

Focus Projects and HCI

Human Computer Interaction (HCI)

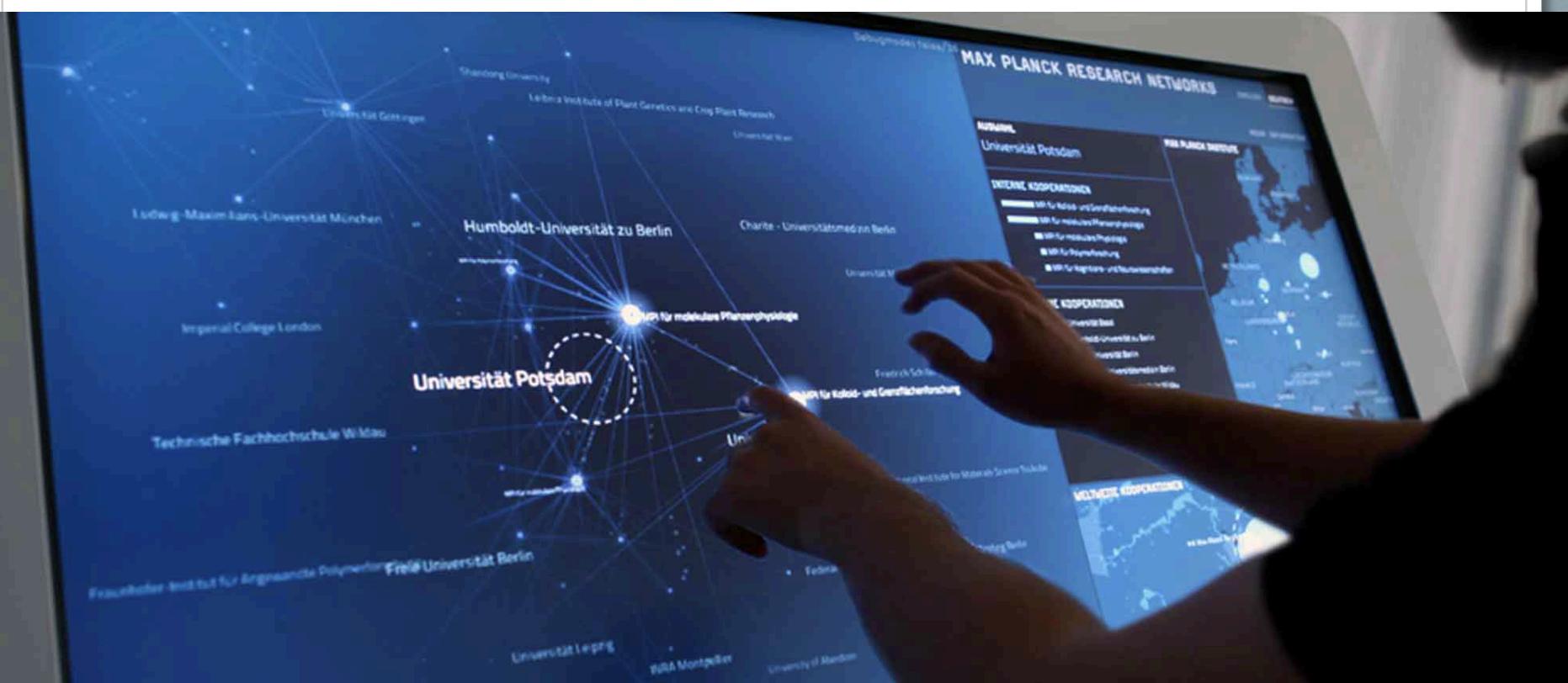
- How do regular people use computers?
- What do they use them for?
- How can we improve everyday lives using computers?

Accessible Technology



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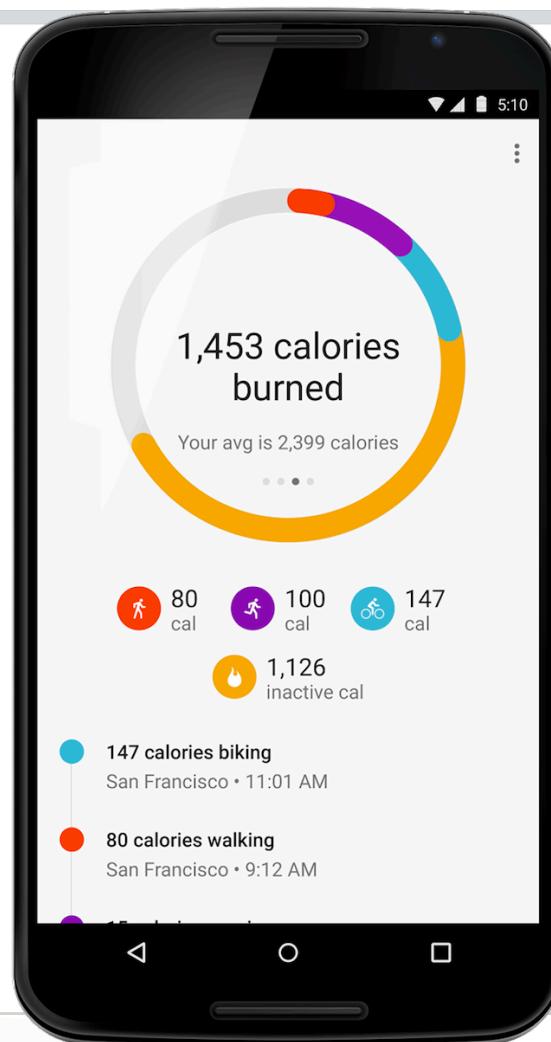
Interface Design



Tech for Developing Countries



Personal Data Tracking



Education



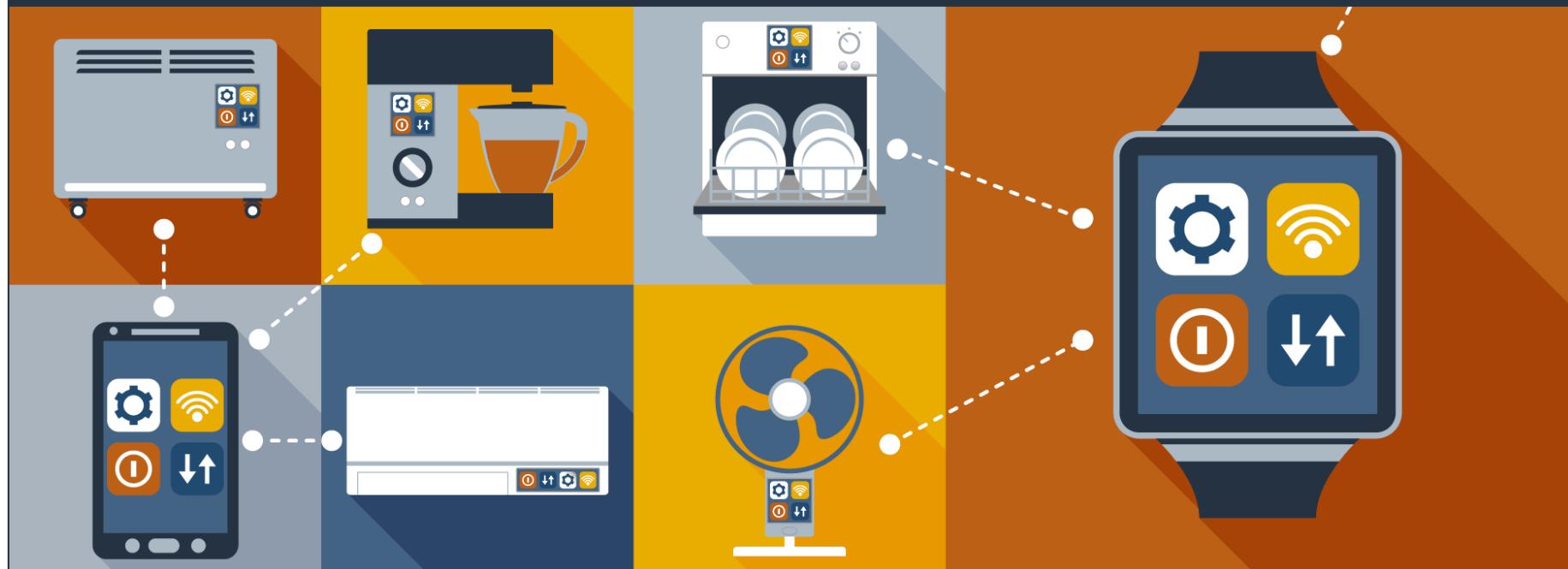
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Ubicomp

Internet of Things



HCI Design Principles

1. User-centric

2. Empirical

3. Iterative

User-Centric

- Who is this for?
- What are their needs?
- How does this technology meet those needs?
- Will this person be able to use this technology?
 - Don't just design for yourself!

Empirical

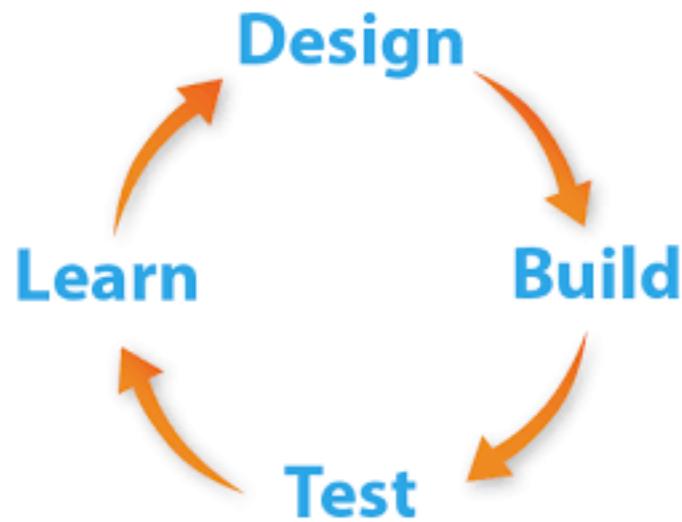
- Measurable, consistent feedback and data collection
- Pay attention to all the variables
 - Differences in user background and preference
 - Environmental influences

and if you were doing this professionally...

- Statistical significance
- Reproducibility

Iterative

- Get feedback early and often from multiple people
- Don't expect your first try to be perfect



Weekly Schedule

- Tuesday
 - Brainstorming
 - Background research
 - Planning
- Wednesday
 - Iteration (plan + implement + test)
- Thursday
 - Iteration (plan + implement + test)
- Friday
 - Final trials
 - Presentation writing

Suggested Approaches

- Identify a problem and audience, then create a solution to solve it
 - What can be done in a week?
 - What else has been done to solve this problem?
 - What are you doing better/different?
- Recreate an existing device's functionality
 - What is the purpose of this device?
 - What can you copy with C.P.'s hardware?
 - Can you improve it at all?

Some Ideas

- Alarm Clock w/ snooze function
- Pedometer with daily step goal
- Burglar Alarm w/light sensor and disarm code
- “iPod” with multiple songs and playback control
- Meal tracker w/ calorie input and daily goal

Ideas for ways to interact with Circuit Playground

- Use the slide switch to change “modes”
 - E.g. between input and output
- Display numbers in a range by lighting more neopixels up
 - Could also beep x times to show smaller numbers
- Buttons can be used to move cw and ccw over the neopixels
- C.P. can tell if both buttons are pressed at the same time
- NeoPixels can be used to display binary numbers
 - Up to 2^{11} in theory
- The circuit pins can also sense touch
- Rob and Google are your friends

Groups

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