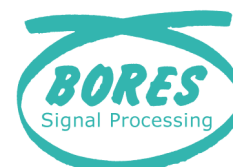


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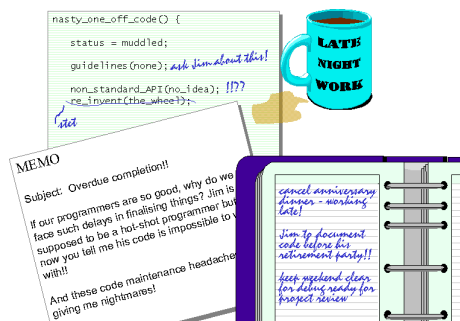
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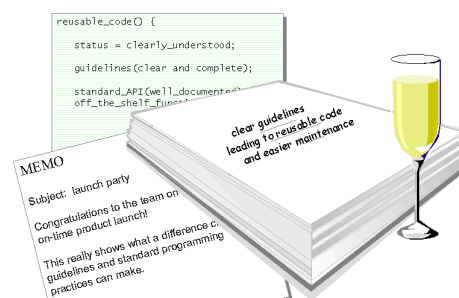
Benefits

- Assess API usability
- Design more usable APIs
- Understand usability discussions

Learn to assess the usability of an API, to design more usable APIs, and to discuss API usability in a well-informed way.



Unusable?



Or usable?

Contents

In this class we discuss the measure of 'usability' for an API in terms of the time it takes to learn about it, and to complete tasks using it. We outline simple but effective ways to assess the relative usability of an API, and set out guidelines for designing with usability in mind.

API usability

Understand what is meant by 'usability', how to measure it quickly and how to use this information.

- Usability
- Usability applied to an API
- Profiling API usability
- Guidelines for usable APIs

Profiling API usability

We explain how usability is measured, and relate this to traditional guidelines on programming style.

- Profiling usability: observation
- Microsoft's™ way
- Cognitive dimensions
- Simplicity, generality, clarity

Cognitive dimensions

We explain what Cognitive Dimensions are, how they are used, and their limitations.

- Programmer profiles
- Cognitive dimensions
- Cognitive dimensions in practice

Simple API profiling

Learn straightforward guidelines for assessing usability, and a simple way to quickly assess API usability.

- The true aims of usability
- Kernighan's guidelines
- Simplicity, clarity, generality
- The importance of focus
- Programming style
- API mapping to application
- Generality and focus
- Measuring API generality
- Measuring API focus
- Simplicity
- Measuring API simplicity
- Clarity
- Measuring API clarity
- Layered APIs
- Examples: UHAPI and TSSA

Design for usability

We explain how to design an API for usability by following simple guidelines.

- Logical decomposition
- Choice of components
- Interface design
- Naming conventions
- Infrastructure versus application
- Layering
- Wrappers
- Abstraction layers
- Good and bad: UHAPI examples

Time and arrangements

This class takes 1 day.

It is presented 'on-site' by arrangement - the material can be adapted if you have specific needs (at extra cost).

Sometimes we arrange 'public' classes: schedules are posted on the Internet:

<http://www.bores.com/schedule.htm>

Other classes

Other relevant classes include:

- DSP Foundation
- Universal Home API
- TriMedia Foundation

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