;

Should be present in mechanisms and links that appear in a steady location;

Consistency ≠ Uniformity!

# **FEEDBACK**

The navigation system should give clues about how to navigate through the website;

Where are we?

What can we do?

Where can we go?

# **EFFICIENCY**

The path to information should be efficient;

To improve efficiency:

**Duplicate access points** 

Create shortcuts

Create escape hatches

#### **CLEAR LABELS**

Labels, especially links, are essential for creating navigation.

Avoid jargon, brand names, abbreviations and overly cute or clever;

Meaningful categories that are mutually exclusive Consistent forms of labels

A coordination of navigation labels with other text elements.

# **VISUAL CLARITY**

Color, typography and layout all contribute to a richer experience.

Create a visual logic;

Foster scanning and make skimming options as easy as possible – **Scanability**;

Buttons and links should look clickable – Clickability.

# APPROPRIATENESS FOR THE TYPE OF SITE

The success of navigation is relative to the kind of site it appears on;

An ecommerce website does not have the same structure as a social network;

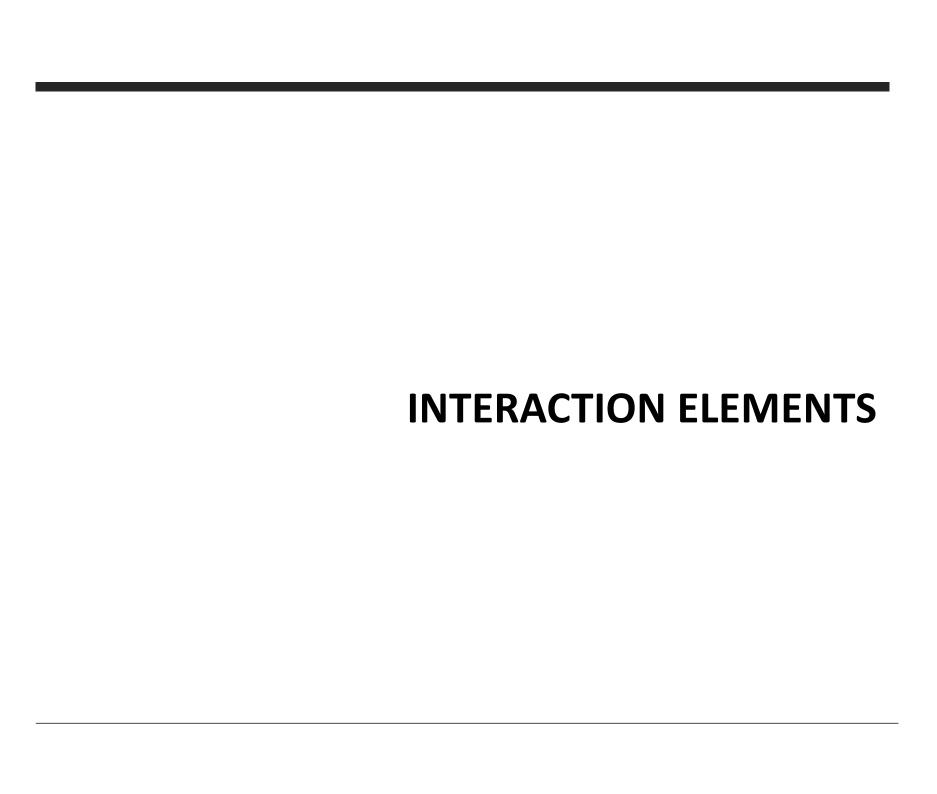
Patterns and guidelines should be selected based on site type.

# ALIGNING WITH USER NEEDS

Identify your target group;

Identify the key information needs of each group;

Effective navigation is aligned with deeper user goals and expectations.



#### **INPUT**

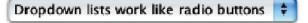
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 □ Radio buttons
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Checkboxes – allow the user to select one or more options from a set. Multiple selection.
Radio buttons – allow users to select from a set of mutually exclusive options.

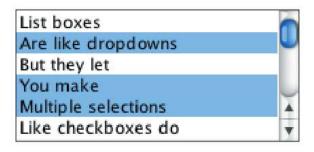
Text input fields let you input text

**Text fields** – allow users to enter text.

#### **INPUT**



**Dropdown lists** – allow users to select one item at a time, similarly to radio buttons, but are more compact allowing you to save space. They also hide available options.



**Lists boxes** – provide the same functionality as checkboxes, but they take up less space. They also hide available options.

Buttons perform actions

**Action buttons** – can have different actions upon touch.

# **INPUT**



**Date and time picker** – allows users to select a date and/or time.

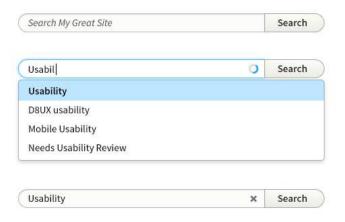


**Toggles** – allow the user to change a setting between two states.



**List views** — are toggles but are considered by many authors as navigation elements.

# **NAVIGATION**



**Search field** – allows users to enter a keyword or phrase (query) and submit it to search the index with the intention of getting back the most relevant results.

Typically search fields are single-line text boxes and are often accompanied by a search button.

#### **NAVIGATION**



**Pagination** – allows users to skip between pages or go in order through the content.

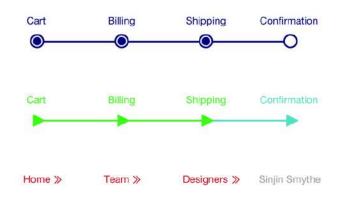


**Icons** – typically combined with hyperlinks allows users to navigate the system.



**Image carrousel** – allows users to browse through a set of items and make a selection of one. Typically, the images are hyperlinked.

# **NAVIGATION**



**Breadcrumbs** – allow users to identify their current location within the system by providing a clickable trail of proceeding pages to navigate by.

# **OUTPUT**







**Notification** – announces something new. They need an action for the notification to disappear.



**Flash notification** – announces something new, but have an associated time.



**Progress bar** – A progress bar indicates where a user is as they advance through a series of steps in a process. Typically, progress bars are not clickable.

# **OUTPUT**



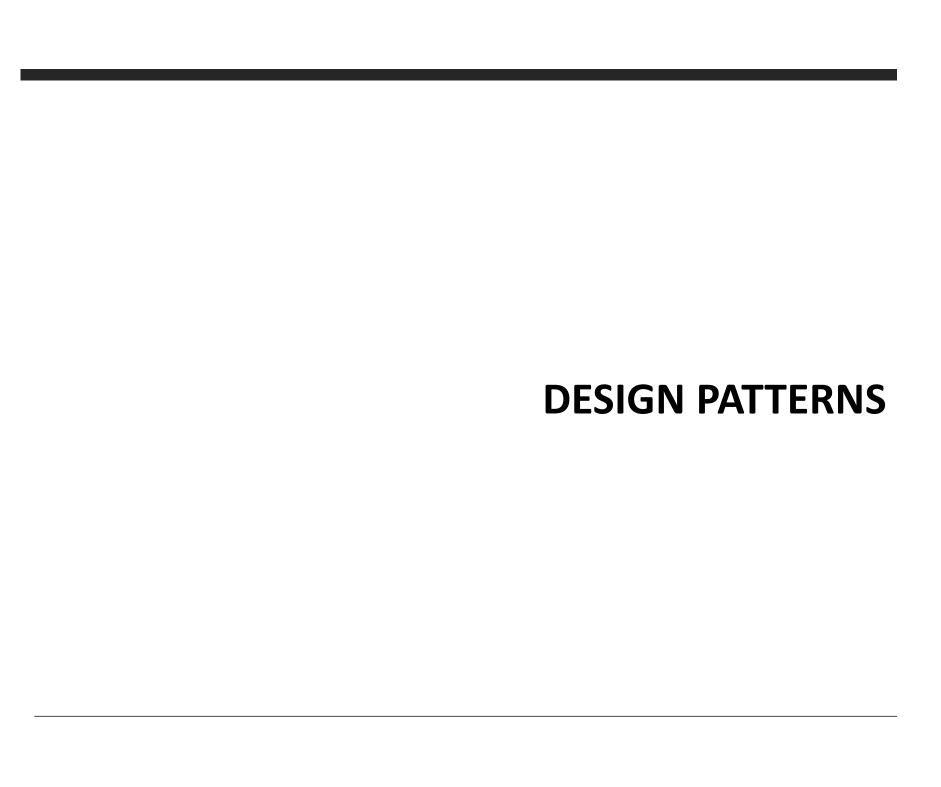
**Message boxes** – is a small window that provides information to users and requires them to take an action before they can move forward.



**Modal window** – requires users to interact with it in some way before they can return to the system.

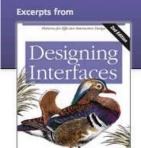


**Tooltips** – allow a user to see hints when they hover over an item indicating the name or purpose of the item.





Patterns are structural and behavioral features that improve the "habitability" of something - a user interface, a Web site, or even a building.
They make things more usable, easier to understand, or more beautiful.



**Patterns** 

Selected patterns from the book are featured here on the website, in their entirety.

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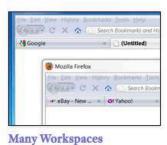
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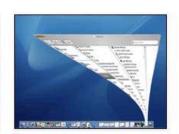
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**Settings Editor** Alternative Views

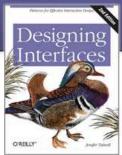


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### Infinite List

### What

At the bottom of a long list, put a button that loads and appends more items to the list.

#### Use when

You need to show long lists of email messages, search results, an archive of articles or blog posts, or anything else that is effectively "bottomless."

why don't the igles go for two? Great, now it's 13 - 24. Am I missing something or this like the longest drive in... Load More Messages... 1,995 messages total, 365 unread C  $\square$ Updated 1/19/09 9:33 PM

Users are likely to find desired items near the top, but they sometimes need to search further.

### Why

The initial loading of a screenful or two of items is fast, and the user doesn't get stuck waiting for a very long initial page load before she sees anything useful.

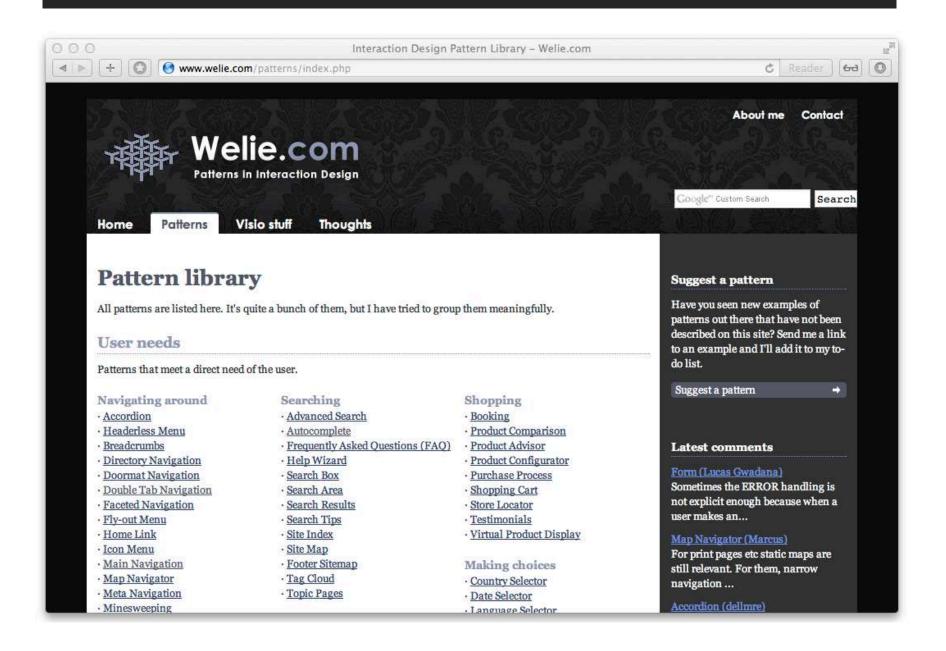
Each subsequent loading of a new chunk of items is also fast, and it's under user control—the user decides when (and whether) she needs to load more items.

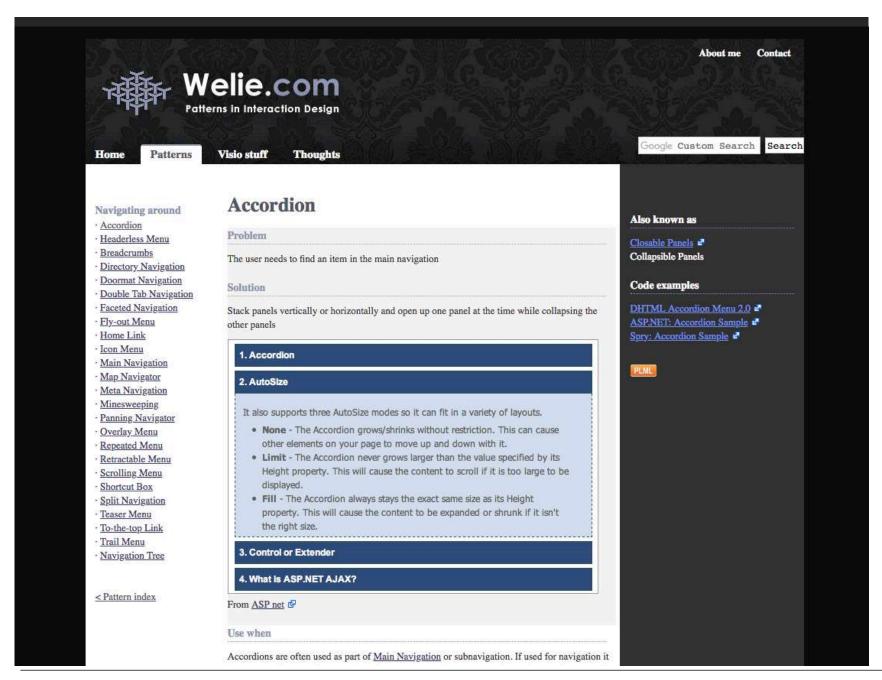
Since the new items are just appended to the current page, the user never has to context- shift by going to a new page to see new items, as she would with paginated search results.

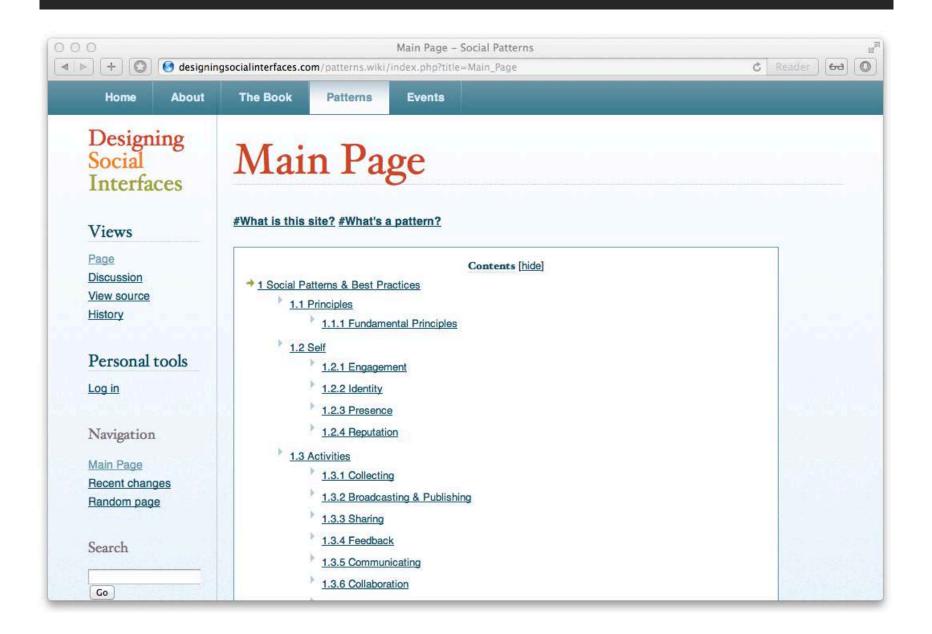
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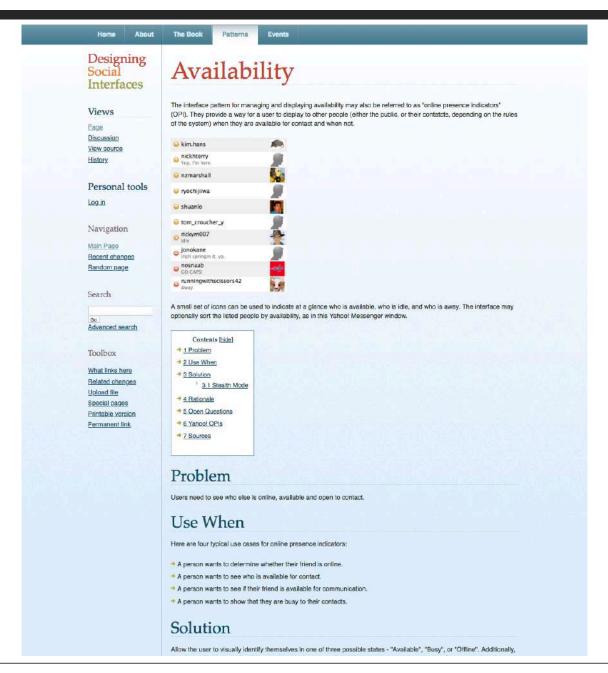
When the page or list is initially sent to the mobile device, truncate the list at a reasonable length. That length will vary greatly with item size, download time, and the user's goal—is she reading everything (as with Facebook), or just scanning a large number of items to find the one she wants (as with search results)?

At the bottom of the scrolled page, put a button that lets the user load and show more items. Let the user









# So what do interaction designers do?

## 1. Design Strategy

User goals (tasks)

Interactions needed to achieve user goals

2. Wireflows (wireframes + flowcharts) — TASK TO PRATICAL CLASS #3

3. Prototypes (User Interface Prototype)

Wireflows document interactions

## **WIREFRAMES**

are a common deliverable to show pagelevel layout ideas;

are a great way of showing layout, but they don't describe interaction well;

## **FLOWCHARTS**

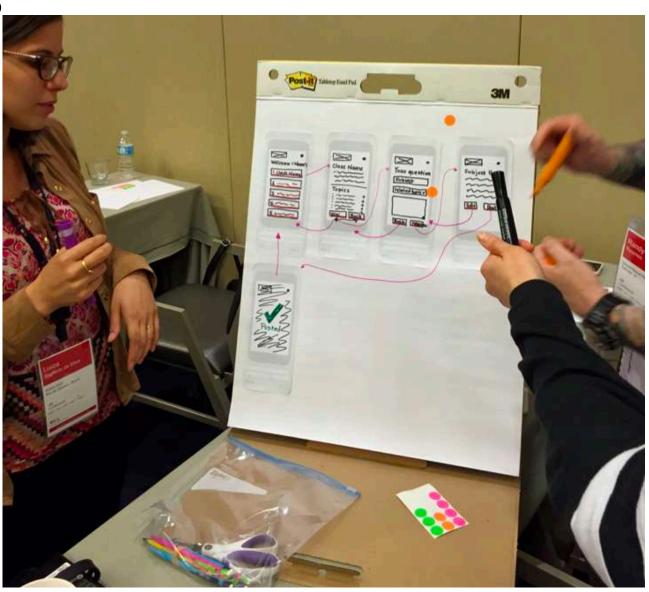
for documenting complex workflows and user tasks (interactions) with multiple steps or paths,

but typically leave out the context of the interactions and its impact over users.

Each step in the flowchart is represented by a wireframe for a full mobile-screen design;

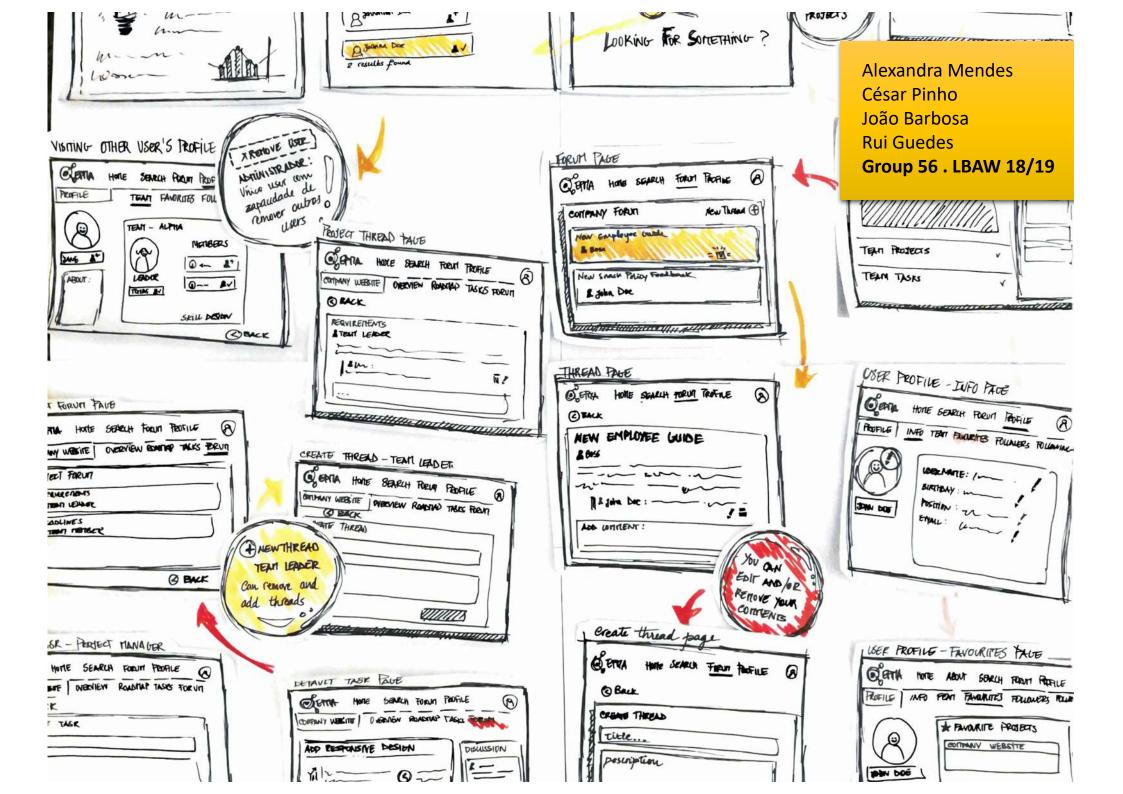
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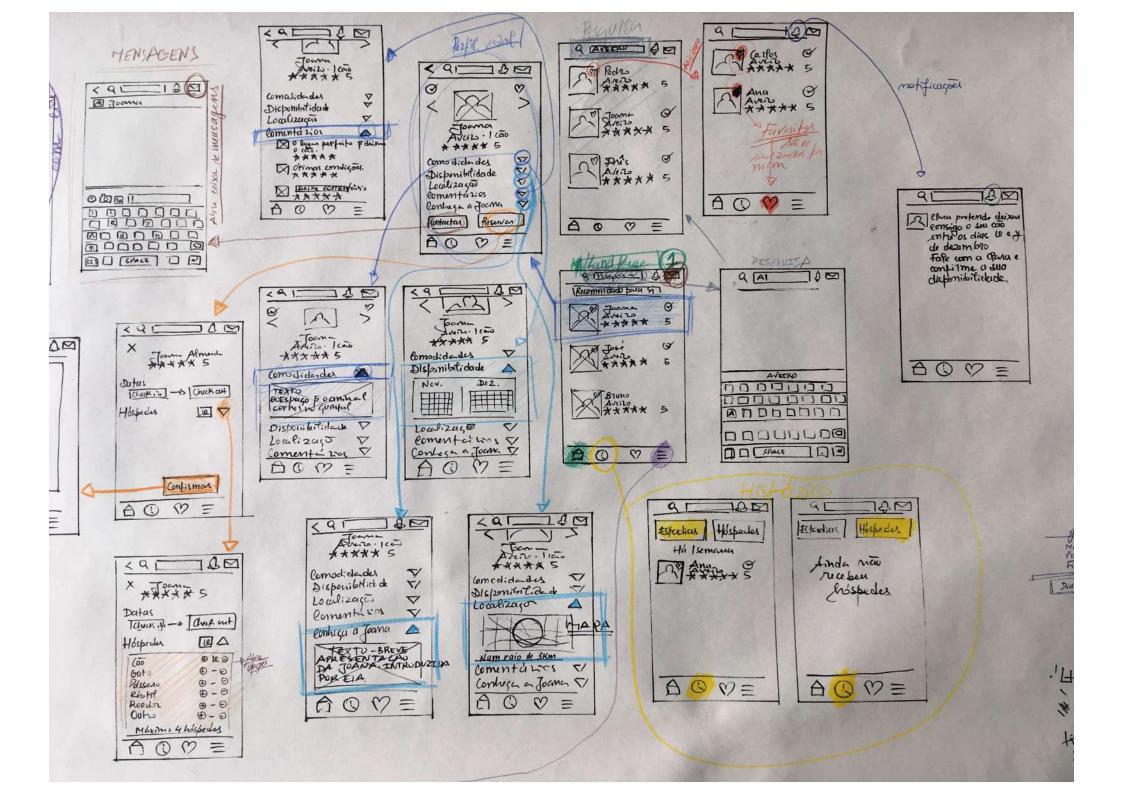
A tool for collaboration



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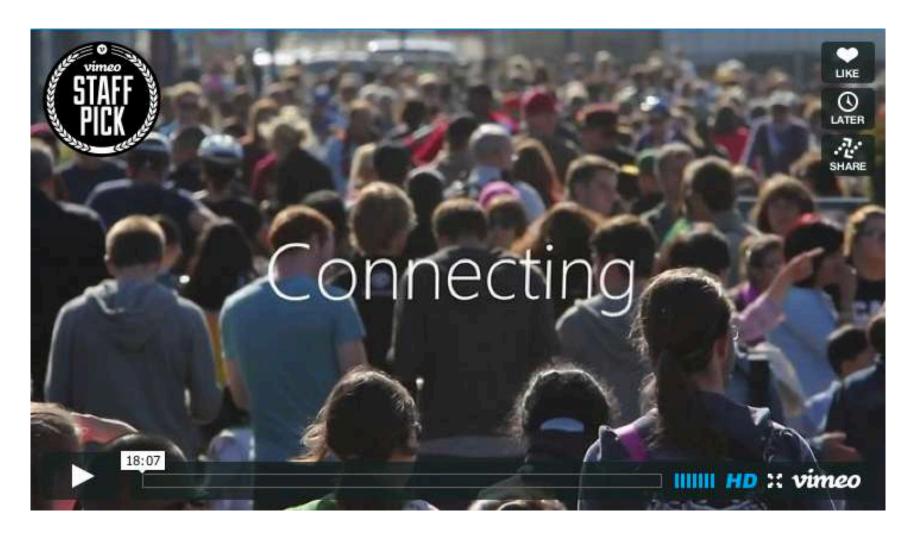
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### RECOMMENDATION



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