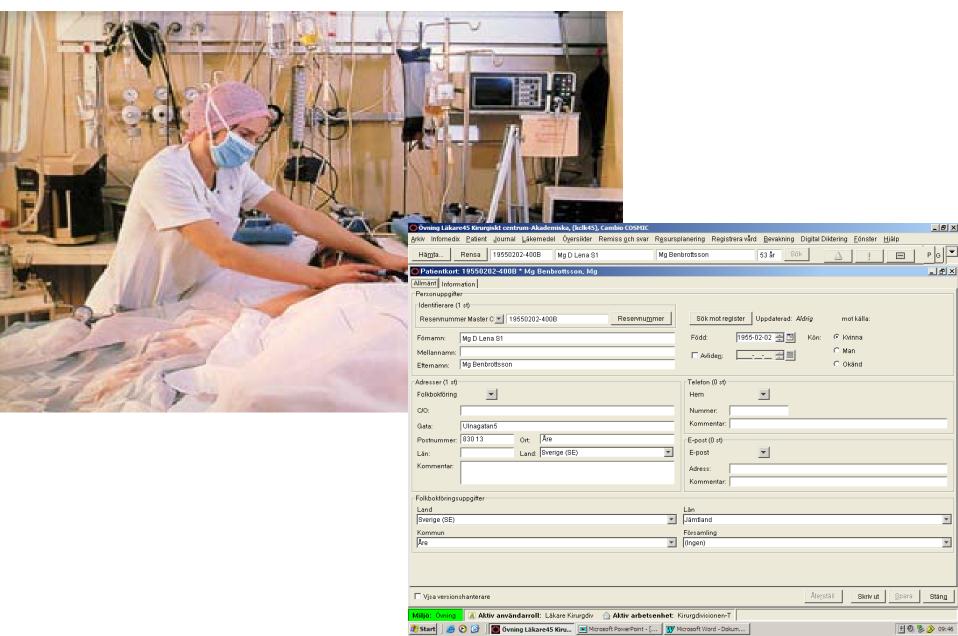
Human-Computer Interaction and usability in health care

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IT is useful!?!?



ISO 9241:

Definition of usability:

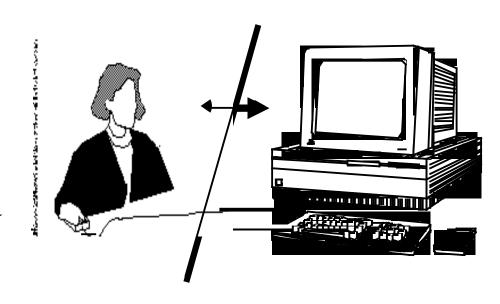
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Humans in interaction with technology (HCI)

We must understand the nature of such interactions.

Requirements and needs in health care.

How can design of work processes and technology be based on such knowledge?



Human cognition

- Human cognition
 - Memory and short term memory (working memory)
 - Pattern recognition
 - Automated processes
- Human cognitive strengths and weaknesses must be considered when designing user interfaces.

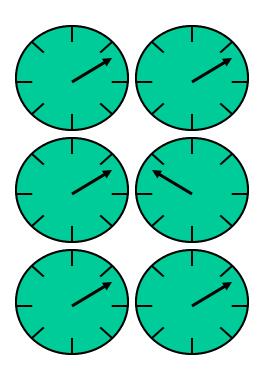
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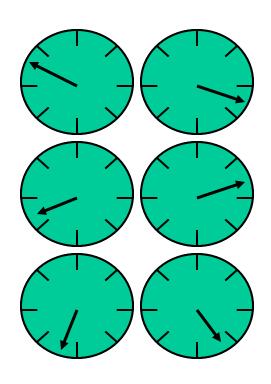
- Short term (working) memory
 - 5-8 "chunks"
 - Declining time c:a 15 sec.
 - Sensitive to cognitive disturbances.
- Long term memory
 - Active "learning"
 - No information loss ("for life")
 - Difficult to retrieve information (find "triggers")

Automated (cognitive) processes

- On a high cognitive level
 - Advanced performance (skills)
 - One thing at a time
- On a low cognitive level
 - High parallel capacity
 - "Automatic" processing
 - Requires much training

Pattern recognition





Conclusions

- A human user can overview <u>very</u> large sets of information, if relevant, well known and presented in a good way.
- Very small information sets can otherwise be totally confusing.
- We can not efficiently handle information we can't see.
- "Information overload" is caused by too *little* information or bad design!
- A user must be focused on the work task, not on how to handle the information tool.



Example

Reading of a laboratory report in a health care unit

Question to physicians:

"How do you read this report?"

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What does this report contain?

How can it be perceived and analysed by a professional user?

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And this?

Different types of users in different contexts

- Different professionals
 - Physicians, nurses, assistants, secretaries, physiotherapists etc.
 - Technicians etc.
 - Administrative personal
- Different work contexts
 - Read/write patient records
 - Order lab investigations and receive reports
 - Patient administration
 - Medical technology....
 - Laboratory work
 - Primary care units
 - Home care
 - Communication structures

ISO 9241:

Definition of usability:

"The extent to which a product can be used by specified users to achieve specified goals with effectiveness, efficiency and satisfaction in a specified context of use"

Human-Computer Interaction is especially important in health care

Design of user interfaces must be based on analysis of e.g.:

- Which information?
- Used by who?
- In which way and form?
- Where?
- When?
- In which context?
- Of which purpose?
- Integration of systems
- Communication and collaboration?

User interface design

- Design metaphor: Room and work-spaces
- Use e.g. design heuristics to design usable interfaces

• See course in basic HCI (or advanced interaction design) for more about interface design!!!!

Design heuristics (main parts)

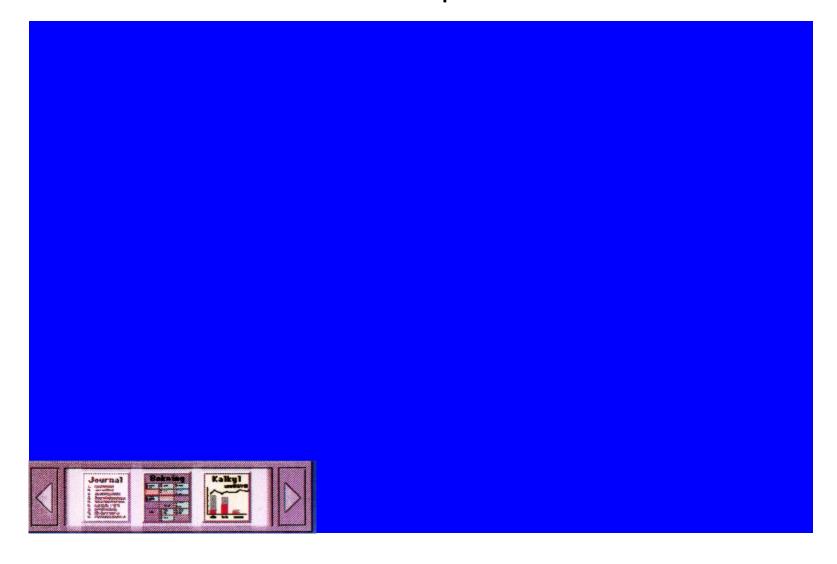
- Design for skilled users
- Let humans "be in full control"
- Support the user's understanding of the process, reduce complexity and support efficient visualisation of information
- Do the design "complete"
- Management by awareness vs. Management by exception
- Disposition of the screen area
 - Show overview and details simultaneously
 - Fixed and logic spatial visualisation
- Use colours in an efficient way
- Avoid scrolling of text.
- Etc. (See course in HCI and user interface design)

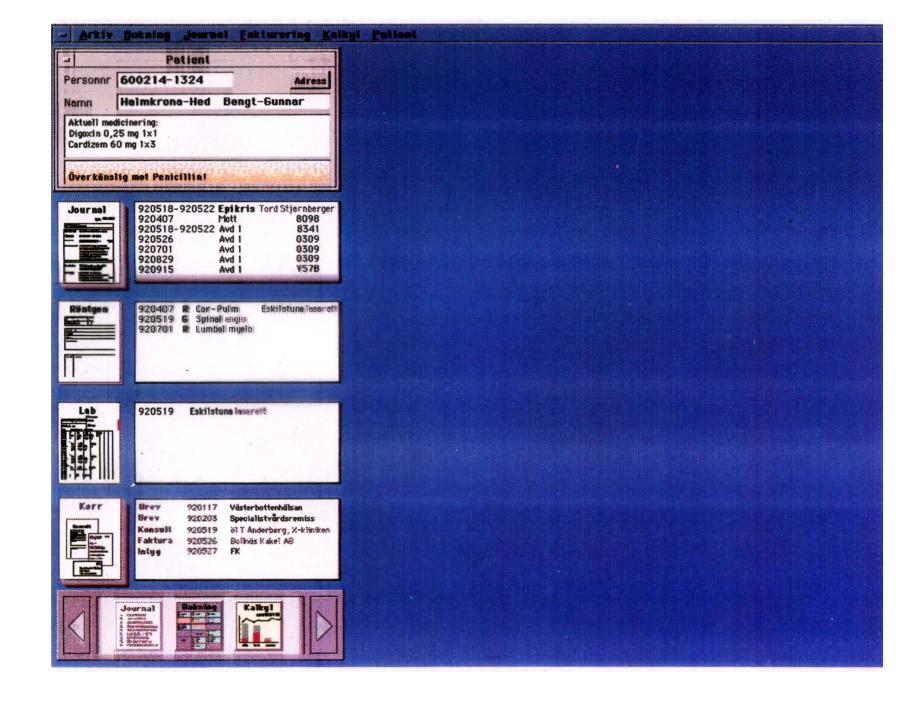
An example of interface design

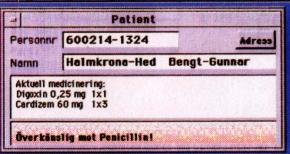
- One task one work space
- The interface should be ready for immediate use
- See details and overview simultaneously
- Emphasize important information
- Simple and obvious navigation
- Support identification of important relations
- Support pattern recognition
- Support speed for skilled users
- Allow users to jump between tasks
- Support communication and cooperation
- Etc.

Example

Select "record room" and patient ID







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Epikris

92-05-22 Ryggkirurgiska klin, avd 1, Dr Tord Stjernberger/se

Vårdtid 92-05-18 - 92-05-22

Diagnos Lumbalt diskbräck 722BB

Dekompression + exstirpation av vänstersidigt diskbråck nivå L V - S I

8341

Ur anamnes Rotationstrauma januari 1992 med ryggsmärta och därefter utstrålande smärtor i vänster ben. Utredning

har visat diskbråck nivå L V - S I, vilket stämmer med patientens klinik. Undersökt härvarande klinik i början på april men var då under förbättring, varför

man avböjde operation.

Inkommer nu med accentuerade besvär för operation.

Ur status Vid inkomsten noteras uttalad högerkonvex smärt-

skolios. Nedsatt rörlighet framförallt vid bakåtbölning och bölning åt sidan som ger smärta ut i

vänster ben.

På nedre extremiteter noteras nedsatt sensibilitet S I-dermatomet vänster. Akillesreflexen borta vänster, Laseque positiv från 45° vänster.

Förlopp Operation 92-05-20 /Stjernberger

Dekompression och borttagande av hårt mediolateralt diskbräck av äldre datum samt en fri sequester 8341

V a se operationsberättelse.

Postoperativt helt komplikationsfritt. Är tre dagar efter operationen vid utskrivningen besvärsfri vad gäller den tidigare bensmärtan. Utskrives till hemmet. Sjukskrives sex veckor. Sedvanlig efterbehandling. Telefonkontakt om fyra veckor.