## Usability Testing

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The how-to companion to the bestselling Don't Make Me Think!

A Common Sense Approach to Web Usability

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The Do-It-Yourself Guide to Finding and Fixing Usability Problems

**UX Expert:** Why are you waving the keyboard around over your head?

Participant: To keep the elephants away!

**UX Expert:** Does it work?

Participant: You don't see any elephants do you?

### Usability testing

"Watching people try to use what you're creating/ designing/building (or something you've already created/designed/built), with the intention of (a) making it easier for people to use or (b) proving that it is easy to use."

—Steve Krug



#### Quantitative VS Qualitative

- \* Quantitative:
- Proving Something
   Is this latest version better than the previous one?
   Is our site as easy to use as our competitors?
- \* Measuring success rate of tasks, time it takes to complete, etc.
- \* Rigorous, like a science experiment, or results won't be trustworthy

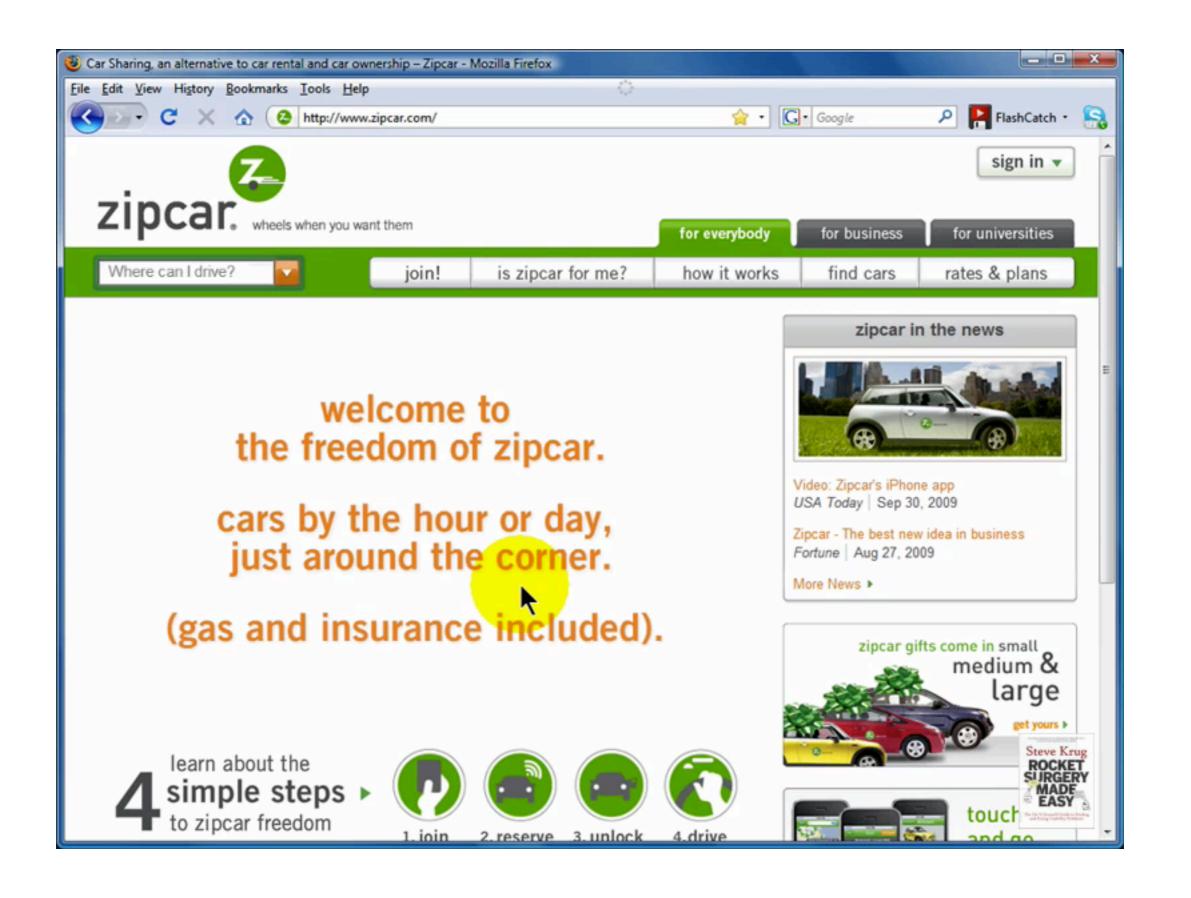
### DIY usability testing

- \* Qualitative:
- \* Purpose not to *prove* anything **BUT** to get insights that enable you to *improve* what you are building (informal and unscientific)
- fewer user tests required

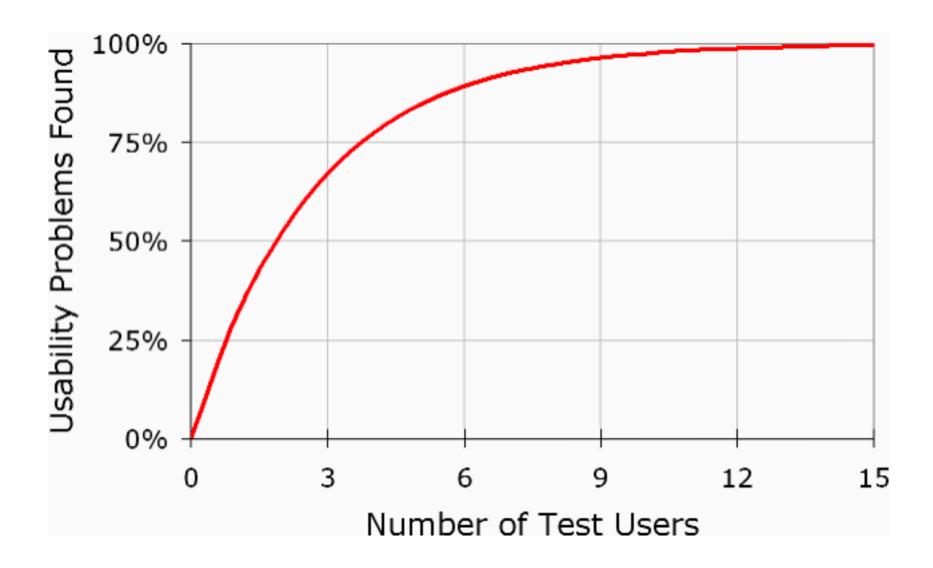
#### How to DIY usability test

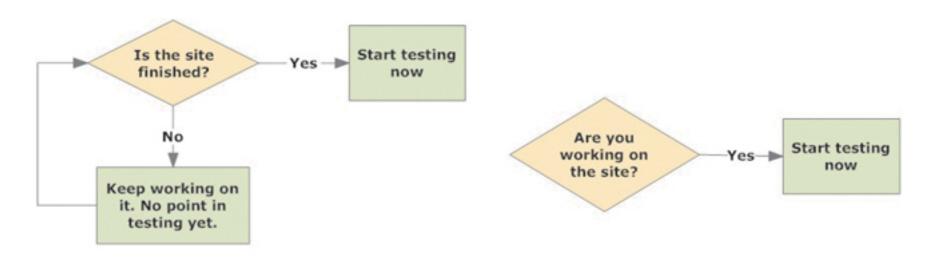
- \* Tester sits in room with participant, asks them to do some **tasks** and **think out loud** while they do it.
- \* Results **observed** by the team working on the project. **Recorded** with screen recording software.
- \* When finished, observers have a **debrief**, compare notes and decide what should be **fixed**.
- \* Easy!





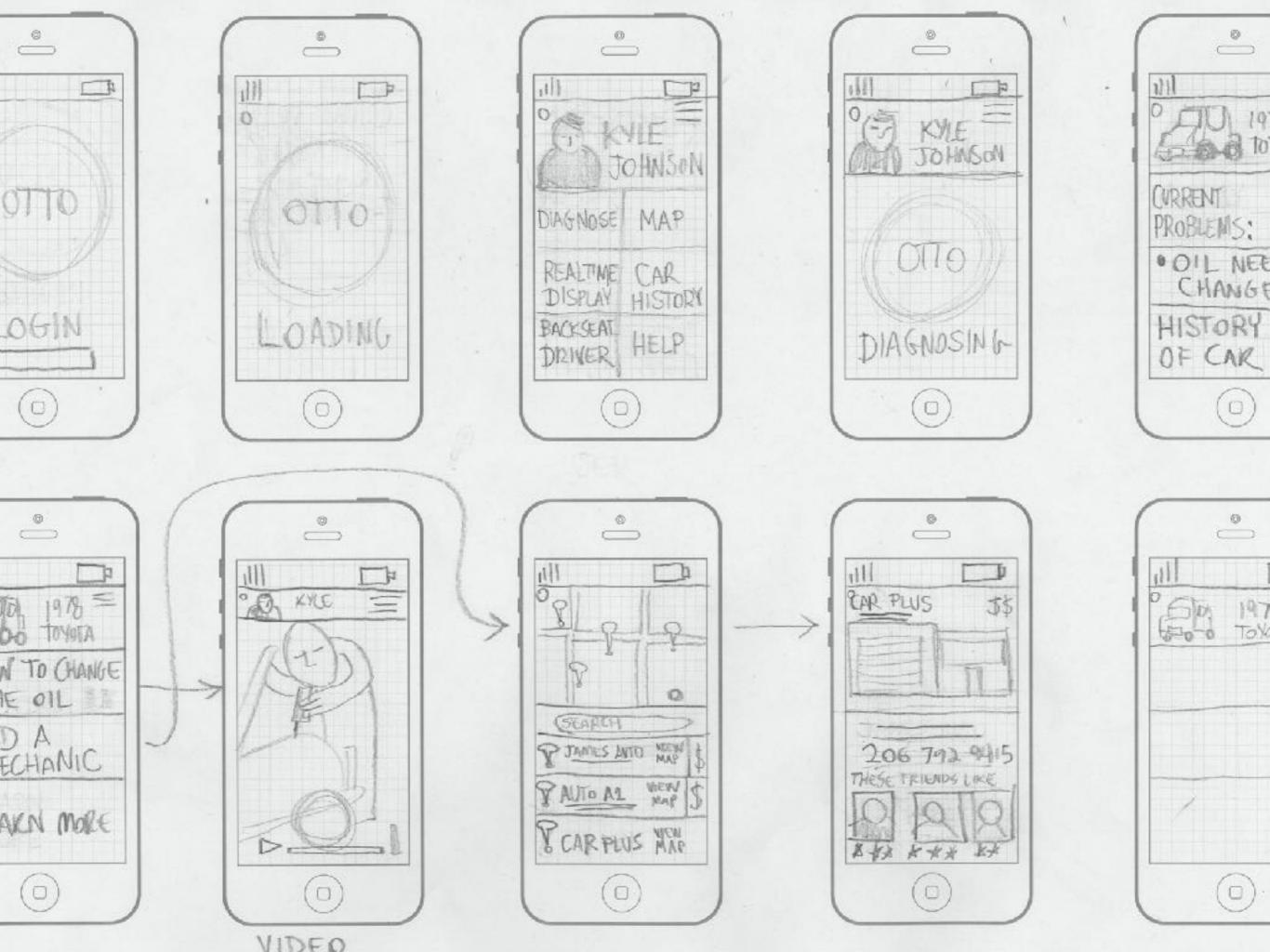






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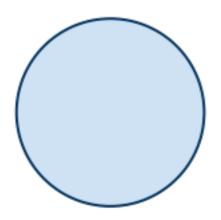
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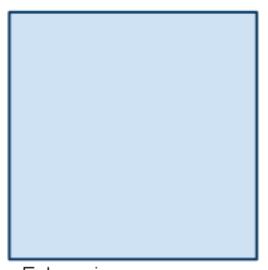
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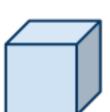


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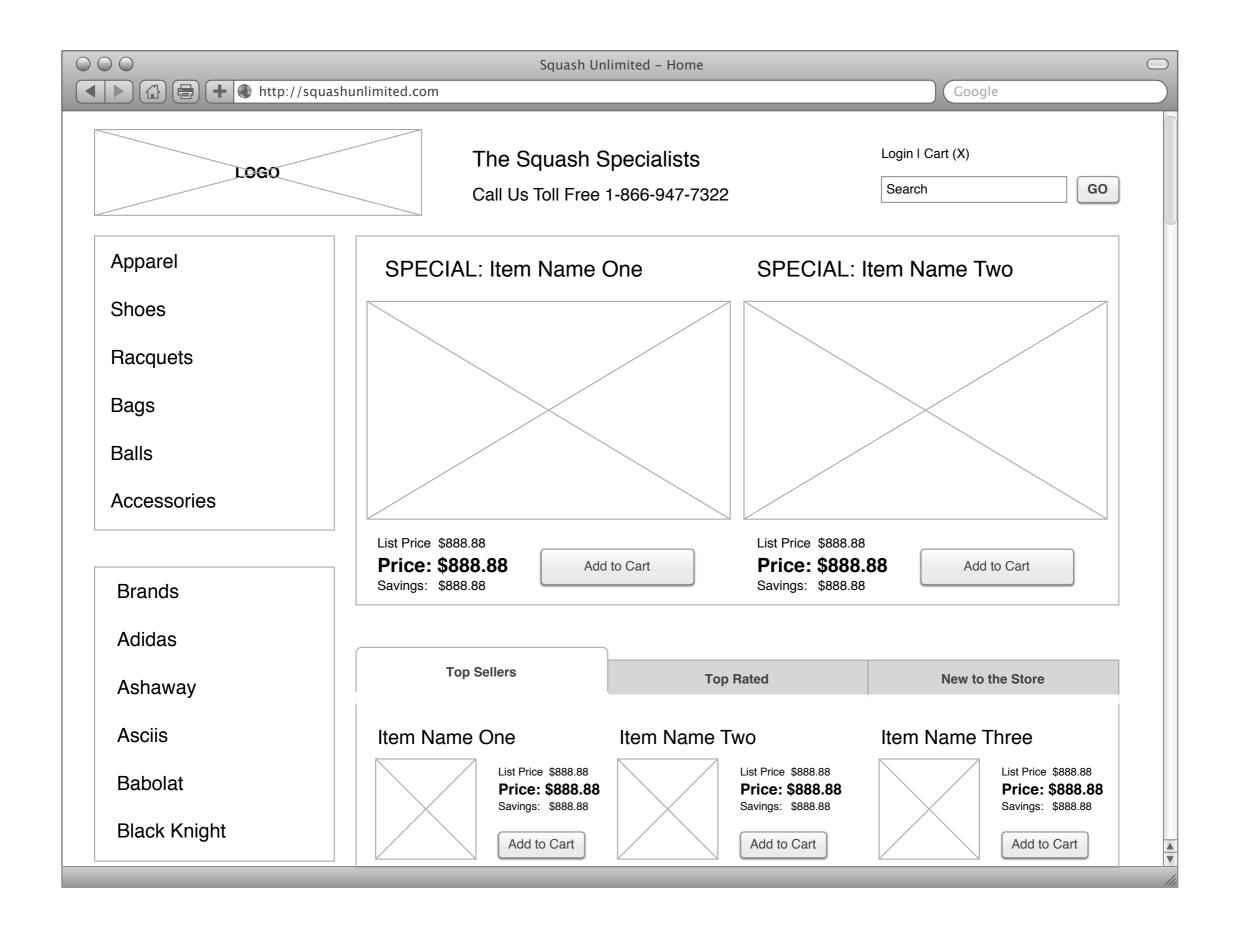
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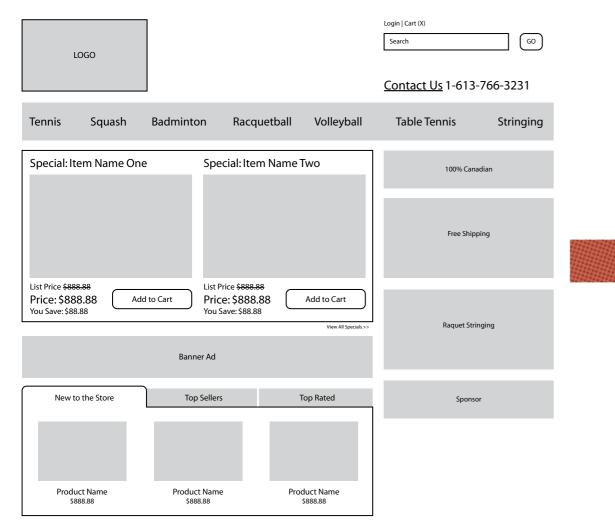
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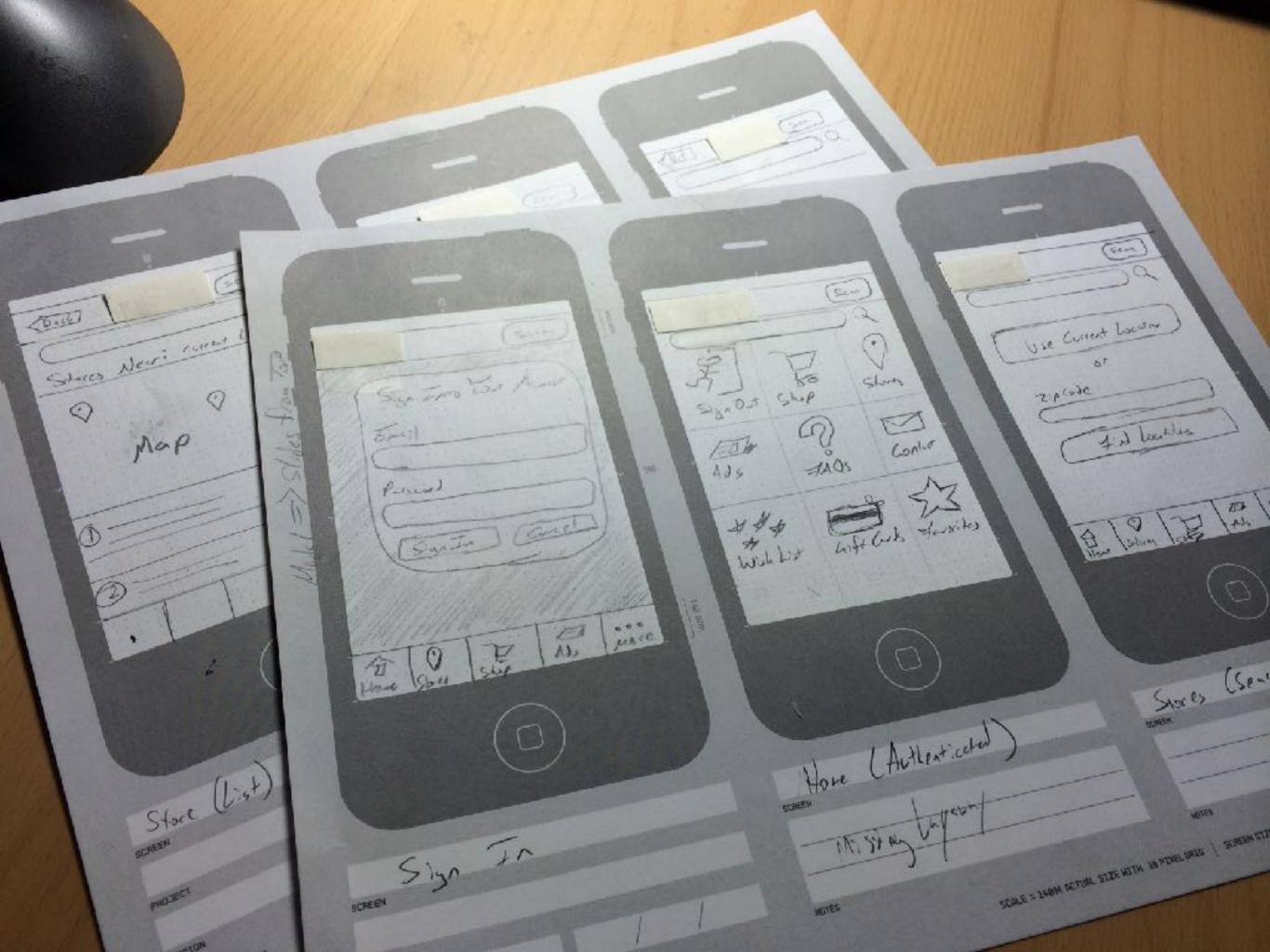
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