

# CSE 440: Introduction to HCI

## User Interface Design, Prototyping, and Evaluation

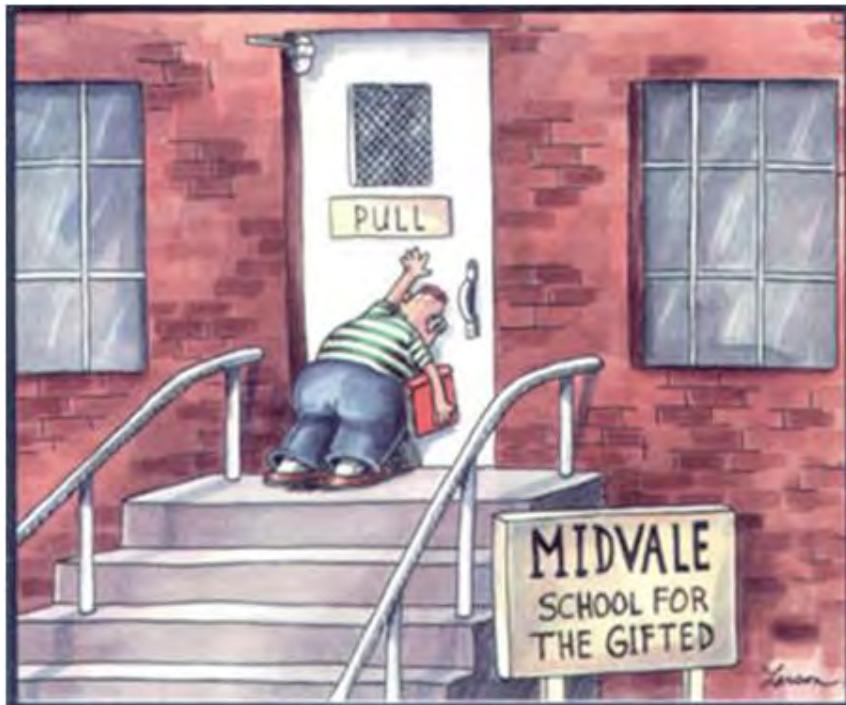
Lecture 01:  
Introduction and  
Personal Informatics

James Fogarty  
Alex Fiannaca  
Lauren Milne  
Saba Kawas  
Kelsey Munsell

Tuesday/Thursday  
12:00 to 1:20



# What Is This Course?



Time for a Door Quiz:

Say out loud what action  
you use to open the door

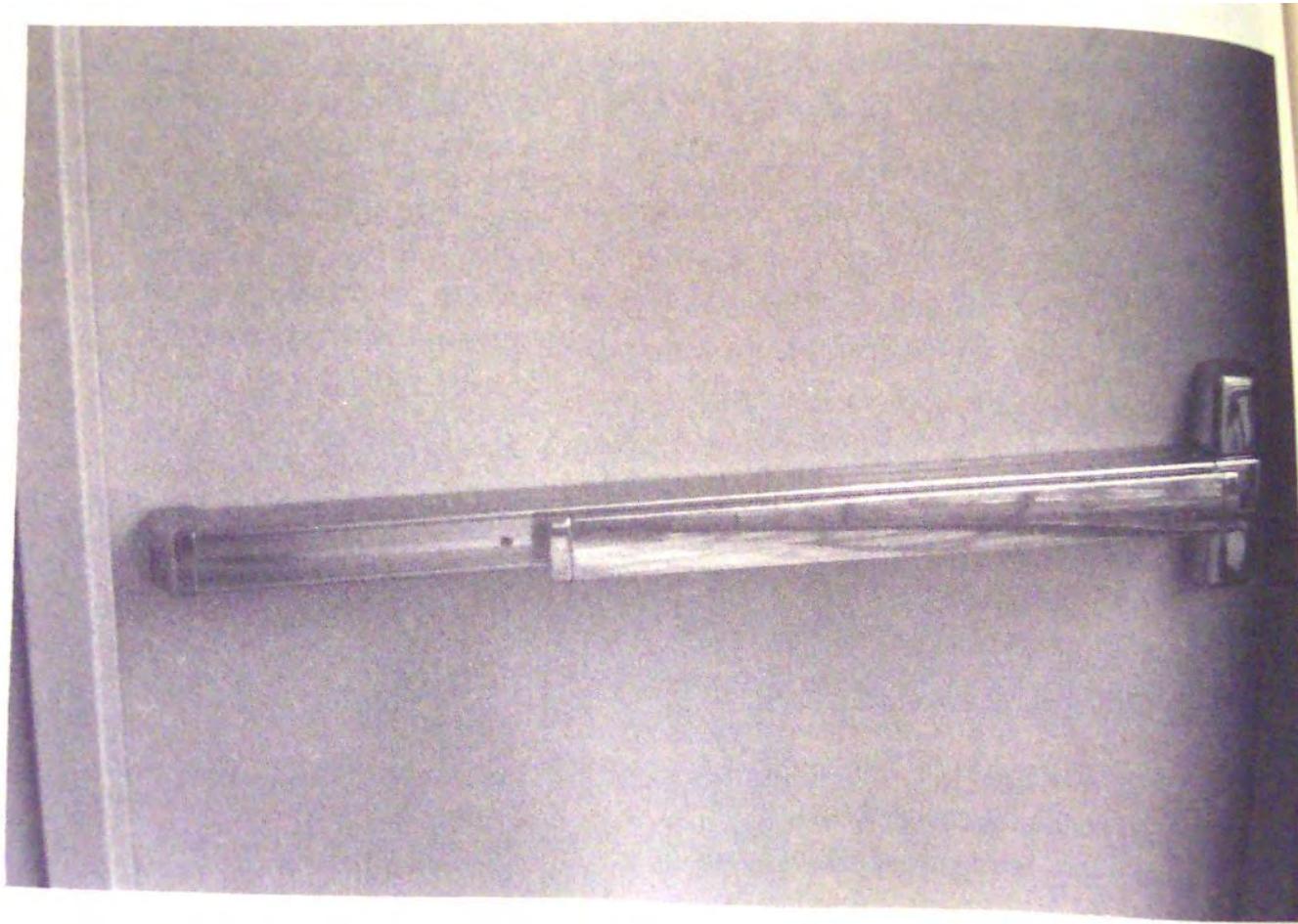
Push

Pull

# Door Quiz



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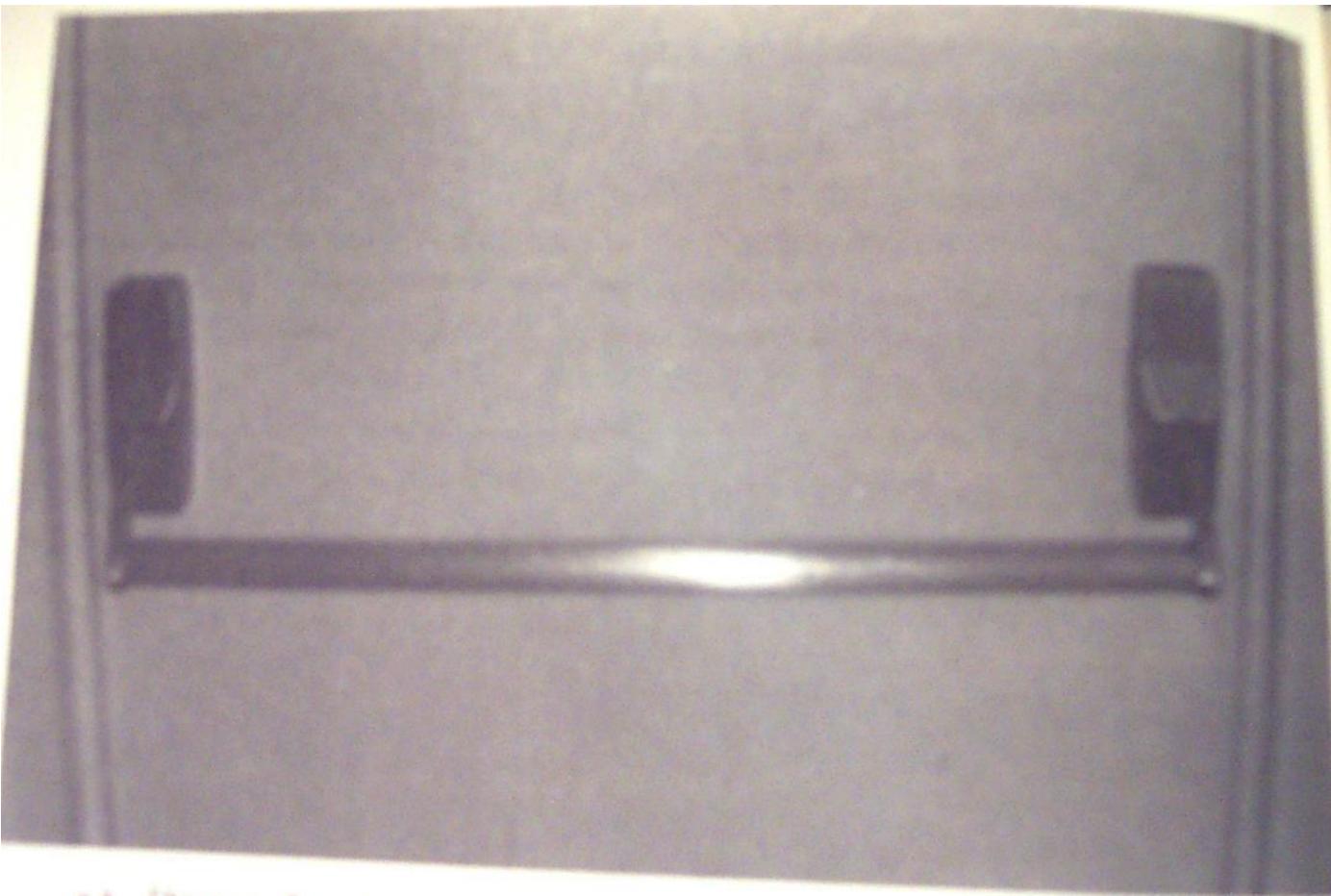
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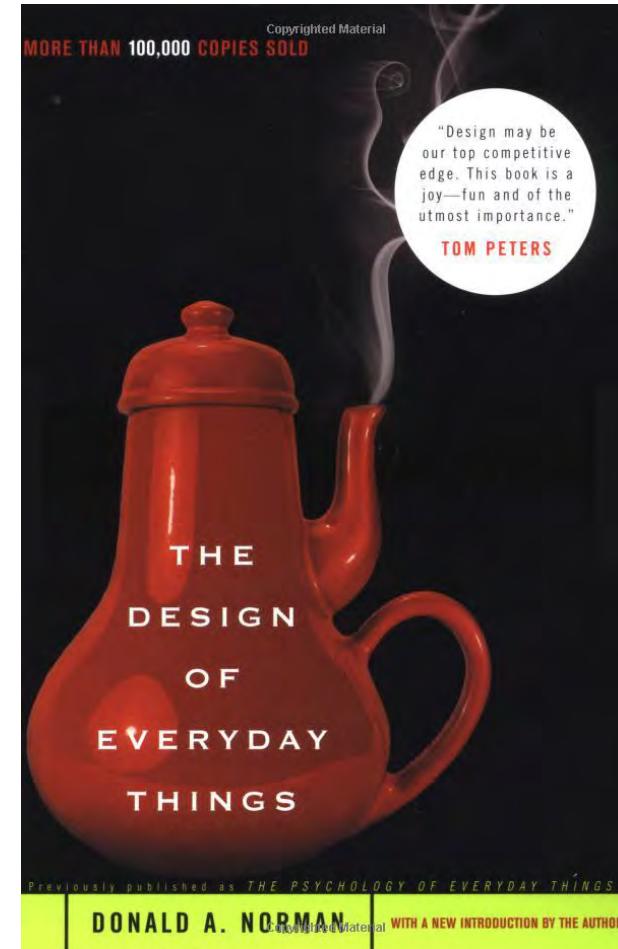
# What is so Special about Computers?

Nothing! It is about good designs and bad designs

We all make push/pull decisions many times per day

We all encounter doors that do this badly

We all see signs that do not change what we do



# What is so Special about Computers?

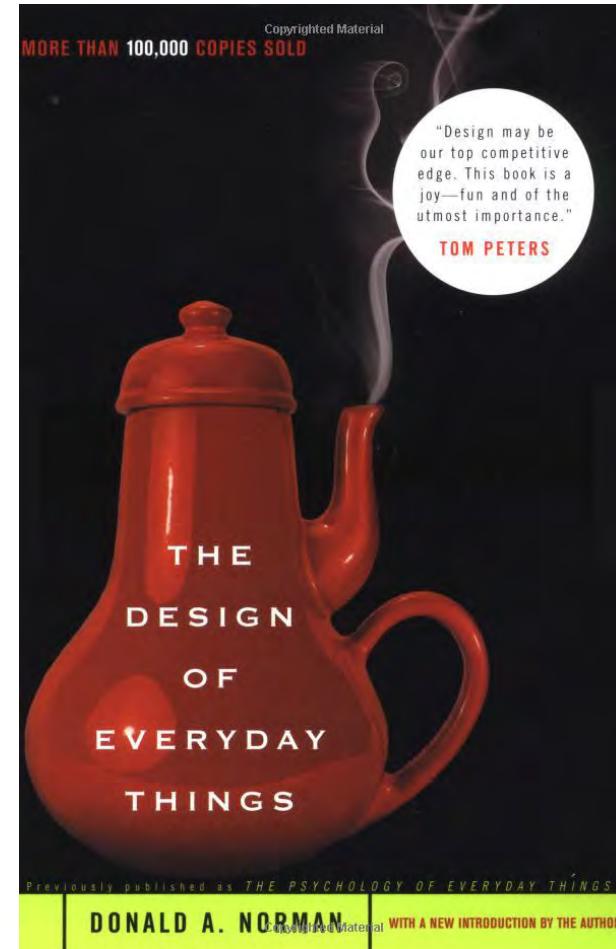
Yet we blame ourselves

Absolutely everything we encounter in the made world was designed

Too often poorly designed

Read this book

Be warned you cannot unread it, you become angry



# Iterative Human-Centered Design

This is a course about process

This is not a course about ‘good’ interfaces or rules that you should follow in design

Rapid iteration and exploration is the most important and effective tool for effective design

“Enlightened trial and error succeeds over the planning of the lone genius” – Peter Skillman, IDEO

# Project Overview

The core of this course is a group project

Propose and do an intense end-to-end design

Getting the Right Design

Getting the Design Right

Communicating the Design

Not an implementation course



StoneSoup

# Contextual Inquiry & Task Analysis

Observe practices and understand needs



Consumester

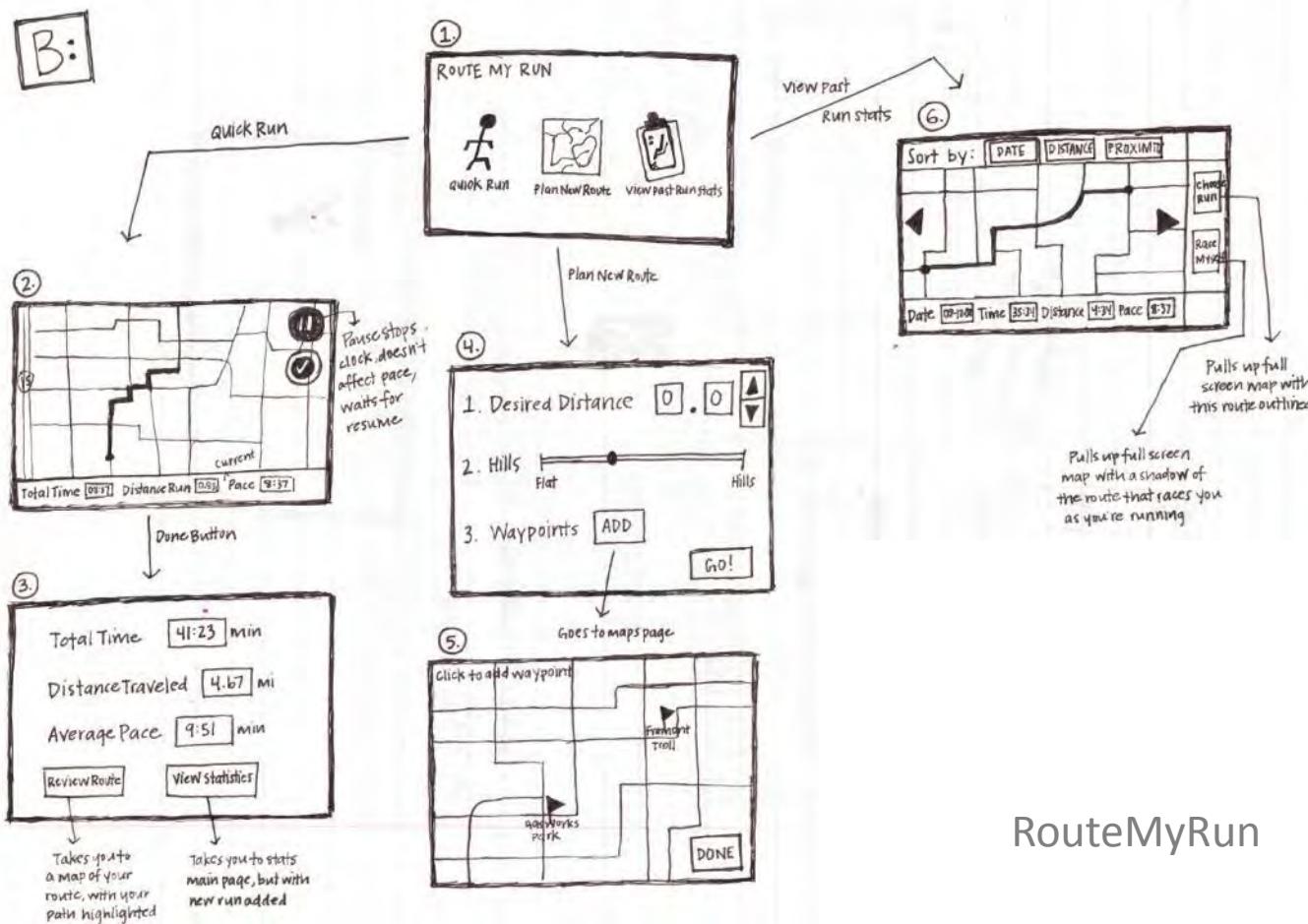


FoodWatch

# Sketching & Storyboarding

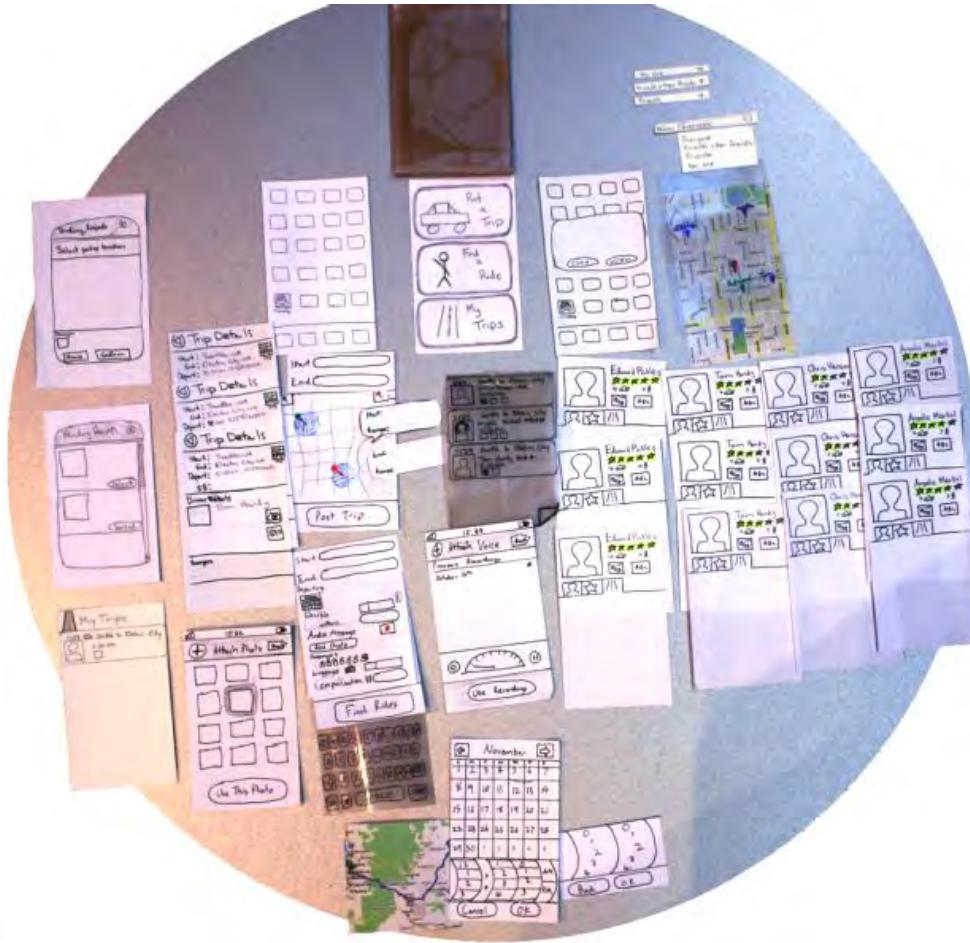


# Sketching & Storyboarding



RouteMyRun

# Low-Fidelity Prototyping & Testing



RideAlong

# Digital Mockup



Fitter

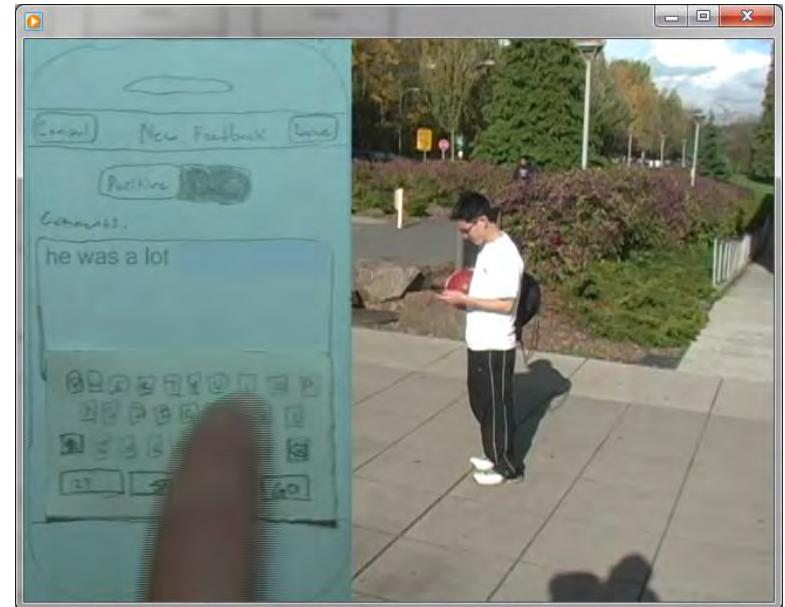


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# Video Prototypes

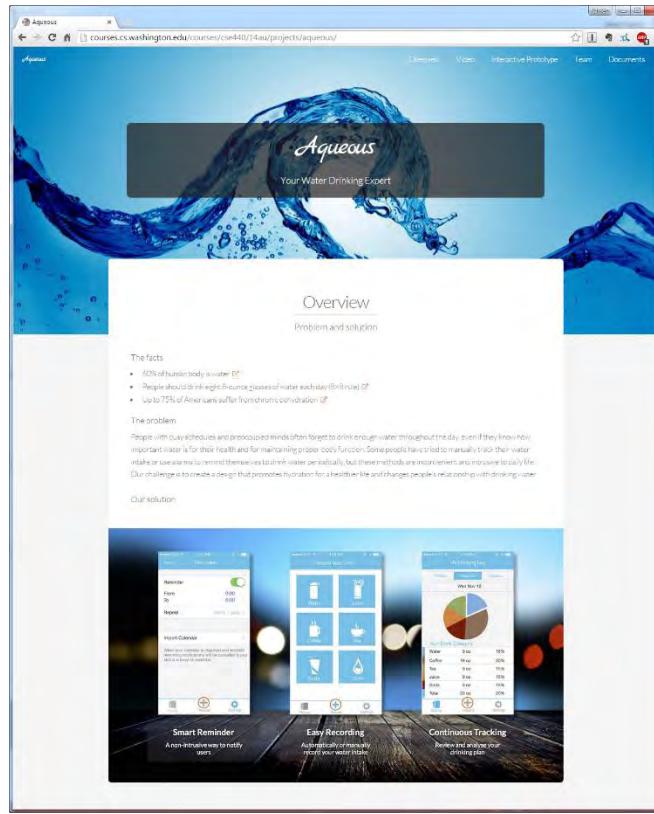


GetOut



PickUp

# Learn by Example from Prior Projects



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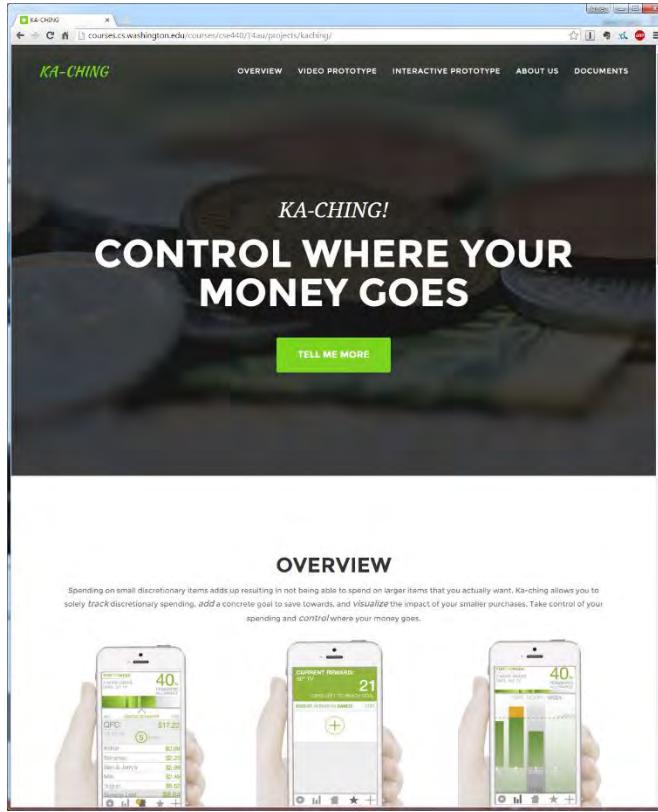
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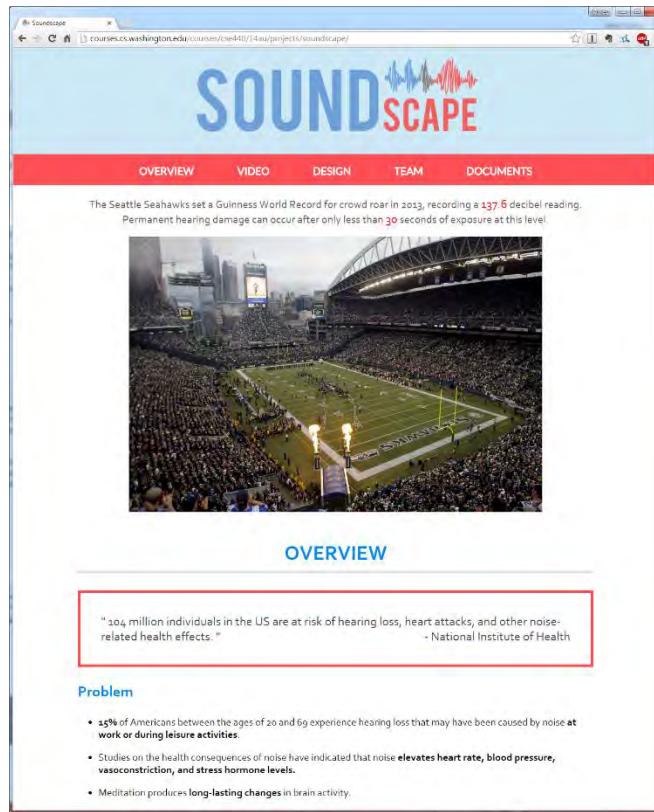
# Learn by Example from Prior Projects



Ka-Ching:

<https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse440/14au/projects/kaching/>

# Learn by Example from Prior Projects



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the 'OVERVIEW' page of the 'SOUNDSCAPE' project. The title 'SOUNDSCAPE' is prominently displayed at the top, with a red waveform graphic. Below the title is a navigation bar with links: OVERVIEW, VIDEO, DESIGN, TEAM, and DOCUMENTS. A key statistic is highlighted: 'The Seattle Seahawks set a Guinness World Record for crowd roar in 2013, recording a 137.6 decibel reading. Permanent hearing damage can occur after only less than 30 seconds of exposure at this level.' Below this text is a large photograph of a football stadium filled with spectators during a game. At the bottom of the page, there is a section titled 'Problem' containing three bullet points about noise-related health effects.

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"104 million individuals in the US are at risk of hearing loss, heart attacks, and other noise-related health effects."  
- National Institute of Health

**Problem**

- 15% of Americans between the ages of 20 and 69 experience hearing loss that may have been caused by noise at work or during leisure activities.
- Studies on the health consequences of noise have indicated that noise elevates heart rate, blood pressure, vasoconstriction, and stress hormone levels.
- Meditation produces long-lasting changes in brain activity.

## Soundscape:

<https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse440/14au/projects/soundscape/>

# Studio Time in Section and Lecture

This course is designed around rapid feedback

Section is primarily studio time with the staff

Groups will be formed within section

Your team will always bring a product to studio

Participation is a critical component of the course

Many in-class exercises scheduled for Tuesdays

Participation is a critical component of the course

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Self-Tracking and Relevant Background

# Who We Are

## James Fogarty

BS, Virginia Tech, 2000

PhD, Carnegie Mellon, 2006

Joined UW CSE, 2006



## Brief Industrial Stints

IBM, 2000

IBM Research, 2003

Microsoft Research, 2007

# Who We Are

## Cross-Campus HCI Efforts

DUB

MHCID

## Teaching

CSE 440: Introduction to HCI

CSE 441: Advanced HCI

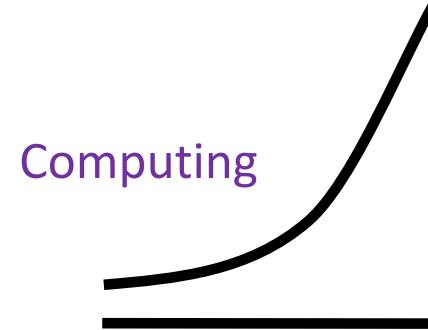
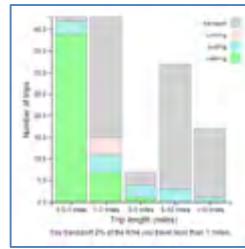
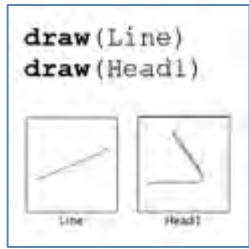
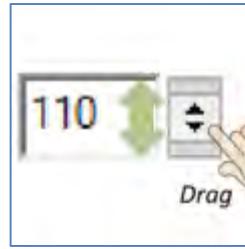
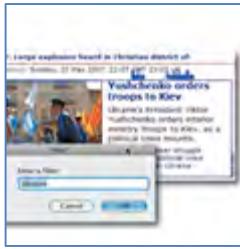
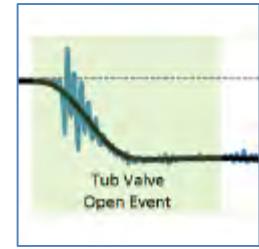
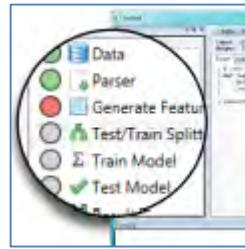
CSE 510: Advanced Topics in HCI

CSEP 510: Human-Computer Interaction

CSE 332: Data Structures



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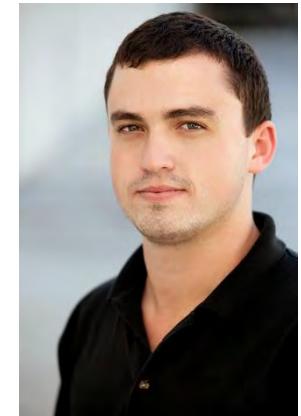


# Who We Are

## Alex Fiannaca

BS, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
University of Nevada, Reno, 2012

MS, Computer Science & Engineering  
University of Nevada, Reno, 2014



## Research:

HCI and accessibility, specifically accessible technologies for people with motor impairments, alternative input modality

## Interests:

Web development, reading, exploring different cuisines, backpacking (favorites including Yosemite and Tahoe Rim)

# Who We Are

## Lauren Milne

BA, Physics

Carleton College, 2008

### Research:

Accessibility, specifically making charts and graphs more accessible people who are blind



### Interests:

Triathlons, skijors with her two dogs,  
reads mystery novels and science fiction

# Who We Are

## Saba Kawas

BS, Architectural Engineering

University of Jordan, 2005

MA+D, Computer Graphics and Animation

North Carolina State University, 2009

MS, Human Centered Design & Engineering

University of Washington, 2016



## Interests:

Argentine Tango, experimental cooking, foreign films,  
walking with birds of prey (i.e., falconry)

# Who We Are

## Kelsey Munsell

BA, Mass Communication &

BA, Organizational Communication

Montana State Billings University, 2014

MS, Human Centered Design & Engineering

University of Washington, 2016

Contracting with Bungie, Inc. as User Research Assistant

## Interests:

Yoga, gaming, enjoying musicals downtown,  
discussing communication theory



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# Staying in Touch

- Web: <http://www.cs.washington.edu/440>  
You are responsible for calendar
- Email Us: cse440-instr [at] cs.washington.edu
- Email: You are responsible for course email
- Office Hours: Posted on Calendar  
Also By Appointment

# GitHub Repository

The website, assignments, and other materials are being run from a GitHub repository

<https://github.com/uwcse440/web-cse440-au15>

You will contribute when posting your projects

You can and should contribute when you see the opportunity



# Grading

We provide a grading scale, but it is subjective

Design is subjective, and so is this course

Wow us with your work, not with complaining

Entire project process is designed for feedback

Milestone grades mean you did the milestone

You still must act on feedback as part of continuing to refine and develop your project

A focus on “doing the work” and “getting feedback” means final grades are more “quality of result”

# Grading

Group Project: 65%

Assignment 1: 3%

Assignment 2: Getting the Right Design: 21%

Final Report 15%, Milestones 6%

Assignment 3: Getting the Design Right: 14%

Final Report 10%, Milestones 4%

Assignment 4: Communicating the Design: 15%

Website 5%, Video Prototype 5%, Poster 5%

Presentations: 12%

Getting the Right Design 5%, Getting the Design Right 5%, Individual 2%

Exam: 25%

Readings: 5%

Participation: 5%



# Submissions

Many assignments are due “night before class”

This means “before I wake up”, often 5:00am

Canvas will operationalize this as 4:00am

We need your submissions as part of our preparation for in-class feedback

“Day of class”, “just before class”, or “in class” are all unacceptable, risking zero credit

# “Now” vs “When You Need It” Content

This course has both, we will try to distinguish

Several assigned readings will be posted

- Intentionally minimal but critical

- May be on exam

- Small reading report required

Additional resources will be made available

- If you find others you want to share, email us!

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# Project Proposal Schedule

Project Brainstorm Due Tonight

Brainstorming in Section Tomorrow

Project Proposal Due Monday Night

Sponsored Projects Posted Tuesday

Project Bids Due Wednesday Night

Groups Assigned Thursday

Brainstorming in Section Friday

# Assignment 1a: Project Brainstorm

You have an assignment due tonight:

<http://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse440/15au/assignments/assignment1/>

Propose 3 project domains, problems, goals:

These are starting points for brainstorming

Submit online:

This proves that you did your preparation

Submit via email if unable to access Canvas

Bring to section tomorrow:

You have a lot more brainstorming ahead of you

# Assignment 1b: Project Proposal

You have an assignment due Monday:

<http://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse440/15au/assignments/assignment1/>

One page of text:

Problem and Motivation

Analyze the problem or idea (e.g., a scenario)

Submit online:

Sponsored Projects will be Posted for Bidding

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# Some Reflection

This will not be an easy course

Students have said this was their most intense course

You have two deadlines per week, every week

But I believe in everything that is included

This course challenges some aspects of what  
the CSE curriculum has taught you is important

It will be what you make it

# People Really Get It

Was this class intellectually stimulating? Did it stretch your thinking?

Yes

No

Why or why not?

I think ~~that~~ the first six weeks of this class should be required training for all PM's at Microsoft. Our software would benefit so much from the material shared in this class.

Was this class intellectually stimulating? Did it stretch your thinking?

Yes

No

Why or why not?

Yes, because it put me outside of my box working on my own by requiring user studies with unknown people

# People Really Get It

“Very good class that every engineer should have to take. Good perspectives and made me think outside my comfort zone.”

“The focus on projects and fieldwork was very well suited to my learning style. I greatly enjoyed this format. The theory and techniques taught in class were directly applicable to the projects we were doing and were usually timed very well. That is, usually the topics presented in lecture were relevant to the current deliverable or the next deliverable.”

# People Really Get It

“I can't believe I'm saying this, but I found the lectures a huge part of what I learned in this course. They were useful and organized, and each one had a clear message and topic. The assignments were an excellent extension of these themes.”

“Fieldwork and iterative assignments really taught me how important the design process is.”

# Group Work is Hard Work

“the project placed groups in a realistic situation and forced us to work together effectively and practice relevant concepts/strategies”

“The group work was distracting because of the lack of unity and sense of purpose. We all had different priorities and purposes for taking the class and this made it really hard to be on the same page for the project which was the biggest part of this class.”

# Group Work is Hard Work

“Have groups do a team charter - outlining what they expect from one another as teammates. I took a project management course and when working in a group with individuals you've never worked with, the team charter may help break the ice easier when everyone can say what their expectations are.”

“... I think that working effectively as a team was the most challenging part of this class ...”

# And it is not for Everybody

What aspects of this class detracted from your learning?

Finding strangers in malls & coffee shops  
was a major hurdle

What suggestions do you have for improving the class?

Don't exclude the two most available  
sources of people - friends & university  
students

# Adding and Dropping

## Attempting to Add

Say something to me after class

Will email today, attempt to finalize decisions

## Considering Dropping

Do so before we assign teams, and tell us

## Section switch availability

We may need to move people to balance sections

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# Thousands of Health Monitoring Apps



# Activity and Medical Sensing Devices



Thermometer



Blood glucose meter

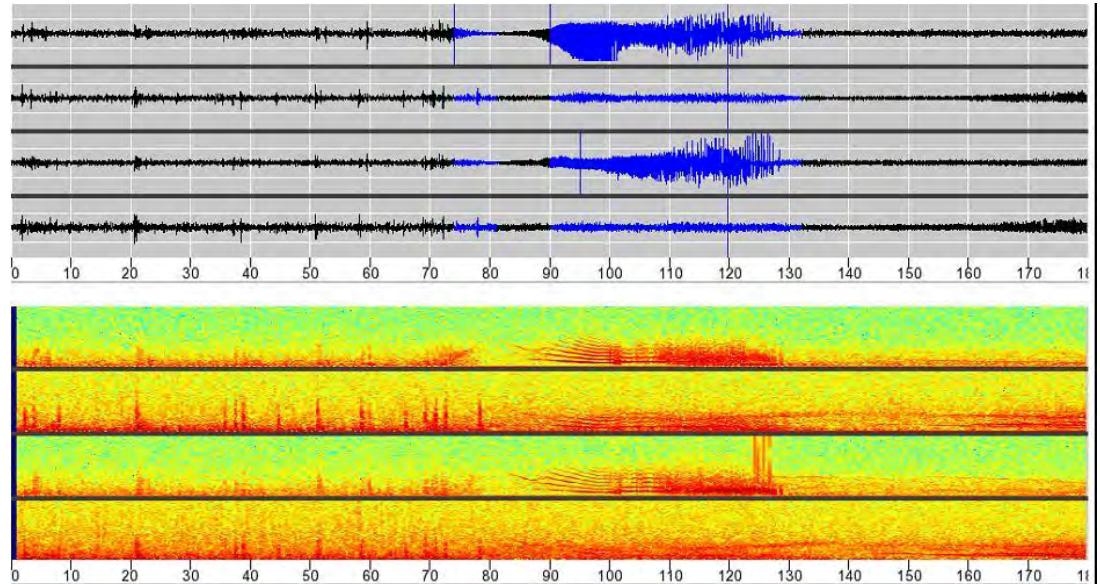


Blood pressure monitor



Heart rate monitor

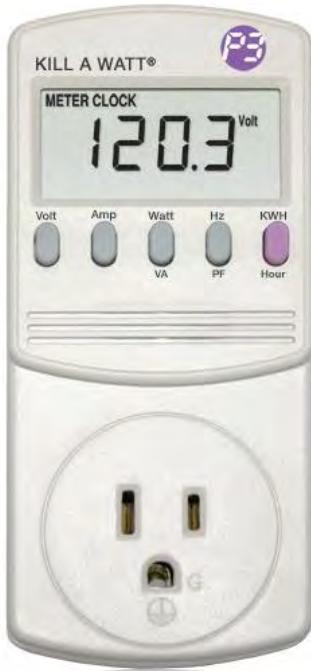
# Medical Implants



NeuroPace



# Sustainability Tracking



Kill A Watt



Belkin  
WeMo Water



Automatic

# Location and Activity



FitBit



FitBark



Moves

# Finances

The Mint.com website features a prominent "Free! Get Started" sign-up button. Below it, a message reads: "It's easy to understand what's going on with your money. Get a handle on your finances the free and fast way. Mint does all the work of organizing and categorizing your spending for you... See where every dime goes and make money decisions you feel good about." The site also displays a "Budget" section with a list of accounts and a "Reports" section showing a bar chart of spending over time.

Mint



You Need a Budget

# Time Tracking



RescueTime

# Background in Personal Informatics

## Some Definitions

## What is the Point?

## What is the Problem?



# What is Personal Informatics

“We define personal informatics systems as those that help people collect personally relevant information for the purpose of self-reflection and gaining self-knowledge. There are two core aspects to every personal informatics system: **collection** and **reflection**.”

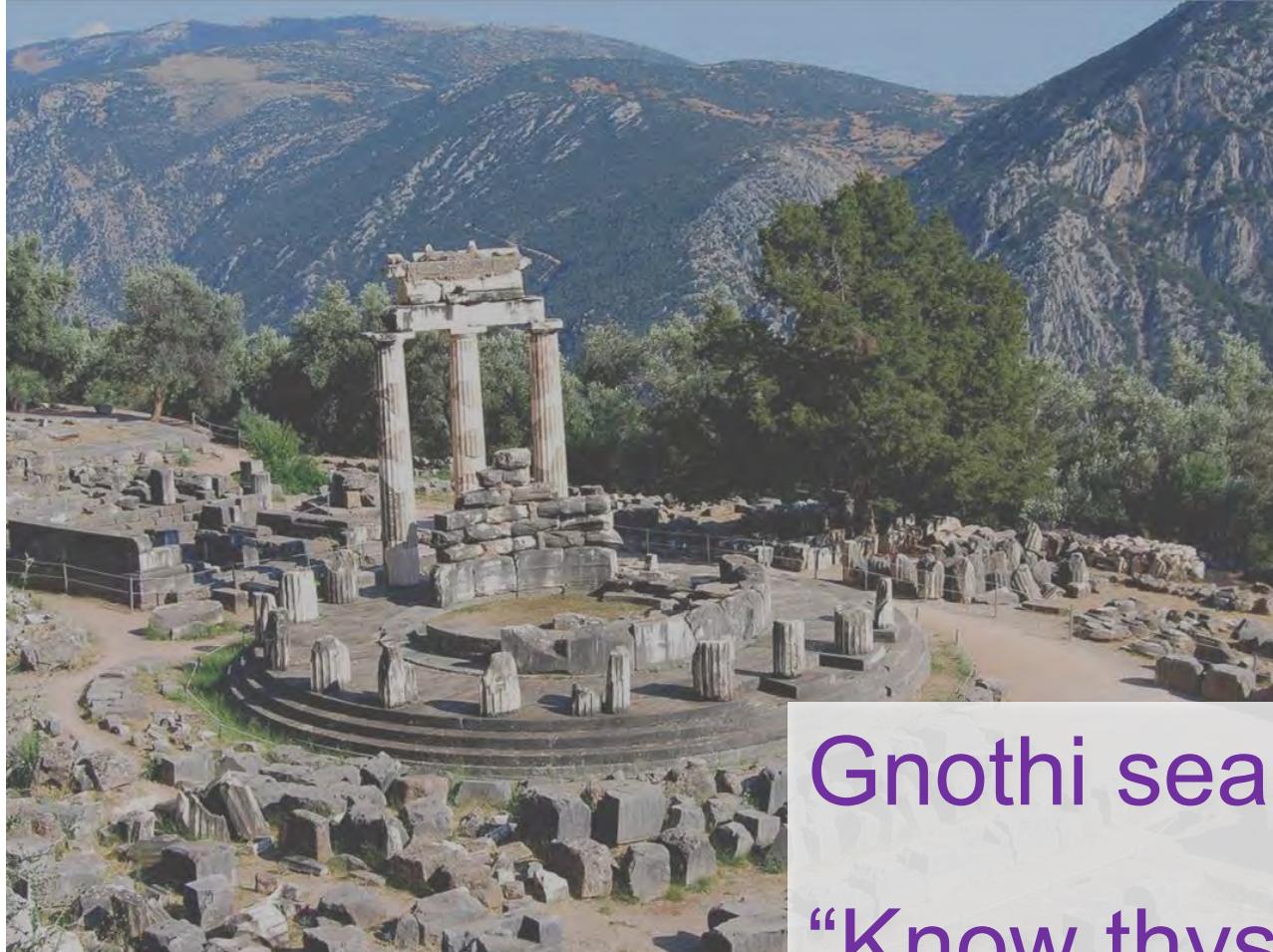
# What is Quantified Self

“The Quantified Self is an international collaboration of users and makers of self-tracking tools.”

“Our aim is to help people get meaning out of their personal data.”

“Self knowledge through numbers.”

# What is the Point?



Gnothi seauton  
“Know thyself”

# Leonardo da Vinci

Leonardo da Vinci

Odometers on the left

Pedometer on the right

To track troop activities



# Benjamin Franklin



Temperance  
Silence  
Order  
Resolution  
Frugality  
Industry  
Sincerity  
Justice  
Moderation  
Cleanliness  
Tranquility  
Chastity  
Humility

# Benjamin Franklin



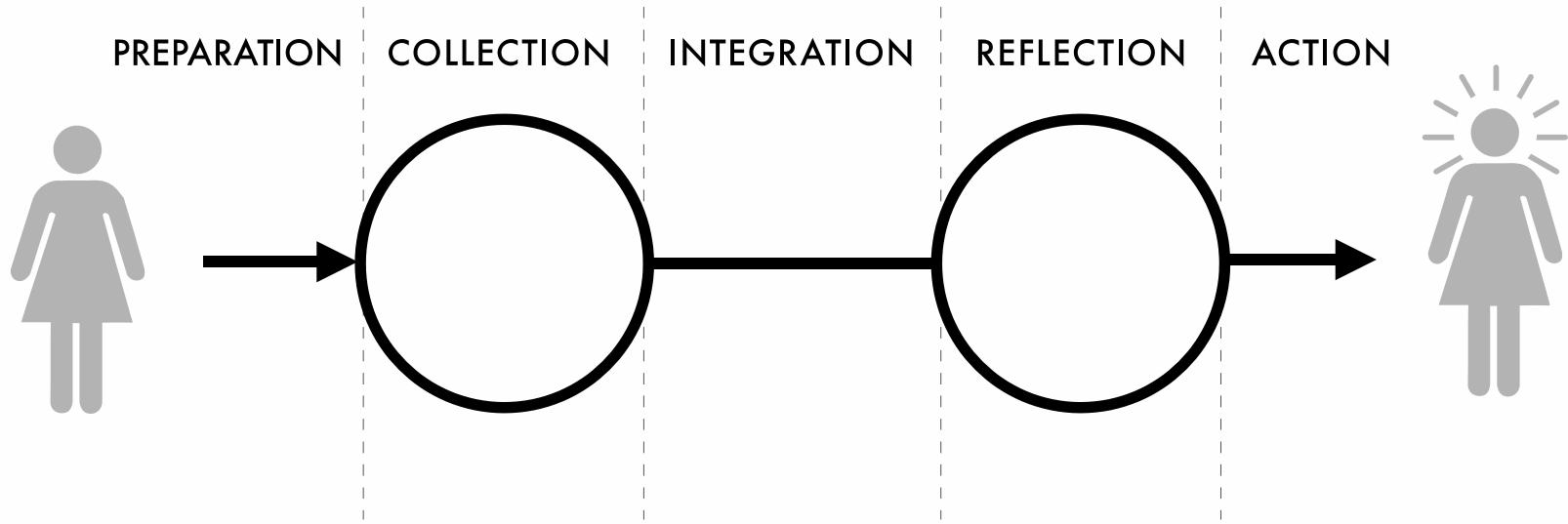
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EAT NOT TO DULLNESS. DRINK NOT TO ELEVATION.								
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# Manpokei



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# Five-Stage Model of Personal Informatics



# Five-Stage Model of Personal Informatics

Alice



20 years old

Has a family history  
of heart disease

Wants to be more active

Does not know how,  
because she is busy

# Preparation



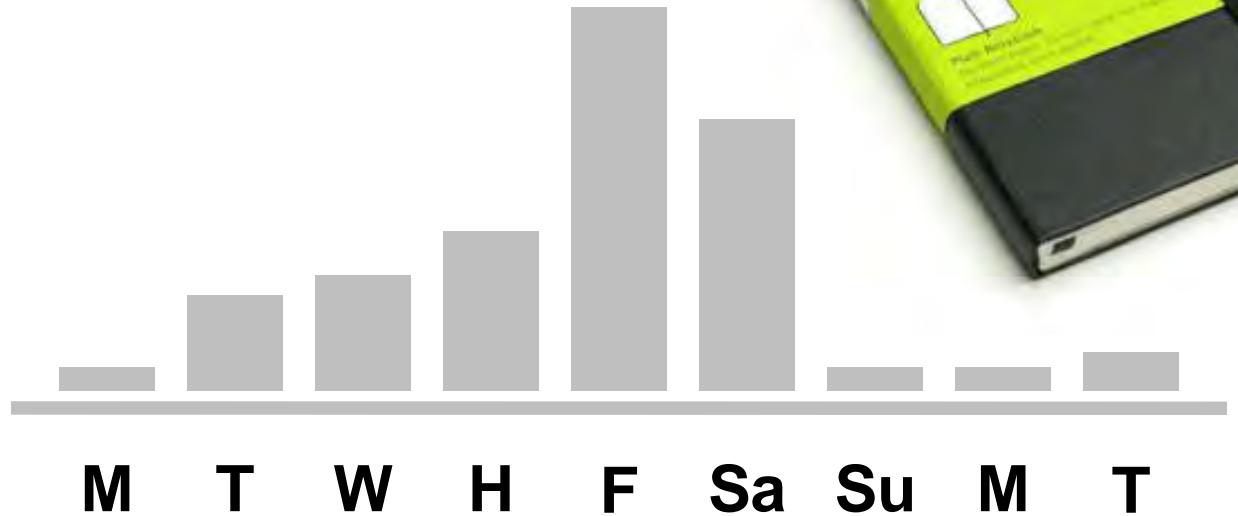
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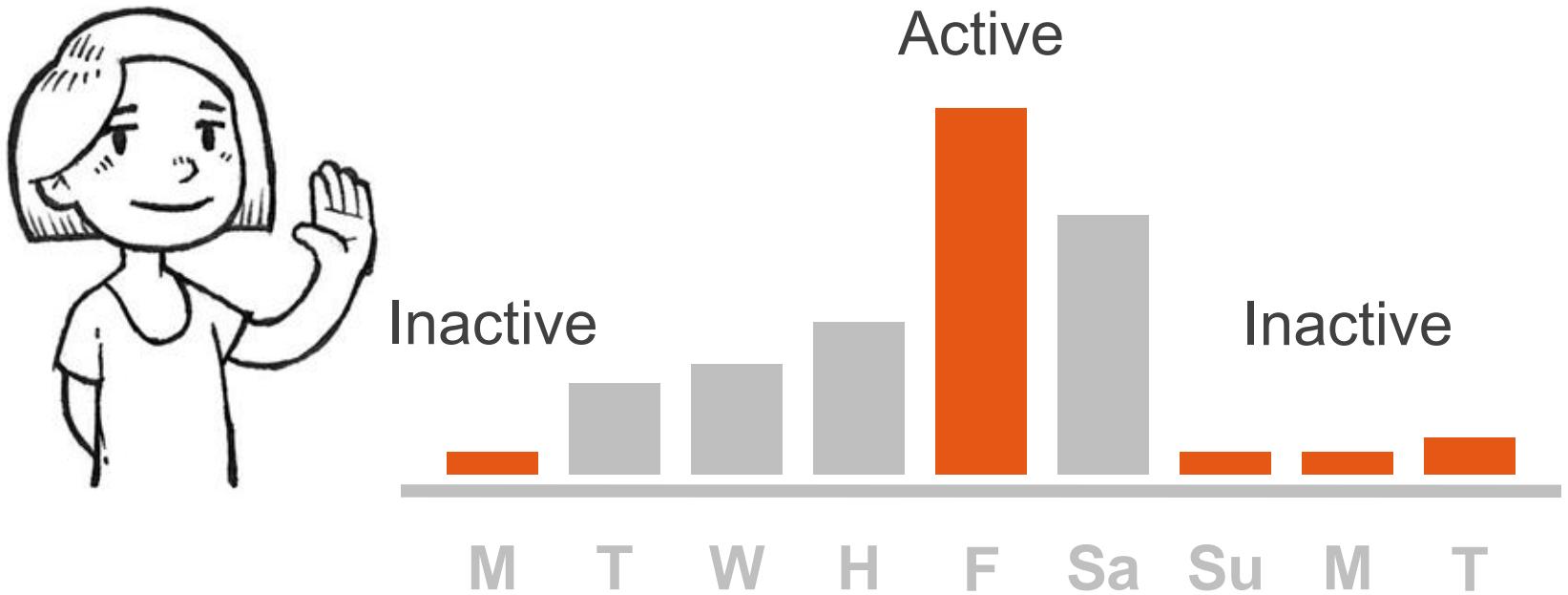
# Collection



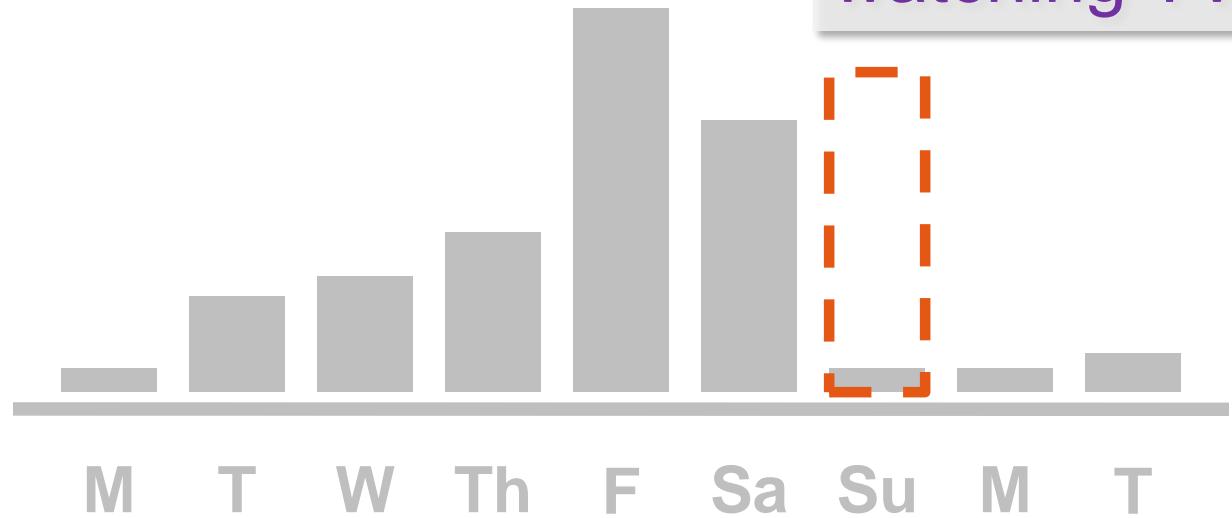
# Integration



# Reflection

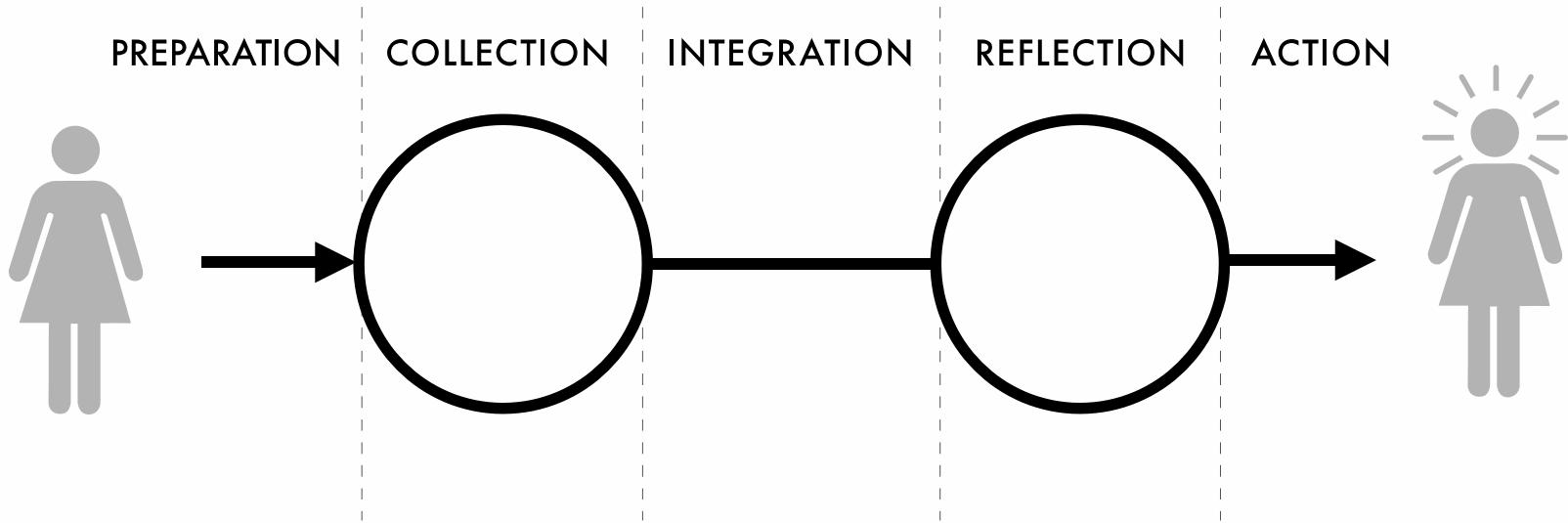


# Action



Walk in park  
instead of  
watching TV

# Five-Stage Model of Personal Informatics



# What is the Problem?

Examining serious self-trackers, as they represent the early adopters

The screenshot shows the Quantified Self website. At the top is the QS logo and the text "Quantified Self" with the tagline "self knowledge through numbers". Below the logo are links for "ABOUT", "VIDEOS", and "FORUMS", along with social media icons. A search bar is also present. The main content area features a video player for a talk titled "Mark Moschel on Tracking and Dunking", posted on January 30, 2014, by Ernesto Ramirez. The video thumbnail shows a man speaking at a podium. Below the video are sharing options for Twitter, Facebook, Google+, Tumblr, LinkedIn, and Email. The video player has a timestamp of 11:24 and indicates it is HD and from Vimeo. To the right of the video player is a sidebar for the "Quantified Self Europe Conference" featuring a photo of a modern building at night, the date "May 10-11, 2014 • Amsterdam", a link to "Make a Sparktweet", and a section for "QS Meetup Groups" with links to various cities.

**Quantified Self Europe Conference**

May 10-11, 2014 • Amsterdam

[Make a Sparktweet](#)

**QS Meetup Groups**

CITY NOT LISTED?	CANADA
<a href="#">Start Your Own</a>	<a href="#">Toronto</a>
<a href="#">QS Group!</a>	<a href="#">Vancouver</a>
USA - WEST	<a href="#">Montreal</a>
<a href="#">Bay Area</a>	<a href="#">Ottawa</a>
<a href="#">QSX - SF</a>	<a href="#">London</a>
<a href="#">Silicon Valley</a>	<a href="#">(Ontario)</a>
<a href="#">San Diego</a>	<a href="#">Edmonton</a>

# Quantified Self Talk Format

What I Learned

- What a good nights sleep looks like and what affects that for me

vs.

1. What I did

2. How I did it

3. What I learned

Analyzed 52 videos

Your sleep pattern | asleep | active

zzzz YOUR SLEEP EFFICIENCY 97%

11pm 12am 1am 2am 3am 4am

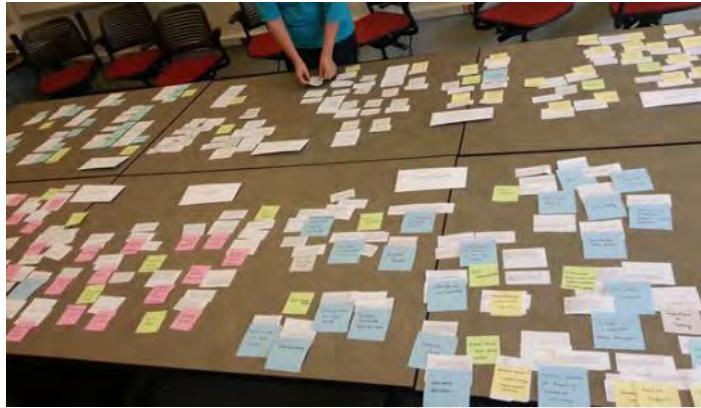
Time to fall asleep: 11min Times awakened: 5 You were in bed for: 8hrs 27min

Your sleep pattern | asleep | active

zzzz CY Your bed time: 11:15pm Time to fall asleep: 10min Times awakened: 10 You were in bed for: 8hrs 5min Actual sleep time: 8hrs 41min

Choe E.K., Lee N.B., Lee B., Pratt W., Kientz J.A. CHI 2014.  
“Understanding Quantified Selfers’ Practices in Collecting and Exploring Personal Data”

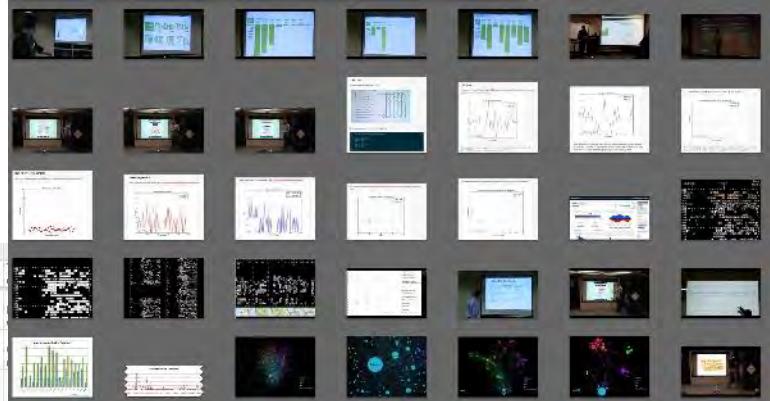
# Analysis



Themes

C	D	E	F	G	H
1	City	Gender	Working in a tech company?	Background	Data type
2	San Francisco	Male	Microsoft	Data analytics Data analytics, financial modeling, tech startup	Activity, Food, Sleep, Weight, Body fat, mood
3	San Francisco	Male	startup	electronics engineer	Glucose Exercise, Food, Supplements, Medication biomedical data, body fat, weight, blood pressure
4	London	Male	no	interface designer, VP of product, web development	heart rate monitor, pen and paper, Excel scale, Fitbit, RescueTime (productivity measuring tool)
5	Seattle	Male	startup	software engineer, network engineer	cancer
6	London	Male	startup	robotics, software, product development	6 years
7	San Francisco	Male	startup	mechanical engineer	Commercial
8	Beirut	Female		programmer, performance manager, big data	Weight, Food, Sleep, Productivity rowing strokes, distance rowed, time rowed, calories
9	Toronto	Male	Rogers		proximity to cars, location
					arduino, spreadsheet
					overweight
					1 year
					user-generated
					user-generated
					20 years

Visualizations



Profiles

# What do they Track?

A Diabetic Experience with Self-Quantification

Analyzing My Cancer Data

Going Vegan in December

Improving Skin Health

Cognitive Performance

15 Weeks of Self-Tracking

Diabetes, Exercise, and QS

Experience Sampling of My Stress

Hacking Your Subconscious Mind

Self-tracking  
is more than  
just buying  
a FitBit

# Motivations for Tracking

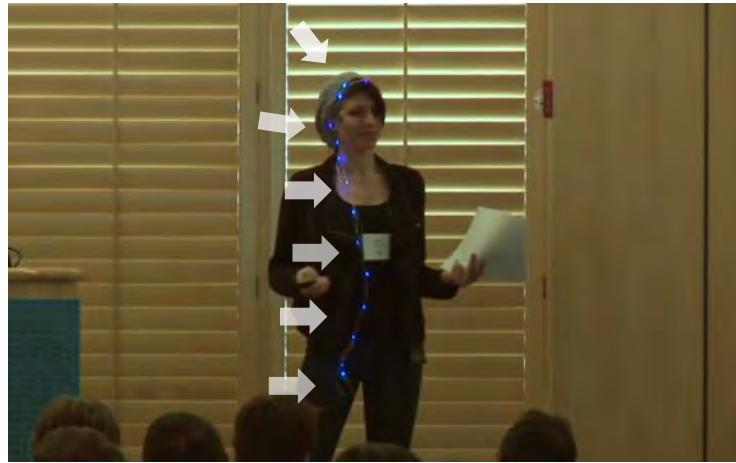
Motivations	Sub-categories
To improve health	To cure or manage a condition To achieve a goal To find triggers To answer a specific question To identify relationships To execute a treatment plan To make better health decisions To find balance
To improve other aspects of life	To maximize work performance To be mindful
To find new life experiences	To satisfy curiosity and have fun To explore new things To learn something interesting

# Data Collection and Exploration Tools

Data Collection Tool	% (#)
Commercial hardware	56% (29)
Spreadsheet	40% (21)
Custom software	21% (11)
Pen and paper	21% (11)
Commercial software	19% (10)
Commercial website	10% (5)
Camera	6% (3)
Open-source platform	6% (3)
Custom hardware	4% (2)
Other	10% (5)

Data Exploration Tool	% (#)
Spreadsheet	44% (23)
Custom software	35% (18)
Commercial website	27% (14)
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Open-source platform	8% (4)
Statistical software	4% (2)
Pen and paper	2% (1)

# Building Custom Tools

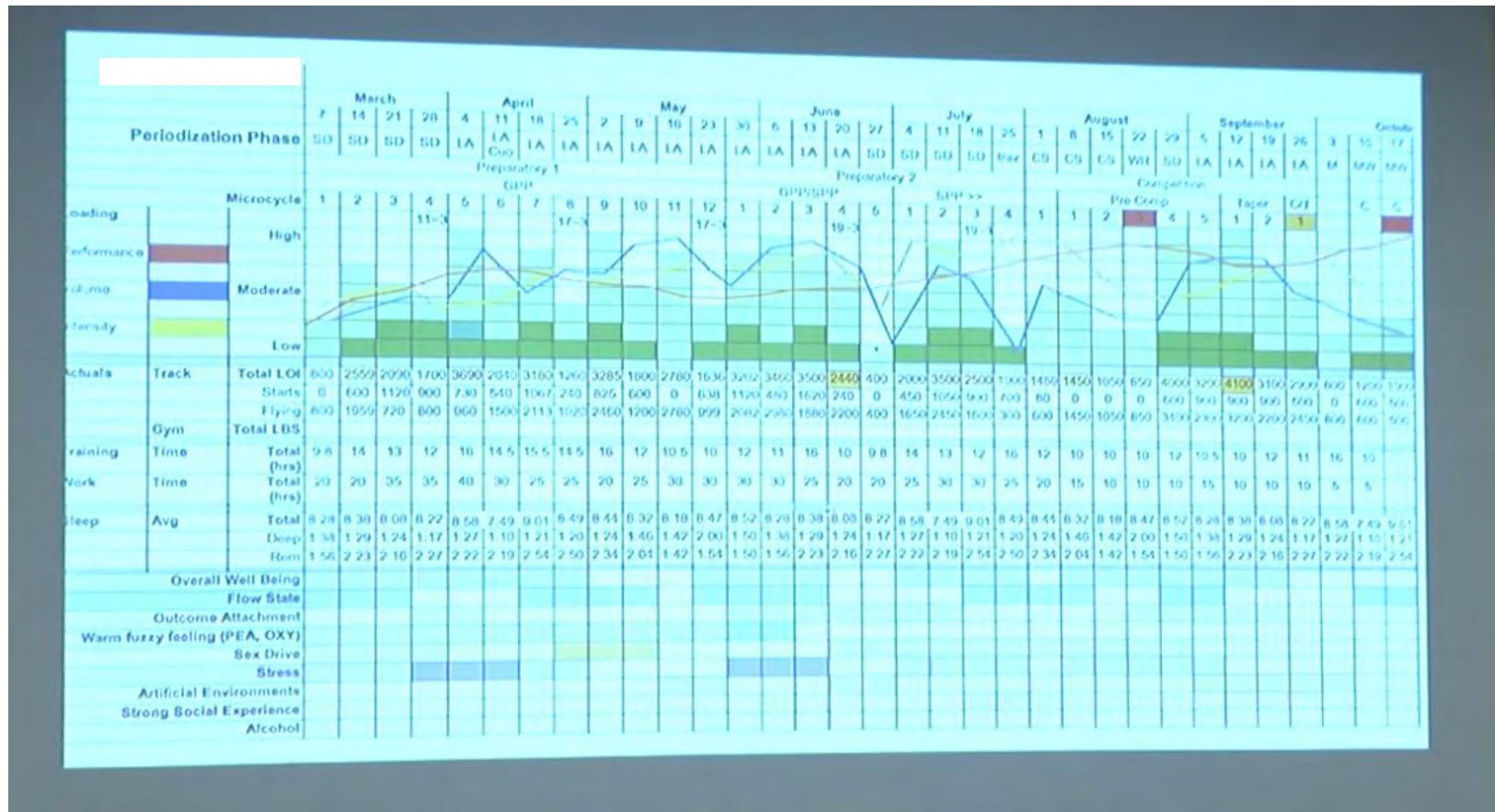


Captures smile via wearable sensing  
Provides real-time feedback



Captures snoring via mobile app  
Provides data visualization

# Custom Visualizations



# Why are they Building Custom Tools?

Desirable features are not supported

- Collect and reflect on the data using a single tool

- Perform self-experimentation

Barriers to success

- Tracking too many things

- Not tracking triggers and context

- Lacking scientific rigor

# Tracking Too Many Things

“I can honestly say that I’ve made the classic newbie self-tracking mistake which is that I track everything. I didn’t know exactly what to track, so I tracked caffeine, dairy, wheat, sugar, nuts, fruit, vegetables, meat, chicken, fish, alcohol supplements...”

People burn out on self-tracking

# Not Tracking Triggers and Context

“I was trying to track all these symptoms  
and I was completely ignoring the cause...”

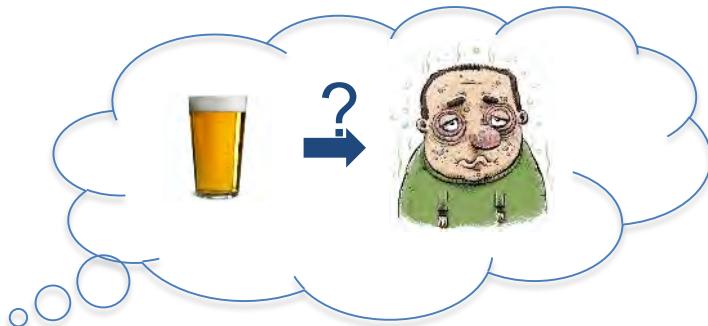
People lack clues on what to track

Miss information on how to improve outcome

They track the wrong information

# Lacking Scientific Rigor

Conduct self-experimentations without control  
or without addressing confounding factors



And they conduct flawed experiments

# Barriers and Negative Nudges



*"It was too time consuming and tedious. I also did not know what to enter if I ate out, so I often did not enter data and that compounded. I also felt embarrassed to do it in front of friends so I stopped."*

## Negative Nudges:

Contrasting difficulty of entry

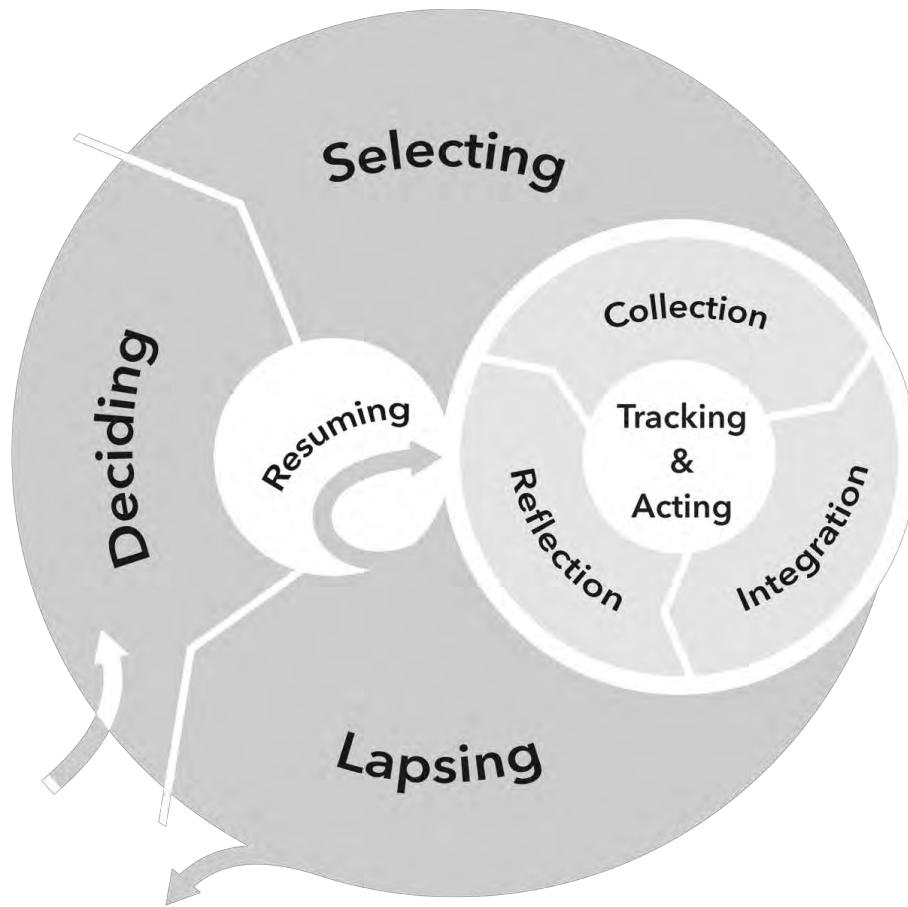
Judgment and choosing not to journal

Stigma and journaling

Lack or decline in social support

Felicia Cordeiro, Daniel A. Epstein, Edison Thomas, Elizabeth Bales, Arvind K. Kagannathan, Gregory D. Abowd, James Fogarty. CHI 2015. Barriers and Negative Nudges: Exploring Challenges in Food Journaling

# A Model of Lived Informatics



Extends 5-stage model to surface additional design lifecycle and challenges

Returning to a tool  
(e.g., short/long lapse)

Changing tools  
(e.g., due to burden)

Changing goals  
(e.g., due to discovery)

# Your Challenge

People invest  
tremendous effort  
for little value

Do better, help people  
achieve their goals,  
solve real problems

Go beyond the data fetish

Understand the problems people face

Find the role for interactive technology



# Some Reflection

We have high expectations

We want you to do cool stuff

But we are also enthusiastic and we listen

Email us, point out opportunities, ask questions

If you are not onboard, please drop now

Please email us so that we know a spot opened

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# CSE 440: Introduction to HCI

## User Interface Design, Prototyping, and Evaluation

Lecture 01:  
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# Today

## Section Balance and Movement

## Calendar Overview

- Proposals, Bidding, Teams, Email Availability

- Reading Assigned for Friday

- Quarter Overview

## Assignment 0

## Design of Everyday Things

# Assignment 0: Flash Card

Name (formal & informal)

Majors/Minors

Year (1,2,3,4,5,6,...)

Hometown

Interesting Fact or  
“What I did on my ...”



Submit PDF via Canvas



# What is Interaction?

Two-Way

one-way is a reaction

Communicative

information is sent

Receptive

information is received

Effective

the parties are changed as a result

# What is Interaction?

Two-Way  
Communicative  
Receptive  
Effective

Knocking over a chair

Clicking a Submit button on a web page

Two televisions, turned on, facing each other

A computer sending data to another via a network

Typing on a computer that is turned off

Picking up a telephone and putting it to your ear

Typing ESC on a screen that does not allow it

# Models of Interaction

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- Define and describe an interaction

- Isolate areas where problems occur

- Design new interaction

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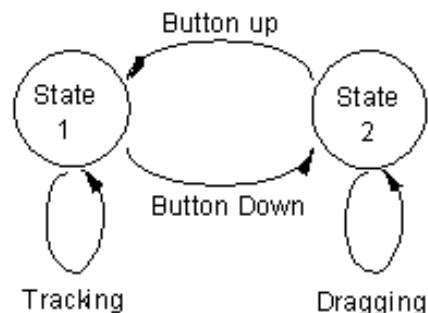
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“All models are wrong, but some are useful”

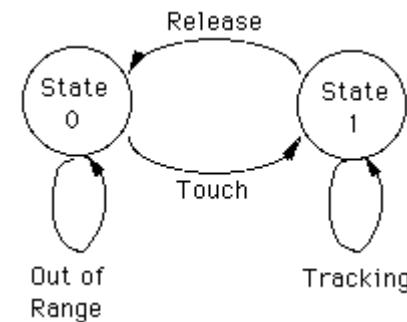
George Box

# Buxton's 3-State Model

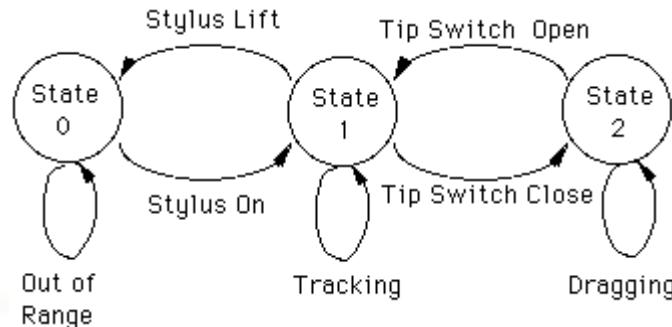
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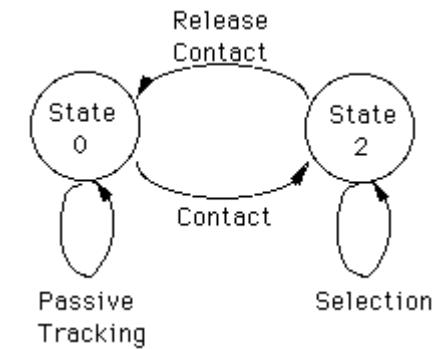
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Stylus

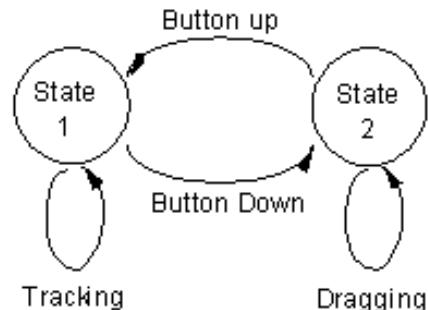


Touch Screen

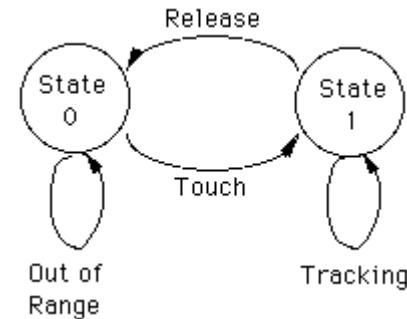


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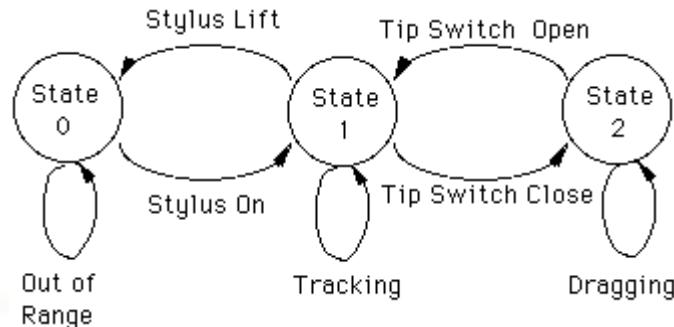
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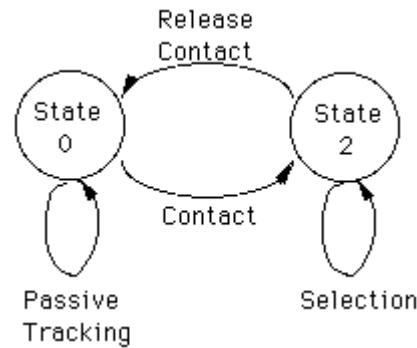
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Which can support tooltip previews?

# Norman's Execution-Evaluation Cycle

1. Establish the goal.
2. Form the intention.
3. Specify the action sequence.
4. Execute the action sequence.
5. Perceive the system state.
6. Interpret the system state.
7. Evaluate the system state with respect to the goals and intentions.



# Turning on the Light

1. Establish the goal

Increase light in the room

2. Form the intention

To turn on the lamp

3. Specify the action sequence

Walk to the lamp, reach for the knob, twist the knob

4. Execute the action sequence

[walk, reach, twist]

5. Perceive the system state

[hear “click” sound, see light from lamp]

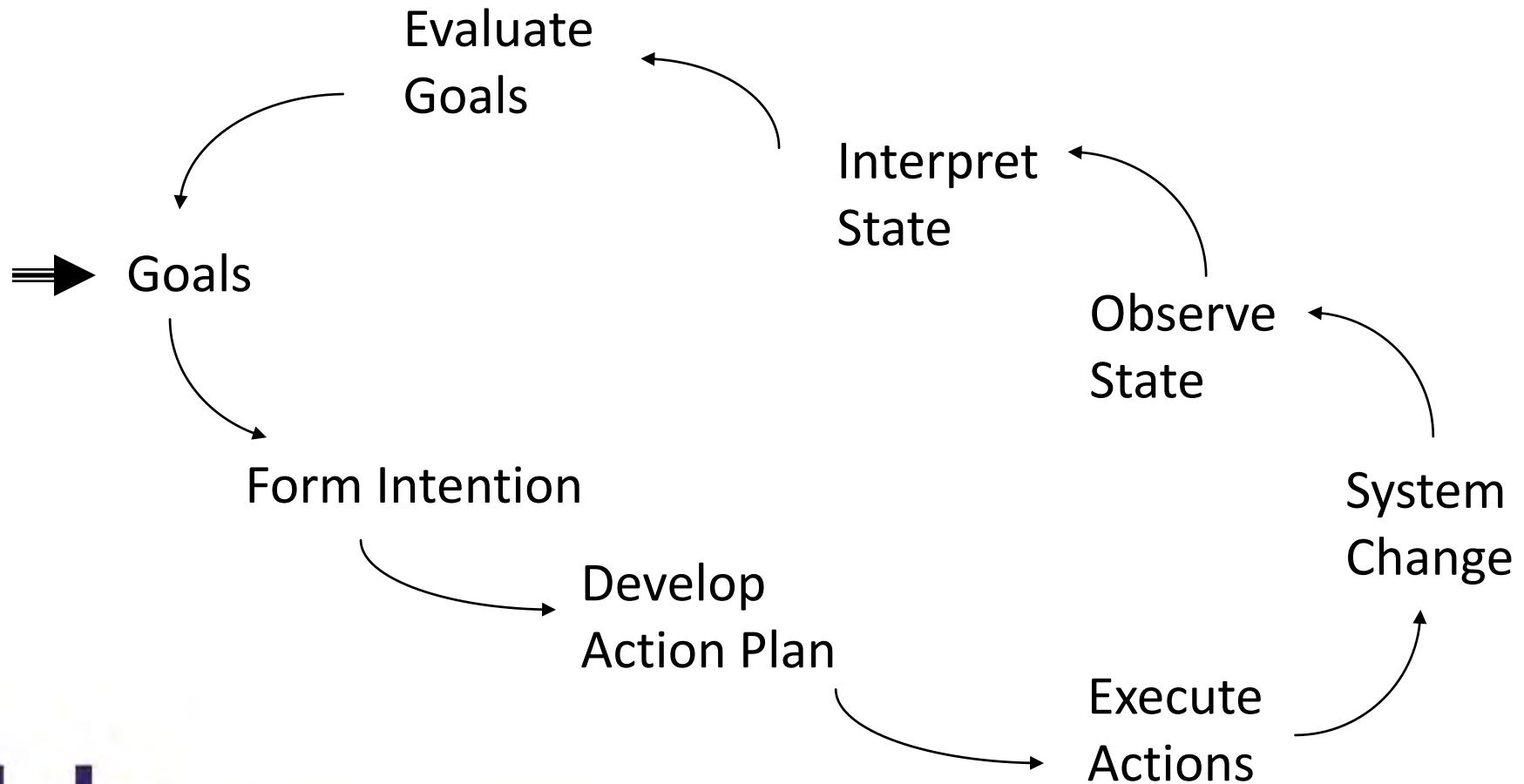
6. Interpret the system state

The knob rotated. The lamp is emitting light. The lamp seems to work

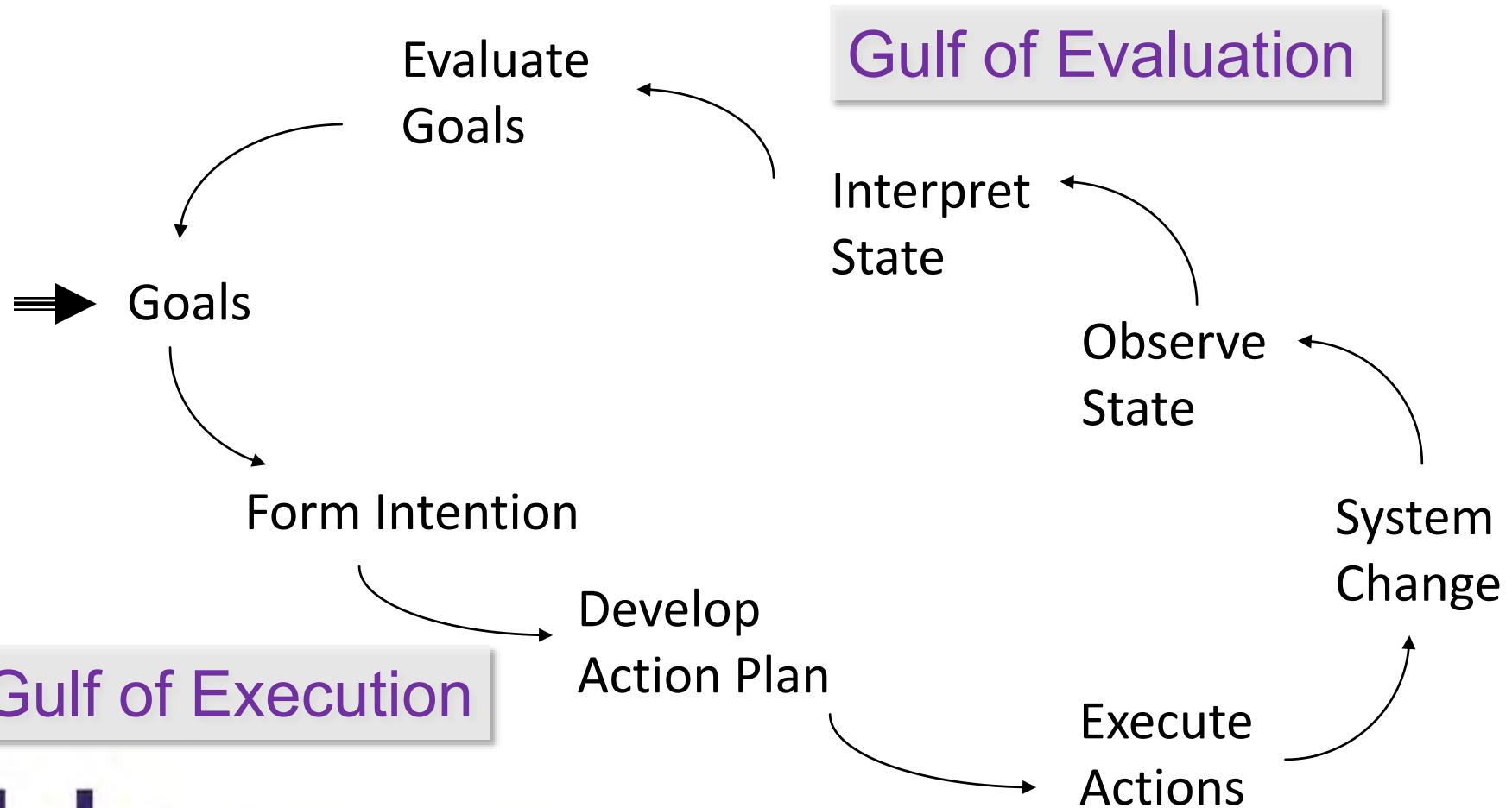
7. Evaluate the system state with respect to the goals and intentions

The lamp did indeed increase the light in the room [goal satisfied]

# Norman's Execution-Evaluation Cycle



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# Bridging the Gulfs

## Gulf of Execution: “How do I do it?”

Commands and mechanisms need to match the goals, thoughts, and expectations of a person

## Gulf of Evaluation: “What does it mean?”

Output needs to present a view of the system that is readily perceived, interpreted, and evaluated

People build mental models to anticipate and interpret system response to their actions

What can I do?

How do I do it?

What result will it have?

What is it telling me?

# Cooper's Mental Model Terminology



## Implementation Model

How it works

(aka Design Model, Designer's Conceptual Model)



## Manifest Model

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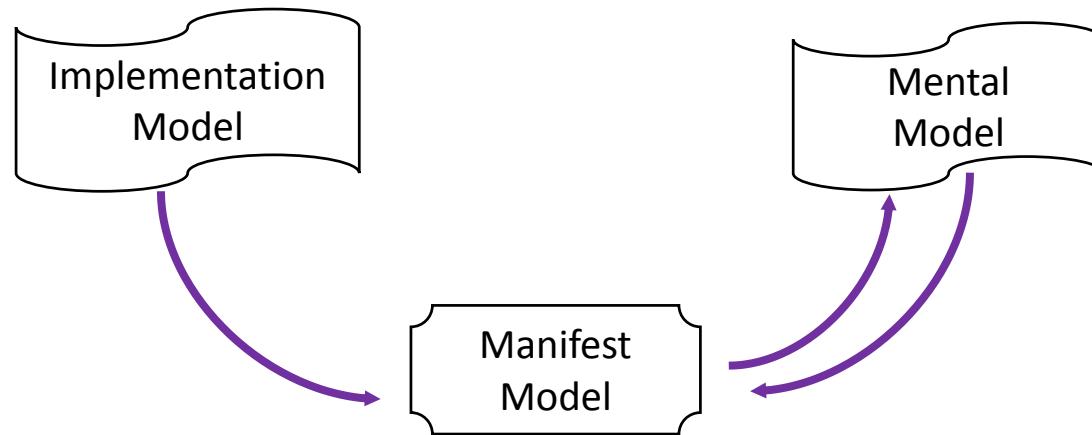
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These terms  
are sloppy and  
ambiguous out  
in the world

# Manifest and Mental Models



Designer projects their model into an artifact

Person forms their model based on interaction

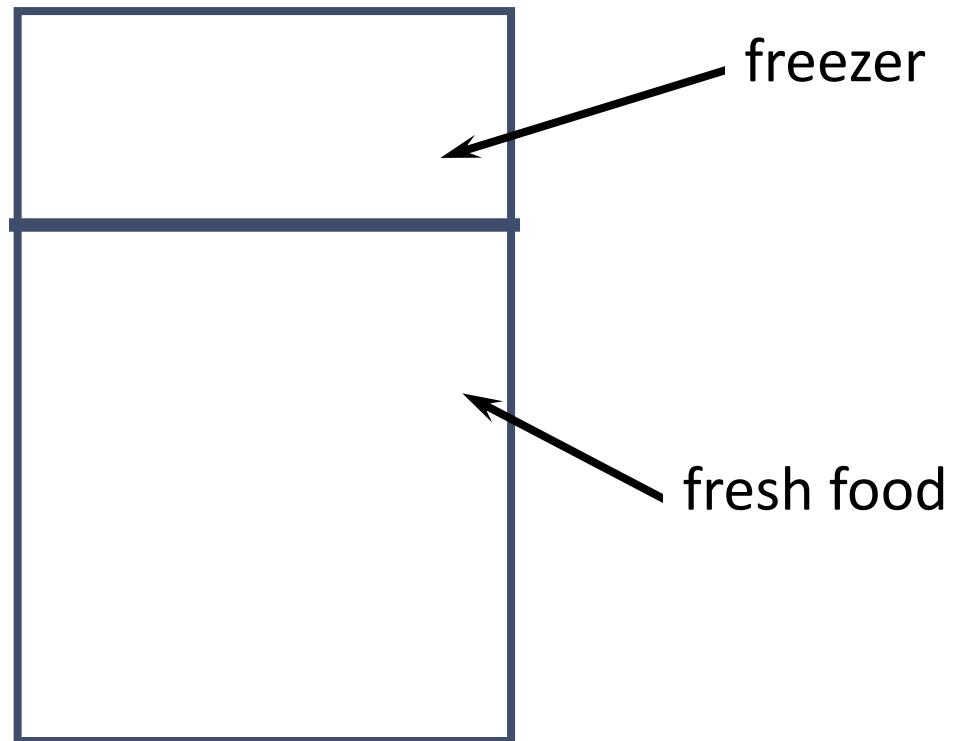
People struggle until model matches manifest model

Update mental model in response to breakdowns

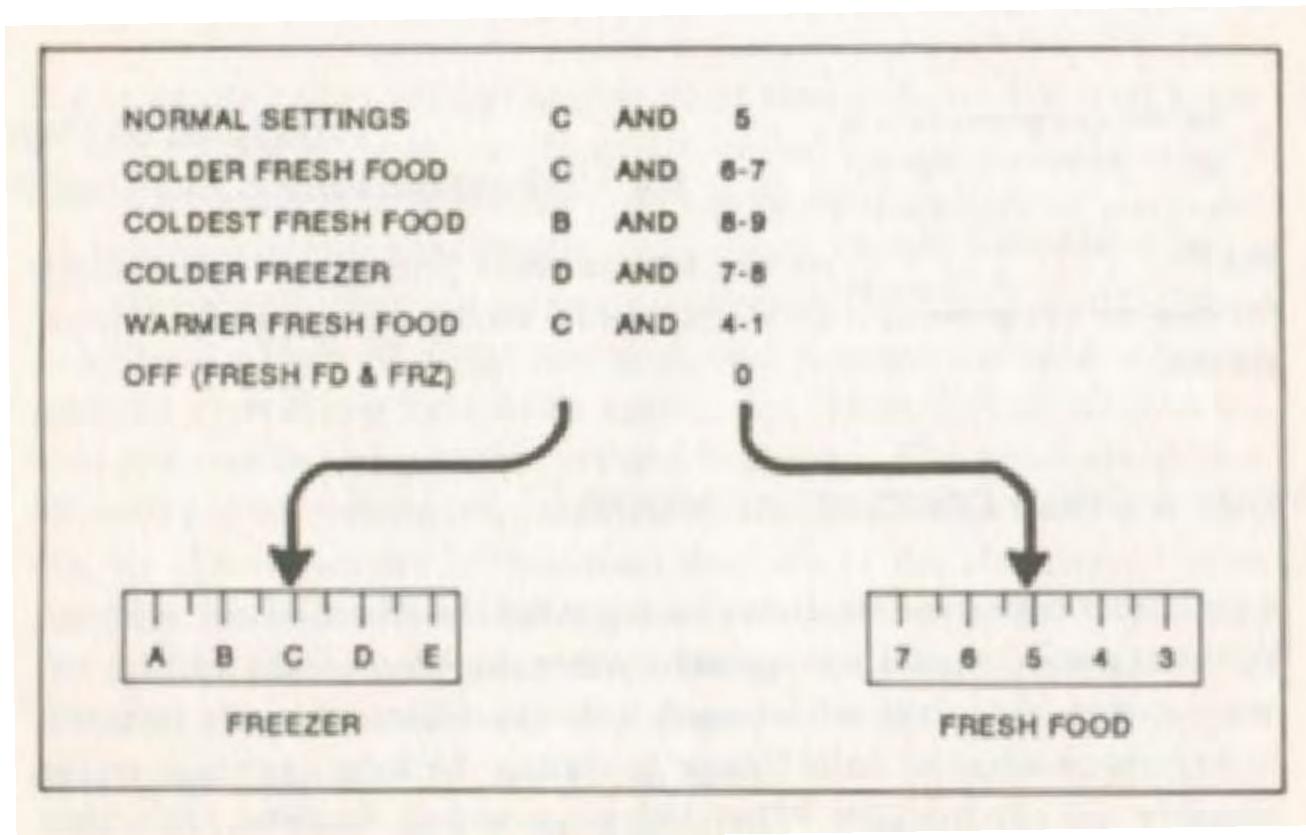
Not necessarily matching the implementation model

# Mental Models

Problem: freezer too cold, fresh food just right

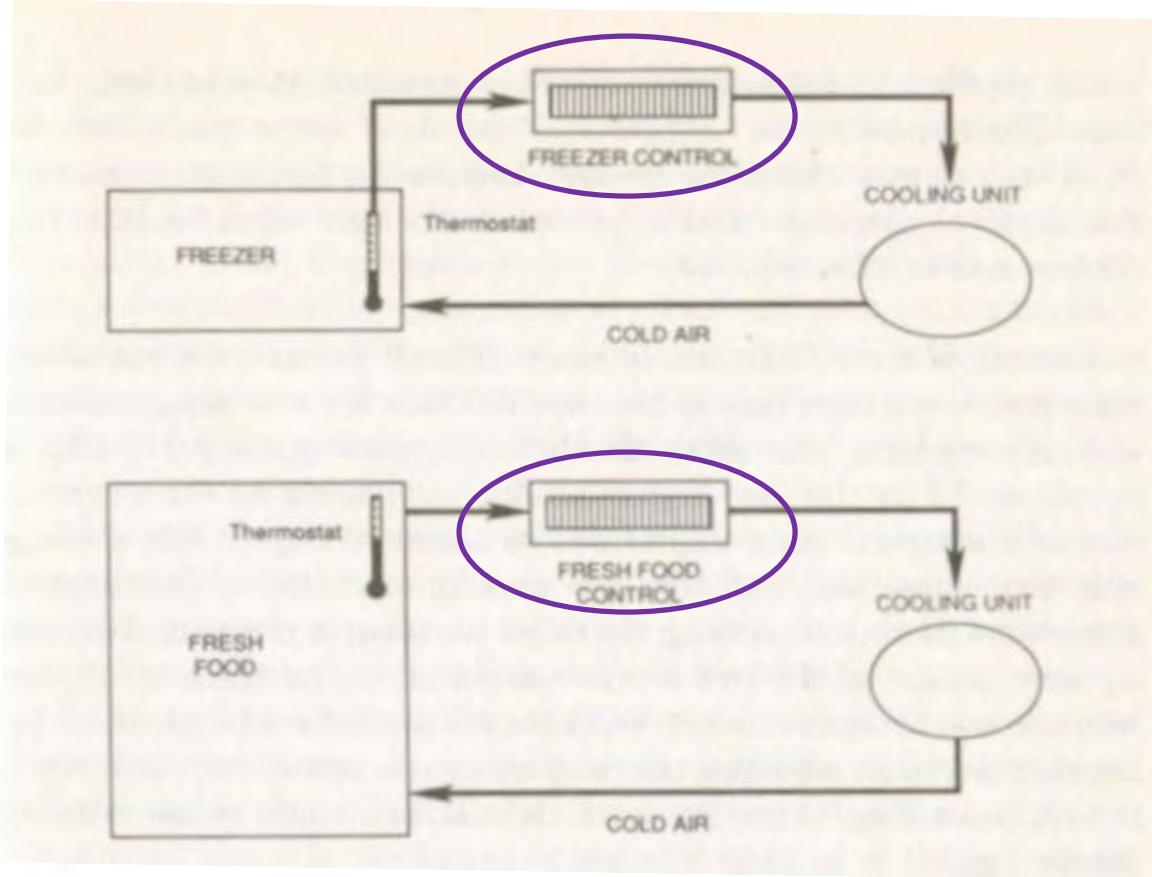


# Manifest Model



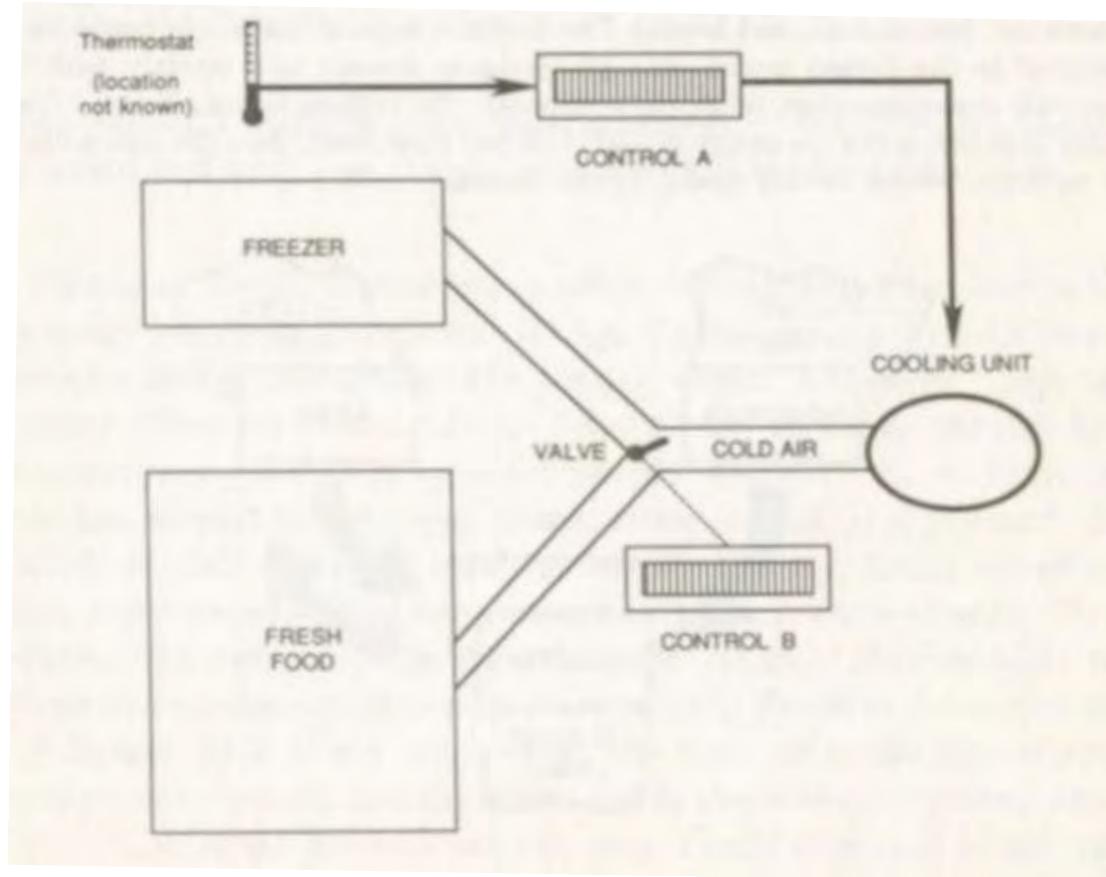
What if I want to make just the freezer warmer?

# A Sensible Mental Model

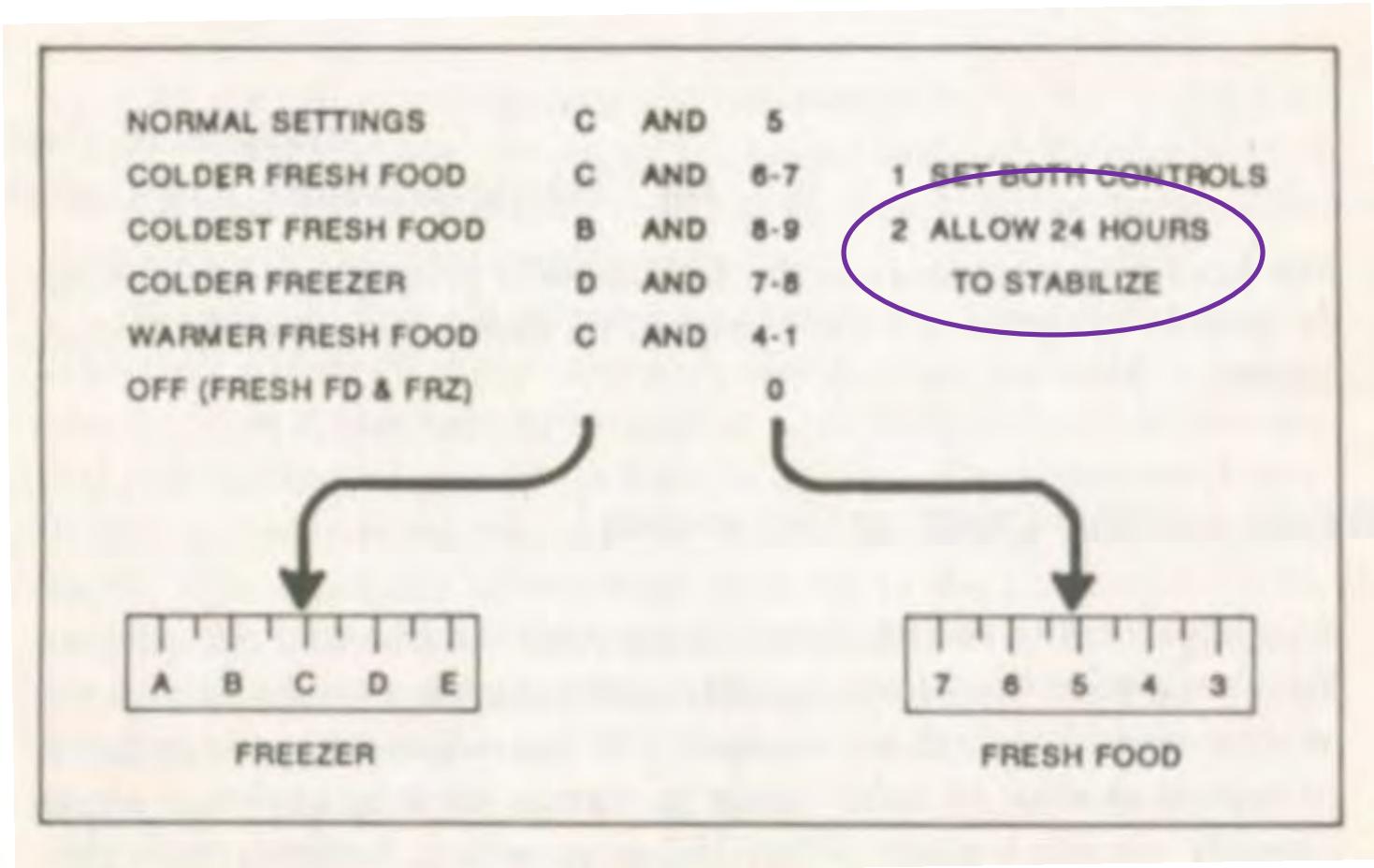


“The Freezer Control controls the freezer temperature and the Fresh Food Control controls the fresh food temperature”

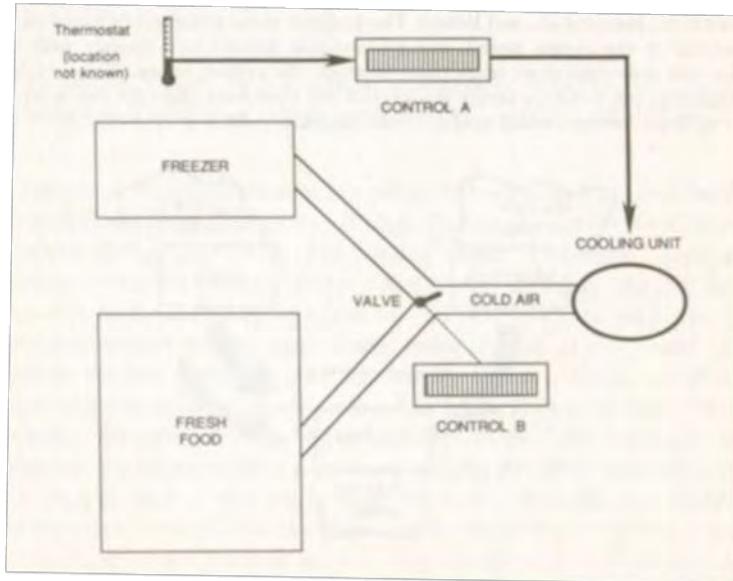
# The Implementation Model



# A Problem with Feedback



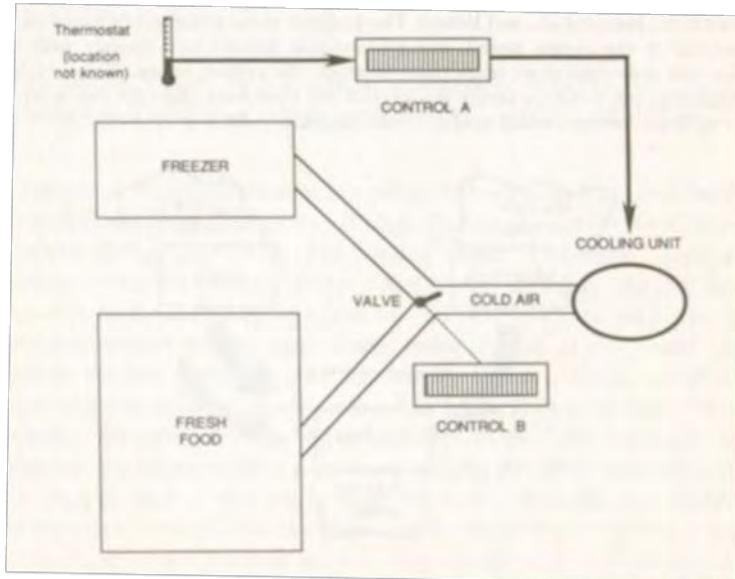
# The Implementation Model



Why do we have a problem?

Can you fix the problem?

# The Implementation Model



Why do we have a problem?

Cost constraints

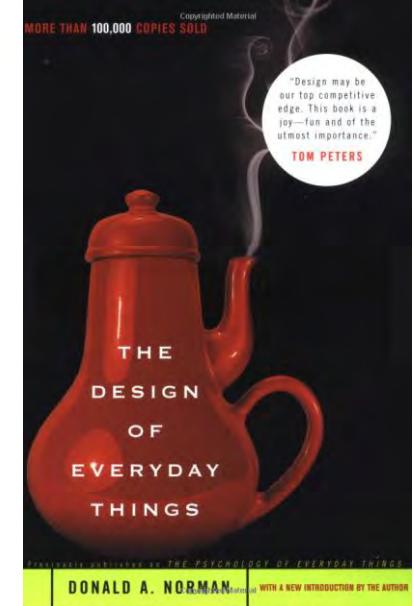
Can you fix the problem?

Make controls correspond to  
a person's mental model

Make controls correspond to  
the implementation model

# Building the Right Model

Having the right model  
helps people bridge the  
Gulf of Execution and  
the Gulf of Evaluation



How can we help people build the right models:

Affordances

Visibility

Constraints

Consistency

Metaphors

Knowledge in the World

Mapping

Modes

# Affordances

Visual clue to interaction

knobs afford turning

levers afford moving

buttons afford pushing



# Affordances

“The affordances of the environment are what it offers animals, what it provides or furnishes, for good or ill.”

Gibson, part of an ecological approach to psychology

“The term ‘affordance’ refers to the perceived and actual properties of the thing, primarily those fundamental properties that determine just how the thing could possibly be used.”

Norman

# What's the Affordance?

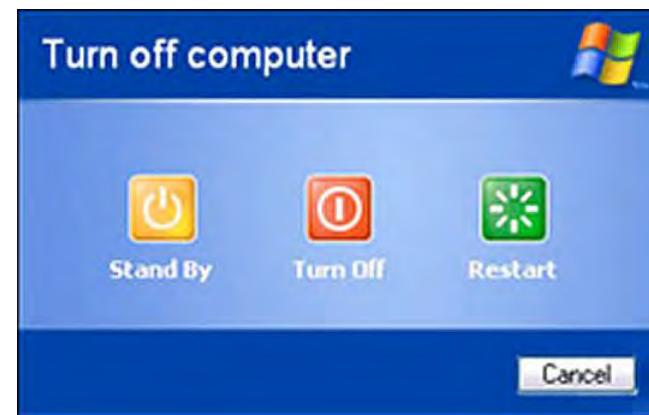


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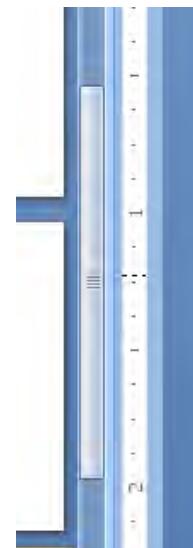
# Affordances

Technology affordances are often based in affordances from the physical world



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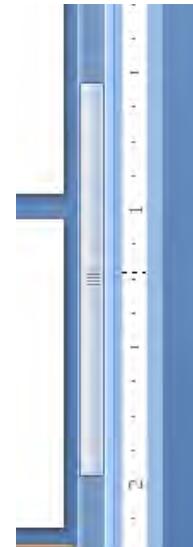
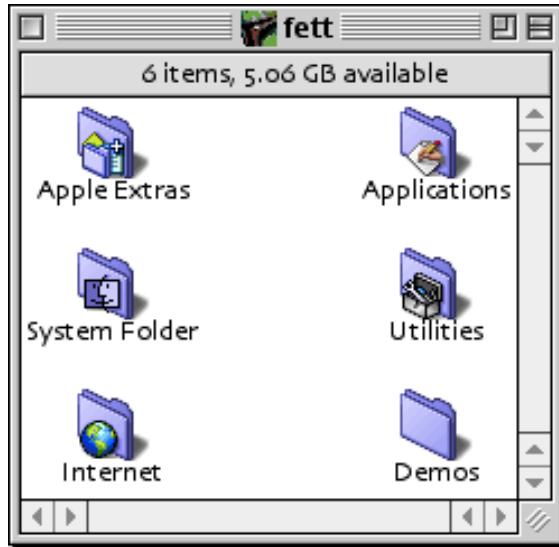
What is the affordance here?



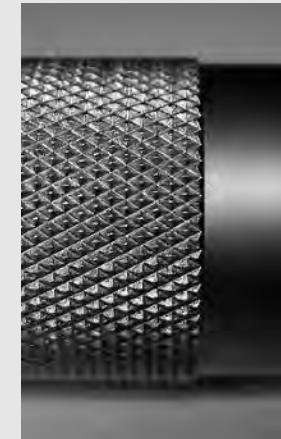
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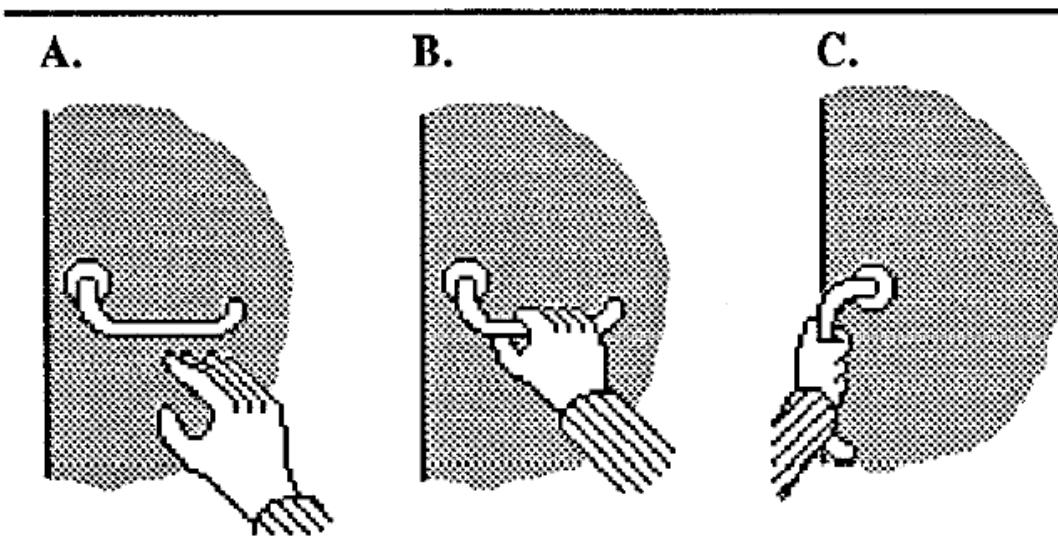
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Where does it come from?

# Sequential Affordance

Acting on a perceptible affordance leads to information indicating new affordances

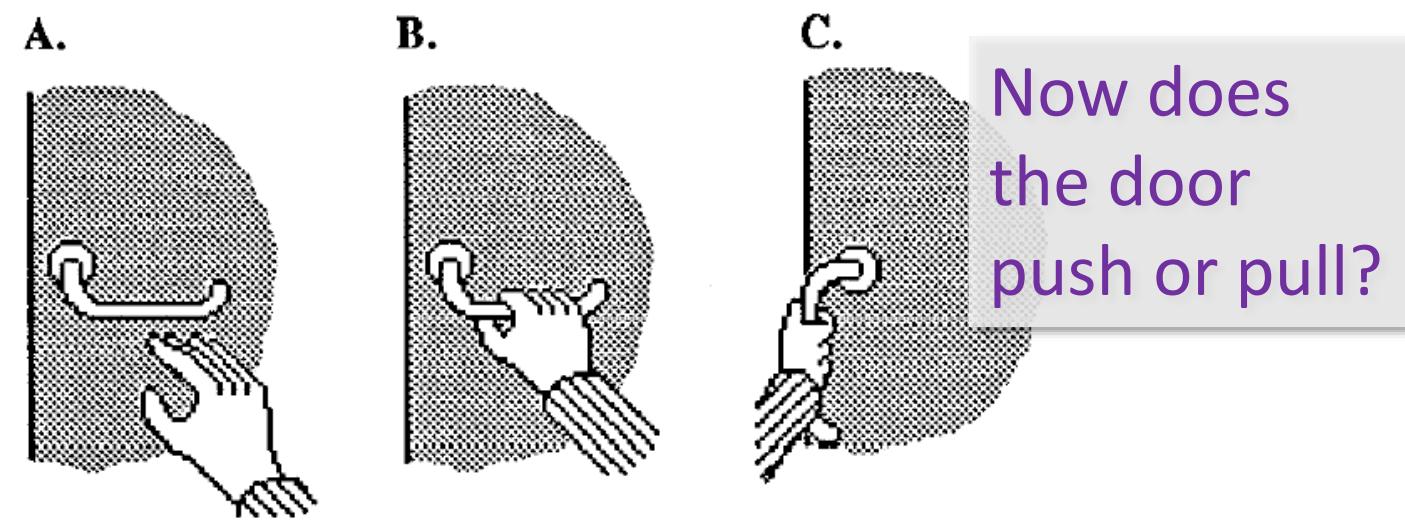


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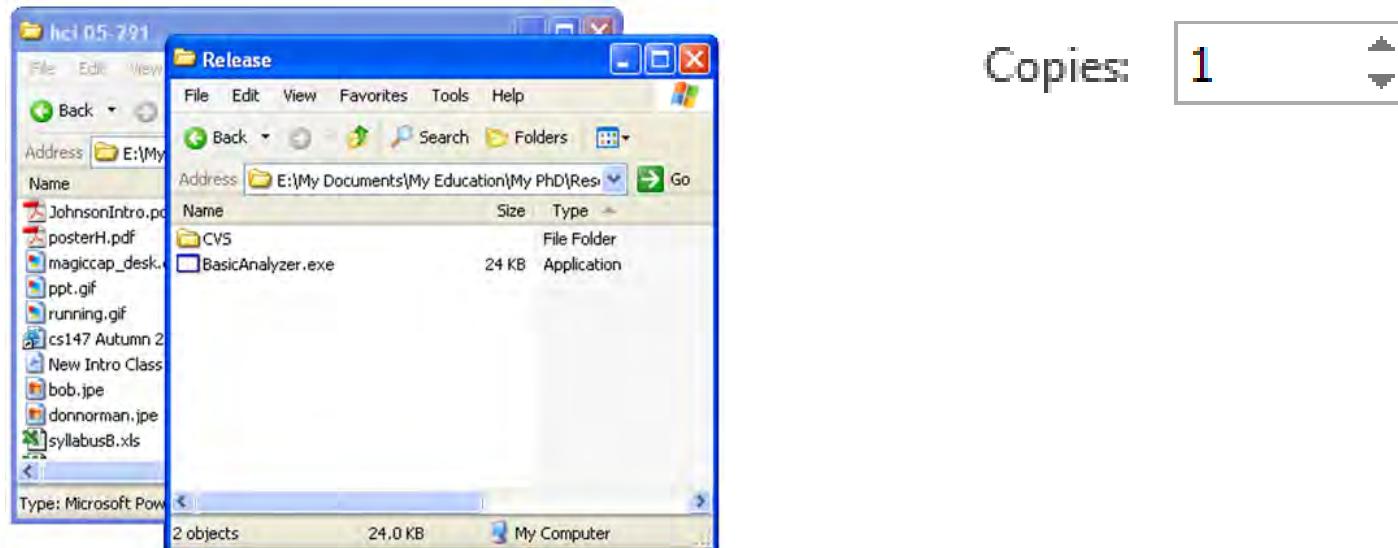


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# Nested Affordances

Affordances due to spatial relationships  
revealing what actions can be done

Proximate to, contained in, part of



# In Other Words

An affordance is what a thing communicates about how it can be used, often by its appearance

“In general, when the apparent affordances of an artifact matches its intended use, the artifact is easy to operate. When apparent affordances suggest different actions than those for which the object is designed, errors are common.”

Gaver

Challenges arise if there is a mismatch between implied use versus intended use

# False Affordances

When there is perceptual information suggesting an implied use that does not exist



OK

(Just an image of a button, not one that responds)

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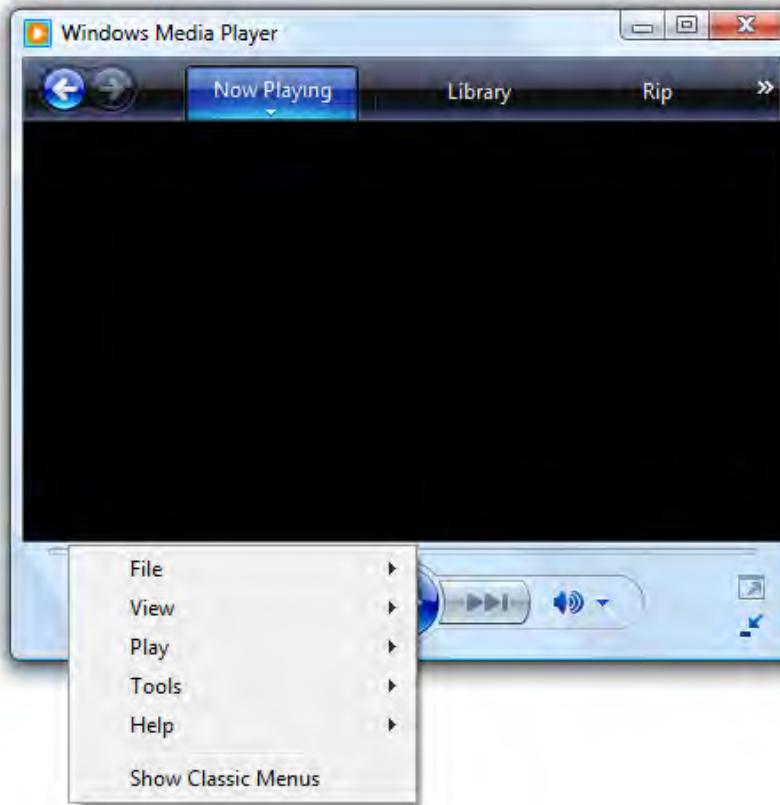


# False Affordances



# Hidden Affordances

When there is no perceptual information suggesting an actual intended use



# Hidden Affordances



# Hidden Affordances



Logos linking to home is a convention, but not afforded by the page

# Confusion of the Term

“Note also that affordances are not intrinsic, but depend on the background and culture of users. Most computer-literate user will click on an icon. This is not because they go around pushing pictures in art galleries, but because they have learned that this is an affordance of such objects in a computer domain...”

Dix

Disagree. Icons do not afford “pushability” or “clickability” by their attributes. They do not give an indication of their intended use, except by convention.

# Clarification on Convention

“Designers sometimes will say that when they put an icon, cursor, or other target on the screen, they have added an ‘affordance’ to the system. This is a misuse of the concept. ... It is wrong to claim that the design of a graphical object on the screen ‘affords clicking.’ ... Yes, the object provides a target and it helps the user know where to click and maybe even what to expect in return, but those aren’t affordances, those are conventions, and feedback, and the like. ... **Don’t confuse affordances with conventions.**”

Norman

# Metaphors

Suggest an existing mental model

“horseless carriages”, “iron horses”, “wireless”

Desktop metaphor

Not an attempt to simulate a real desktop

Leverages knowledge of files, folders, trash

Explains why some windows seem hidden

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# Mail Metaphor

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Outlook interface for the "ACM Multimedia 2004" folder. The left sidebar contains a "Folder List" with various email accounts and categories like "Outlook Today", "Inbox", "Calendar", "Contacts", "Tasks", "Notes", and "Deleted Items". The main pane displays a list of 18 received emails from different senders, including Rainer Lienhart, Weibin Zhao, and Angela Sasse, with subjects ranging from "Invitation for MM'04 Organizer Lunch" to "List of papers". Below the list is a preview pane showing the content of an email from Weibin Zhao:

**Extra line breaks in this message were removed. To restore, click here.**

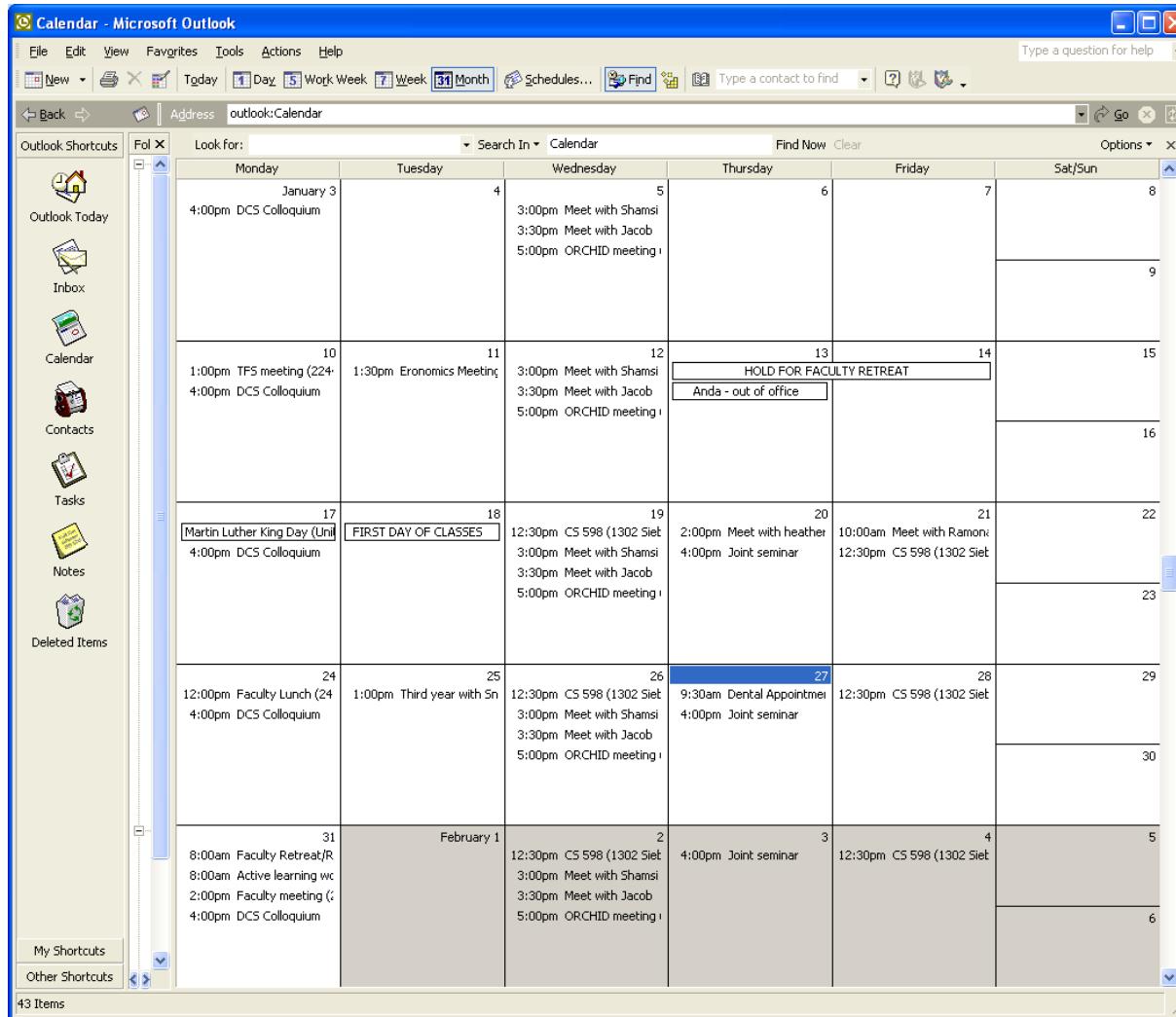
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**Subject:** Invitation for MM'04 Organizer Lunch **Cc:**

Dear MM'04 Organizers,

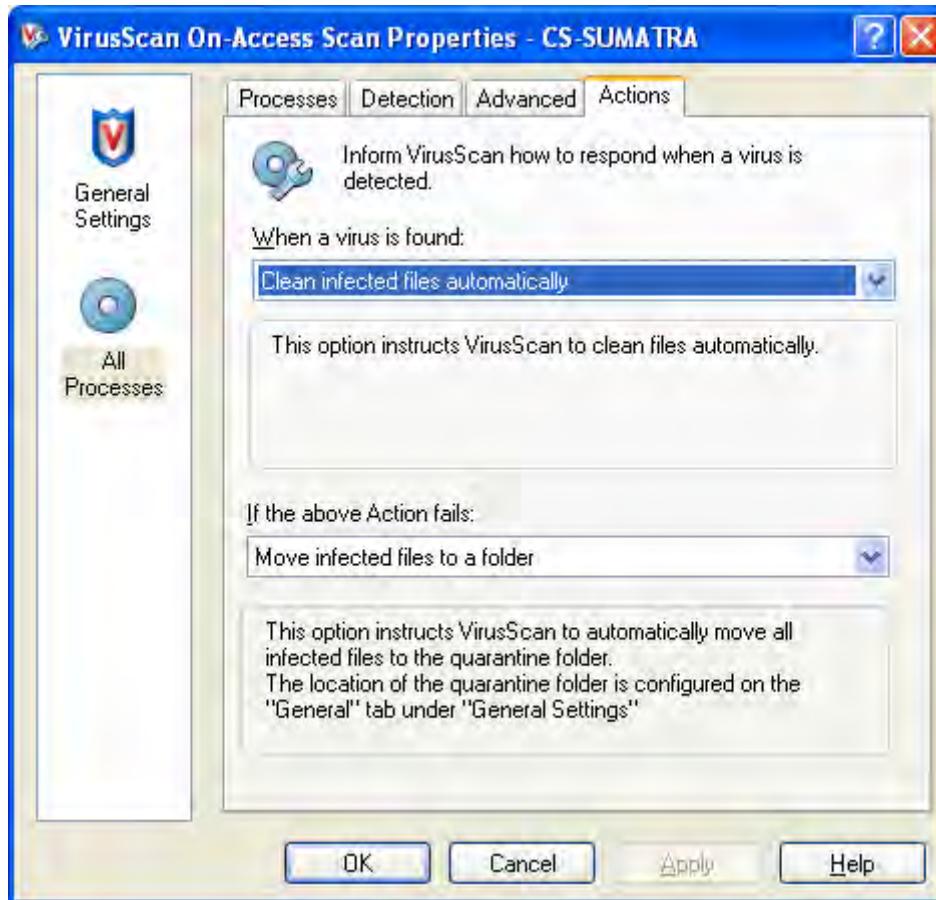
You are invited to attend the MM'04 organizer lunch on Tuesday, October 12, 2004. The schedule is as follows:

Time: 12:30-14:00  
Location: Randolph Room (1st floor) of Faculty House at Columbia University  
Map: <http://www.cs.columbia.edu/~zwb/mm04-map.pdf>

# Calendar Metaphor

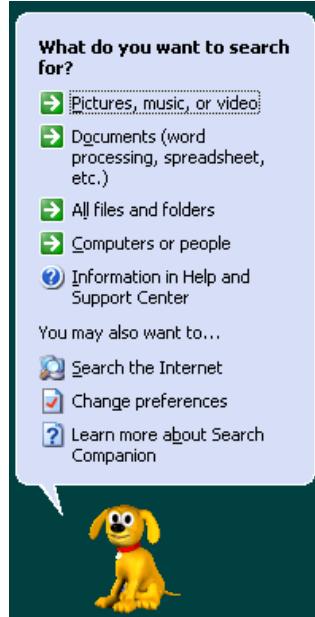


# Health Metaphor



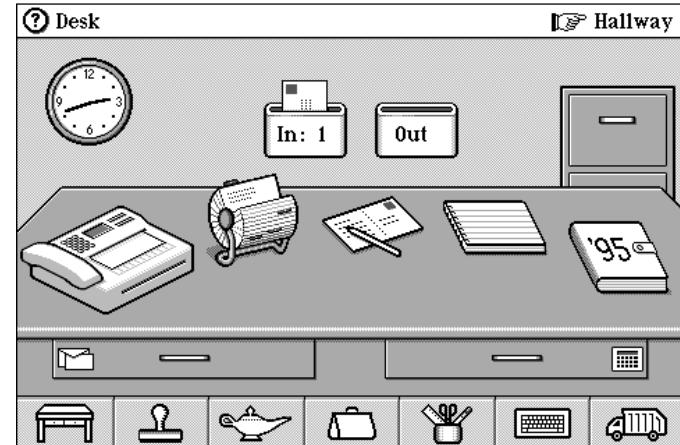
# Shallow or Inappropriate Metaphors

Informs a small range of possibilities, or none at all



It is just a menu and a dialog box?

What does the living room add?



Magic Cap



Microsoft Bob

# Mixed Metaphors

Two or more different metaphors coexist with some supposed relation

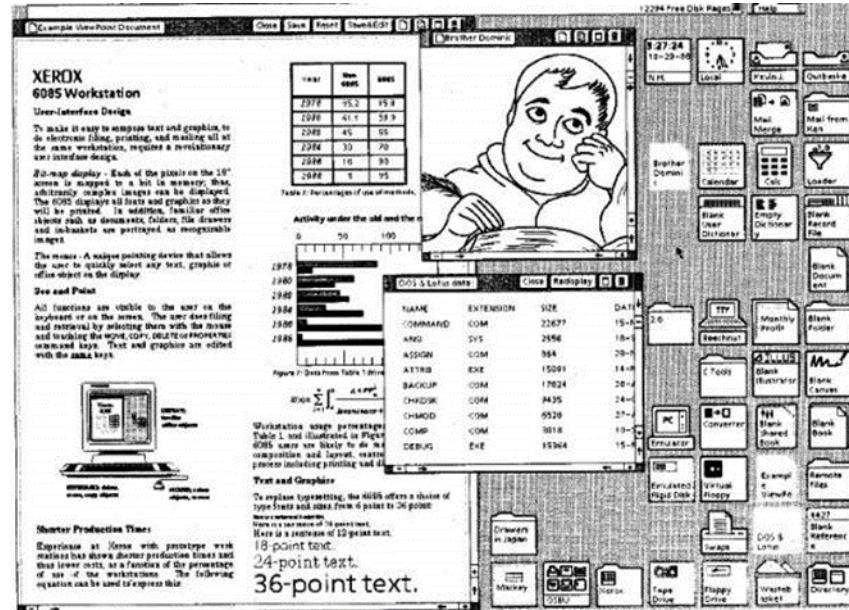
The desktop metaphor  
Windows into content

Good? Bad?

Neither? Both?

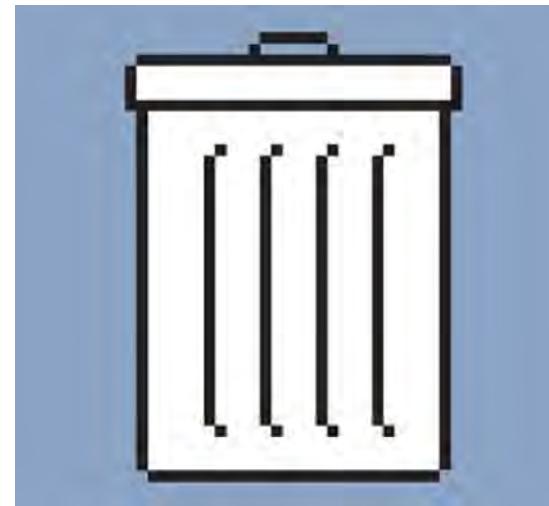
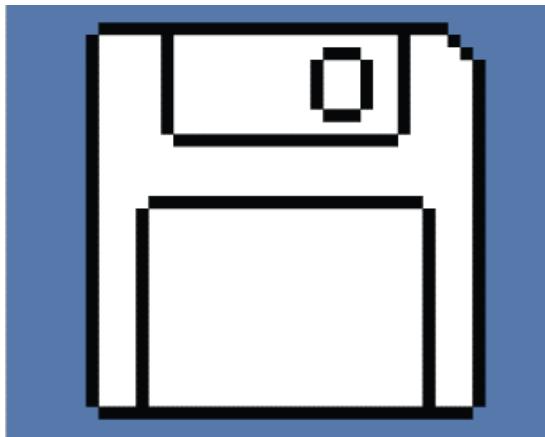
Windows are views into larger content regions

No desktop has windows



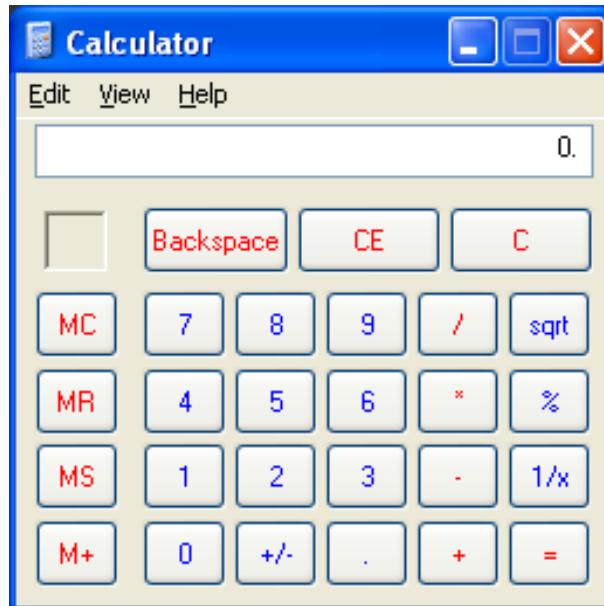
# Broken Metaphors

Are not consistent, do not operate in every circumstance, or do not uphold things consistent with what the metaphor would suggest



# Mechanical-Age Metaphors

Operate as their mechanical-age counterparts did, not taking advantage of the digital domain to escape the limitations of the original



# Dead Metaphors

Lost the original imagery of their meaning

● Milk

● Butter

● Cheese

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● Water

● Beer

● Wine

# Metaphors versus Idioms

## Idioms

rely on shared experience or custom  
are learned, often early in life  
are supported or revealed by context  
become conventions  
do not rely on metaphors

Idiomatic widgets  
(e.g., screen splitter,  
draggable title bar)

Single click  
to select,  
double click  
to open

Hyperlinks

# Idioms

## Star Trek IV: Scotty Uses a Mouse



# Metaphors and Affordances

Affordances “jump start” a model for interaction

Metaphors “jump start” a model of a system

But if designed poorly, both can be damaging

- Lead to an incorrect model, undermining interaction

- Can limit designer creativity

- Can reduce the advantages of software

- Can be “cute” at the expense of functional

# Visibility

## Phones

How do you  
put somebody on hold  
change volume



# Visibility

## Location of Controls



## Display



(This display shows all of the possible configurations.)

0 15 - 30 During a conversation, the call duration is displayed.  
(Example: 15 minutes, 30 seconds)

- The unit is in the programming mode (p. 9, 16, 20).
- \* The AUTO button was pressed while dialing or storing phone numbers for the Speed Dialer (p. 16, 19).
- ← The LOWER button was pressed (p. 21, 23).
- ☒ The ringer is set to OFF (p. 10).
- ☒ The MUTE button was pressed during a conversation (p. 24).
- ☒ The dial lock mode is set. To cancel the mode, see page 27.
- F The FLASH button was pressed while storing phone numbers.
- P The PAUSE button was pressed while dialing or storing phone numbers.
- ↶ You pressed ☒ while dialing or storing phone numbers in the TONE mode.
- ↷ You pressed # while dialing or storing phone numbers in the TONE mode.
- While storing a phone number in an UPPER memory location for the One-Touch Dialer, "□" will appear when you press a one-touch auto dial button (p. 20).
- While storing a phone number in a LOWER memory location for the One-Touch Dialer, "□" will appear when you press a one-touch auto dial button (p. 21).
- - □ The MUTE button was pressed as a secret button while storing phone numbers (p. 18, 22).
- While programming function items, such as the dialing mode, "□" will flash as a cursor.

# Visibility

## Changing Ringer Volume

Press “Program”

Press “6”

Set Volume

Low - Press “1”

Medium - Press “2”

High - Press “3”

Press “Program”

# Visibility

Controls available on watch with 3 buttons?

Too many and they are not visible

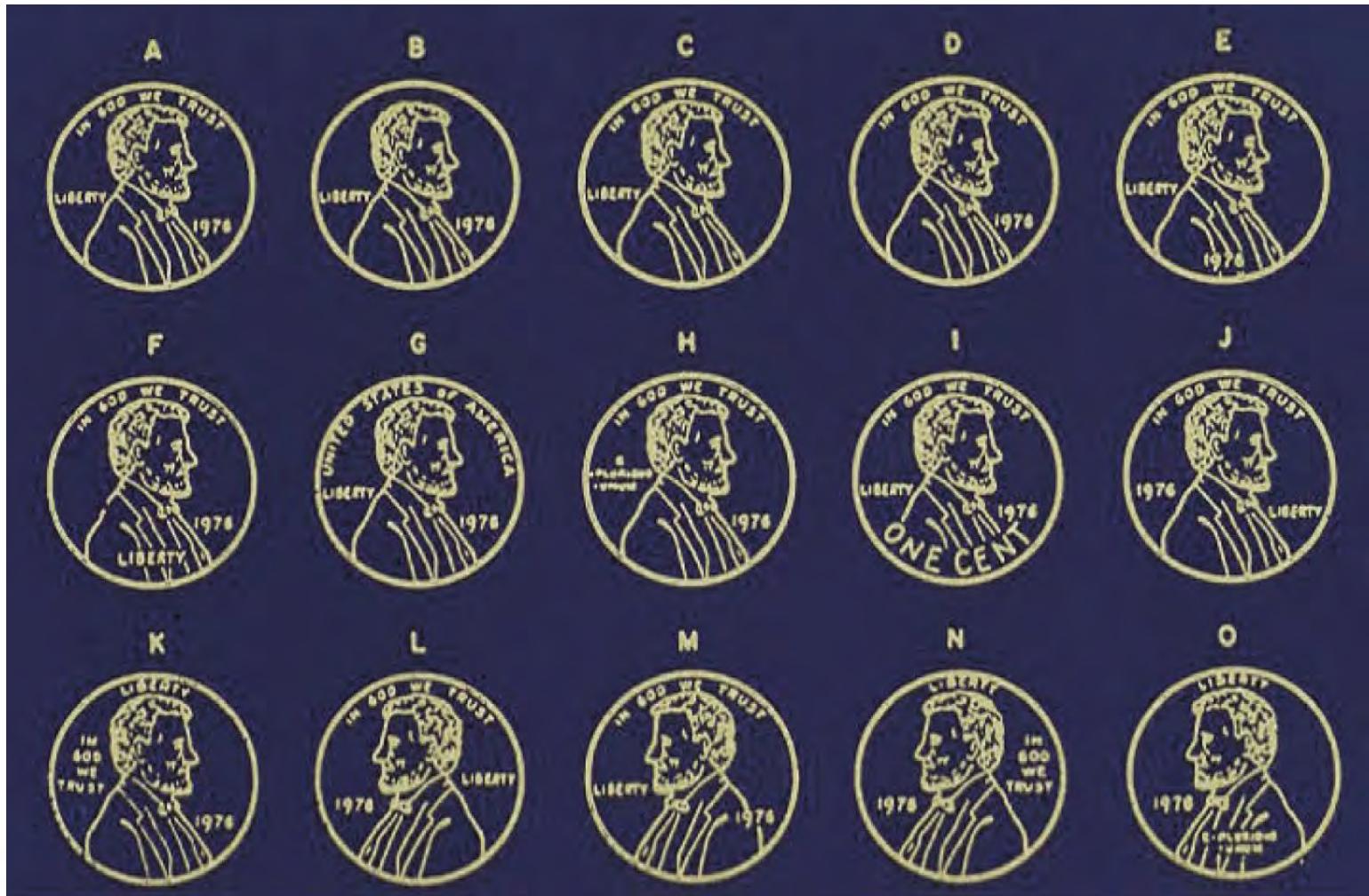
Compare to controls on simple car radio

Number of controls  $\approx$  Number of functions

Controls are labeled and grouped together

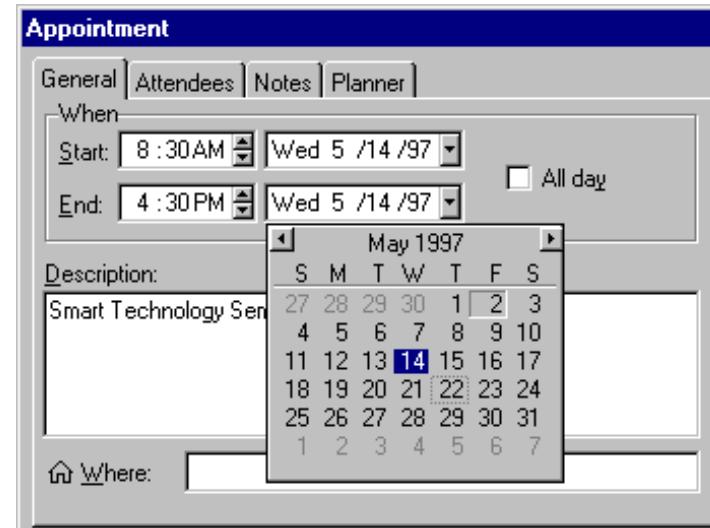
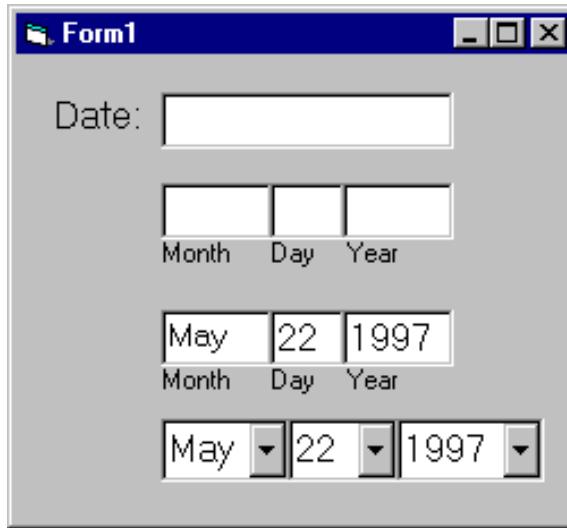


# Knowledge in the World



# Constraints

Prevent some actions while allowing others



Prevent errors before they can happen

Disruptive error messages are a last resort

# Constraints



# Constraints



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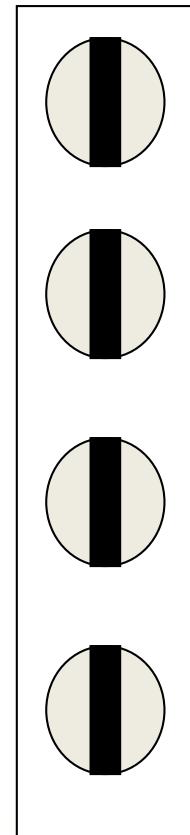
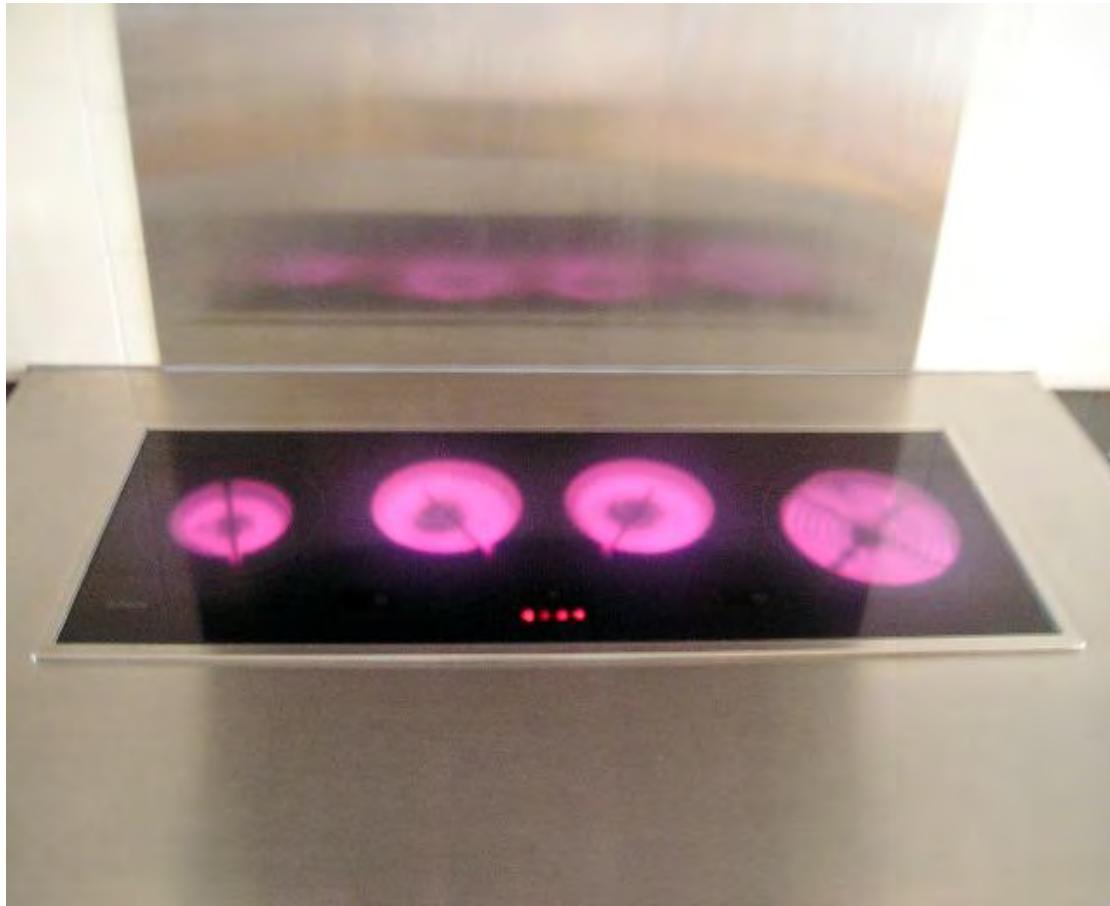
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Correspondence between an interface  
and the corresponding action in ‘the world’

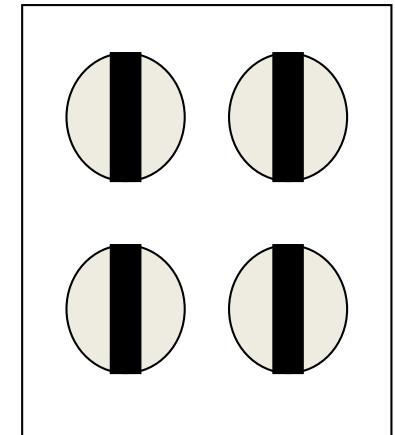
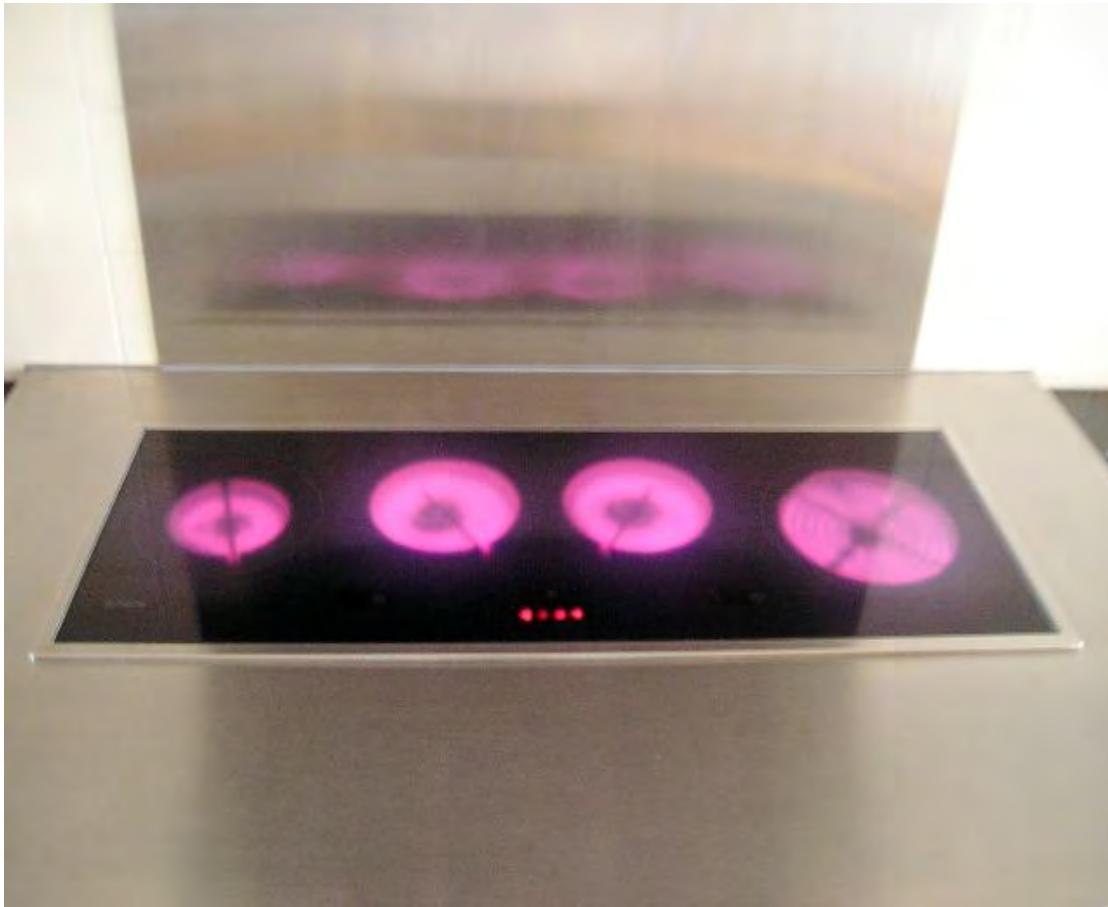
Minimize cognitive steps to  
transform action into effect, or  
perception into comprehension  
(i.e., execution and evaluation)



# Very Bad Mapping



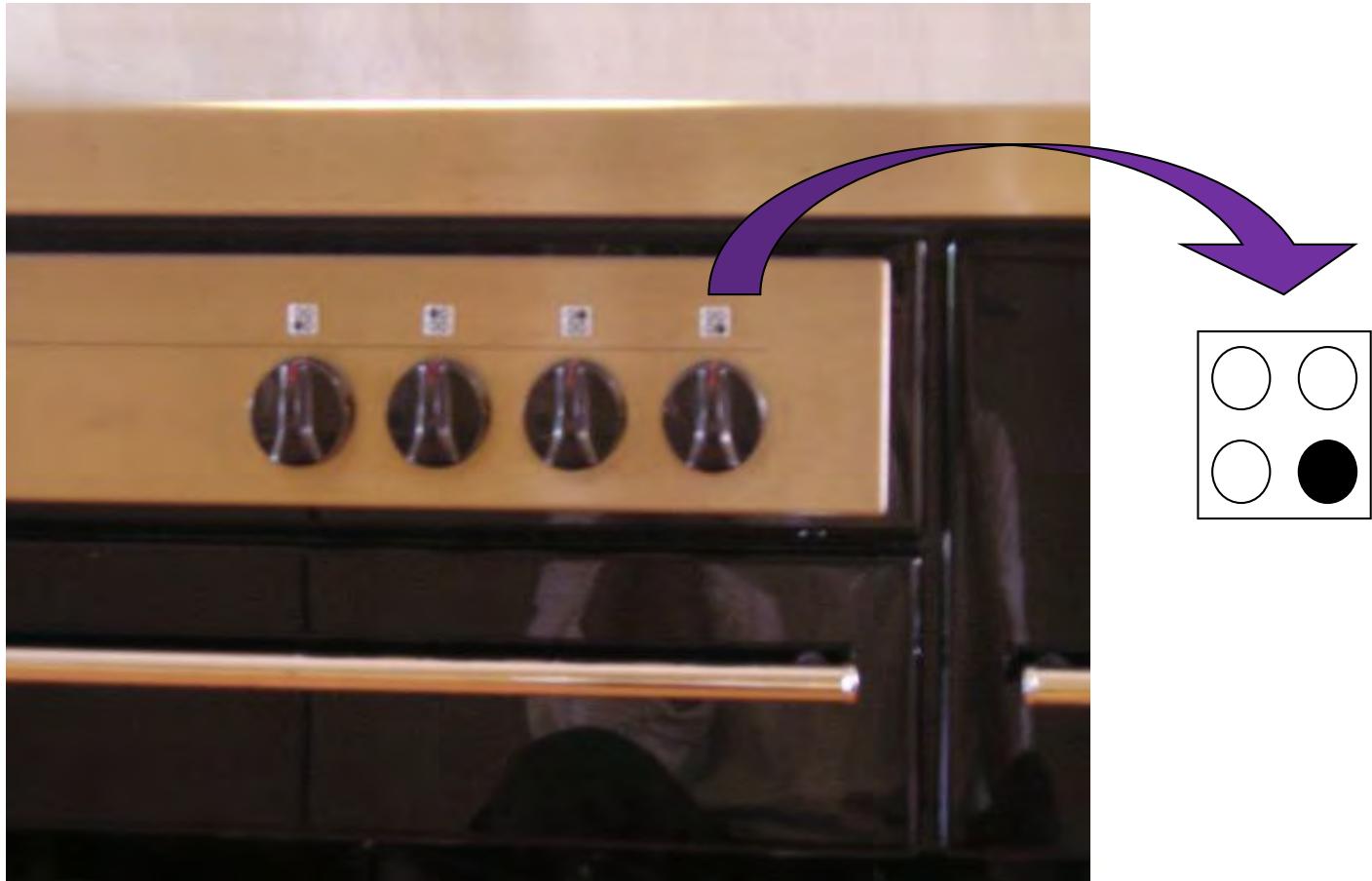
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# Good Mapping



# Not this Stove



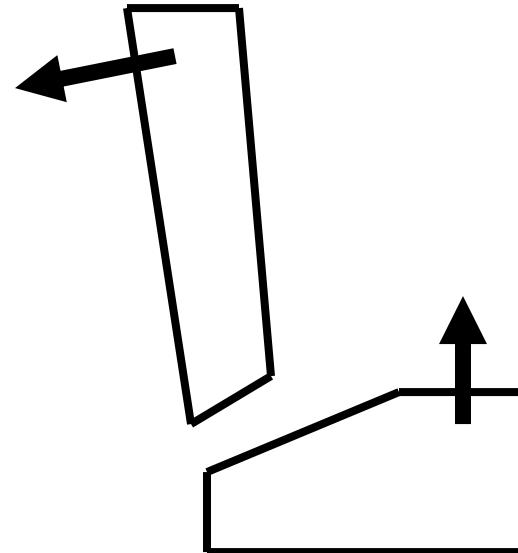
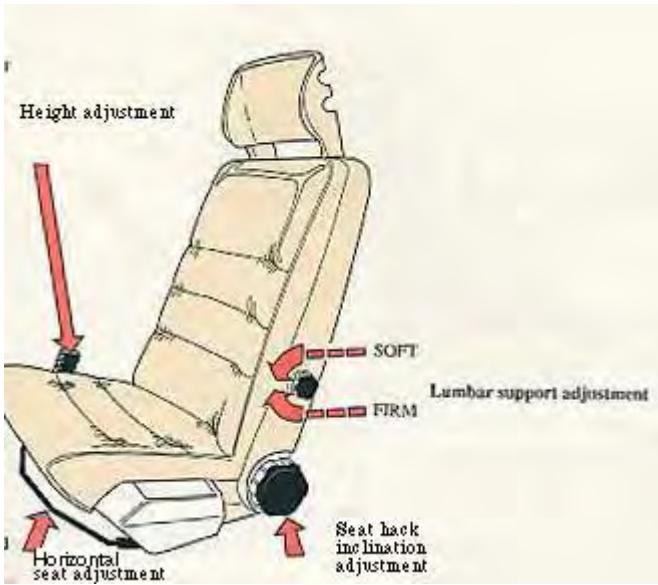
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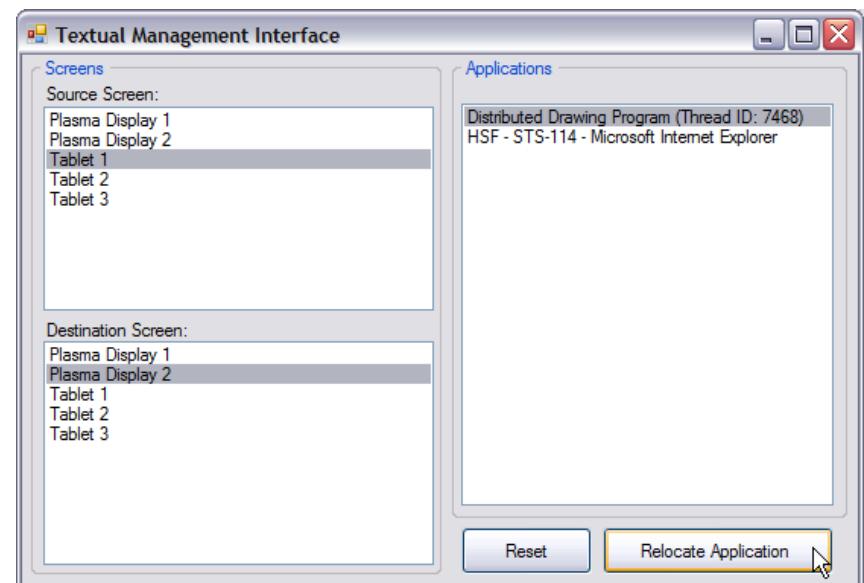
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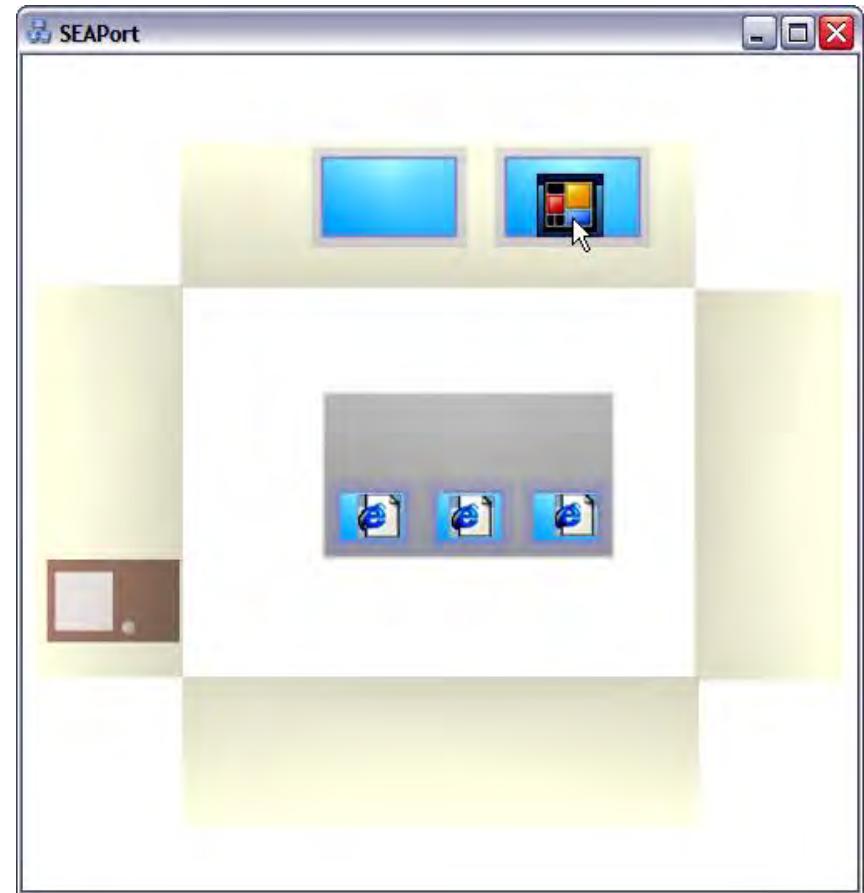
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# Consistency

Interfaces should be consistent in meaningful ways

Ubiquitous use of same keys for cut/copy/ paste

Types of consistency

Internal (i.e., within itself)

e.g., same terminology and layout throughout

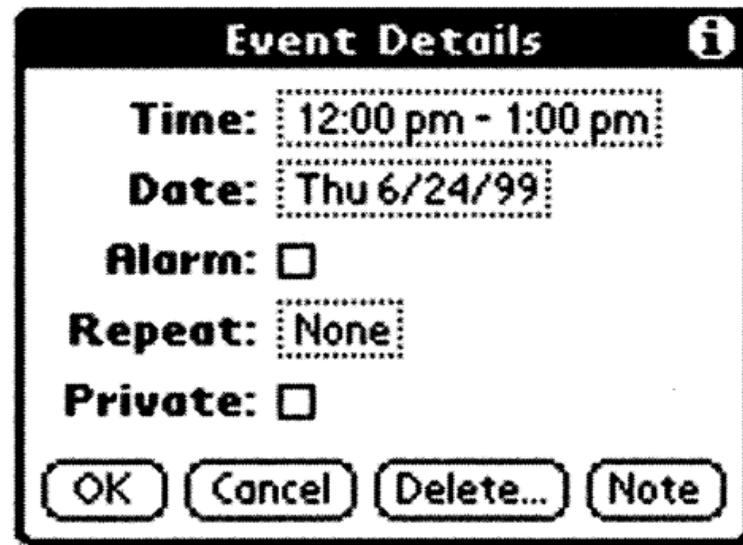
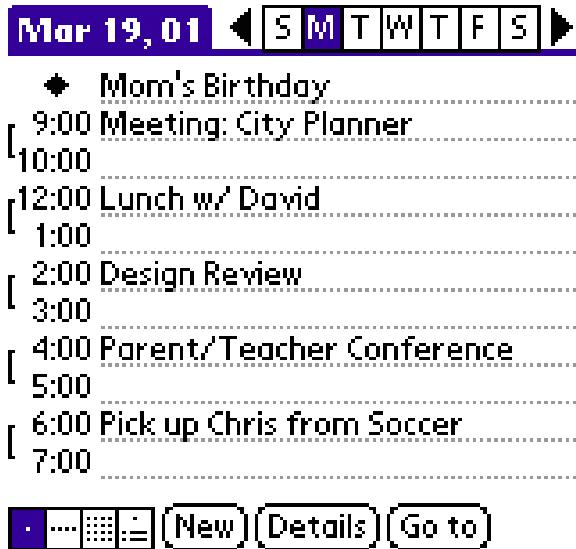
External (i.e., with other applications)

e.g., common widget appearance

e.g., design patterns common across applications

# Is Consistent Always Better?

Should “new” & “delete” be in the same place?



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Should “new” & “delete” be in the same place?



New is common, delete is not

# Is Consistent Always Better?

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**Date:** Thu 6/24/99

**Alarm:**

**Repeat:**

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Every: ...1 week(s)

End on: ▼ No End Date

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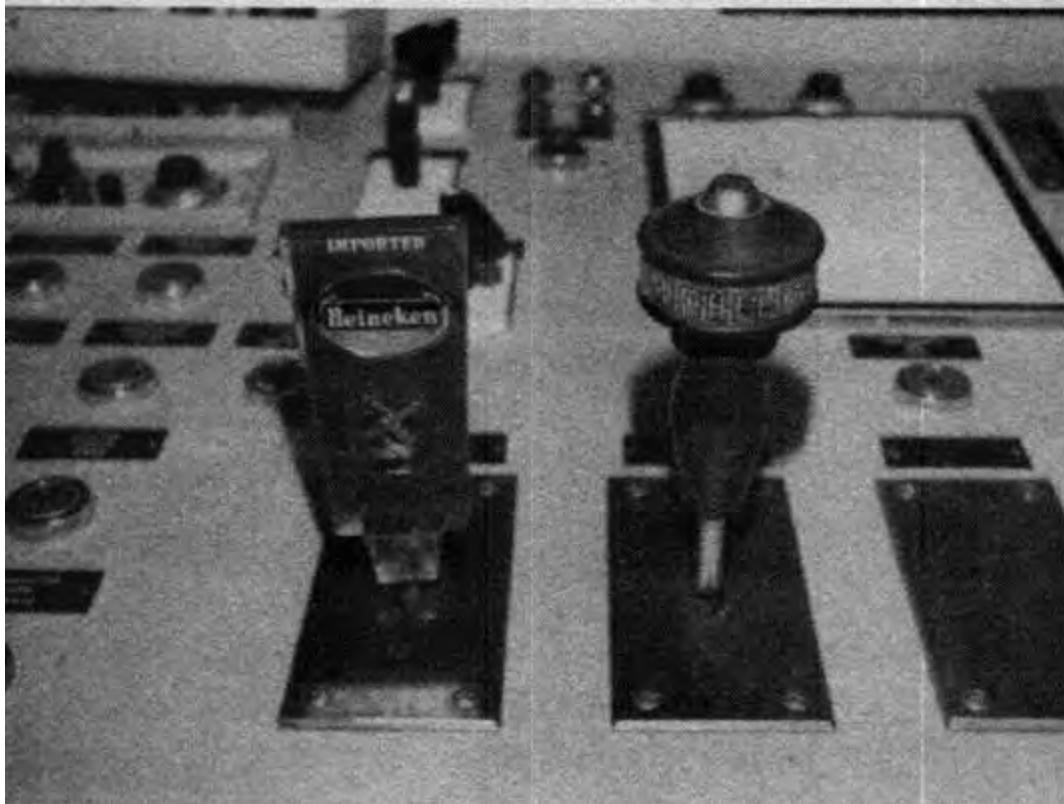
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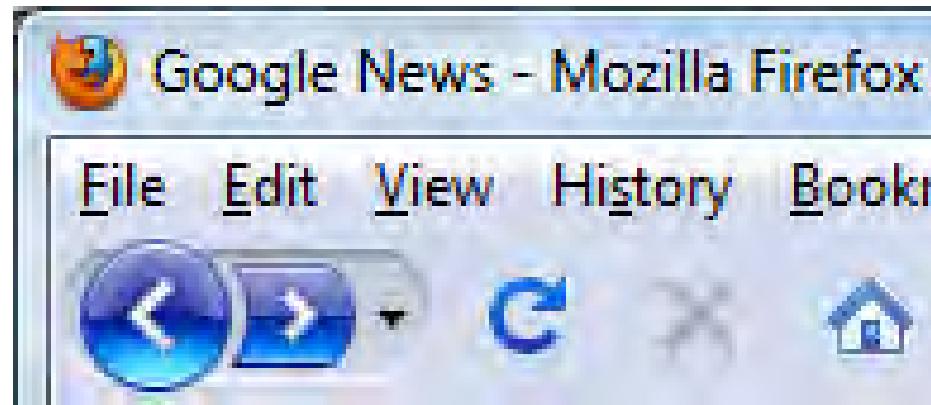
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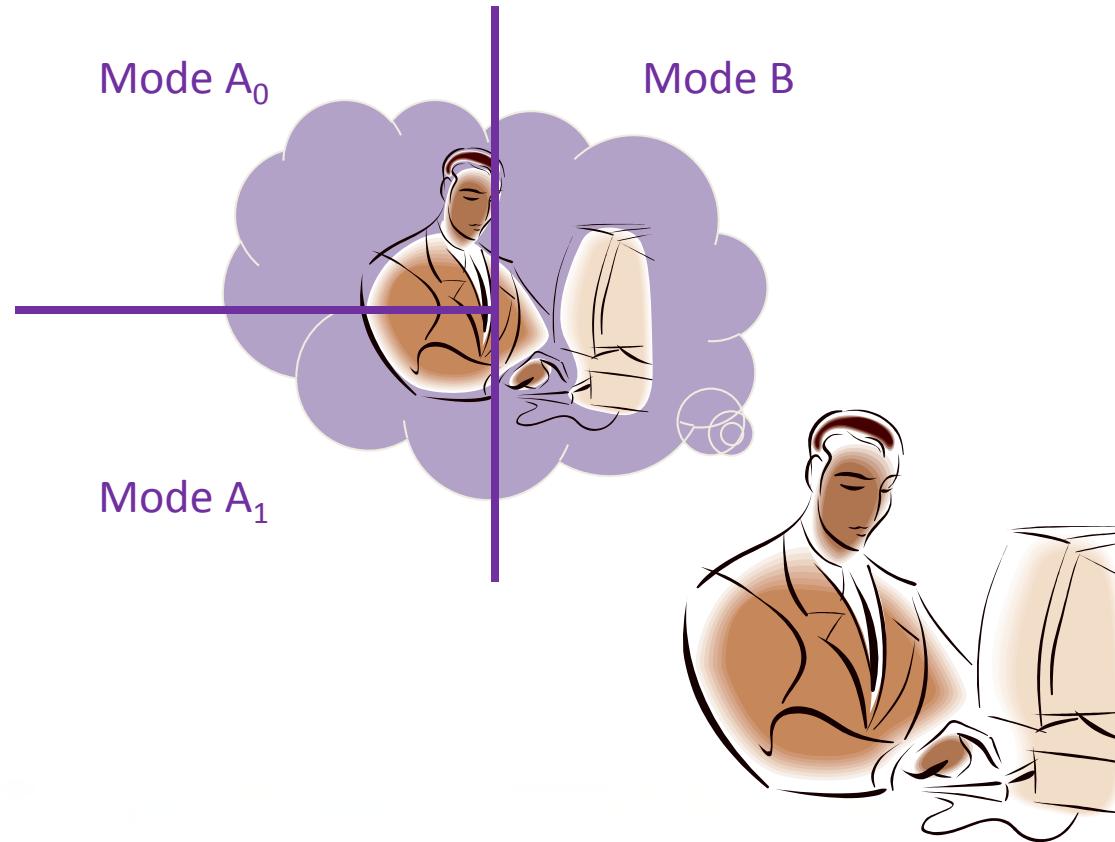


# Is Consistency Always Better?



# Modes

Modes force people to divide their model



# Active versus Passive Modes

Active modes require constant action to maintain

Once that action has retired, so does the mode

e.g., Shift

Passive modes require action to set, and a separate action to unset, or to set again

e.g., CAPS LOCK

Active modes are generally preferred

# Standardization

If all else fails, standardize

Fewer things to memorize

Reduced learning time

Adapt to new situations faster

e.g., keyboard layout not optimal, but standard

# Norman's Seven Principles for Design

Use knowledge in the head and in the world

Simplify the structure of tasks

Making things visible

Get the mappings right

Exploit the power of constraints

Design for error

When all else fails, standardize

# CSE 440: Introduction to HCI

## User Interface Design, Prototyping, and Evaluation

Lecture 02:  
Design of  
Everyday Things

James Fogarty  
Alex Fiannaca  
Lauren Milne  
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# CSE 440: Introduction to HCI

## User Interface Design, Prototyping, and Evaluation

Lecture 03:  
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# Amazing Color Changing Card Trick

The colour  
changing  
card trick

# Why did I show you that?

# Why did I show you that?

If we are focusing on the wrong thing,  
we can completely miss other important things

Our assumptions and pre-conceptions play a  
huge role in how we focus our attention

Today is about this danger when understanding  
the context for which you design technology

# “You Are Not the Customer”

Seems obvious, but...

- You have different experiences

- You have different terminology

- You have different ways of looking at the world

Easy to think of self as typical

Easy to make mistaken assumptions

# Today

## Project Progression

Ethnography

Contextual Inquiry

Distilling Models

Alternative Approaches to Understanding

# Project Progression

## Group Formation Today

Please watch your email this afternoon

Seating in section and in Tuesday lecture

## Project Milestones

Brainstorm in tomorrow's section

Contextual inquiry plan (1 page, what is your plan)

Contextual inquiry check-in (1 page, in progress)

Contextual inquiry review (4 pages of results and task analysis)

## Reading Due Before Section

# IEP Collect

## Teacher Contextual Inquiry



### Participants:

- Two Special Education Teachers
- One General Education Teacher

### Successful IEP:

- "My experience of really strong IEP's occurs when parents feel empowered to be part of the process."

### Tracking Progress:

- "I do everything from writing on sticky notes to writing on masking tape stuck to my leg to using a tablet to record daily observations."
- "A good IEP requires a lot of goals, and if you multiply that by many students it is hard to track all the students in detail."

# IEP Collect

## Parent Contextual Inquiry

### Participants:

- Two parents whose children formerly had IEPs
- One parent with two children that currently have IEPs
- One guardian of a student with an IEP

### The Process:

- “The lingo and paperwork are confusing, they come with 17 people and you are there by yourself.”

### Communication:

- “right now I come in doing all the communications to get information”

### Tracking



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# Ethnography

Traditional science attempts to understand a group or individual objectively

Understand the subject of study from the outside in a way that can be explained to “anyone”

Ethnography attempts to understand a group or individual phenomenologically

Understand the subject of study as the subject of study understands itself

# Ethnography

Emerged in 1920s as a new anthropology method,  
exploring why groups think and act as they do

Learn local language, record  
myths, customs, and  
ceremonies in much greater  
detail than prior work

You will likely never  
perform an ethnography



# Four Ethnographic Principles

Natural settings

Holism

Descriptive

Member point-of-view

# Four Ethnographic Principles

## Natural Settings

Conducted in the setting of the participant

Focus on naturally occurring, everyday action

Cannot use laboratory, experimental settings,  
or a phone call to gather this type of data

You really do have to go out there and see it

# Four Ethnographic Principles

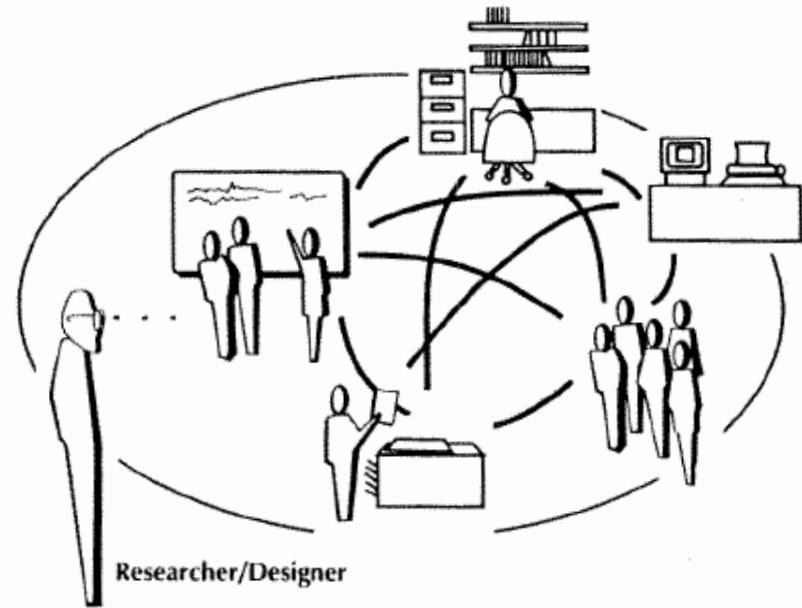
## Holism

Behavior can only be understood in its larger social context; that is, holistically.

### HOLISTIC

Particular behaviors understood in relation to how they are embedded in the social and historical fabric of everyday life.

Focus on relationship between the parts



# Four Ethnographic Principles

## Descriptive

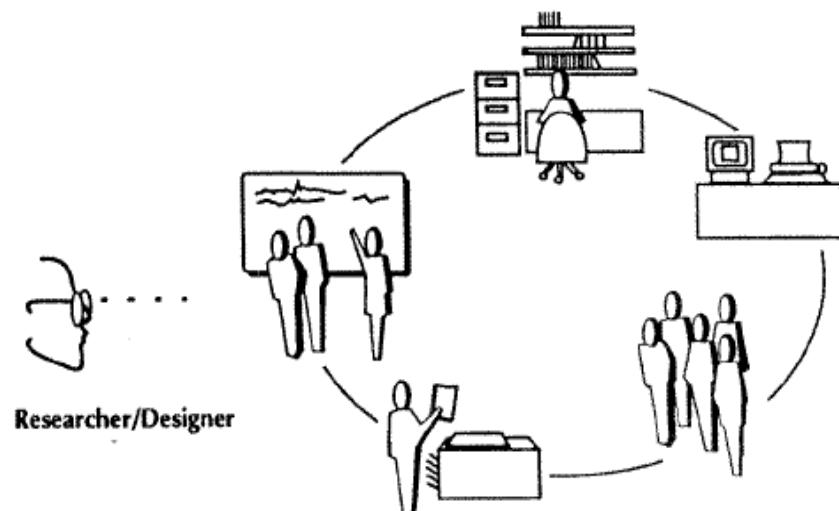
### DESCRIPTIVE

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Study how people actually behave, not how they ought to behave.

Defer judgment.

Judgements of the efficacy of behaviors observed are withheld



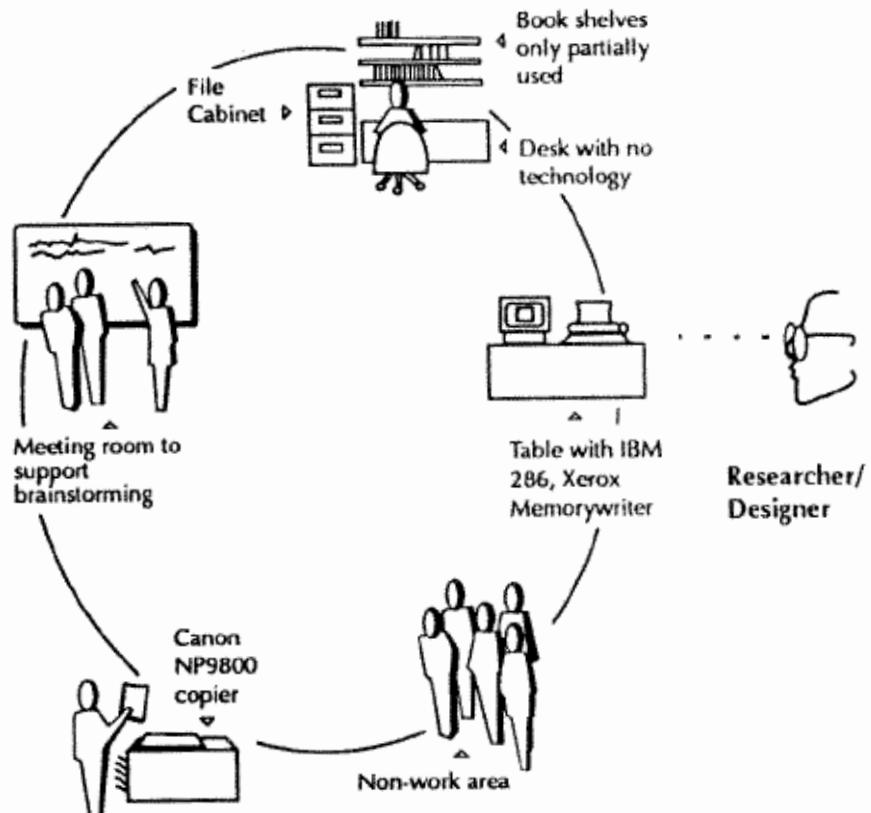
# Four Ethnographic Principles

*Contrasted With* \_\_\_\_\_

## Member Point-of-View

See through  
participant eyes in  
order to grasp how  
they interpret and act  
in their world.

Descriptive categories are  
those of the researcher



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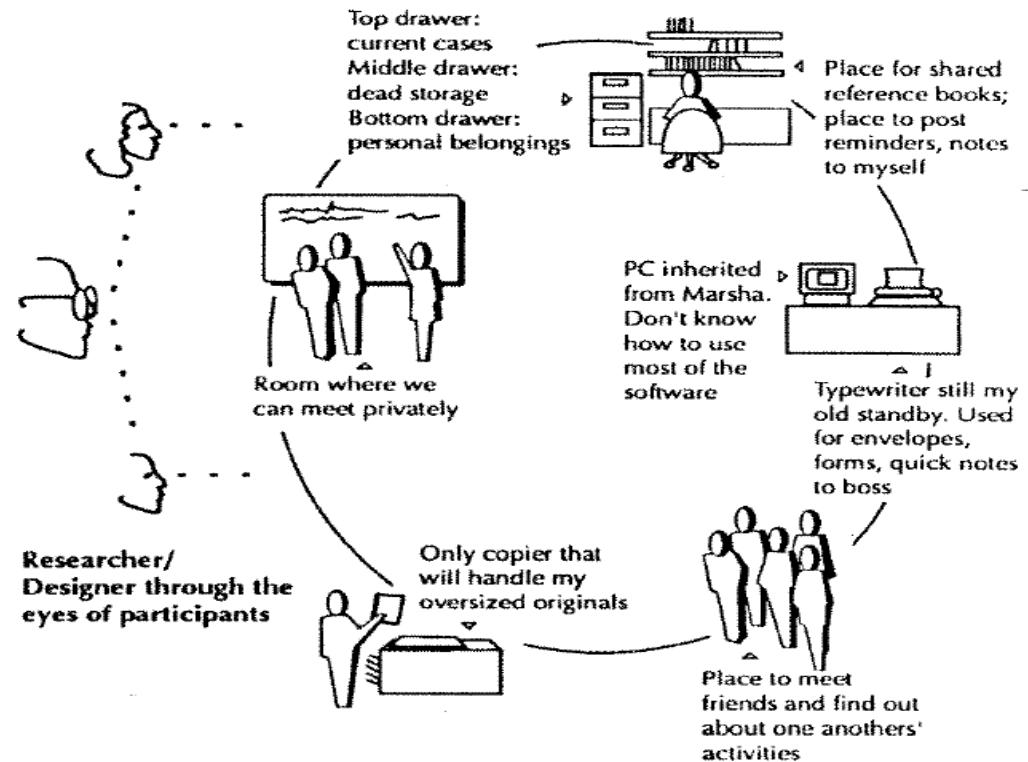
## Member Point-of-View

See through participant eyes in order to grasp how they interpret and act in their world.

### MEMBERS' POINT OF VIEW

Understand other peoples' behavior from their point of view

Descriptive categories are those of the community of practice



# Design Ethnography

Quicker than traditional ethnography

Days, weeks, or months, not years

Sometimes “concurrent ethnography”

The ethnography is being done  
at the same time that design is under way

Goal is to generate insights informing design

Sometimes via “ethnographically inspired methods”

Translating from raw field observation  
to design ideas can be a difficult process

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# Contextual Inquiry

Applied design ethnography

“The core premise of Contextual Inquiry is very simple: go where the customer works, observe the customer as he or she works, and talk to the customer about the work. Do that, and you can’t help but gain a better understanding of your customer.”



**Hugh Beyer and  
Karen Holtzblatt**

# What is your relationship?

In a scientist/subject relationship:

The scientist does stuff

The subject responds in some way

The scientist collects data, goes back to their office, and analyzes the data to gain understanding



This is not very appropriate for gaining phenomenological understanding

# User, Subject, or Participant?

Only two groups refer to their customers as users

In traditional science, “subjects” are “subjected to” experiments as a researcher develops understanding

In ethnographically-oriented design methods, “participants” instead “participate” in helping the researcher develop understanding

This isn’t simple PC, it’s a mindset that matters

# What is your relationship?

In an interviewer/interviewee relationship:

- The interviewer asks a question

- The interviewee responds immediately

- At a pause, the interviewer asks another question from a list

- When all the questions are answered, the interview is over

This would only be appropriate for gaining phenomenological understanding if you knew what questions to ask in advance

Implying you have phenomenological understanding

# What is your relationship?

In a master/apprentice relationship:

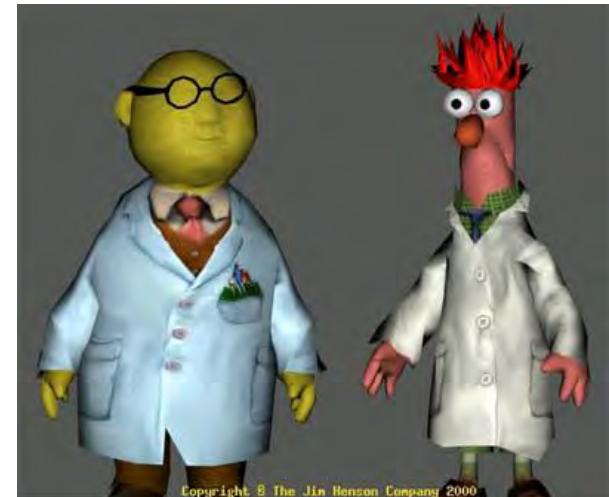
The master is doing stuff

The master explains what they are doing

The apprentice asks clarification questions

The master answers

This relationship is at the heart of contextual inquiry



# Master/Apprentice Relationship

Seeing the work reveals structure

Many instances and many interviews reveal the picture

Every current activity recalls past instances

A customer describing how she learned a feature told us, “I looked it up in the documentation.” But when we asked her to look it up again, she was able to show us: “I looked the function up in the index and scanned the section. I saw this icon in the margin that I recognized from the screen, so I read just this paragraph next to it. It told me all I needed to know.” The documentation provided the context she needed to recover a detailed story, and the detail revealed aspects that had been overlooked—that the icon was her visual cue to the relevant part of the page.

# Unique or One of Many?

“Take the attitude that nothing any person does is done for no reason; if you think it’s for no reason, you don’t yet understand the point of view from which it makes sense. Take the attitude that nothing any person does is unique to them, it always represents an important class of customers whose needs will not be met if you don’t figure out what’s going on.”

(p. 63, Contextual Design)

# Not Quite Master/Apprentice

The goal is not to learn to do the task

Instead, the goal is to learn how the participant does the task in order to learn how to support it

And for the researcher to enlist the participant's active assistance in understanding the task

# Not Quite Master/Apprentice

In a contextual inquiry relationship:

The participant is doing stuff

The participant explains what they are doing

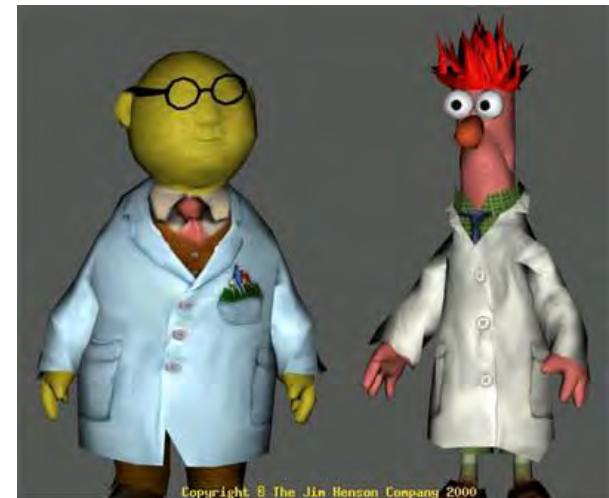
The researcher offers an interpretation

The participant agrees or corrects

Partners

Not really an interview

Not really an apprentice



# Principles of Contextual Inquiry

## Context

Must be done in the setting of the participant.

## Partnership

Master/apprentice model; investigator is humble.

## Interpretation

Observed facts must be regarded for their design implications. Raw facts without interpretation are not very useful.

## Focus

Themes that emerge during the inquiry. You cannot pay attention to all facets of someone's work at all times.

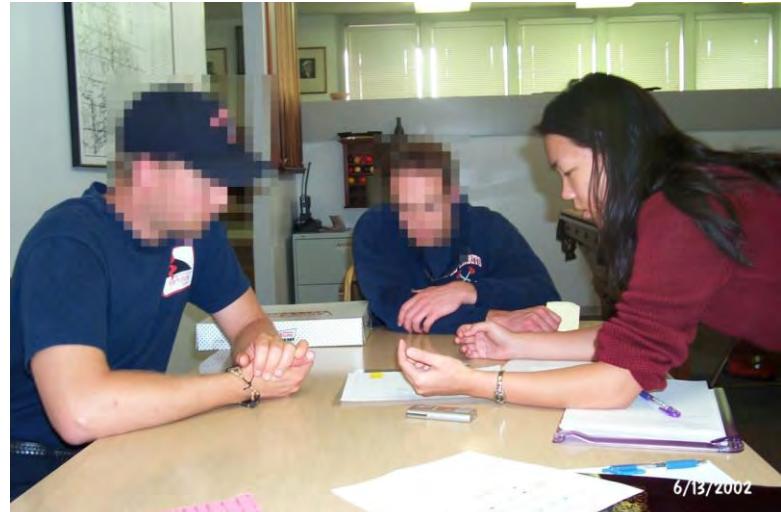
# Context

Go to the workplace & see the work as it unfolds

People summarize, but we want details

Keep it concrete when people start to abstract

“Do you have one? May I see it?”



# Context

Imagine studying how a student writes a paper

Why not just ask?

# Context

Imagine studying how a student writes a paper

Why not just ask?

May not remember details

Getting roommate to read drafts

May skip critical difficulties

Trouble locating references on the Web

# Context

## Avoid summary data by watching work unfold

We once asked a secretary how she started her day. Her answer was, “I guess I just come in and check my messages and get started.” She wasn’t able to go beyond this brief summary overview. It was the first thing in the morning and she had just arrived at the office, so we asked her to go ahead and do as she would any other morning. She unhesitatingly started her morning routine, telling us about it as she went: “First I hang up my coat, then I start my computer. Actually, even before that I’ll see if my boss has left something on my chair. If he has, that’s first priority. While the computer’s coming up, I check the answering machine for urgent messages. There aren’t any. Then I look to see if there’s a fax that has to be handled right away. Nope, none today. If there were, I’d take it right in and put it on the desk of whoever was responsible. Then I go in the back room and start coffee. Now I’ll check the counters on the copier and postage meter. I’m only doing that because today’s the first of the month. . . .”

# Context

“One customer said he would not use a manual’s index to find the solution to a problem: ‘It’s never in the index.’ He could not say what led him to this conclusion, what he had looked up and failed to find. All his bad experiences were rolled up into one simple abstraction: it’s not there. But when we watched him looking things up, we could see that he was using terms from his work domain, but the index listed parts of the system.”

# Context

“A customer was unable to describe how she made her monthly report. When asked to create it, she pulled out her last report and started filling in the parts.”

# Context

Ground in an instance

Span time by replaying past events in detail

Look for holes

Ask questions to fill them

Use artifacts for context

If story has not yet ended, go back to a story that did



**Customer:** When I got this problem report I gave it to Word Processing to enter online—

(Why did she decide to give it to Word Processing? Did she do anything first?)

**Interviewer:** So you just handed it on automatically as soon as you got it?

**C:** No, it was high priority, so I read it and decided to send a copy to the Claims department.

(How did she decide it was high priority? Is it her decision?)

**I:** How did you know it was high priority?

**C:** It has this green sticker on it.

(Someone else made the decision before the report ever got here. Who and when?)

**I:** Who put on the green sticker?

**C:** That's put on by the reporting agency. They make the decision about whether it's high priority and mark the report.

(We can better pursue how the reporting agency makes the decision with them; we'll only get secondhand information from this user. Instead of trying to go further backward, look for the next missing step forward: doesn't Claims get a more personal communication than just the report?)

**I:** Did you just send it on to Claims, or did you write them a note about why they needed to see it?

**C:** Oh, I always call Claims whenever I send them one of these reports.

# Partnership

Traditionally, interviewer has too much power

You don't know what will turn out to be important

Apprenticeship model tilts power back too far

You aren't there to learn the skill

Interviewer should create a partnership

Alternate between watching and probing

# Partnership

## Withdrawal and return

Researcher observes action that indicates something meaningful

The researcher asks about this, and the pair withdraw from the task

Discuss the question

Then return to the task

John Kellerman  
Attorney at Law

In one interview with a user of page layout software, the user was positioning text on the page, entering the text and moving it around. Then he created a box around a line of text, moved it down until the top of the box butted the bottom of the line of text, and moved another line of text up until it butted the bottom of the box. Then he deleted the box.

**Interviewer:** *Could I see that again?*

**Customer:** *What?*

**I:** *What you just did with the box.*

**C:** *Oh, I'm just using it to position this text here. The box doesn't matter.*

**I:** *But why are you using a box?*

**C:** *See, I want the white space to be exactly the same height as a line of text. So I draw the box to get the height. (He repeats the actions to illustrate, going more slowly.) Then I drag it down, and it shows where the next line of text should go.*

**I:** *Why do you want to get the spacing exact?*

**C:** *It's to make the appearance of the page more even. You want all the lines to have some regular relationship to the other things on the page.*

# Partnership

Do not squash design ideas if they arise

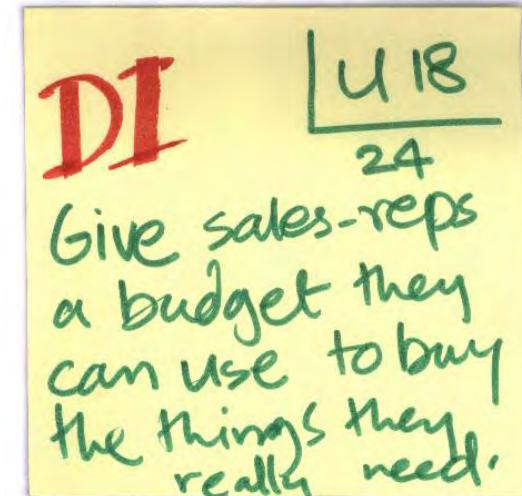
This is design, not dispassionate science

Get instant feedback

If it works, you understand  
the work practice and have a solution

If it fails, you can improve  
your understanding of the work

Find the issues behind design ideas



# Partnership

## Avoiding Other Relationship Models

### Interviewer / Interviewee

You are not there to get a list of questions answered

### Expert / Novice

You are not there to answer questions

### Guest / Host

Move closer, ask questions, be nosy

# Interpretation

## Chain of Reasoning

Fact, Hypothesis, Implication for Design, Design Idea

Design is built upon interpretation of facts

Design ideas are end products of a chain of reasoning

So interpretation had better be right

Share interpretations with users to validate

Will not bias the data

Teaches participant to see structure in the work

# Interpretation

Instead of asking open ended questions...

“Do you have a strategy to start the day?”

“Not particularly.”

... give participants a starting point

“Do you check urgent messages first,  
no matter where they are from?

“Actually, things from my boss are important, because they  
are for me to do. Messages or faxes may be for anybody.”

Participants fine-tune interpretations

Probe contradictions until assumptions fit

# Interpretation

Non-verbal cues can confirm or negate

Yes and Nos

“Huh?” – way off

“Umm, could be” – usually means no, just being polite

“Yes, but...” or “Yes, and” – depends on what follows

Commit to hearing what people actually say

Most have not ever had people actually pay careful attention to what they are doing

# Focus

Everybody has a focus, you cannot prevent it

Entering focus

Project focus

Because you will have a focus, be mindful of that focus and use it to your advantage

Brainstorm and define your focus

# Focus

Focus defines the point of view

Clear focus steers the conversation

Everyone in the team should have an entering focus

Focus lets the interviewer sees more

Focus reveals detail

Focus conceals the unexpected

Focus on one, and lose the other

Start with a focus and then expand

# Focus

Opportunities to expand focus:

Surprises, contradictions, idiosyncrasies

Nothing any person does is for no reason

Nods

Question assumptions even if they match

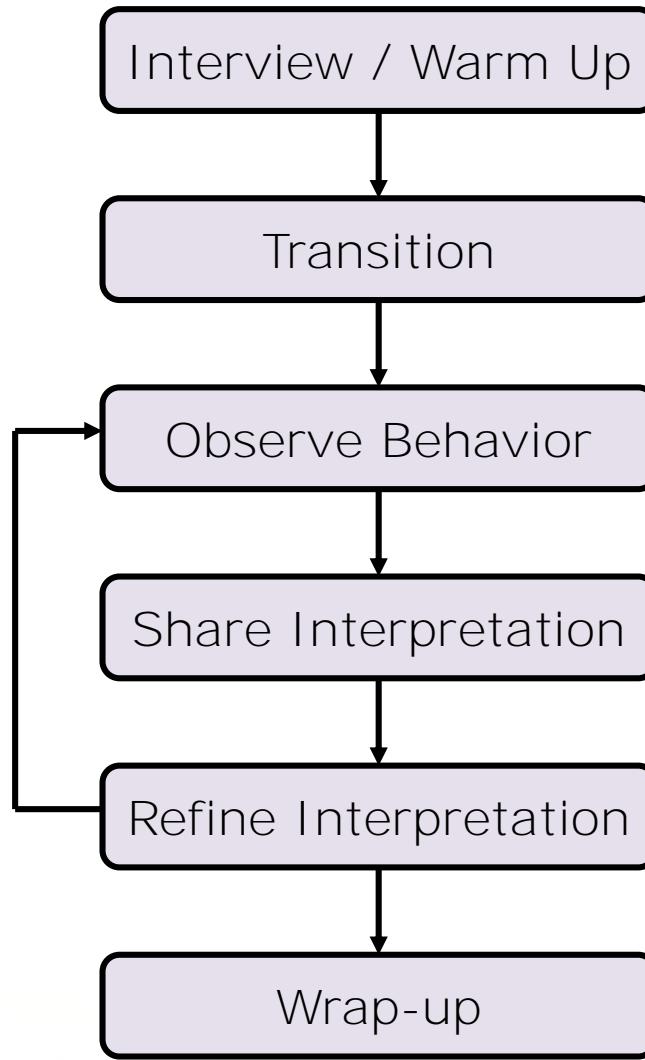
"Do they really do that? Why would they do that?"

What you don't know

Treat the interview as an opportunity to learn new stuff

Even if the participant is not knowledgeable, the extent of their knowledge / misinformation will be useful

# The Stages of a Contextual Inquiry



# Explain the Rules

Be sure you explain “the rules” of how you’ll be interacting during the contextual inquiry

If this isn’t completely clear, the encounter may devolve into a traditional interview (since this relationship is more familiar to people)

# How to Screw it Up

## Slipping into abstraction

Keep it concrete, in the work, in the details

## Not being inquisitive or nosy enough

If you have the impulse to ask, do it right away

## Being too pushy with interpretation

If you ignore corrections, participant will shut down

## With the wrong person

They need to be willing to partner with you

# How to Screw it Up

Not being inquisitive or nosy enough

If you have the impulse to ask, do it right away

Turning it into a regular interview

If you could have done it in a coffee shop,  
then you didn't do a contextual inquiry

Multiple people present

Can be good if they talk, surface their thoughts

Bad if they do not talk, are not forthright

# How to Screw it Up

## Overly disrupting the task

If you change the task, your data is less useful

Remember withdrawal and return, maybe schedule

Retrospective methods might be necessary

(e.g., going through artifacts, prior critical incident)

## Being stuck in your focus

Important to have a focus, expectations of what you expect to be important in your inquiry

But can learn by attending to misconceptions

# When All Else Fails

Remember Master/Apprentice

Remember Context

Remember Withdraw & Return

# Today

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# Developing Models

Contextual inquiry yields a lot of data

- Does not reduce to a statistical test

Use it to distill models

- Highlights gaps in understanding

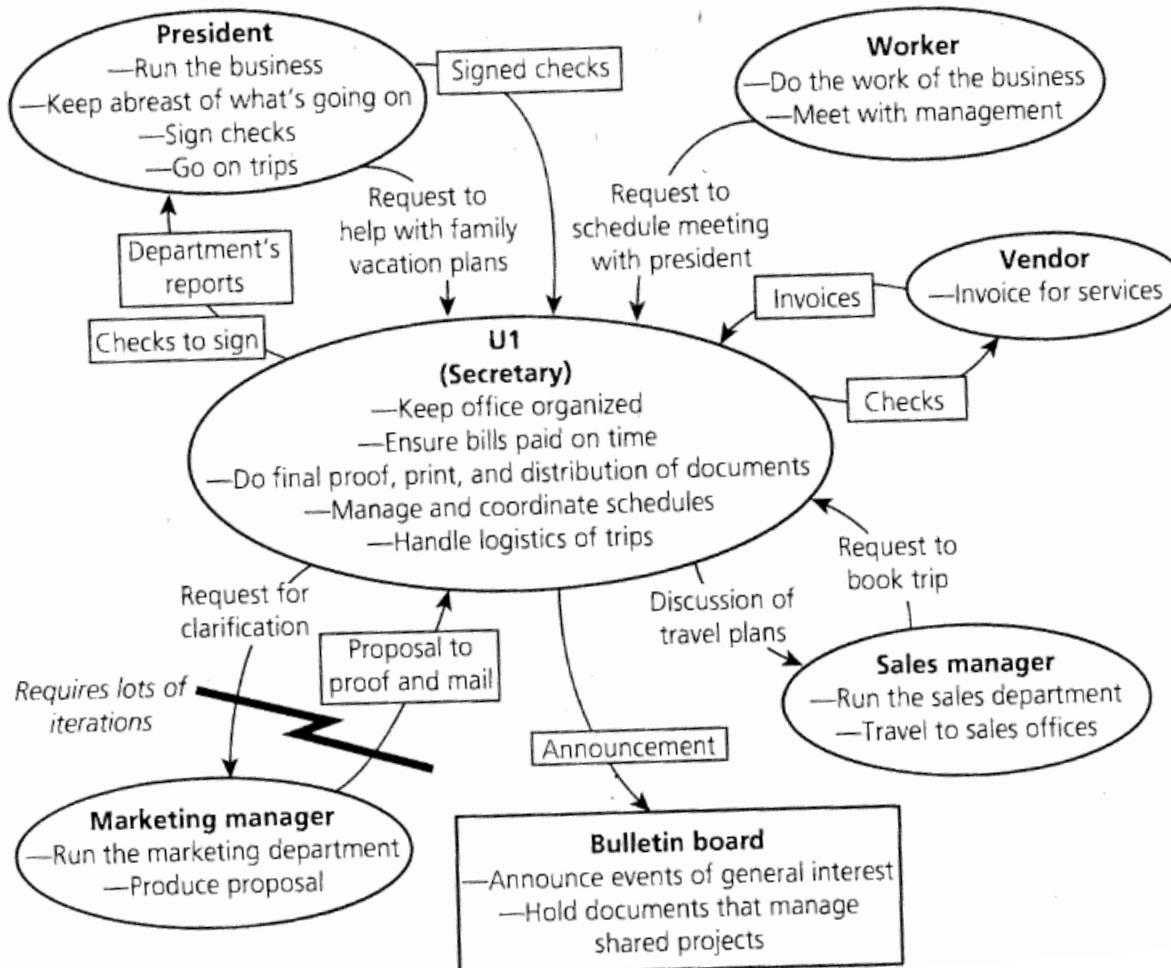
- Identify breakdowns and workarounds

Many types of models

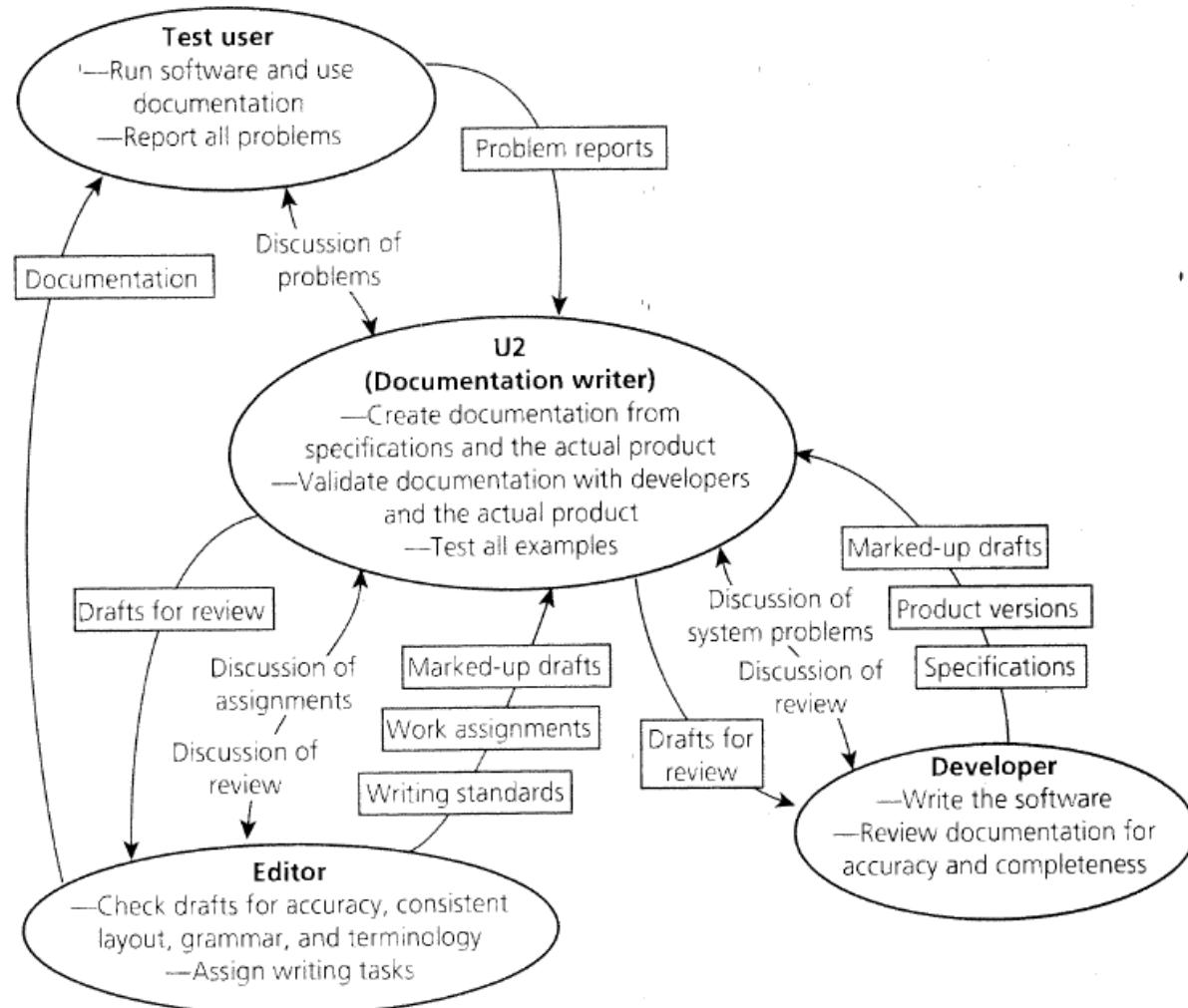
- e.g., Flow, Sequence, Artifact, Cultural, Physical

- No model is perfect, these highlight different things

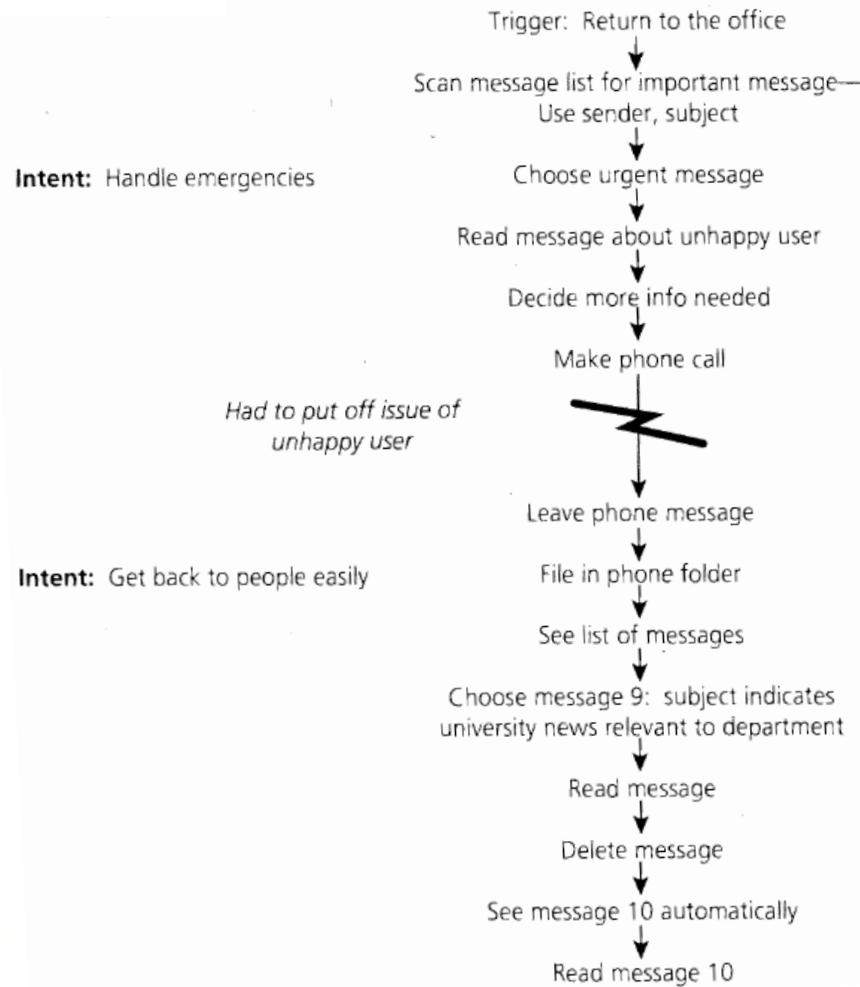
# Flow Model: Secretarial Hub



# Flow Model: Creative Work

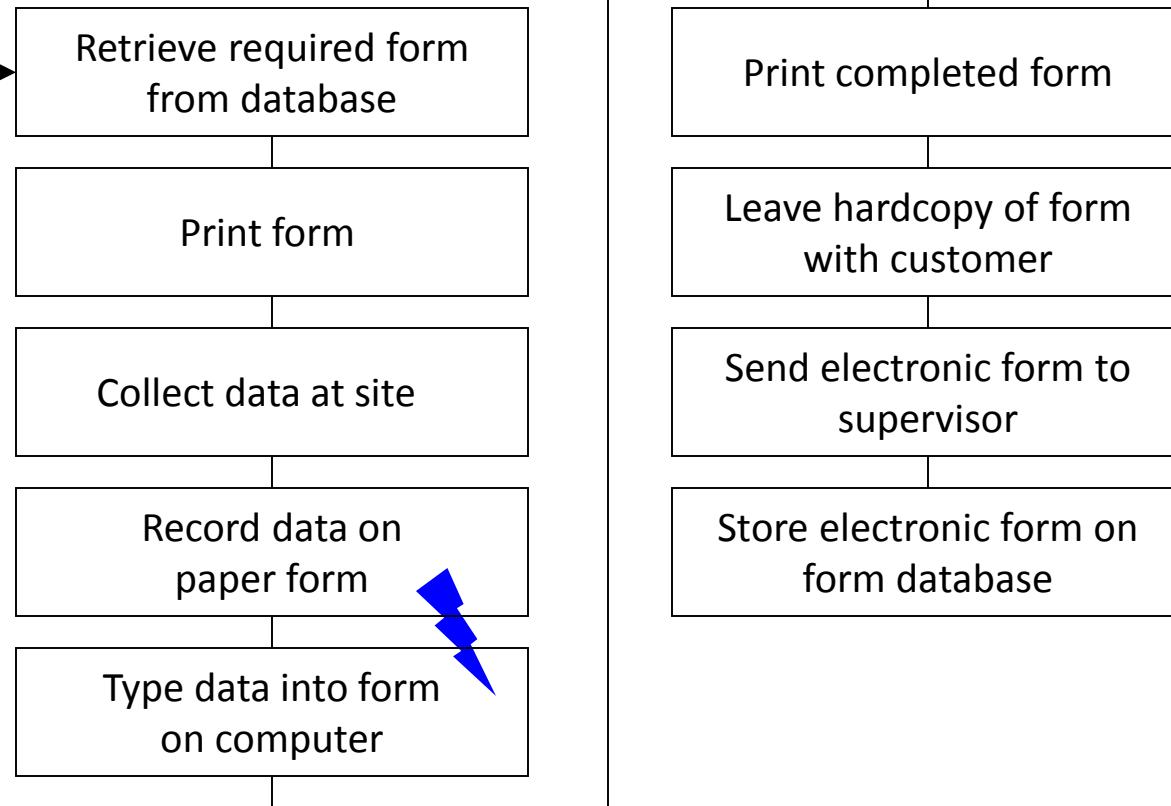


# Sequence Model: Doing Email

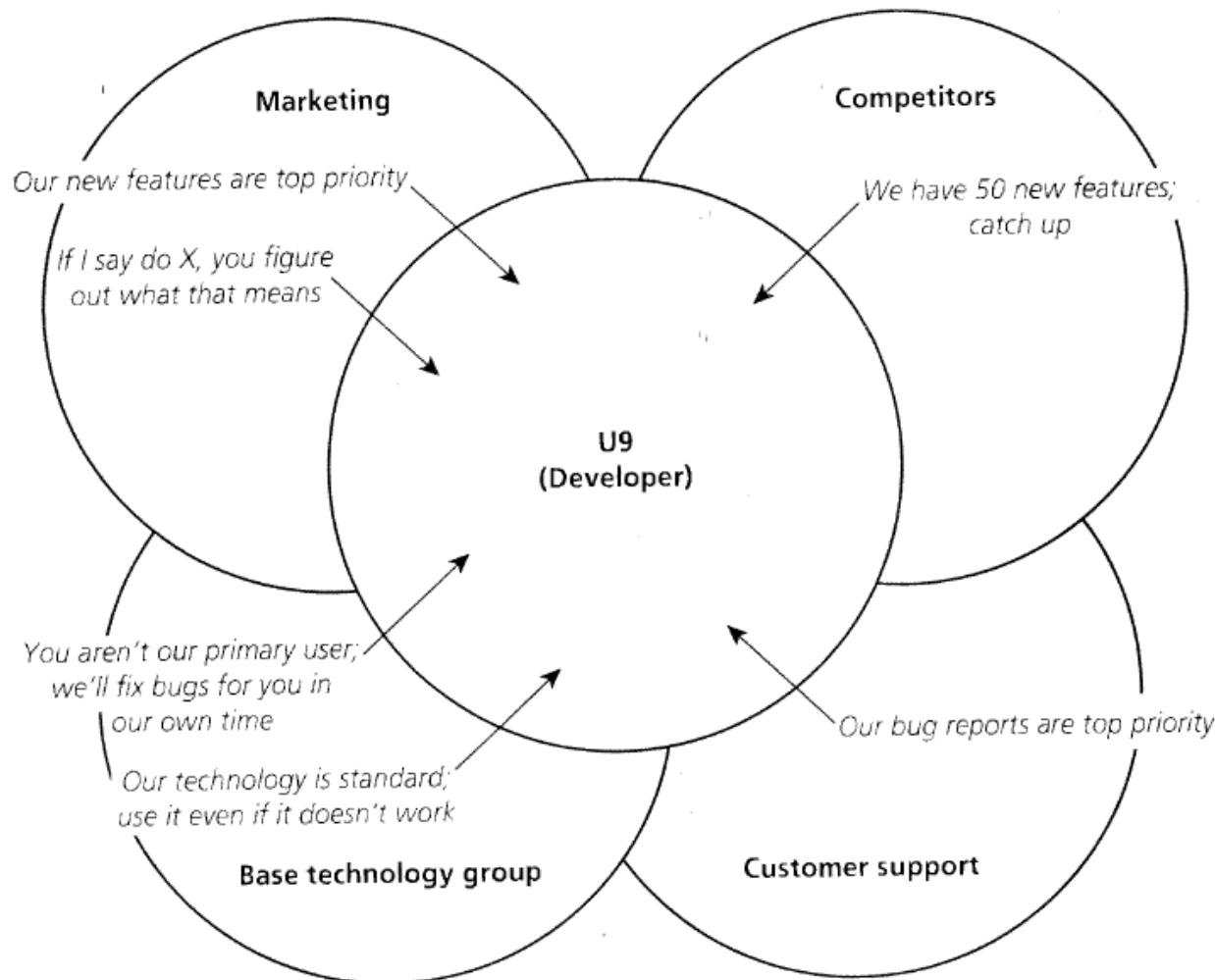


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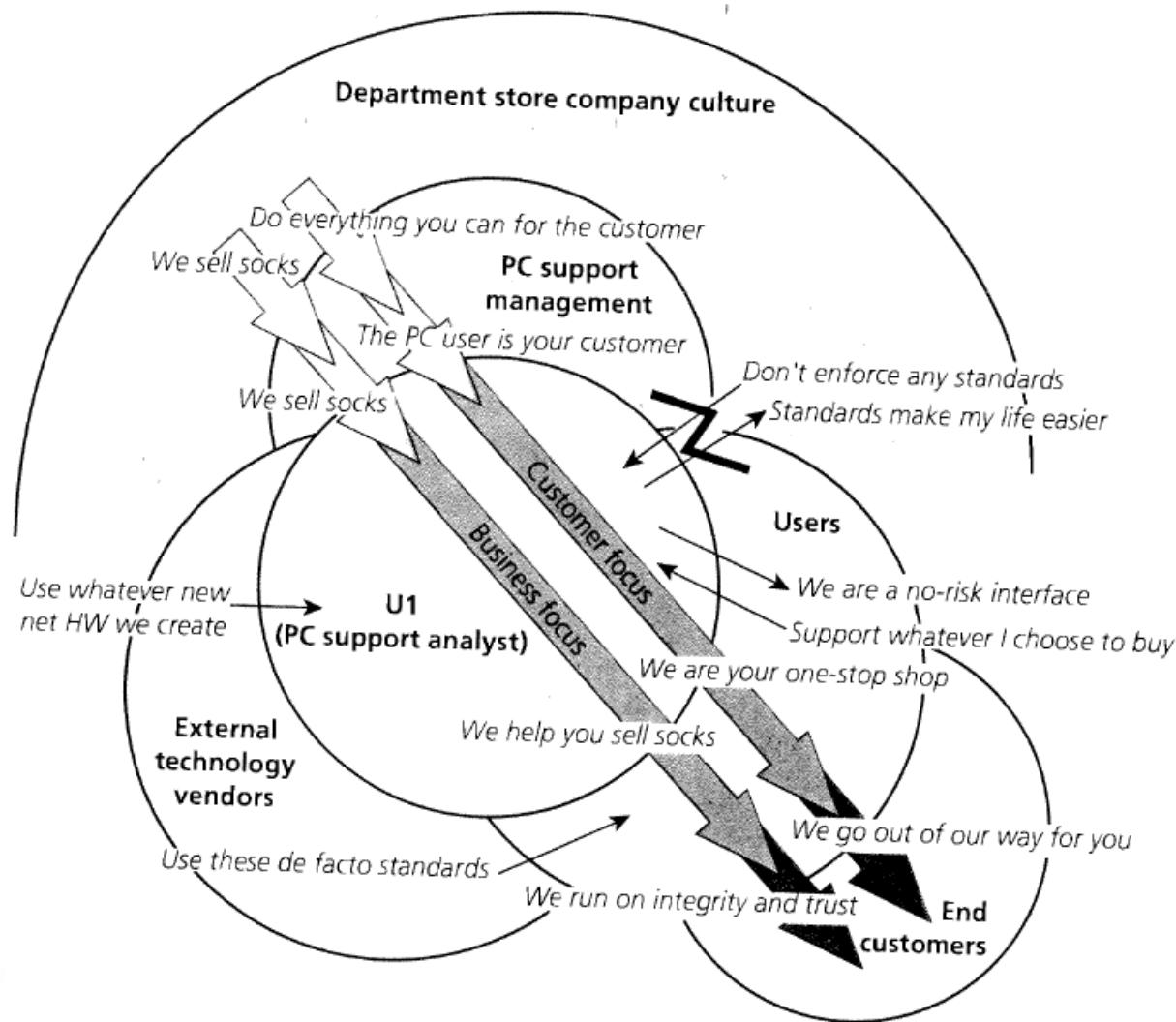
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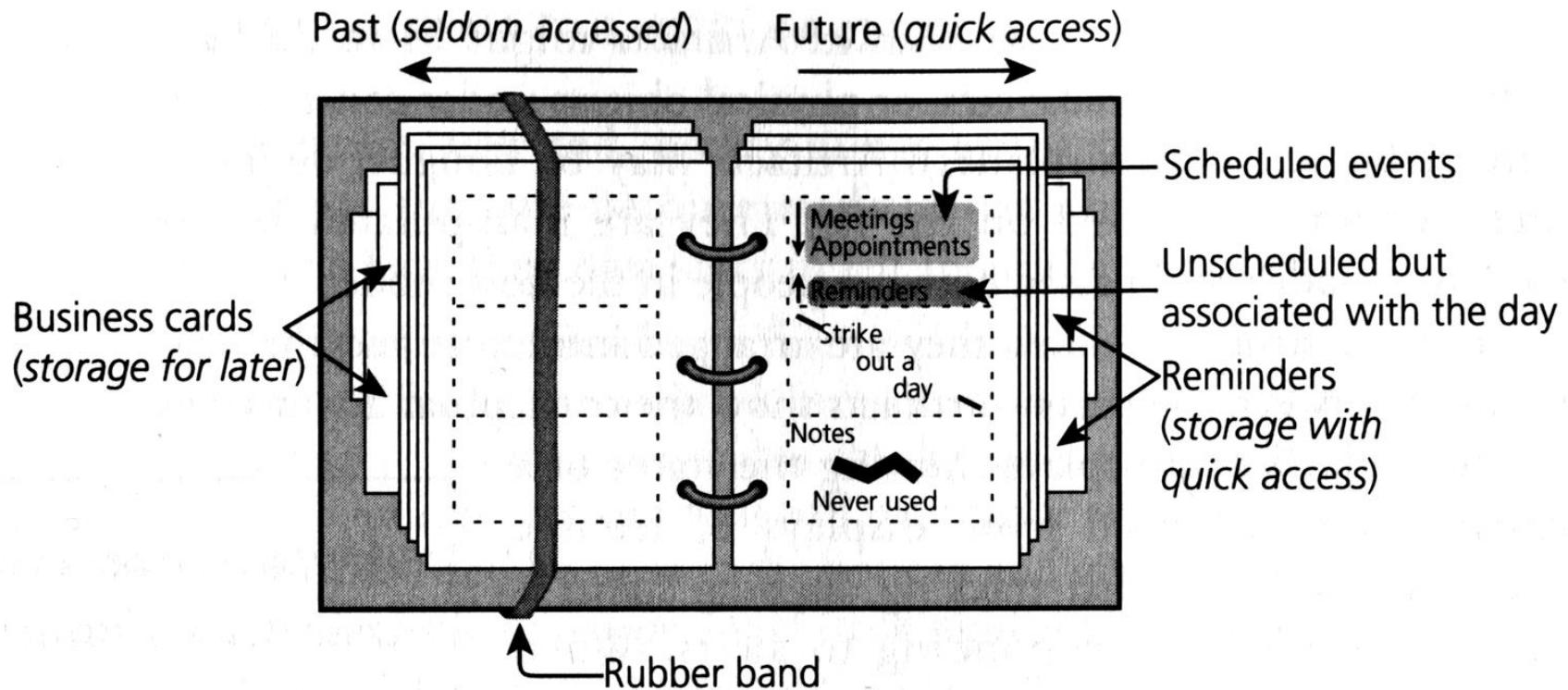
# Cultural Model: Developer



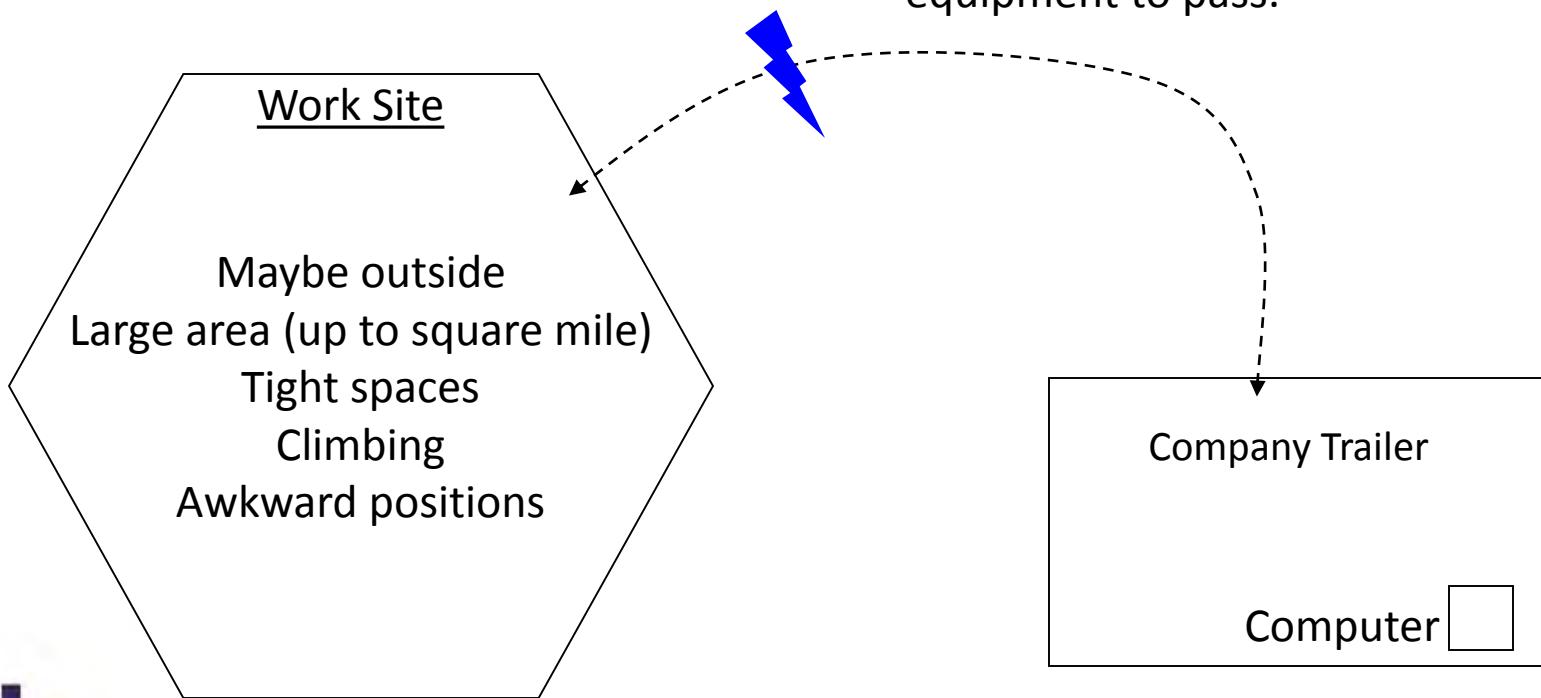
# Cultural Model: Department Store



# Artifact Model: Calendar



# Physical Model: Work Site



Approximately a 5 minute walk. If doing an audit at a site under construction, then safe path frequently changes and may need to wait for construction equipment to pass.

# Affinity Diagrams

Generated during group session

Each observation, idea, note to a post-it

Notes are hierarchically organized into themes, based on project focus



# Today

## Project Progression

Ethnography

Contextual Inquiry

Distilling Models

Alternative Approaches to Understanding

# Interviews

Similar to contextual inquiry, without context

- Set a focus, develop questions

Interpret responses

- Repeat and rephrase

- Ask for an example

- Determine steps in a sequence

- Probe terms and concepts

- Ask when it did not happen as expected

# Interviews

Similar to contextual inquiry, without context

Set a focus, record and take notes, have two people

Develop questions

Avoid leading

Interpret responses

Repeat and rephrase, probe terms and concepts

“can you give an example”, “tell me more”,

“what do you mean”, “why was that important”

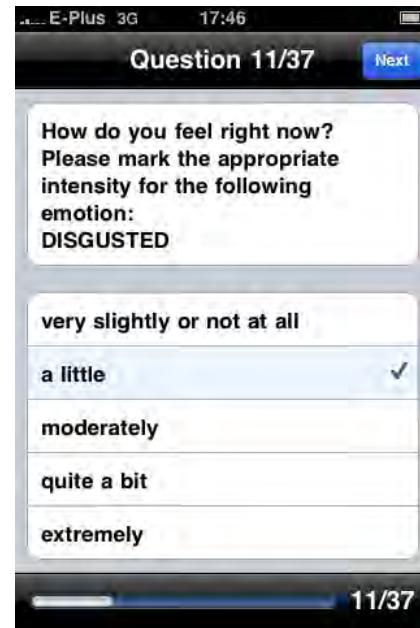
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# Participant Data Capture

## Diaries



## Experience Sampling



# Value Sensitive Design

To be useful or usable is not the same as supporting important human values

Examples?

# Value Sensitive Design

To be useful or usable is not the same as supporting important human values

Examples?

Privacy

Trust

Accountability

Ownership and Property

Freedom from Bias

Human Safety

Universal Access

Sustainability

# Value Suitabilities

Value Sensitive Design is an interactional theory

Values are not inherent in a given technology

But a technology is not value neutral

Some technologies are more suitable  
than others for supporting given values

Value Sensitive Design investigates  
stakeholders, values, and value suitabilities

Direct and indirect stakeholders

# Tripartite Method

## Conceptual Investigations

Analyses of the values involved in a system

## Technical Investigations

Identify or develop technical mechanisms

Investigate suitability to support values

## Empirical Investigations

Investigate who the stakeholders are,  
which values are important to them,  
and how they prioritize these values

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# ABC News and IDEO's Deep Dive



# ABC News and IDEO's Deep Dive

Things to see in this video:

brainstorming

inquiry

sketching

critique

Why build a shopping  
cart with no bottom?

Today is mostly about critique,  
but critique is key in this overall process

# ABC News and IDEO's Deep Dive



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# Learning to Give and Receive Critique

You will learn how to both give and receive critique

Each is important

Each is a skill developed through practice

Many activities will consist of group critiques

Each group will present an artifact

Other class members and staff will offer critique

Starting today with critique of the CI Plan

# Why Critique?

Critique helps evaluate early, often, and cheaply

Applicable to artifacts of many types

Compare to other expert inspection methods

You are not your own worst critic

We collectively know more than any one of us

It is hard to see past your own decisions

Design requires getting past our own infatuation

A design can feel like  
our love, our baby...

# Why Critique?

Critique is not just for design

It applies to many artifacts and domains

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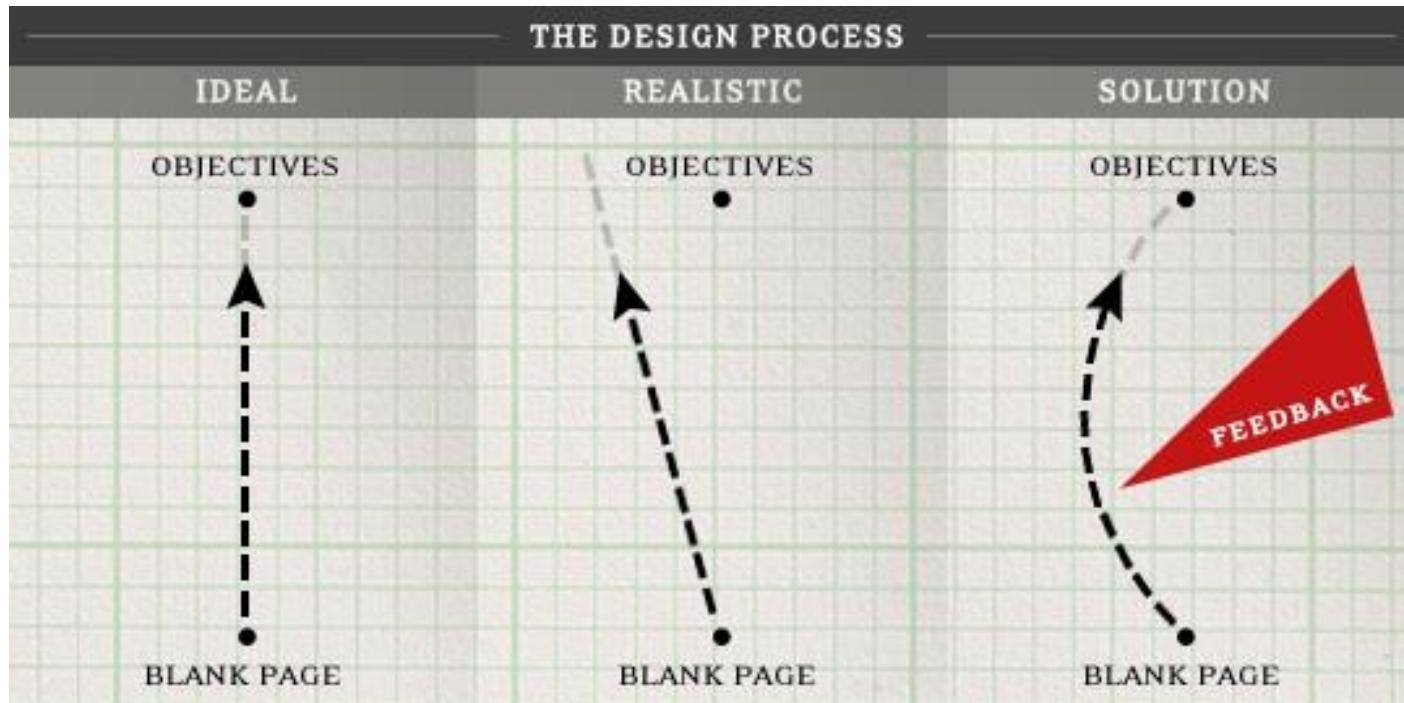
It applies to many artifacts and domains

visual art, writing, design, code (i.e. code review)

Over time, you should gather people who can give you high-quality critique in everything you do

You may meet some of those people in this class

# Critique is About Improvement



# What is Critique?

Critique is a method for feedback

It is not just a list of complaints

1. Presenters sit down with critics
2. Quickly explain their artifacts  
(e.g., less than 2 minutes)
3. Critics give feedback, ask questions
4. Presenters respond,  
take notes on what is discussed

# Critique is Neither Criticism nor Design

Seriously, not just a list of complaints

Critics offer honest feedback

Both positive and negative

Presenters should be able to learn *what works well* and *what is problematic* about their artifact

It is then presenter's responsibility to sort through feedback, decide what is important, and how to act

You must take notes for later review

# Tips for Presenters

Critique can be hard, especially at first

Try to avoid being defensive

You are not your work, separate yourself

Remember the expertise you bring

Even if “the room” knows more about design,  
you know more about your problem / artifact  
and your rationale for the current design

# Tips for Presenters

Taking advice is not giving up authorship

You still make the final decisions

A half-baked suggestion does not contain all the details of a finished solution

Design your critique

What you show invites different forms of feedback

Verbally indicate what kind of feedback you want, but also provide an artifact of appropriate form

This course will guide you in a variety of forms

# Tips for Presenters

## Keep an eye out for design rationale

You probably made some decisions without thinking through good reasons at the time

Critique can help give a rationalization for past decisions as you explain the artifact to others

## Exploit failure

A “failed” artifact (e.g., plan, design) should teach you about the design space, what won’t work, and why

The goal is to improve, this requires failure

# Tips for Critics

There are many strategies for giving critique

Hamburger method

I like, I wish, what if

Socratic method

These provide ways to give critique that can help the conversation go smoothly

Can give you a question to ask when you do not otherwise have one, provide a way to ask that is productive and less likely to create defensive reaction

# Tips for Critics: Hamburger Method

“Bun, meat, bun”

Bun:

Something fluffy and nice

Meat:

Criticism on how to improve

Bun:

Something fluffy and nice

Not a “shit sandwich”

Positives need to be genuine, enable learning from both positive and negative aspects of the artifact

# Tips for Critics: I Like, I Wish, What If

I Like:

Lead with something nice

I Wish:

Some criticism, often leading from what you like

What If:

An idea to spark further conversation, better than:  
“I think you should have...” or “Why didn’t you ...”

Gives the presenter benefit of the doubt if they did  
already think of your idea, can present rationale

# Tips for Critics: Socratic Method

Identify an aspect of the design and ask “Why?”

Can be good if unsure what else to say

Forces presenter to give, or develop, explanations for decisions, which can help build design rationale

Not fundamentally negative and hard to get defensive

# Tips for Critics

Limit your use of personal pronouns (e.g., “you”)

Critique is about the artifact, not the designer

A designer deserves honest feedback

Both positive and negative

Including clarity and rationale

Help with actionable suggestions

But it is not your design

Perhaps several possible ways of thinking

# Summary

Fall out of love with the things you build

Let others help you see past the infatuation

Get feedback early, often, and cheaply

Focus on improvement

In brainstorming, we were not *criticizing*

In critique, we are not *defending*

You will learn to both give and receive critique

If you are having difficulty, please come talk to us

# Critiquing Project 2b: CI Plans

## High-Level Thoughts and Reactions:

Defining the people

Getting out there, leveraging local expertise

Defining the problem, the opportunity

What motivates an activity, getting to the *why*

Not just what they *are* doing, also what they *are not*

Policies versus practices

Leading questions on values

# Critiquing Project 2b: CI Plans

Split into subgroups, optional if 3 or fewer people

Find another group (e.g., look next to you)

15 minutes

1 to 2 minutes explaining the artifact

5 to 6 minutes critiquing

Reverse roles

Repeat with another group, if time allows

Remember to take notes, sharing with your group

Remember to submit via Canvas

# Critiquing Project 2b: CI Plans

Some potential foci and tradeoffs in critique:

What is the problem being addressed?

What is the method?

Contextual inquiry, interview, ...

Who are the participants?

Multiple types of stakeholders, a particular focus, ...

What is the focus / are the foci?

How will this inform design?

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# Today's Plan

Things To Talk About

Groups vs. Teams

Task Analysis

Plantr Task Analysis

Tasks in Design

# Course Notes and Reminders

Room Switch

1:30 section now in MGH 254

Reading 2 for Tomorrow

# Project Progression

## Context Inquiries Should Be In Progress

At Least 1 inquiries due Tomorrow

At Least 3 inquiries due Tuesday, with analysis  
(first of your “larger” milestones)

Then we switch to tasks and design ideas

6 tasks due Friday 10/23

3x4 designs x tasks due Tuesday 10/27

1x2 design x tasks due Friday 10/30

Look at prior projects for where we are going

# Aways and Team Responsibility

Many of us have legitimate times to be away

We pay attention to participation

It is an element of your grade

We will gather peer feedback

But your real commitment is to your team

Be sure you communicate your aways

Be sure you manage your commitments

Let us know if there are issues

# Structure of Section

Sections focus on critique

Bring your artifacts, be ready to present them

Bring paper, keep the laptops put away

Rotation of 2 staff and 3 teams in each section

For some random assignment of teams A, B, C:

Time:    0        15        30

Staff 1:    Ac        Ba        Cb

Staff 2:    Bc'        Ca'        Ab'

# Themes in Questions and Feedback

You are not doing science

You seek innovative insight, not knowledge or truth

Do the best design work you can

May need additional inquiries

May be using other methods

May find that self-tracking is not the opportunity

We designed this project sequence, but be flexible

Capture and keep your raw work products

Our collection is minimal, but you will want them

# Structure to Ease Observation / Diaries

Time	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
0:00			
0:15			
0:30			
0:45			
1:00			
1:15			
1:30			
1:45			

Need						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
12am 3am	3am 6am	6am 9am	9am 12pm	12pm 3pm	3pm 6pm	6pm 12am
You needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Info. <input type="checkbox"/> Assist. <input type="checkbox"/> Other						
<u>What did you need?</u> <i>to know if Stroller could be used on Dad Valley @ Trail</i>						
<u>Why did you need it?</u> <i>brought to take baby for walk in forest but it must be ice-free</i>						
<u>Where were you?</u> <i>at home</i>						
<u>What were you doing?</u> <i>planning outfit</i>						
<u>When did you need it?</u> <i>5-10 days</i>						
What I needed was very important.						
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree		

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# The Discipline of Teams

Teams produce both **individual contributions** and **collective work-products**

Teams establish a social contract that relates to their purpose and guides and obligates how they must work together

“We hold ourselves accountable” is a strict requirement, whether or not a “boss” does

# Groups vs. Teams

There is a place for groups:

Working groups are both prevalent and effective in large organizations where individual accountability is most important. The best working groups come together to share information, perspectives, and insights; to make decisions that help each person do his or her job better; and to reinforce individual performance standards. But the focus is always on individual goals and accountabilities.

# Groups vs. Teams

Teams differ fundamentally from working groups

... they require both individual and mutual accountability. Teams rely on more than group discussion, debate, and decision; on more than sharing information and best practice performance standards. Teams produce discrete work-products through the joint contributions of their members. This is what makes possible performance levels greater than the sum of all the individual bests of team members.

A team is more than the sum of its parts.

# Groups vs. Teams

## Groups

strong leader

individual accountability

organizational purpose

individual work products

efficient meetings

measures performance

by influence on others

delegates work

## Teams

shared leadership

individual & mutual  
accountability

specific team purpose

collective work products

open-ended meetings

measures performance

from work products

does real work together

Examples we have seen?

# Keys to Team Success

## Common commitment

requires a purpose in which team members believe

## Specific performance goals

comes directly from the common purpose

helps maintain focus, starts with something achievable

## A right mix of skills

technical/functional expertise (e.g., writing/visual/coding)

problem-solving & decision-making skills

interpersonal skills

## Agreement and mutual accountability

who will do particular jobs, when to meet & work, schedules



# Why this Reading?

School has taught you to succeed as an individual

Too many projects are done in groups

Drawing boundaries between code responsibilities

This class requires you to work as teams

Do not try to divide it up and stitch it together

Use complementary skills, be mutually accountable

Have faith in your teammates and their execution

The “real world” requires this too

# Why this Reading?

As you read, think about prior groups and teams

In this class, you are a “team that does things”

Pay attention to “teams that recommend things”

HCI is often a minority interest

Need to work to ensure the impact of your work

Involve stakeholders early, not just at the end

# Organize as a team:

Get to know each other

Figure out strengths of team members

Consider assigning each person a primary role

Responsible for seeing work is organized and done

Not responsible for doing it themselves

Be proud, include names/roles in artifacts

Group Manager (coordinate big picture)

Documentation (coordinate writing)

Design (coordinate visual/interaction design)

Testing (coordinate iterative testing)

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# Tasks Matter

System will fail if:

It is inappropriate for the customer

It does not meet customer needs

Your contextual inquiries will emphasize getting to know your customers and their needs

Can't you then just make 'good' interfaces?

# Why Task Analysis?

‘Good’ has to be interpreted in the context of use

Might be acceptable for office work, but not for play

Infinite variety of tasks and customers

Guidelines are too vague to be generative

e.g., “give adequate feedback”

Can be used to critique, but not to generate

Design is often about tradeoffs

Examples we have seen?

# Why Task Analysis?

Task analysis is a lens on the information you obtain through methods like contextual inquiry

Use what you learned in your inquiry to answer the questions in the task analysis

Your assignments order the two, but in practice you should iteratively decide how to best draw upon all relevant methods throughout a process

# 11 Task Analysis Questions

Who is going to use the system?

What tasks do they now perform?

What tasks are desired?

How are the tasks learned?

Where are the tasks performed?

What is the relationship between people & data?

What other tools do people have?

How do people communicate with each other?

How often are the tasks performed?

What are the time constraints on the tasks?

What happens when things go wrong?

# Question 1

Who is going to use the system?

Identity

In-house or specific customer is more defined

Broad products need several typical consumers

Background

Skills

Work habits and preferences

Physical characteristics and abilities



# Seattle Parking Meter

Who is going to use the system?

Identity?

People who park in Seattle

Business people, students, elderly, tourists

Background?

Have used parking meters before

May have an ATM or credit card

Have used other fare machines before

# Seattle Parking Meter

Who is going to use the system?

Skills?

May know how to put cards into ATM

Work habits and preferences?

Park several times a week, a month, a year

Physical characteristics and abilities?

Varying heights, do not make it too high or too low

Anything else?

## PARK, PAY & DISPLAY

### Parking Pay Station Instructions



Insert card and push **BLUE** button to buy time **OR**  
Insert coins to buy time



Push **GREEN** button to print receipt



Remove card quickly  
wait for receipt and  
display properly



Display one receipt only to  
park in any meter or pay station  
space until your time expires



driver's  
side

PARALLEL  
curbside

ANGLE



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Đút thẻ vào và bấm nút **XANH**  
để mua giờ **HOẶC**  
Bỏ tiền cắc để mua giờ



Bấm nút **XANH**  
để in biên nhận



Rút nhanh thẻ ra  
chờ biên nhận và  
dán đúng cách



Chỉ dán một biên nhận  
để đậu xe tại bất cứ chỗ nào  
có đồng hồ hoặc trạm trả tiền  
cho đến khi hết giờ đậu



Dùng miếng dán mặt sau có thể gỡ ra  
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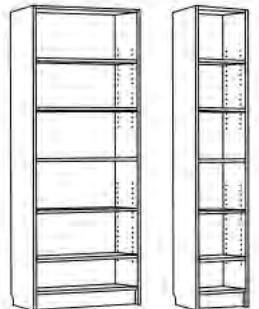
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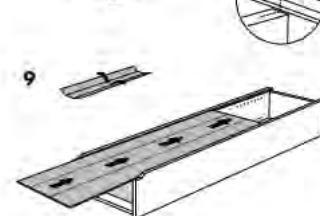
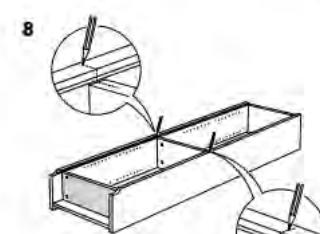
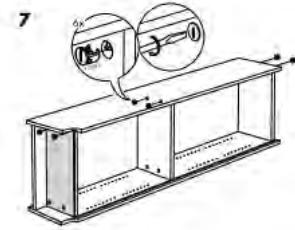
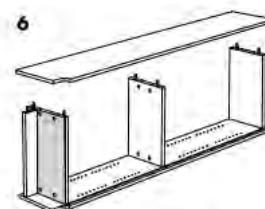
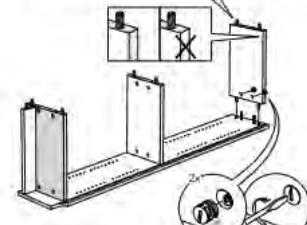
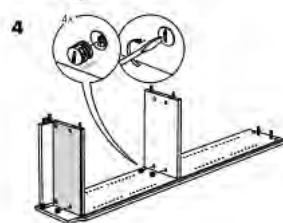
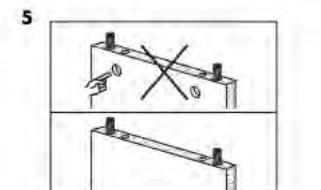
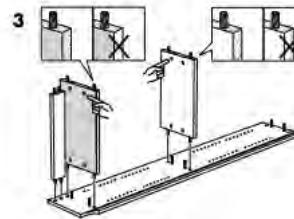
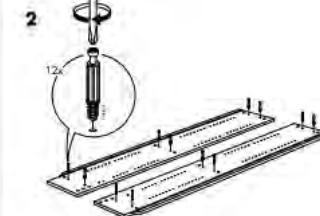
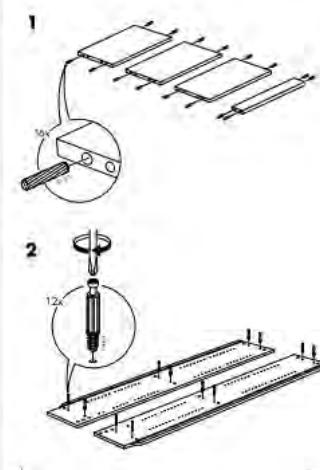


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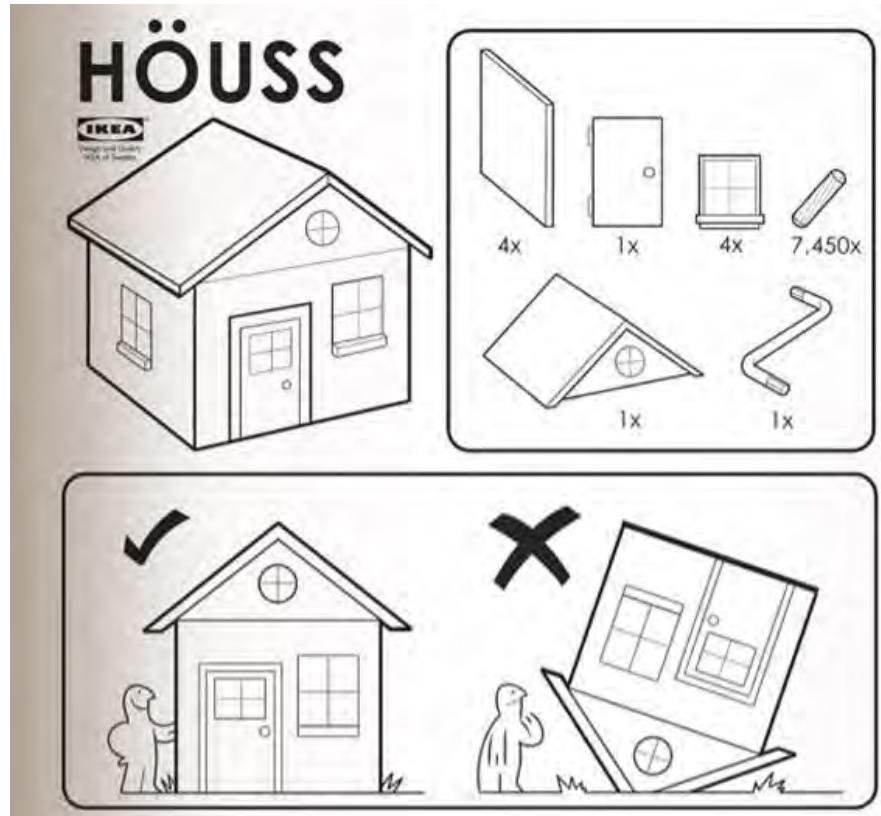
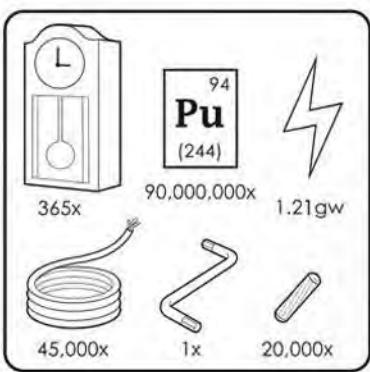
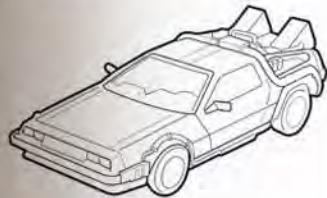


IKEA  
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BILLY Bookcase



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# Question 2 and Question 3

What tasks do they now perform?

What tasks are desired?

Important for both automation and new functionality

Relative importance of tasks?

Observe people, see it from their perspective

Automated Billing Example

small dentists office had billing automated

assistants were unhappy with new system

old forms contained hand-written margin notes

e.g., patient's insurance takes longer than most

# Yorkshire Pudding

*Individual*

spoonful salt  
beaten  
1 milk

beaten egg and add  
melted fat. Bake in  
25 min. Makes 11

1/2 cup. flour, add 4  
baking powder to  
it and bake same as

sp. baking powder,  
same as for Plain  
and adding to other  
14.

to 1 cup. chopped  
fruit with 2 tbsp.  
dates, figs, apples,

*Beat well*  
*Beat dry*  
2 cupfuls flour              2 eggs              3 egg recipe  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoonful salt              2 cupfuls milk      makes 1/2  
 2 teaspoonfuls melted fat

Beat eggs slightly. Sift flour and salt, and add alternately with milk to eggs. Add melted fat. Beat with egg beater until smooth and full of bubbles. Fill hot greased cast aluminum or iron gem-pans or glass or earthenware custard cups,  $\frac{2}{3}$  full of popover batter. Place immediately in a hot oven of 450° F. and bake for 30 min. Then lower temperature to 350° F. and bake for 15 min. longer. Makes 9 popovers.

## CORNBREAD

2 cupfuls cornmeal	2 cupfuls sour milk
1 teaspoonful soda	2 eggs, beaten
1 1/2 teaspoonfuls salt	2 tablespoonfuls melted fat
3 tablespoonfuls sugar	

Sift dry ingredients together. Mix milk with beaten eggs and add to dry ingredients. Stir well together and add melted fat. Pour into a hot greased baking pan or muffin tins and bake in hot oven of 400° F. for 20-25 min. Makes 24 pieces.

## GRIDDLE CAKES

# Question 4

How are the tasks learned?

What does a person need to know?

Do they need training?

academic

general knowledge / skills

special instruction / training

# Question 5

Where are the tasks performed?

Office, laboratory, point of sale?

Effects of environment on customers?

Are people under stress?

Confidentiality required?

Do they have wet, dirty, or slippery hands?

Soft drinks?

Lighting?

Noise?



# Question 6

What is the relationship between people & data?

Personal data

Always accessed at same machine?

Do people move between machines?

Common data

Used concurrently?

Passed sequentially between customers?

Remote access required?

Access to data restricted?

Does this relationship change over time?

# Question 7

What other tools does a person have?

More than just compatibility

How customer works with collection of tools

Automating lab data collection example:

how is data collected now?

by what instruments and manual procedures?

how is the information analyzed?

are the results transcribed for records or publication?

what media/forms are used and how are they handled?

# Question 8

How do people communicate with each other?

Who communicates with whom?

About what?

Follow lines of the organization? Against it?

# Question 9

How often are the tasks performed?

Frequent use likely remember more details

Infrequent use may need more help

Even for simple operations

Make these tasks possible to accomplish

Which function is performed

Most frequently?

By which people?

Optimizing for these will improve perception of performance

Careful about initial use scenario

# Question 10

What are the time constraints on the tasks?

What functions will people be in a hurry for?

Which can wait?

Is there a timing relationship between tasks?

e.g., pregnancy in web search

# Question 11

What happens when things go wrong?

How do people deal with

task-related errors?

practical difficulties?

catastrophes?

Is there a backup strategy?

What are the consequences?

# Selecting Tasks

Real tasks people have faced or requested

collect any necessary materials

Should provide reasonable coverage

compare check list of functions to tasks

Mixture of simple and complex tasks

easy tasks (common or introductory)

moderate tasks

difficult tasks (infrequent or for power use)

# What Should Tasks Look Like?

Say what person wants to do, but not how

allows comparing different design alternatives

Be specific, stories based in concrete facts

say who person is (e.g., using personas or profiles)

design can really differ depending on who

give names (allows referring back with more info later)

characteristics of person (e.g., job, expertise)

story forces us to fill in description with relevant details

Sometimes describe a complete “accomplishment”

forces us to consider how features work together

# Using Tasks in Design

Write up a description of tasks  
formally or informally  
run by people and rest of the design team  
get more information where needed

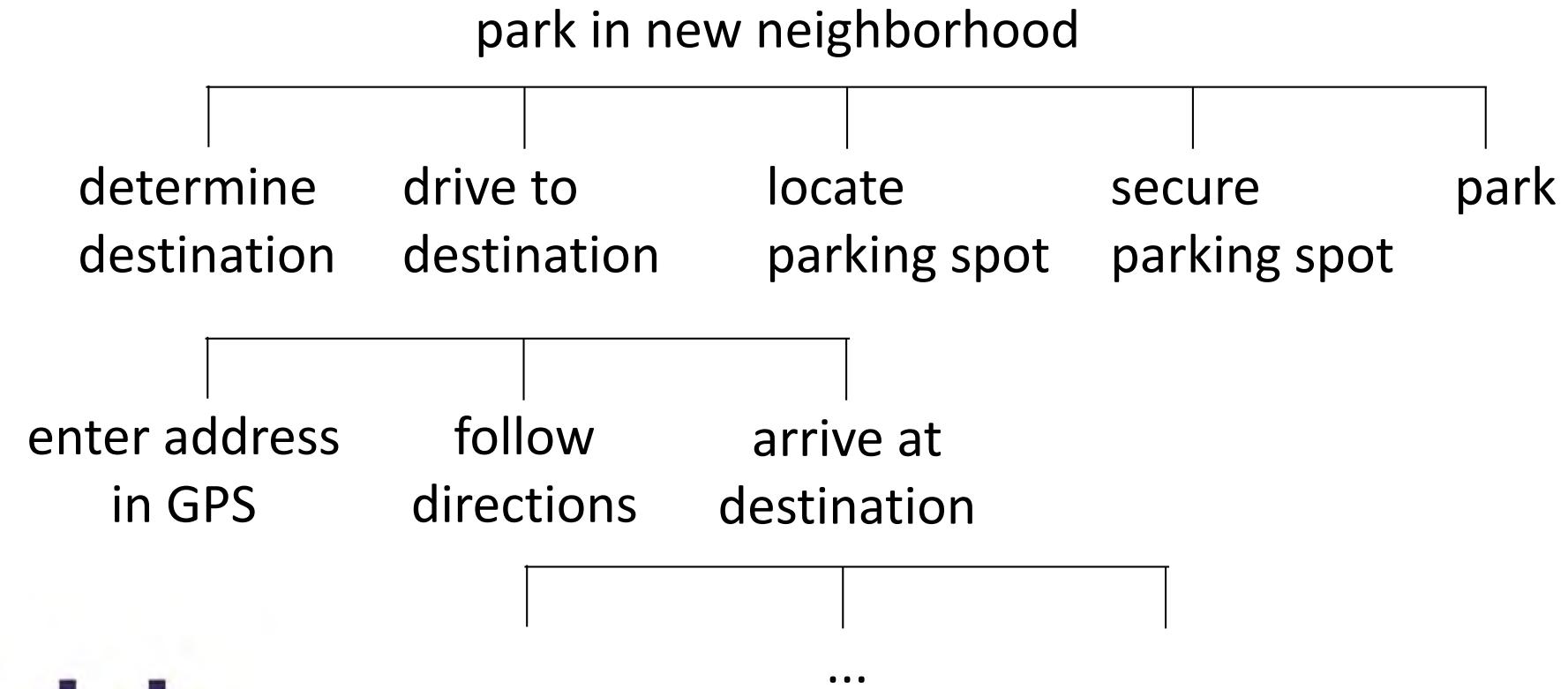
Manny is in the city at a restaurant and would like to call his friend Sherry to see when she will be arriving. She called from a **friend's** house while he was in the bus tunnel, so he missed her call. He would like to check his missed calls and find the number to call her back.

# Task: Park in a New Neighborhood

Peter is going to brunch on a Sunday with his roommates. He is trying a new place he found on Yelp. He has the address for the place and he is using a smartphone GPS for directions. He leaves the apartment with his roommates at around 8:30am and he wants to beat the crowd so they won't have to wait in line. He is driving a Toyota Corolla that he has owned for five years. It is a rainy day and he doesn't have an umbrella.

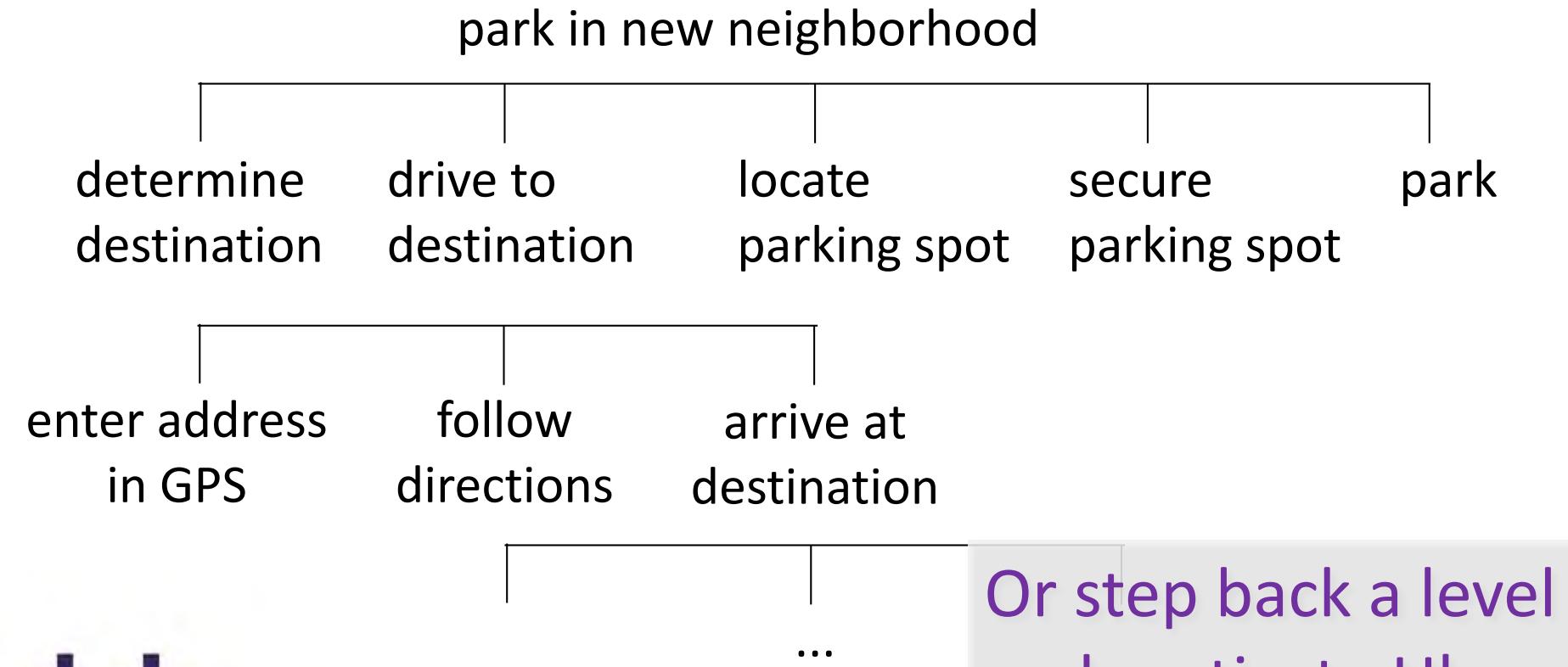
# Hierarchical Task Analysis

Steps of the task execution (detailed in a hierarchy)



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Steps of the task execution (detailed in a hierarchy)



Or step back a level  
and motivate Uber

# Today's Plan

Things To Talk About

Groups vs. Teams

Task Analysis

Plantr Task Analysis

Tasks in Design

# Plantr Task Analysis

## 1. Who is going to use the system?

Anyone who owns indoor plants is a potential user of Plantr. All of the plant owners that we interviewed forgot to water their plants at some point regardless of age, experience, and background. Even Lucy, who spent most of her time at home because she worked from home, struggled with timely watering.

# Plantr Task Analysis

## 2. What are the currently possible tasks?

When people purchase a plant, they often look up information about the proper lighting and temperature conditions for their plants. Additionally, people must find out how much and how frequently to water and fertilize their plants.

# Plantr Task Analysis

## 3.What are currently unavailable, desired tasks?

People want a way to remember to water and care for their plants. Forgetting to water plants was the most cited reason for plant death, and the only task that participants in our inquiries mentioned completing on a regular basis.

# Plantr Task Analysis

## 4. How are tasks learned?

Most people learned how to take care of their plants through trial and error. Some consulted the Internet, nursery staff, or friends for more information on plant care.

# Plantr Task Analysis

## 5. Where are the tasks performed?

Tasks like watering and fertilizing are performed at the plant's location. People keep plants in their workplace, like Jack, or at home, like Lucy and Caroline. Getting information about plant care was performed in a variety of places. People who consult the Internet could be anywhere with a platform that supports web browsing and Internet access. Those who go to the nursery to talk to plant experts are required to go to a specific location to talk to someone in person.

# Plantr Task Analysis

## 6.What is the relationship between a person and data?

We identified three different types of data: a plant's current state, information about plants, and data that reflects the person's plant care history. A plant's current state is data on the moisture level of its soil and the general appearance of the plant (e.g., color, stiffness/limpness of leaves, etc.). People use this information to determine the plant's needs. Caroline and Lucy watered their plants when the soil felt dry or the leaves began to droop.

# Plantr Task Analysis

## 6.What is the relationship between a person and data?

People consulted various plant care information databases when they wanted to know how to care for their plants. People used their personal history of plant care to determine how to take care of plants. Caroline said that she used to underwater plants, but she learned from her mistake and now tries to water them more often. People also base their buying decisions based upon their plant care history. Caroline noted that she tries to buy plants that require minimal water.

# Plantr Task Analysis

## 7.What other tools do people have?

Caroline, Lucy, Jack, and Kacy all have smart phones and computers. People also have a water source, pots, and soil for their plants. Most people probably have access to a nursery or library.

# Plantr Task Analysis

## 8. How do people communicate with each other?

Plant owners communicate on online forums and message boards. People who happen to be in the nursery at the same time might talk to each other about plant care. Likewise, people who have friends with indoor plants may share plant care tips.

# Plantr Task Analysis

## 9. How often are the tasks performed?

Watering is performed with a frequency between twice a week (Jack) and twice a month (Caroline). Fertilizing is performed less frequently, between once every two weeks to once every three months. Plants do not become sick often enough to make a good estimate about how often people try to get help.

# Plantr Task Analysis

## 10. What are time constraints on the tasks?

Plants must be watered with some regularity, so if people do not water their plants for long enough, the plants will start to die. Likewise, if plants are in need of attention for other reasons - pH imbalance, environment too dry - and they do not receive attention within some amount of time, they will die. Watering, caring, and learning how to care for a plant takes time. People who are very busy might not have the time or attention required for plant care.

# Plantr Task Analysis

## 11.What happens when things go wrong?

When plants became "sick", people take action, seek help, or ignore the problem until the plant dies. When people forget to water plants, they usually notice that the plant needs water and give it water. Sometimes people may not realize that a plant needs water until it is too late.

# Today's Plan

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# Using Tasks in Design

Rough out an interface design  
discard features that do not support your tasks  
or add a real task that exercises that feature  
major elements and functions, not too detailed  
hand sketched

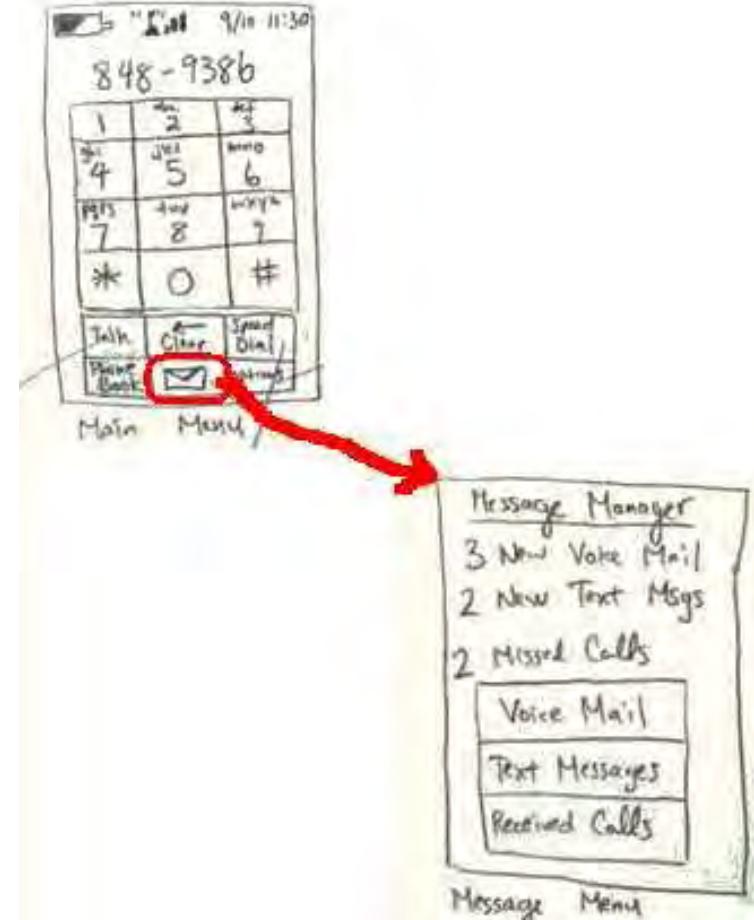
Produce scenarios for each task  
what person does and what they see  
step-by-step performance of task  
illustrate using storyboards

# Scenarios

Scenarios are design specific, tasks are not

Scenarios force us to show how things work together settle arguments with examples

but these are only examples, and sometimes need to look beyond flaws



Show people storyboards nice mechanism for feedback

# Tasks in Your Projects

Say what is accomplished, not how

Real tasks that people currently encounter,  
or new tasks your design will enable

Reasonable coverage of the interesting aspects  
of your problem and your design space

Range of difficulty and complexity

Park at the zoo, Friday night in Ballard, at the airport

# Tasks, Personas, and Scenarios

**Task**: a design-agnostic objective

**Persona**: a fictional person with a backstory

**Scenario**: narrative that demonstrates a persona completing a task using a particular design

**Use Case**: in software engineering, describes requirements using one or more scenarios

# Combine with Other Methods

Personas

Brainstorming

Affinity Diagramming

Concept Mapping

Competitive Analysis

“If you want to create a product that satisfies a broad audience ..., logic will tell you to make it as broad in its functionality as possible to accommodate the most people. Logic is Wrong.”



# Combine with Other Methods

Personas

Brainstorming

Affinity Diagramming

Concept Mapping

Competitive Analysis

Example Personae:

Parent concerned about safety

Carpenter transporting tools

Executive wants a sporty car

More specific is effective

Give the person detail

Give them a name

Make it believable

Careful of stereotyping

Web littered with examples

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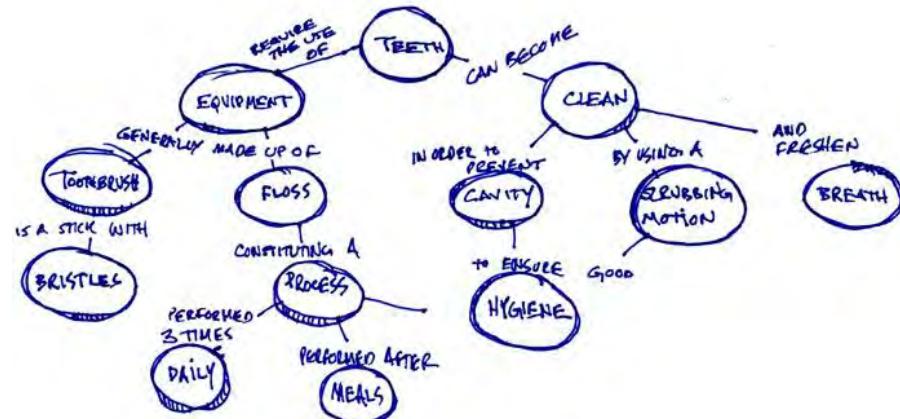
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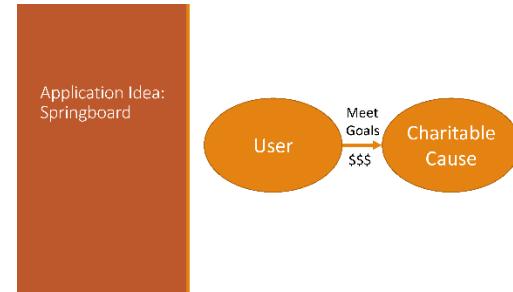
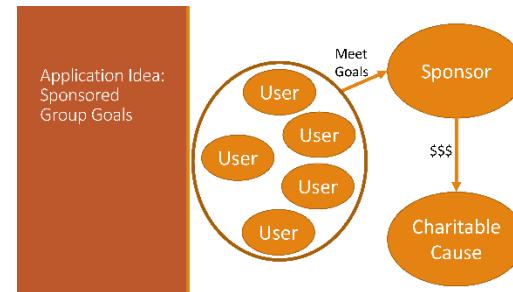
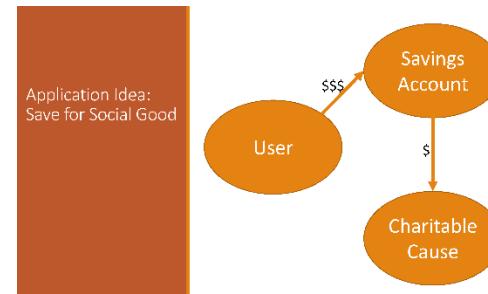
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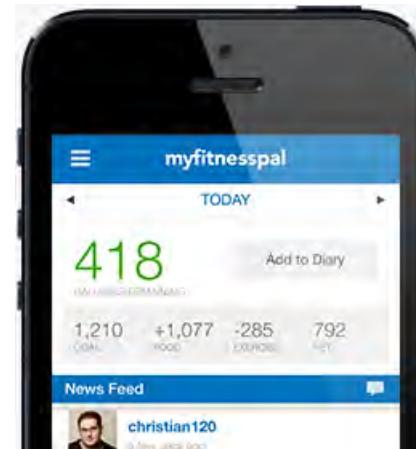
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# CSE 440: Introduction to HCI

## User Interface Design, Prototyping, and Evaluation

Lecture 05:  
Task Analysis

James Fogarty  
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Design Diamond

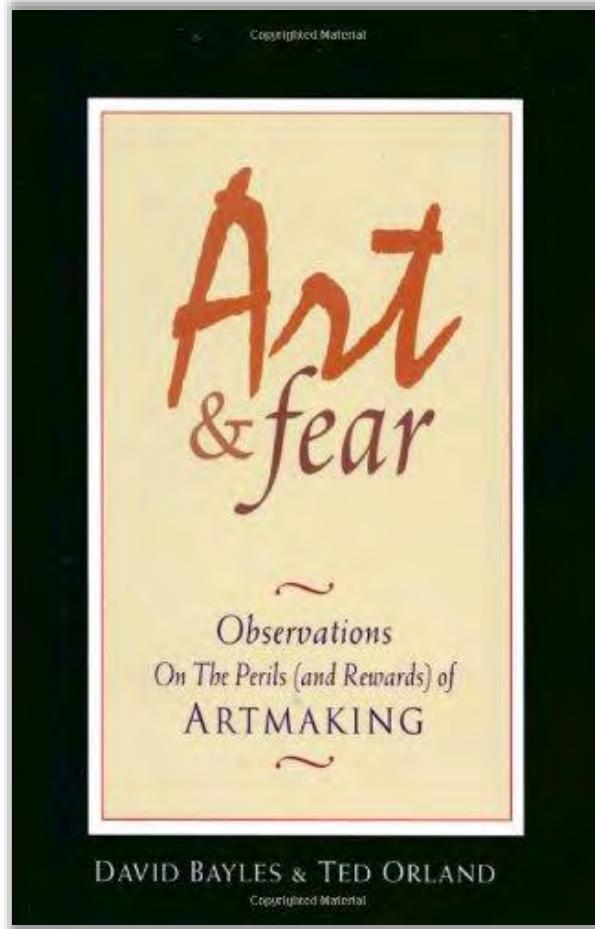
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# Quantity versus Quality



One class told they will  
be graded on quality,  
another on quantity



# Quantity versus Quality

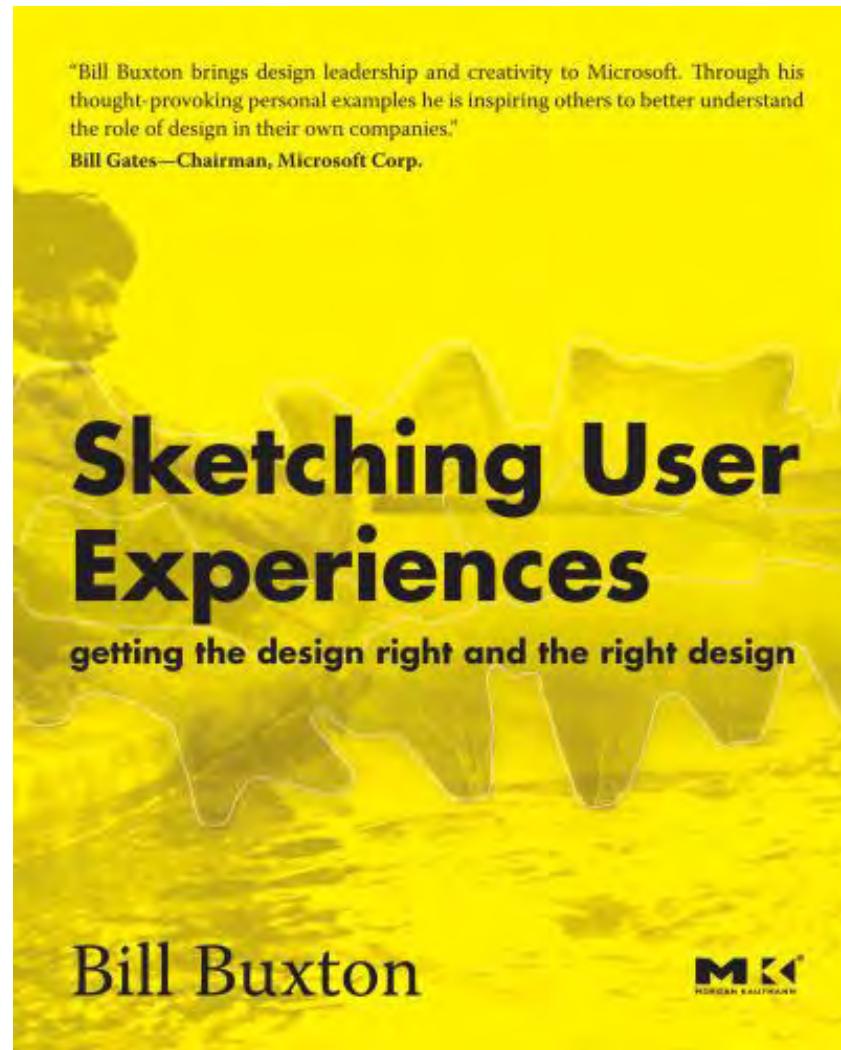
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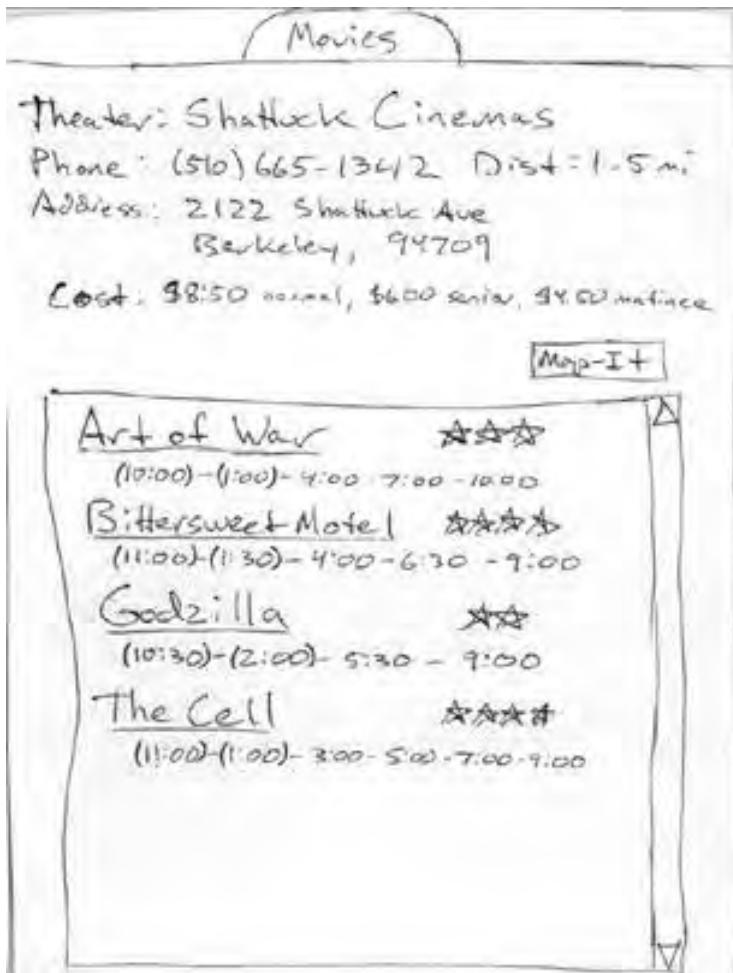
The quantity class produces better pots. Why?

“While the quantity group was busily churning out piles of work—and learning from their mistakes—the quality group had sat theorizing about perfection, and in the end had little more to show for their efforts than grandiose theories and a pile of dead clay”

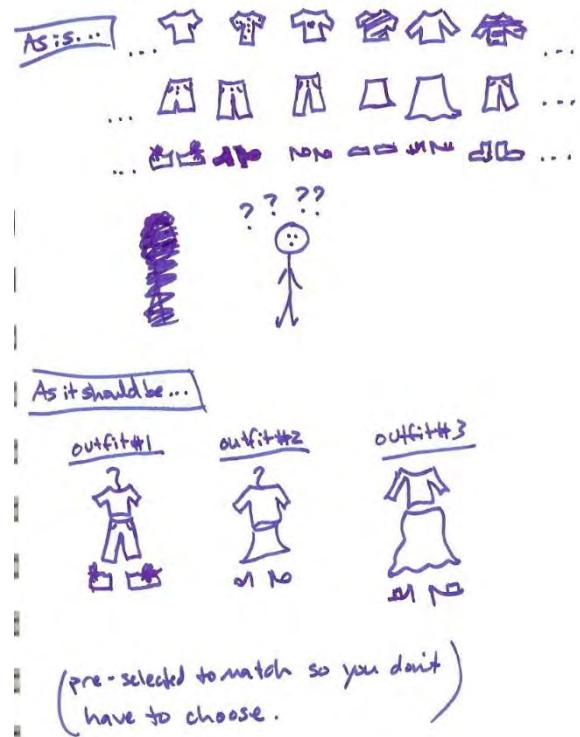
# Sketching User Experiences



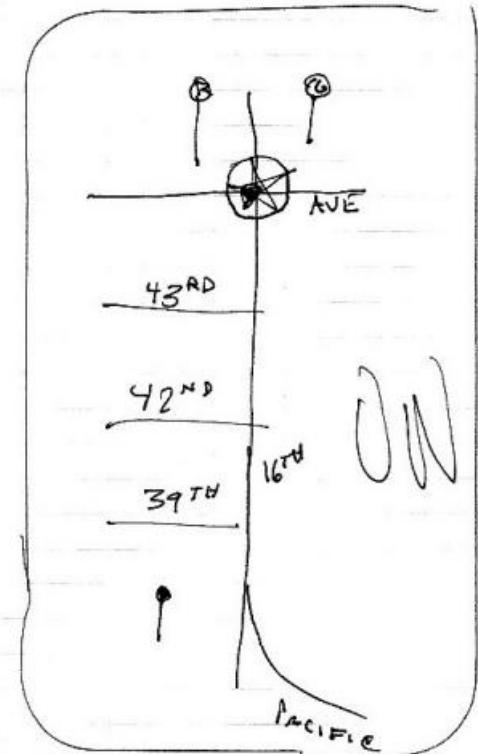
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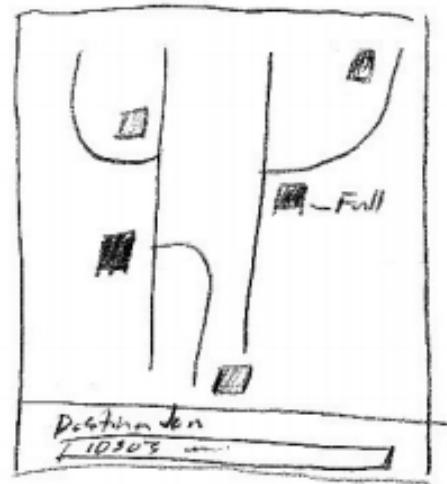
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# Sketching

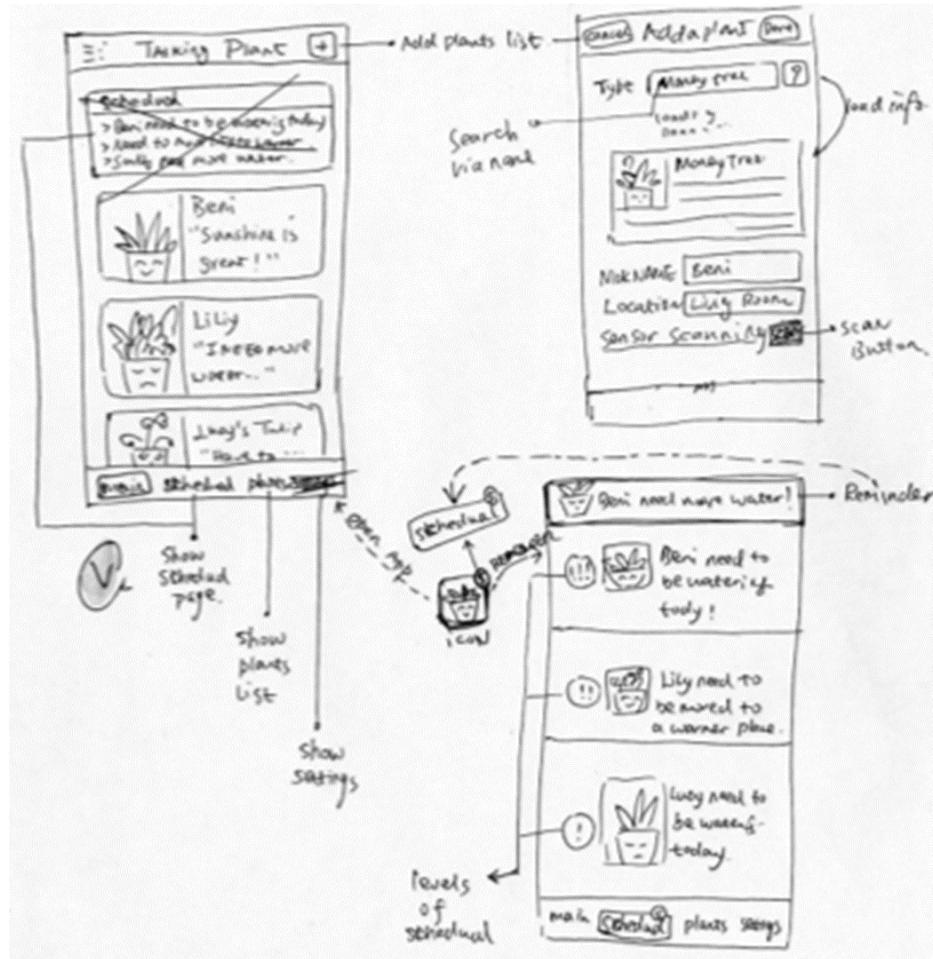


MAP SHOWING PARKING  
AVAILABILITY BASED ON INPUTTED  
DATA, INPUTTED ON MAP



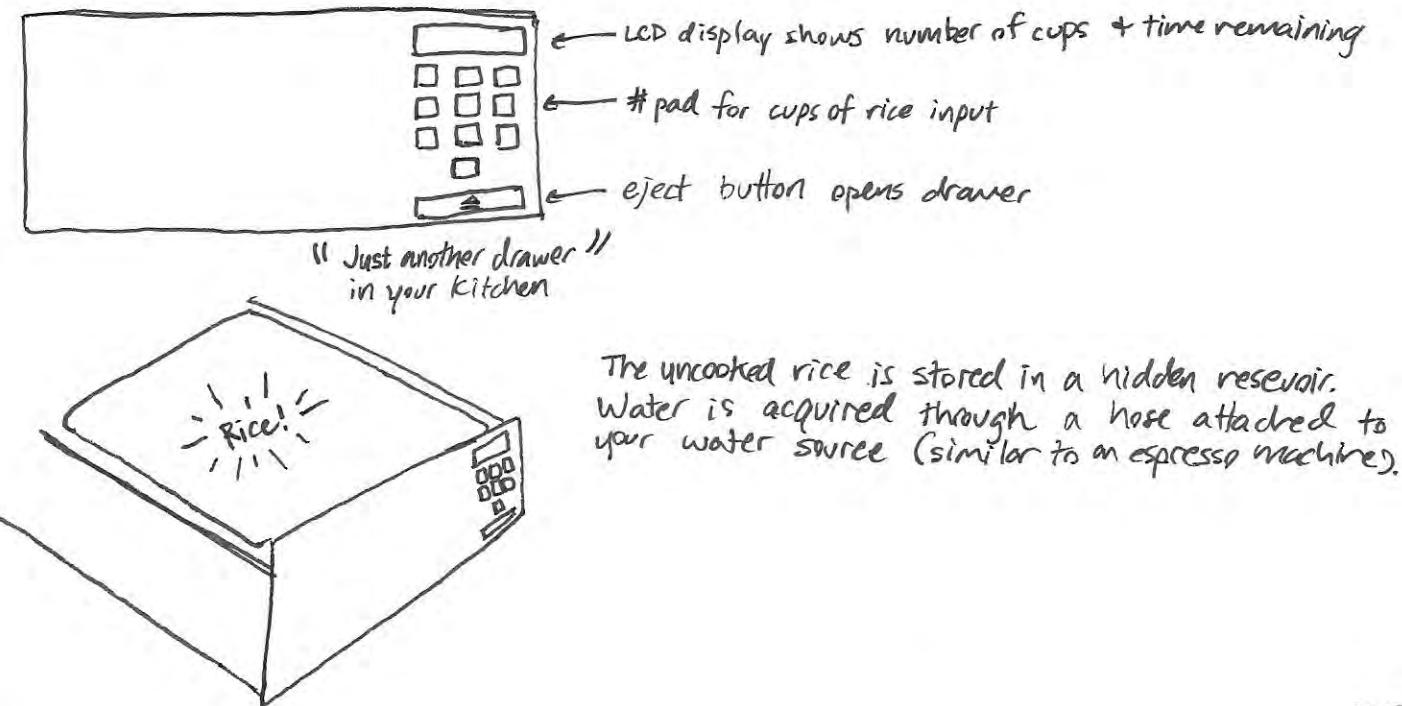
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# Sketching



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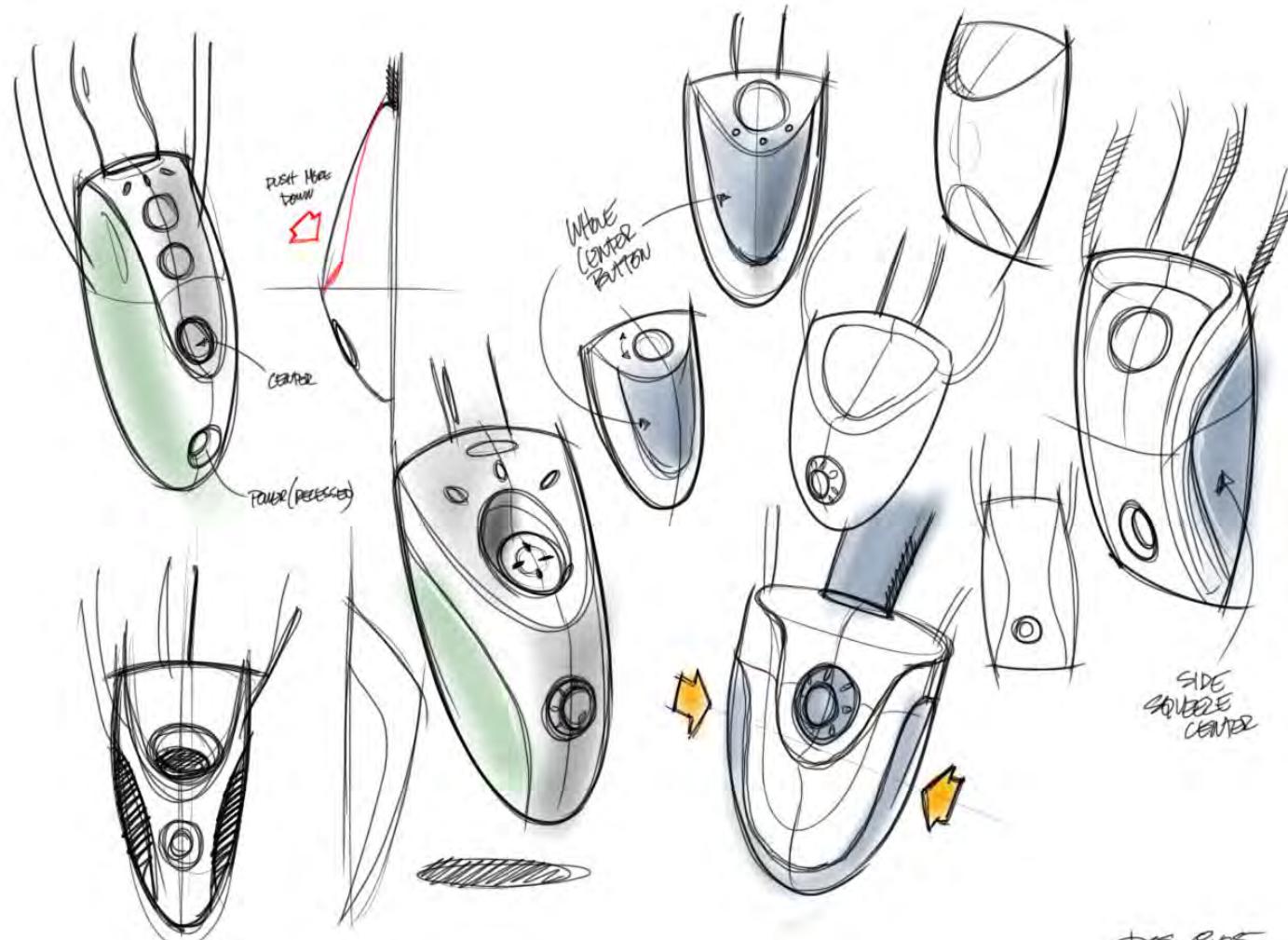
## UBIQUITOUS RICE COOKER



# Sketching

A process that enables you to  
think through ideas and  
convey design ideas to others  
very early in the design phase

# Quintessential Activity of Design



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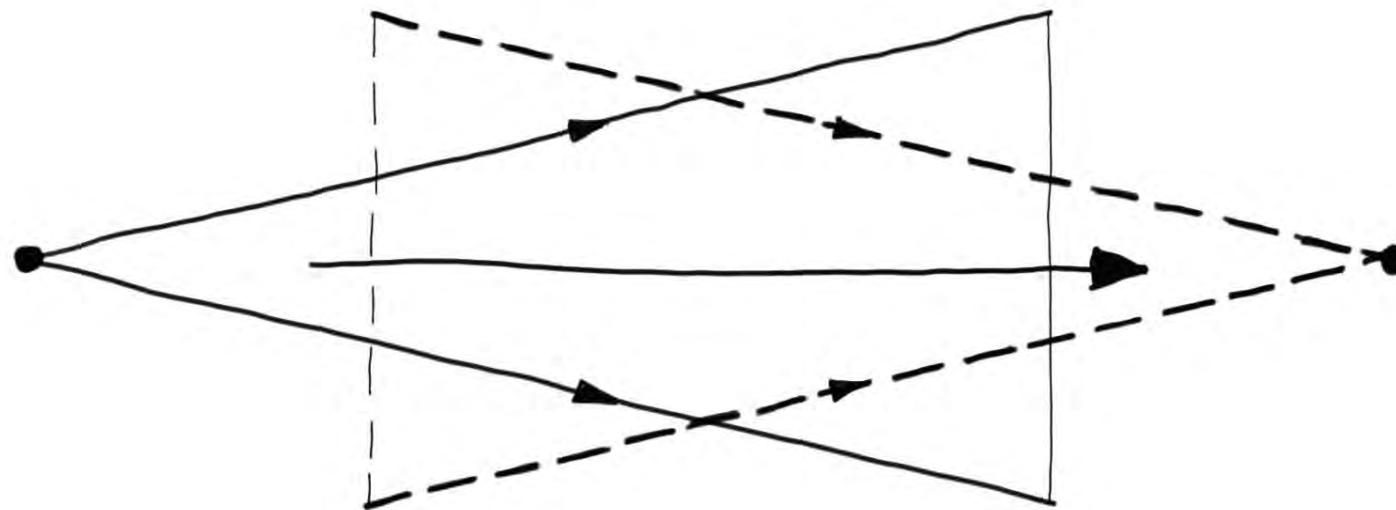
# Design as Choice

**Elaboration**

palette of choices

**Reduction**

heuristics to choose



# Design as Choice

Two openings for creativity

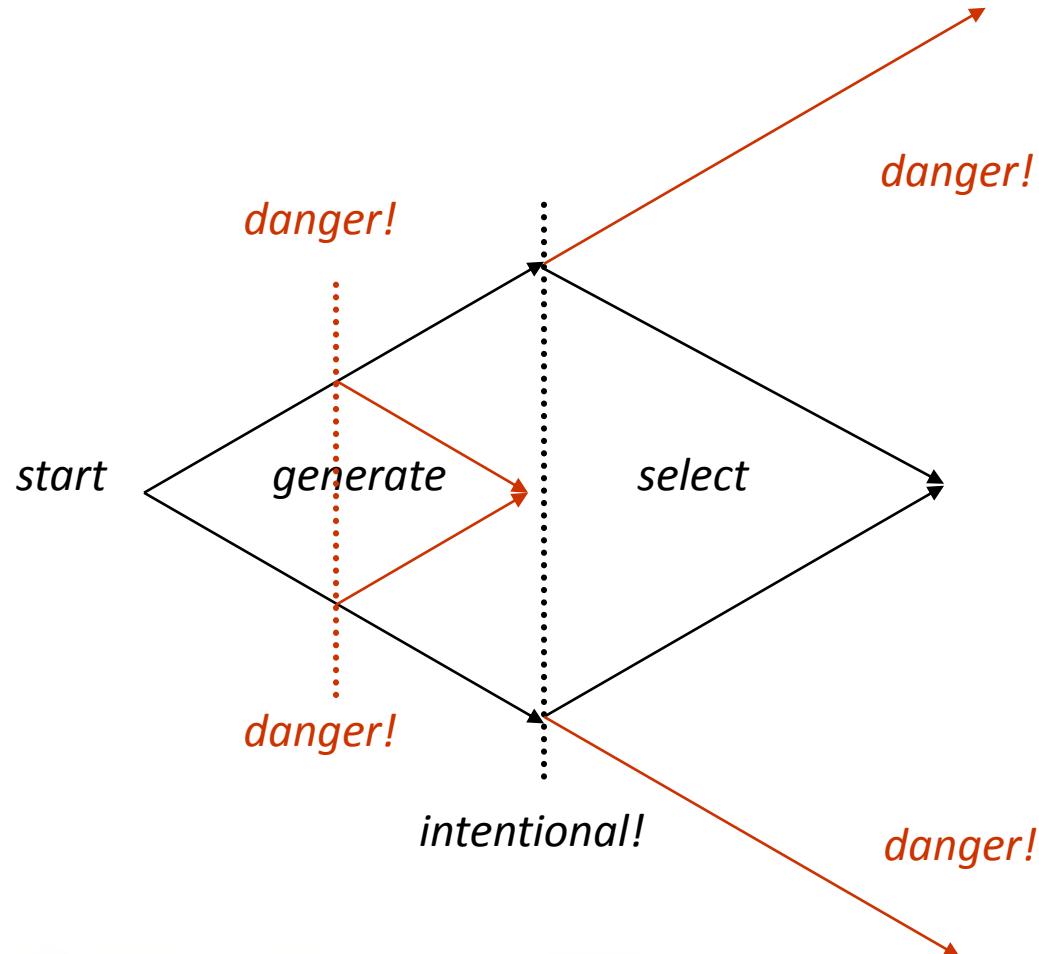
Palette of choices

Heuristics used to choose

Why is your contextual inquiry so important?

What you learn directly informs both of these,  
shaping everything you do this entire quarter

# The Design Diamond

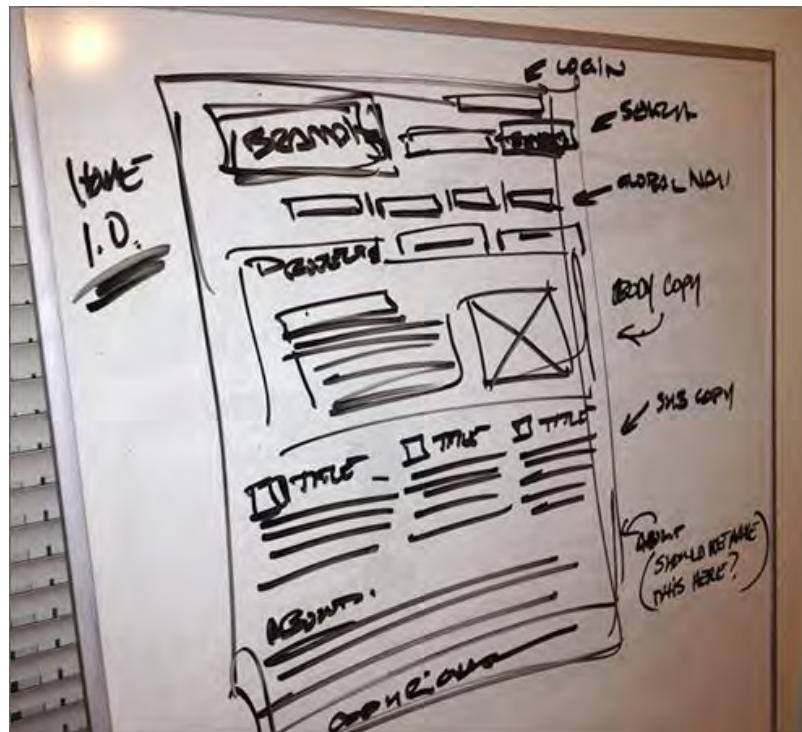


# Properties of Sketches

Quick	Distinct Gesture
Timely	Minimal Detail
Inexpensive	Appropriate Refinement
Disposable	Suggest and Explore
Plentiful	Ambiguous
Clear Vocabulary	

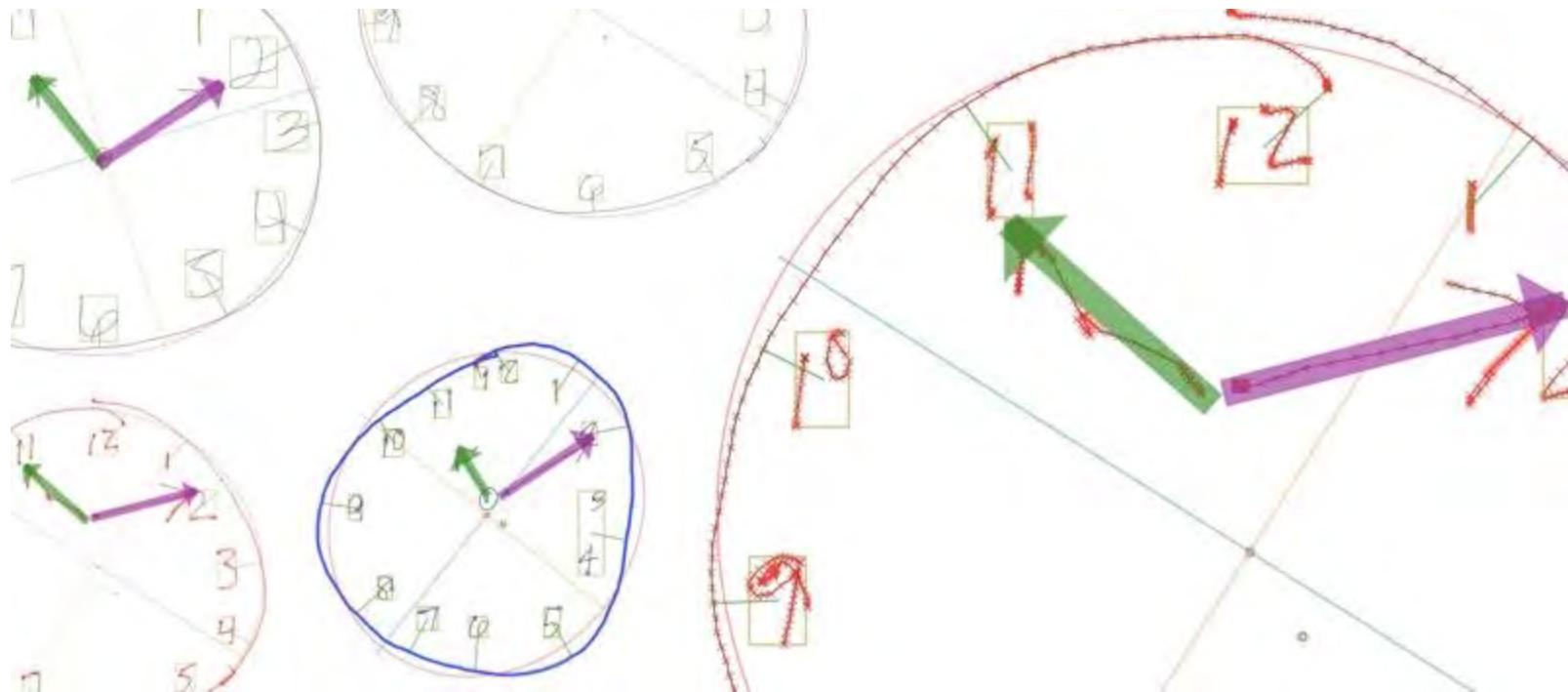
# Quick

A sketch is quick to make,  
or at least gives that impression



# Timely

A sketch can be provided when needed



# Inexpensive

Cost must not inhibit the ability to explore a concept, especially early in design



# Disposable

If you cannot afford to throw it away,  
then it is not a sketch

Investment is in the process,  
not the physical sketch

But they are not "worthless"



# Plentiful

Sketches do not  
exist in isolation

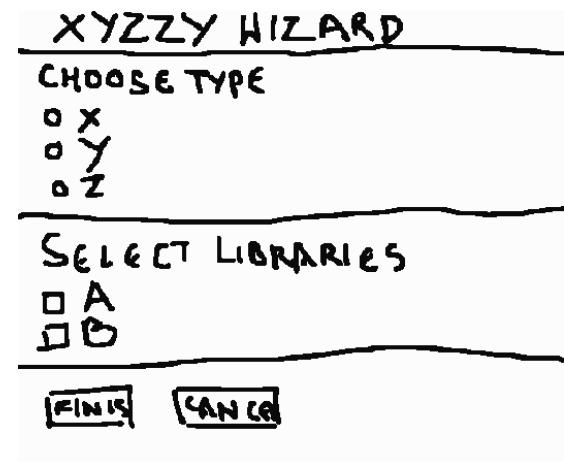
Meaning and relevance  
is in the context of a  
collection or series



# Clear Vocabulary

The way it is rendered makes it distinctive that it is a sketch (e.g., style, form, signals)

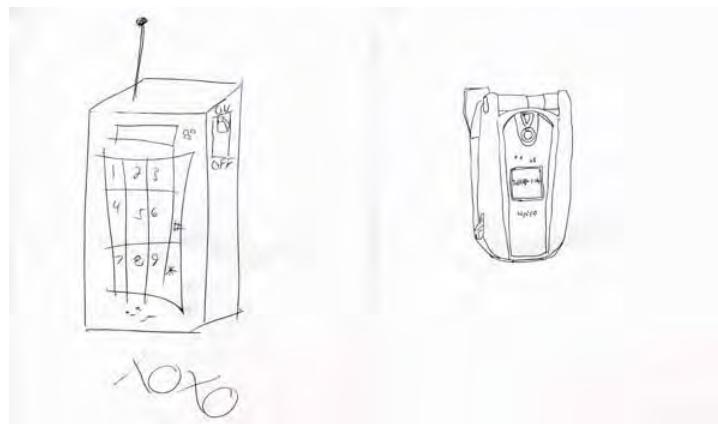
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extends through endpoints



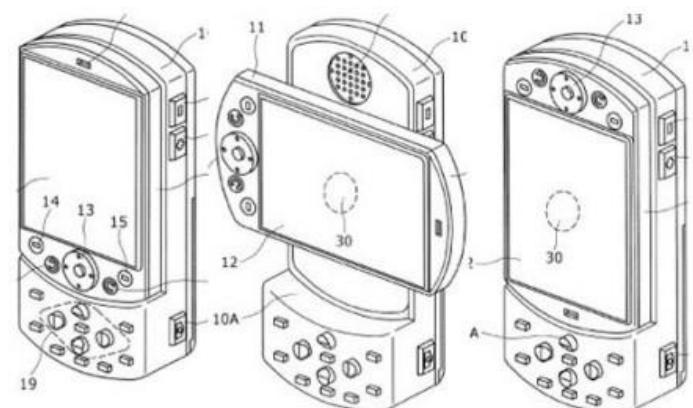
# Distinct Gesture

Fluidity of sketches gives them  
a sense of openness and freedom

Opposite of engineering drawing,  
which is tight and precise

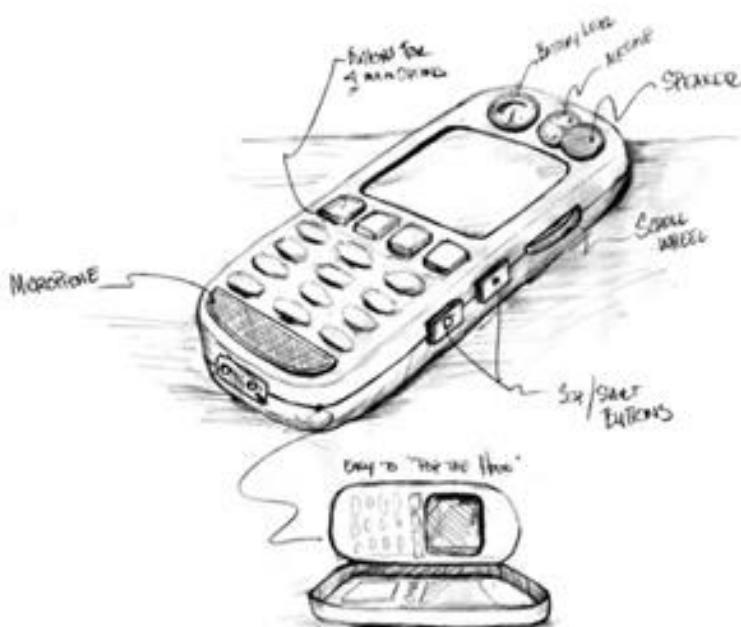


vs.



# Minimal Detail

Include only what is required  
to render the intended purpose or concept



Create JSP for this page

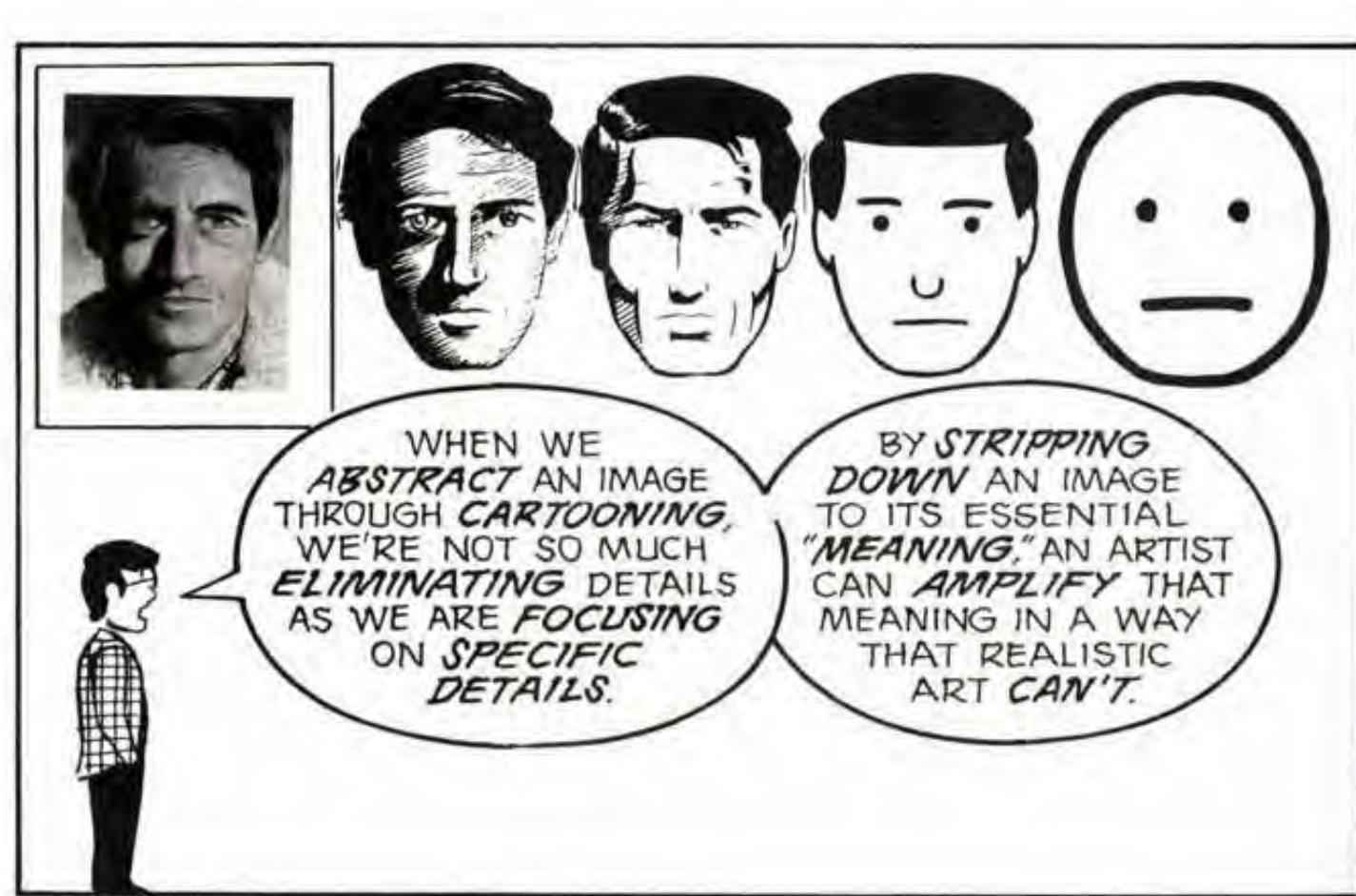
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Price Range:  0.00 to  9,999.99

# Minimal Detail

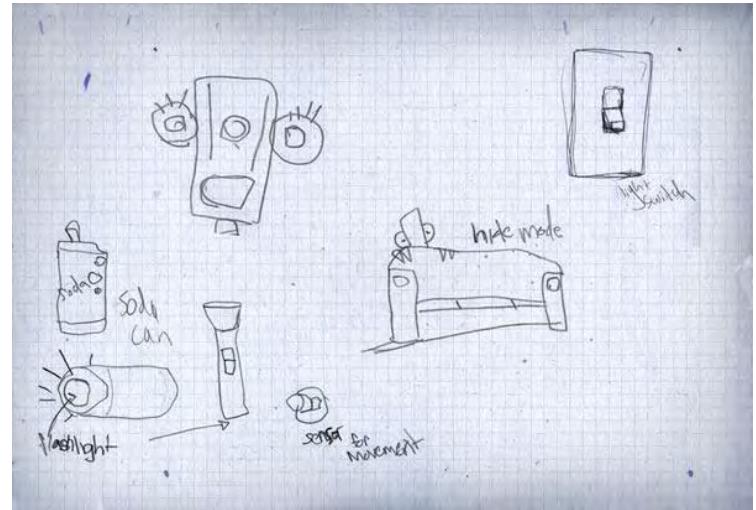


# Appropriate Degree of Refinement

Make the sketch as refined as the idea

If you have a solid idea,  
make the sketch look  
more defined

If you have a hazy idea,  
make the sketch look  
rougher and less defined



# Suggest and Explore Rather than Confirm

Sketch should act as a catalyst  
to the desired and appropriate behaviors,  
conversations, and interactions



# Ambiguity

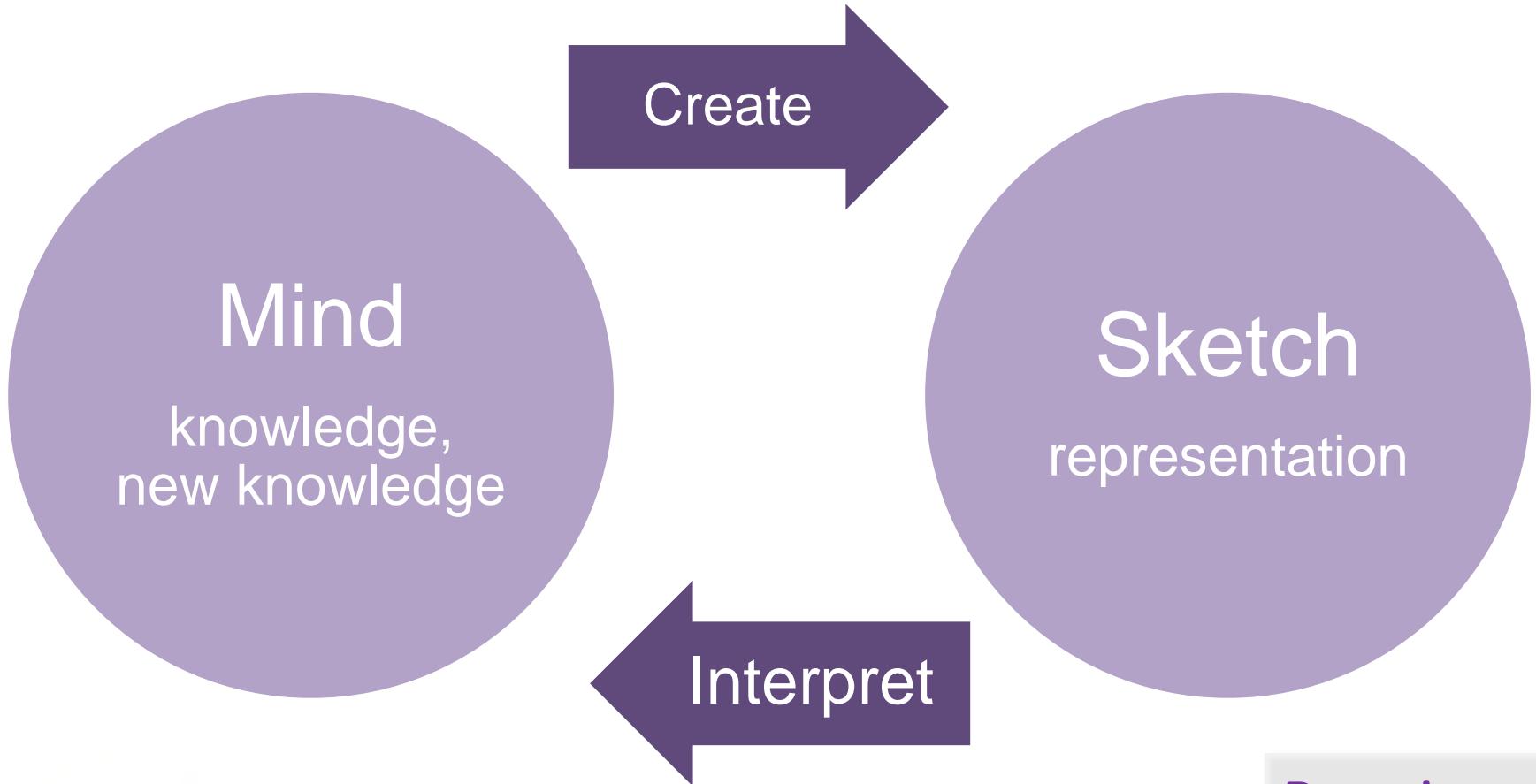
Intentionally ambiguous

Value comes from being able to be interpreted in different ways, even by the person who created them



Sketches have holes

# Sketching as Conversation



Requires  
ambiguity

# Sketch vs. Prototype

Sketch	Prototype
Invite	Attend
Suggest	Describe
Explore	Refine
Question	Answer
Propose	Test
Provoke	Resolve
Tentative, non committal	Specific Depiction

The primary differences are in the intent

# ABC News and IDEO's Deep Dive



# Sketching the Mouse



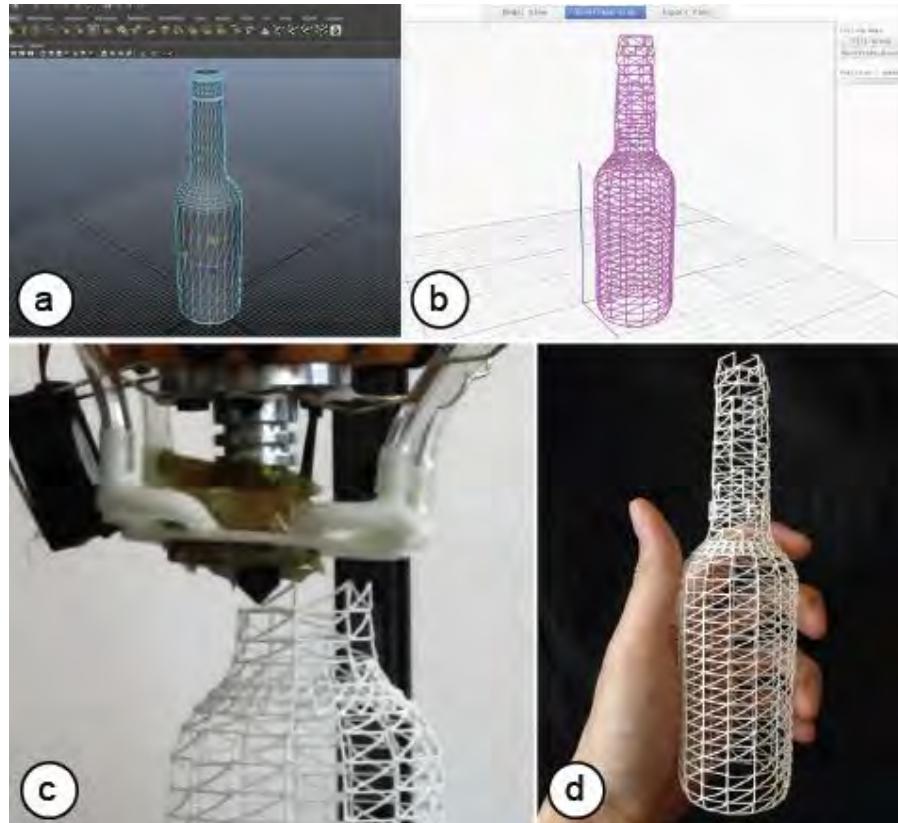
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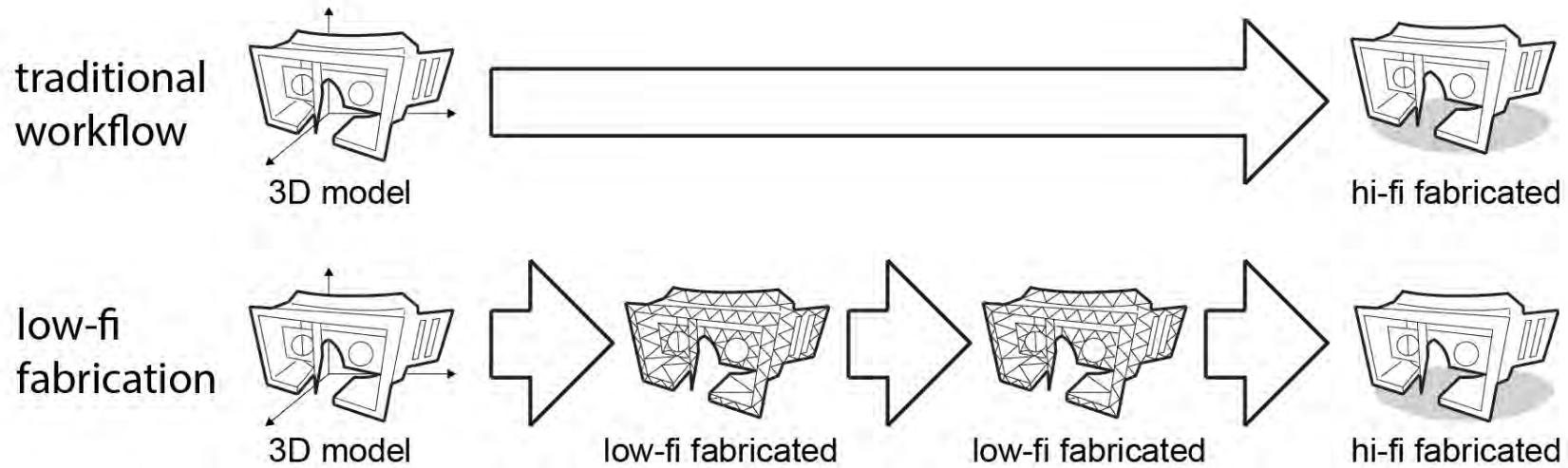
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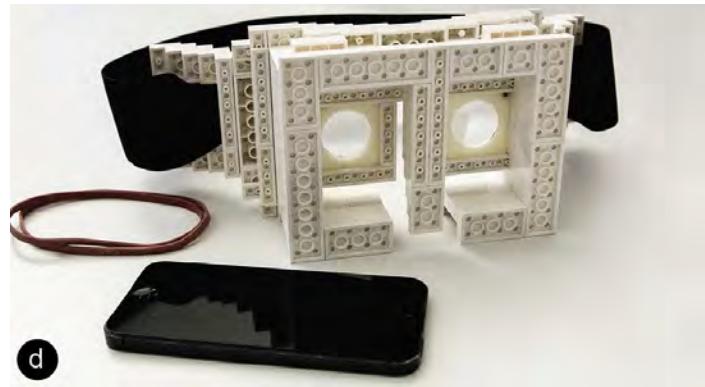
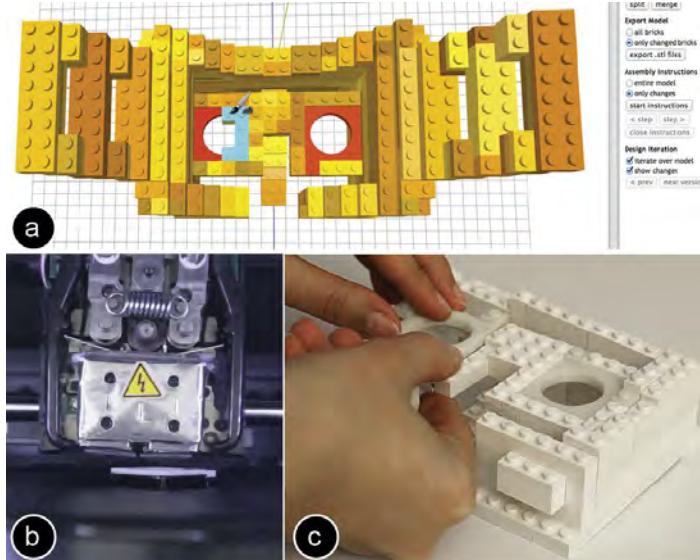
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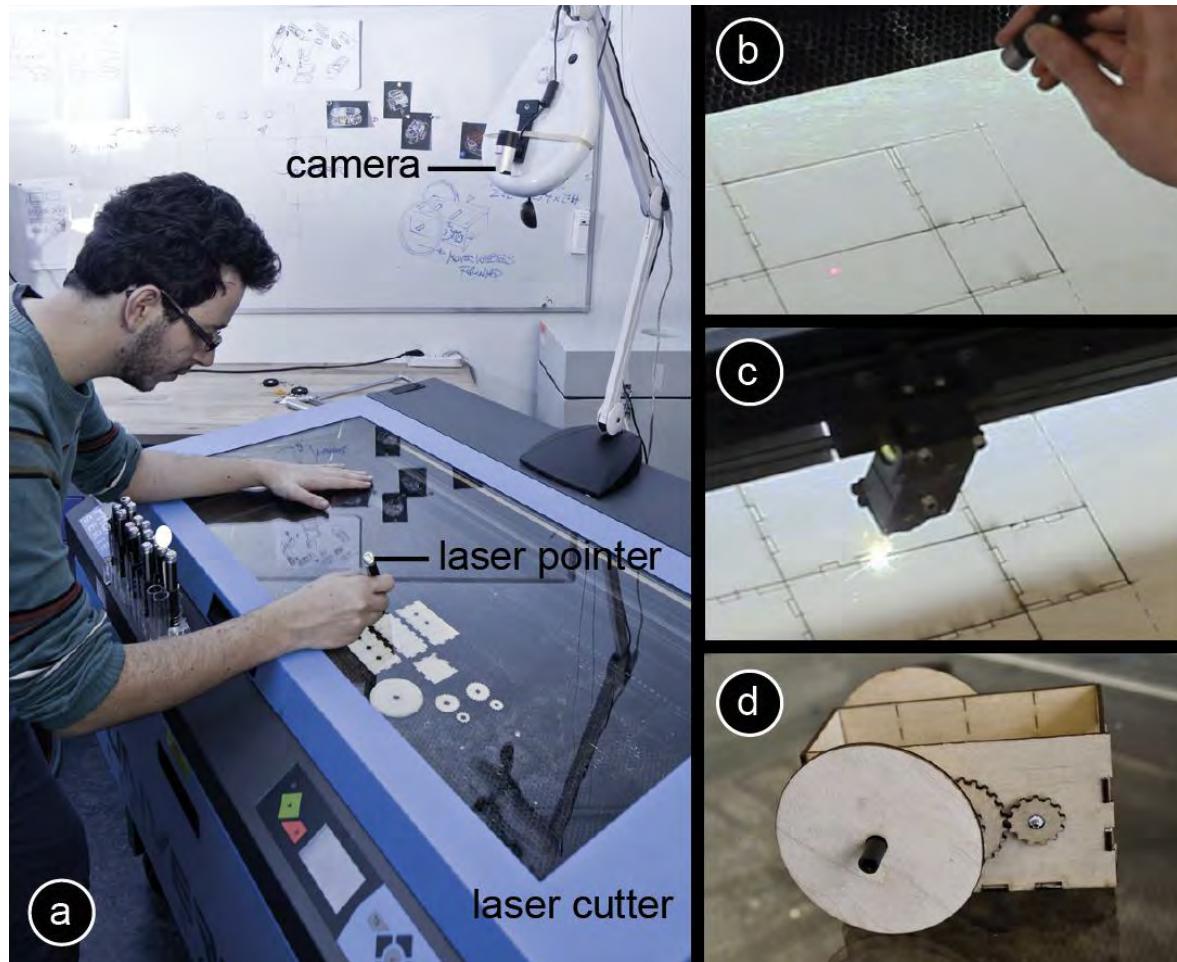
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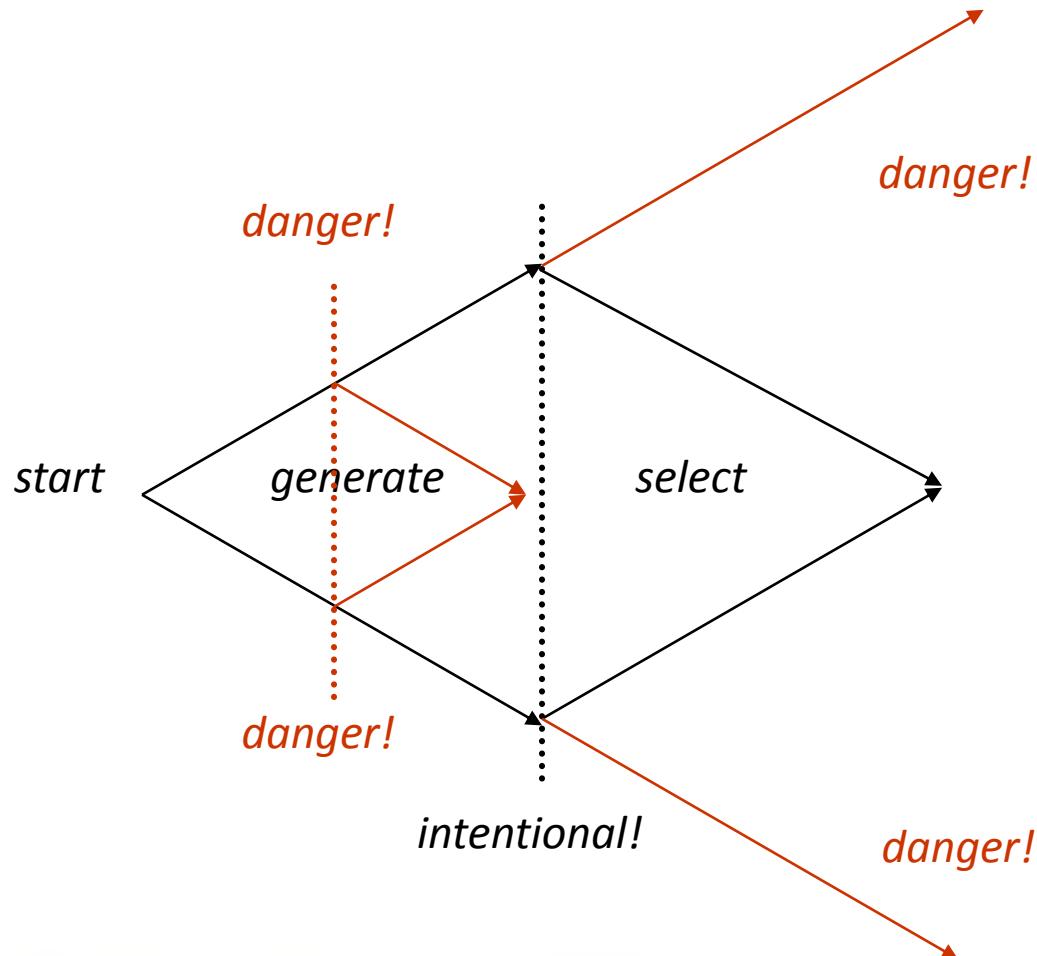
# Physical Sketching



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# Idea Oscillation



# Critiquing Sketches is Important

Ideas are both good and bad

Both are useful in design

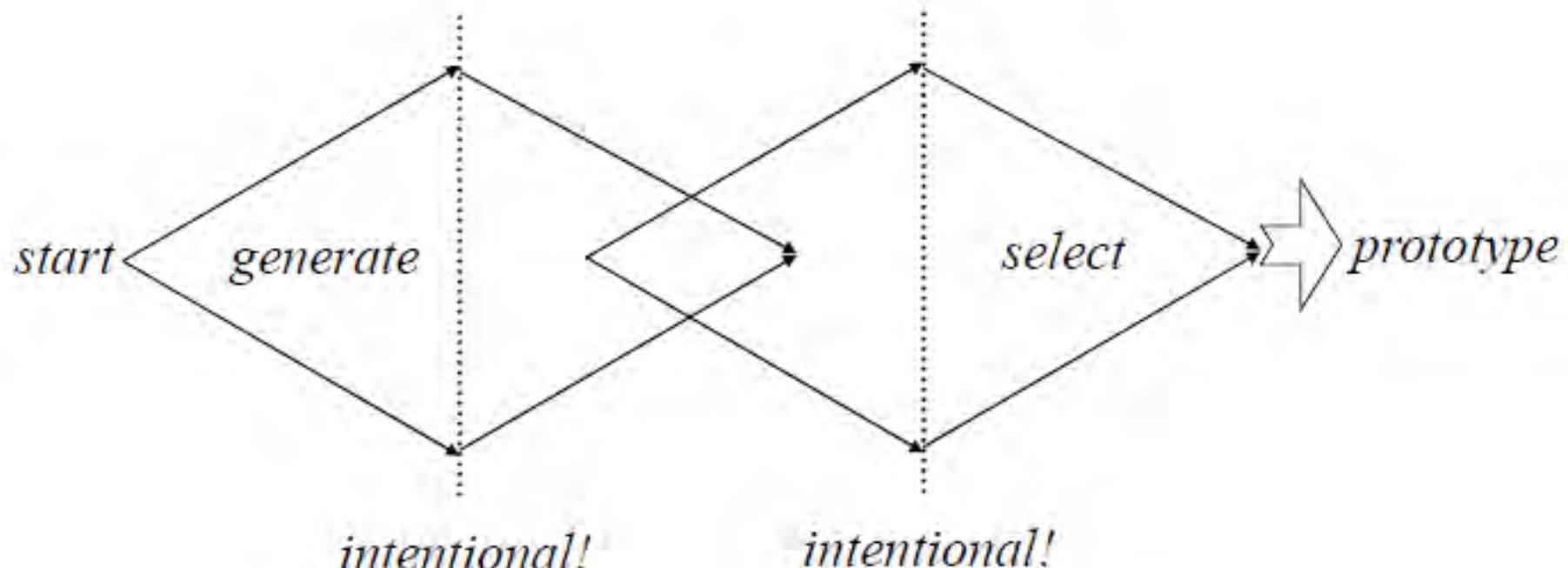
By making clear what is a bad design,  
we can avoid actually implementing it

Bad ideas help you justify your good ideas

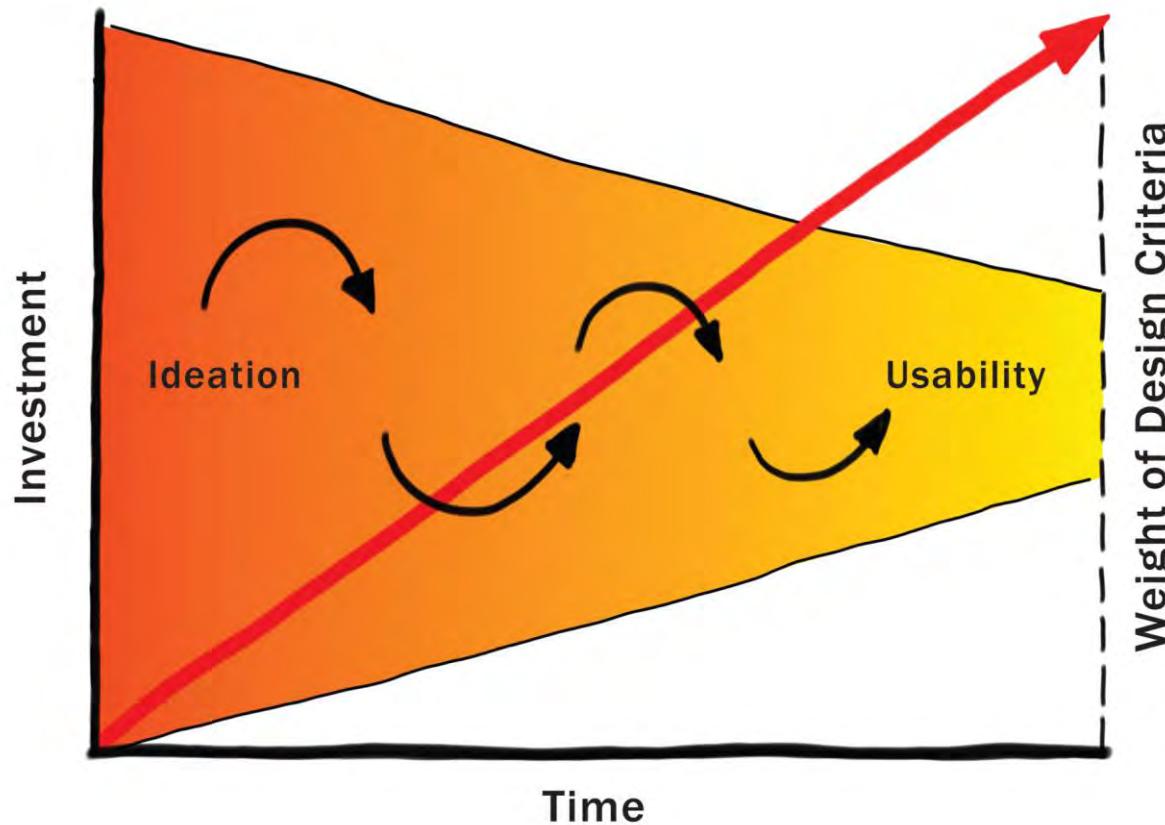
Feedback can turn a good idea into a great idea

Sketching generates too many ideas to implement

# Idea Oscillation

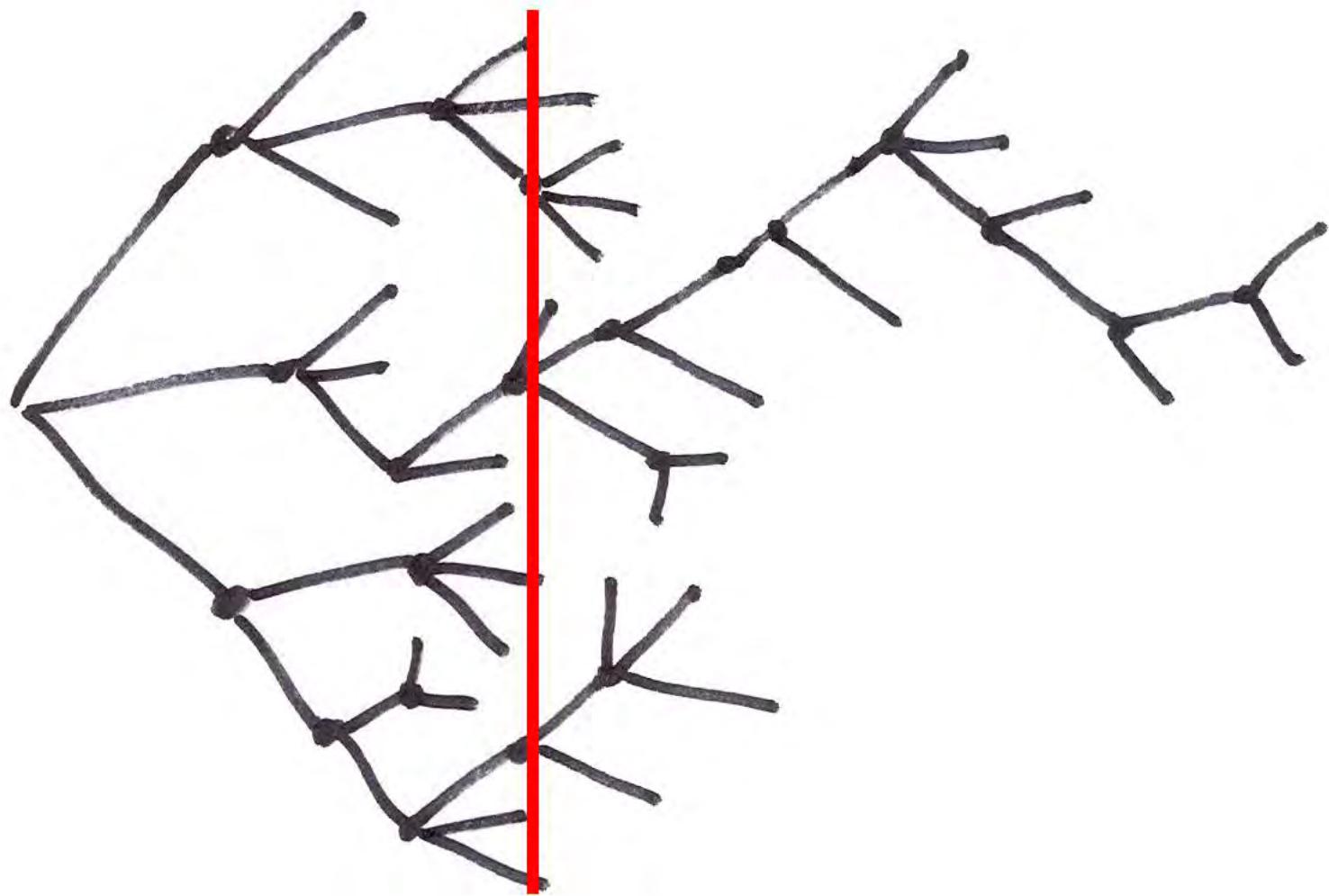


# Iteration Toward a Design

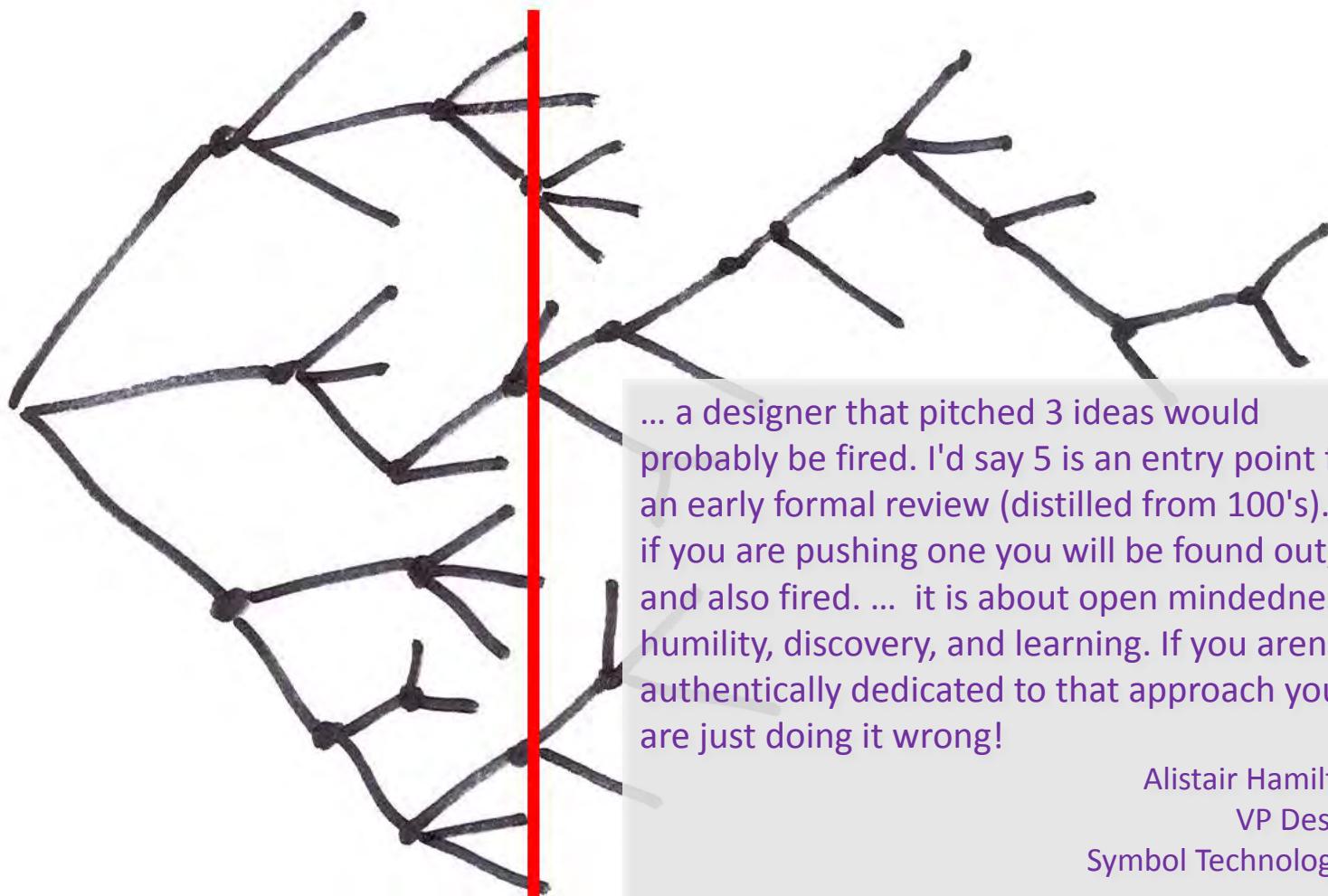


- Sketch
- Prototype

# Exploration of Alternatives



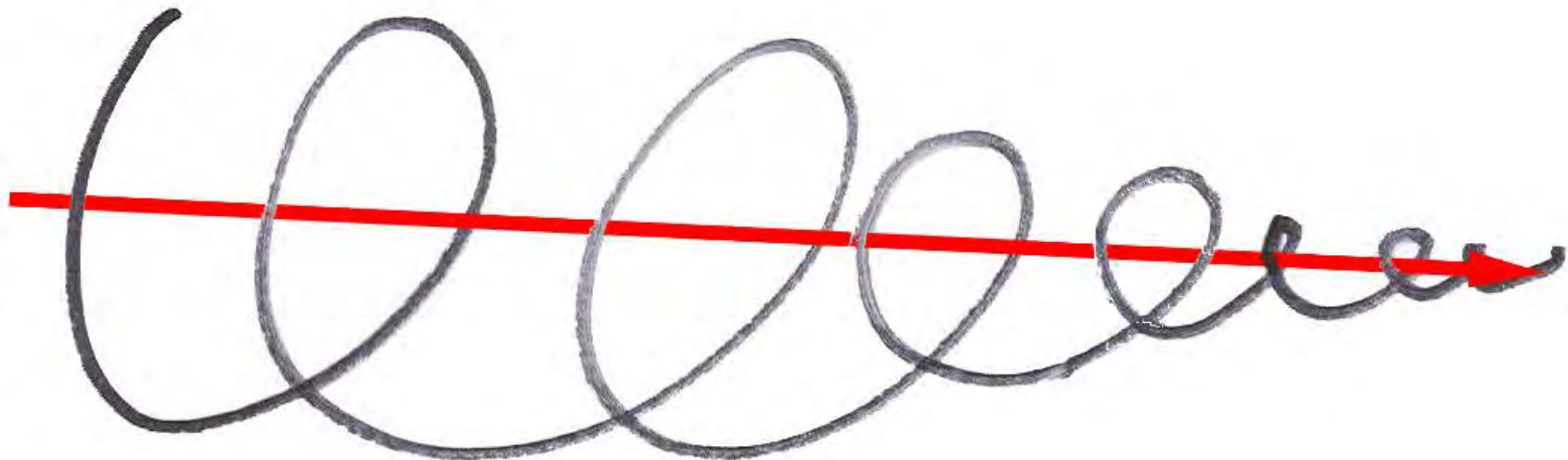
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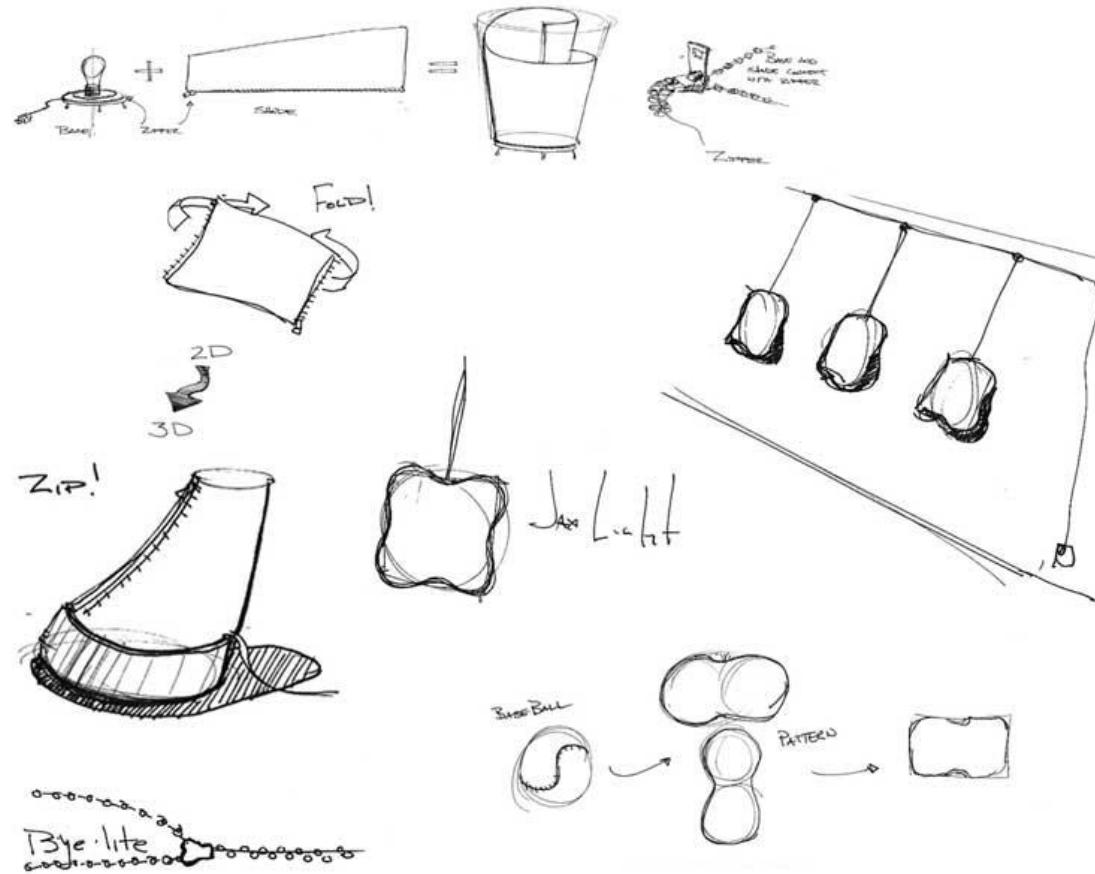
... a designer that pitched 3 ideas would probably be fired. I'd say 5 is an entry point for an early formal review (distilled from 100's). ... if you are pushing one you will be found out, and also fired. ... it is about open mindedness, humility, discovery, and learning. If you aren't authentically dedicated to that approach you are just doing it wrong!

Alistair Hamilton  
VP Design  
Symbol Technologies

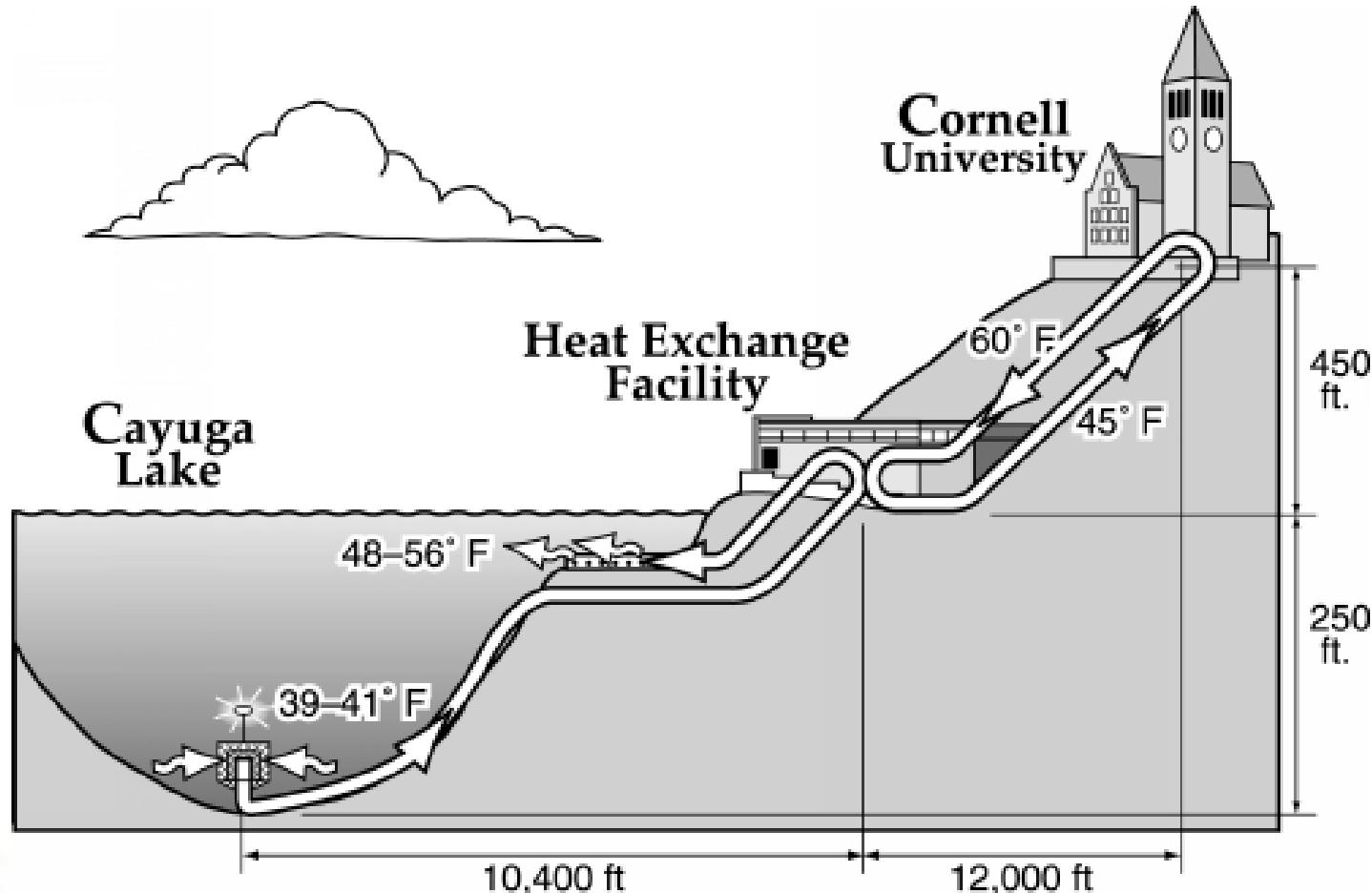
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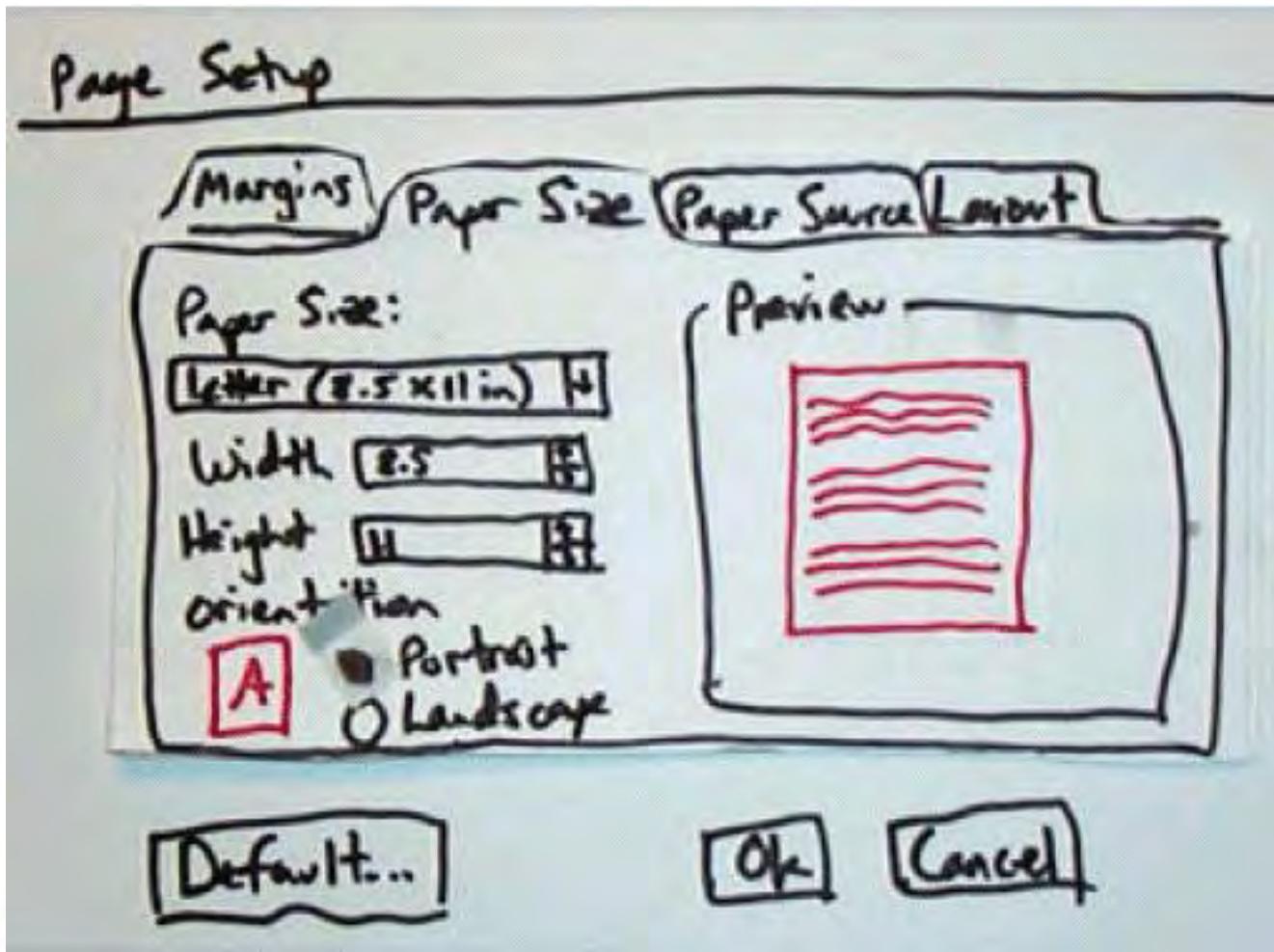
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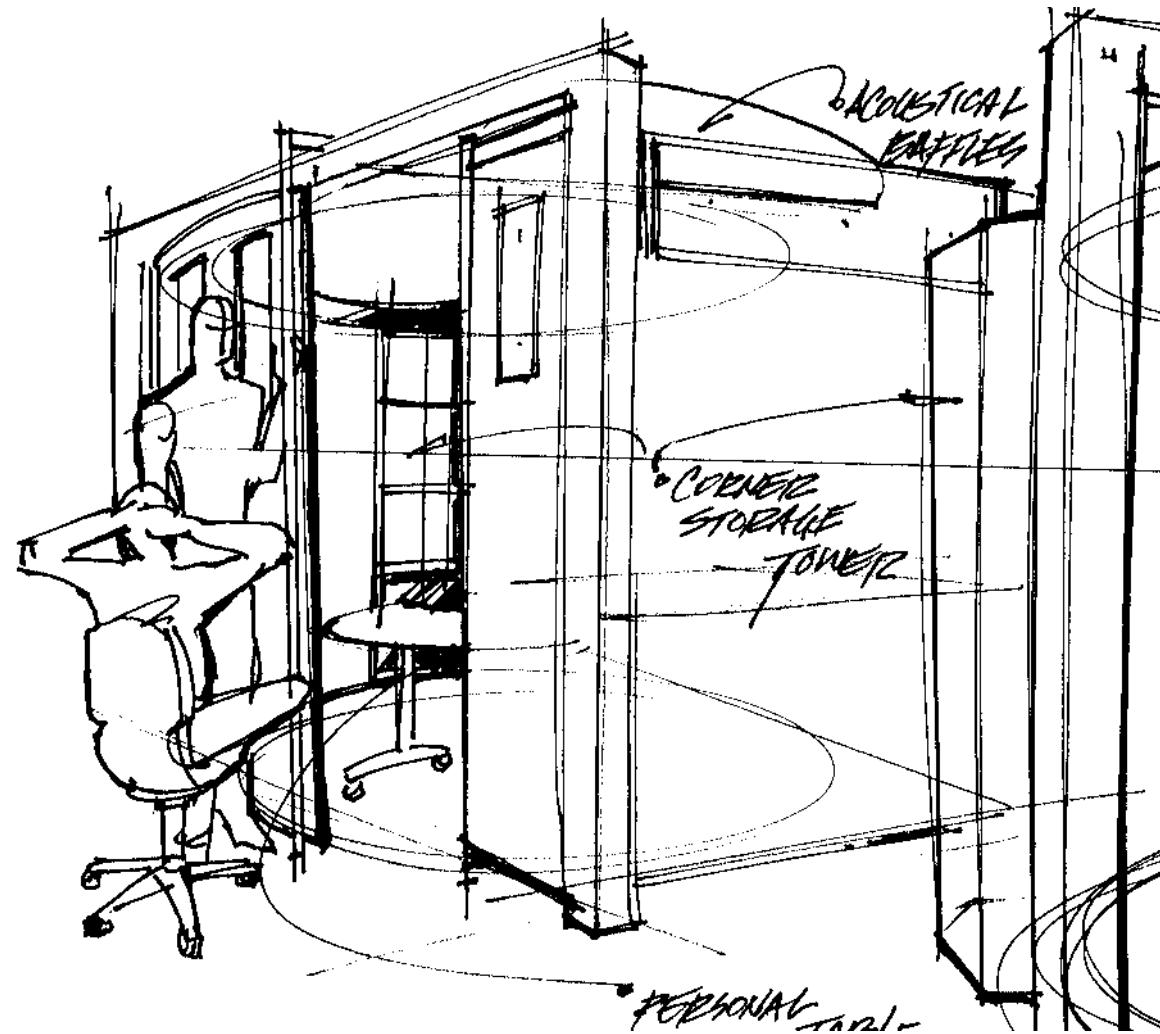
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# Some Evidence

Task:

Create a web banner ad for Ambidextrous magazine.

The screenshot shows the homepage of Ambidextrous magazine. The header features the word "AMBIDEXTROUS" in large, bold, red, textured letters. Below the header is a navigation bar with links for "issues", "blog", "store", and "contact us". The main content area has two columns. The left column contains a section titled "about us" with text about the magazine's mission and a "Google™ Custom Search" bar. The right column contains a section titled "A note to our community" with text about the challenges faced by the magazine and a closing message from the editorial team.

**AMBIDEXTROUS**

issues blog store contact us

**about us**

*Ambidextrous illuminates the people and processes involved in design. It is a forum for the cross-disciplinary, cross-market community of people with an academic, professional and personal interest in design.*

The magazine is written and staffed by an all-volunteer collective.

Google™ Custom Search

**A note to our community**

We know it's been a while and you've maybe wondered what has been going on with us. The global financial crisis, revolutions, *The New York Times* now charging online...a lot has happened. And with the downturn and the state of publishing, it has been tough. We fought as long as we could and unfortunately must now close *Ambidextrous*. The magazine has been a labor of love, but it has unfortunately not been organizationally and financially sustainable.

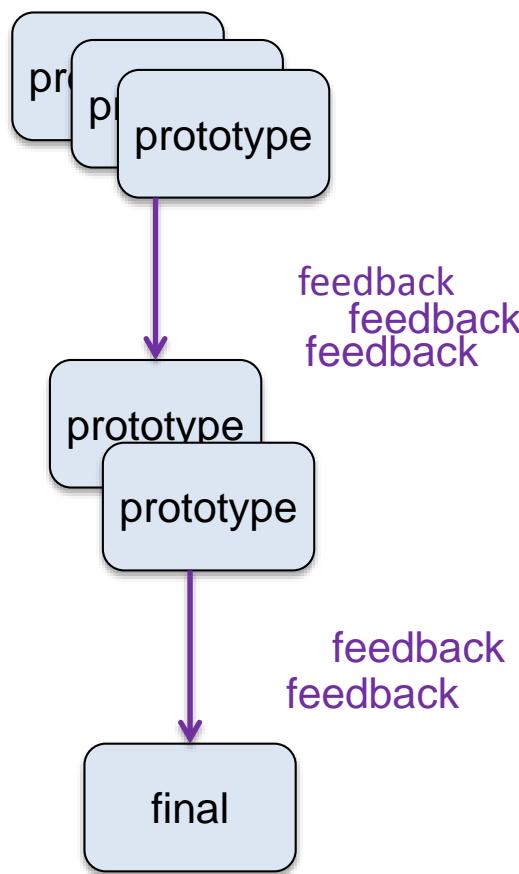
Since 2005, we've done our best to help designers share their stories and to build a movement around that. The process of making *Ambidextrous* has been so rewarding for us to take part in, and the best part has always been the people, our contributors and our subscribers. We would like to thank you so much for your support and for sharing your work, passions, and lives with us. It's been a joy and an honor.

As a movement, *Ambidextrous* will live on, and we should have conversations about what great next steps are for fostering intellectual discussion and sharing in the design community. It's the community that makes us hopeful and pushes us to find the next outlet, the next forum, the next thing for us to collaborate on. So keep in touch. Share your ideas. Let's meet again soon.

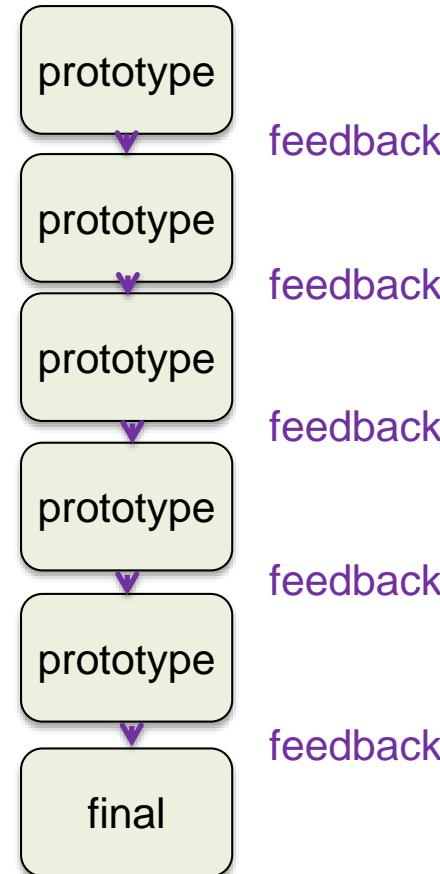
Until then,

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# Feedback in Parallel or Serial



*Parallel condition*



*Serial condition*

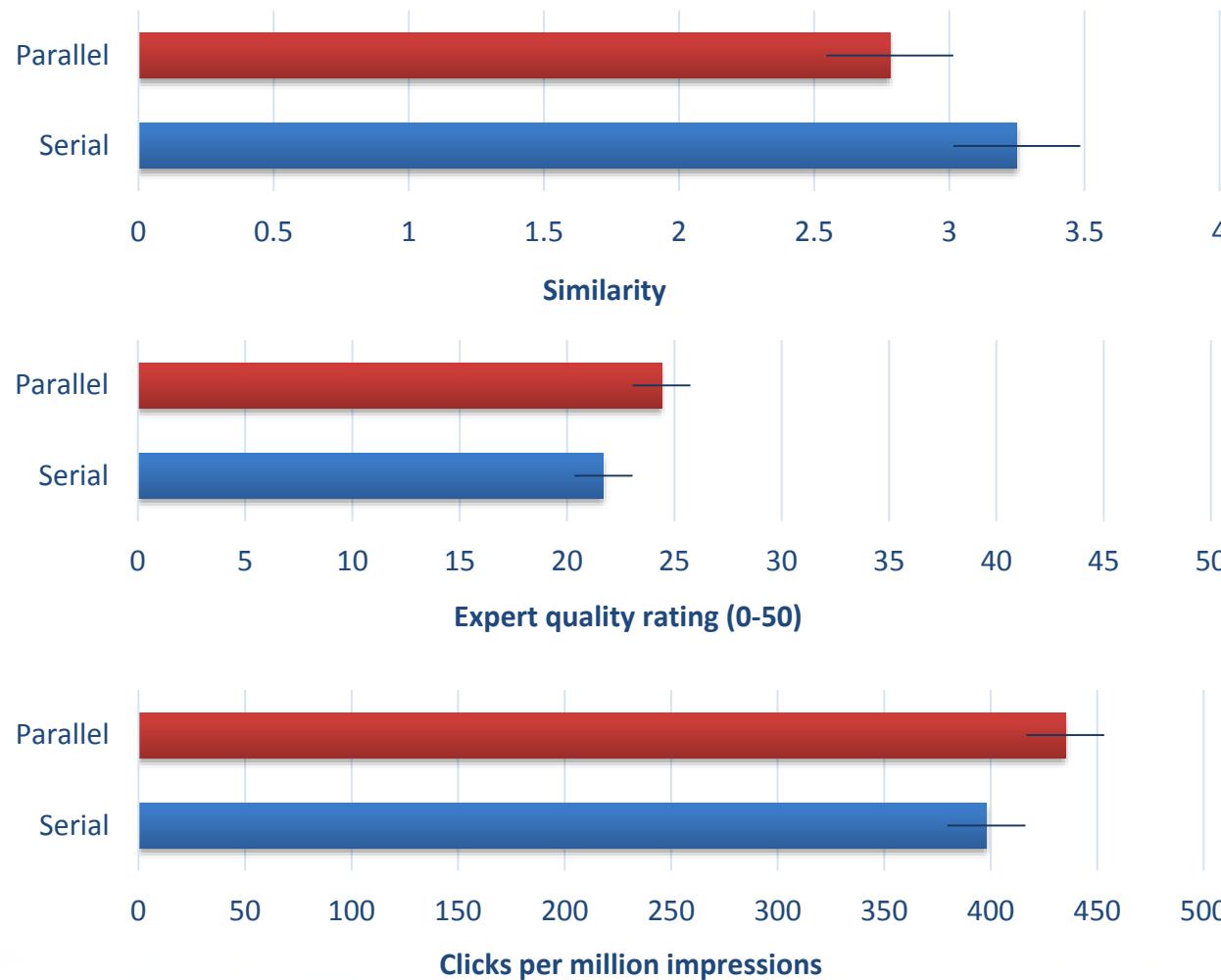
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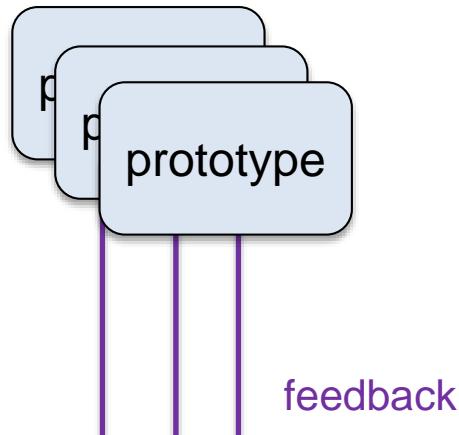
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# Parallel: more diverse, better, more clicks



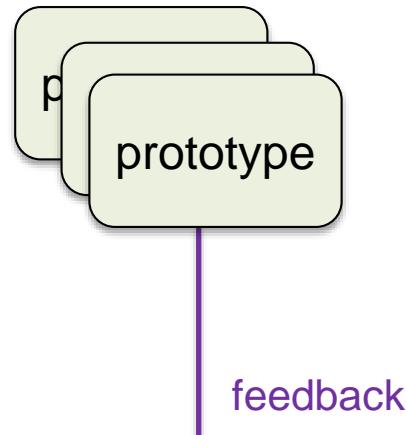
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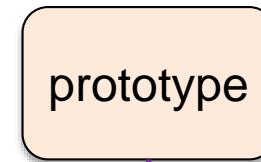
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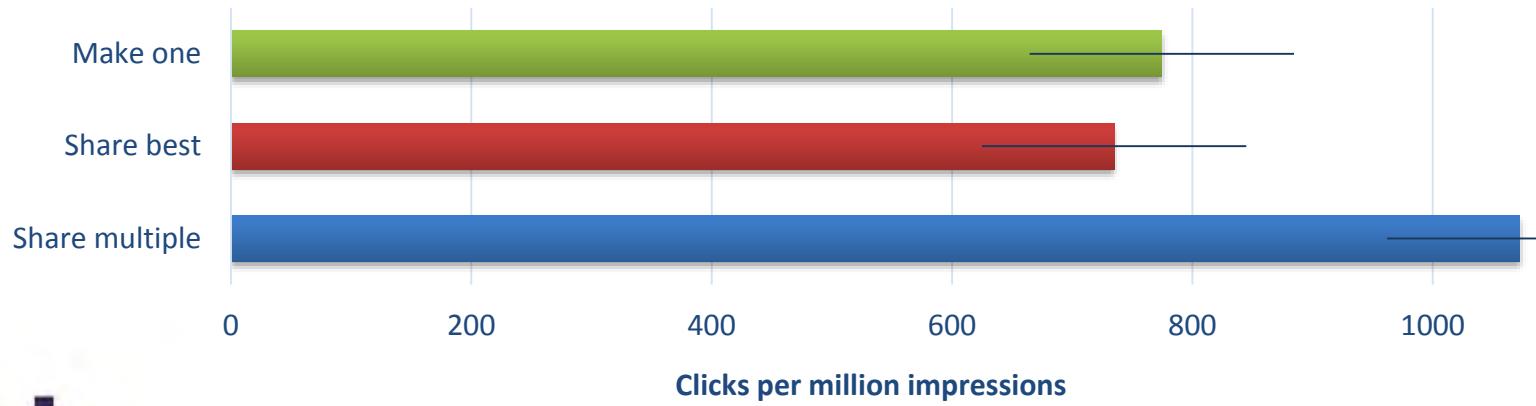
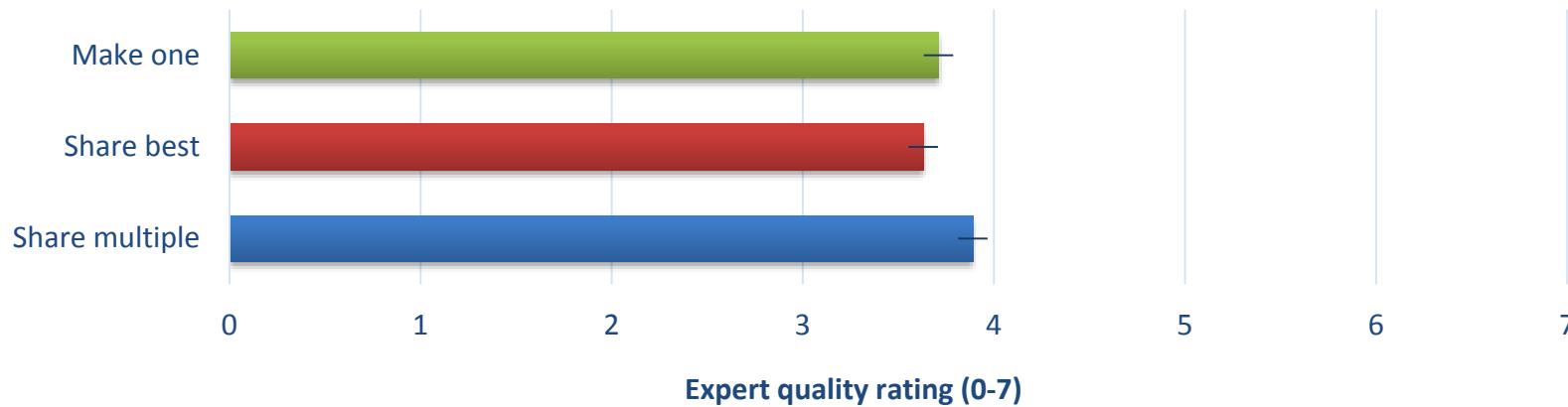


feedback

final

Make one  
condition

# Share Multiple: better, more clicks



# Some Evidence

Greater divergence in designs

- Prevents sticking with the first idea

- Allows mashing ideas together

Alternatives facilitate feedback

- Enable comparison

- Can improve tone of critique

# Sketching and the Design Diamond

The design diamond is fundamental to understanding what you are doing here

Much of your education, including in CSE, has taught you to focus on having the right answer

Here it matters what you do long before the end

Most ideas get thrown out, including yours

Better ideas are great criticism, and frequently would never have come about otherwise

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# Some Reminders

## Task Analysis Critique Tomorrow

do tasks reveal insight into the underlying problem

do tasks expose an interesting design space

## Keep your design options open

## Our critique is not your answer

we cannot pave a path to insight

we will not always be consistent in our response

# Today

## Human Performance

Visual System

Model Human Processor

Fitts's Law

Gestalt Principles

# These are Examples of What?

Popsicle-stick bridge

$$x = x_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

ACT-R

Goffman's Negotiated Approach

Norman's Execution-Evaluation Cycle

# Models

We have said models describe phenomena, isolating components and allowing a closer look

Today is a closer look at modeling humans

## Capture essential pieces

Model should have what it needs but no more

Thus avoid underfitting or overfitting model

## Allow us to measure

Collect data, put in model, compare model terms

## Allow us to predict

The better the model, the better the predictions



# Creating a Model

How would you go about creating a model?

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One approach:

Observe, Collect Data, Find Patterns,

Draw Analogies, Devise Model,

Test Fit to Data, Test Predictions, Revise

Fundamentally an inductive process

From specific observations to broader generalization

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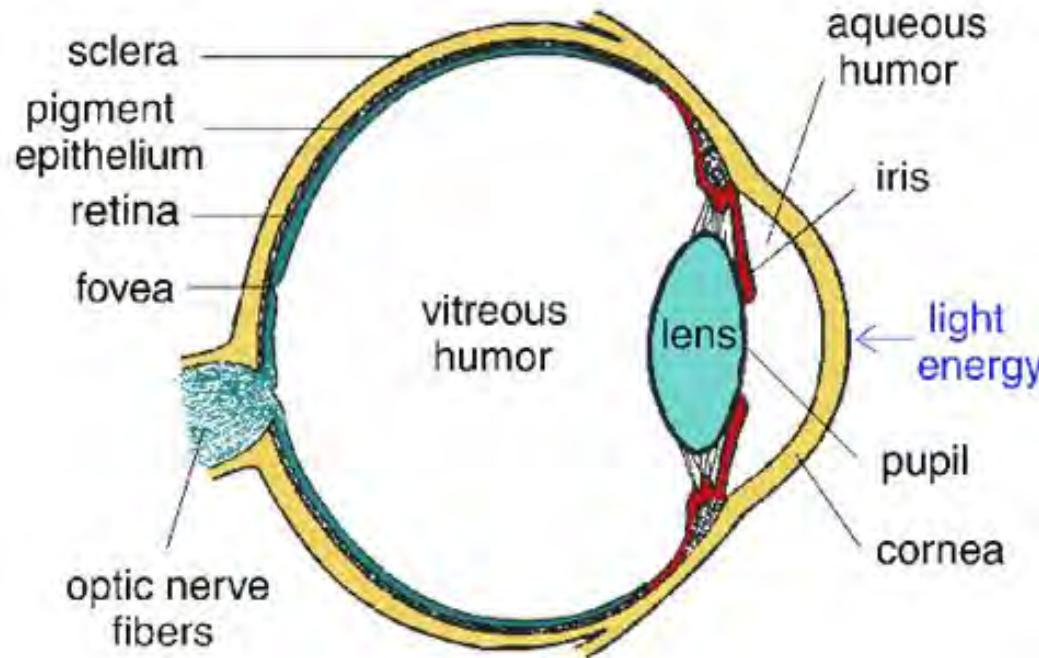
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# Human Visual System



Light passes through lens, focused on retina

Blind Spot?

# Blind Spot

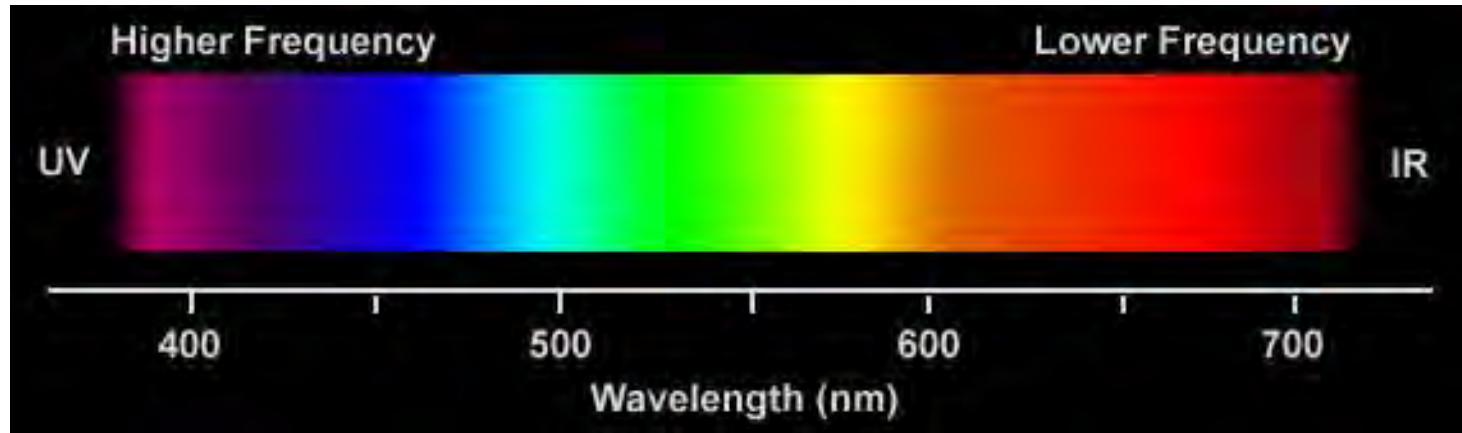
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# Blind Spot



# Visible Spectrum



# Retina

Covered with light-sensitive receptors

## Rods (120 million)

Sensitive to broad spectrum of light

Sensitive to small amounts of light

Cannot discriminate between colors

Sense intensity or shades of gray

Primarily for night vision & perceiving movement

## Cones (6 million)

Used to sense color

# Retina

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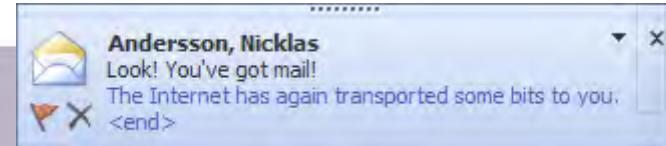
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# Color Perception via Cones

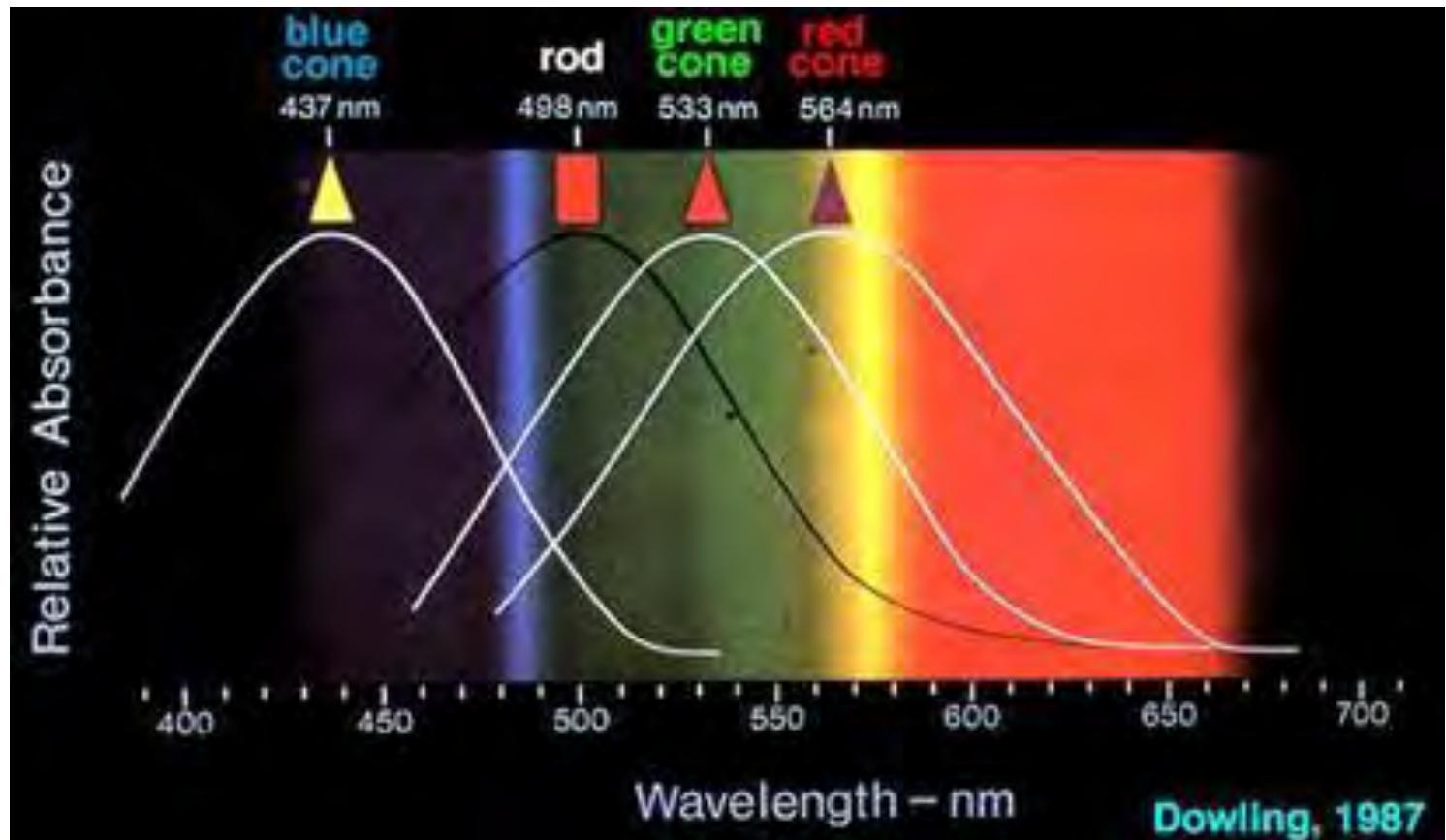
Photopigments used to sense color

3 types: blue, green, “red” (actually yellow)

Each sensitive to different band of spectrum

Ratio of neural activity stimulation for the three types of gives us a continuous perception of color

# Color Sensitivity



# Distribution of Photopigments

Not distributed evenly

Mainly reds (64%), Very few blues (4%)

Insensitivity to short wavelengths (i.e., blue)

No blue cones in retina center

Fixation on small blue object yields “disappearance”

Lens yellows with age, absorbs short wavelengths

Sensitivity to blue is reduced even further

# Color Sensitivity & Image Detection

Most sensitive to center of spectrum

To be perceived as the same, blues and reds  
must be brighter than greens and yellows

Brightness determined mainly by red and green

$$Y = 0.3 \text{ Red} + 0.59 \text{ Green} + 0.11 \text{ Blue}$$

Shapes detected by finding edges

We use brightness and color difference

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The Falklands Society

# Color Deficiency

Trouble discriminating colors

Affects about 9% of population

Two main types

Different photopigment response most common

Reduces capability to discern small color differences

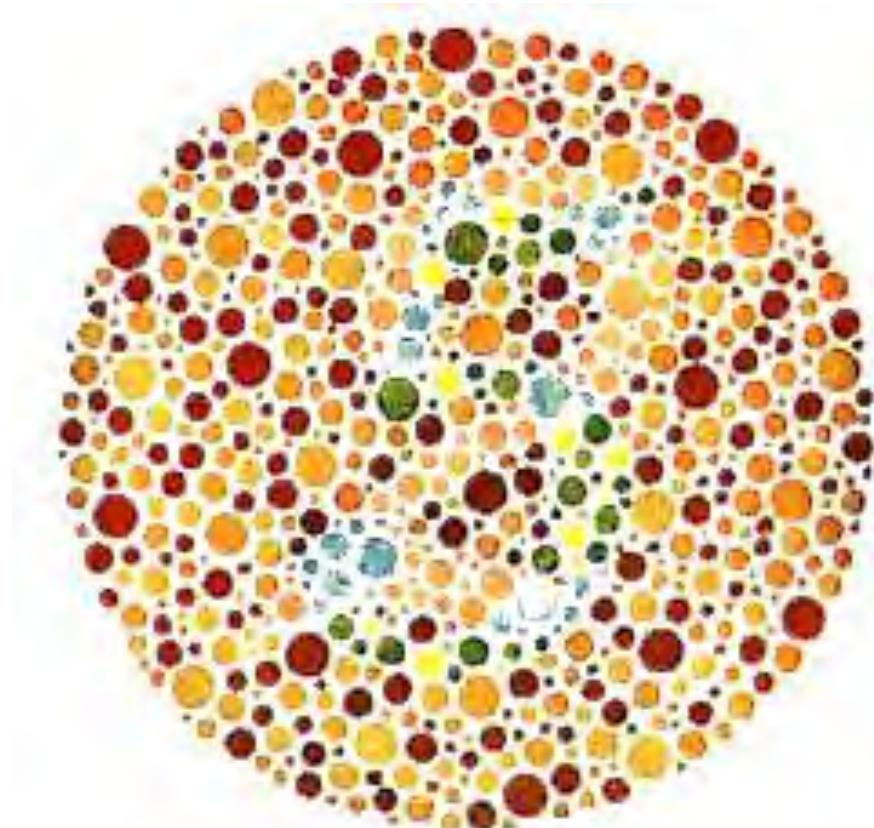
Red-Green deficiency is best known

Lack of either green or red photopigment,  
cannot discriminate colors dependent on red and green

Also known as color blindness



# Red-Green Deficiency Test



# Dual / Redundant Encoding



Apples to Apples



Pandemic

# Dual / Redundant Encoding

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We found an error while verifying your shipping address.  
We've marked the problem in red for you.

**Update the address book of**

**Required information is marked in GREEN CAPS.**  
[HELP](#) for questions about shipping.

**NICKNAME:**  Please assign a "nickname" for the person you're shipping to.  
You may change or delete this information at any time.

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**LAST NAME:**

**ADDRESS:**   
  
  
(International use only)

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**ZIP/POSTAL CODE:**

**COUNTRY:**  In the U.S.: [HELP](#) International: [HELP](#)

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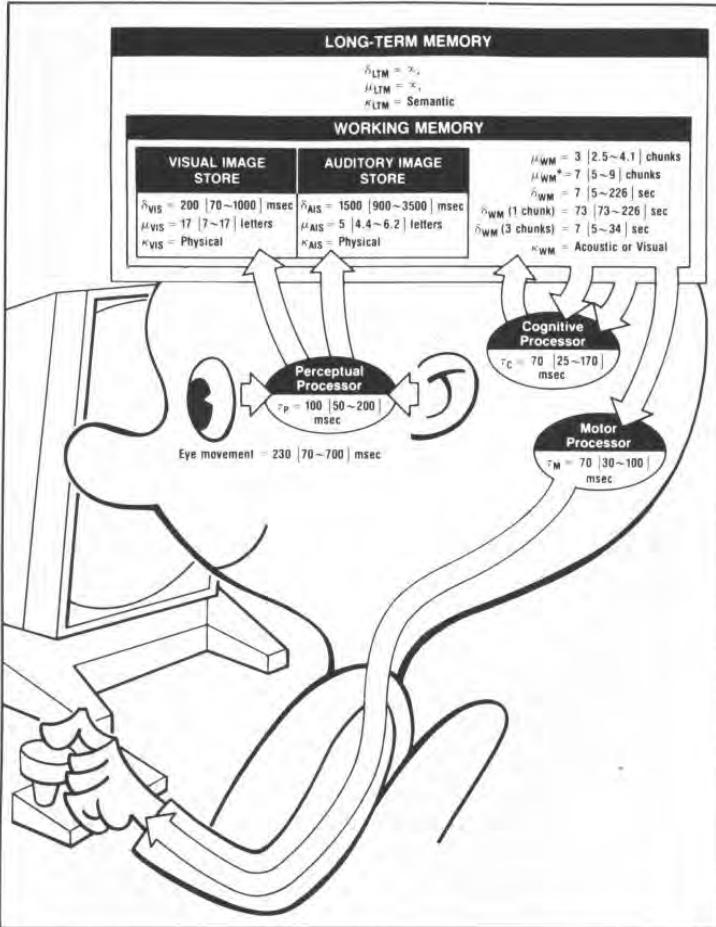
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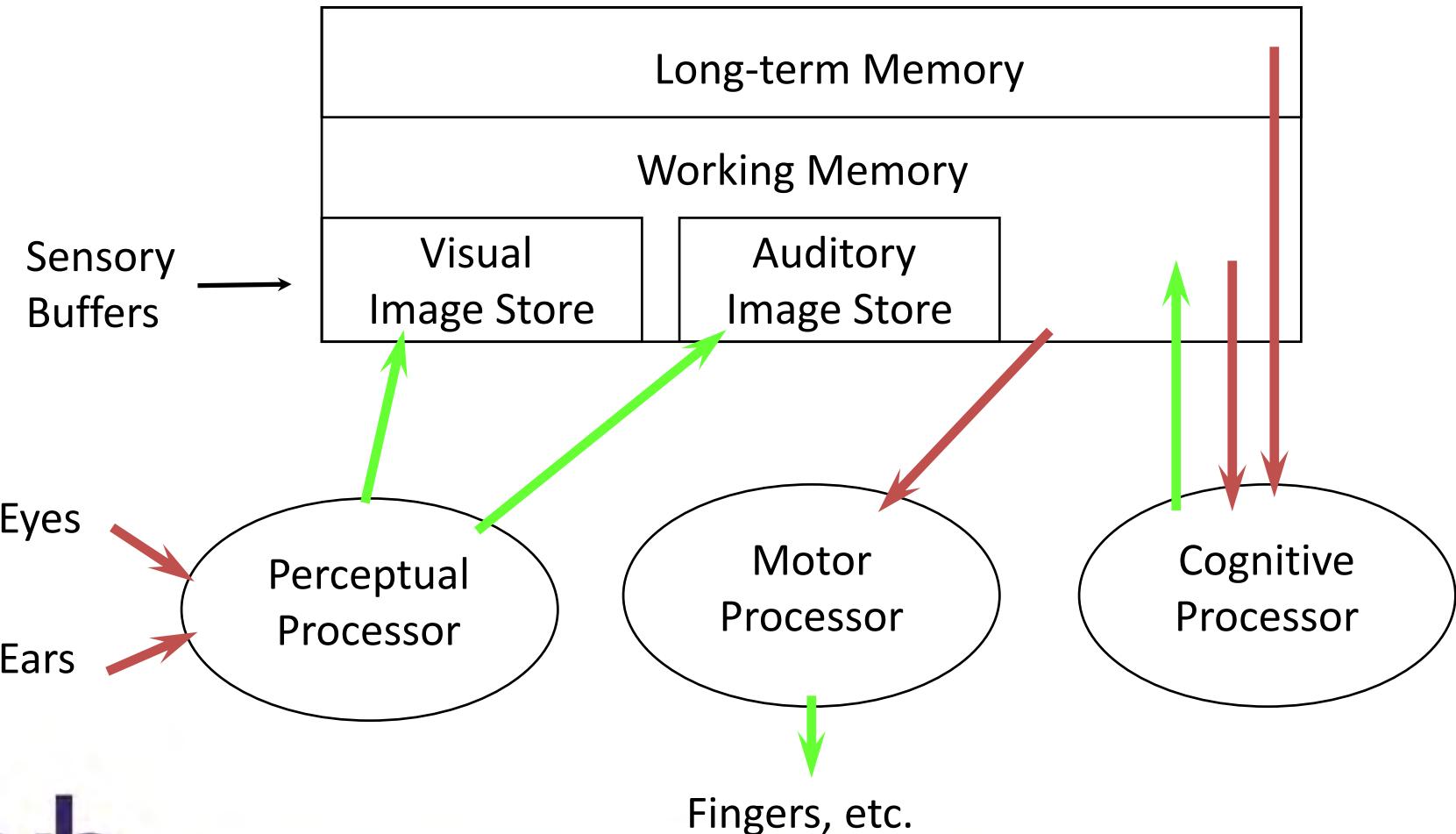
Developed by Card,  
Moran, & Newell (1983)

Based on empirical data

Summarizing human  
behavior in a manner easy  
to consume and act upon

Same book that named  
human computer interaction

# The Model Human Processor



# Basics of Model Human Processor

Sometimes serial, sometimes parallel

Serial in action and parallel in recognition

Pressing key in response to light

Driving, reading signs, hearing all simultaneously

## Parameters

Processors have cycle time, approximately 100-200ms

Memories have capacity, decay time, and type

# A Working Memory Experiment

BMCIACSEI



BM CIA CSE I



IBM CIA CSE

# Memory

Working memory (also known as short-term)

Small capacity ( $7 \pm 2$  “chunks”)

6174591765 vs. (617) 459-1765

IBM CIACSE vs. IBM CIA CSE

Rapid access (~ 70ms) and decay (~200 ms)

Pass to LTM after a few seconds of continued storage

Long-term memory

Huge (if not “unlimited”)

Slower access time (~100 ms) with little decay

# Activation Experiment

Volunteer

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Volunteer

Start saying colors you see in list of words

When slide comes up, as fast as you can

There will be three columns of words

Say “done” when finished

Everyone else time how long it takes

red

yellow

blue

green

red

green

yellow

blue

yellow

green

blue

red

blue

red

green

dub

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# Activation Experiment

Do it again

Say “done” when finished

ivd

ncudgt

mkbh

bhfe

cnofgt

olftcs

zjdcv

xbs

cndhes

uhths

fwax

lxngyt

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# Model Human Processor Operation

## Recognize-Act Cycle of the Cognitive Processor

On each cycle, contents in working memory initiate actions associatively linked in long-term memory

Actions modify the contents of working memory

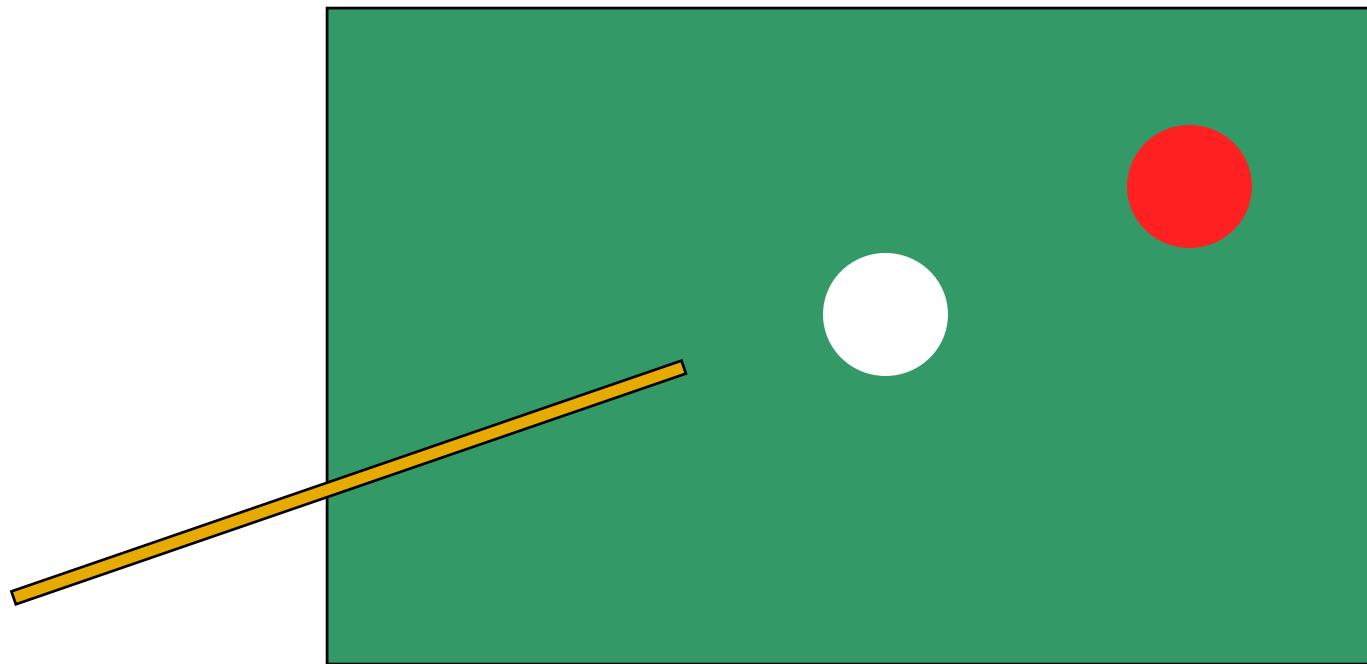
## Discrimination Principle

Retrieval is determined by candidates that exist in memory relative to retrieval cues

Interference created by strongly activated chunks

See also Freudian slips

# Perceptual Causality



How soon must the red ball move  
after cue ball collides with it?

# Perceptual Causality

Stimuli that occur within one cycle of the perceptual processor fuse into a single concept

## Requirement

If you want to create the perception of causality, then you need to be sufficiently responsive

## Caution

Two stimuli intended to be distinct can fuse if the first event appears to cause the other

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# Fitts's Law (1954)

Models time to acquire targets in aimed movement

- Reaching for a control in a cockpit

- Moving across a dashboard

- Pulling defective items from a conveyor belt

- Clicking on icons using a mouse

Very powerful, widely used

- Holds for many circumstances (e.g., under water)

- Allows for comparison among different experiments

- Used both to measure and to predict

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James's use of 's is correct,  
but others may say Fitts' Law

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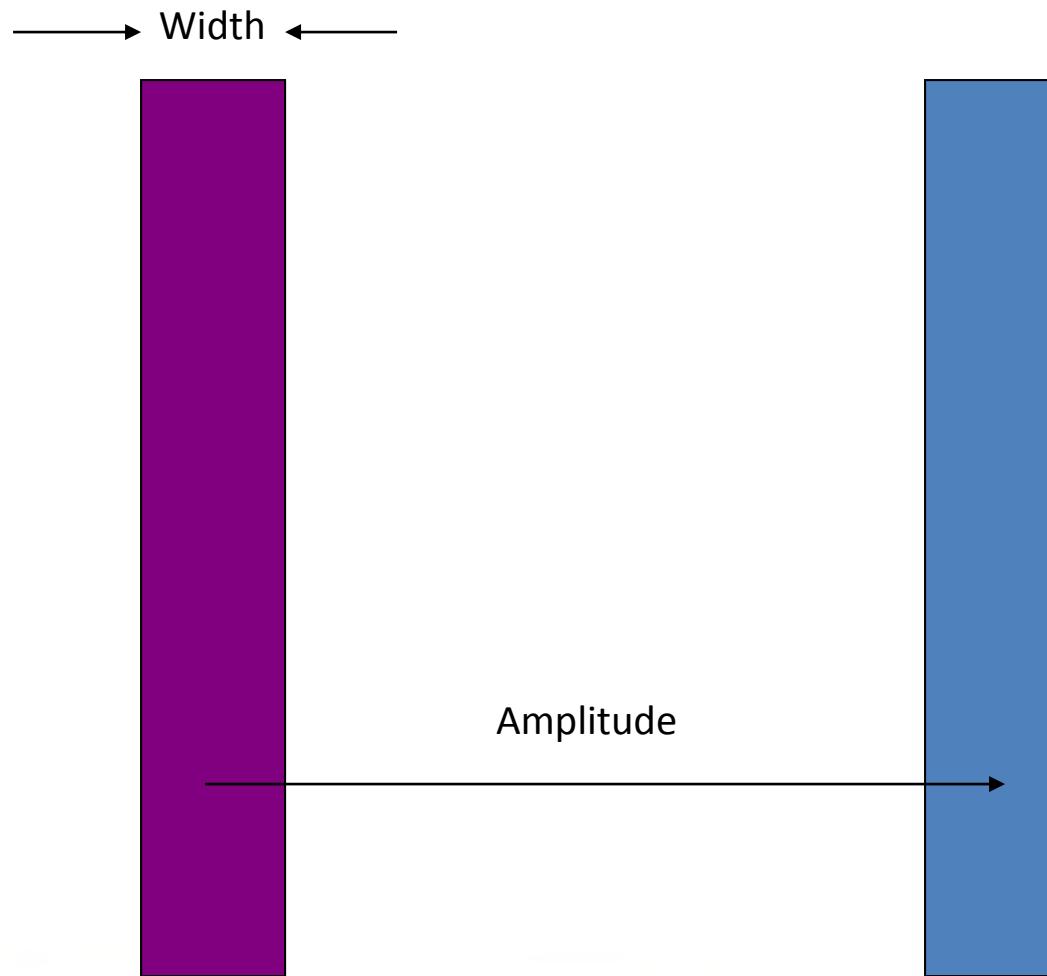
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# Reciprocal Point-Select Task



# Closed Loop versus Open Loop

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What is closed loop motion?

Rapid aimed movements with feedback correction

Fitts's law models this

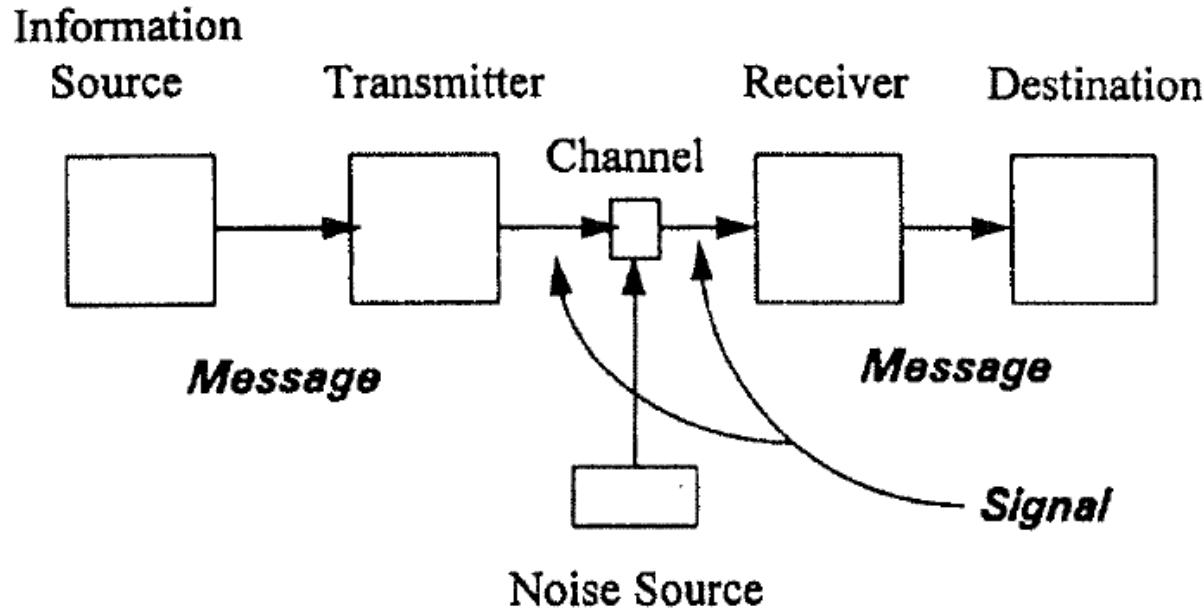
What is open loop motion?

Ballistic movements without feedback correction

Example: Throwing a dart

See Schmidt's Law (1979)

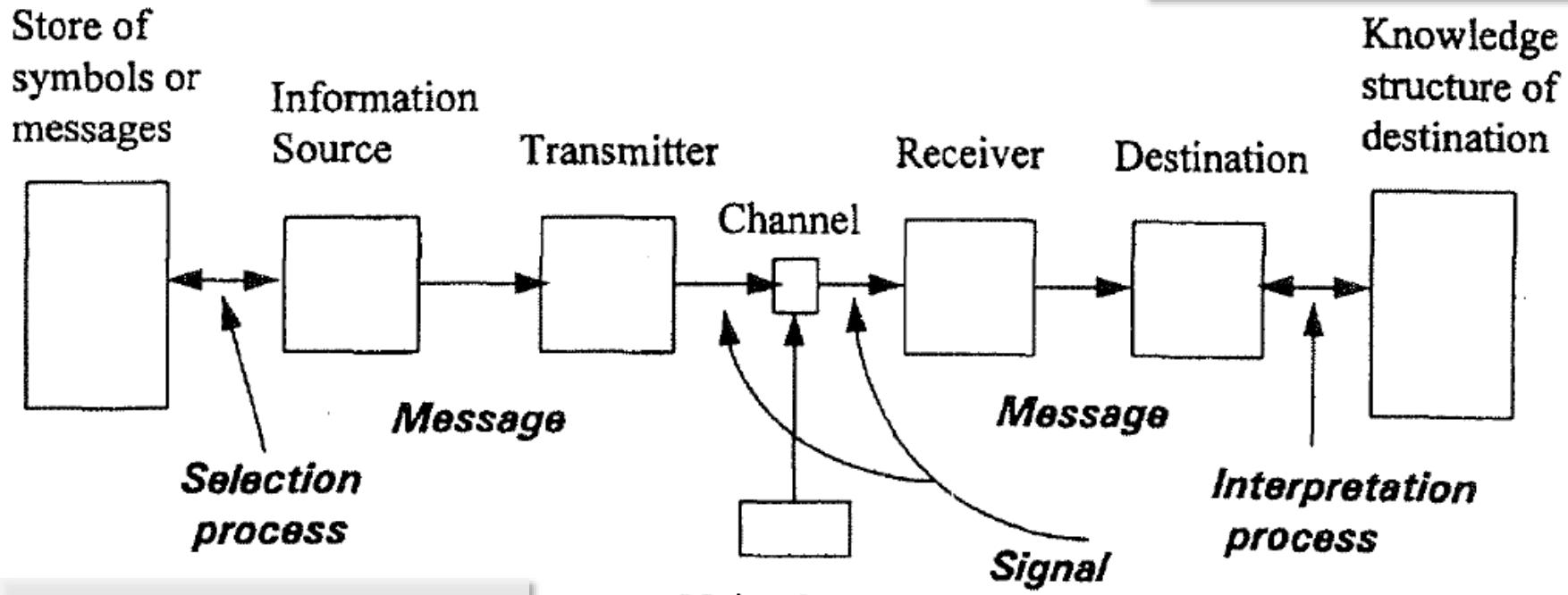
# Model by Analogy



Analogy to Information Transmission  
Shannon and Weaver, 1959

# Model by Analogy

The Interface



Your Knowledge

Analogy to Information Transmission  
Shannon and Weaver, 1959

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What kind of equation does this remind you of?

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What kind of equation does this remind you of?

$$y = mx + b$$

$$MT = a + bx, \text{ where } x = \log_2(A / W + 1)$$

$x$  is called the Index of Difficulty (ID)

As “A” goes up, ID goes up

As “W” goes up, ID goes down

# Index of Difficulty (ID)

$$\log_2(A / W + 1)$$

Fitts's Law claims that the time to acquire a target increases linearly with the log of the ratio of the movement distance (A) to target width (W)

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Units of A and W don't matter

Allows comparison across experiments

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ID units typically in “bits”

Because of association with information capacity and somewhat arbitrary use of base-2 logarithm

# Index of Performance (IP)

$$MT = a + b \log_2(A / W + 1)$$

b is slope

1/b is called Index of Performance (IP)

If MT is in seconds, IP is in bits/second

Also called “throughput” or “bandwidth”

Consistent with analogy of the interaction as  
an information channel from human to target

# A Fitts's Law Experiment

# Experimental Design and Analysis

## Factorial Design

Experiment with more than one manipulation

## Within vs. Between Participant Design

Statistical power versus potential confounds

## Carryover Effects and Counterbalanced Designs

A	B	C	D
C	D	A	B
D	C	B	A
B	A	D	C

Latin  
Square  
Design

# “Beating” Fitts’s law

It is the law, right?

$$MT = a + b \log_2(A / W + 1)$$

So how can we reduce movement time?

Reduce A

Increase W

# Fitts's Law Related Techniques

Put targets closer together

Make targets bigger

Make cursor bigger

Area cursors

Bubble cursor

Use impenetrable edges

# Fitts's Law Examples

Which will be faster on average?

Pop-up Linear Menu



Pop-up Pie Menu



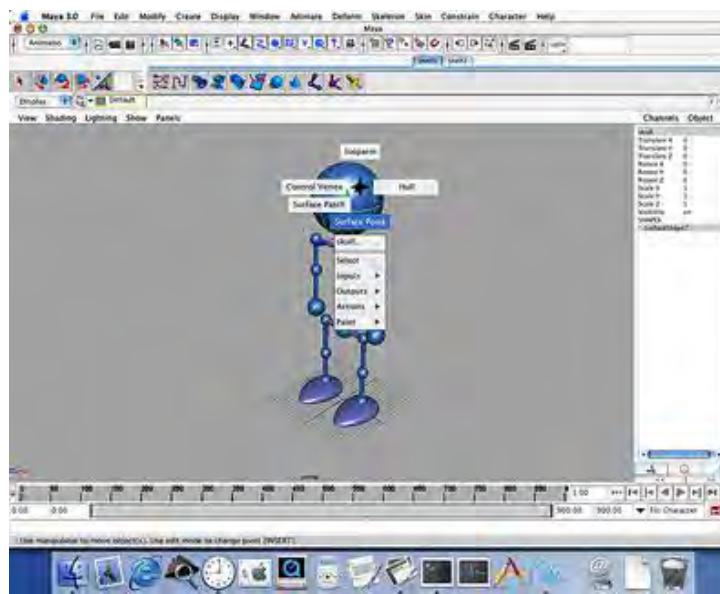
# Pie Menus in Use



The Sims



Rainbow 6



Maya

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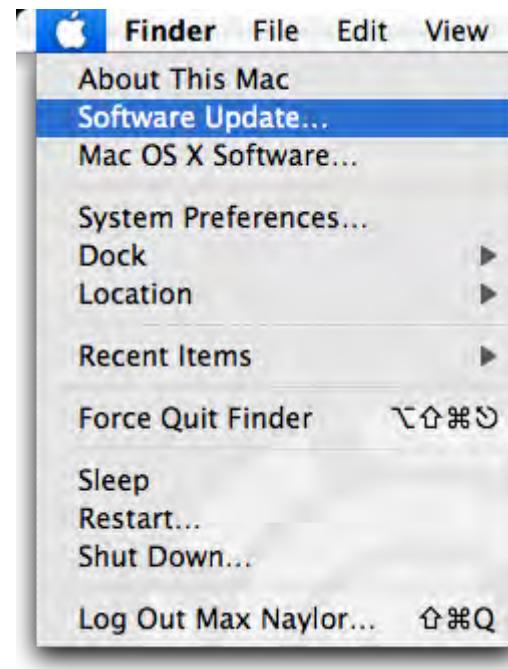


# Fitts's Law in Windowing



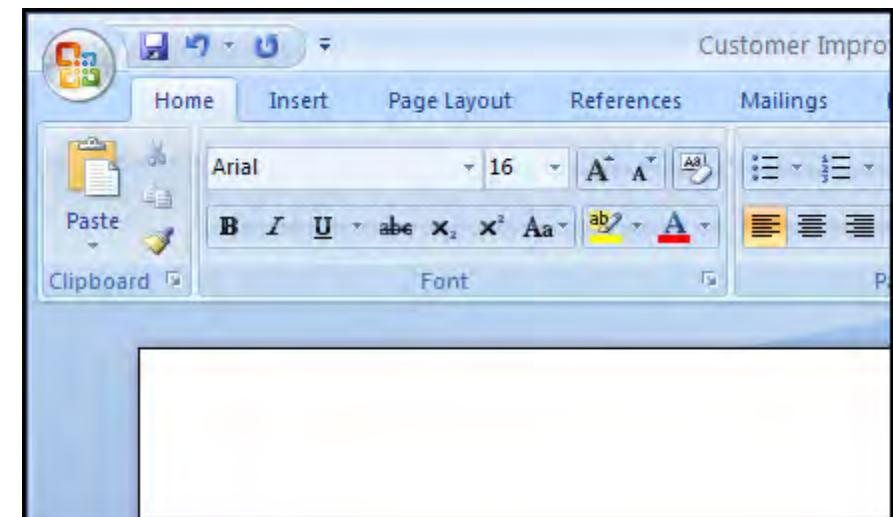
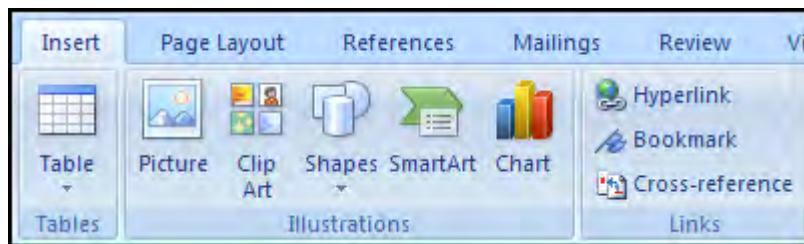
Windows 95: Missed by a pixel

Windows XP: Good to the last drop

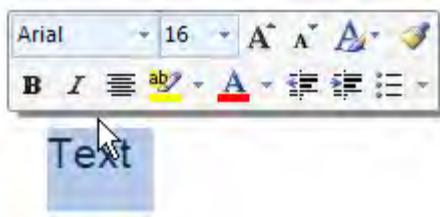


Macintosh Menu

# Fitts's Law in MS Office 2007



Larger, labeled controls  
can be clicked more quickly



Mini toolbar is close to the cursor

Magic Corner:  
Office Button in the upper-left corner

# Bubble Cursor

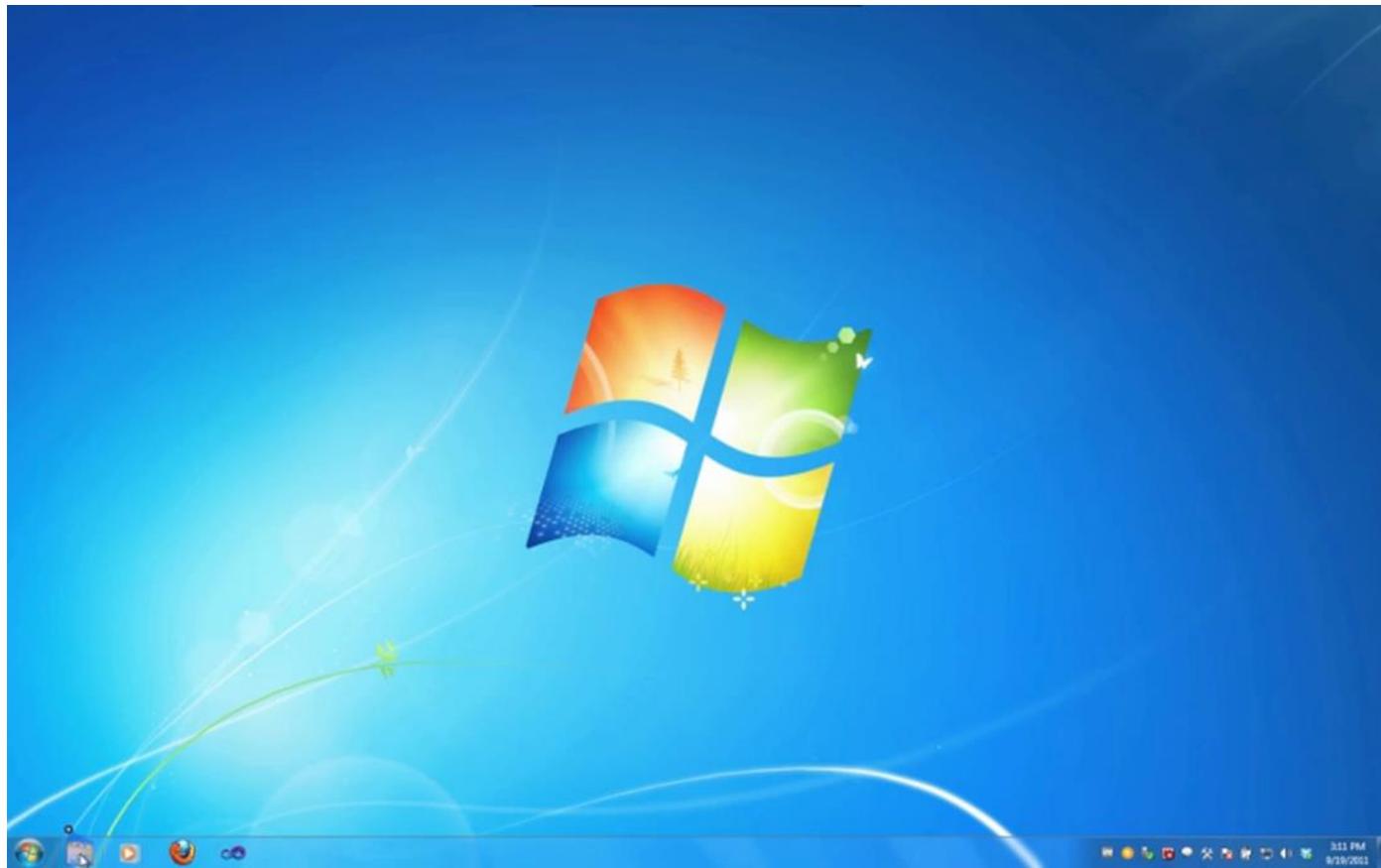


Grossman and Balakrishnan, 2005

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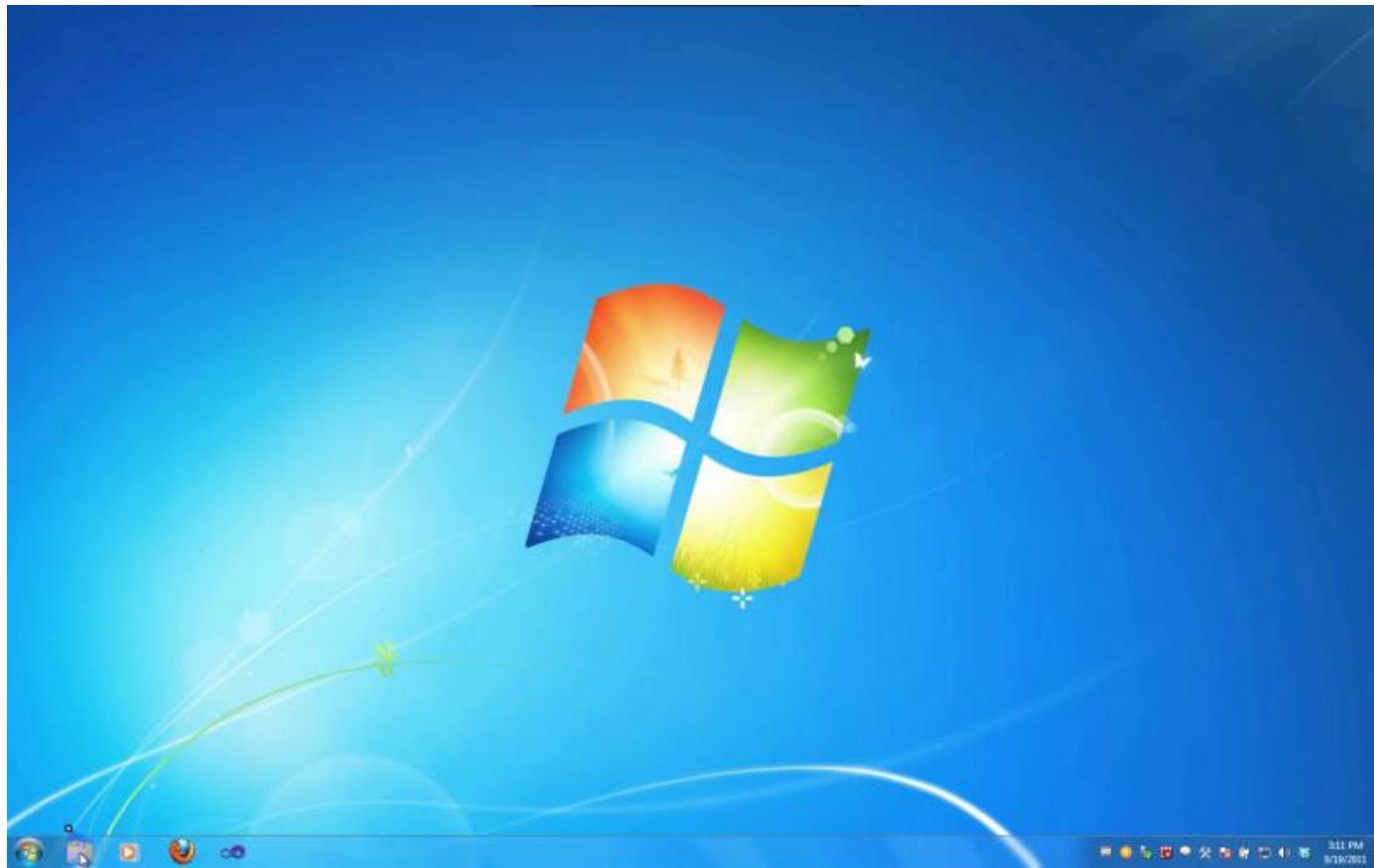


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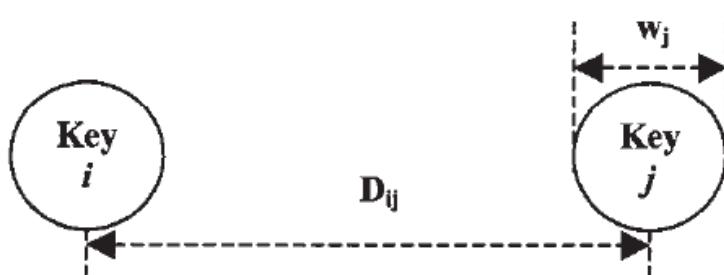
Dixon et al, 2012

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# Fitts's Law and Keyboard Layout



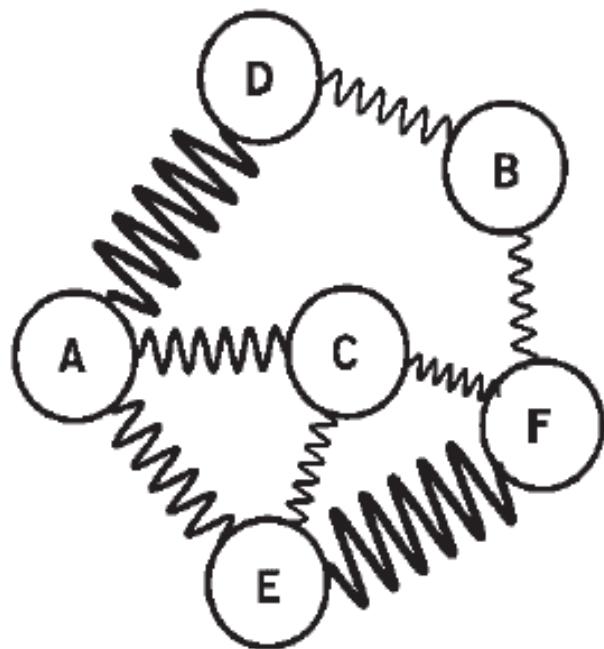
Zhai et. al (2002) pose stylus keyboard layout as an optimization of all key pairs, weighted by language frequency

$$MT = a + b \log_2 \left( \frac{D_{ij}}{W_j} + 1 \right),$$

$$t = \sum_{i=1}^{27} \sum_{j=1}^{27} \frac{P_{ij}}{IP} \left[ \log_2 \left( \frac{D_{ij}}{W_j} + 1 \right) \right],$$

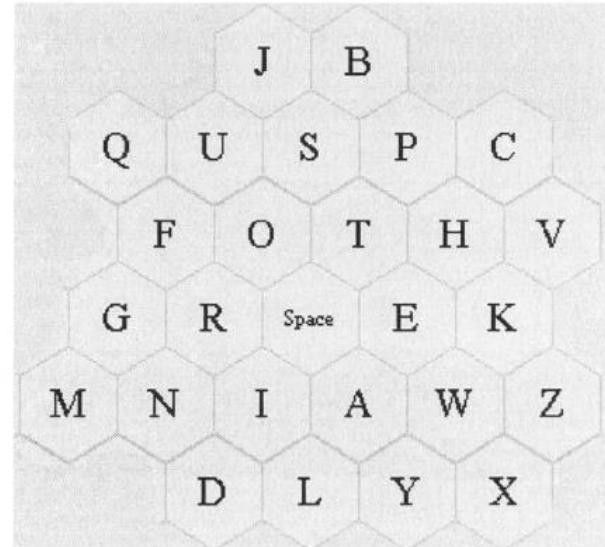
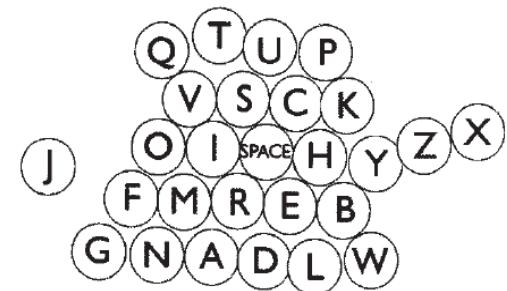
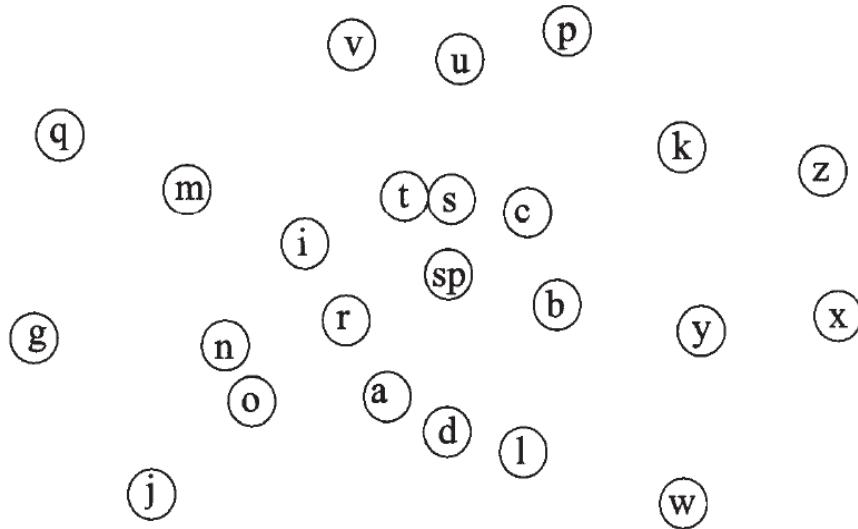
# Hooke's Keyboard

Optimizes a system of springs



# Metropolis Keyboard

Random walk minimizing scoring function



# Considering Multiple Space Keys

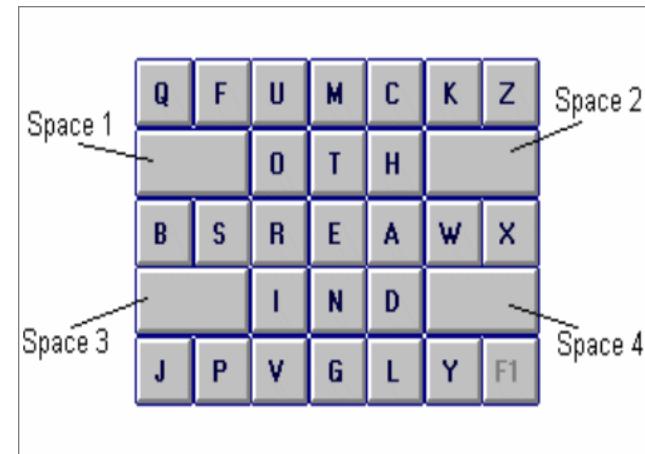
FITALY Keyboard

Textware Solutions

Z	V	C	H	W	K
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G	D	O	R	S	B
Q	J	U	M	P	X

OPTI Keyboard

MacKenzie and Zhang 1999



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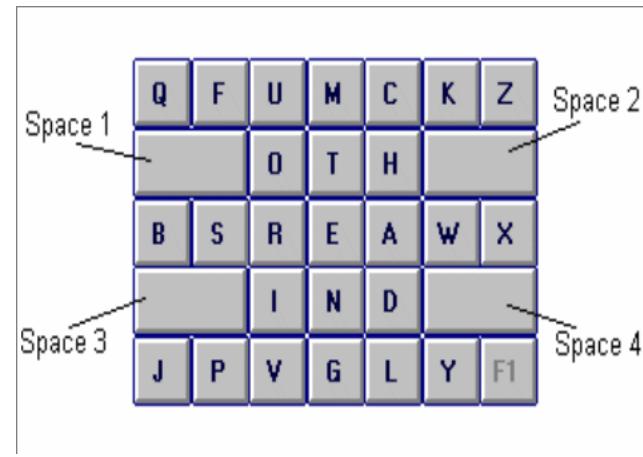
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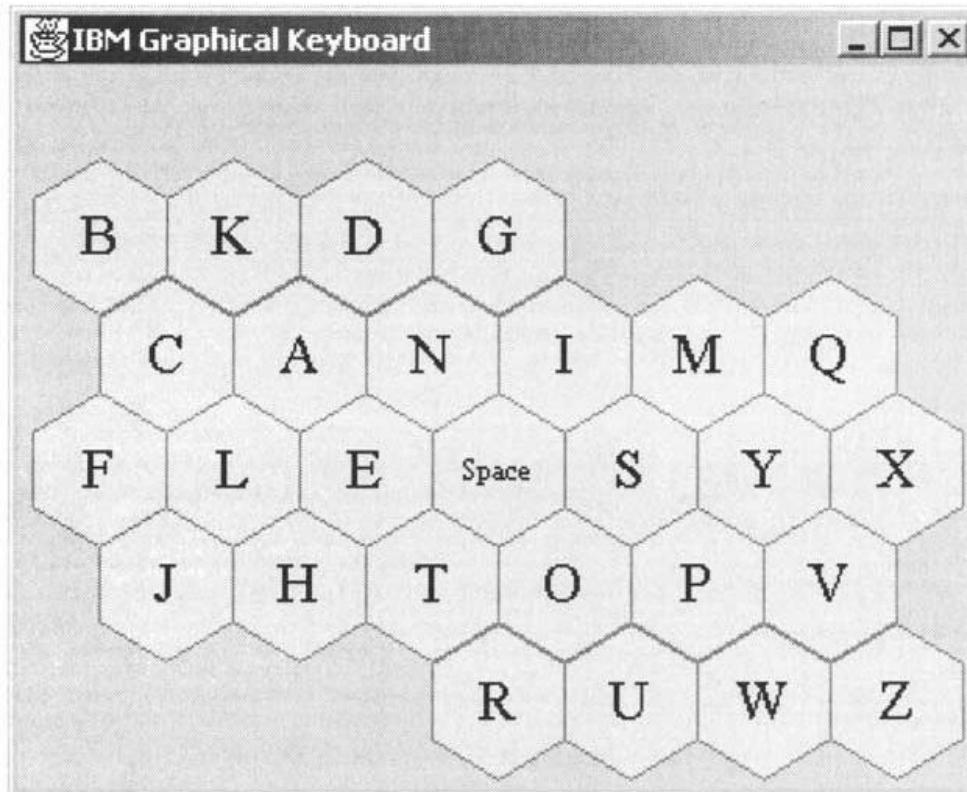


Correct choice of space key becomes important

Requires planning head to be optimal

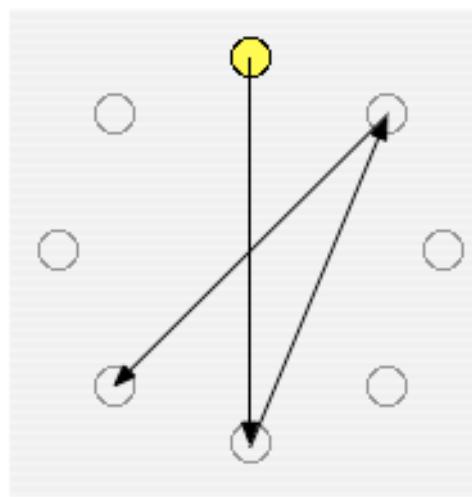
# ATOMIK Keyboard

Optimized keyboard, adjusted for early letters in upper left and later letters in lower right

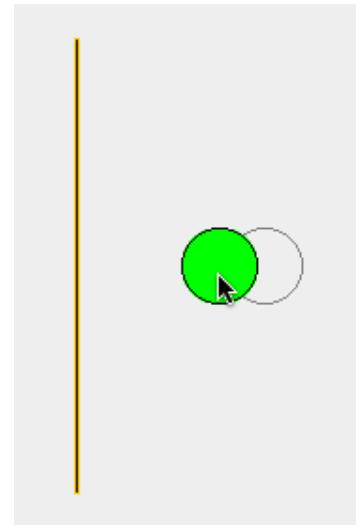


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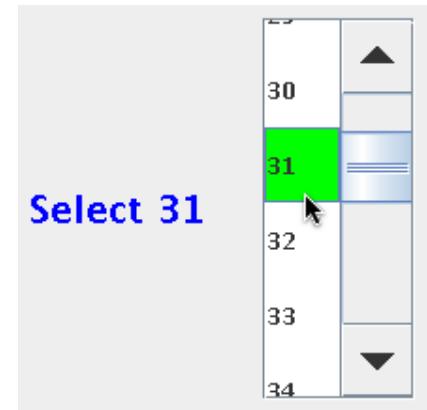
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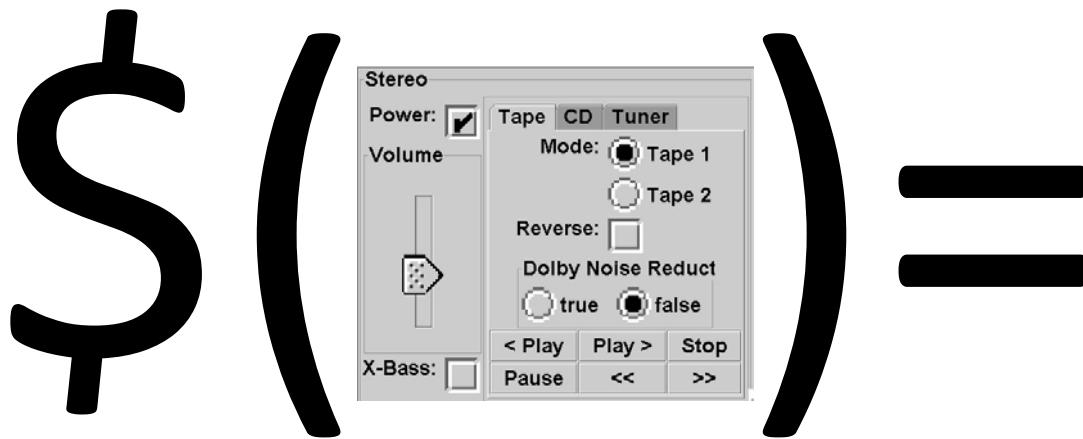
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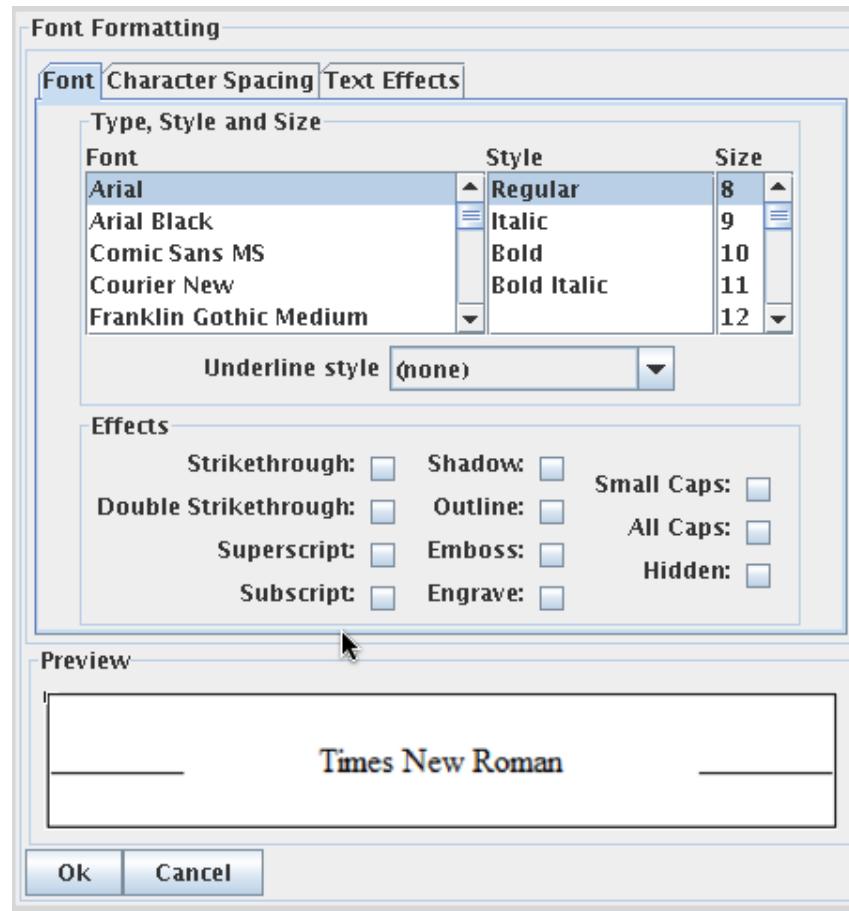


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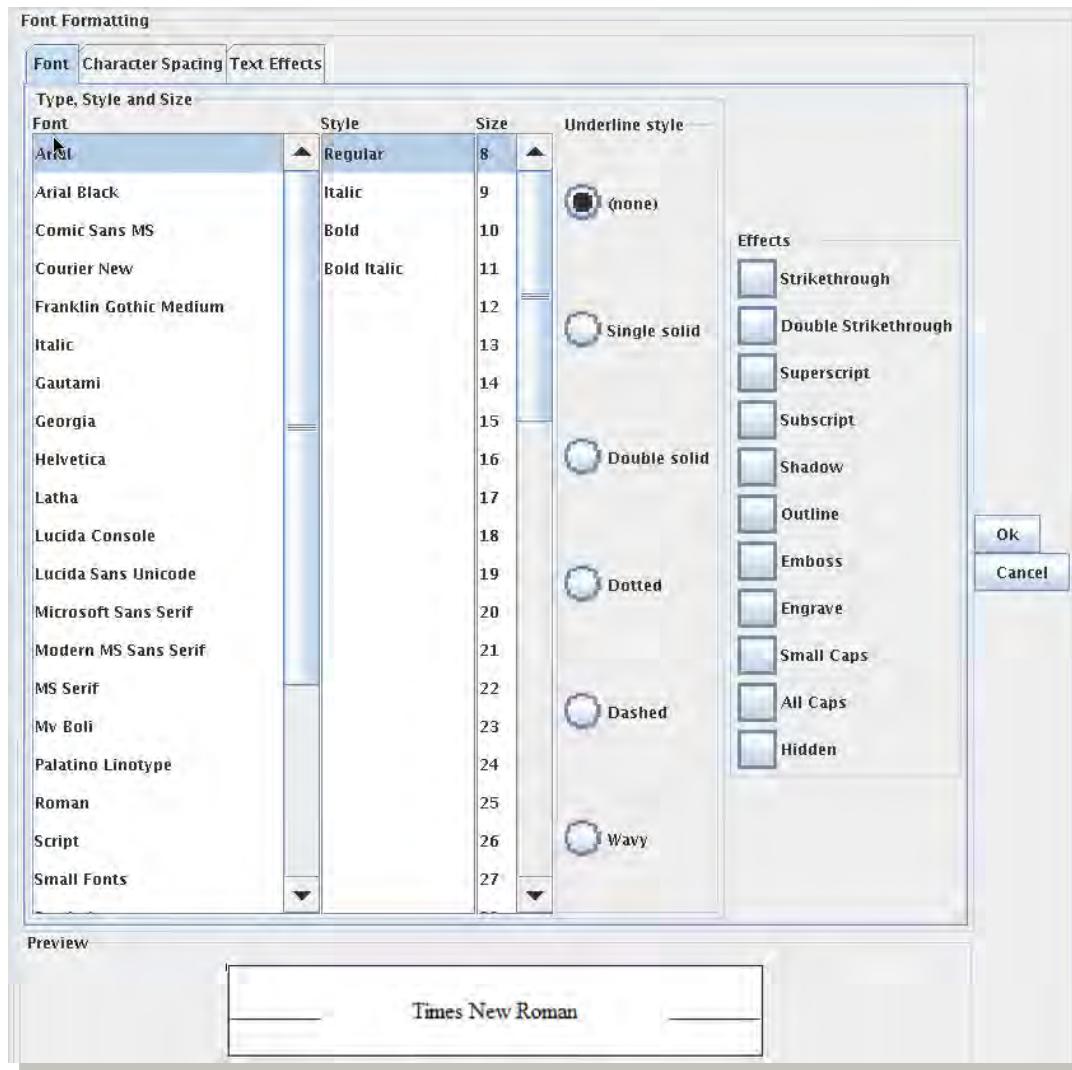


Estimated  
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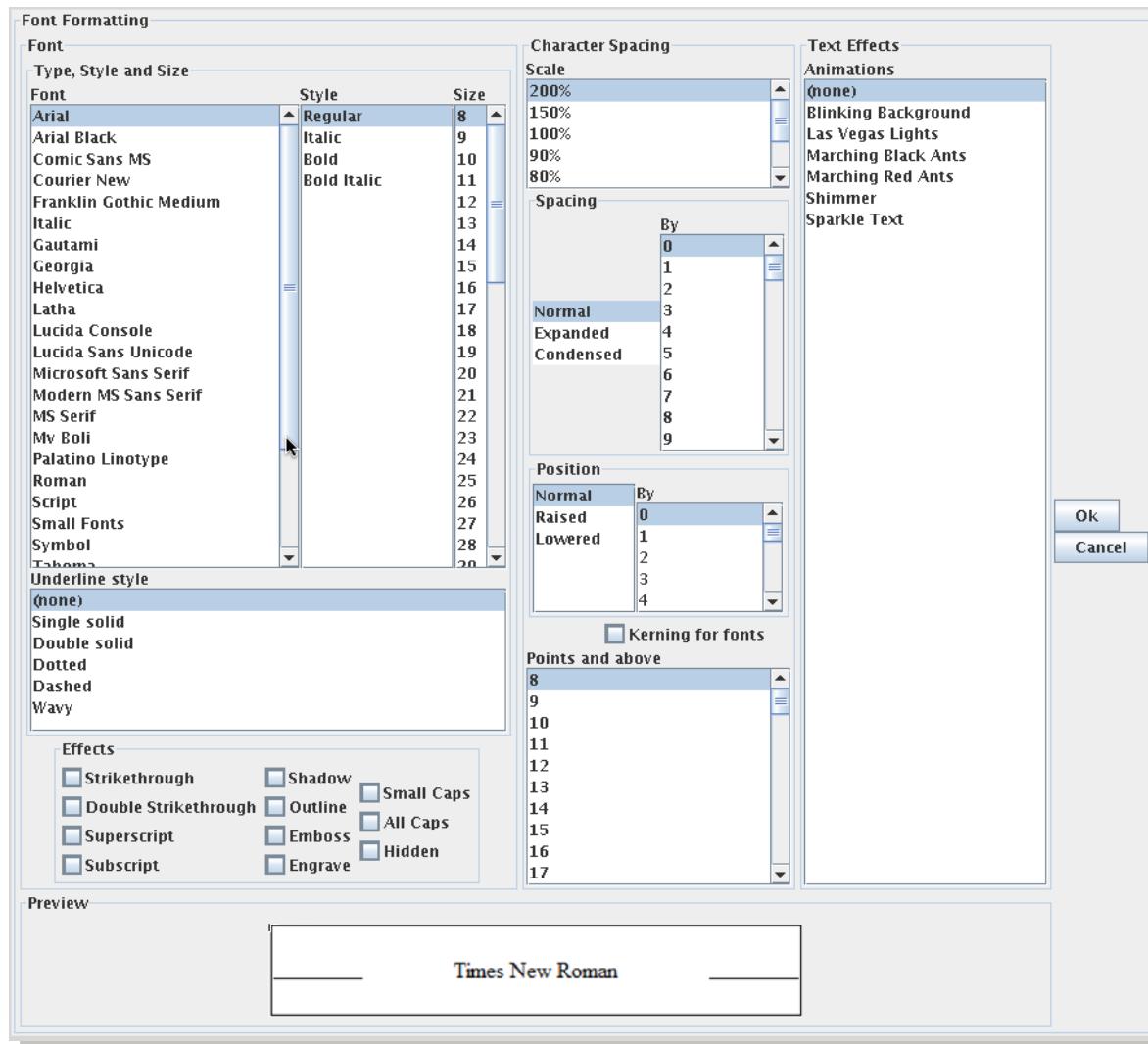
# Manufacturer Interface



# Person with Cerebral Palsy



# Person with Muscular Dystrophy



# Interface Generation As Optimization

In a study with 11 participants with diverse motor impairments:

Consistently faster using generated interfaces (26%)

Fewer errors using generated interfaces (73% fewer)

Strongly preferred generated interfaces

# Fitts's Law Related Techniques

## Gravity Fields

Pointer gets close, gets “sucked in” to target

## Sticky Icons

When within target, pointer “sticks”

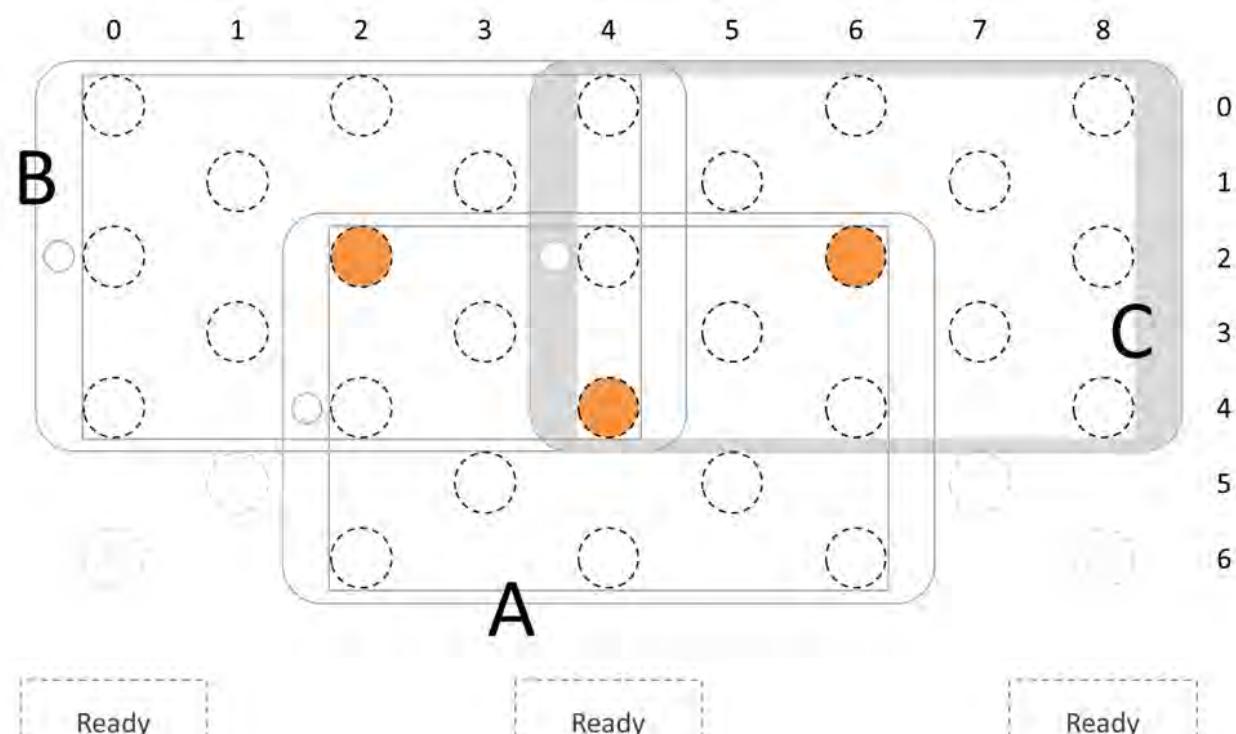
## Constrained Motion

Snapping, holding Shift to limit degrees of movement

## Target Prediction

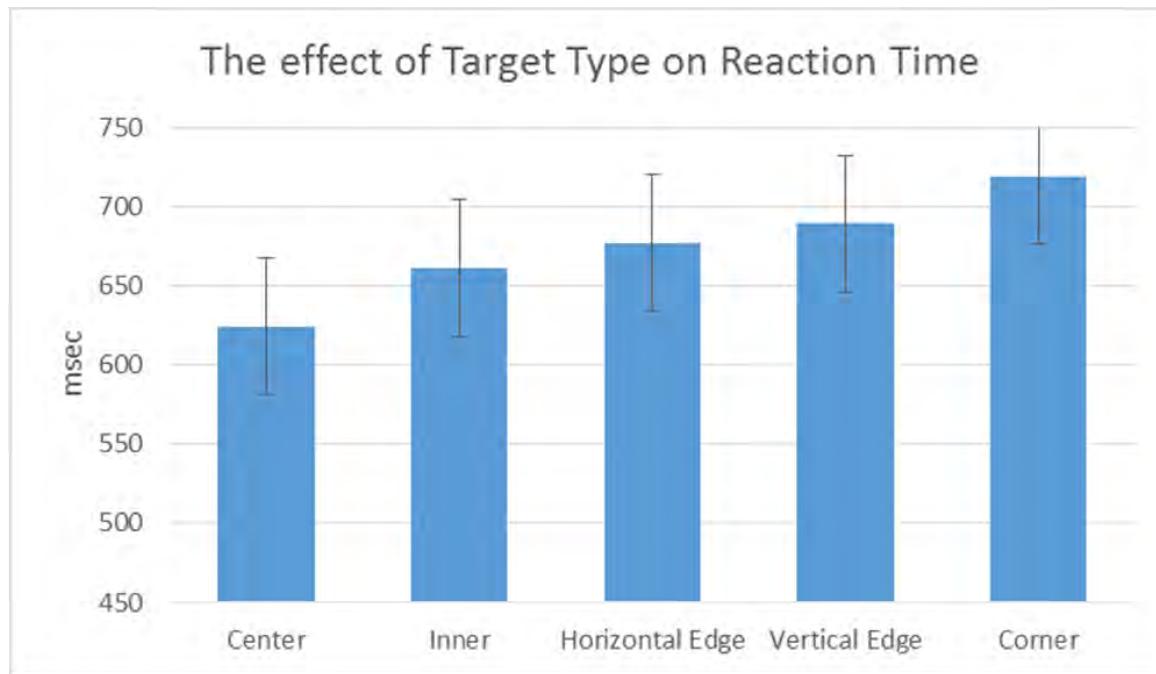
Determine likely target, move it nearer or expand it

# Fitts's Law, Edge Targets, and Touch



# Fitts's Law, Edge Targets, and Touch

Avrahami finds edge targets are actually slower with touch devices, at same physical location



# Today

Some example models of human performance

Visual System

Model Human Processor

Fitts's Law

Gestalt Principles

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Higher-Level Model

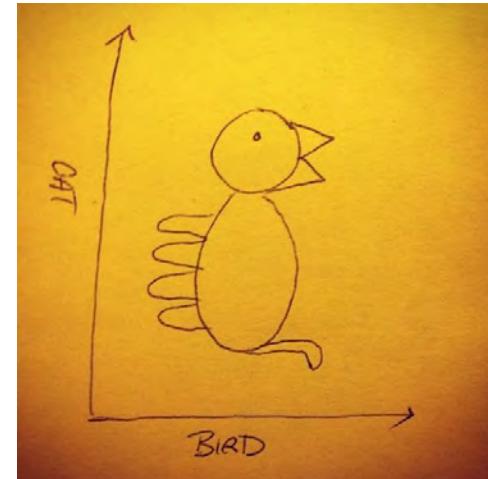
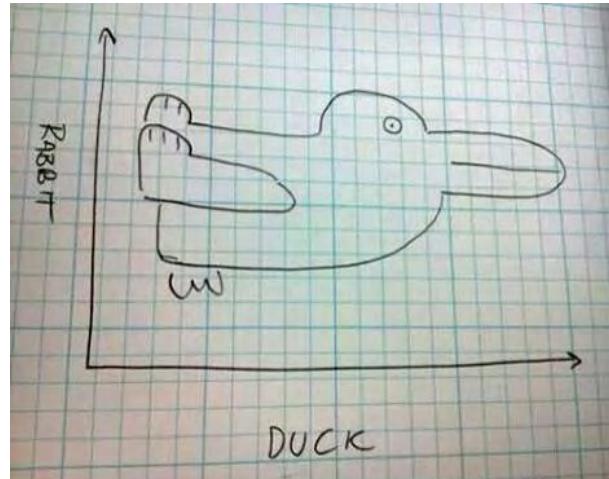
Model by Analogy

Predict Interpretation

# Gestalt Psychology

Described loosely in the context of this lecture and associated work, not a real definition

Perception is neither bottom-up nor top-down, rather both inform the other as a whole



# Gestalt Psychology

You can still see the dog...

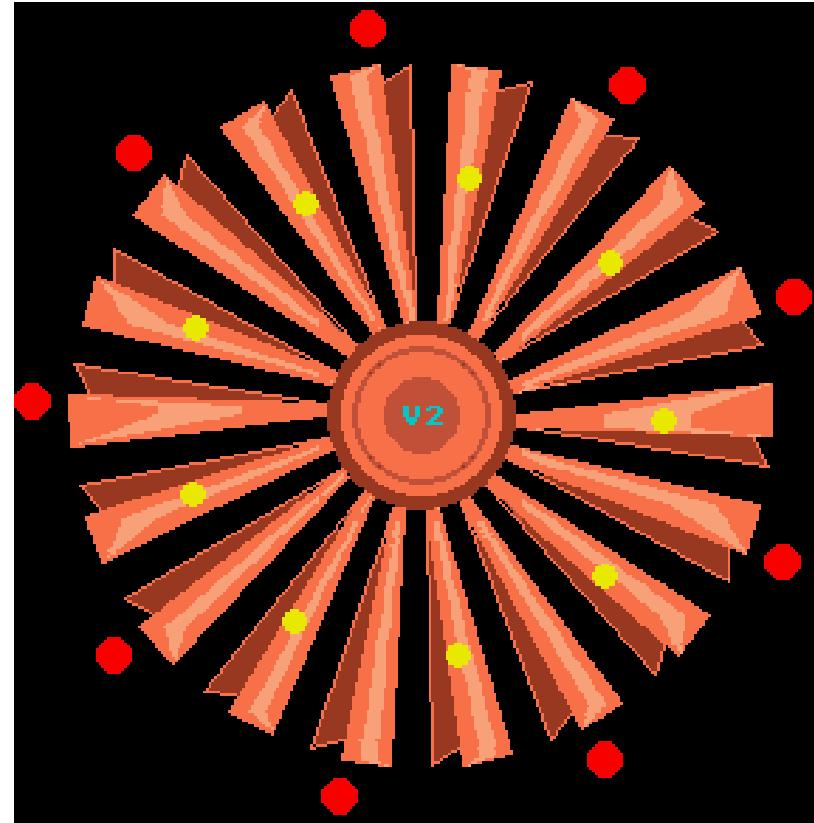


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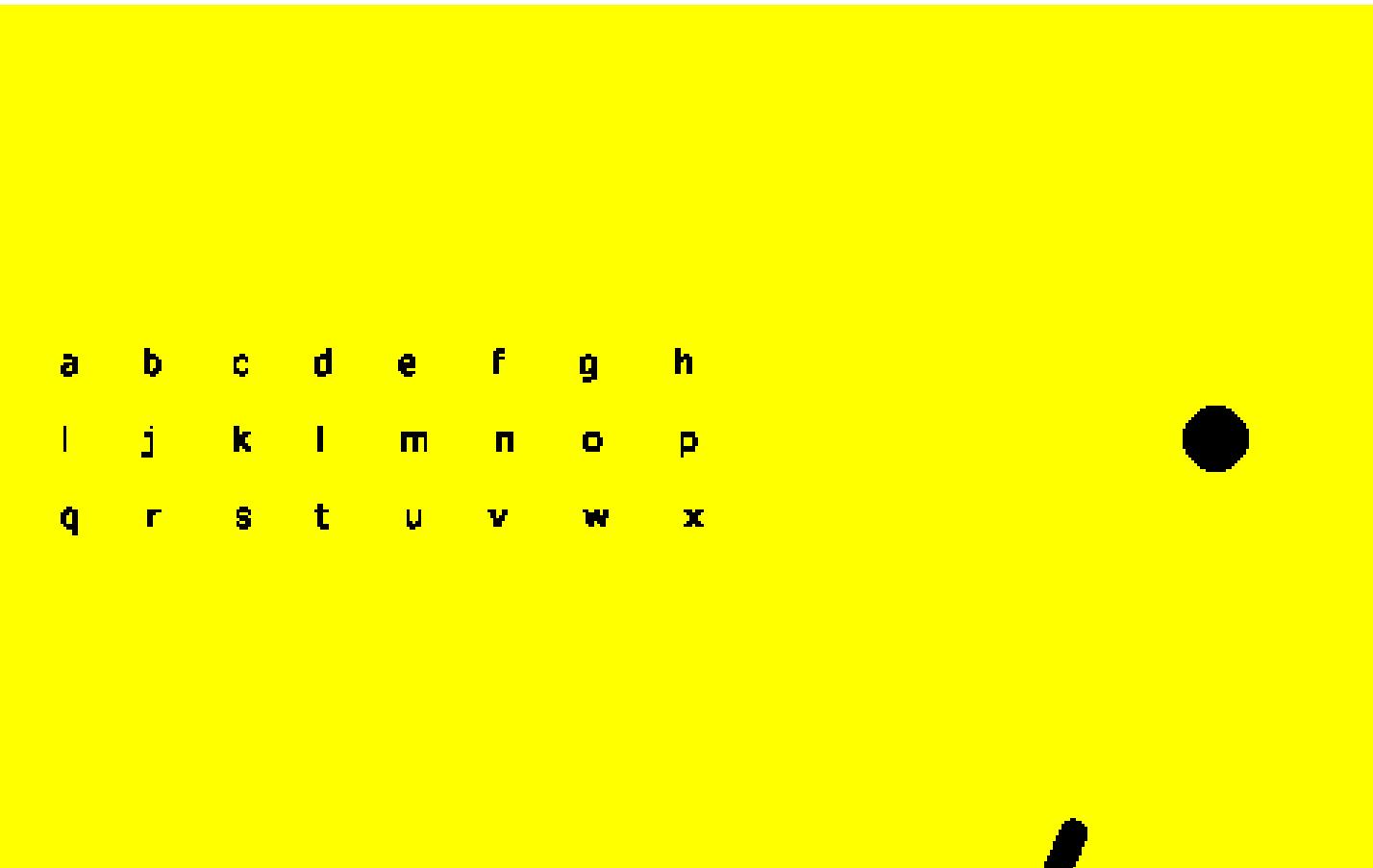


# Spinning Wheel



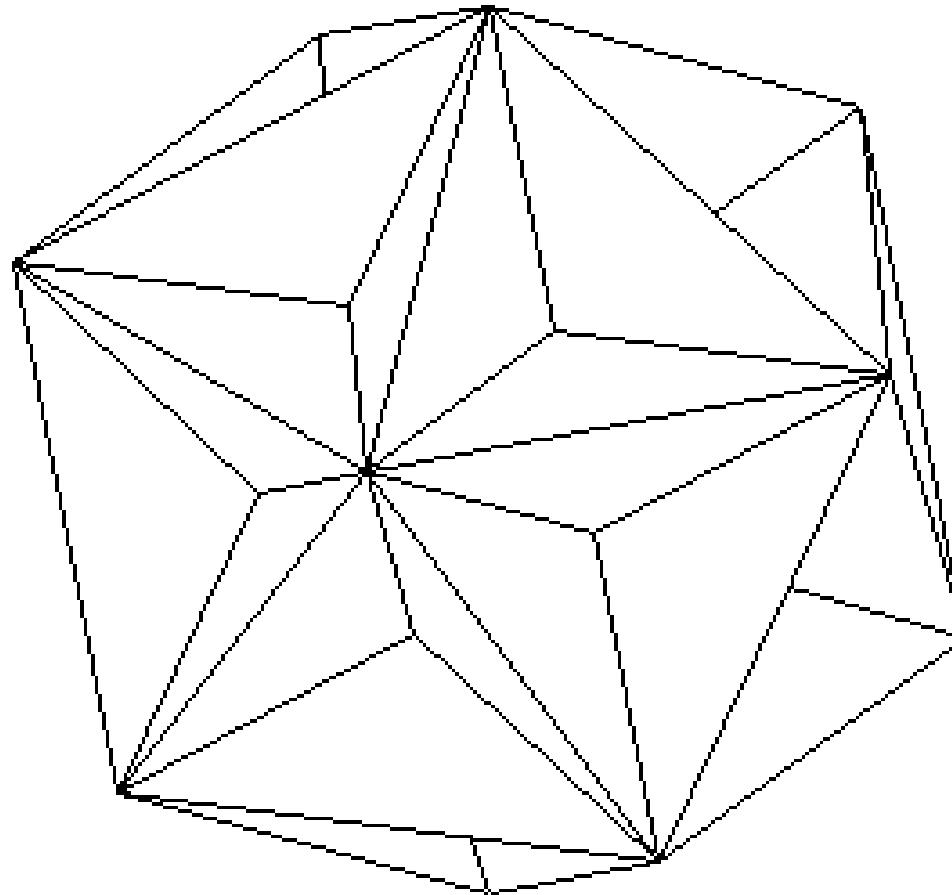
Follow the red dots vs  
follow the yellow dots

# Blind Spot Interpolation



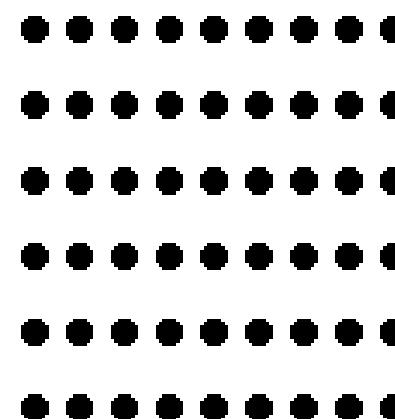
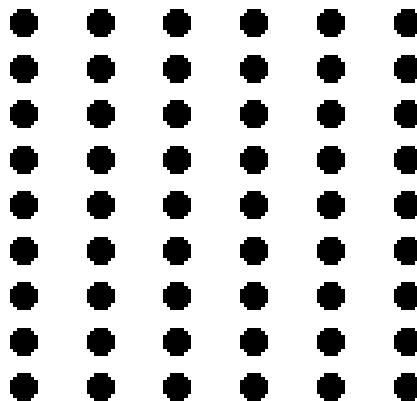
# Painful Image Warning

# Difficult to Reconcile



# Proximity

Objects close to each other form a group



# Proximity

## Using Lies in Research

*By Nate Bolt* • March 8, 2011

While it might be an uncomfortable topic, uncovering the lies behind a product or interface can be one of the most effective ways to turn ailing projects around.

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## Considerations for Mobile Design (Part 2): Dimensions

*By David Leggett* • March 1, 2011

In part two of this series, David helps readers adapt their design regimes to the (typically) small screens of mobile devices. Using responsive design, our experiences adapt to a variety of conditions.

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## A Simple, Usable Review

*By Paul Seys* • February 24, 2011

In this detailed review, Paul Seys describes an up-and-coming UX title that's jam-packed with lessons for designers both new and established. Follow along to learn how author Giles Colborne's teaches his readers the essence of great design.

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# Proximity

## 1. Tell us about yourself...

My Name

Gender

Birthday

I live in

Postal Code

## 2. Select an ID and password

Yahoo! ID and Email  @

Password  Password Strength

Re-type Password

## 3. In case you forget your ID or password...

Alternate Email

1. Security Question

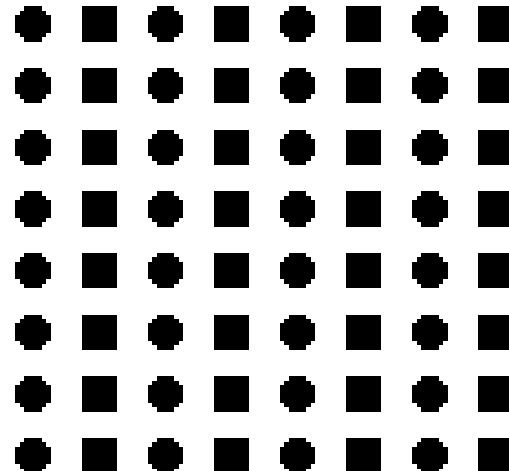
Your Answer

2. Security Question

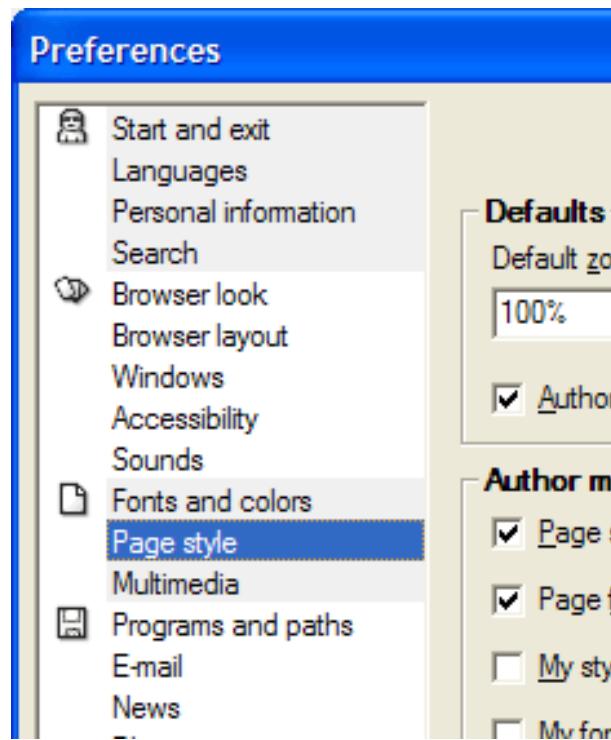
Your Answer

# Similarity

Objects that are similar form a group



# Similarity



# Proximity and Similarity



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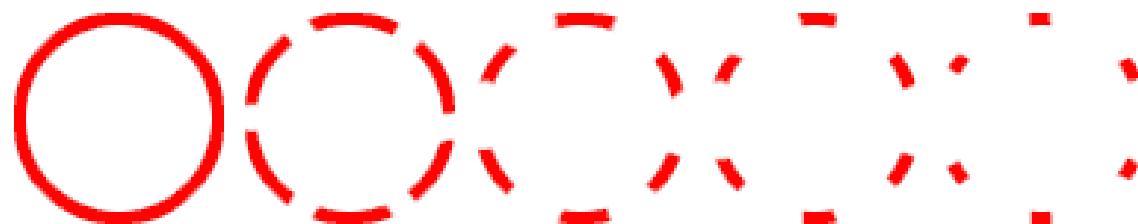


After discovering that one of these accesses a menu, people will expect they all access a menu. They are the same.

# Closure

Even incomplete objects are perceived as whole

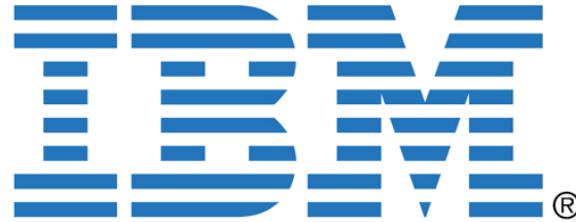
Increases regularity of stimuli



# Closure



The Sims



Rainbow 6

# Symmetry

Objects are perceived as symmetrical  
and forming around a center point



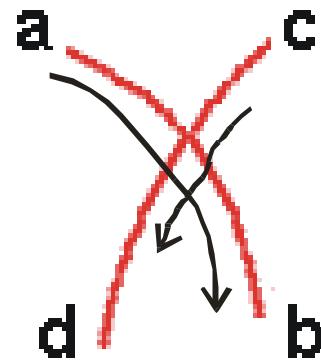
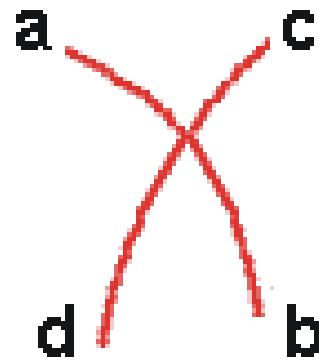
If you fight  
symmetry,  
be sure you  
have a reason

# Continuity

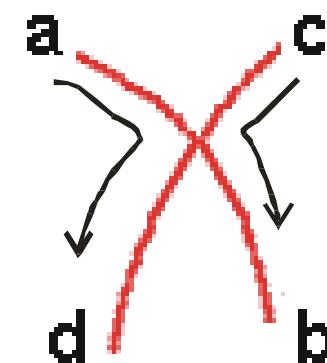
Objects are perceived as grouped when they align

Remain distinct even with overlap

Preferred over abrupt directional changes



what most  
people see



not this

# Continuity



# Models from Different Perspectives

Some example models of human performance

Visual System

Model Human Processor

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# CSE 440: Introduction to HCI

## User Interface Design, Prototyping, and Evaluation

Lecture 07:  
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# Today

## Milestones

Use This Week to Refine and Decide

Design Review (“1x2”) Due Friday

Reading 3 Due Friday

Getting the Right Design Due Tuesday

Presentations Start Thursday

## Class

Storyboarding and Video Prototyping

Design Check-In (“3x4”) Peer Critique



# Tasks in Design

Tasks guide your exploration of a design

Creating scenarios for each task illustrates

what a person does

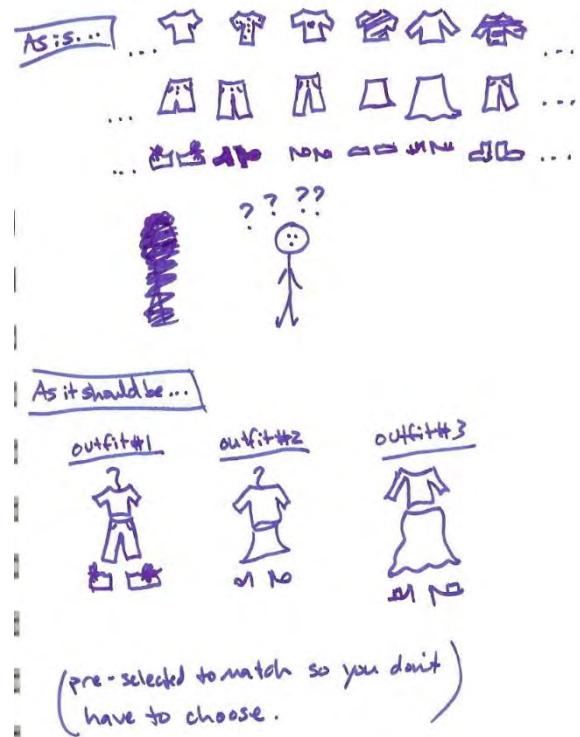
what they see

step-by-step performance of task

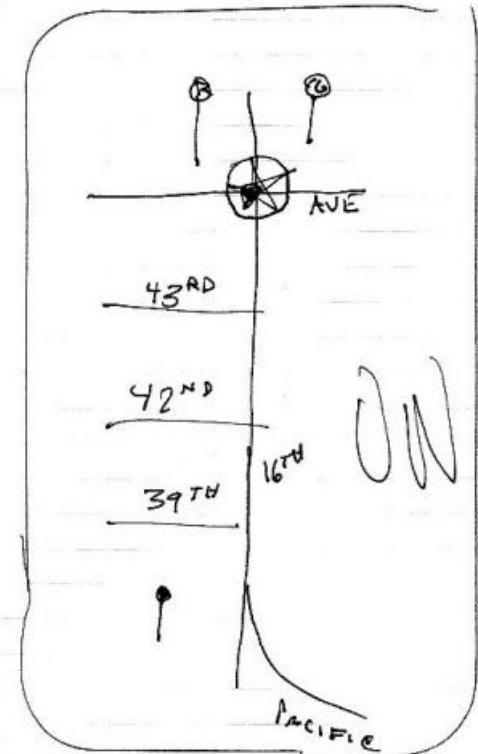
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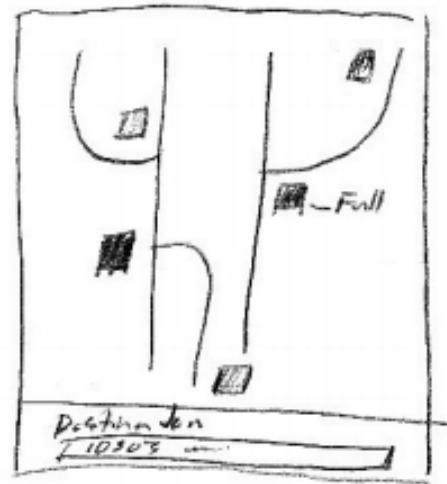
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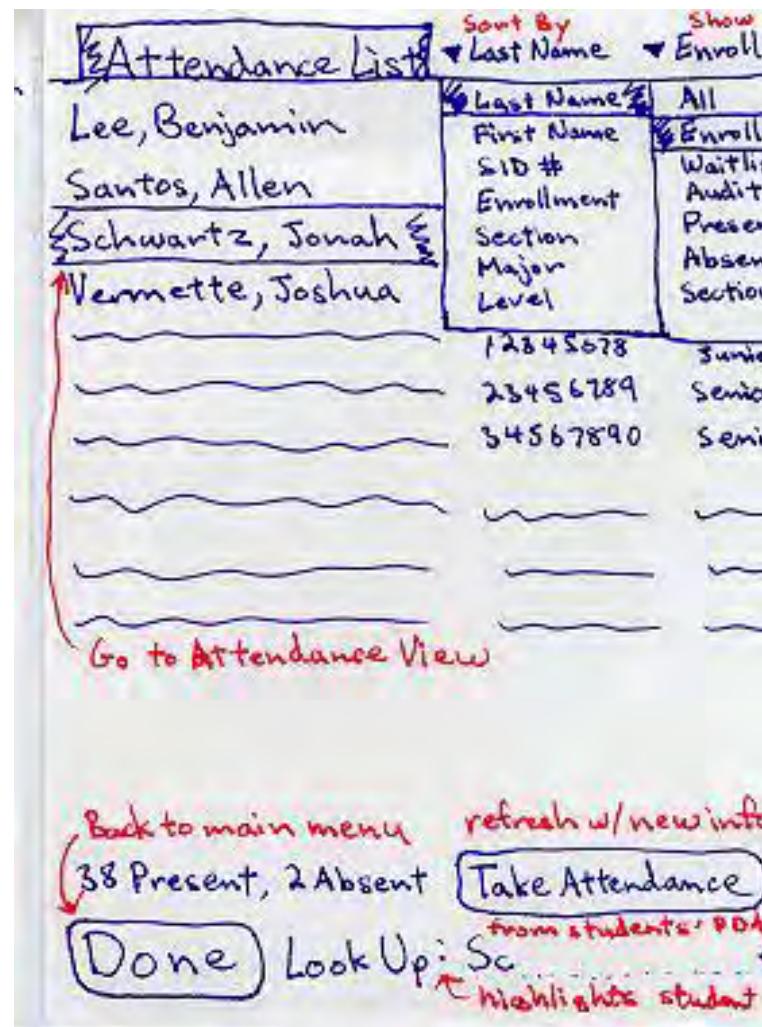


MAP SHOWING PARKING  
AVAILABILITY BASED ON INPUTTED  
DATA, INPUTTED ON MAP



- different colors
- highlights availability
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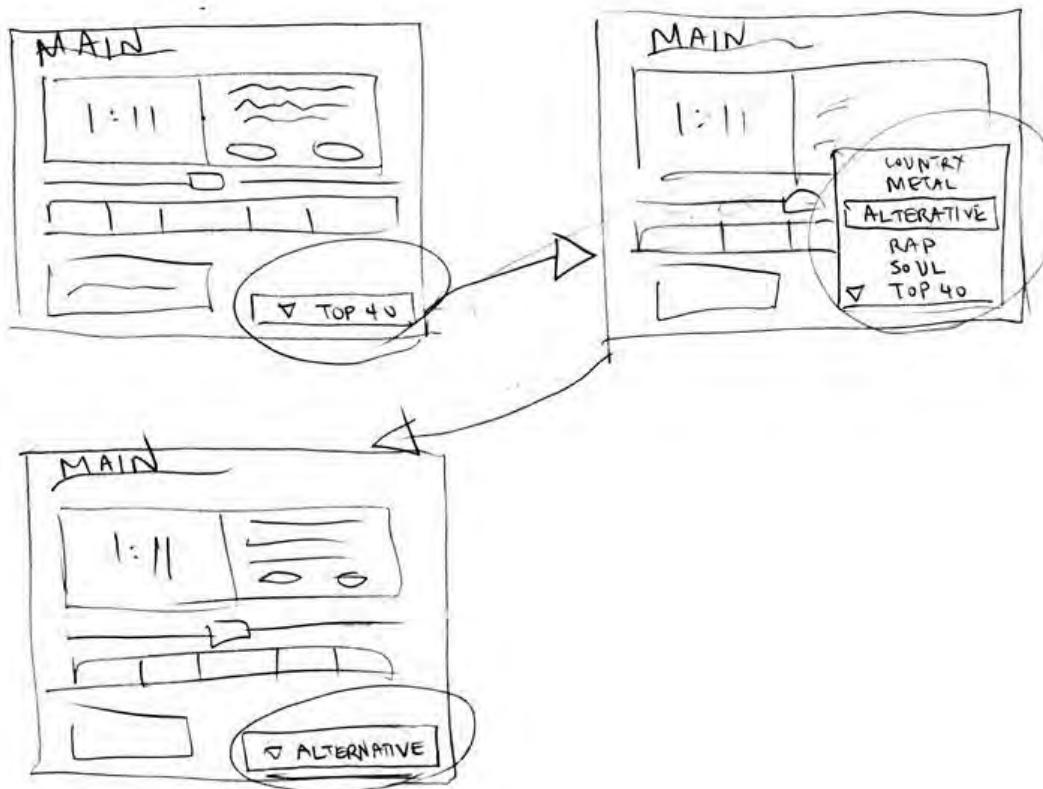
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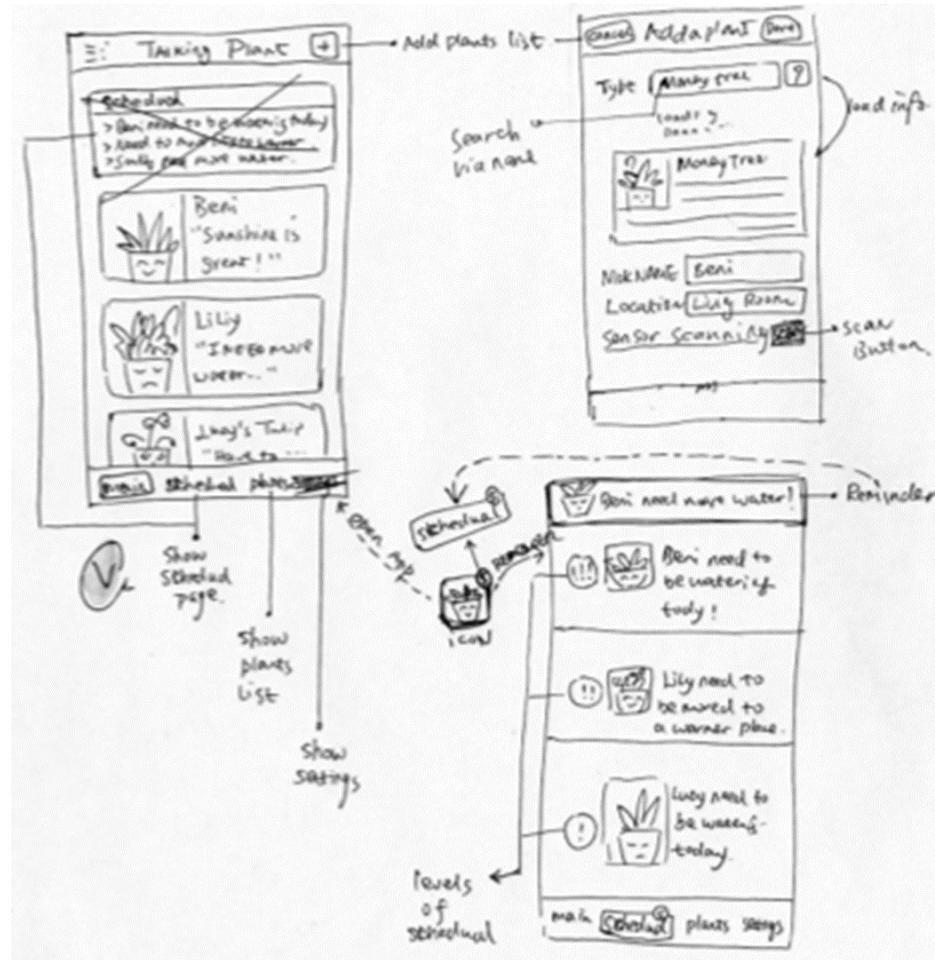
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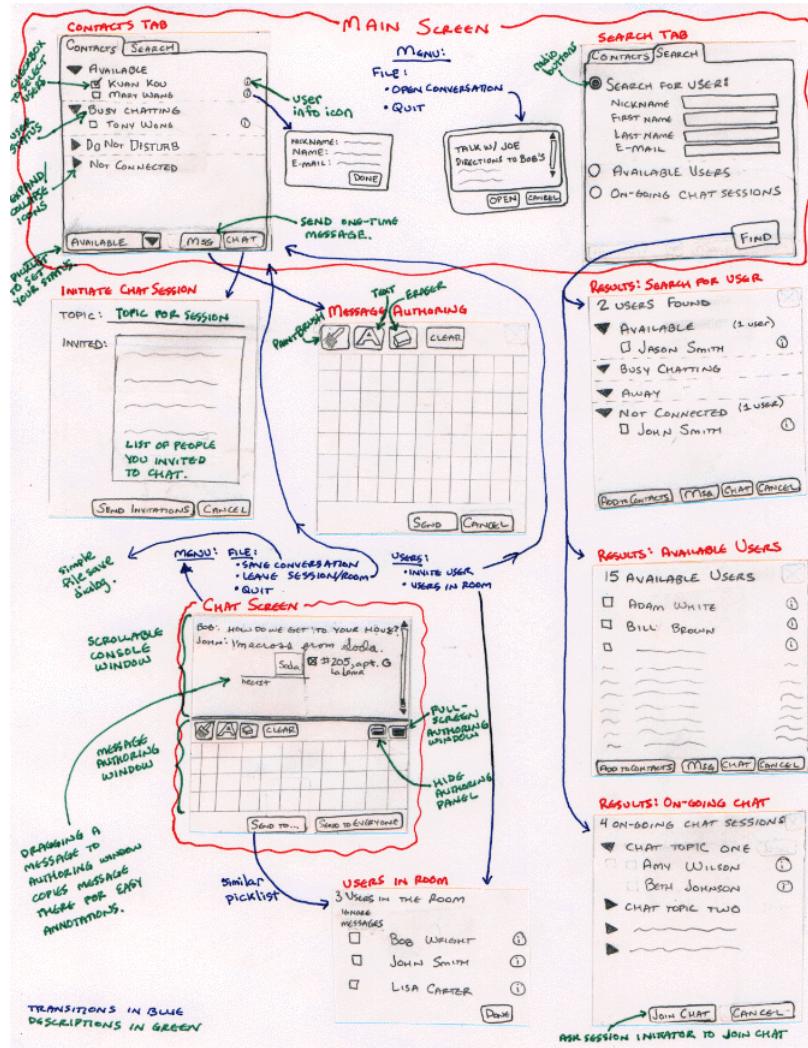
"I want to listen to alternative music"



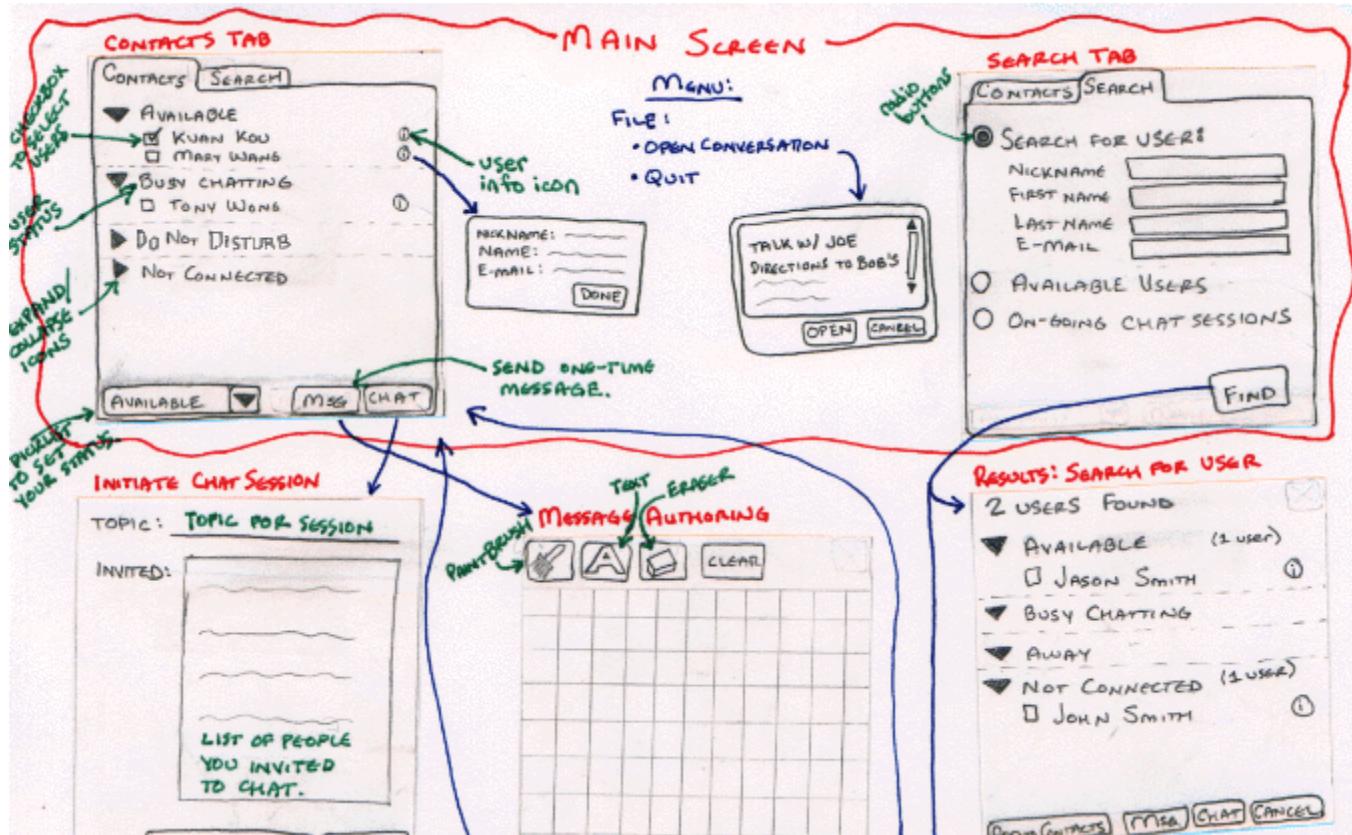
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# Illustrating Time

Storyboards come from film and animation

Give a “script” of important events

leave out the details

concentrate on the important interactions



# Storyboards

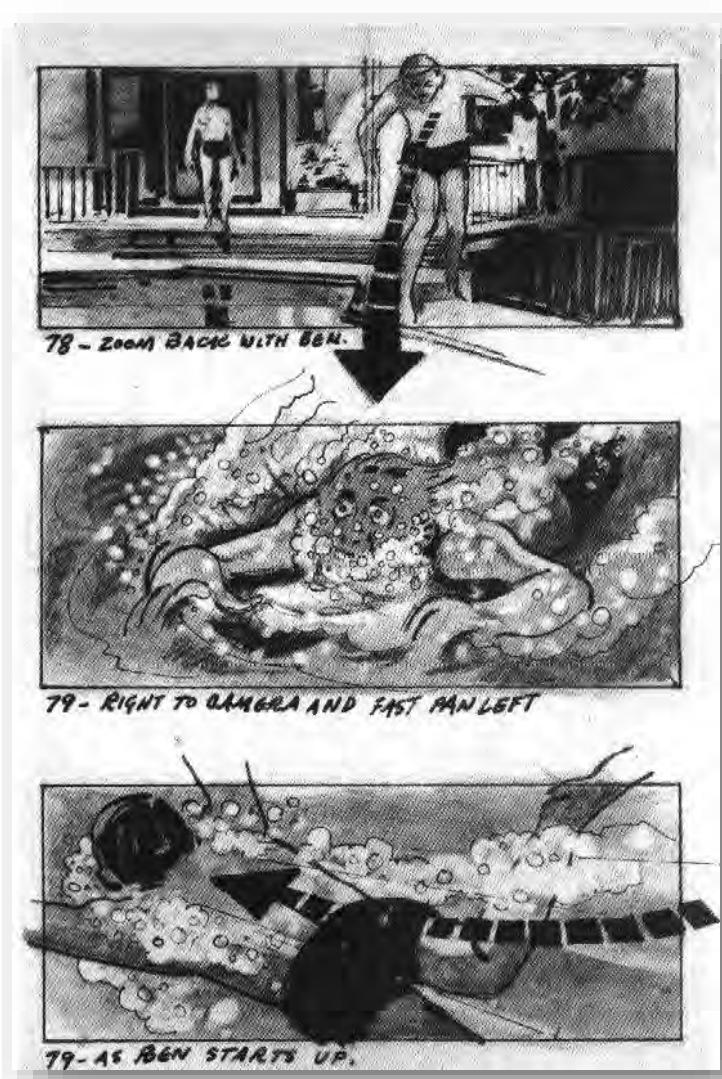
Can be used to explore

Much faster and less expensive to produce

Can therefore explore more potential approaches

Notes help fill in missing pieces of the proposal

Relative to film, these function as sketches



# Storyboards

Can be used to convey

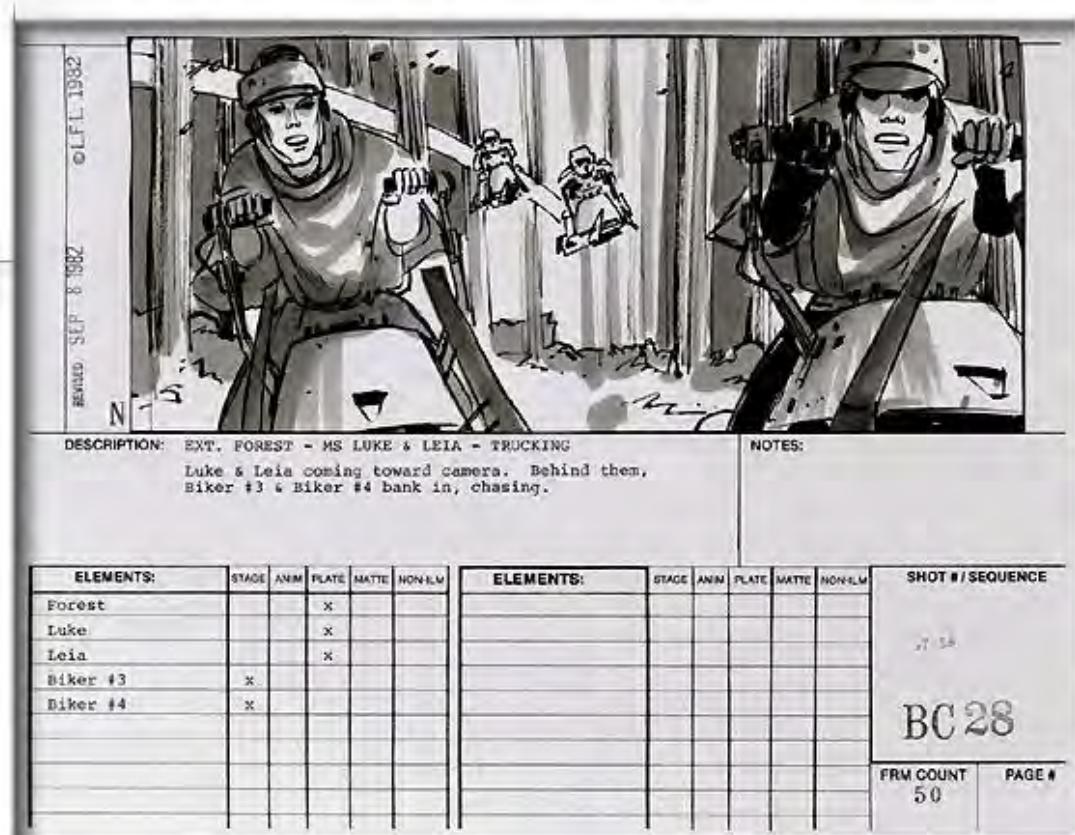
Effective storyboards can quickly convey information that would be difficult to understand in text

Imagine explaining this in text, for various audiences

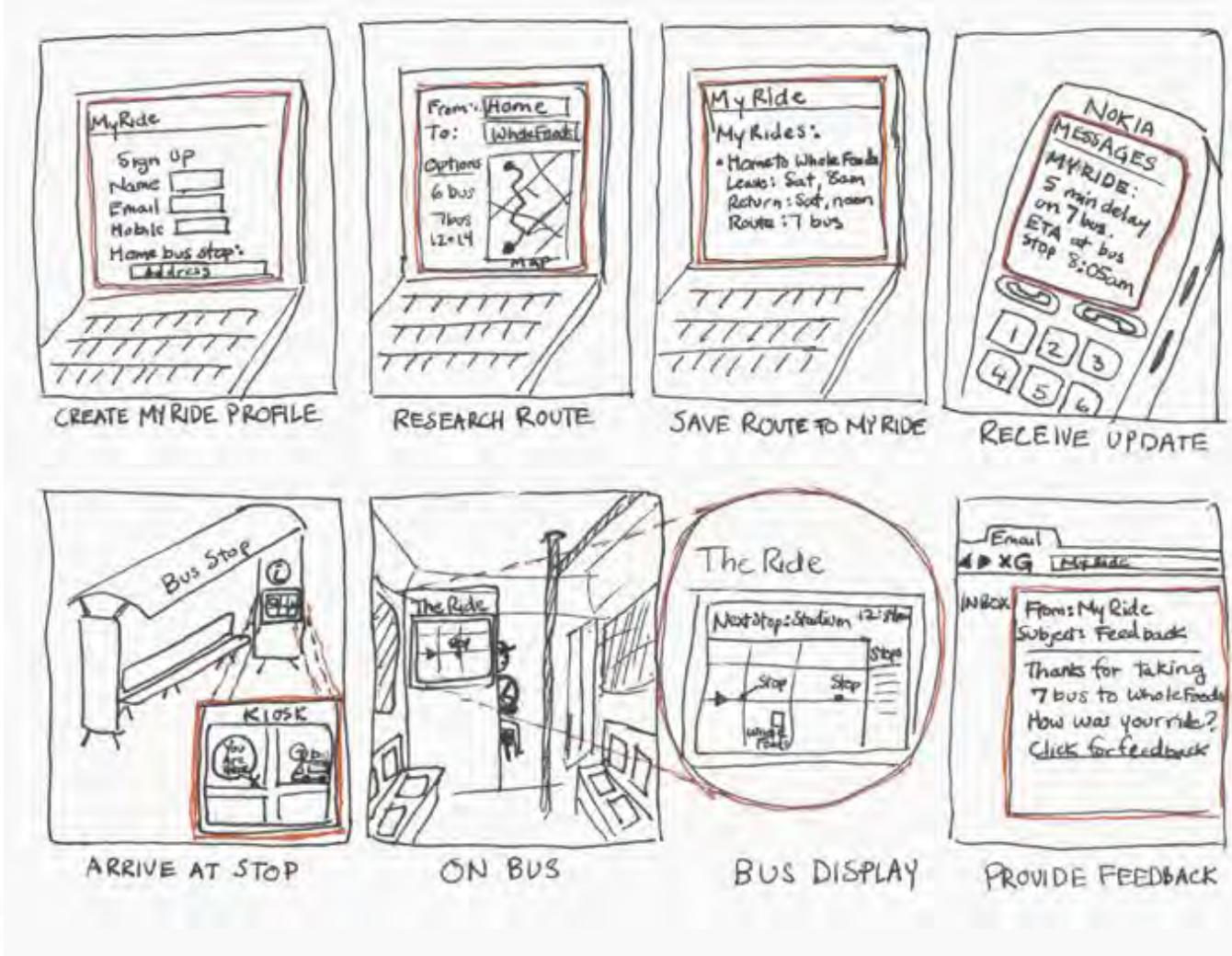


# Storyboards

Can illustrate key requirements and leave open less important details of design



# Basic Storyboard



# Storytelling

Stories have an audience

Other designers, clients, stakeholders,  
managers, funding agencies, potential end-users

Stories have a purpose

Gather and share information about people, tasks, goals

Put a human face on analytic data

Spark new design concepts and encourage innovation

Share ideas and create a sense of history and purpose

Giving insight into people who are not like us

Persuade others of the value of contribution



# Stories Provide Context

Characters

Who is involved

Setting

Environment

Sequence

What task is illustrated

What leads a person to use a design

What steps are involved

Satisfaction

What is the motivation

What is the end result

What need is satisfied

Details of interface features and components are not necessarily surfaced, they can often be developed and conveyed more effectively with other methods

Can help surface details that might otherwise be ignored

Grocery store application:

- use with one hand while pushing a shopping cart
- privacy of speech input
- split attention



# Amal's Guide to Storyboarding

The storyboard consists of two panels. The left panel shows a hand-drawn wireframe of a mobile application interface. At the top is a header labeled 'CITIES' with a dropdown arrow. Below it is a list of cities: 'S.F', 'S.J', 'S.B', and 'HALIFAX'. A large, stylized 'NO!' is written across the center of the screen. The right panel contains a narrative and two characters. The narrative reads: 'RED & SEAN WERE BORED AFTER GOING TO THE BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL, & DECIDED TO FIND OUT WHAT ELSE THEY COULD DO...'. Below this, character 'RED' (represented by a star) says, 'DUDE, WHAT DO WE DO?!'. Character 'SEAN' (represented by a circle) replies, 'LET ME USE TOURSAPP! ON MY iPhone!'. The bottom panel of the storyboard provides a critique: 'DON'T USE THIS TO ILLUSTRATE ALL THE UI FEATURES & COMPONENTS...'. A note at the bottom of this panel states: '\*This is what paper prototyping is for!'. Below the storyboard is a logo for 'duo' and the text 'University of Washington'.

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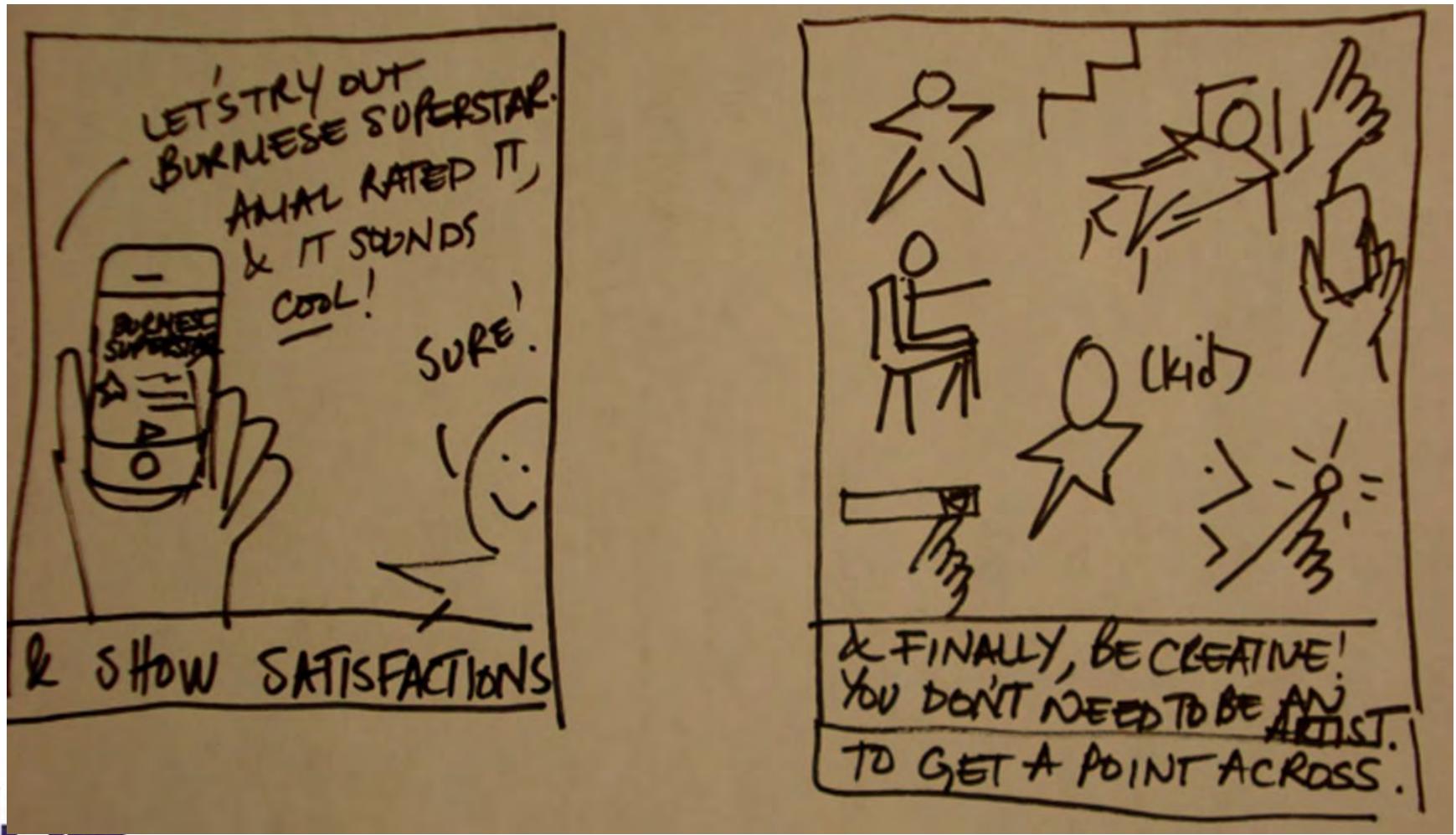
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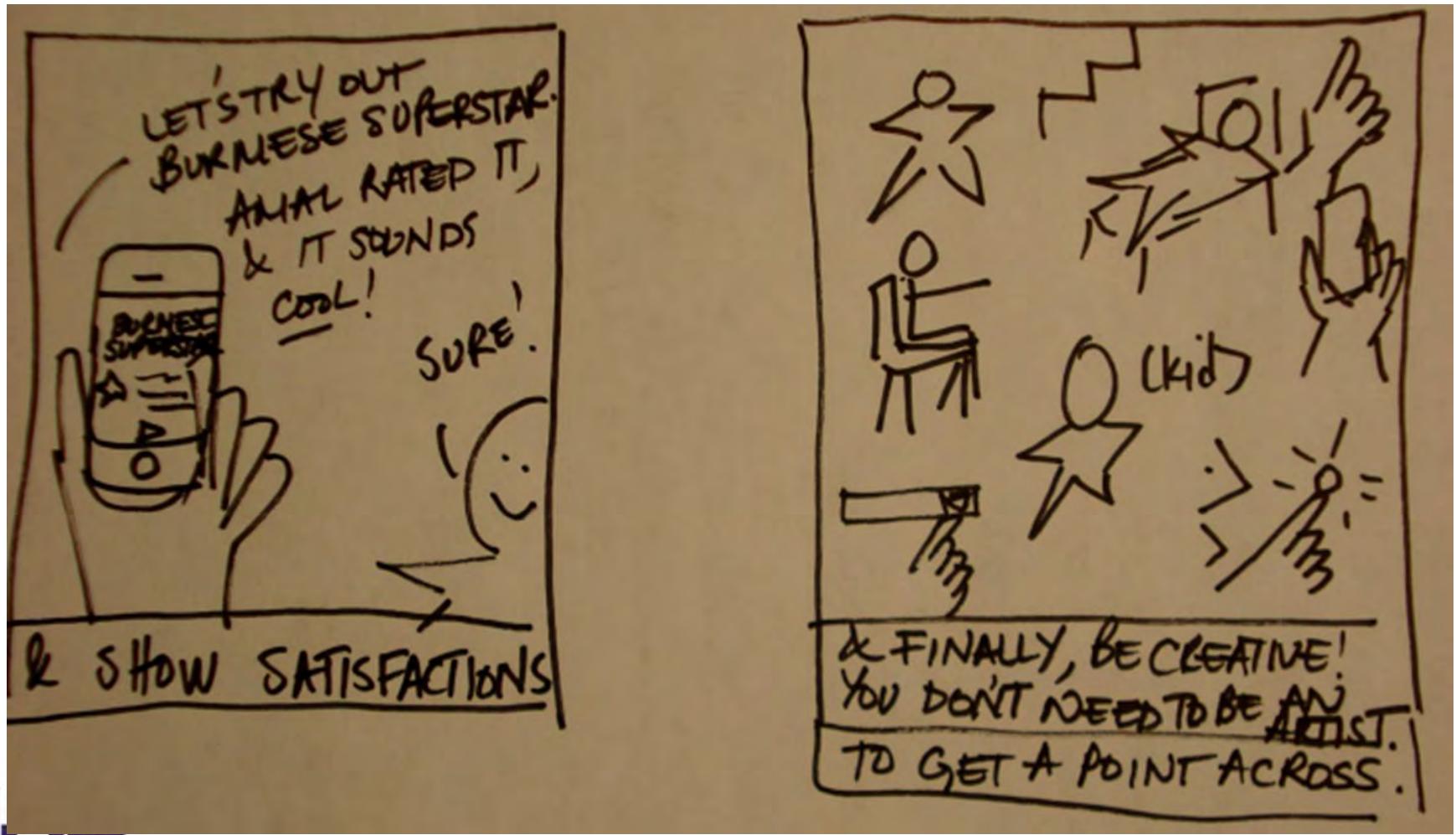
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INSTEAD, SHOW WHY &  
WHEN features would be  
used

# Amal's Guide to Storyboarding



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# Storytelling

## Good stories

- Understand audience
- Provide context of use
- Are well-motivated
- Memorable
- Evokes a reaction
- Evokes empathy
- Illustrate experience
- Convey emotions
- Short and to-the-point

## Bad stories

- Do not account for audience
- Boring or un-engaging
- Fantastical or unrealistic
- Wrong story for purpose
- Too long to hold attention

tl;dr

# Elements of a Storyboard

## Visual storytelling

5 visual elements

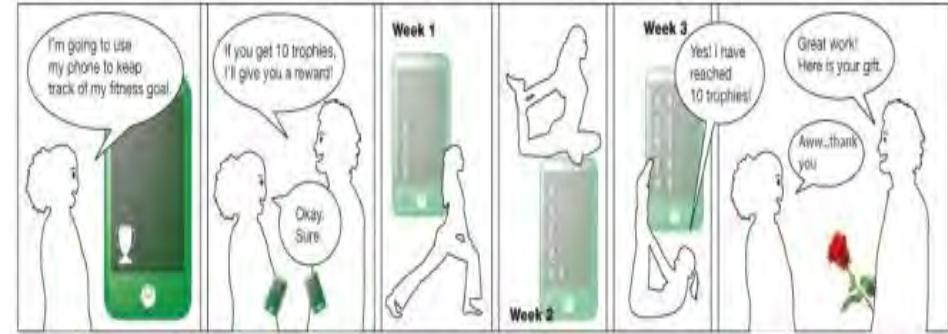
Level of detail

Inclusion of text

Inclusion of people  
and emotions

Number of frames

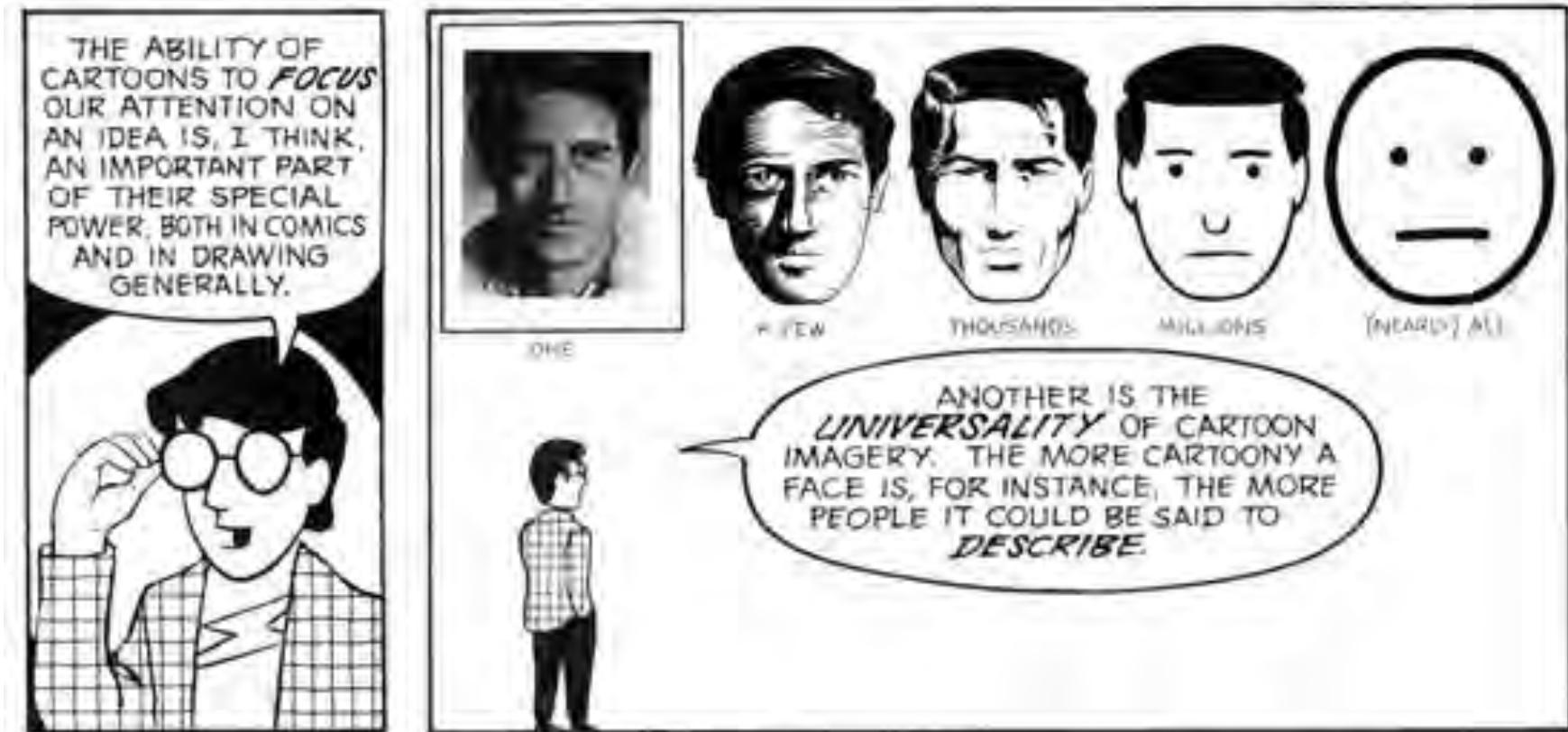
Portrayal of time



To better characterize design intuitions:  
gather and analyze artifacts  
semi-structured interviews  
survey focused on identified elements

# 1. How Much Detail?

Guideline: too much detail can lose universality



Scott McCloud

# 1. How Much Detail?

## Sketching People

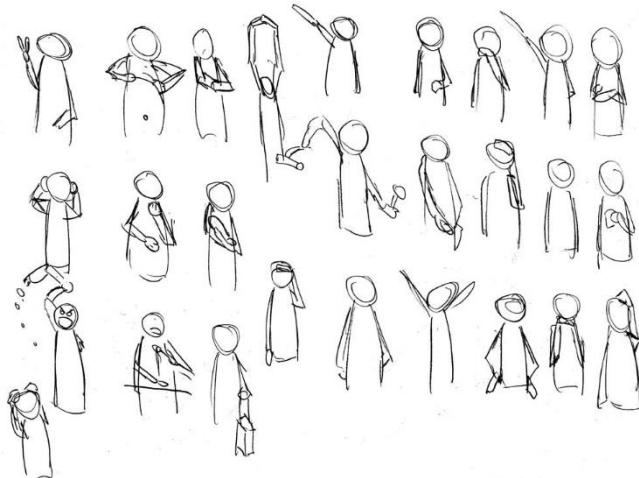


Star people  
by Bill Verplank

PERSON



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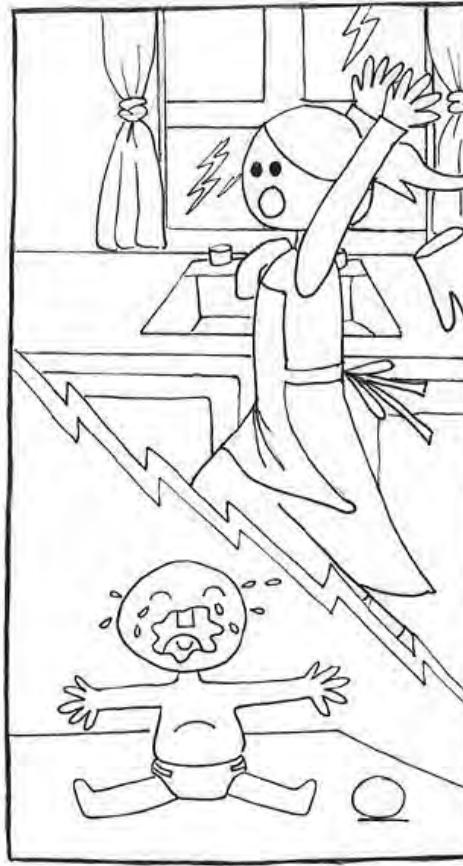


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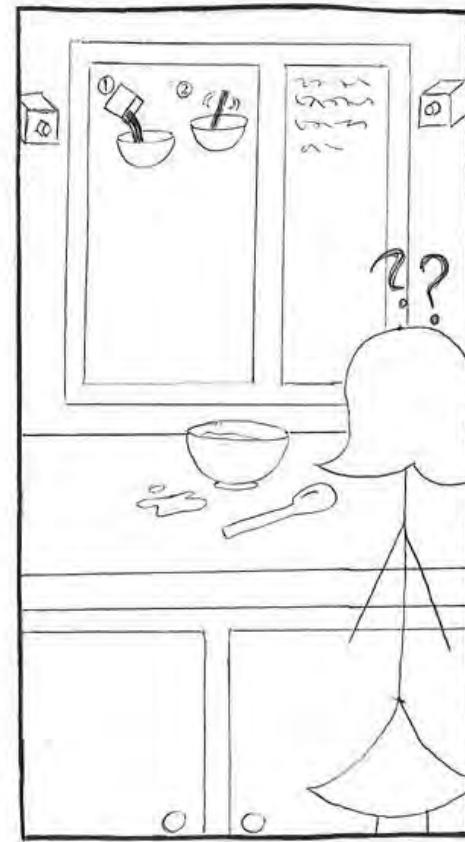
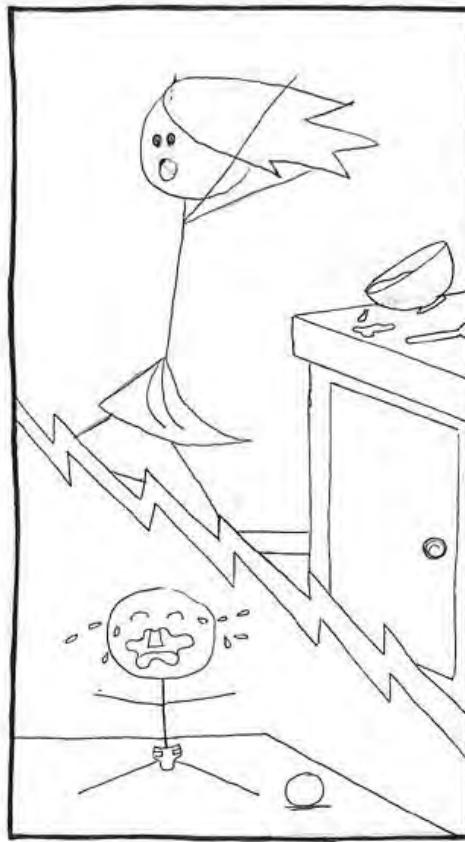
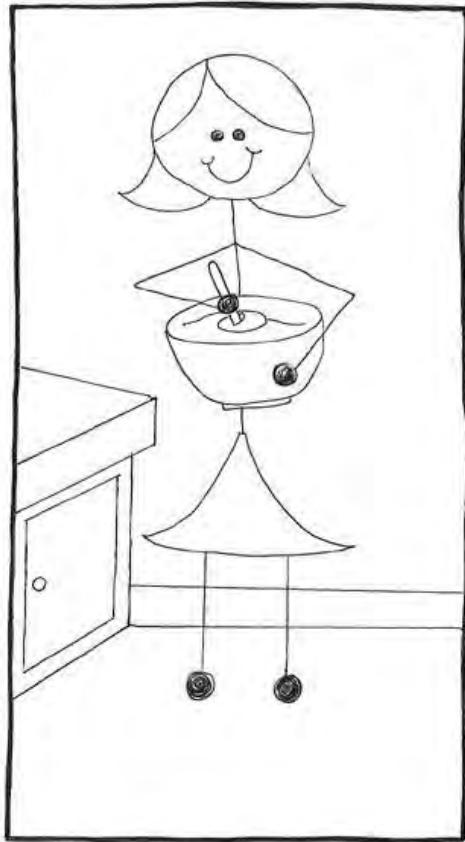
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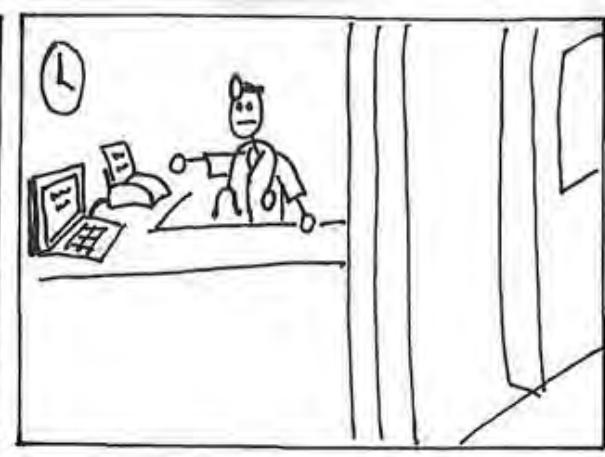
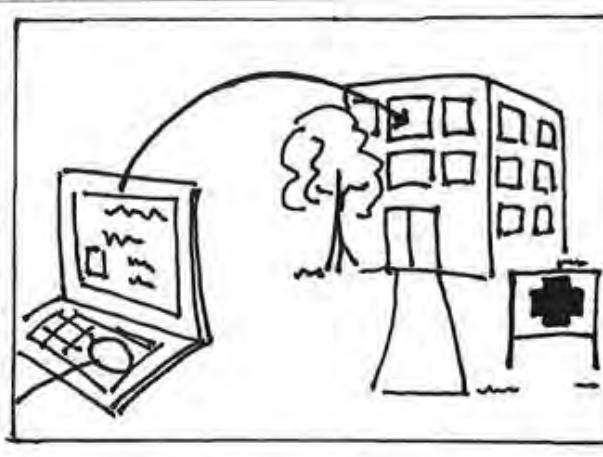
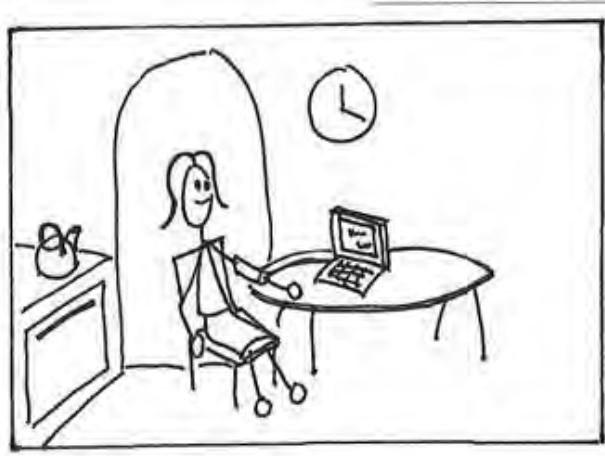


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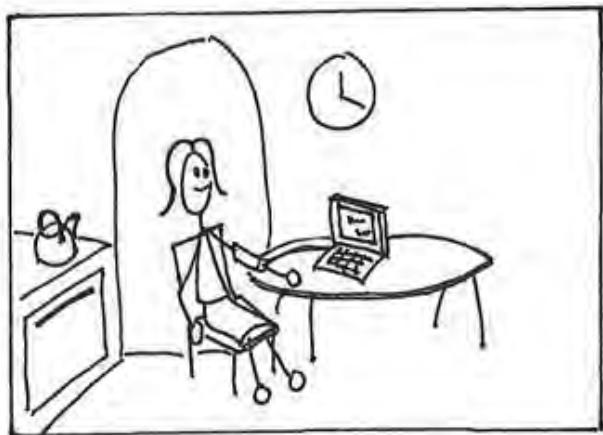
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Guideline: It is often necessary, but keep it short

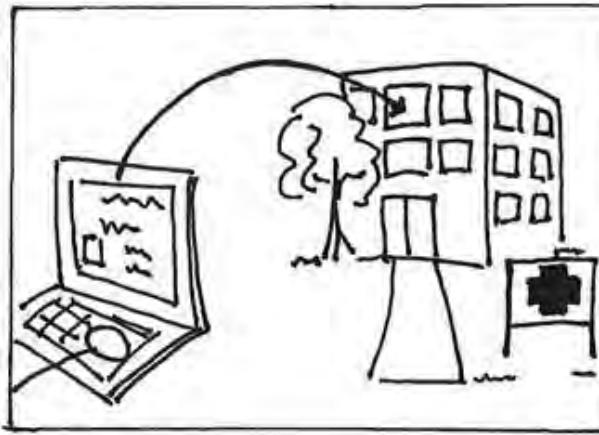


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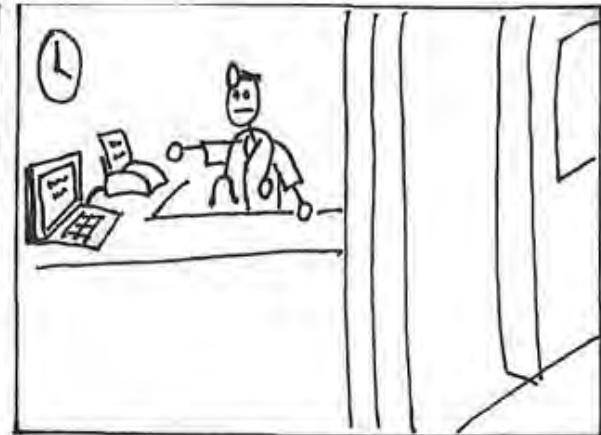
Guideline: It is often necessary, but keep it short



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2. After a few simple key presses, her blood pressure readings get sent to a clinic.



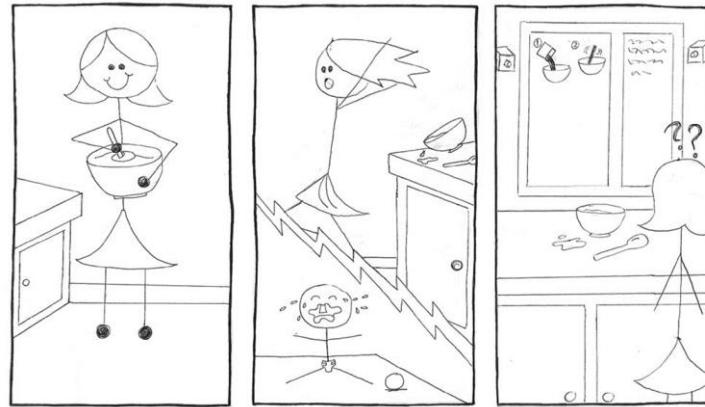
3. The information is made available to her doctor.

Short text is more effective, less likely to over-explain

Watch for cases where text induces weird biases

### 3. Include People and Emotions

Guideline: Include people experiencing the design and their reactions to it (good or bad)



Remember, the point of storyboards is to convey the experience of using the system

# 4. How Many Frames?

Guideline: 4-6 frames is ideal for end-users

- Less work to illustrate

- Must be able to succinctly tell story

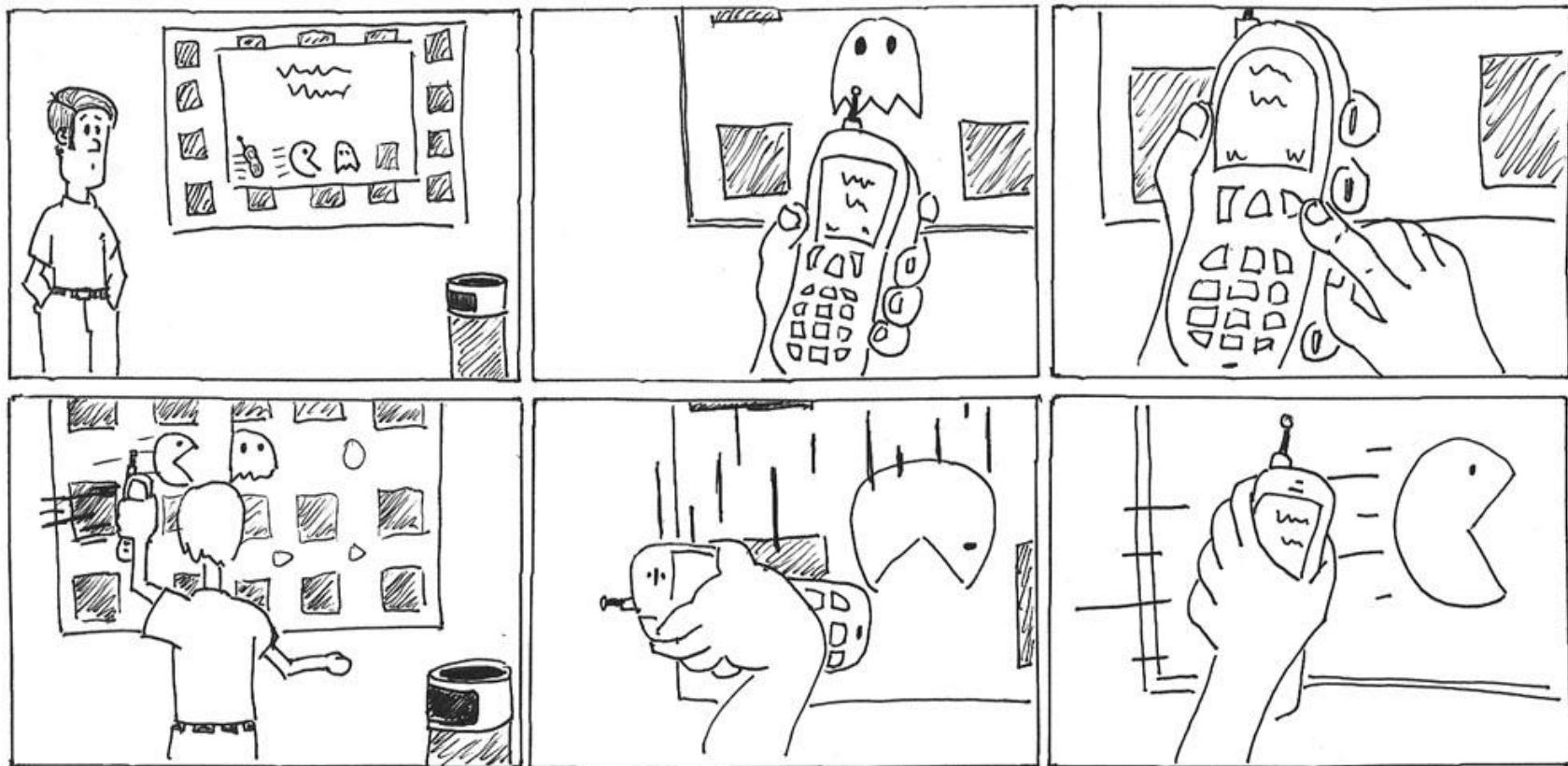
- Potentially longer for design clients

More is not always better

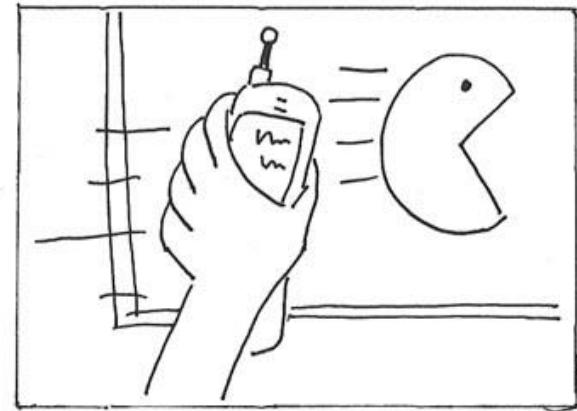
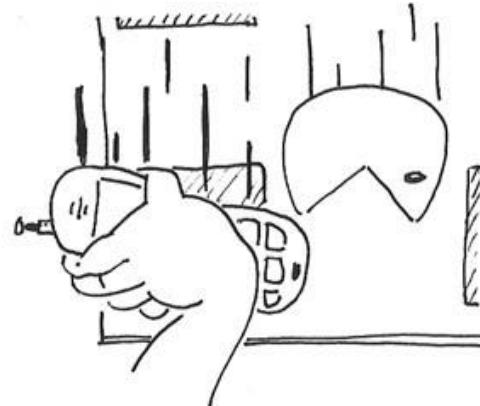
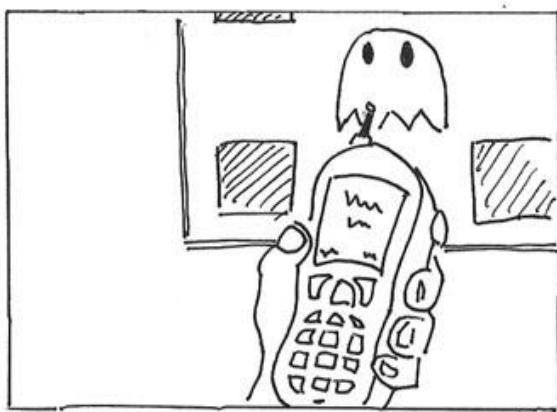
- May lose focus of story

- May lose attention

# 4. How many frames?



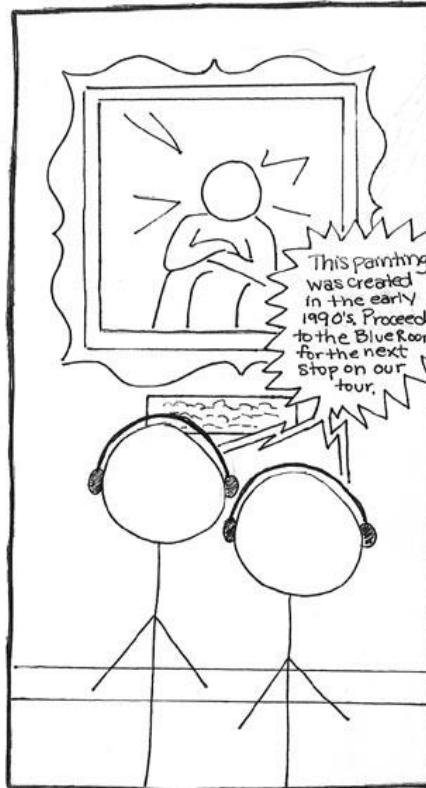
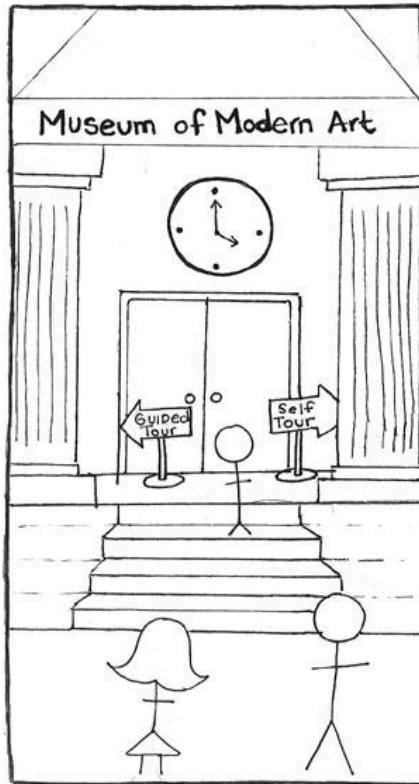
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People found the extra panels were not needed

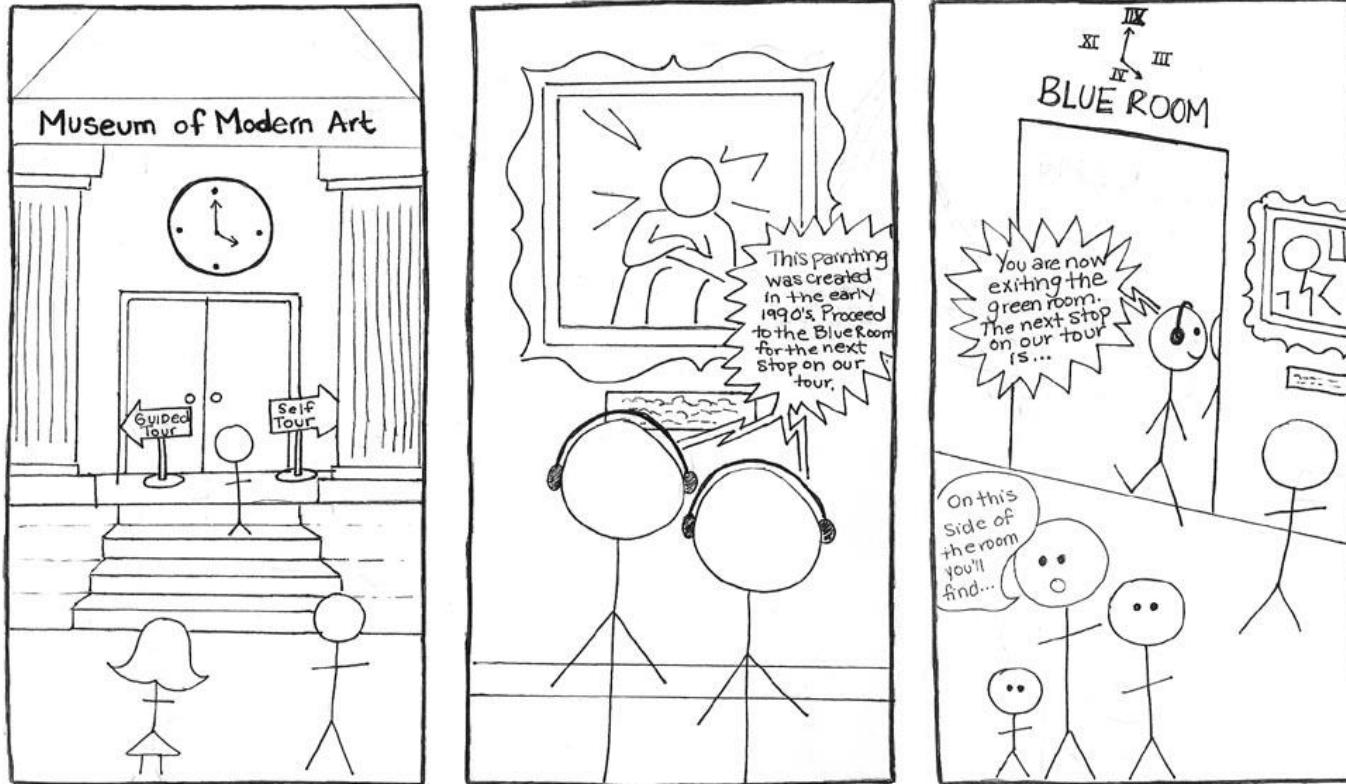
# 5. Passage of Time

Guideline: Only use if necessary to understand



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Inclusion of the clock distracts

# Storyboards for Comparing Ideas

Authoritative



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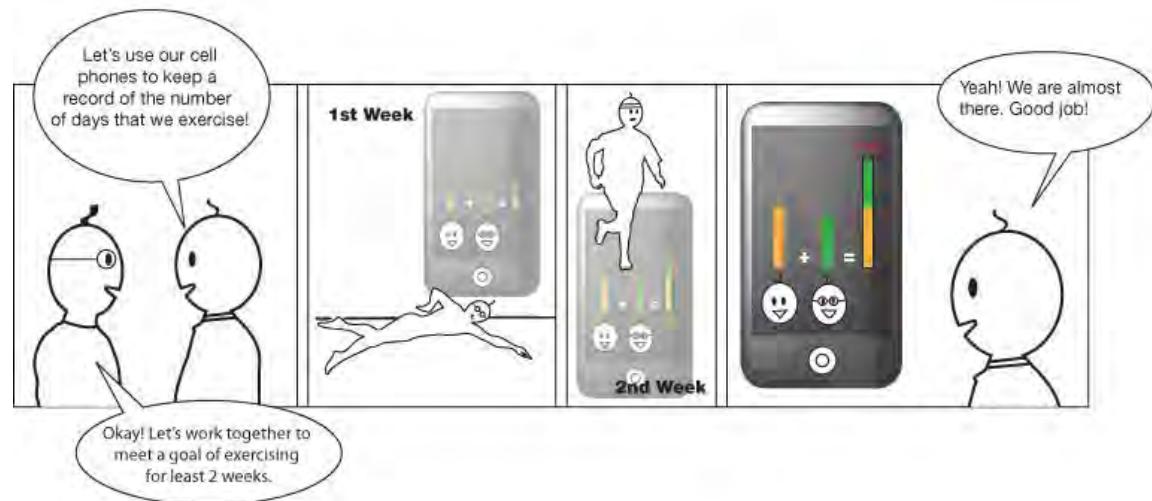
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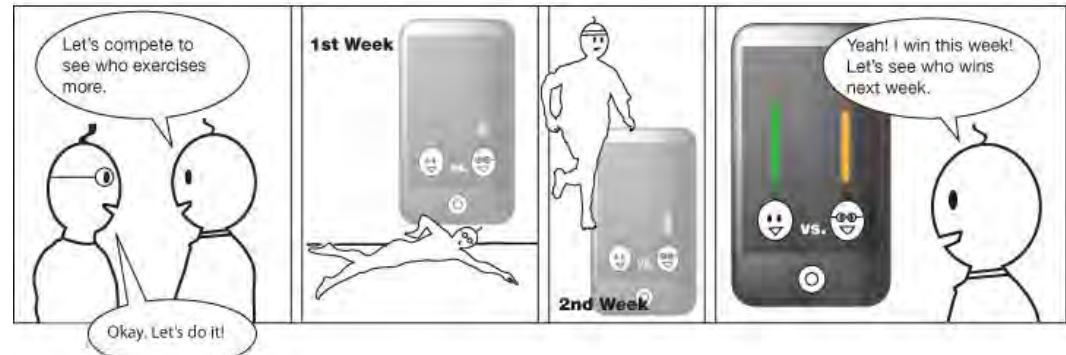
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# Storyboards for Comparing Ideas

Cooperative



Competitive



# Storyboards for Comparing Ideas

## Negative Reinforcement



## Positive Reinforcement



# Examples and Tricks in Storyboarding

# Drawing is Hard



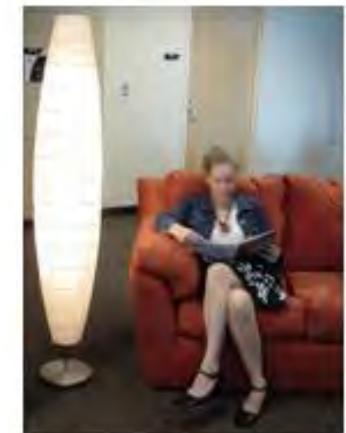
IT IS SO DARK JANE CAN  
HARDLY READ HER BOOK



SHE GESTURES IN FRONT OF HER  
SPECIAL PENDANT TO TURN ON  
THE LIGHTS



THE LIGHTS TURN ON!



FINALLY, SHE CAN  
READ HAPPILY.

Will a picture work instead?

# Existing Images from Other Sources



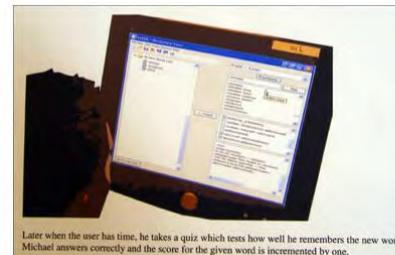
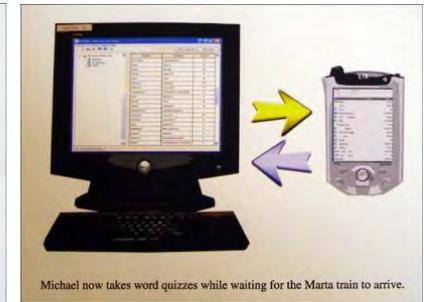
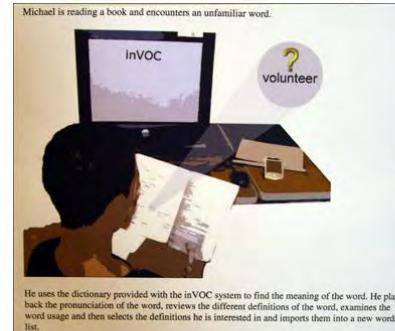
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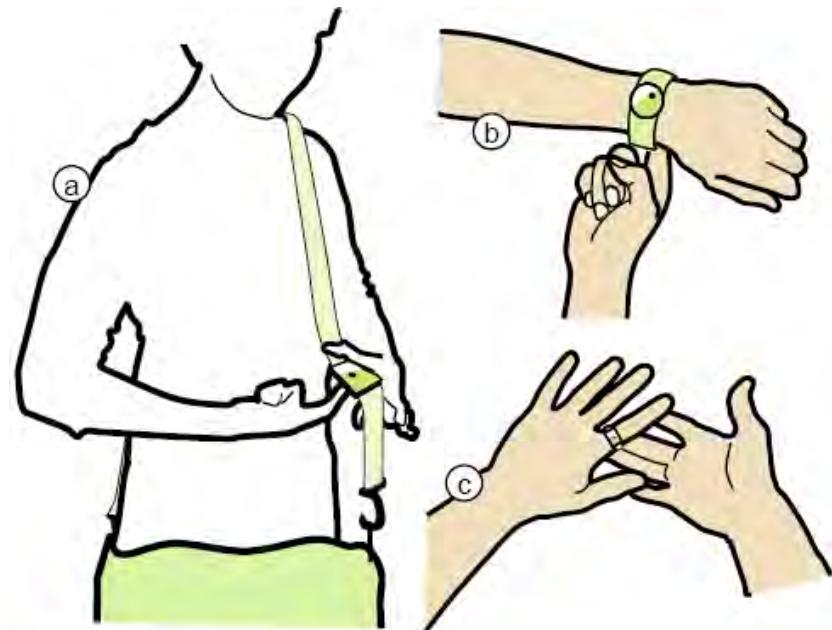
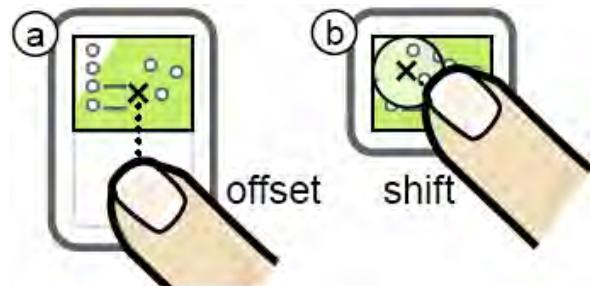


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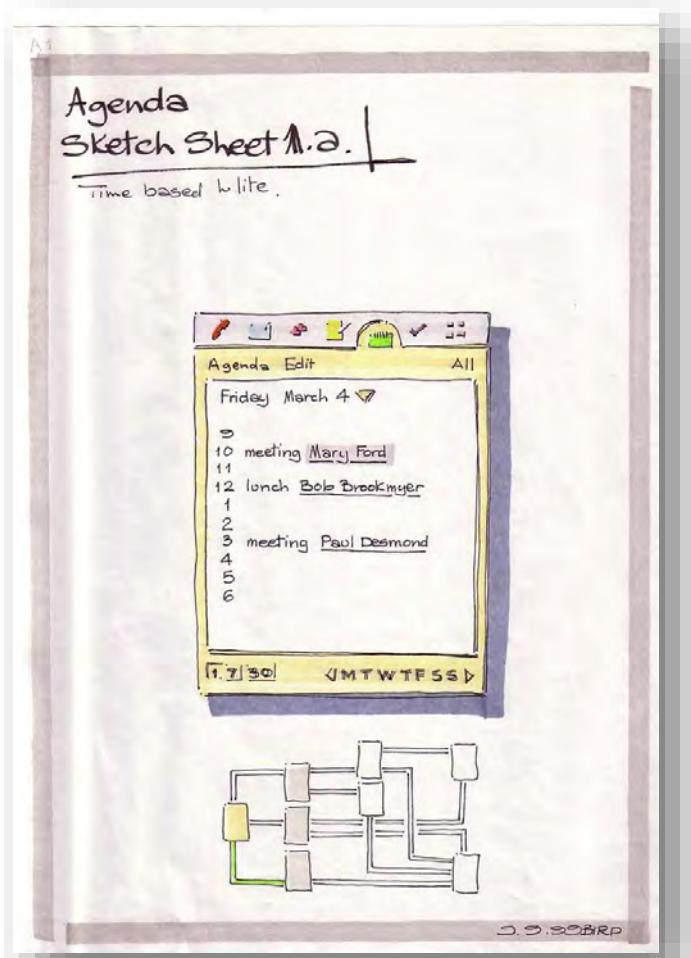
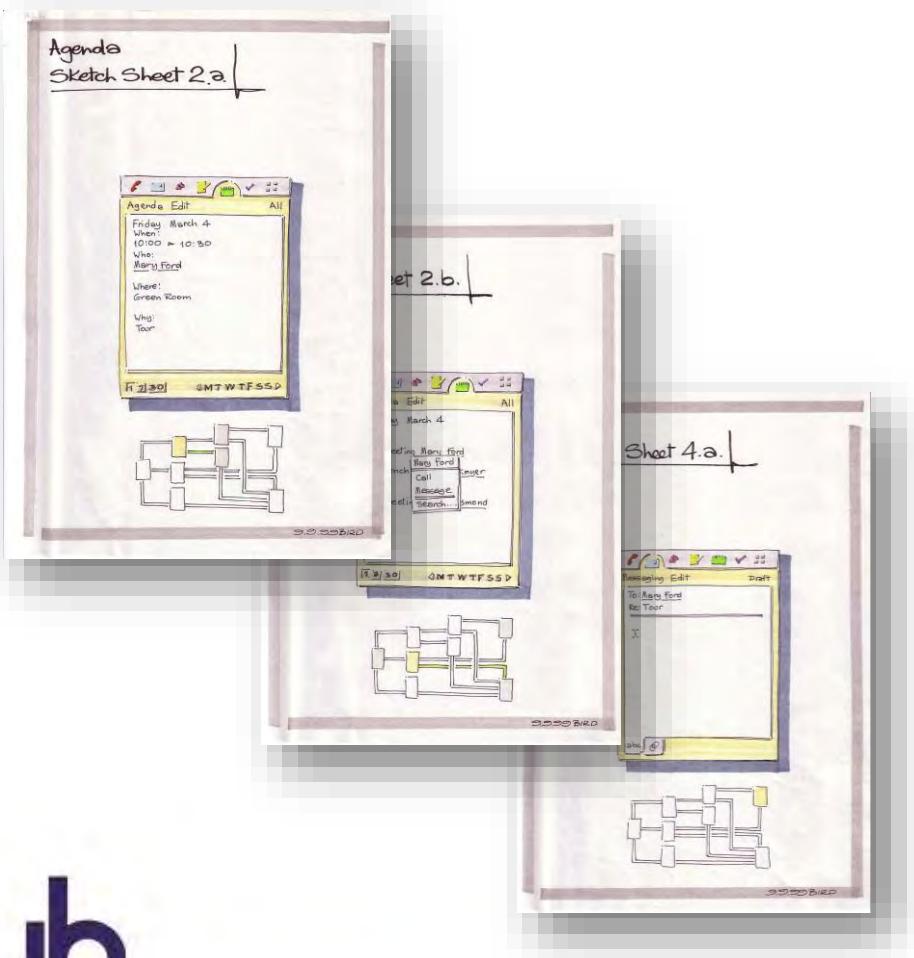
Using image editing software to simplify photos into sketches



# Tracing Photos

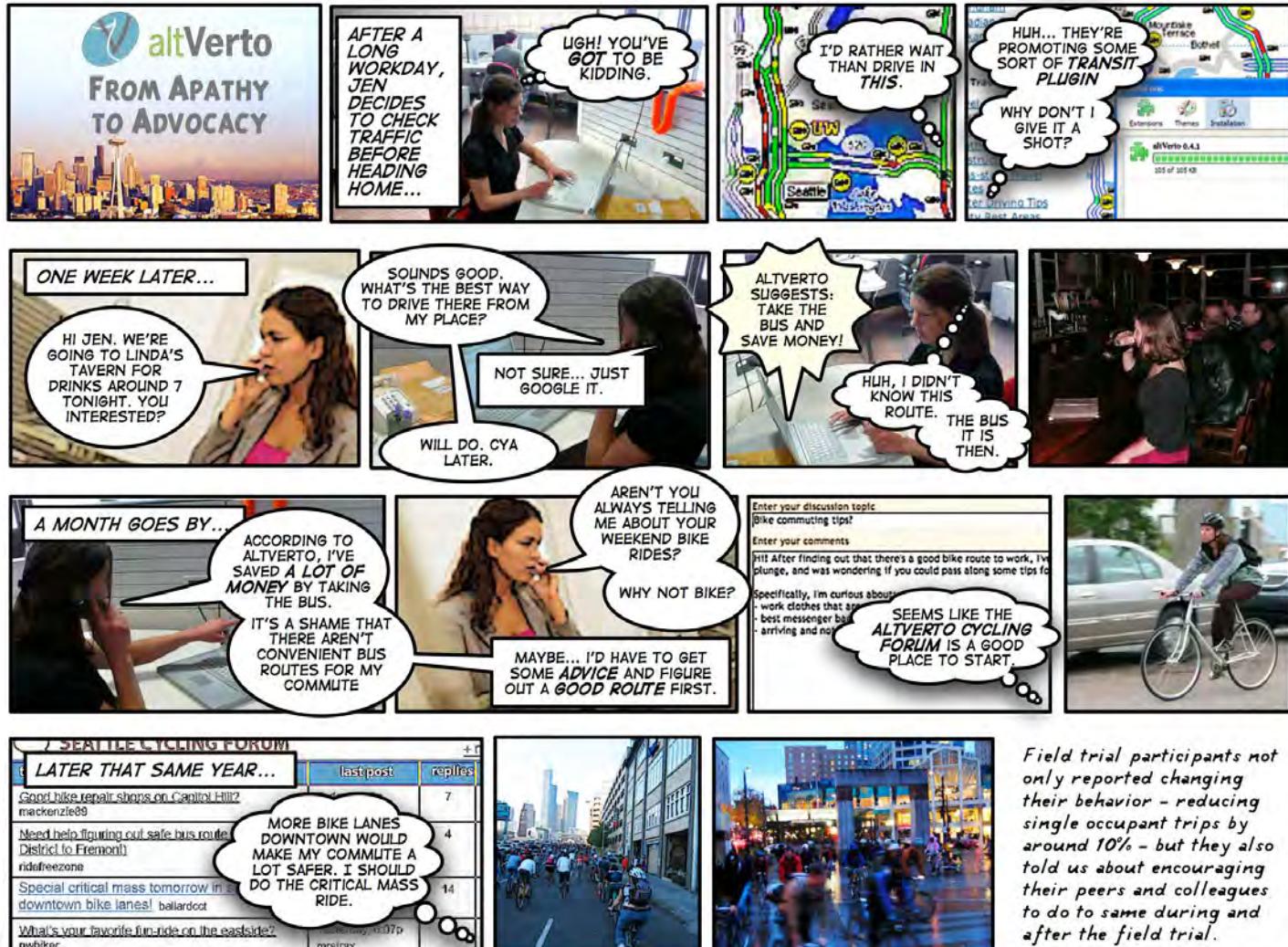


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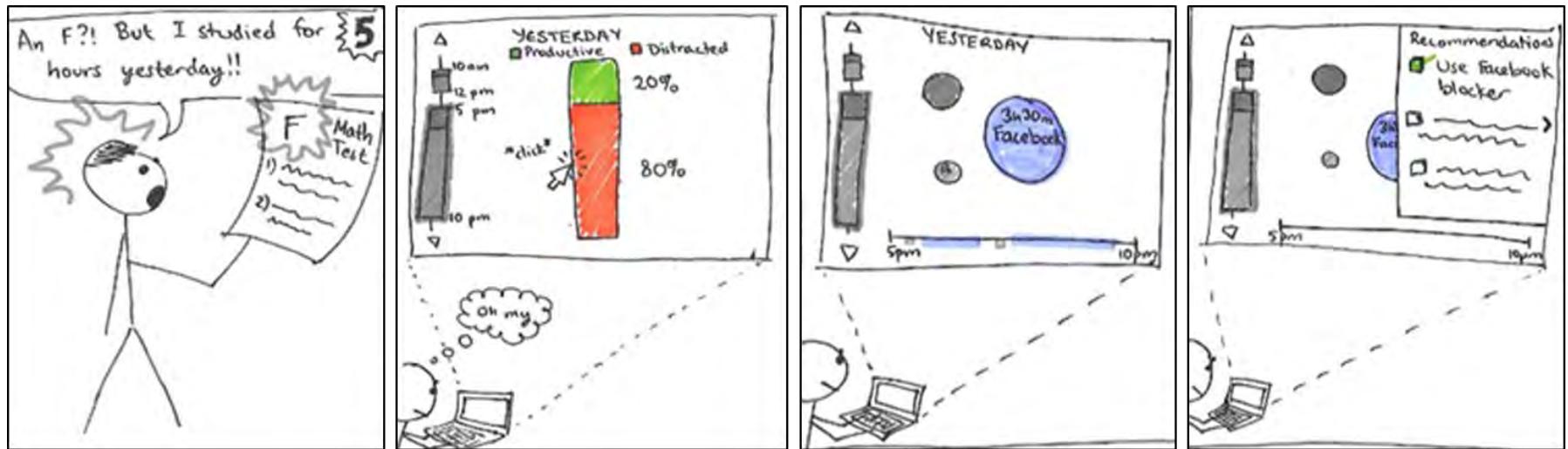


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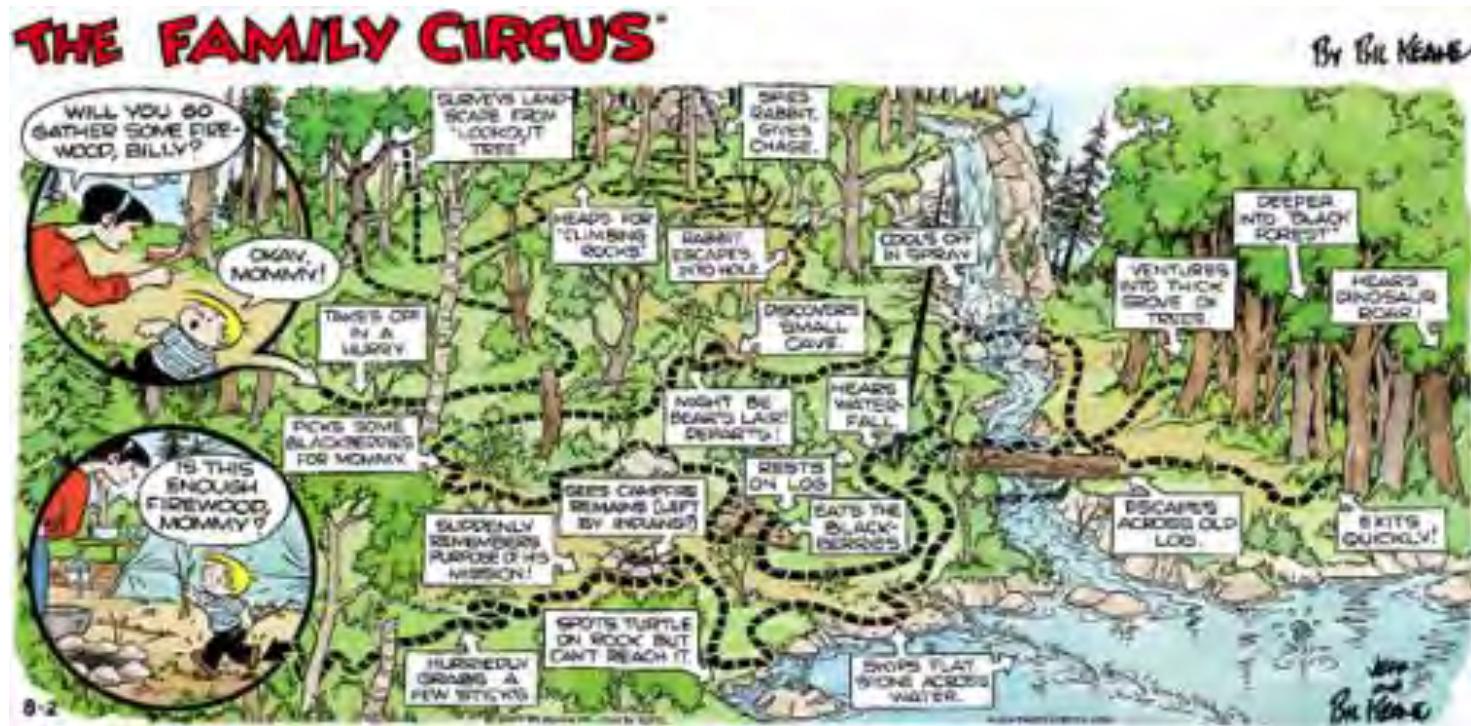
Thought bubbles argue for the design



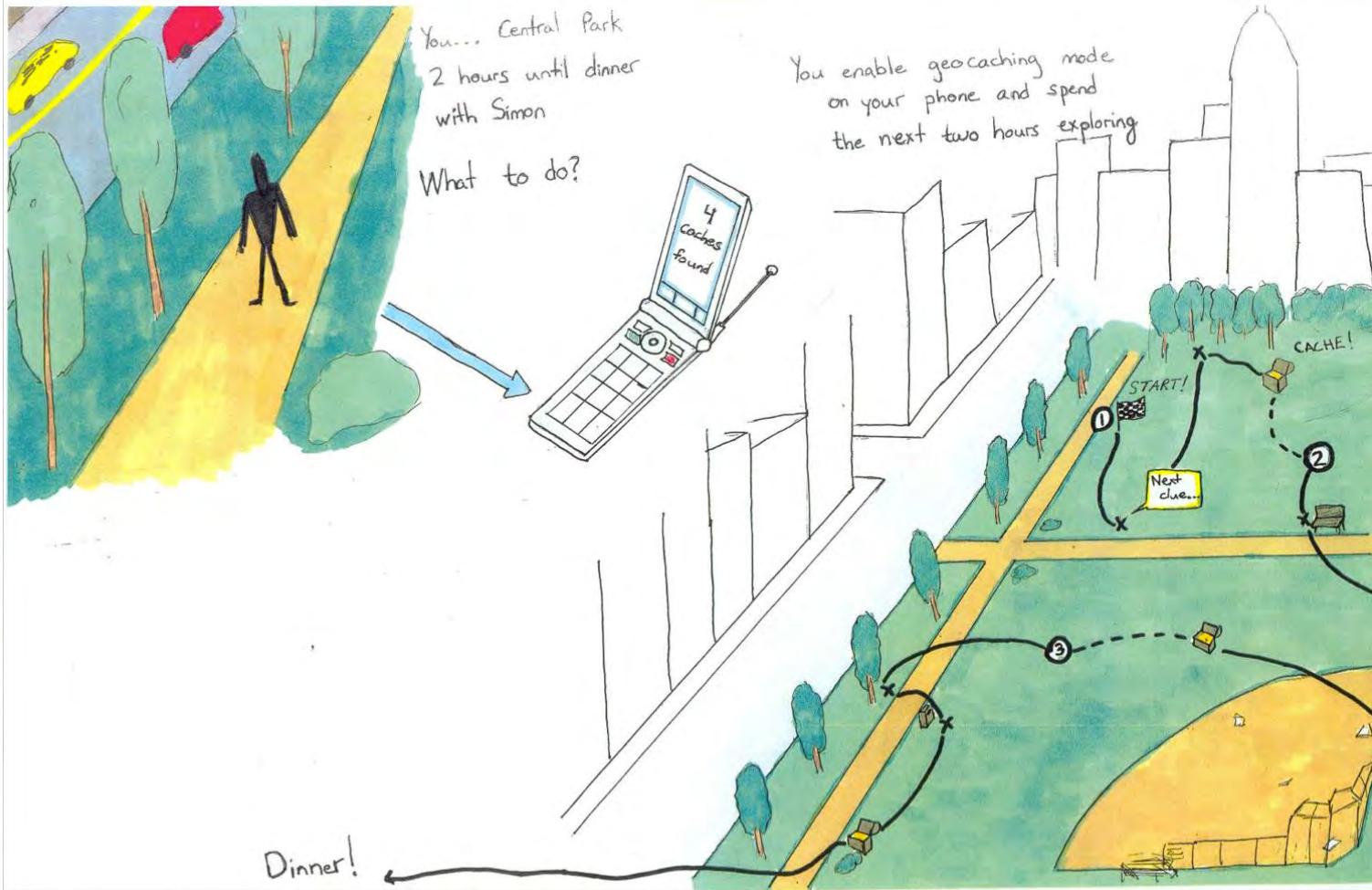
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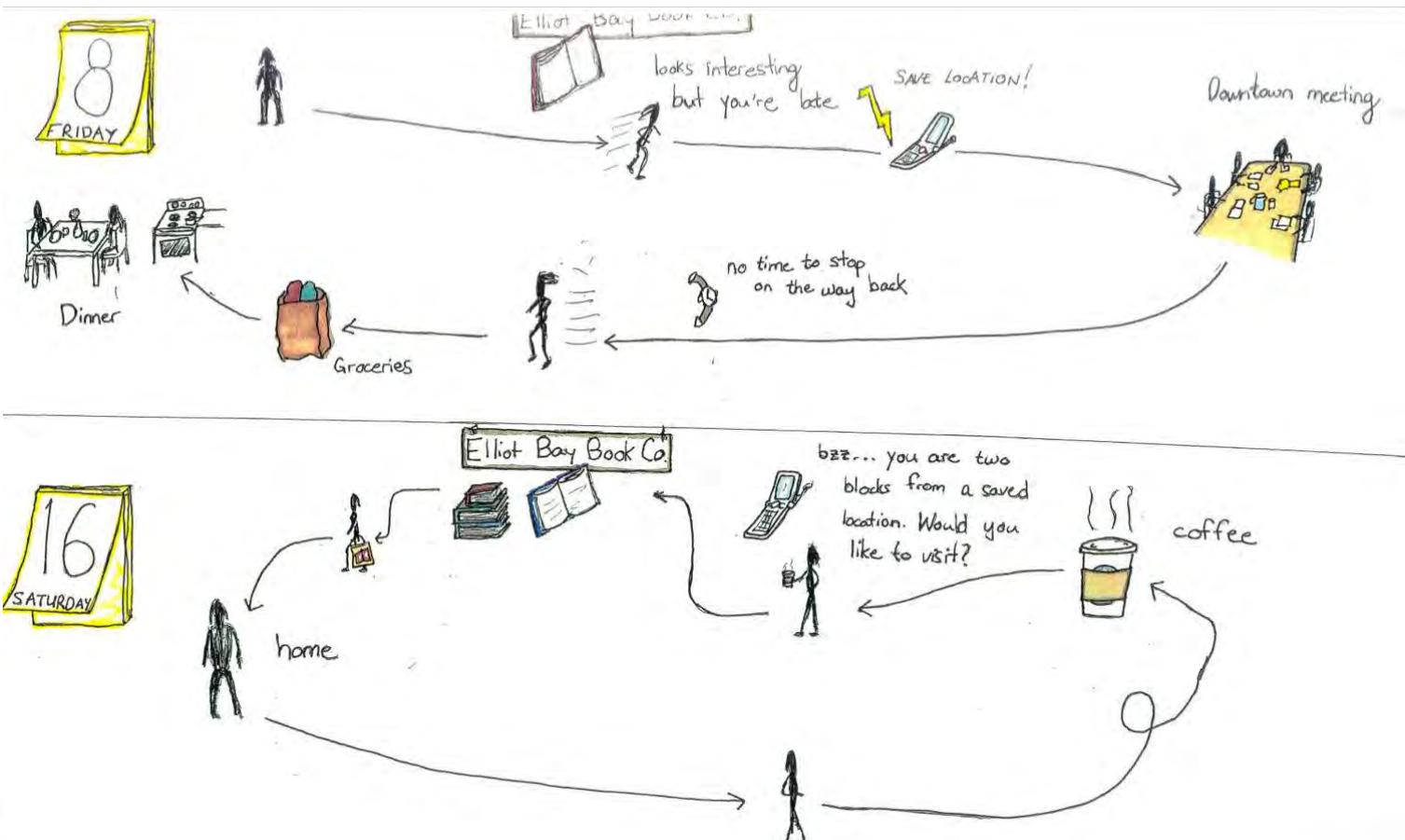
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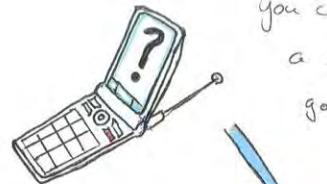
# Route Maps



# Route Maps



the movie is over and  
you are hungry, but you  
don't know the area---



You check your phone for  
a list of places people often  
go from here ...



... eventually settling on  
a diner and getting directions  
through your phone.



and discuss the  
food options with  
your friends ...

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# Value of Animation or Video

Can illustrate critical timing

Can be more engaging than written or storyboard

Can more easily convey emotion (e.g., voice, music)

Can show interactive elements more clearly

Can be self-explanatory

If done well, can be an effective pitch

But you need to keep it quick and effective

# Most Important Trick: Stop Motion



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<http://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse440/videos/videoprototyping/Mackay-StopActionResult.mp4>

# Video Prototypes

May build upon paper prototypes,  
existing software, and images of real settings

Narration optional

Narrator explains, actors move or illustrate interaction

Actors perform movements and viewer  
expected to understand without voice-over

# Steps to Create a Video Prototype

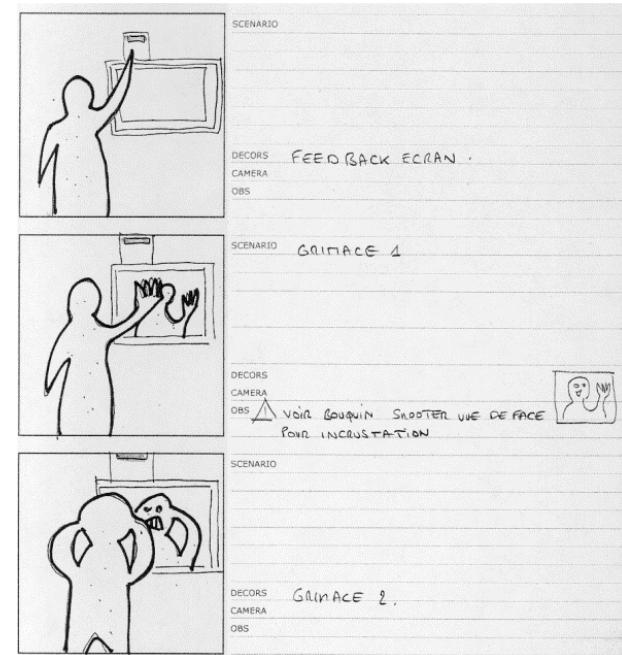
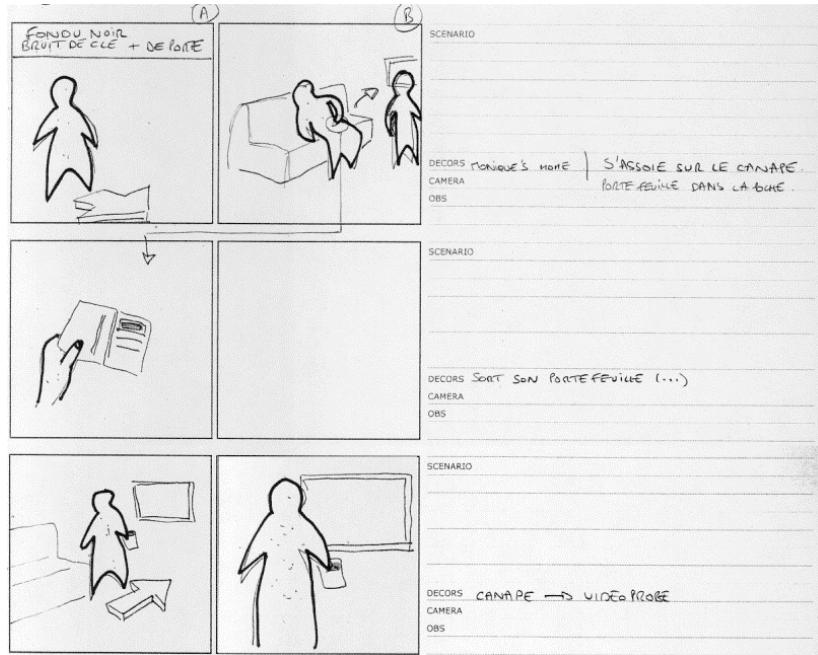
Review field data

Review ideas from brainstorm

Create text for usage scenarios

Develop storyboard, with each scene on a card,  
illustrating each action/event with annotations  
explaining what is happening

# Steps to Create a Video Prototype



# Steps to Create a Video Prototype

Shoot a video clip for each storyboard card

Avoid editing in the camera, just shoot your scenes

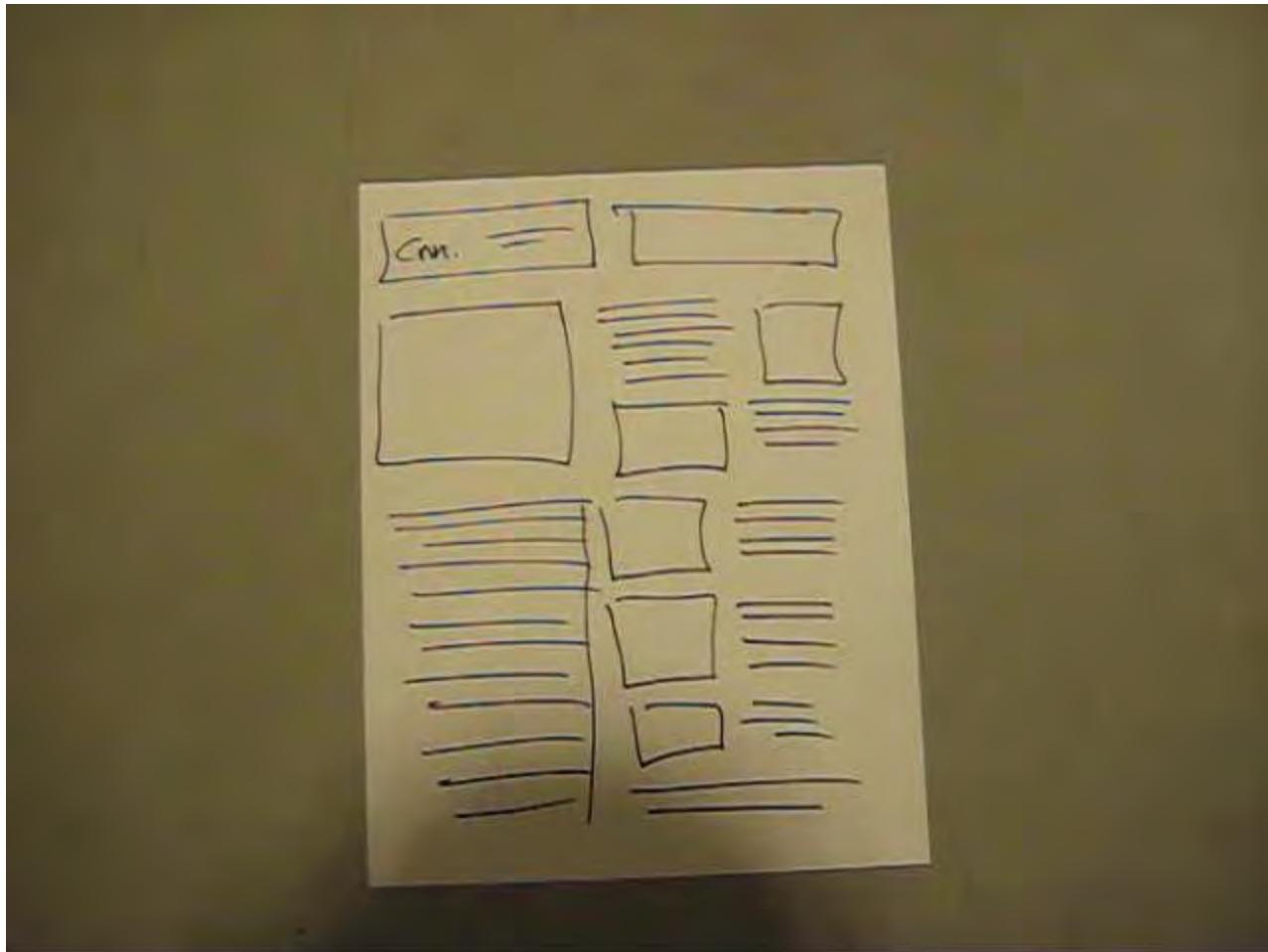
Use titles to separate clips

Like a silent movie

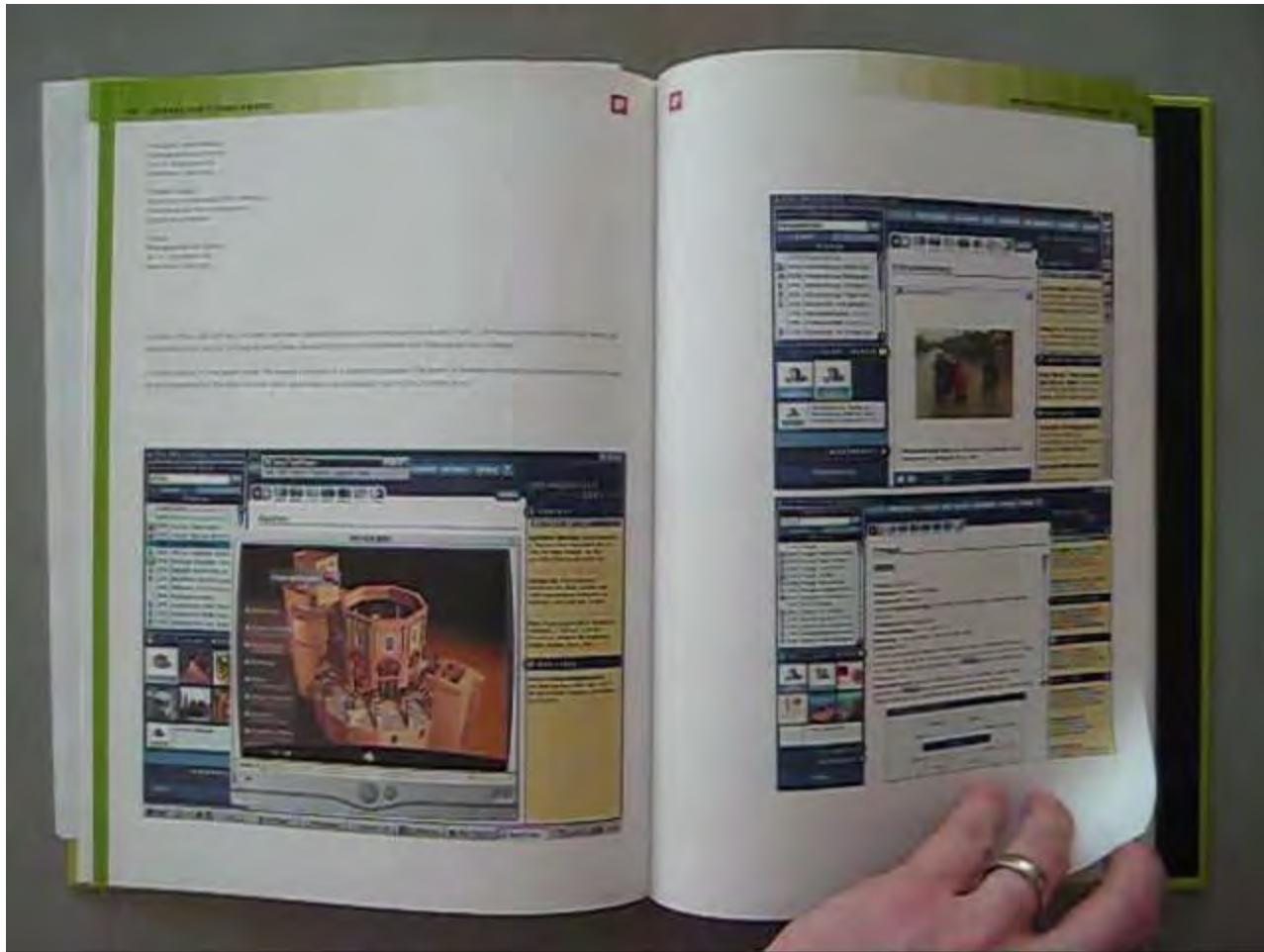
Digital changes these tradeoffs a little, but respect the spirit of doing this quickly to get point across

If you make an error, just reshoot it

# Prototyping Microsoft Surface



# Prototyping Microsoft Surface



# Lessons from Prior Video Prototypes

Narration, Pace, and Flair

Three versions of “Don’t Forget”

Using Projectors and Simple Props

“Buddy Map”

Watch for Pace and Scene Relevance

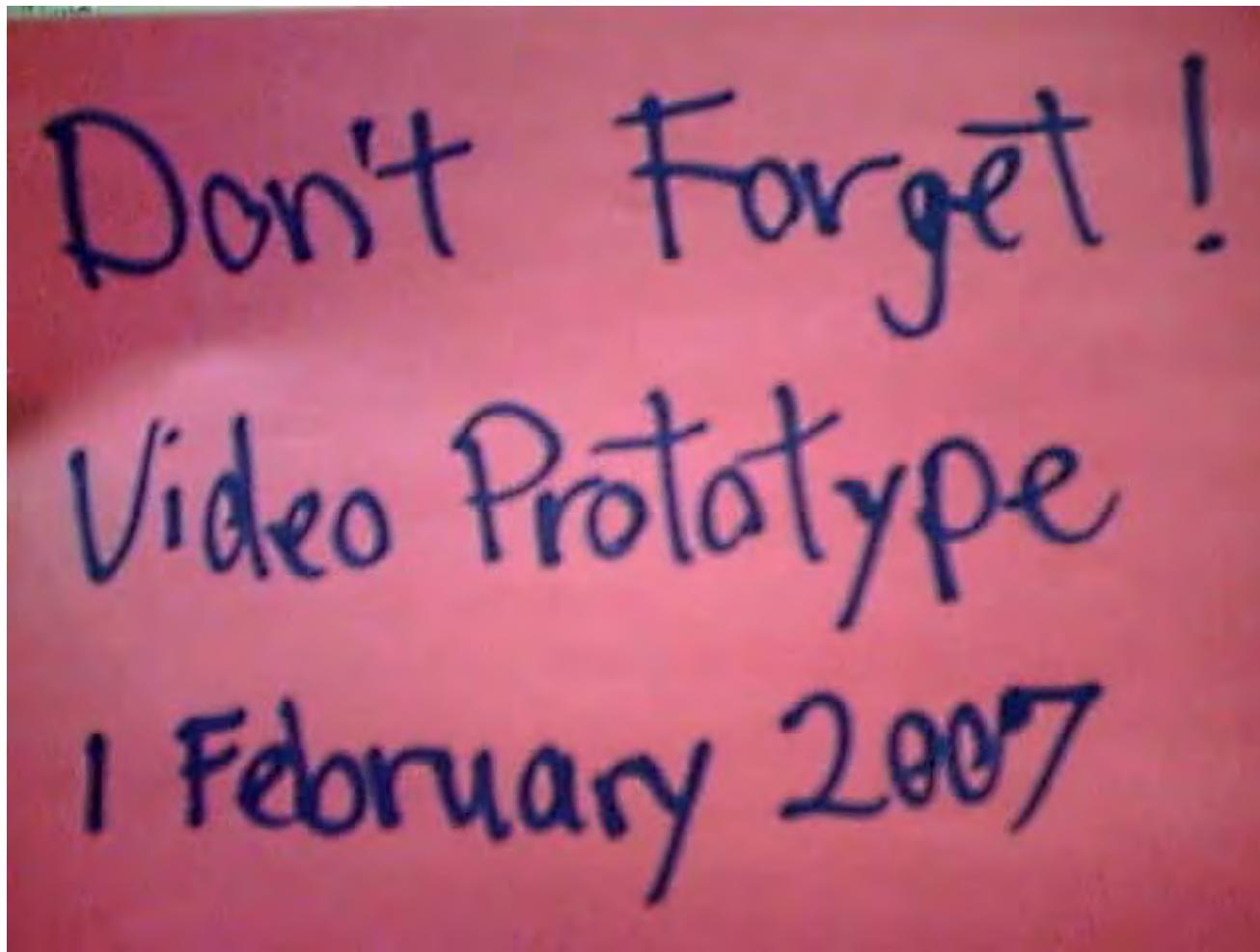
“Consumester”

# Narration, Pace, and Flair

**Don't Forget**

**by Carolyn Holmes and Fred Potter**

# Narration, Pace, and Flair



# Narration, Pace, and Flair

**"Don't Forget" Video Prototype  
Chris Govella - Peter Woodman**

<http://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse440/videos/videoprototyping/Don't-Forget-3.mp4>

# Using Projectors and Simple Props

Team Buddy Map

# Backcountry Savior

Craig Panthen : Philip Kuo : Heidi Tanamulia : Christopher White  
CSE 440F : Professor Landay

# Watch for Pace and Scene Relevance

**Consumester**  
Video Prototype

# Lessons from Prior Video Prototypes

Split Presentation, Simple Effects

“PickUp”

Still-Frame, More Effects

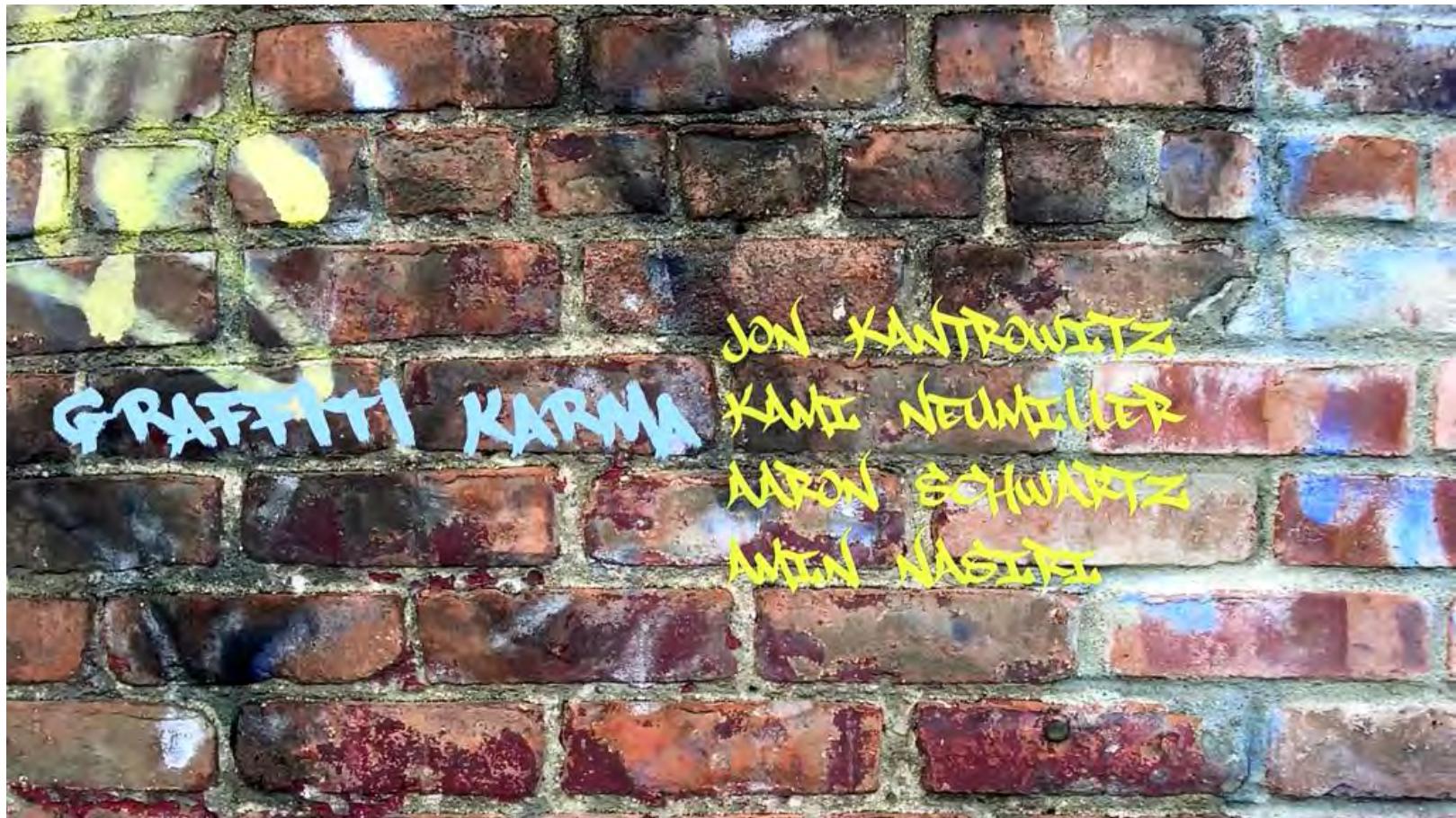
“Graffiti Karma”

# Split Presentation, Simple Effects



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# Still-Frame, More Effects



# Lessons from Prior Video Prototypes

Scenario with a Contrast

“ParkSmart” (note that screens are static images)

Playful while Keeping Pace

“Plantr”

# Scenario with a Contrast



# Playful while Keeping Pace



# Range of Purposes

Illustrating Low-Level Techniques

Microsoft Surface examples convey timing

Illustrate Designs

Focus in this course

High-Level Visions

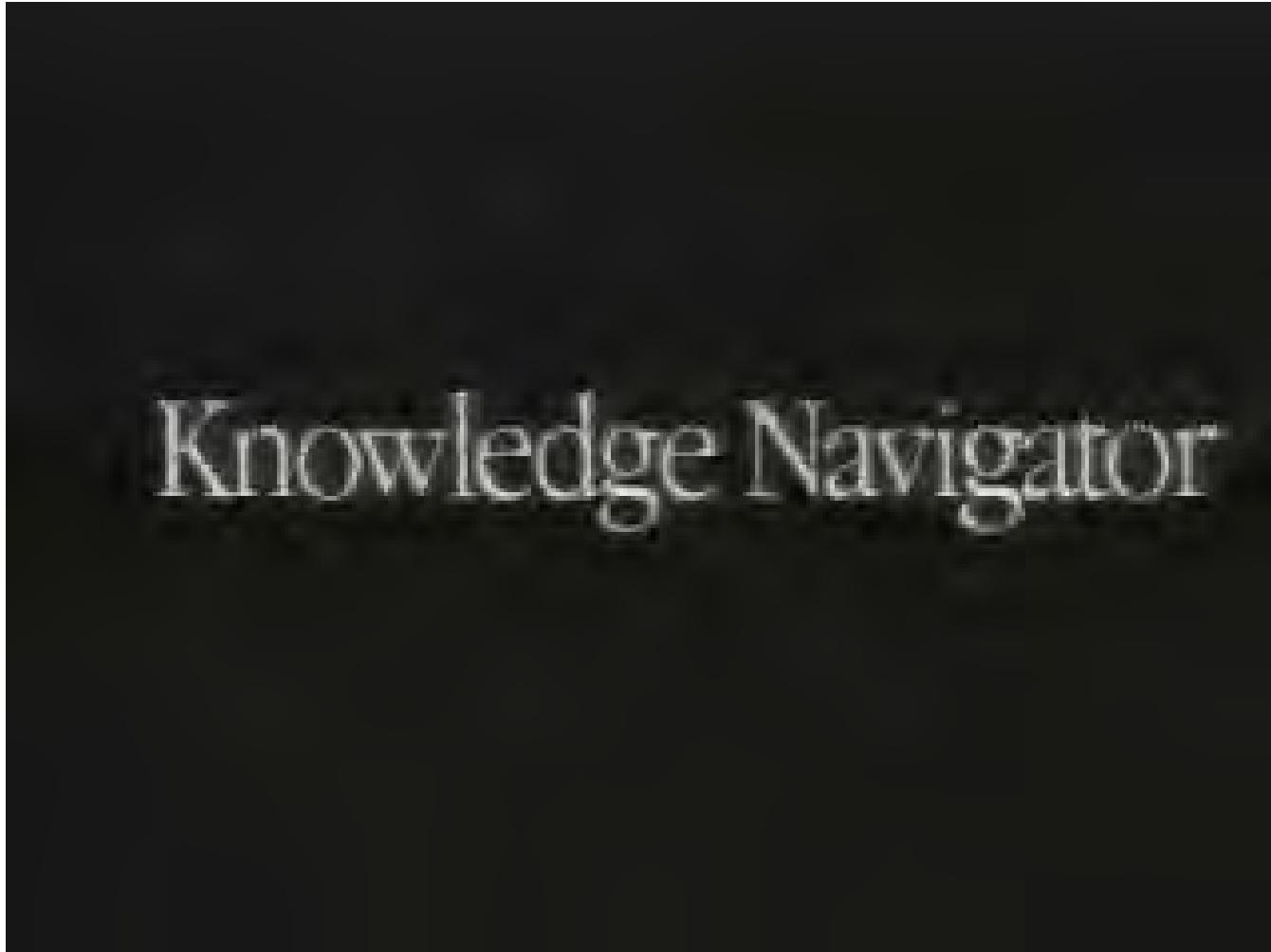
StarFire, Knowledge Navigator, A Day Made of Glass

# Sun's "Starfire" (1994)



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# Apple's "Knowledge Navigator" (1987)



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# Corning's “A Day Made of Glass” (2011)



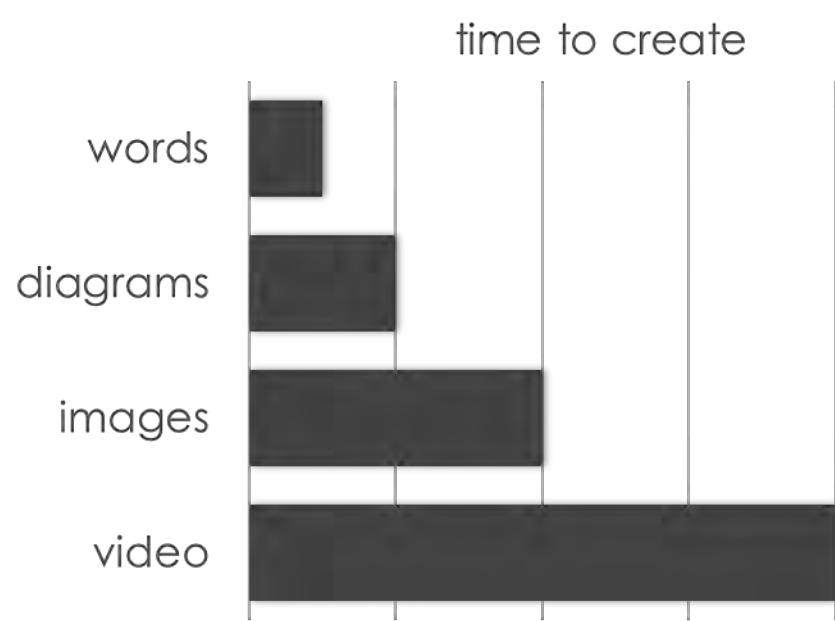
# LuciaMug Sketch: A Contrast



FLUIDUM

FLUIDUM

# Fidelity Takes Time: Stay Low Fidelity



Completely made-up bar length

But it is probably at least this bad

If you need a video, do you really need footage?

If you need an animation, do you really need Flash?

If you need a photo, do you really need to shoot?

# Summary

Think about your audience

Think about your time constraints

Think about how much you want to tell

Think about options for presenting your story

# CSE 440: Introduction to HCI

## User Interface Design, Prototyping, and Evaluation

Lecture 08:  
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Video Prototyping

James Fogarty  
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Saba Kawas  
Kelsey Munsell

Tuesday/Thursday  
12:00 to 1:20



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# Today

Reading 3 Due Tomorrow

Design Review Tomorrow

Report on Tuesday

Presentations on Thursday / Friday

Paper Prototypes Next Weekend

Bring Prototypes to Following Tuesday

In-Class Inspection Methods

# Today

## Tips on Effective Presentations

### Paper Prototyping

Introduce  
Yourself

# DisTrack

*Refocus yourself*

Graeme Britz	-	Project Manager
Max Suffel	-	Writer/User Researcher
Angela Suhardi	-	Writer/Designer
Jackie Chui	-	Writer/Designer
Bryan Djunaedi	-	Writer/Designer

Title  
Image  
Value Proposition



The recurring subscription management tool that let's you finally take control of your recurring services and payments.

Jen Kang • Vivian Yu • Si Liu • Brendan Lee

## Contractions Typos



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# Finding

Typography  
Consistency

- **Reimbursement is a burden...**
  - More people, more difficult
- **Compiling shopping list**
  - mental note, notepad, or phone
- **Brand and price conscious**

# Task

- 1. Making list & budgeting**
- 2. Choosing a store & transportation**
- 3. Shopping**
- 4. Purchasing**
- 5. Storing groceries**
- 6. Managing \$\$\$ & requesting reimbursement**

# Summary

Widows  
Orphans  
Process vs. Results

- Iteration is key
- Understand how users think
- Better design ideas came from more out-of-the-box thinking
- Discretionary spending is easy but discretionary spending tracking is hard
- Users crave positive motivation

## Things to Do (Tasks)

1. Ability to record running statistics such as distance run, speed, number of runs, etc.
2. Share statistics with friends
3. Create running events and invite friends
4. Send mass notifications to friends for a spontaneous run
5. Find a SmartMatch (based on various criteria) to run with
6. Write and search for reviews on the route/experience

## Overall Problem: Joint Pain & Activity

- Target Audience: Athletes
  - Health conscious
  - Disciplined
- Problem: Overexertion and aggravation of injury among athletes

Sense  
Breaks

# Running with Friends

Erica Putsche, Heidi So, Luke  
Chang, Linsen Wu

# Contextual Inquiry - Insights

Johnson (20, undergraduate, CSE 006 Lab)

- Perception ≠ Observation
- Distracted by people talking and noise
- More focused at CSE Labs than at home

Steve (25, graduate, Mercer Court)

- Motivated by seeing people working
- Distracted by people and social media
- Takes breaks often

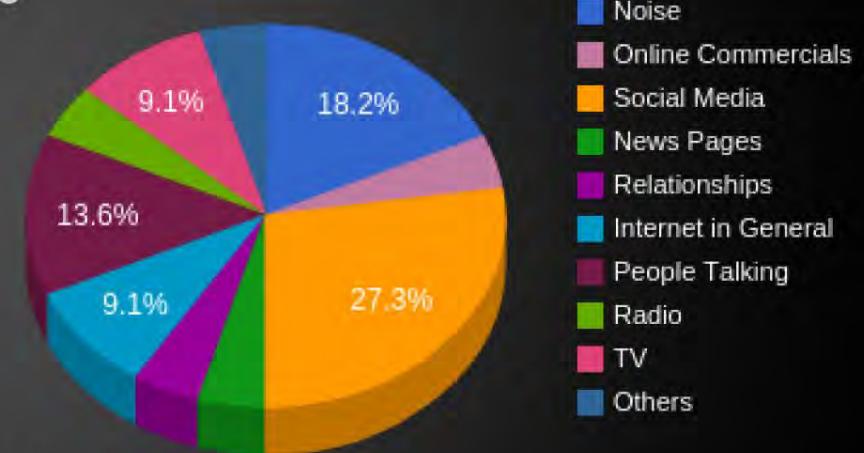
George (25, graduate, Odegaard Library)

- Turns notifications off while studying

Group (4 undergraduates, Yunnie Bubble Tea)

- Distracted by each other and apps
- Use headphones (music) to focus

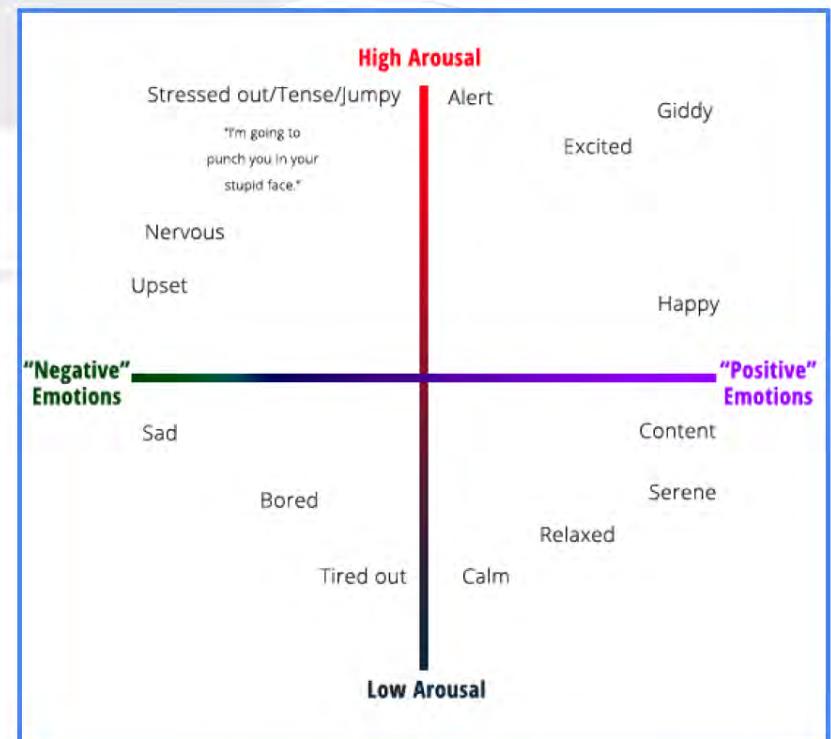
Distraction Sources



## Too Much Text Too Much “People”

Our three inquiries showed us:

1. People valued the insights acquired from a mood journal.
2. People thought journaling was a hassle.
3. People were interested in what triggers their mood
4. People want to share information with a mental health professional



Design 1: Running separately

May add some motivation but does not provide the full experience of running with a companion

Design 2: Coordinating running events in advance

Tasks can be accomplished using Facebook events or other similar tools

### **Design 3: Spontaneous Running**

**Tasks are unique and they also address the concerns raised in our contextual inquiries. Our chosen design also provides us with an interesting opportunity to explore personal informatics**

# Summary

Too Much Text

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# Having Too Much Text

If you can read it  
you probably will  
we probably will

Be conversational, engaged  
even when not talking

Notes are fine  
but do not read them

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## Slide Counts as Guidelines Cramming too Much

# Parent Contextual Inquiry

### Participants:

- Two parents whose children formerly had IEPs
- One parent with two children that currently have IEPs
- One guardian of a student with an IEP

### The Process:

- “The lingo and paperwork are confusing, they come with 17 people and you are there by yourself.”

### Communication:

- “right now I come in doing all the communications to get information”

### Tracking



Have the Right Text  
“Overuse Injuries”

## Overall Problem: Joint Pain & Activity

- Target Audience: Athletes
  - Health conscious
  - Disciplined
- Problem: Overexertion and aggravation of injury among athletes

Pictures  
are Good

# Contextual Inquiry

- Dancers
  - Use of entire body
  - Diverse Injuries
- Observation
  - Warmup
  - Preventative Habits



Pictures  
are Good

# Contextual Inquiry

## 4 Locations

- Odegaard Library
- CSE Undergraduate Labs
- Mercer Court
- Yunnie Bubble Tea (Ave)



## 3+1 Approaches

- Observation + Interview (3x)
- Interview-only (2x)
- In-group Interview (1x4)
- + Online Survey (16x)



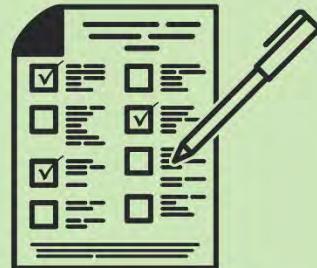
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# Contextual Inquiry

- People do not want to be interrupted or distracted
- Most people do not have a liquid intake plan
- People often reach for soda, coffee, or other beverages when they feel thirsty



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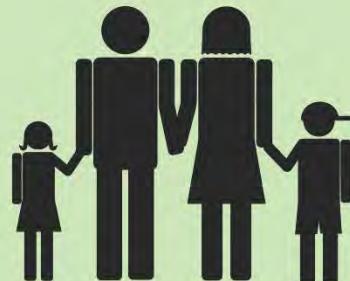


# Contextual Inquiry

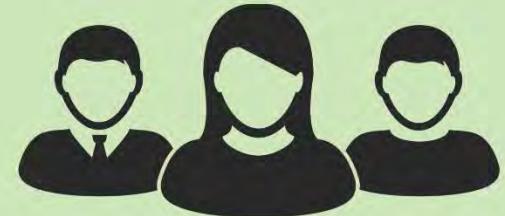
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Family



Undergrad  
Student



## In-Line References Versus Bibliography Slide

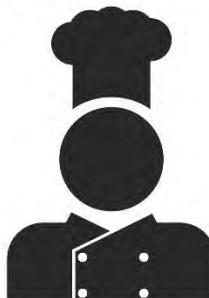
**15%** of Americans between the ages of 20 and 69 experience hearing loss that may have been caused by **noise at work or during leisure activities.**

## Motivation of Participants



**Very noisy** work environment

**Some control** over exposure levels



**Moderately noisy** work environment

**Lacks control** of his noise exposure



Dartmouth student who is exposed to **noisy social environments** multiple days per week

**Has control** over exposure levels

Watch the  
Selling

We can help

# Tasks

- Record mood reflections
- Discover triggers and warning signs
- Discover wellness strategies
- Planning for health
- Quick mood check-ins
- Aid your health professional

# Tasks

1

Engage a work session.

2

Record digital and non-digital behavior.

3

Prompt for taking breaks.

4

Reflect on recorded data relative to time and location.

5

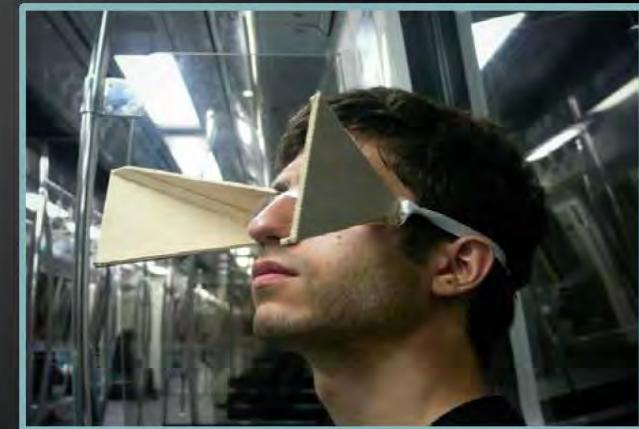
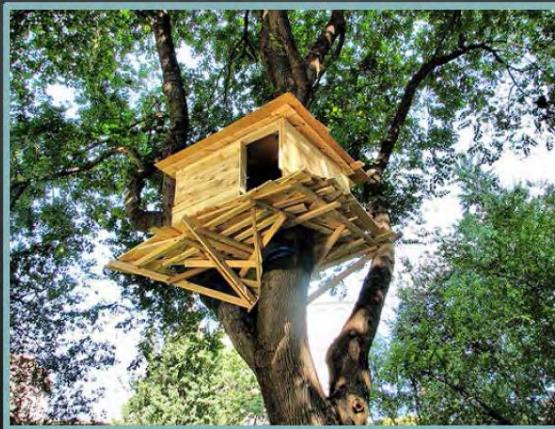
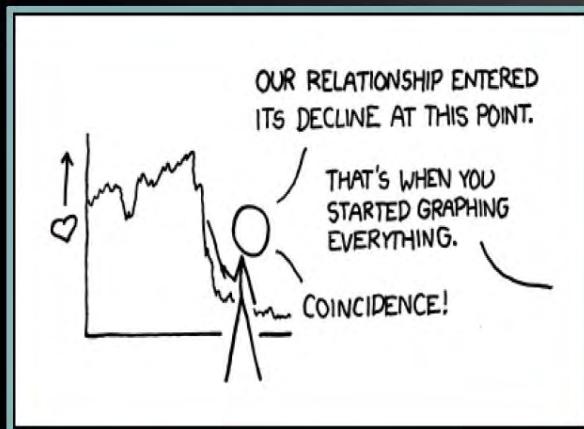
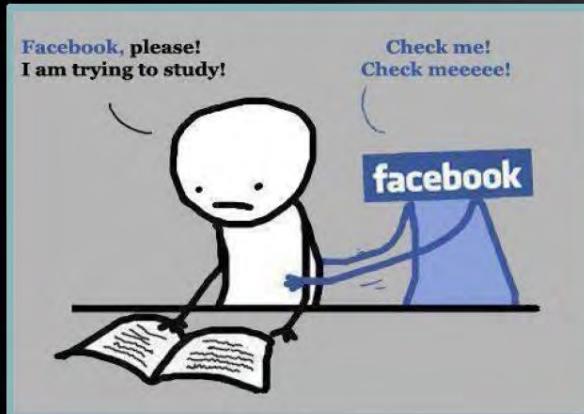
Find a productive work place.

6

Find and implement methods/strategies to stay focused.

# Distracting

## Tasks



# Speaking of Distractions

Whether correct or not, many things distract

Plural possessive

*a posteriori*

Anything that might be sensitive

# Original Tasks

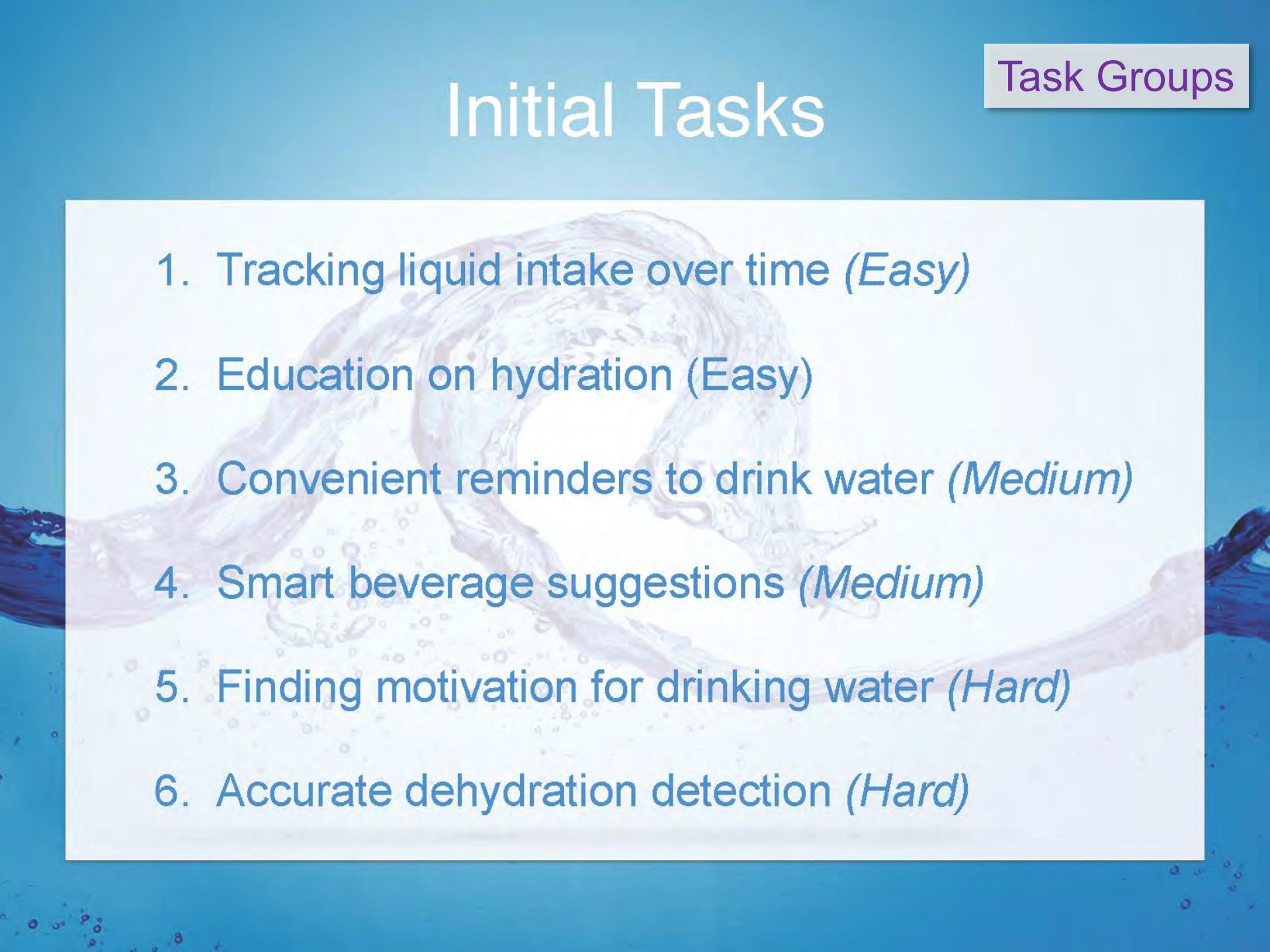
### **Current Tasks:**

- Aggregate and collect all IEP information for continuity and stakeholder accessibility.
- Encourage communication between stakeholders.
- Connect with other parents who have children with similar disabilities.

### **New Tasks:**

- Access mini lessons to support the developmental master of IEP tasks.
- Motivational rewards system to encourage students to be active in their IEP.
- IEP videos for parents to understand how to best advocate for their child.

# Initial Tasks

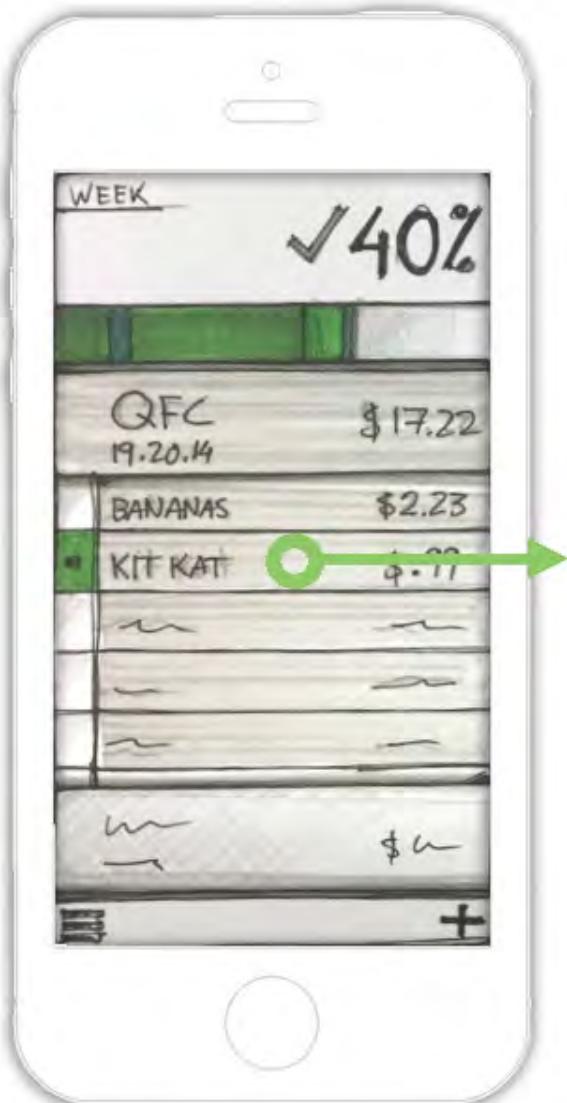
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1. Tracking liquid intake over time (*Easy*)
  2. Education on hydration (*Easy*)
  3. Convenient reminders to drink water (*Medium*)
  4. Smart beverage suggestions (*Medium*)
  5. Finding motivation for drinking water (*Hard*)
  6. Accurate dehydration detection (*Hard*)

Verb as Task



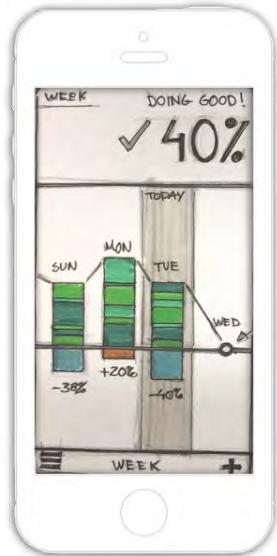
**Adjust** budget between  
different categories.

Verb as Task



**Designate** spending as discretionary.

## Verb as Task



Review spending **progress** compared to goals.



Account for **future** spending.



Prevent **unwanted** habitual spending.



Check if a potential purchase **fits the budget**.

## Consistency of Emphasis

Many people make **general** budgeting goals.

**Large** items are monitored.

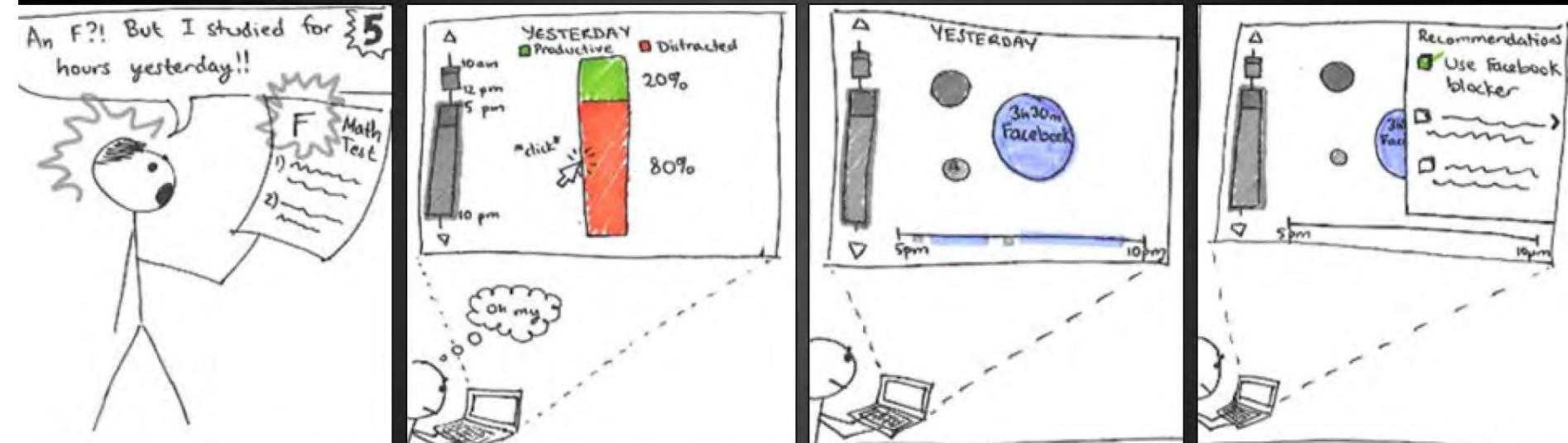
Small items cumulative impact  
**not considered**.

**Challenging** setting up budgets.

Complicated input leads to **less use**.

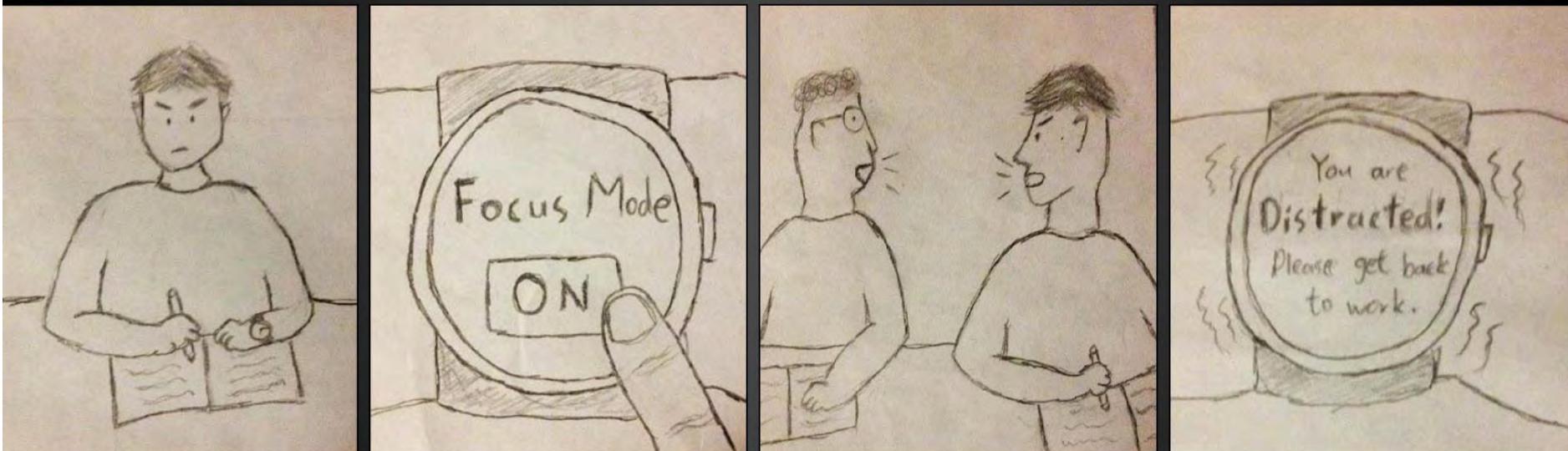
# Consistency of Emphasis

**Task: Reflect** on recorded data relative to time and location



## Consistency of Emphasis

Task: Find and implement methods/strategies  
to reduce distractions and increase focus



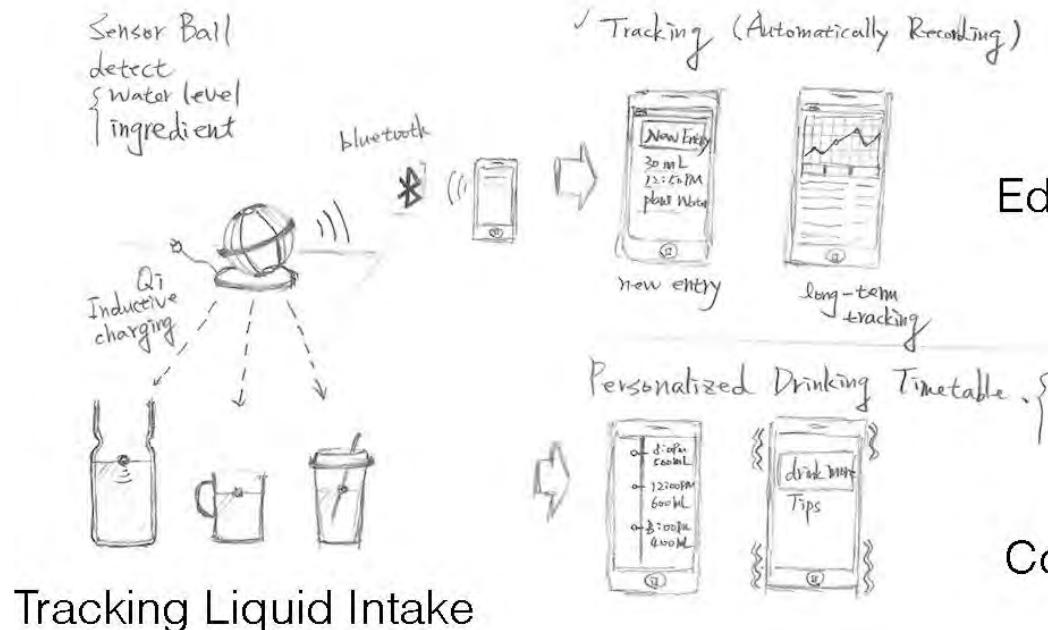
# Pre-shopping

# Design 1

Naming  
Designs



# Naming Designs



Tracking Liquid Intake

Convenient Reminders

detect ingredients  
& give suggestions

Smart Beverage Suggestions

# Naming Designs versus Slide Title Hierarchy of Information

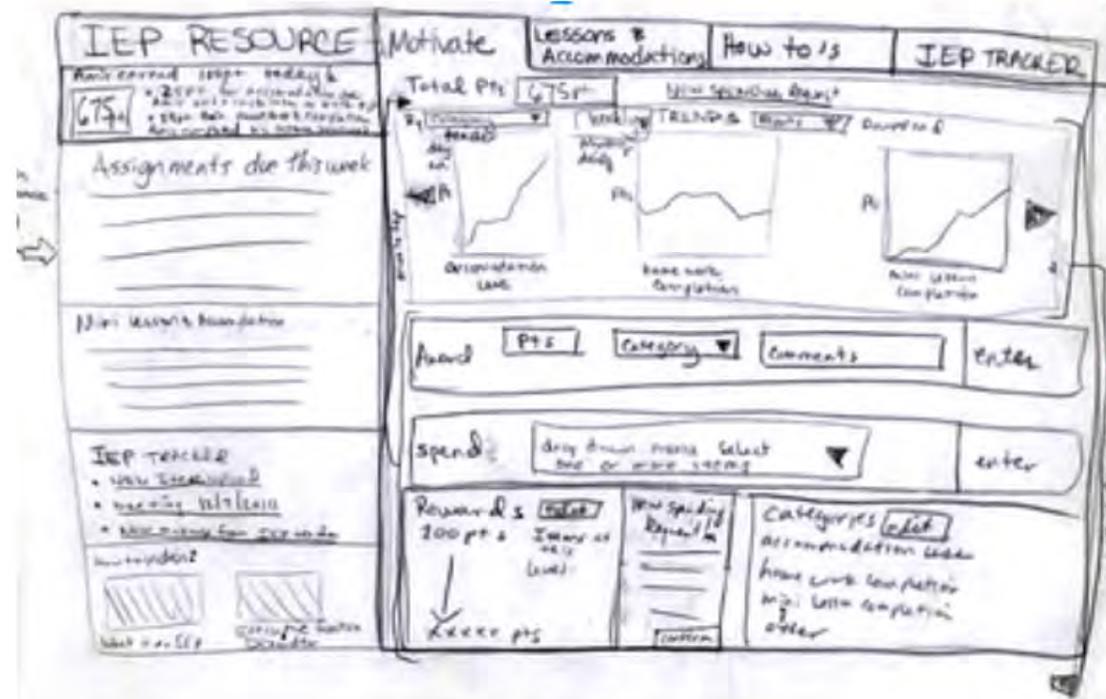
## Sketch 3

### Main Focus:

- Student Motivation

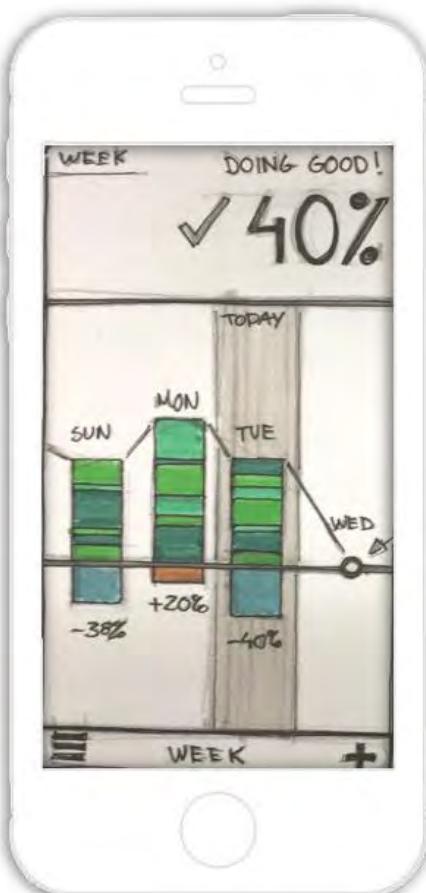
### Key Features:

- Mini lessons accessible for the student and parent to work on
- Points awarded for completion of task on the website
- Spending points for various rewards



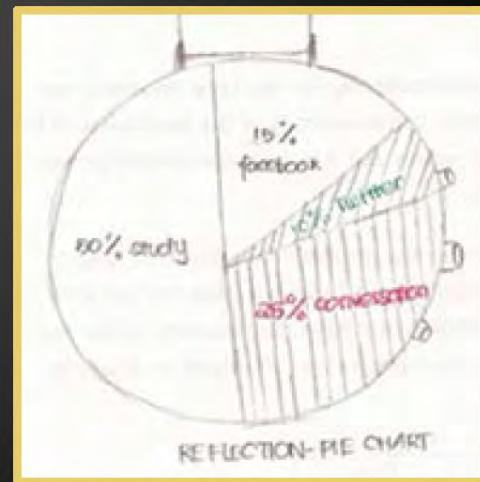
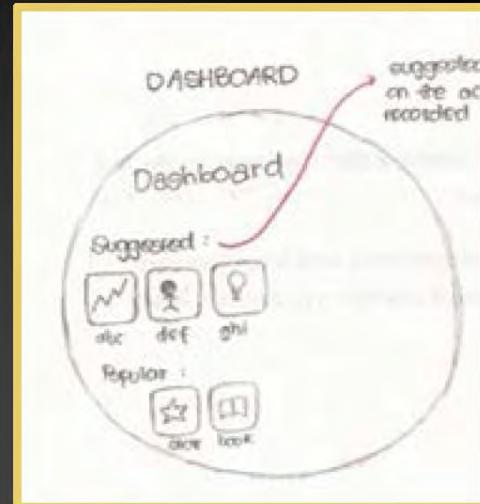
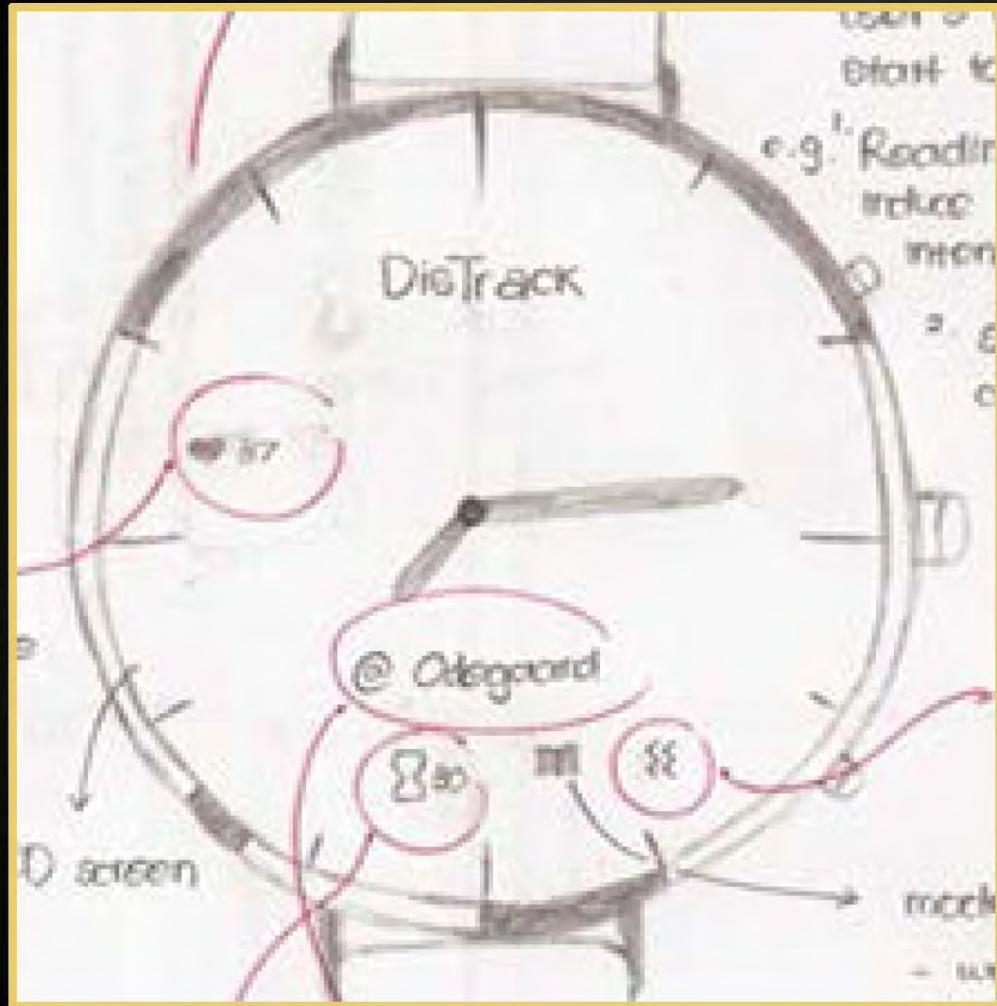
# Design 1

Legibility  
of Sketches



# Blurry Images

## Design 3

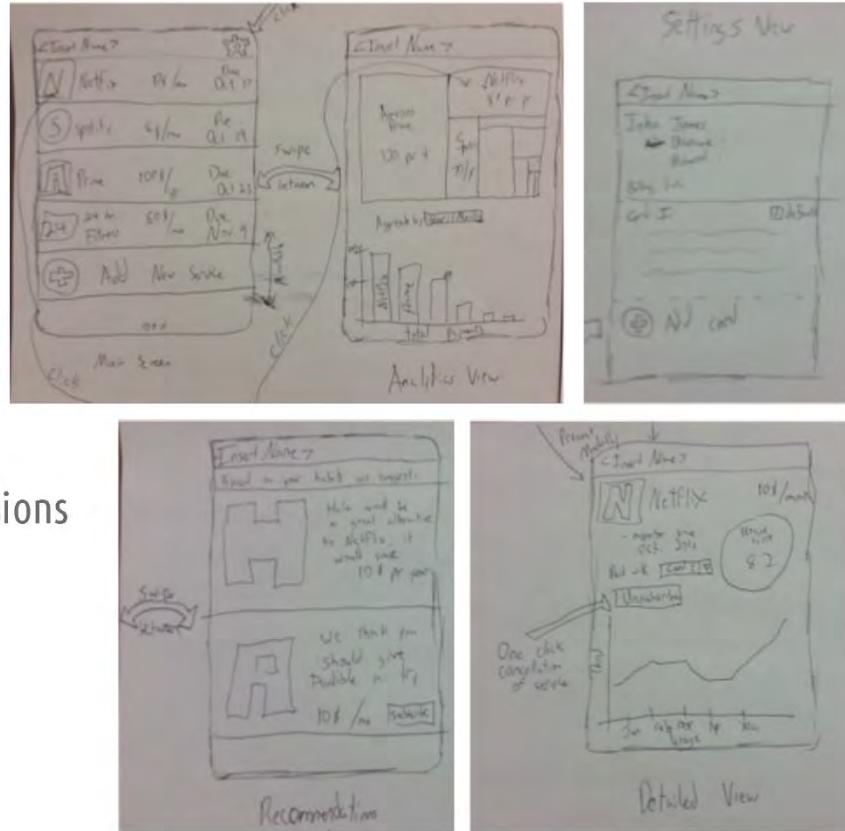


# Low Contrast Images Low Contrast Text

## Updated Sketch

### Two Tasks

- Recurring subscription management
- Insight and informed decisions



# Problem

Check the  
Projector

A lack of awareness about the long-term  
implications of noise exposure

Finishing  
Slide

# KACHING

# Today

## Tips on Effective Presentations

### Paper Prototyping

# Is My Design Good?

This is not a meaningful question

It can and will be answered with “Yes”

At least consider asking:

“What are three good things about this design?”

“What are three bad things about this design?”

But really the answer is “it depends”

Remember that designs are used for tasks

We should ask this in the context of tasks

# Fidelity in Prototyping

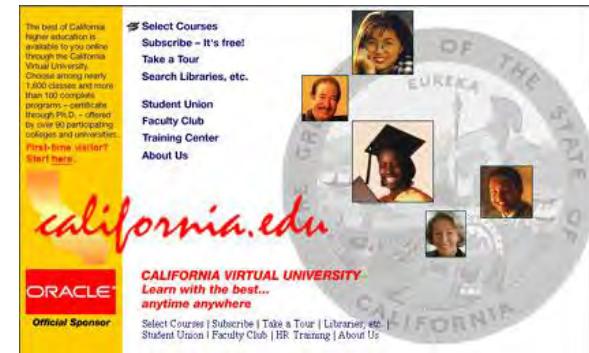
## High Fidelity

Prototypes look like  
the final product

## Low Fidelity

Designer sketches  
with many details missing

We have discussed the  
value of staying lightweight  
in sketching, but this also  
applies to prototyping



# High-Fidelity Prototypes Warp

## Time and creativity

- Require precision (e.g., must choose a font)

- Specifying details takes time

- Can lose track of the big picture

## Perceptions of a person reviewing or testing

- Representation communicates “finished”

- Comments often focus on color, fonts, alignment

# Low-Fidelity Prototypes

Traditional methods take too long

Sketches → Prototype → Evaluate → Iterate

Instead simulate the prototype

Sketches → Evaluate → Iterate

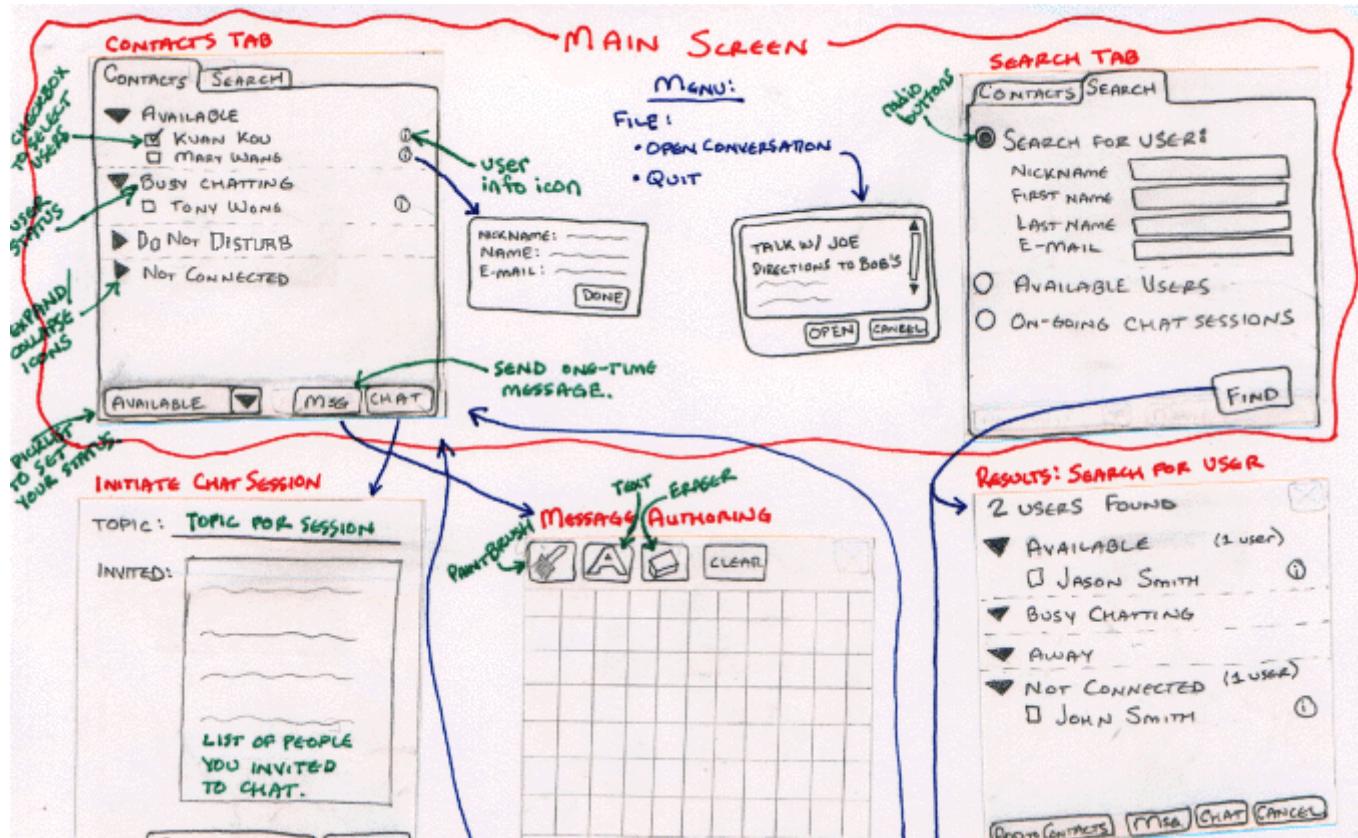
Sketches act as prototypes

A designer “plays computer”

Other design team members observe & record

Kindergarten implementation skills reduce barriers to participation in design and testing

# Sketches



# Paper Prototype



# Basic Materials

Heavy, white paper

Index cards

Post-its

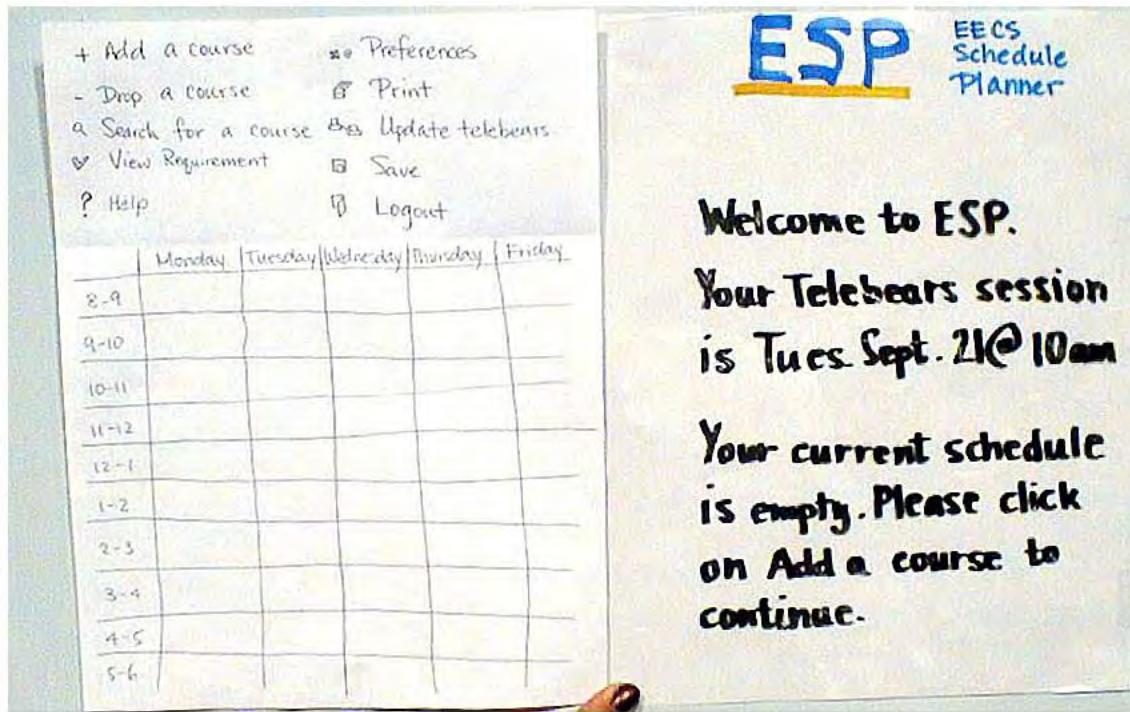
Tape, stick glue, correction tape

Pens and markers in many colors and sizes

Overhead transparencies

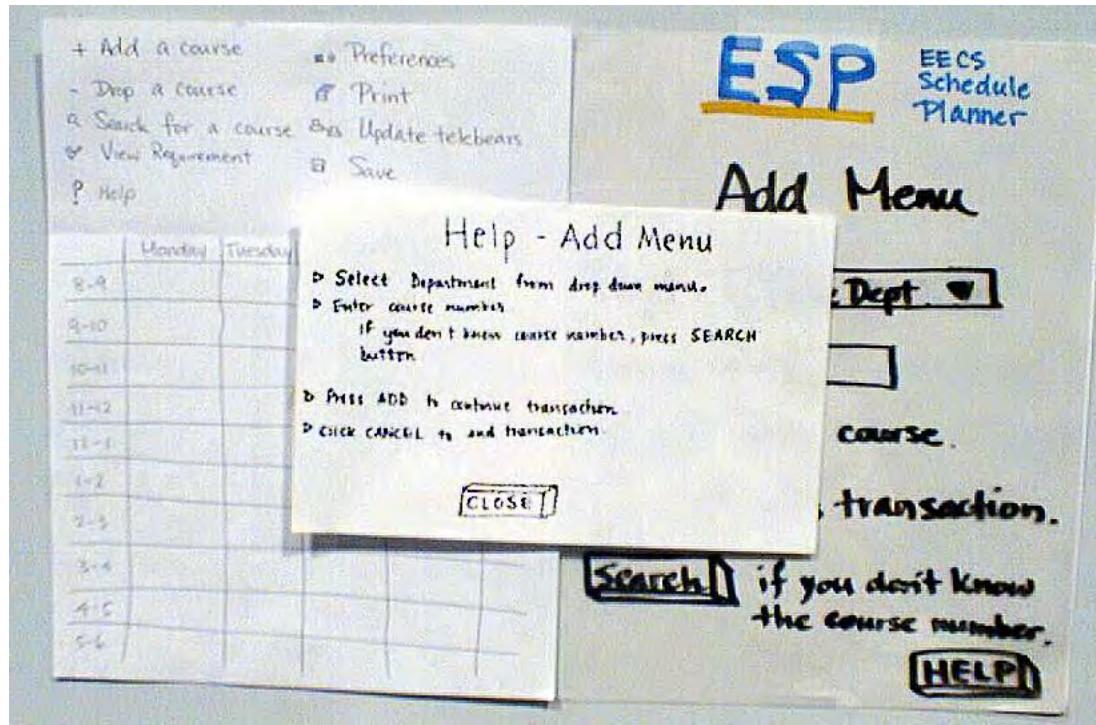
Scissors, X-Acto knife

# Paper Prototype



“Screen” faked with  
pre-constructed pieces

# Paper Prototype



New pieces added in response to interaction

# Paper Prototype

The image shows a hand-drawn paper prototype of a website page. At the top, there is a horizontal row of six rectangular buttons labeled "Back", "Forward", "Stop", "Home", "Search", and "Print". Below this, the header "Kool Clothes" is written in a stylized font, with a curly brace underneath it labeled "Logo". To the right of the logo are menu links: "Guys", "Gals", "Kids", and "Customer Service". The main content area is titled "Shopping Cart". A table lists items in the cart:

Item	Description	Color	Size	Status	Qty	Price	Total
42773	Cashmere sweater	Green	M	In Stock	1	\$79.99	\$79.99
23476	Breakaway belt	BR	S/M	In Stock	1	\$24.00	\$24.00

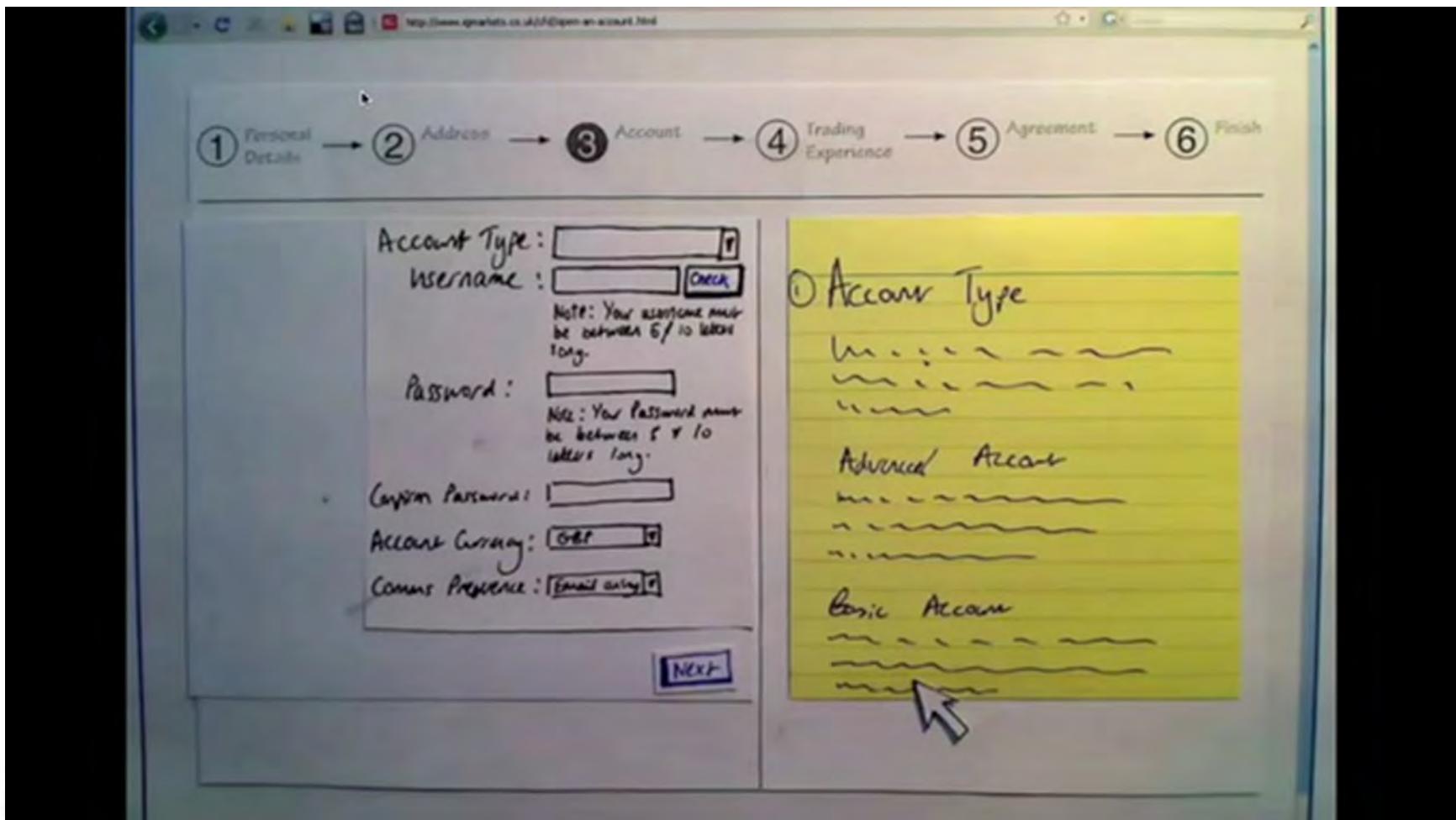
On the left side of the cart table, there is a note: "Check out our no-hassle Return Policy". On the right side, there is a breakdown of costs:

Subtotal	207.99
St H	12.95
Tax	0.00
Total	220.94

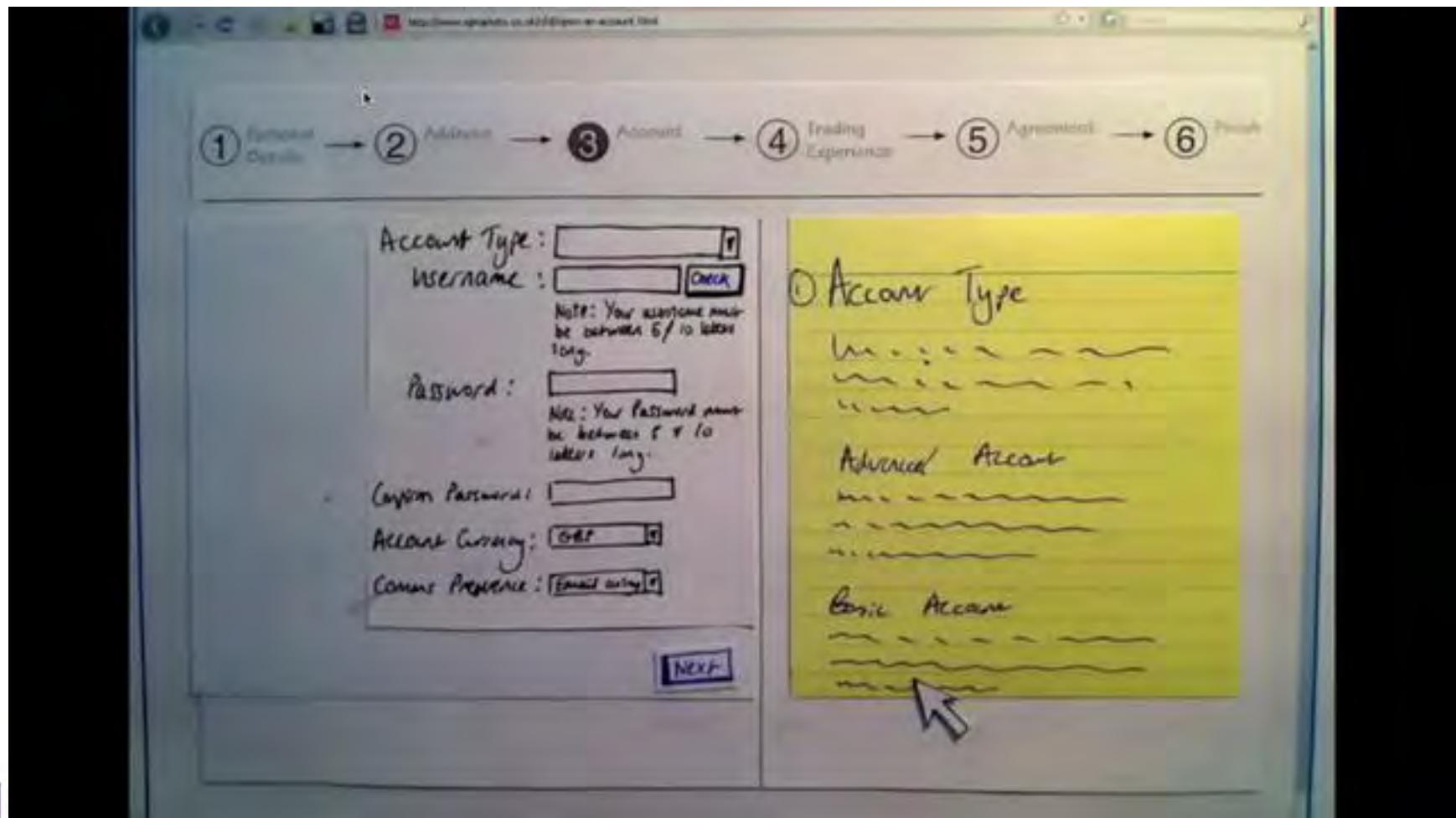
At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Continue Shopping" and "Checkout".

Transparencies allow  
flexible use of text

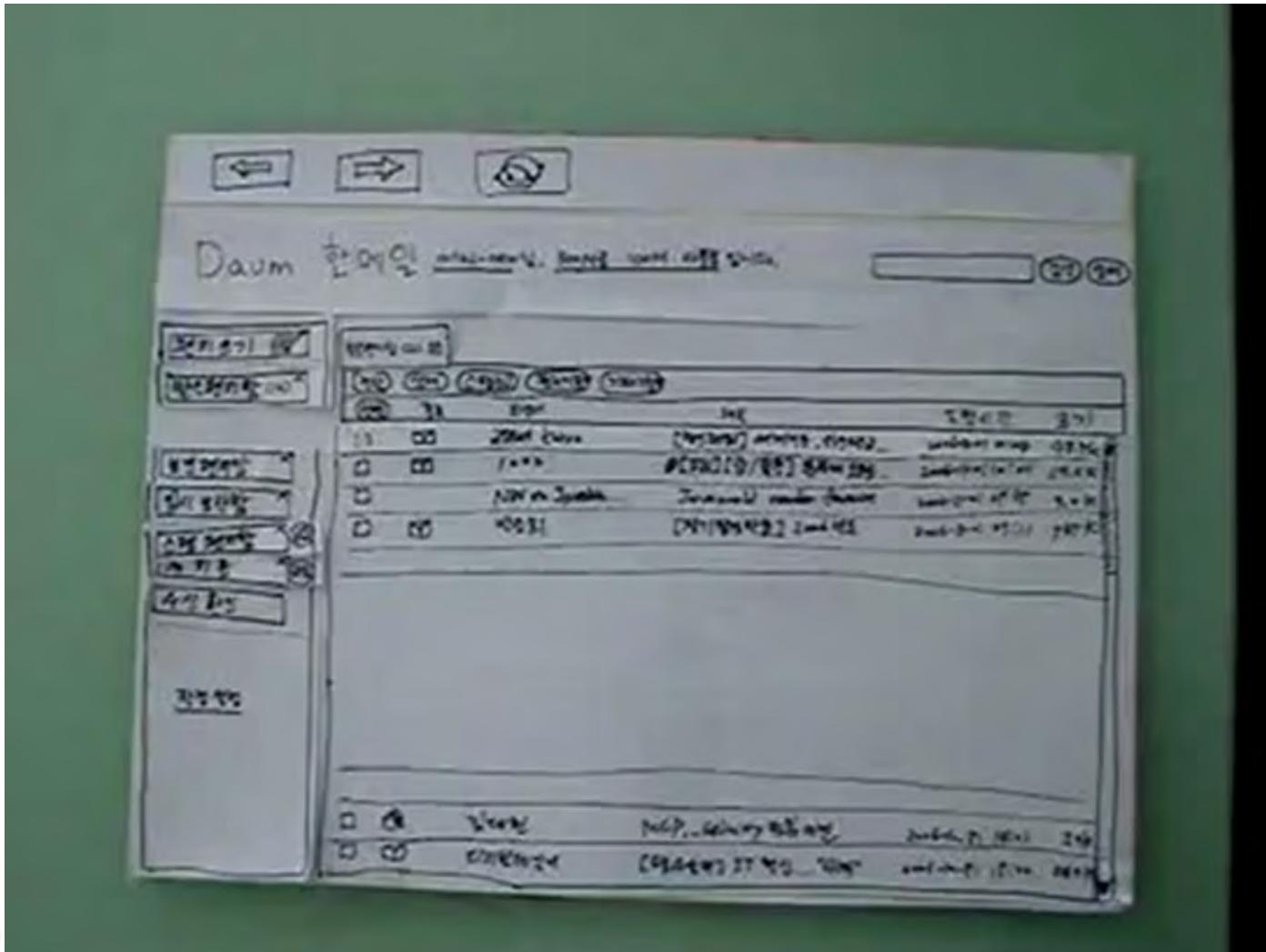
# Paper Prototype as Communication



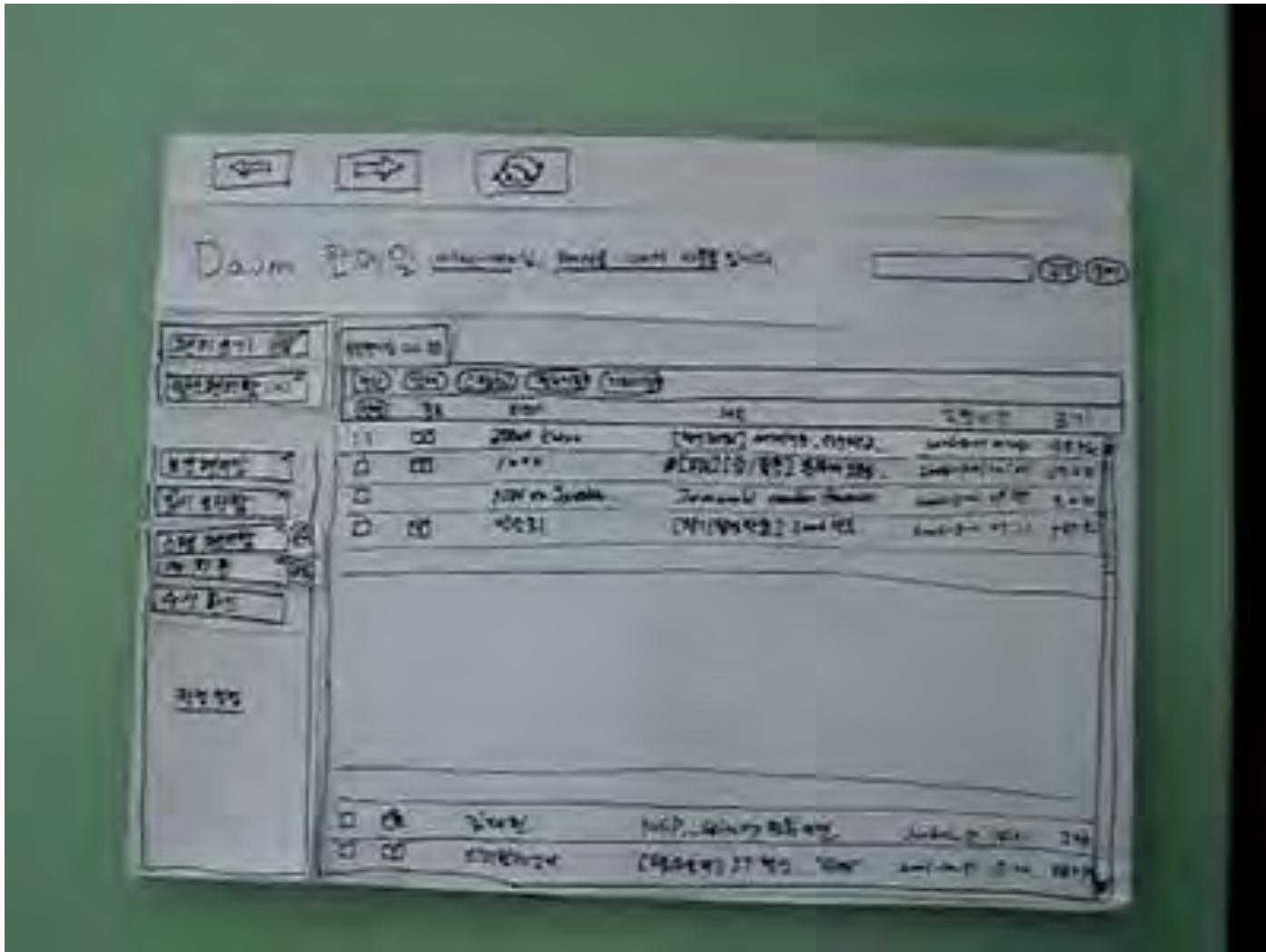
# Paper Prototype as Communication



# Paper Prototype as Evaluation



# Paper Prototype as Evaluation



# Constructing the Prototype

Set a deadline

- Do not think too long

- Instead build it, then learn and iterate as you go

Put different screen regions on cards

- Anything that moves, changes, appears/disappears

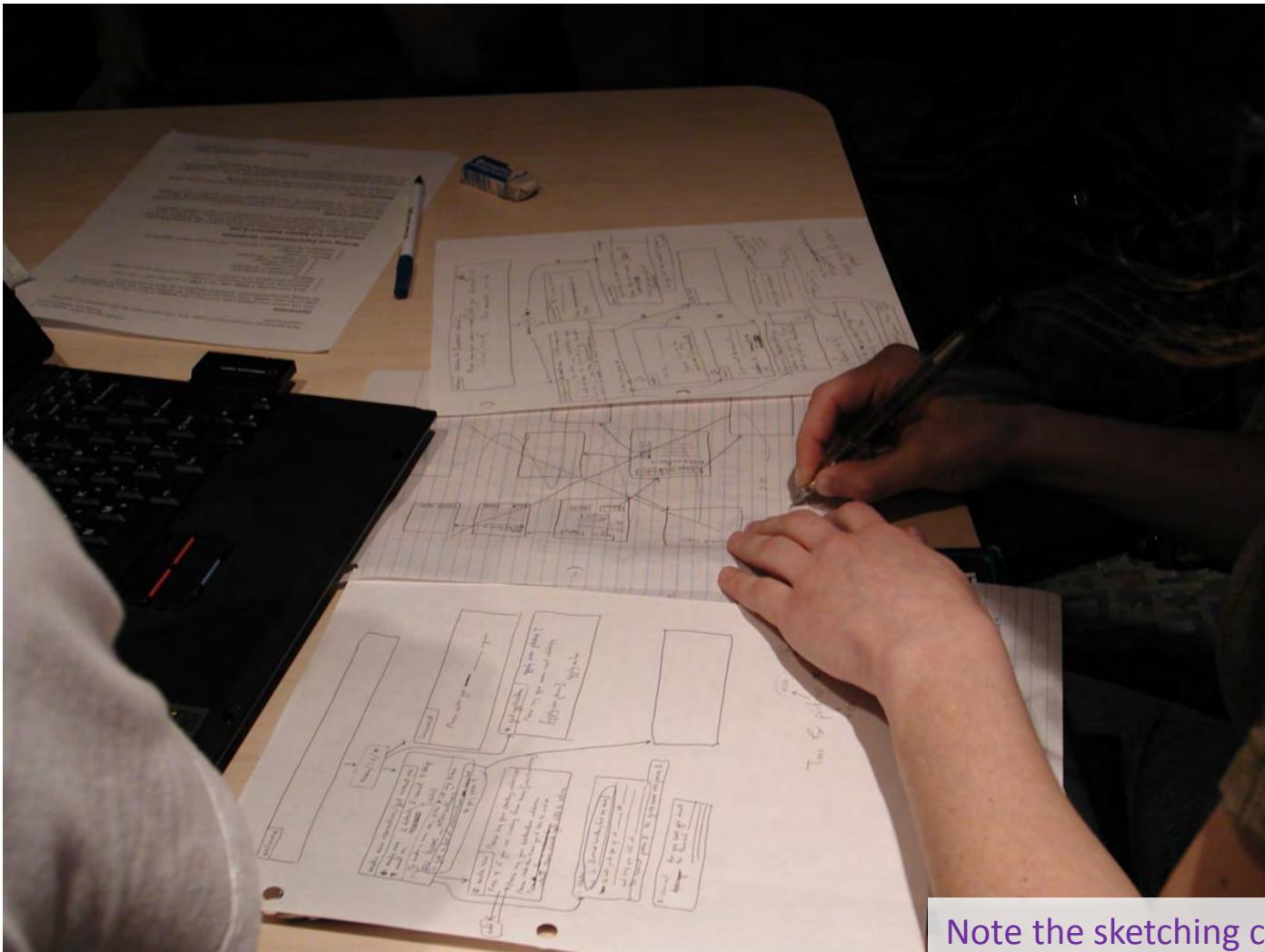
Ready responses for actions

- Have those pull-down menus already made

- Planned tasks can guide this

Use photocopier to make many versions

# Constructing the Prototype



Note the sketching continues

# Constructing the Prototype



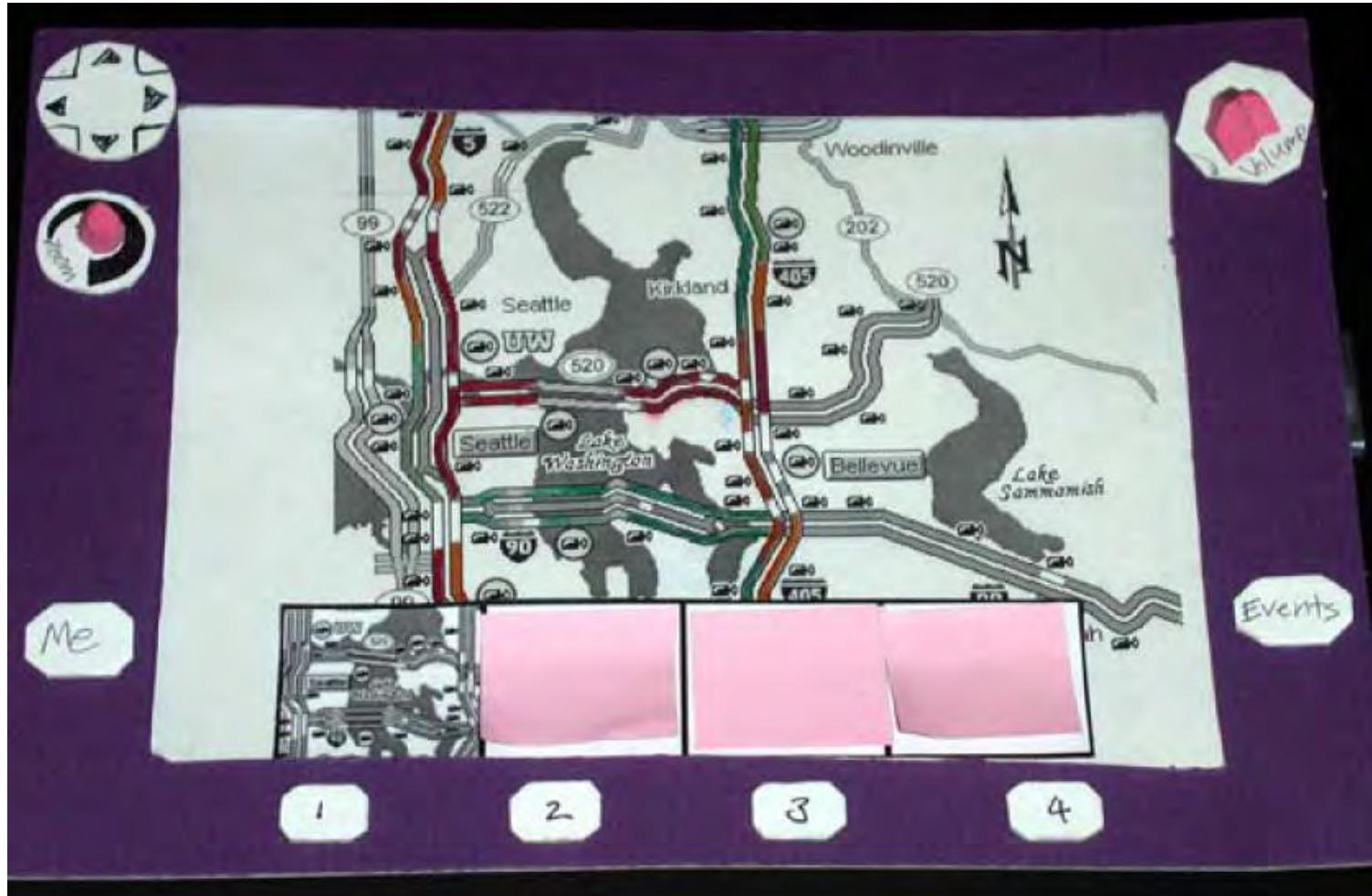
Planning what is needed given tasks

# Constructing the Prototype

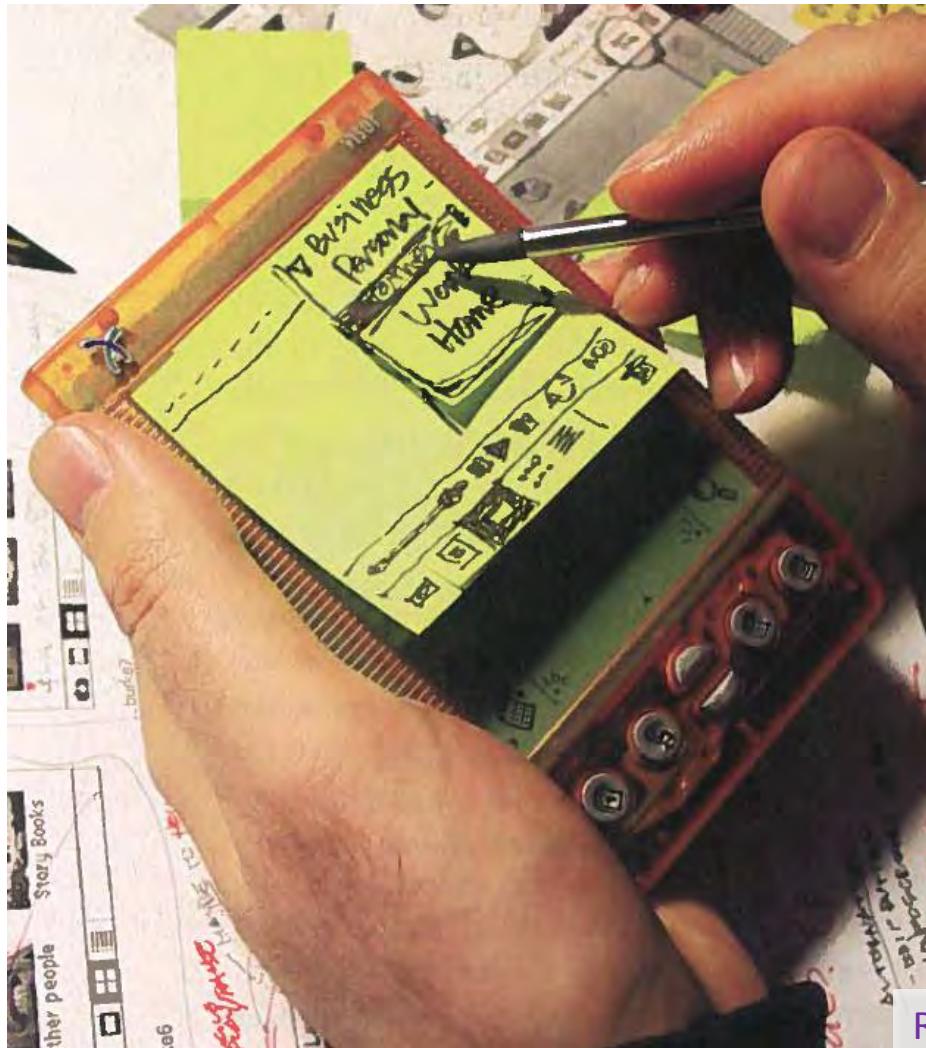


Prototyping physical form

# Constructing the Prototype



# Constructing the Prototype



Remember your target platform constraints

# Why Usability Test?

Find and fix problems in a design

- Removes the expert blind spot

- Obtain data to unify team around changes

- Uncover unexpected behaviors

Results drive changes, sometimes innovations

In the long run, this is a win-win

- Both improves design and saves money

# Deciding What Data to Collect

## Process data

Observations of what people do and think

Focused on improving this process

## Summary, statistical, or bottom-line data

Summary of what happened (time, errors, success)

Focused on measurement

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## Focus on process data

Gives overview of where the problems are

More useful than “too slow” or “too many errors”

# Not a Scientific Experiment

Focus is on improving the design

- Experimental control is not as necessary

- Data measurement is not as precise

- Number of participants is fairly small

Changes can be made

- Fix the obviously broken design

- Quickly explore alternatives

- Modify the focus of testing between participants

# Task-Based Usability

Set up an overall context

“We are interested in improving people’s ability to save, update, and use contacts in their mobile phones.”

Then prescribe tasks

1. Try to find the contacts list in the phone
2. View the contact information for John Smith
3. Change John Smith’s number to be 555-555-5555

Tasks can be chained to naturally lead to the next

# Stages of a Usability Test

Preparation

Introducing the Test

Conducting the Test

Debriefing

Analyzing the Data

Creating the Report

# Preparing for a Test

Select your participants

Friends and family are not your design targets

Understand background, consider recruiting questionnaire

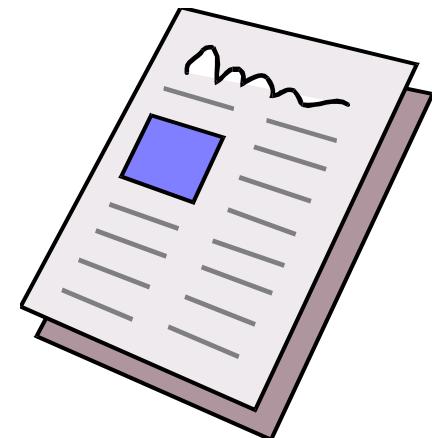
Prepare tasks and paper prototype

Practice to avoid “bugs” in your prototype

# Usability Test Proposal

A report that contains

Objective, Description of System,  
Environment and Materials,  
Participants, Methodology,  
Tasks, Test Measures



Work through it with colleagues to debug test

Reuse when presenting final report

# Introducing the Test

## Address Feelings of Judgment

“Today we are interested in learning about X.  
That’s where you come in!”

“I did not develop X.  
I just want to know what the problems are with X.”

“It is X being tested here, not you.”

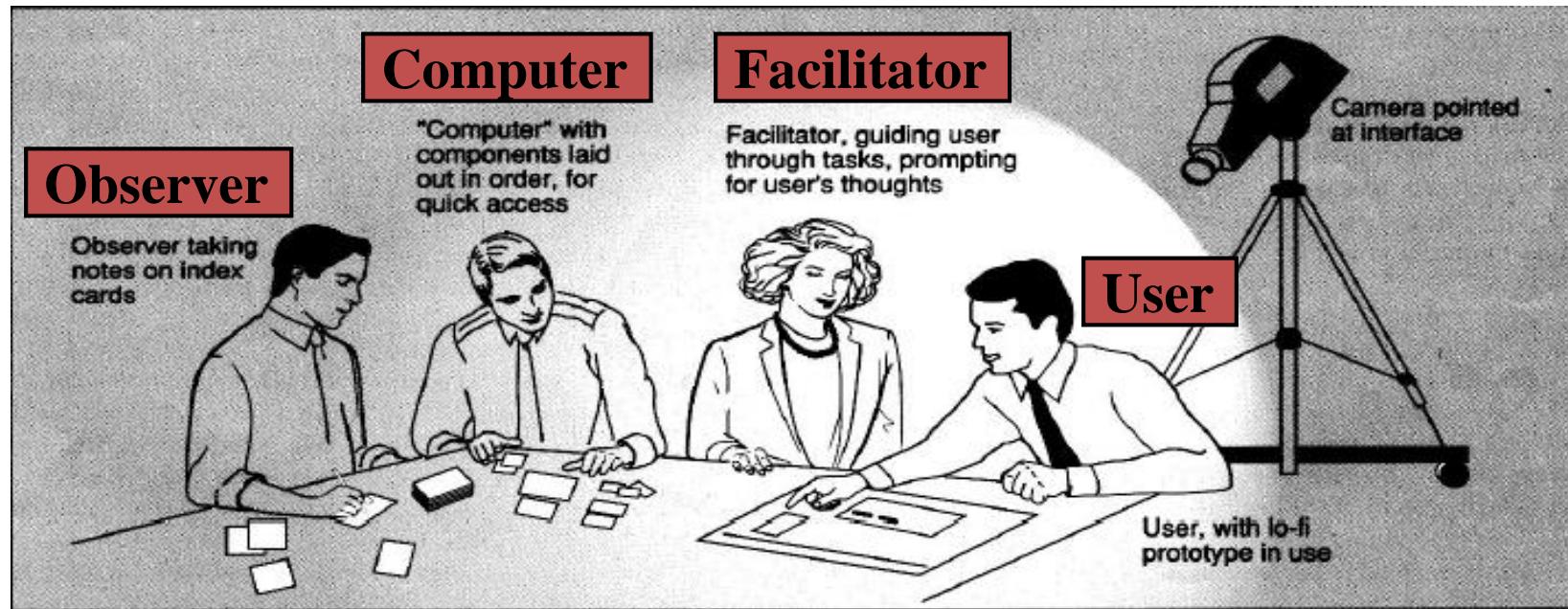
# Introducing the Test

## Set Expectations for Process

“It is essential you think out loud while working with X. Tell me constantly what you are thinking, looking for, wondering, confused about, surprised, and so on. If you stop talking, I will prompt you to talk.”

“I will not be able to answer your questions when you start using X. Do you have any questions now?”

# Conducting a Test



See the Gommol reading tips on a test session

# Talk-Aloud Prompts

“Tell me what you are trying to do.”

“Please keep talking.”

“Tell me what you are thinking.”

“Are you looking for something? What?”

“What did you expect to happen just now?”

“What do you mean by that?”

“Talk-aloud” is similar but distinct from “think-aloud”

Most do not know or care about the difference,  
so you may see the terms used interchangeably

# Insight Problems

When people are trying to figure something out, talking aloud can prevent needed “insight”

If your participant is really baffled, it might not be the best time to prompt them to keep talking

Wait for a natural break, and then ask  
“What were you thinking just there?”

Retrospective talk-aloud

Record session, talk through immediately afterward

# Answering Questions

Remember the purpose of this test

- You would not be there “in real life”

- You want to see if they can figure it out

- You want to see how hard it is

- You want to see how catastrophic the outcome is

But you do not want to punish the person or completely undermine the rest of the session

- Note any help you provide as a major failure

- Do not allow observing engineers to help

# Debriefing

Give them more details about what you were interested in discovering, with their help

Answer any questions they have

Now you can show them how to accomplish the tasks, talk about what you learned from the test

Thank them for their time

Appropriate to give some compensation

# Analyzing and Reporting the Results

Tests yield many forms of data

Quantitative counts

- time, success/failure
- confusions, errors, workarounds

Observations

- notes about when, where, why, how above occur

Participant comments and feedback

- during session or via a questionnaire

# Analyzing and Reporting the Results

Summarize the data

Make a list of critical incidents

- can be positive and negative

- include references back to original data

- try to judge why each difficulty occurred

Sort and prioritize findings

- what does data tell you

- what are the important results

- anything missing from test

# Ethical Considerations

Testing is stressful, can be distressing

people can leave in tears

You have a responsibility to alleviate

make voluntary with informed consent

avoid pressure to participate

let them know they can stop at any time

stress that you are testing the system, not them

make collected data as anonymous as possible



# Human Subjects Approvals

Research requires human subjects review of process

This does not formally apply to your design work

But understand why we do this and check yourself

Companies are judged in the eye of the public

## Public Announcement

**WE WILL PAY YOU \$4.00 FOR ONE HOUR OF YOUR TIME**

### **Persons Needed for a Study of Memory**

\*We will pay five hundred New Haven men to help us complete a scientific study of memory and learning. The study is being done at Yale University.

\*Each person who participates will be paid \$4.00 (plus 50c carfare) for approximately 1 hour's time. We need you for only one hour: there are no further obligations. You may choose the time you would like to come (evenings, weekdays, or weekends).

\*No special training, education, or experience is needed. We want:

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City employees	Clerks	Salespeople
Laborers	Professional people	White-collar workers
Barbers	Telephone workers	Others

All persons must be between the ages of 20 and 50. High school and college students cannot be used.

\*If you meet these qualifications, fill out the coupon below and mail it now to Professor Stanley Milgram, Department of Psychology, Yale University, New Haven. You will be notified later of the specific time and place of the study. We reserve the right to decline any application.

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TO: PROF. STANLEY MILGRAM, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY, YALE UNIVERSITY, NEW HAVEN, CONN. I want to take part in this study of memory and learning. I am between the ages of 20 and 50. I will be paid \$4.00 (plus 50c carfare) if I participate.

NAME: (Please Print). . . . .

ADDRESS . . . . .

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## User Interface Design, Prototyping, and Evaluation

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# Today

## Presentations on Thursday

Balance

Ecotopia

FoodPic

MiPhone

Social Reconnection

TagLine

## Presentations on Friday Afternoon

Neat

Poliscope

SchoolView

Sitless

SmartClothing

Timeout

## No Section Friday Morning



# Today

For Presentations

PowerPoint or PDF

Mind Your Time Limits

Peer Feedback Forms

Project 3a Due for Tuesday

In-Class Design, Prototype, Test  
Testing and Patterns



# In-Class Design, Prototype, Test

Design and prototype a new touchscreen alarm clock to be deployed in a very high end hotel brand. Your alarm clock should be immediately usable for tired, busy, or just-don't-want-to-be-bothered travelers who will spend zero time learning your interface.

In addition to displaying the current time, your alarm clock should include basic functionality for:

- turning the alarm on/off
- setting the wake-up time
- anything else you think is appropriate

Guests will interact with your alarm using a touch panel.



# Task Design is Important

The goal of a test is to figure out how a person interacts with an interface in the wild...

There are two possible explanations for why a test does not find significant problems:

The interface does not have significant problems

The test itself has significant problems



# Task Design is Important

Testing is not entirely in the wild

As a part of focusing the test, you often need to give a person a somewhat artificial task

The artificiality of the task may influence how people interact with an interface...

...and thus may influence the outcomes and insights gained through user testing



# Bad: Artificial Subgoals

People using the design “in the wild”  
may not necessarily form these same subgoals

The task should give one top-level goal, a people  
should form their subgoals while pursuing this

Now you want to choose the type of paper you want to print your document on. Lets imagine that Bin “B” has the paper you want to print your paper on, please complete this task.

Now set the darkness of your copies to about 50% dark.  
After setting the darkness, you decide you want to print 2 sides of copies on two sides of paper. Please complete this task.



# Bad: Artificial Ordering

With an artificial ordering of information or subgoals, people might not proceed in this order

The ordering might also be biased towards the layout of the interface, which would conceal any problems with finding the appropriate control

- Enter in 10 copies, with lightness set to 10%.
- Choose 1 sided to 2 sided, use paper source bin A.
- Cover sheet needed, using paper bin B for cover sheet.
- Set stapling feature on and collating on.
- Start printing.



# Bad: Changing the Task

The task is to make copies, and this happens to involve entering information in the copier interface

But this task description is an data entry task,  
“Here is some information. Put it in the interface.”

- Make 23 copies
- With collate
- Cover sheets
- Default darkness
- 1 Sided-> 1 Sided



# Bad: Giving the Answers

Tells the person what terminology the interface uses, which they might not otherwise know

**lighten = contrast, sorted = collated?**

You are a teacher and are trying to make 40 copies of a one-sided magazine article that is 10 pages long for your class tomorrow. Due to the large number of copies, you print the article double-sided, in other words 10 page article would be printed on 5 sheets of paper. Due to the high contrast of the article, you must lighten the copy, in other words change the contrast. You then want the copies to be collated and stapled.



# Good: Giving Context

Giving realistic context through scenarios can reduce the artificiality of the task

It's your first day in the office, starting a new job. You would like to make some copies of several documents that your boss gave you to browse through. Your colleague in the next cubicle tells you that you need an access code to make copies. The code is 5150. You walk over to the copy machine at the end of the hall and realize that it is not the Xerox copier that you are accustomed too... Make 2 copies of the "Company Annual Report".



# Consider: Under-Specified Tasks

Many realistic goals are under-specified, as people have only a general idea what they want

By under-specifying the task, you can elicit realistic confusion and decision-making

You just finished fixing up the old hot rod in the garage and now its time to sell her. Make a couple copies of the pictures you took to **send into the used car sales magazines. It's ok that they're in black and white but maybe you should lighten them up a bit.** Your account billing code is 5150.



# Task Design Summary

Task design is difficult and important

Poorly designed tasks mask interface failures

If you are not confident in your task descriptions,  
have others help you “debug” them before testing



# Remote Usability Testing

## Conferencing-based testing

Use tools like video conferencing, instant messaging, and screencasting to test with a remote participant

## Semi-automated remote testing

Automatic logging and some analysis of usage

## Controlled online A/B experiments

Carefully measure results of showing different versions to different sets of live customers



# Semi-Automated Remote Usability

Move usability testing online

participants access the “lab” via web

answer questions & complete tasks in “survey”

records actions or screens for playback

can test many people completing many tasks

Analyze data individually or in aggregate

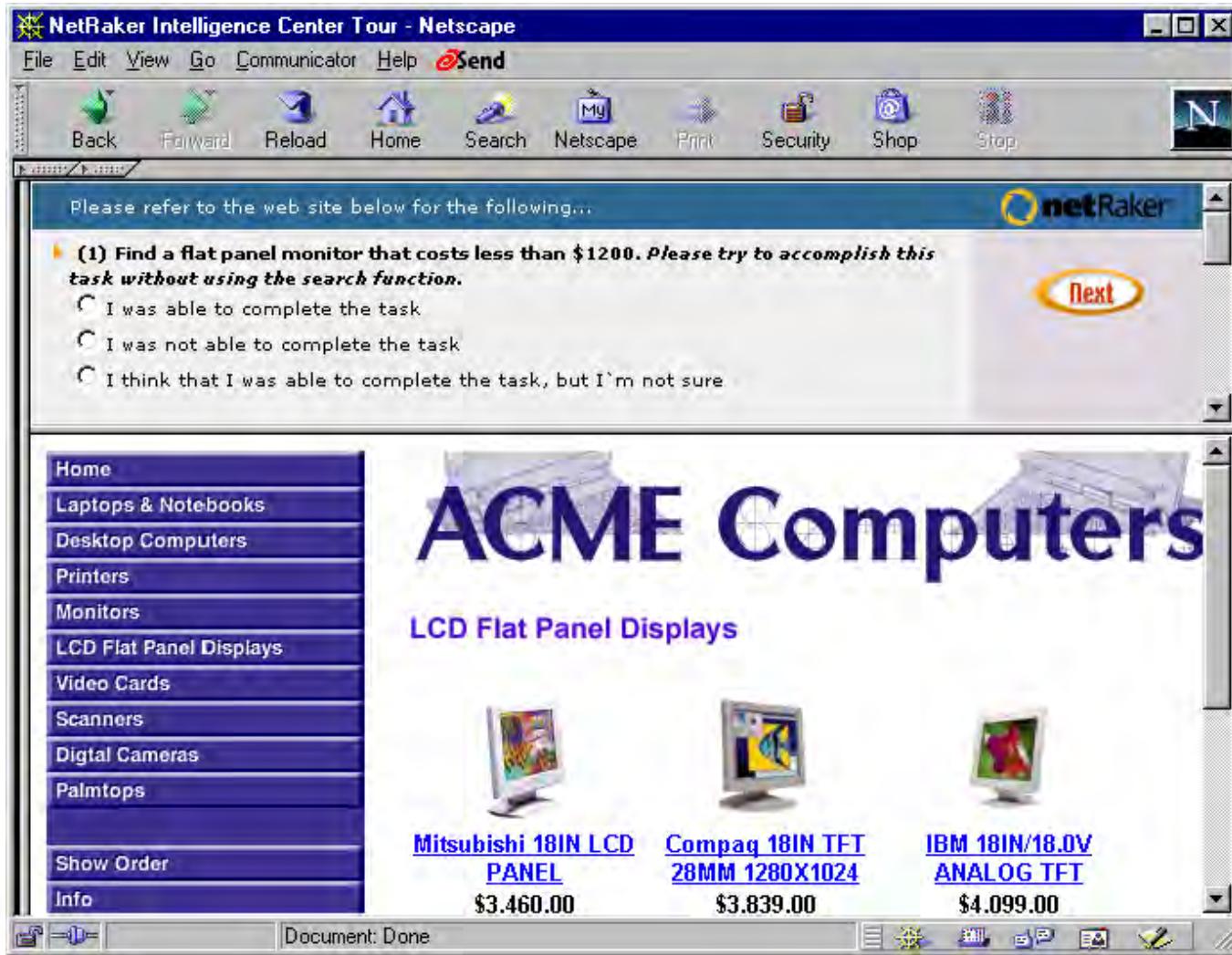
playback individual sessions

find general problem areas

if needed, look more closely with traditional methods



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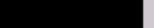
**NetRaker Intelligence Center Tour - Netscape**

File Edit View Go Communicator Help **Send**

Back Forward Reload Home Search Netscape Print Security Shop Stop N

**Percentages** **Totals** **Respondents** **Details** **Demographics**

► 1. Find a flat panel monitor that costs less than \$1200. Please try to accomplish this task without using the search function.

Task	Response(s)
I was able to complete the task	90% 
I was not able to complete the task	10% 
I think that I was able to complete the task, but I'm not sure	0% 

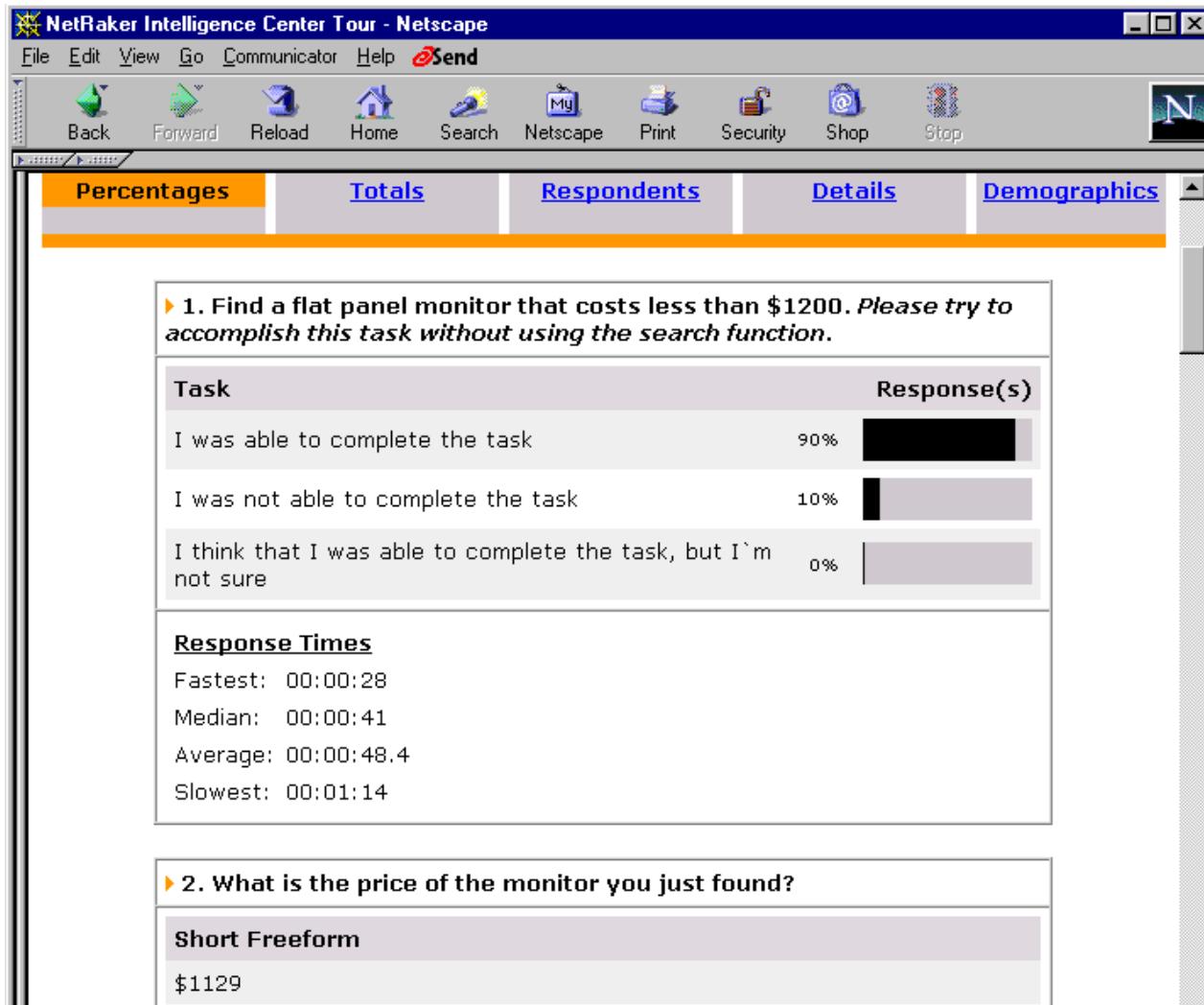
**Response Times**

Fastest: 00:00:28  
Median: 00:00:41  
Average: 00:00:48.4  
Slowest: 00:01:14

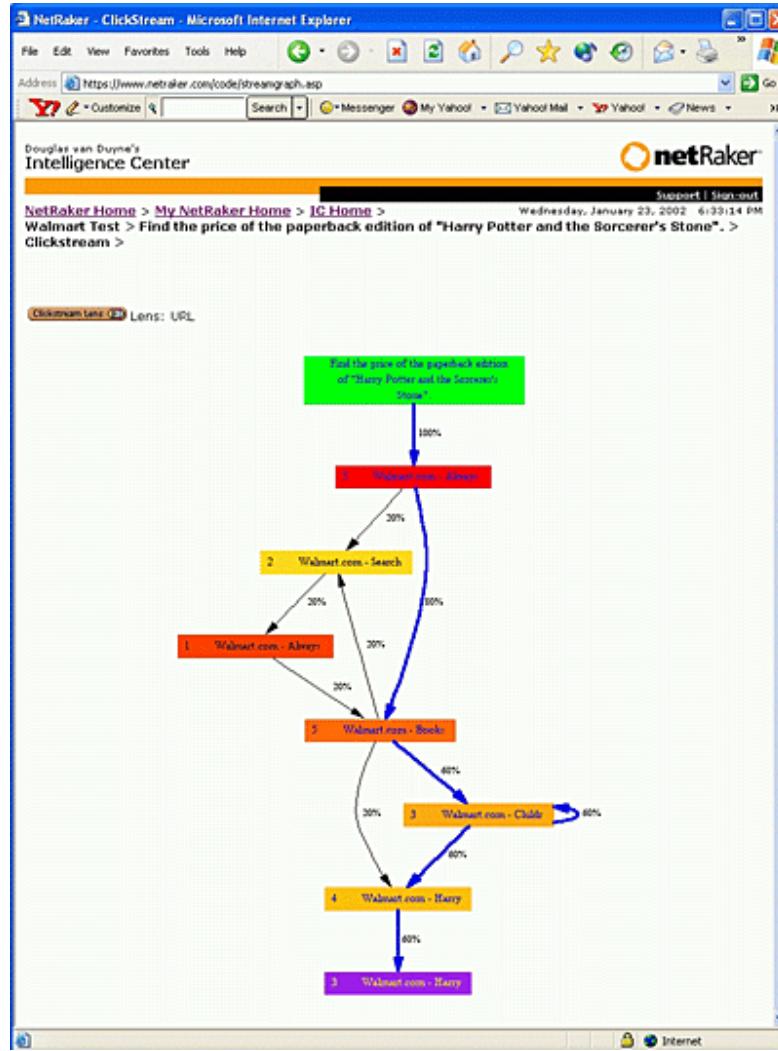
► 2. What is the price of the monitor you just found?

**Short Freeform**

\$1129



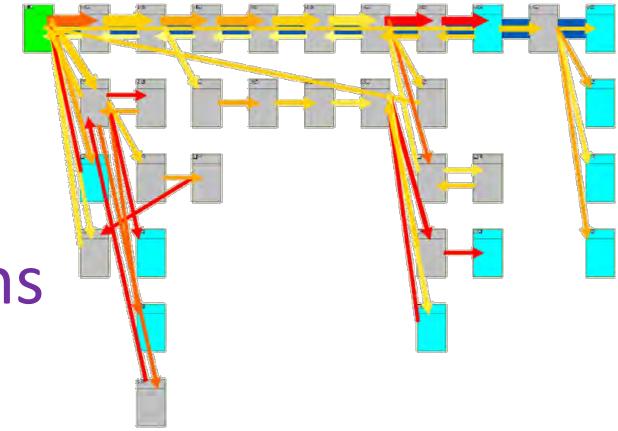
# Semi-Automated Remote Usability



# WebQuilt: Visual Analysis

## Goals

- link page elements to actions
- identify behavior/navigation patterns
- highlight potential problems areas



Interactive graph based on web content

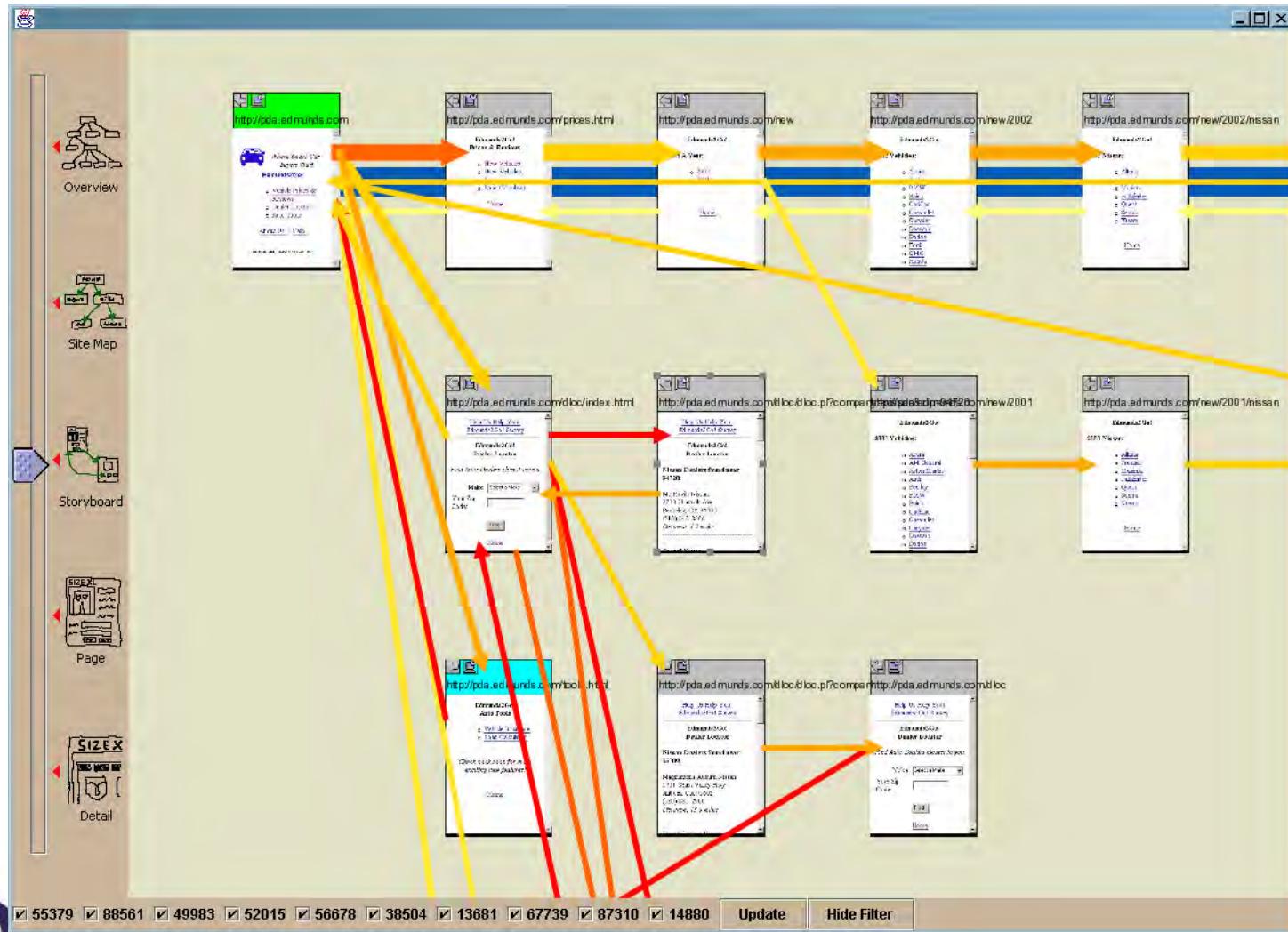
- designers can indicate expected paths
- color code common usability interests
- filtering to show only target participants
- use zooming for analyzing data at varying granularity



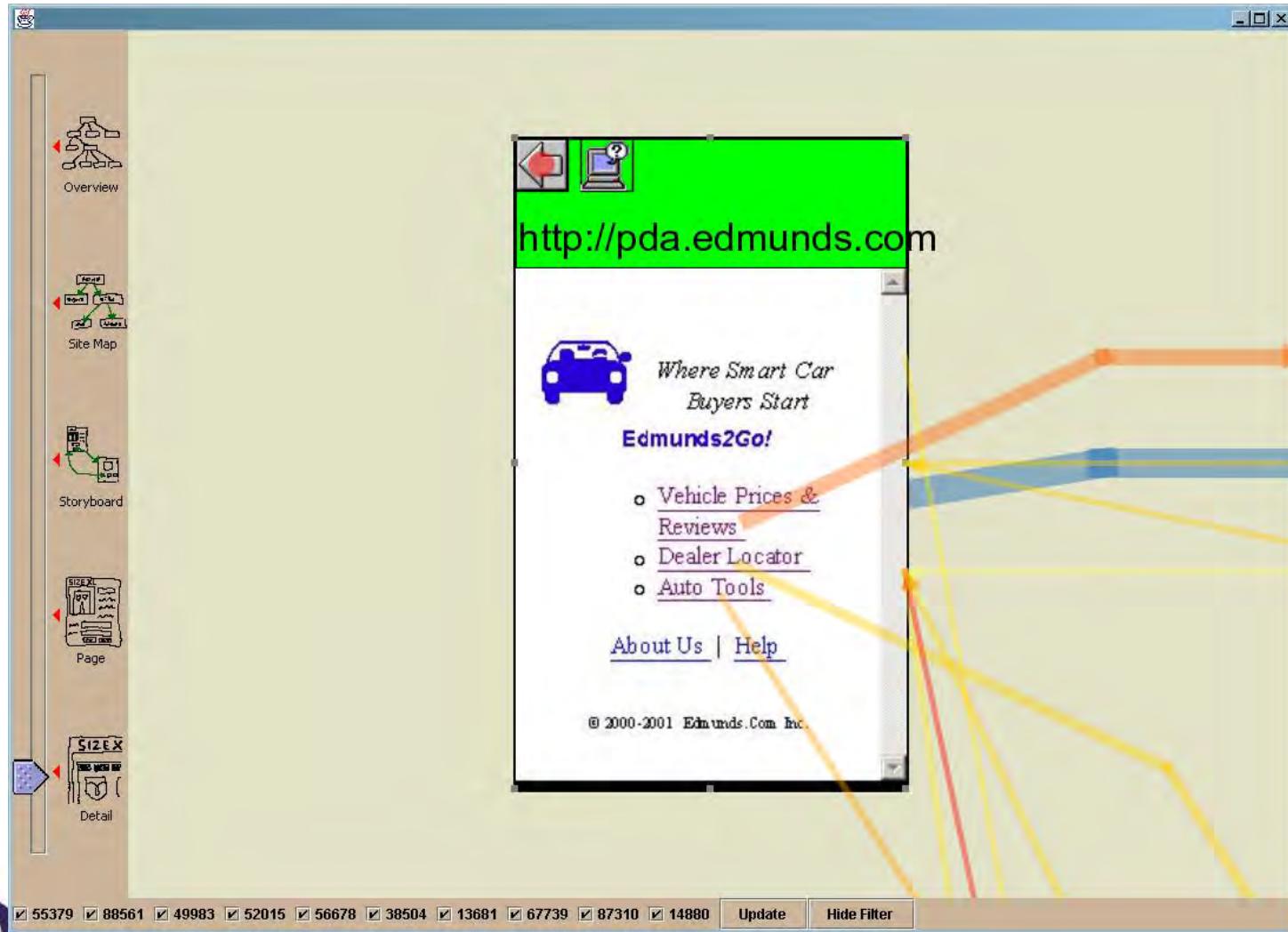
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# Semi-Automated Remote Usability

Now available through a variety of services

Loop11

UserZoom

TryMyUI

Validately

Userlytics

WhatUsersDo

Usertesting.com

YouEye

Unlikely you need to bake your own  
Some include mobile testing

# Controlled A/B Experiments

Many names for concept

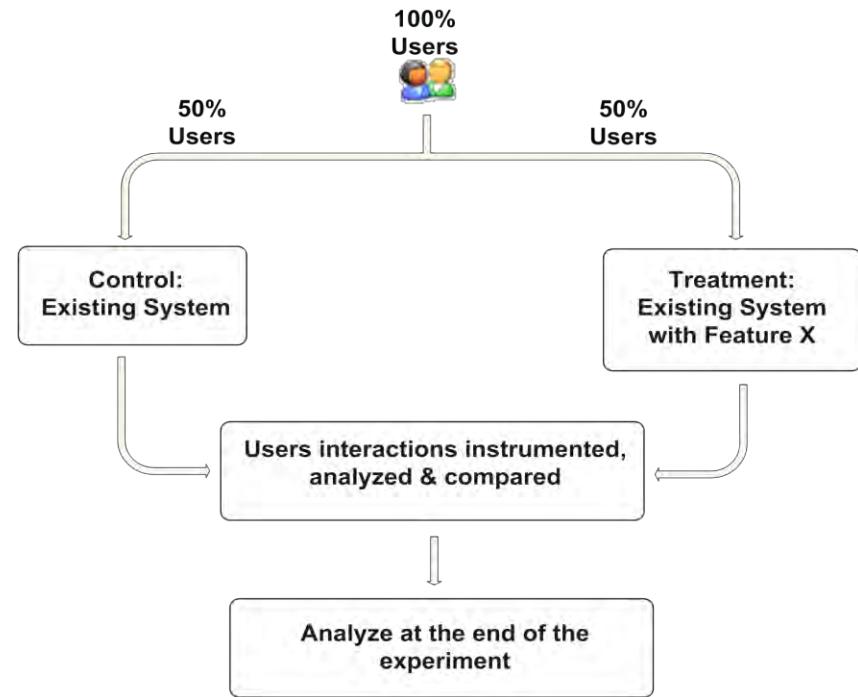
A/B tests or  
Control/Treatment

Randomized  
Experimental Design

Controlled experiments

Split testing

Parallel flights



# Controlled A/B Experiments

Example: Amazon Shopping Cart Recommendations

Add an item to your shopping cart

Most sites show the cart

At Amazon, Greg Linden had idea to show recommendations based on cart items



# Controlled A/B Experiments

## Evaluation

Pro: cross-sell more items

Con: distract people from checking out

## Highest Paid Person's Opinion:

Stop the project

## Simple experiment run:

Wildly successful



# Marketplace: Solitaire vs Poker

Experiment run in Windows Marketplace / Game Downloads

Which image has the higher clickthrough? By how much?



A: Solitaire game



B: Poker game



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The screenshot shows the Windows Marketplace interface. A red circle highlights the product listing for "Solitaire Master 2" by Egames. The listing includes a thumbnail image, the game title, developer information, a brief description mentioning 300 games including Klondike, Free Cell, Deuces Queens, Cats Cradle, Four Leaf Clover, Spider Web, and many more, and a price of \$12.99. Below the listing is a green "ADD TO CART" button.

A: Solitaire game

A is 61% better

The screenshot shows the Windows Marketplace interface. A red circle highlights the product listing for "Tight Shark Hold'em Advisor" by DreamQuest. The listing includes a thumbnail image, the game title, developer information, a brief description mentioning Tight Shark Hold'em Advisor, and a price of \$25.00. Below the listing is a green "ADD TO CART" button.

B: Poker game

This screenshot is identical to the one above it, showing the Windows Marketplace interface for the "Tight Shark Hold'em Advisor" game. A red circle highlights the product listing, which includes a thumbnail image, the game title, developer information, a brief description mentioning Tight Shark Hold'em Advisor, and a price of \$25.00. Below the listing is a green "ADD TO CART" button.



# Never Underestimate Solitaire

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BY RINA PICCOLO



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The screenshot shows a web browser displaying a Fortune.com article. The main headline reads "Activision Acquires Candy Crush Maker King Digital For \$5.9 Billion". Below the headline is a large image of the Candy Crush game interface. The left sidebar contains a vertical list of other news stories, and the right sidebar has sections for "MORE" and "Is Candy Crush over?". The Fortune logo is at the top left, and the URL fortune.com/2015/11/03/activision-king-digital/ is visible in the address bar.

Activision Acquires Candy Crush Maker King Digital For \$5.9 Billion

by Mathew Ingram @mathiswell NOVEMBER 3, 2015, 12:34 AM EST

A screenshot of the Candy Crush game interface, showing a grid of colorful candies and a progress bar at the bottom.

Is Candy Crush over?

Photograph by Andrew Harrer — Bloomberg/Getty Images

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Why Activision Spent \$5.9 Billion on 'Candy Crush' Creator King Digital

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# Checkout Page

**Conversion rate** is percentage of visits that include purchase

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Continue Shopping > Proceed To Checkout

Select Shipping Method Standard (\$5.95)

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Which version has a higher conversion rate?

# Checkout Page

**Conversion rate** is percentage of visits that include purchase

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Coupon Code decreases by factor of 10

Example from Bryan Eisenberg's article on clickz.com

# Office Online Feedback

A

Please let us know if this content was helpful.

Rate this content:



Tell us why you rated the content this way (optional):



Remaining characters: 650

Submit

B

How helpful was this information?

Click a star.

Not  
helpful



Very  
helpful

Click to rate: 3 out of 5 stars



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B gets more than double response rate.



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C

**Was this information helpful?**

Yes

No

I don't know

How was this information helpful?

Back

Submit

Back

Submit

What are you trying to do?

How can we make this information more helpful?

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# MSN US Home Page

## Proposal: New Offers module below Shopping

**Shopping**

- Lancôme: Free deluxe compact w/ purchase
- Special promotions at your favorite stores
- Warm fall fashion styles are here
- Save on top brand digital cameras
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**Offers**

**Search GM Certified**  
With our 117-Point Inspection  
GM Certified means no worries



**Online University**  
Earn degree from a top school  
100% Online. Get Free Info!



**\$200k Loan, Get Low Rates**  
Secure Financing and Increase  
Cash Flow. Click Here Now!



Treatment



# Experiment Results

Ran A/B test for 12 days on 5% of MSN US visitors



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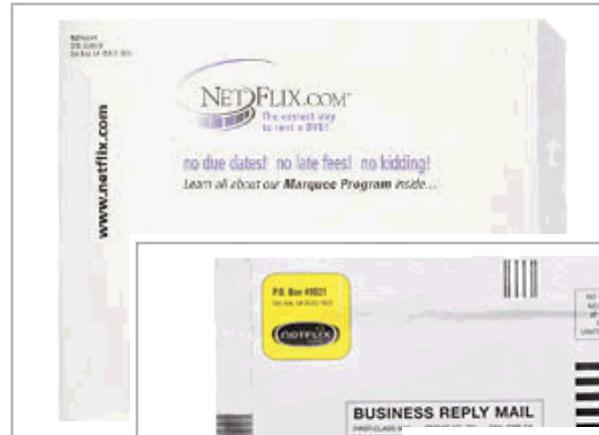
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Net was negative (in millions of dollars),  
offers module did not launch



# Data Driven Methods Not Just Online

[PREVIOUS](#)[NEXT](#)[Back to story](#)**1999**

Made from cardboard, the first Netflix mailer weighs more than an ounce. But with only 100,000 customers, reducing material and shipping costs is not yet a priority for the company.

[PREVIOUS](#)[NEXT](#)[Back to story](#)**2000**

Thick paper replaces cardboard. DVDs are inserted and removed from the top rather than the side.

[PREVIOUS](#)[NEXT](#)[Back to story](#)**2000**

Full-color printing is introduced. Top-loading is abandoned in favor of side-loading, which is judged more convenient.

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# Data Driven Methods Not Just Online



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**2000**

Customers are asked to peel off a sticker to reveal Netflix's return address. The design is eventually deemed too complex.



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**2000**

Made from plastic instead of paper, this mailer is cheaper, but it sometimes inflates when transported on airplanes.



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**2001**

An airhole (the black dot on the left side of the mailer) is added to prevent the package from inflating.



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**2001**

Netflix returns to paper because it's easier to recycle. Foam padding is added to reduce breakage.



# Data Driven Methods Not Just Online

[Back to story](#)

**2001**  
Foam padding is dropped because the benefits don't justify the cost. The company gives top-loading another try.

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**2001**  
Marking a return to side-loading, this mailer is a direct ancestor of the one the company uses today.

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**2003**  
Instead of sealing the entire top and bottom, Netflix introduces a circular sticker, affixed only on the top.

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**2004**  
A window shows the disc bar code. Speculation is that this enables storing discs in mailers prior to shipping.

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**NEXT»**



# Limitations

Drives hill-climbing, but not overall design

A design may be better, but is it good?

Impossible for new designs to compete

Can be difficult to scale to many features

How about we step through a larger example



# CSE 440: Introduction to HCI

## User Interface Design, Prototyping, and Evaluation

Lecture 10:  
Testing

James Fogarty  
Alex Fiannaca  
Lauren Milne  
Saba Kawas  
Kelsey Munsell

Tuesday/Thursday  
12:00 to 1:20



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# CSE 440: Introduction to HCI

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Lecture 12:  
Inspection-Based Methods

Lauren Milne

Tuesday/Thursday  
11 to 12  
MOR 230



# Today

In-Class

Inspection-Based Methods

Heuristic Evaluation of Paper Prototypes

Revise Prototypes

Usability Testing Check-In for Friday

Changes from Inspection

Changes from First Usability Test

# Inspection-Based Methods

We have cut prototyping to its minimum

- Sketches, storyboards, paper prototypes

- Rapid exploration of potential ideas

But we need evaluation to guide improvement

- Evaluation can become relatively slow and expensive

- Study participants can be scarce

- May waste participants on fairly obvious problems

# Inspection-Based Methods

Simulate study participants

Instead of actual study participants, use inspection to quickly and cheaply identify likely problems

Inspection methods are rational, not empirical

Today we cover two complementary methods

Heuristic Evaluation

Cognitive Walkthrough

# Heuristic Evaluation

Developed by Jakob Nielsen

Helps find usability problems in a design

Small set of evaluators examine interface

- three to five evaluators

- independently check compliance with principles

- different evaluators will find different problems

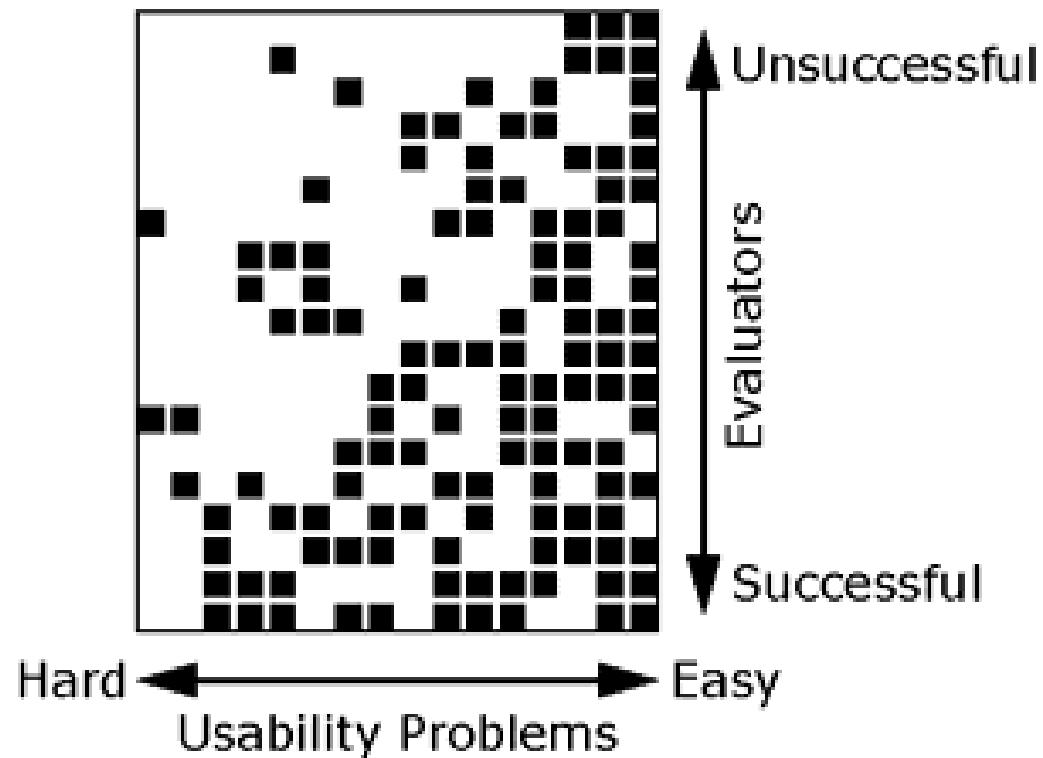
- evaluators only communicate afterwards

Can perform on working interfaces or sketches

# Why Multiple Evaluators?

Every evaluator  
doesn't find every  
problem

Good evaluators  
find both easy &  
hard ones



# Results of Using HE

Discount: benefit-cost ratio of 48

cost was \$10,500 for benefit of \$500,000

how might we calculate this value?

in-house → productivity; open market → sales

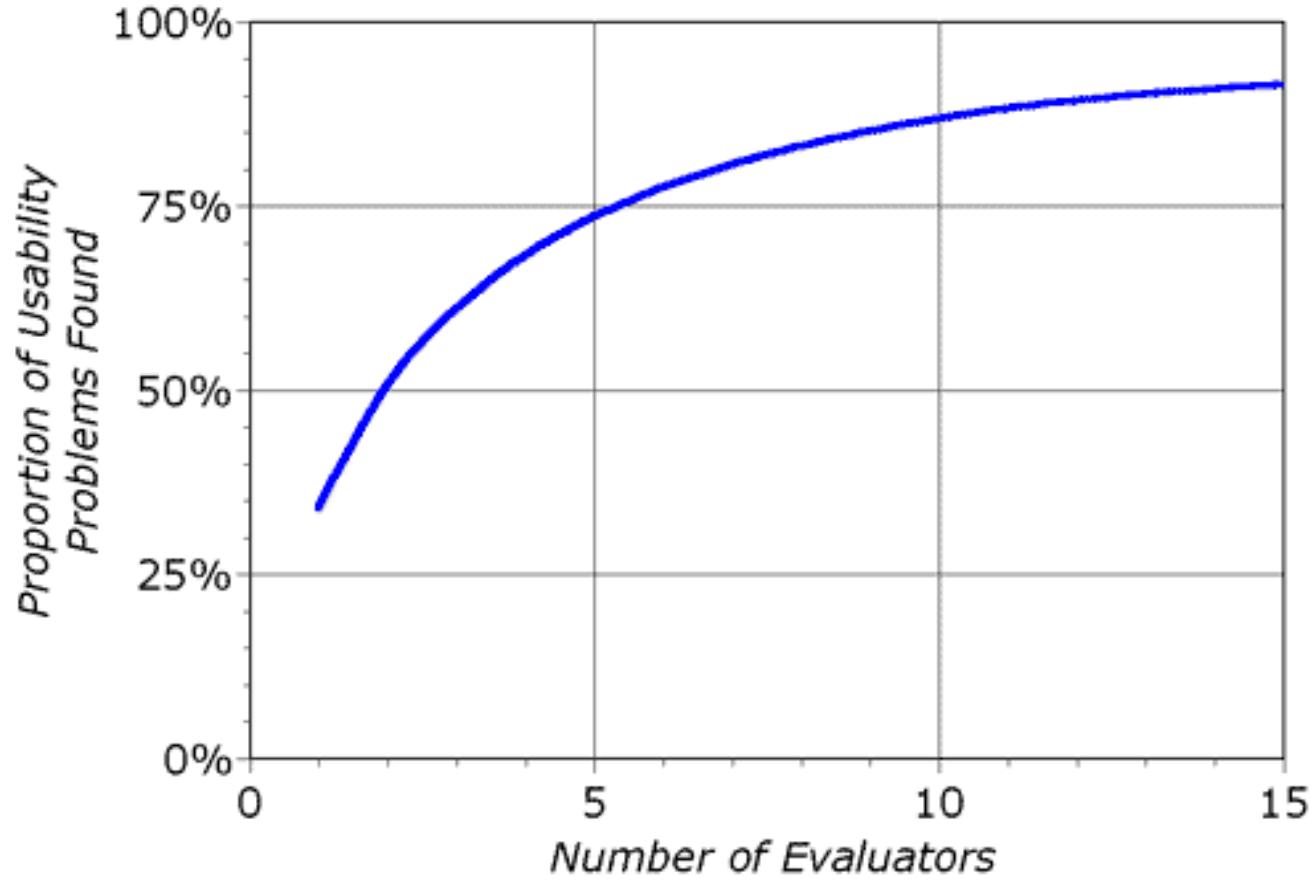
Single evaluator achieves poor results

only finds 35% of usability problems

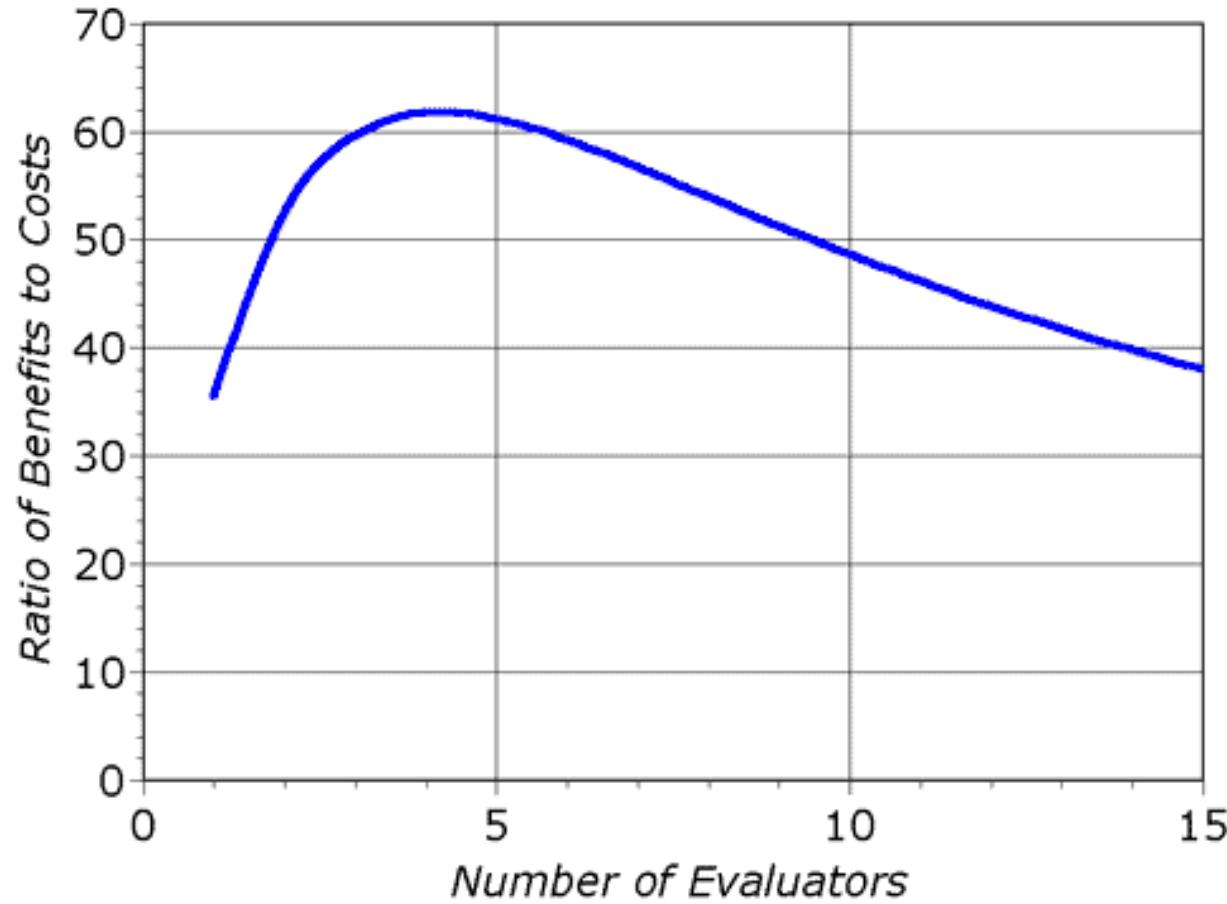
5 evaluators find ~ 75% of usability problems

why not more evaluators?

# Number of Evaluators?



# Decreasing Returns



# Nielsen's 10 Heuristics

Too few unhelpful, too many overwhelming  
“Be Good” versus thousands of detailed rules

Nielsen seeks to create a small set

Collects 249 usability problems

Collects 101 usability heuristics

Rates how well each heuristics explains each problem

Factor analysis to identify key heuristics

# Nielsen's 10 Heuristics

1. Visibility of system status
2. Match between system and the real world
3. User control and freedom
4. Consistency and standards
5. Error prevention
6. Recognition rather than recall
7. Flexibility and efficiency of use
8. Aesthetic and minimalist design
9. Help recognize, diagnose, and recover from errors
10. Help and documentation

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Refers to both visibility of system status and use of feedback

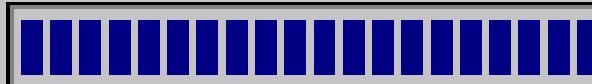
Anytime wondering what state the system is in, or the result of some action, this is a visibility violation.

# Heuristics



# Heuristics

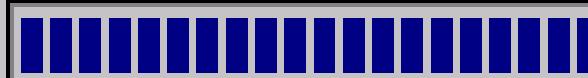
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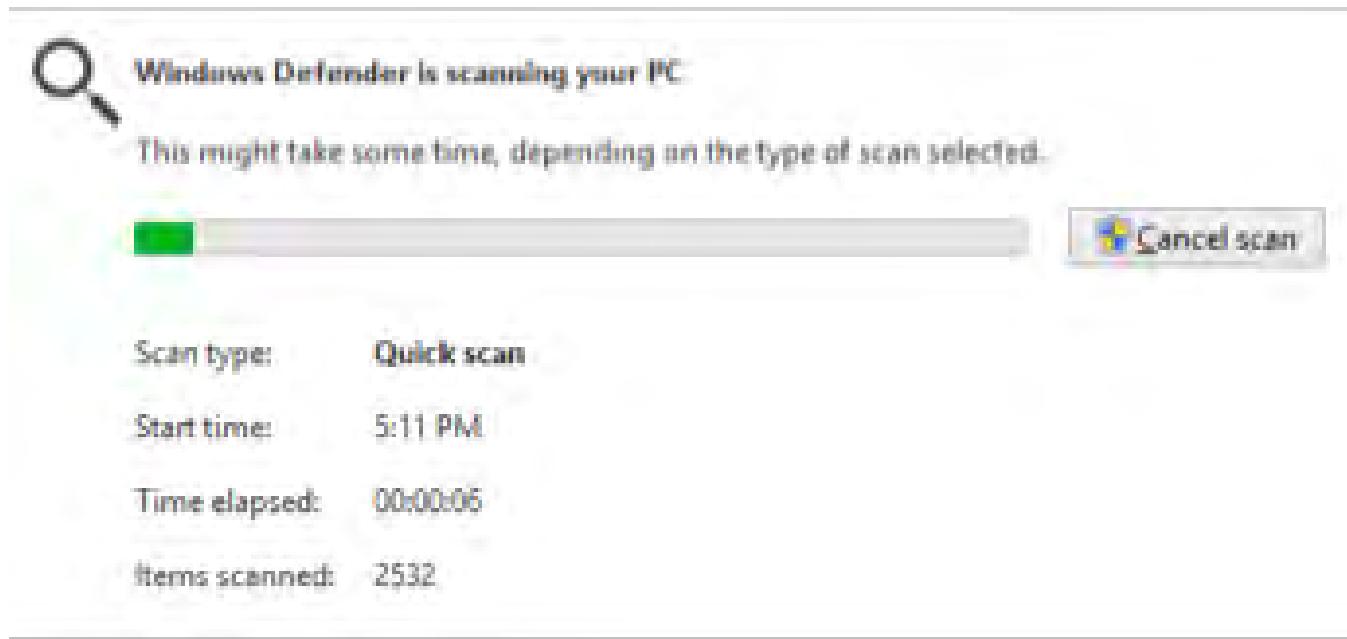
# Heuristics

Time Left: 00:00:19 searching database for matches

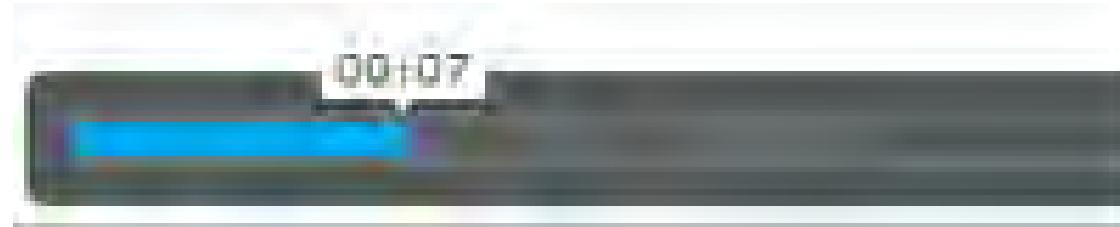


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# Heuristics



# Heuristics



## Visibility of system status

**pay attention to response time**

0.1 sec: no special indicators needed

1.0 sec: user tends to lose track of data

10 sec: maximum duration if user to stay focused on action

longer delays absolutely require percent-done progress bars

## 2. Real World Match

### Match between system and the real world

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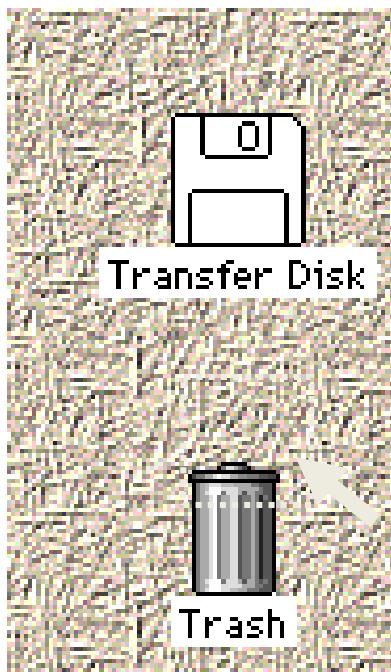
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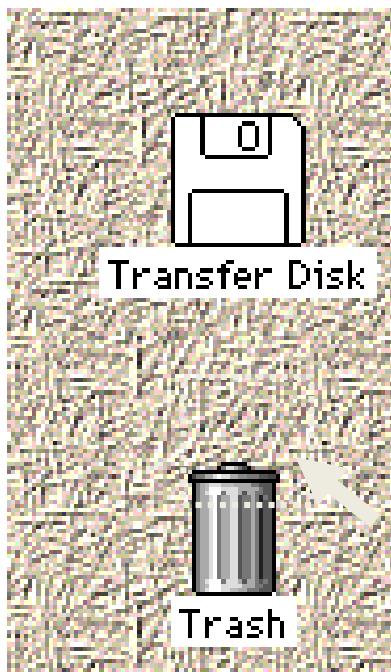
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Refers to word and language choice, mental model, metaphor, mapping, and sequencing

# Heuristics



# Heuristics



Mac desktop

Dragging disk to trash  
should delete, not eject it

Match system to real world  
Speak the user's language  
Follow conventions

# Heuristics



# Heuristics

“mailto”, “protocol”?



Match system to real world  
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# 3. User in Control

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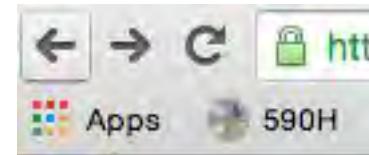
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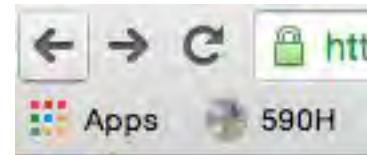
**Support undo and redo.**

Not just for navigation exits,  
but for getting out of any situation or state.

# Heuristics



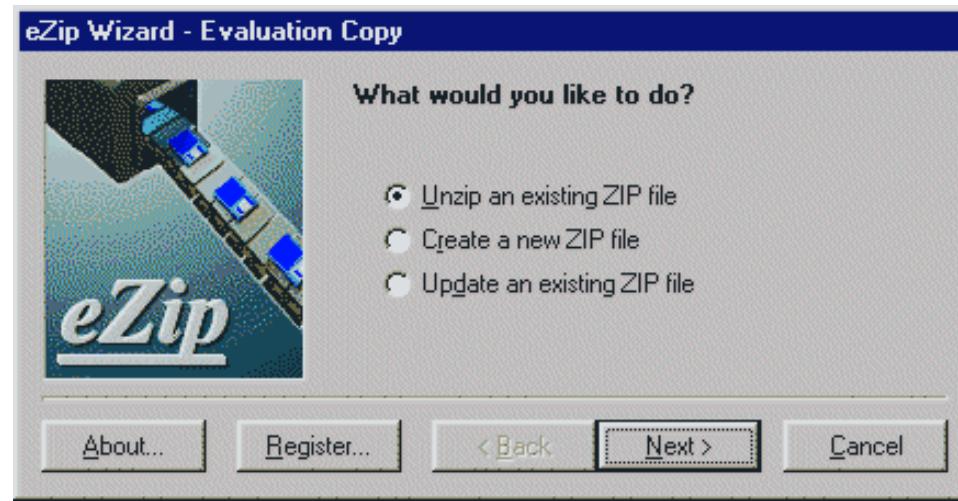
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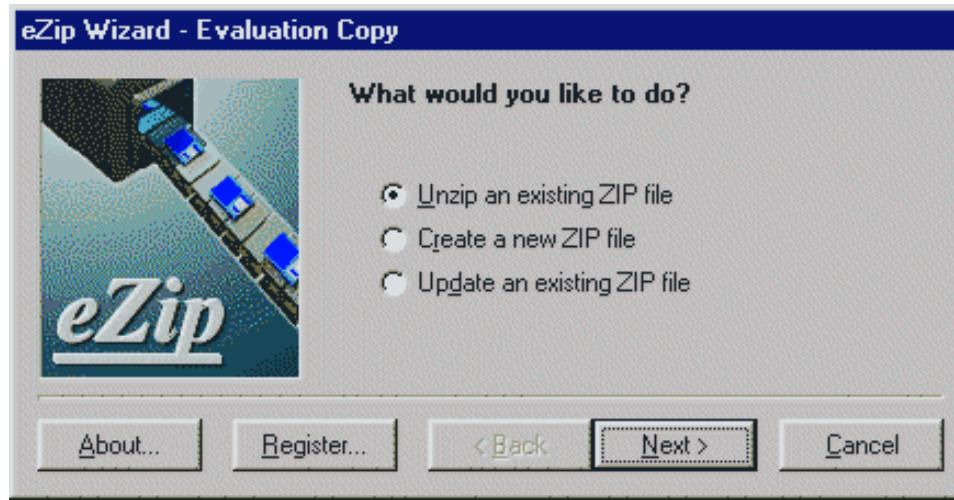
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# Heuristics



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## Wizards

must respond to question before going to next  
good for beginners, infrequent tasks  
not for common tasks

# 4. Consistency

## Consistency and standards

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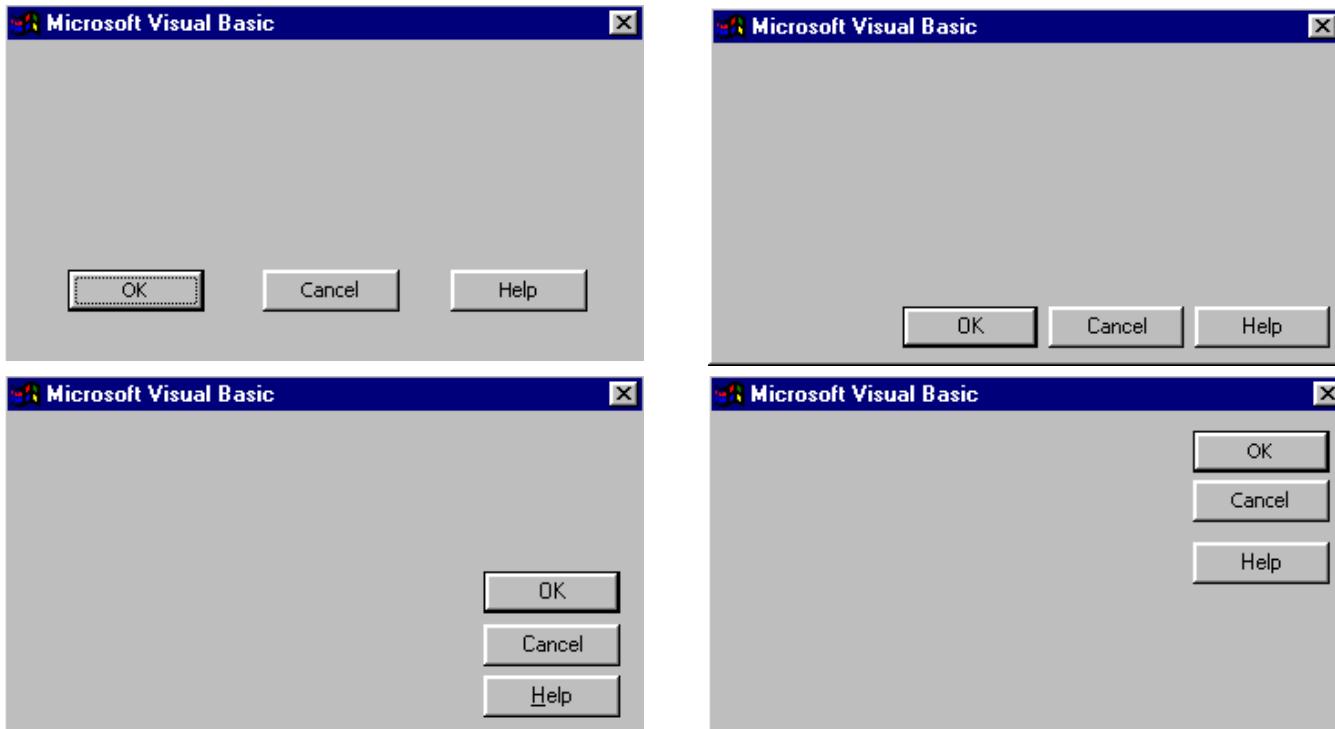
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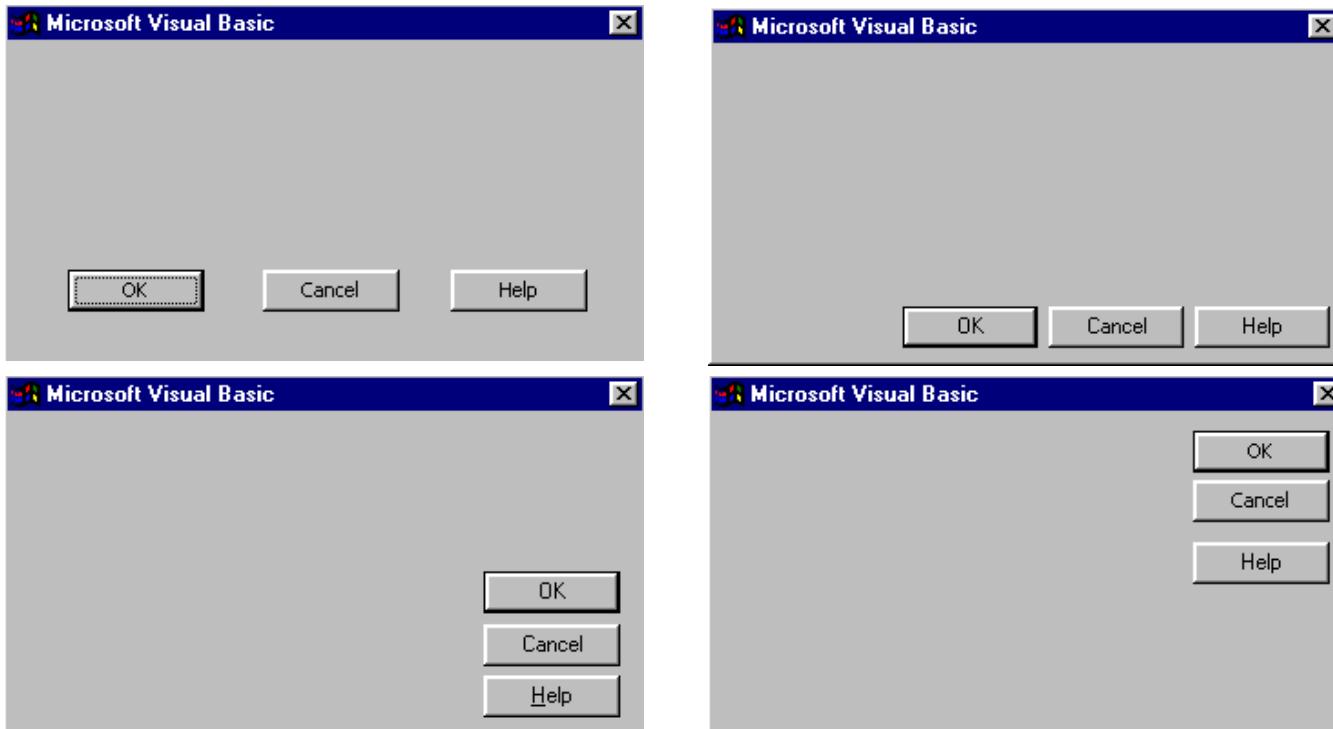
**Follow platform conventions.**

Internal consistency is consistency throughout the same product. External consistency is consistency with other products in its class.

# Heuristics



# Heuristics



## Consistency & Standards

# 5. Error Prevention

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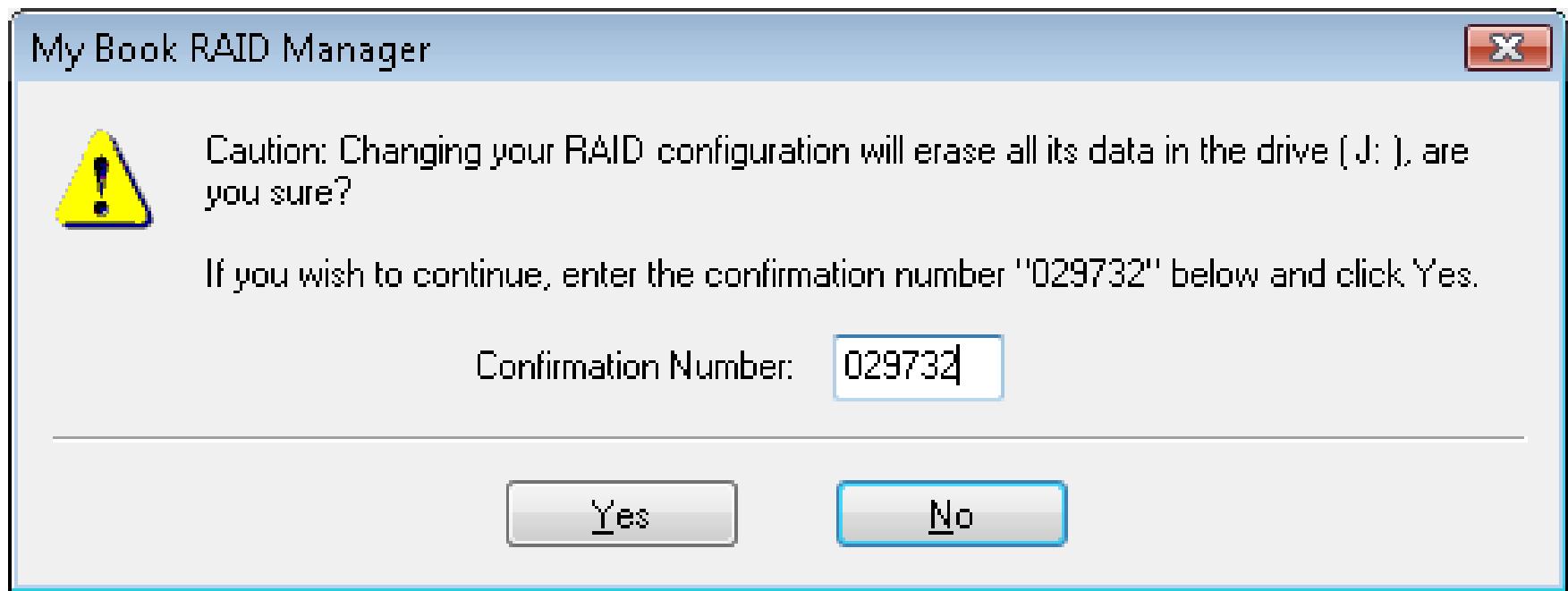
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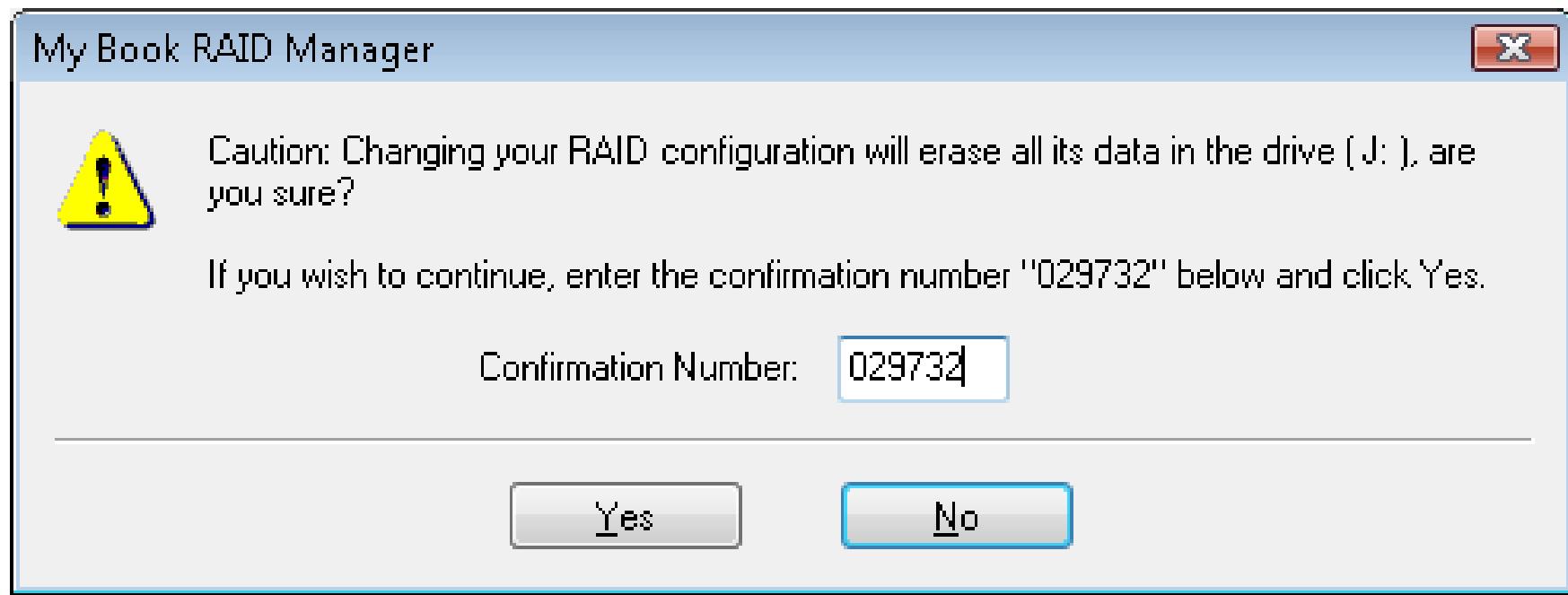
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Try to commit errors and see how they are handled. Could they have been prevented?

# Heuristics



# Heuristics



## Prevent Errors

# Heuristics

## The Radiation Dosimetry Program

Please Enter Desired Dose (in Rems)	0.0001
Enter Substance	Polonium
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# Heuristics

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## Prevent Errors

# 6. Recognition not Recall

## Recognition rather than recall

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People should never carry a memory load

# 6. Recognition not Recall

Addresses visibility of features & information  
where to find things

Visibility addresses system status & feedback  
what is going on

# 6. Recognition not Recall

Problems with affordances may go here

hidden affordance: remember where to act

false affordance: remember it is a fake



# Heuristics

```
% rm cse440*
```

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%
```



# Heuristics

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Error prevention

Recognition rather than recall

Visibility

# 7. Flexibility and Efficiency

## Flexibility and efficiency of use

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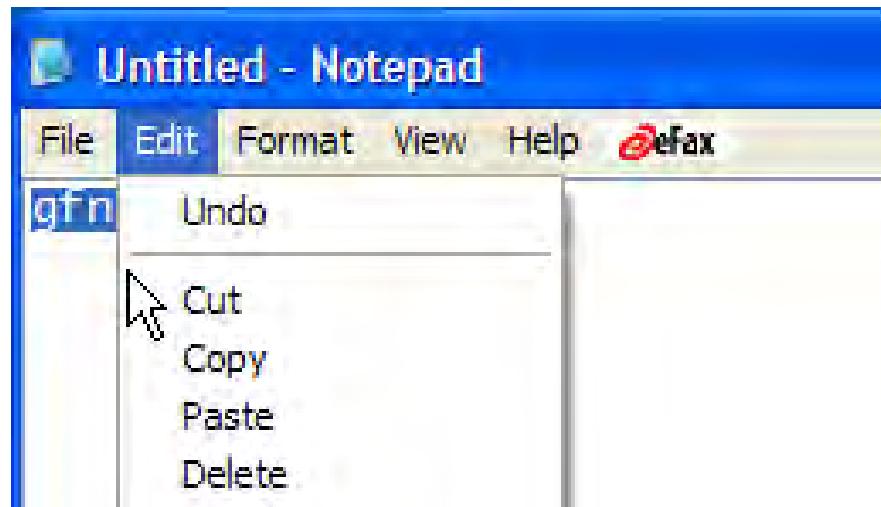
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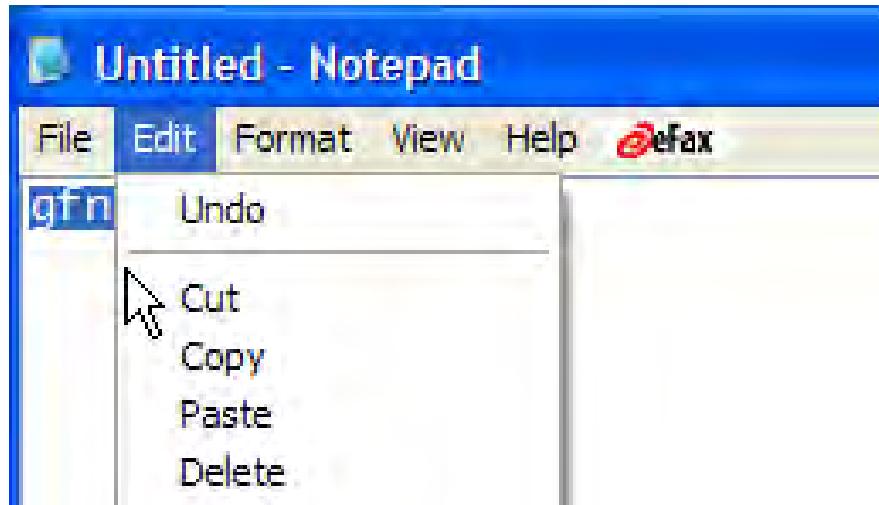
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Concerns anywhere users have repetitive actions that must be done manually. Also concerns allowing multiple ways to do things.

# Heuristics



# Heuristics



## Flexibility and Efficiency of Use

accelerators for experts (e.g., keyboard shortcuts)  
allow tailoring of frequent actions (e.g., macros)

# 8. Aesthetic Design

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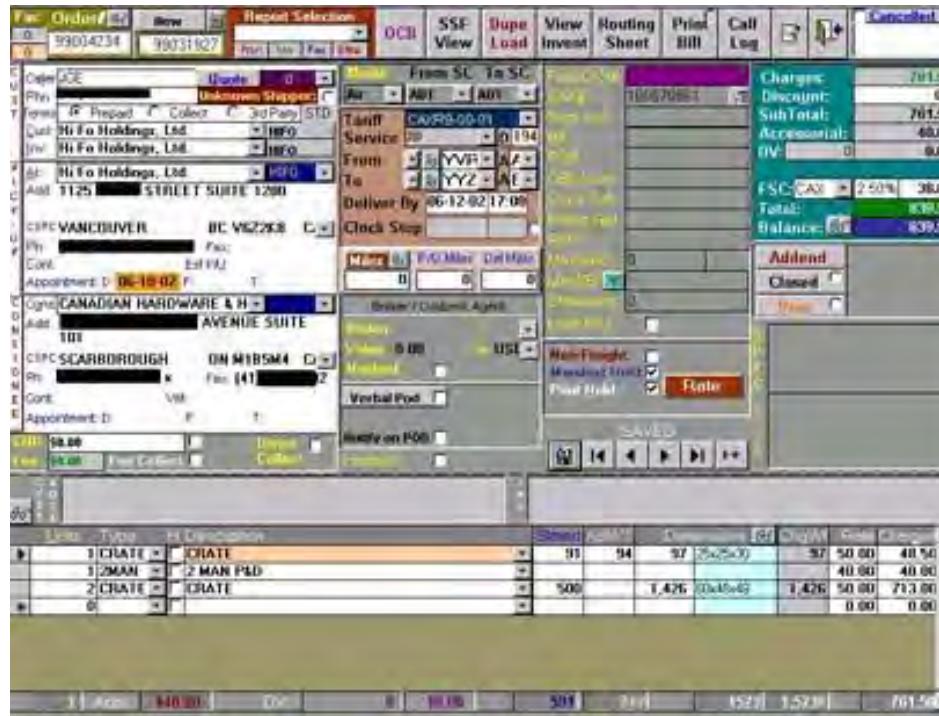
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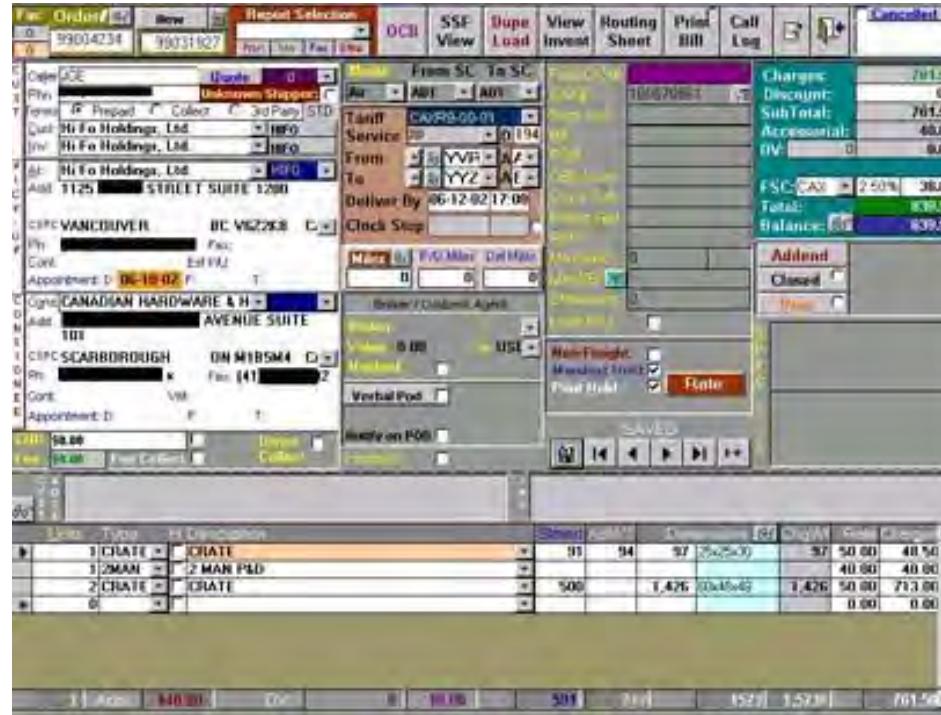
Not just about “ugliness”.

About clutter, overload of visual field, visual noise, distracting animations, and so on.

# Heuristics

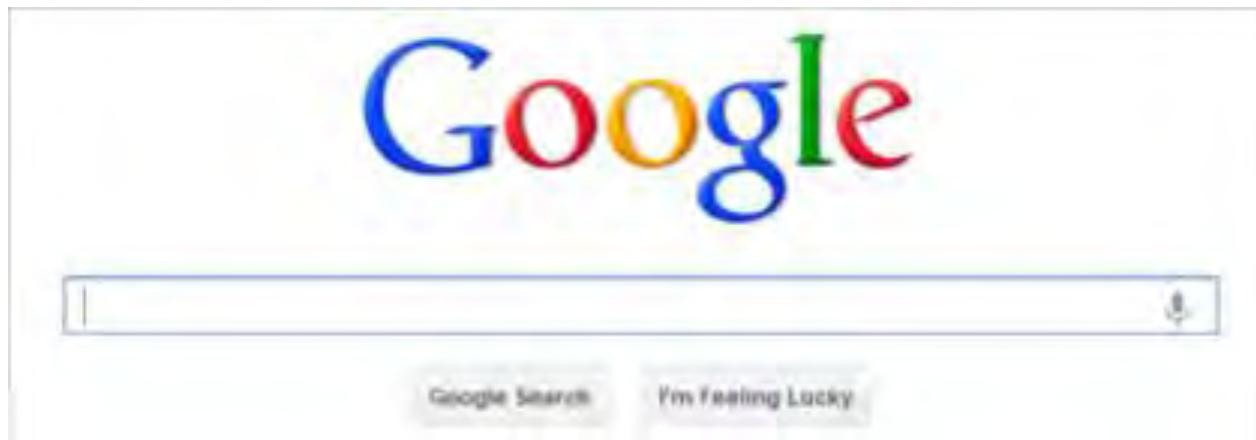


# Heuristics



Aesthetic & Minimalist design  
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# Heuristics



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# 9. Error Recovery

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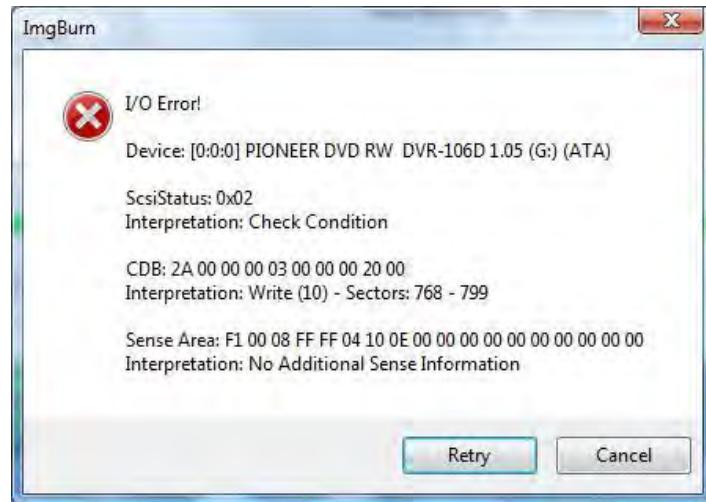
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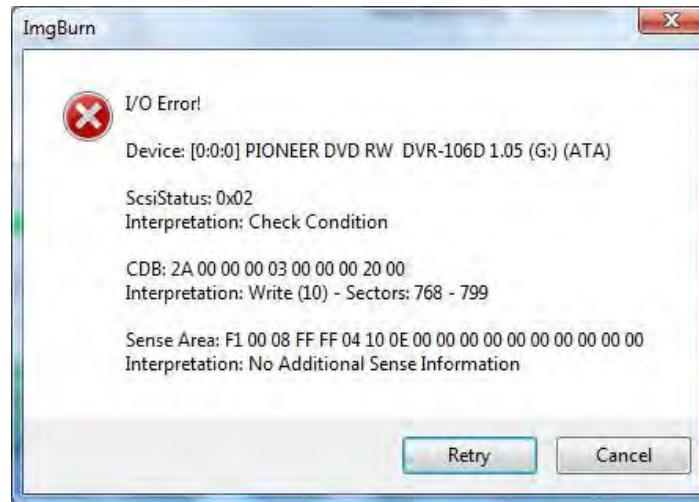
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Error prevention is about preventing errors before they occur. This is about after they occur.

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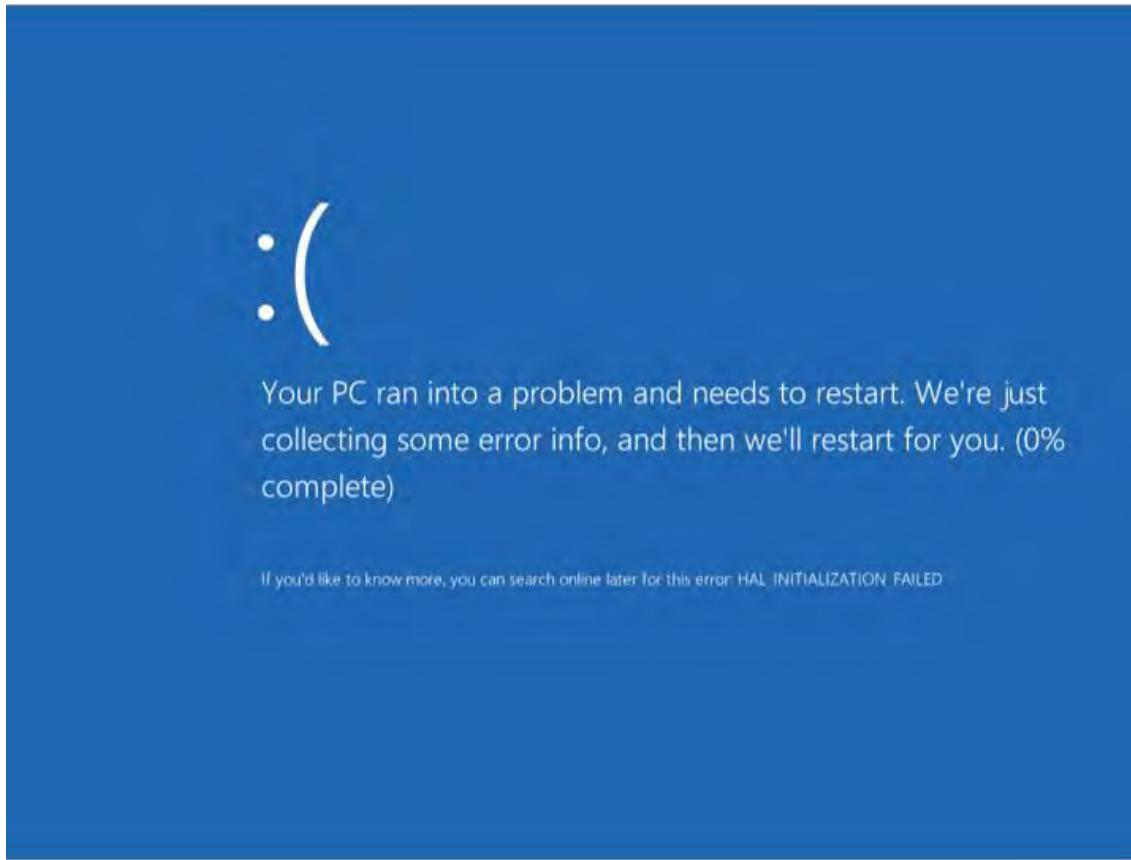


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This does not mean that the user must be able to ask for help on every single item.

# Heuristic Evaluation Process

Evaluators go through interface several times

inspect various dialogue elements

compare with list of usability principles

Usability principles

Nielsen's "heuristics"

supplementary list of category-specific heuristics  
(competitive analysis or testing existing products)

Use violations to redesign/fix problems

# Examples

Can't copy info from one window to another

violates “Minimize memory load” (H6)

fix: allow copying

Typography uses different fonts in 3 dialog boxes

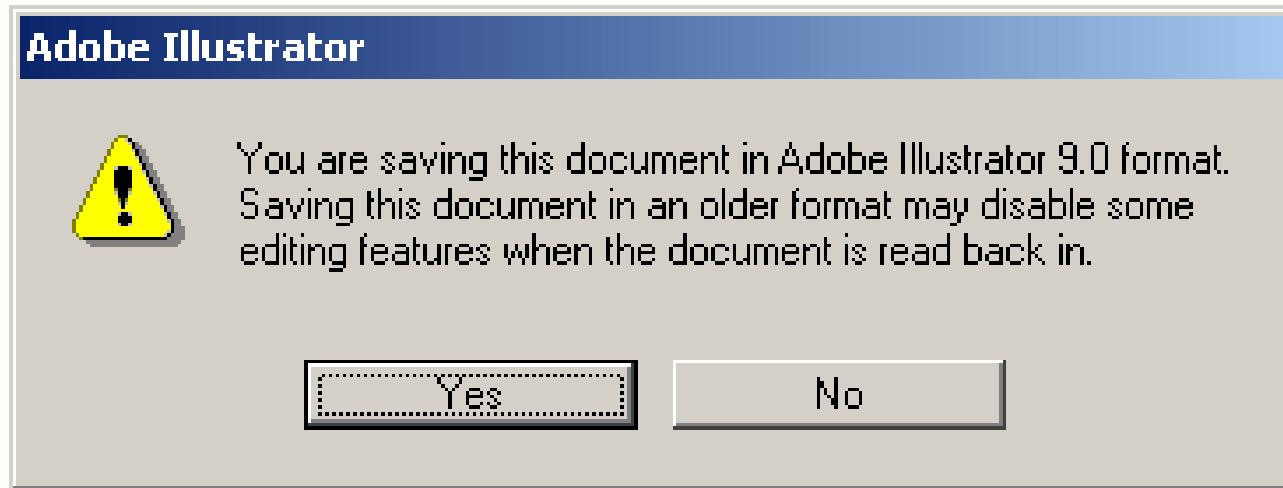
violates “Consistency and standards” (H4)

slows users down

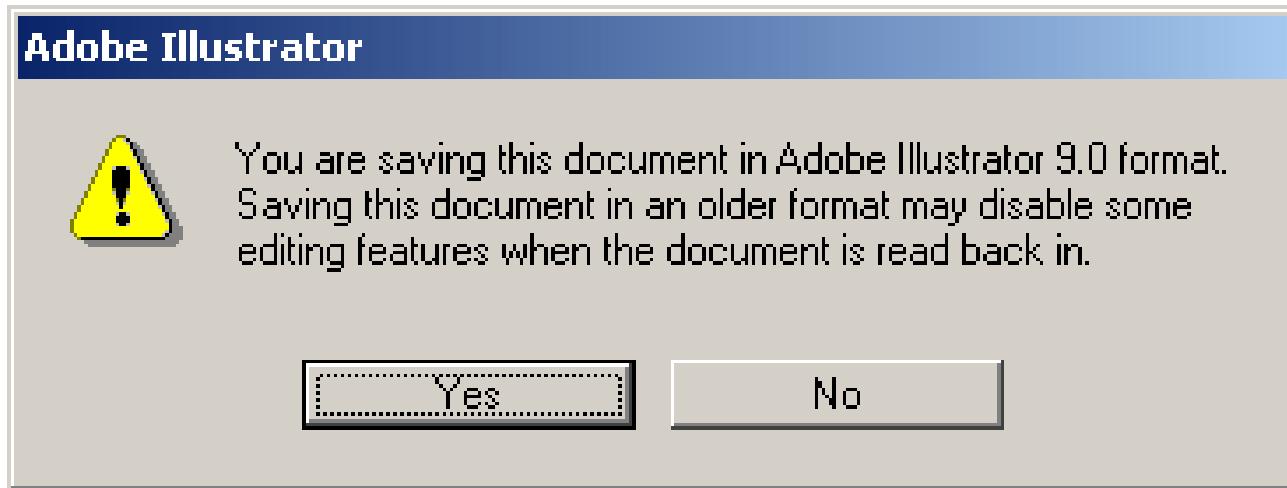
probably wouldn't be found by usability testing

fix: pick a single format for entire interface

# Heuristics



# Heuristics



What happens if you press No?

violates “User control and Freedom” (H4) “Prevent Errors” (H5)

fix: replace with “Ok” and “Cancel”

# Phases of Heuristic Evaluation

## 1) Pre-evaluation training

give expert evaluators needed  
domain knowledge & information on the scenario

## 2) Evaluation

individuals evaluate interface & make lists of problems

## 3) Severity rating

determine how severe each problem is

## 4) Aggregation

group meets & aggregates problems (w/ ratings)

## 5) Debriefing

discuss the outcome with design team

# How to Perform Evaluation

At least two passes for each evaluator

first to get feel for flow and scope of system

second to focus on specific elements

If system is walk-up-and-use or evaluators are domain experts, no assistance needed

otherwise might supply evaluators with scenarios

Each evaluator produces list of problems

explain why with reference to heuristic

be specific & list each problem separately

# Example Heuristic Violation

## 1. [H4 Consistency]

The interface used the string "Save" on the first screen for saving the user's file, but used the string "Write file" on the second screen. Users may be confused by this different terminology for the same function.

# How to Perform Heuristic Evaluation

Why separate listings for each violation?

- risk of repeating problematic aspect

- may not be possible to fix all problems

Where problems may be found

- single location in interface

- two or more locations that need to be compared

- problem with overall structure of interface

- something that is missing

- common problem with paper prototypes

- (sometimes features are implied by design documents and just haven't been "implemented" – relax on those)

# Severity Rating

Used to allocate resources to fix problems

Estimates of need for more usability efforts

Combination of

frequency

impact

persistence (one time or repeating)

Should be calculated after all evaluations are in

Should be done independently by all judges

# Severity Rating

- 0 - Do not agree this is a problem.
- 1 - Usability blemish. Mild annoyance or cosmetic problem. Easily avoidable.
- 2 - Minor usability problem. Annoying, misleading, unclear, confusing. Can be avoided or easily learned. May occur only once.
- 3 - Major usability problem. Prevents users from completing tasks. Highly confusing or unclear. Difficult to avoid. Likely to occur more than once.
- 4 - Critical usability problem. Users will not be able to accomplish their goals. Users may quit using system all together.

# Example Heuristic Violation

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# Debriefing

Conduct with evaluators, observers, and development team members

Discuss general characteristics of interface

Suggest potential improvements to address major usability problems

Development team rates how hard to fix

Make it a brainstorming session

# Fixability Scores

- 1 - Nearly impossible to fix. Requires massive re-engineering or use of new technology. Solution not known or understood at all.
- 2 - Difficult to fix. Redesign and re-engineering required. Significant code changes. Solution identifiable but details not fully understood.
- 3 - Easy to fix. Minimal redesign and straightforward code changes. Solution known and understood.
- 4 - Trivial to fix. Textual changes and cosmetic changes. Minor code tweaking.

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Fix: Change second screen to "Save".

# Alternative Inspection-Based Methods

## Cognitive Walkthrough

Helps surface different types of usability problems

Consider this as a complement to heuristic evaluation

## Action Analysis

Low-level modeling of expert performance

Be aware of GOMS, but you may never encounter it

# Cognitive Walkthrough

Evaluation method based on:

- A person works through an interface in an exploratory manner

- A person has goals

- The person is applying means-ends reasoning to work out how to accomplish these goals

Evaluation by an expert, who goes through a task while simulating this cognitive process

# Preparation: Need Four Things

- 1) User description, including level of experience  
any assumptions made by the designer
- 2) System description (e.g., paper prototype)
- 3) Task description, specifying the task the expert  
has to carry out, from a user's point of view
- 4) Action sequence describing the system display  
and the user actions needed to complete the  
given task. One system display and one user  
action together are one step.

# Cognitive Walkthrough Process

Expert reads the user, system, task descriptions and carries out the task by following the action list

At each step in action list, asks four questions

Record problems similar to heuristic evaluation

# Believability

- 1) Will the user be trying to produce whatever effect the action has?
- 2) Will the user be able to notice that the correct action is available?
- 3) Once the user finds the correct action at the interface, will they know that it is the right one for the effect they are trying to produce?
- 4) After the action is taken, will the user understand the feedback given?

# Action Analysis / Cognitive Modeling

## GOMS: Goals, Operators, Methods, Selection

Developed by Card, Moran and Newell

Walk through sequence of steps

Assign each an approximate time duration

Sum to estimate overall performance time

1. Select sentence		
Reach for mouse	H	0.40
Point to first word	P	1.10
Click button down	K	0.60
Drag to last word	P	1.20
Release	K	0.60
		3.90 secs

# Inspection vs. Usability Testing

Inspection is

- Is much faster

- Does not require interpreting user actions

- May miss problems or find false positives

Usability testing is

- More accurate, by definition

- Account for actual users and tasks

One approach is to alternate between them

- Find different problems, conserve participants

# Class exercise

Heuristic evaluation of paper prototypes

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# CSE 440: Introduction to HCI

## User Interface Design, Prototyping, and Evaluation

Lecture 13:  
Designing for Diverse Needs

James Fogarty  
Alex Fiannaca  
Lauren Milne  
Saba Kawas  
Kelsey Munsell

Tuesday/Thursday  
12:00 to 1:20



# Today

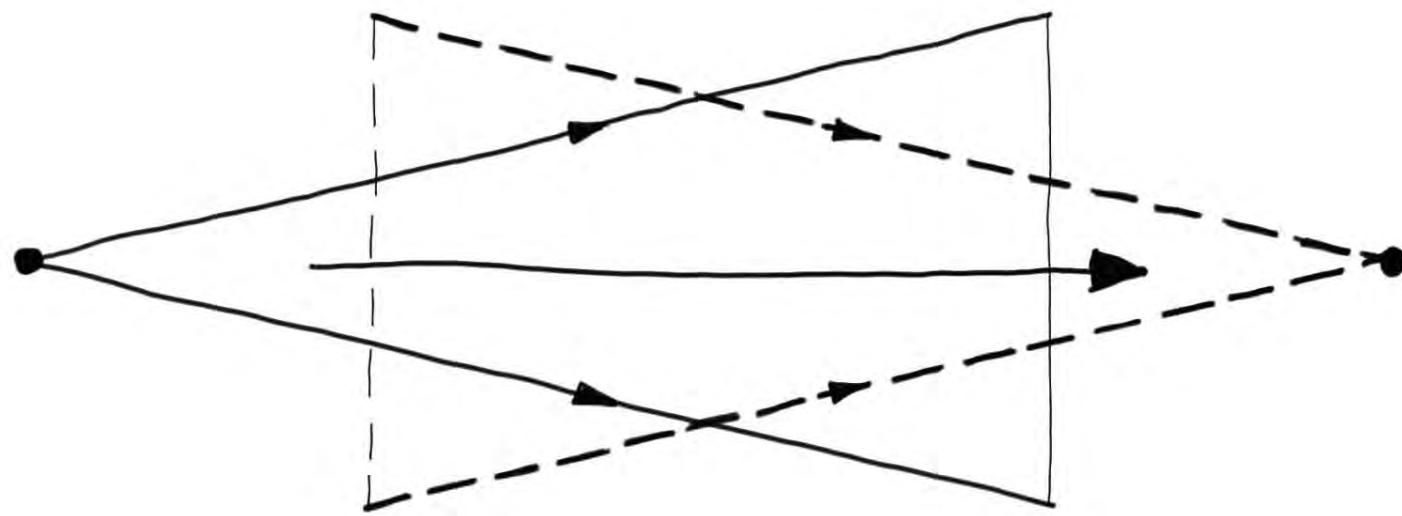
Usability Testing Check-Ins Tomorrow

UIST Report

## Designing for Diverse Needs

# A Basic Tenet of Design

If you do not actually understand your design problem, then you cannot make the best design



# A Basic Tenet of Design

You are not designing for yourself

You bring a lot of background to the table

That background is your asset

But you also need to be mindful of it

You need to understand the context of  
your design and the people who will use it

What this means can vary widely

And may be beyond what you can or will do

# A Basic Tenet of Design

From CI Terminology:  
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# Pinkification

This is a really complicated issue

But it is not new

We will start here

Then work through more obvious problems



# Bic for Her



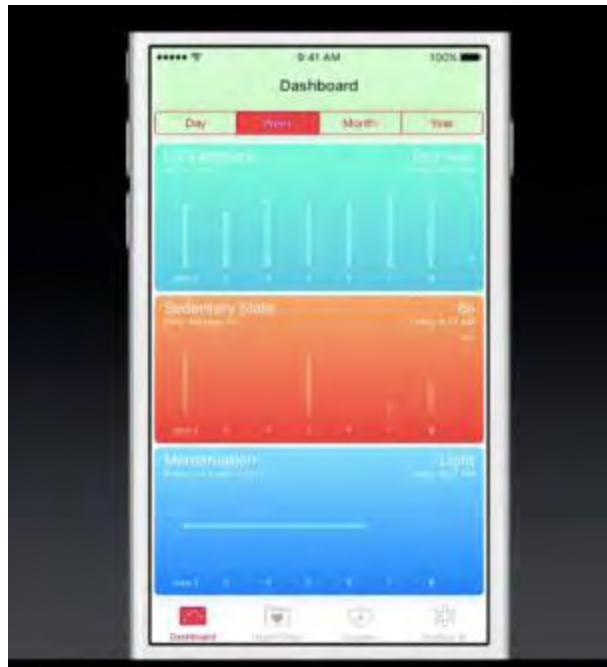
Finally! For years I've had to rely on pencils, or at worst, a twig and some drops of my feminine blood to write down recipes (the only thing a lady should be writing ever). I had despaired of ever being able to write down said recipes in a permanent manner, though my men-folk assured me that I "shouldn't worry yer pretty little head". But, AT LAST! Bic, the great liberator, has released a womanly pen that my gentle baby hands can use without fear of unlady-like callouses and bruises. Thank you, Bic!

# Bic for Her



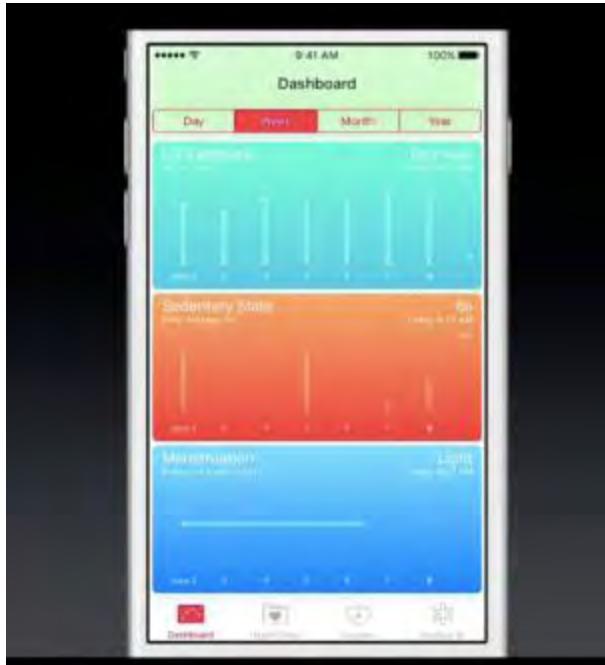
It is very, very hard to imagine that the people who made the decision to launch “Bic for Her” were the same women expected to buy them.

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“with Health, you can monitor all of your metrics that you’re most interested in”  
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“If you’re a human who menstruates,  
you’re shit out luck”

“The fact that it’s a women’s issue isn’t  
grounds for dismissal”

# Kodak, 1926



Kodak Vest Pocket Series III (1926)

Kodak launched this black camera in 1926

It was successful, but was selling more to men

Engaged Walter Dorwin Teague to design a model that would appeal to women

His solution was to release the camera in 5 different colors, each packed in a pseudo-silk lined box, where the box and liner matched the color of the camera

Walter Downin Teague  
Vanity Kodak (1928)



# Apple, 2001



Apple G1 iPod, October 2001

Apple launched this white iPod in 2001

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Designed a model that would appeal to women

Their solution was a smaller version of the iPod in 5 different colors

Walter Dowrin Teague  
Vanity Kodak (1928)



Jonathan Ive  
Apple iPod Mini (2004)



# Observations by Buxton

Same basic design brief

- Same use of color

- Same number and choice of colors

- Same simultaneous release of colors

Teague/Kodak example is a classic

- Known to any trained industrial designer

- Jonathan Ive is an extremely well trained designer

- Draws inspiration from the past



# How About Less Controversial

Our perception of the trustworthiness and usability of a website is dramatically shaped by a first impression of appeal

How about we examine appeal around the world

Throw in age and gender for good fun

# An Activity

Please rate the website you have just seen based on **visual appeal**.

very  
unappealing

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appealing

Search Toronto.com for information on local restaurants, movies and events...

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## Bars Guide

### 100 Places to Pick Up in Toronto

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#### Best Bars Near the Rogers Centre

Posted: May 31, 2013 1 Comment

By Kevin Scott

These bars around the Rogers Centre are great spots before or after the game.

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Posted: September 20, 2012 1 Comment

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Here are the top venues in Toronto to enjoy some live music with your drink.

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Posted: November 15, 2012 1 Comment

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 Every room has a private patio and beautiful views of our expansive gardens. We offer 2 restaurants

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 On the menu are a variety of old La Fringale favorites such as pepper steak, chicken cordon bleu

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Welcome to Hotel Chez Lando!

Hotel Chez Lando, your first window to Rwanda. At Chez Lando, we apply the tradition of Rwandan hospitality to the needs of modern travelers; we cater to the smallest detail of your stay. Our quaint garden-style hotel is located just five minutes from Kigali International Airport and is right on the way to the heart of town.

Sixteen years after the Genocide, Hotel Chez Lando is opening its new Barbecue, new Restaurant with Terrace and new Meeting Hall where comfort and light meet blossoming flowers. The architecture of the new additions blends with its environment; stylish and modern, it is matching the new face of Rwanda.

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# Popular Rwandan Website

The screenshot shows the homepage of THE PEOPLE'S BANK (BPR) website. The header features the bank's logo and name in English and Kinyarwanda, along with links for About BPR, Contact Us, Client Feedback, and a search bar. A large yellow banner in the center promotes mobile banking with the text "KEEP TRACK OF YOUR ACCOUNT ON THE GO. WITH SMS & EMAIL ALERTS". Below the banner are three promotional boxes: one for a car loan, one for mobile banking, and one for the "SENDiziCASH" service. The footer contains sections for Latest News, Exchange Rates, and a Tariff Guide.

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2068991  
total participants

## Trust us; you will love this test!

Take this test to see how well you can spot (un)trustworthy websites. This experiment takes around 12 minutes.

[Participate now!](#)

## How fast is your memory?

See how quickly you can retrieve information you have just memorized. This experiment takes around 10 minutes.

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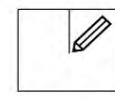
## What is your website aesthetic?

Compare your visual preferences to people around the world. This experiment takes around 10 minutes.

[Participate now!](#)

## Test your social intelligence!

Test how well you can read emotions of others just by looking at their eyes. This experiment takes around 10 minutes.

[Participate now!](#)

## Are you more Eastern or Western?

In this test, you will learn whether you are more sensitive to a focal object (as most Americans) or more attuned to the context (as many Japanese). This experiment takes around 8 minutes.

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## Looking for more studies?

We have joined forces with [TestMyBrain](#) and [GamesWithWords](#)! Learn about your brain, test your language sense, and participate in other studies on [LessWeird.org](#).

## News From The Wild

**April 25, 2014**

During the summer, we launched an experiment to examine graph prediction tendencies amongst different cultures, particularly the contrast be...

[Read more](#)**March 20, 2014**

How do you feel about Naver.

[Read more](#)

## Why Participate?

LabintheWild provides you with personalized feedback, letting you compare yourself to people of other countries.

By participating, you contribute to research on people's similarities and differences around the world when interacting with technology.

## Join the Wilderness



Enter your email to find out about new studies and breakthrough results:

[Notify me!](#)

# Large Scale Data Collection

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Lab in the Wild website. At the top right, it displays "2068991 total participants". Below this, there are several study options with "Participate now!" buttons:

- What is your website aesthetic?** (circled in red)
- How fast is your memory?**
- Trust us; you will love this test!**
- Test your social intelligence!**
- Are you more Eastern or Western?**
- Looking for more studies?**

At the bottom left, there's a news section titled "News From The Wild" with a post from "April 25, 2014" about graph prediction tendencies. On the right, there are sections for "Why Participate?" and "Join the Wilderness".

2.4 million ratings  
39,975 participants  
430 websites

# Visual Feature Analysis



2.4 million ratings  
39,975 participants  
430 websites  
  
39 image metrics  
describing website  
perceived **colorfulness**  
and **complexity**

Age, country,  
gender, education

# Plotting Appeal by Complexity



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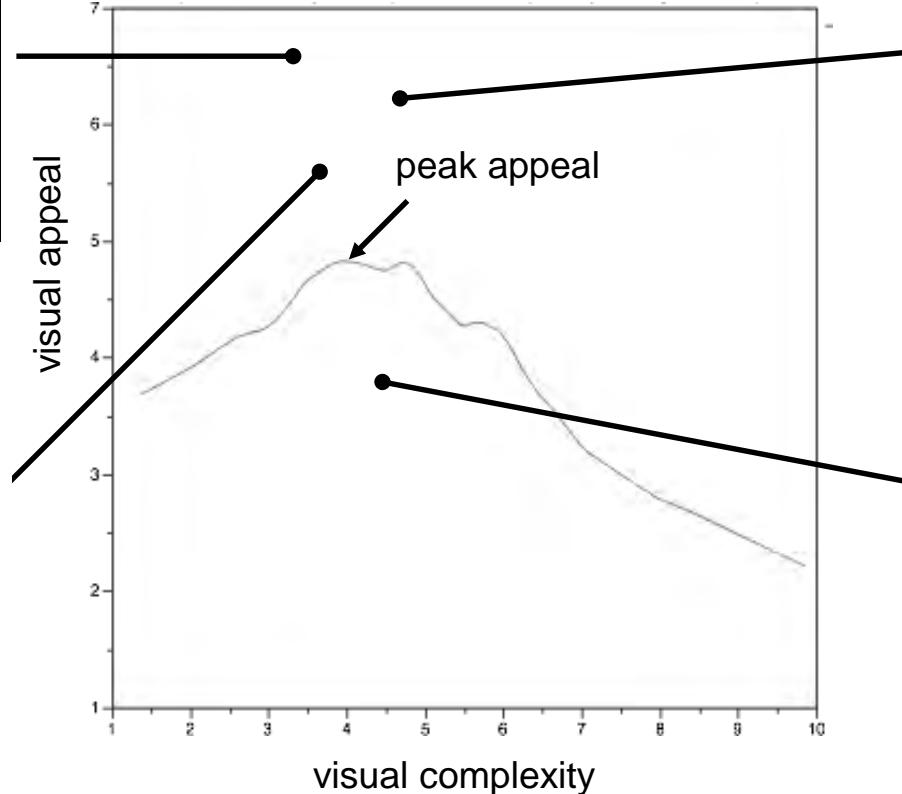
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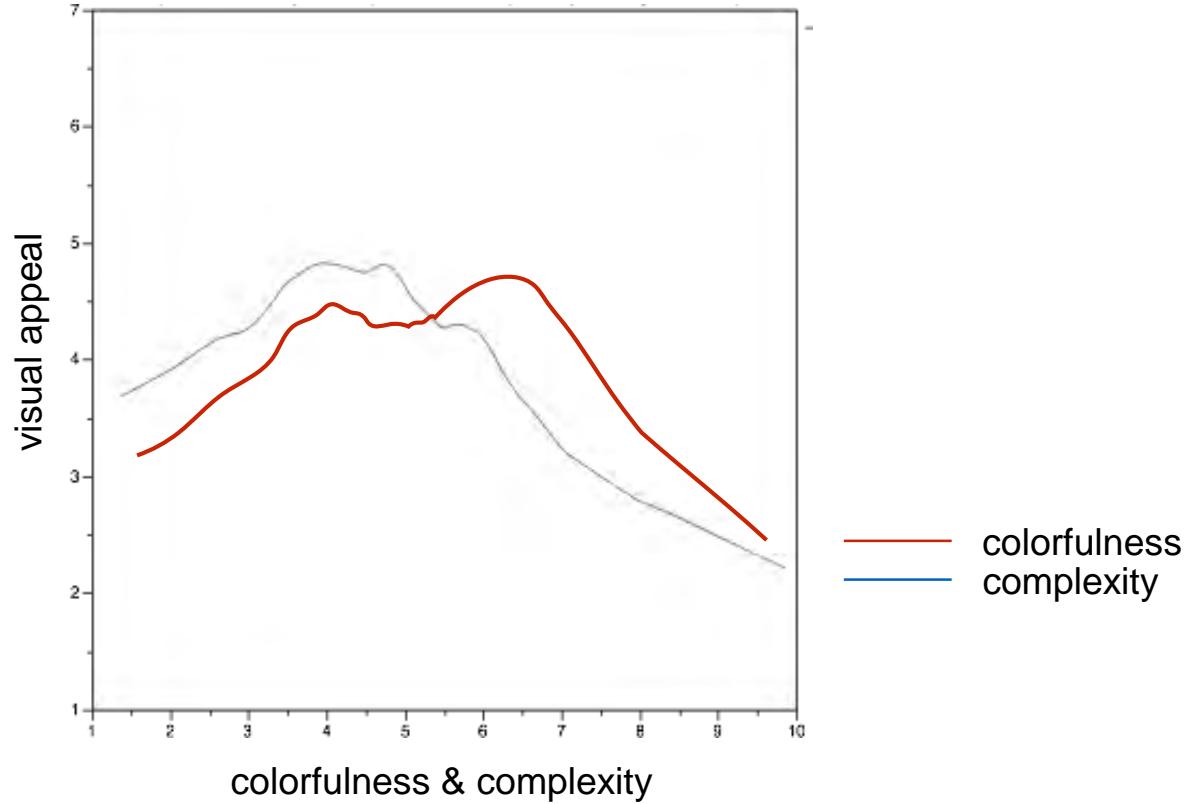
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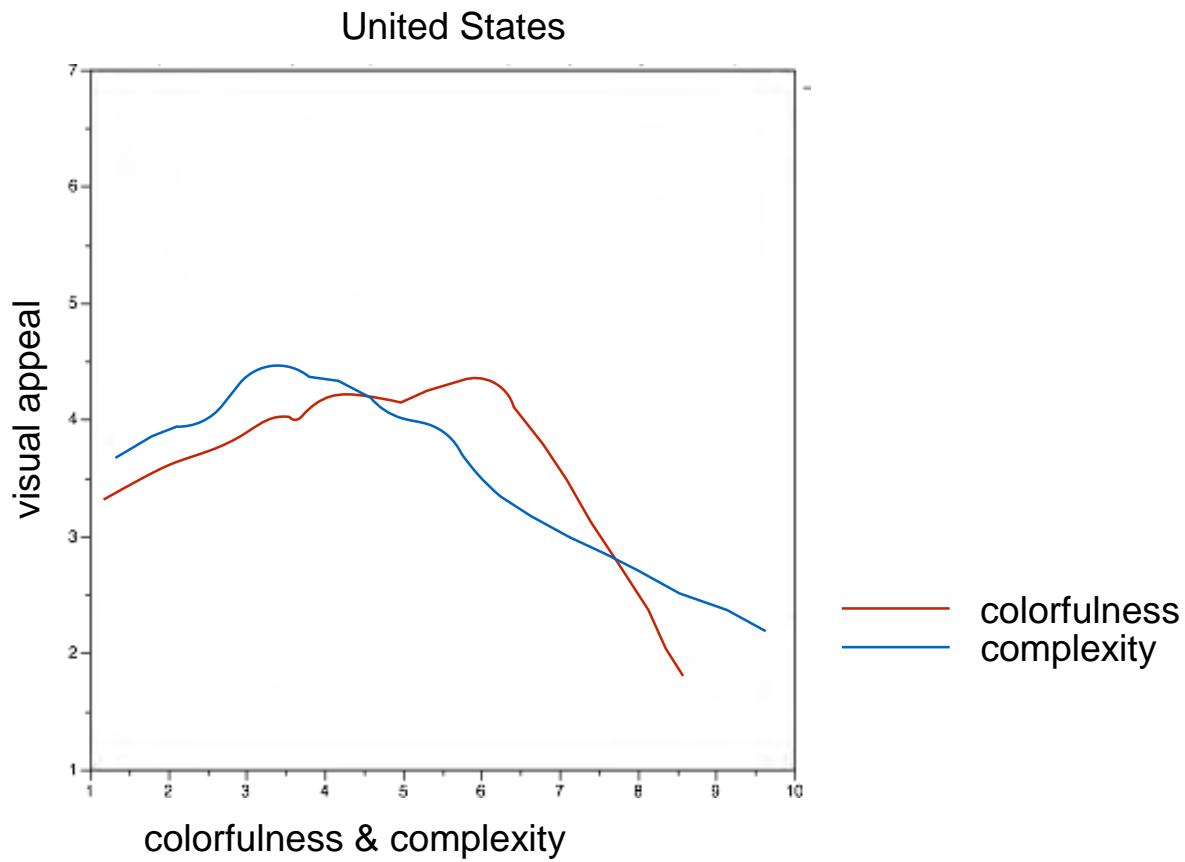
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# Plotting Appeal by Colorfulness



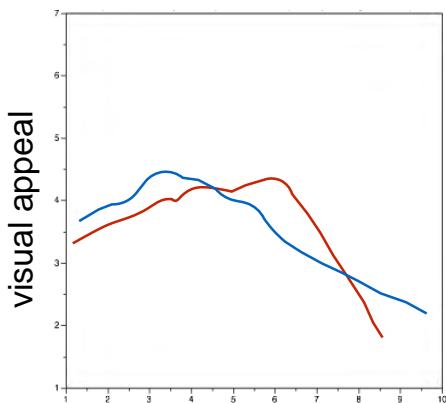
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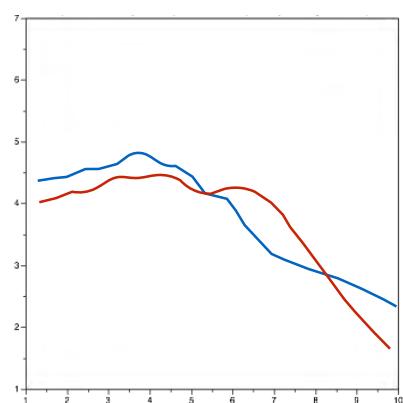
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— colorfulness  
— complexity

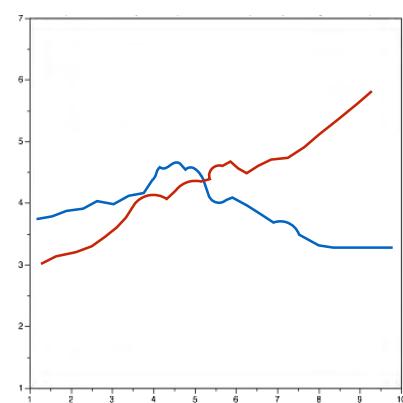
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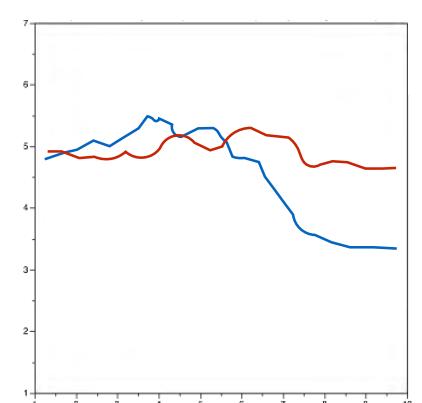
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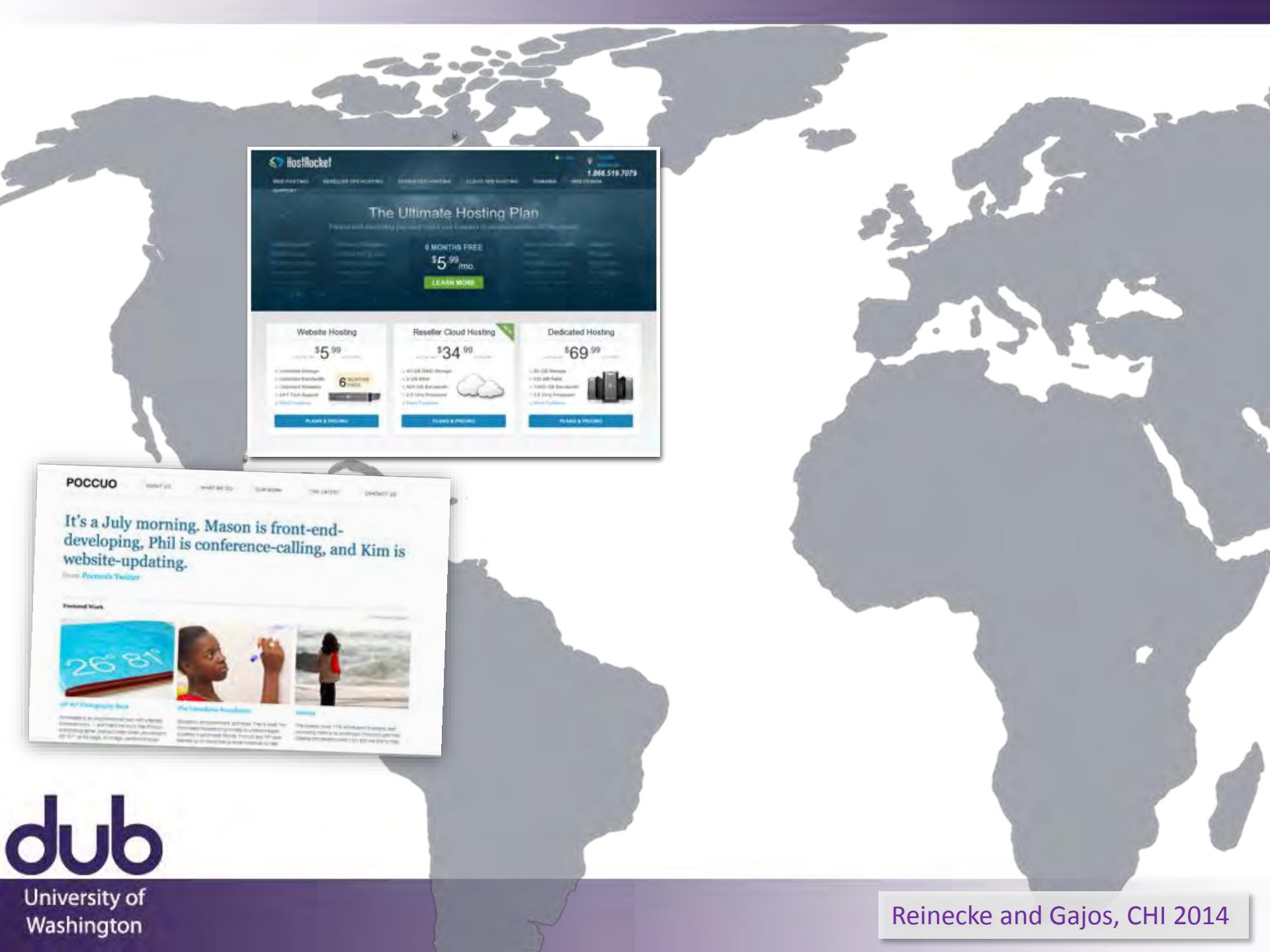
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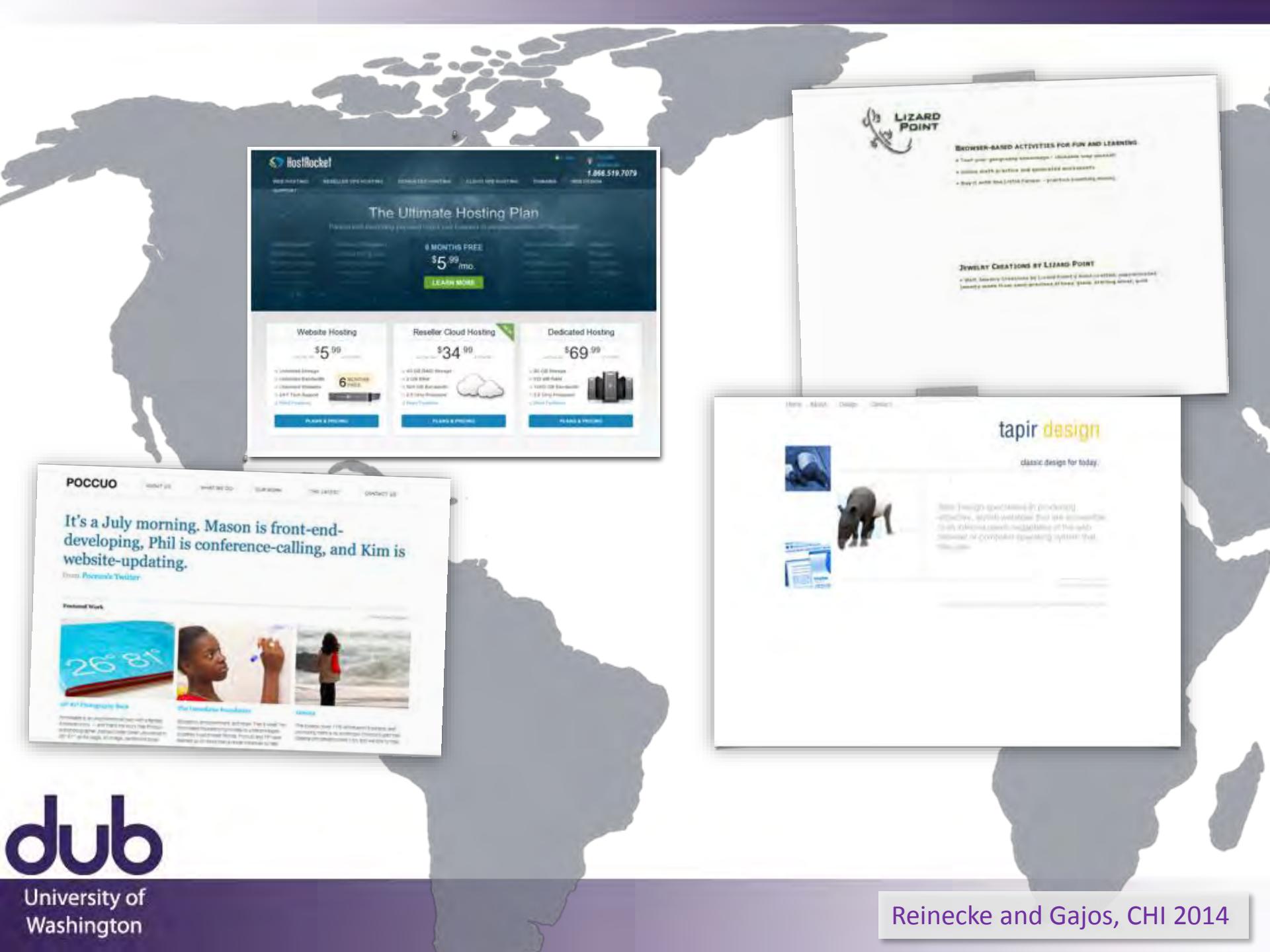
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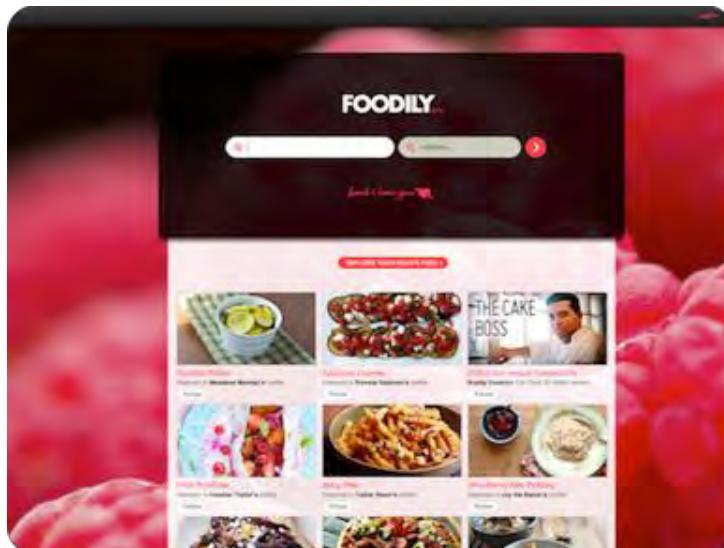




> 50  
years



< 20  
years



# female

The Tree of Life web project homepage features a central image of various life forms including a butterfly, a frog, a flower, a worm, and a mushroom. To the left is a sidebar with links like 'Browse the Tree', 'About the Tree', 'People Pages', 'General Pages', 'Current Advances', 'Recent Posts', 'Resources', and 'Image Banks'. A main content area includes a 'Learn about' section with a link to 'Amphibians' and a 'Tree of Life' section with a 'Load more' button.

The 'THIS ARTIST'S LIFE' blog homepage features a banner with five circular profile pictures. Below the banner is a post titled 'I made \$550+ making pottery - you can too!' with a green background. To the right is a sidebar with sections for 'UPCOMING EVENTS', 'ARTICLES', and 'JOIN MY MAILING LIST'.

# male

The treehouse website homepage features a large question 'What do you want to learn today?'. Below it are three categories: 'Web Design' (with a laptop icon), 'Web Development' (with a red hexagon icon), and 'iOS Development' (with a smartphone icon). Each category has a brief description and a 'View Details' button.

The anobii website homepage features a red header with the text 'Where people find and share books'. Below the header are three buttons: 'Shelf', 'Find', and 'Share'. A search bar at the top right contains the placeholder 'What are you reading now?' and a 'Search' button. The 'Recent Activity' section shows several user posts with book covers and titles.

# Abandoning “One Best Design”

People have different preferences

We can study these preferences

We can even predict these preferences

How should we think about differences

One powerful viewpoint is social justice

# Accessibility is the Law

National Federation of the Blind vs. Target, 2006

Americans with Disabilities Act, 1990

Requires accessibility in employment, public entities and public transportation, public accommodations and commercial facilities

Rehabilitation Act, 1973

Section 508, 1998

Mandates federal procurement of accessible electronic and information technologies

# Universal Design vs. Assistive Technology



# Personal Texting by Deaf People



Teletypewriter (TTY)  
used by deaf people  
in their homes circa 1970



1990s TTY with  
built-in acoustic modem



SMS texting

# People with Disabilities

1 billion people worldwide

15% of the population

50 million people in US

Including yourself if you  
are fortunate to live to  
develop disabilities

# A Social Justice Problem

1 billion people worldwide

15% of the population

50 million people in US

16% of people in the US

10% of workforce

5% of STEM workforce

1% of PhDs in STEM

Including yourself if you  
are fortunate to live to  
develop disabilities

# Current State of Devices



# Current State of Devices



# Equal Access to Information

Is this access equal?

# Equal Access to Information

Is this access equal?

Some dimensions to consider

Cost

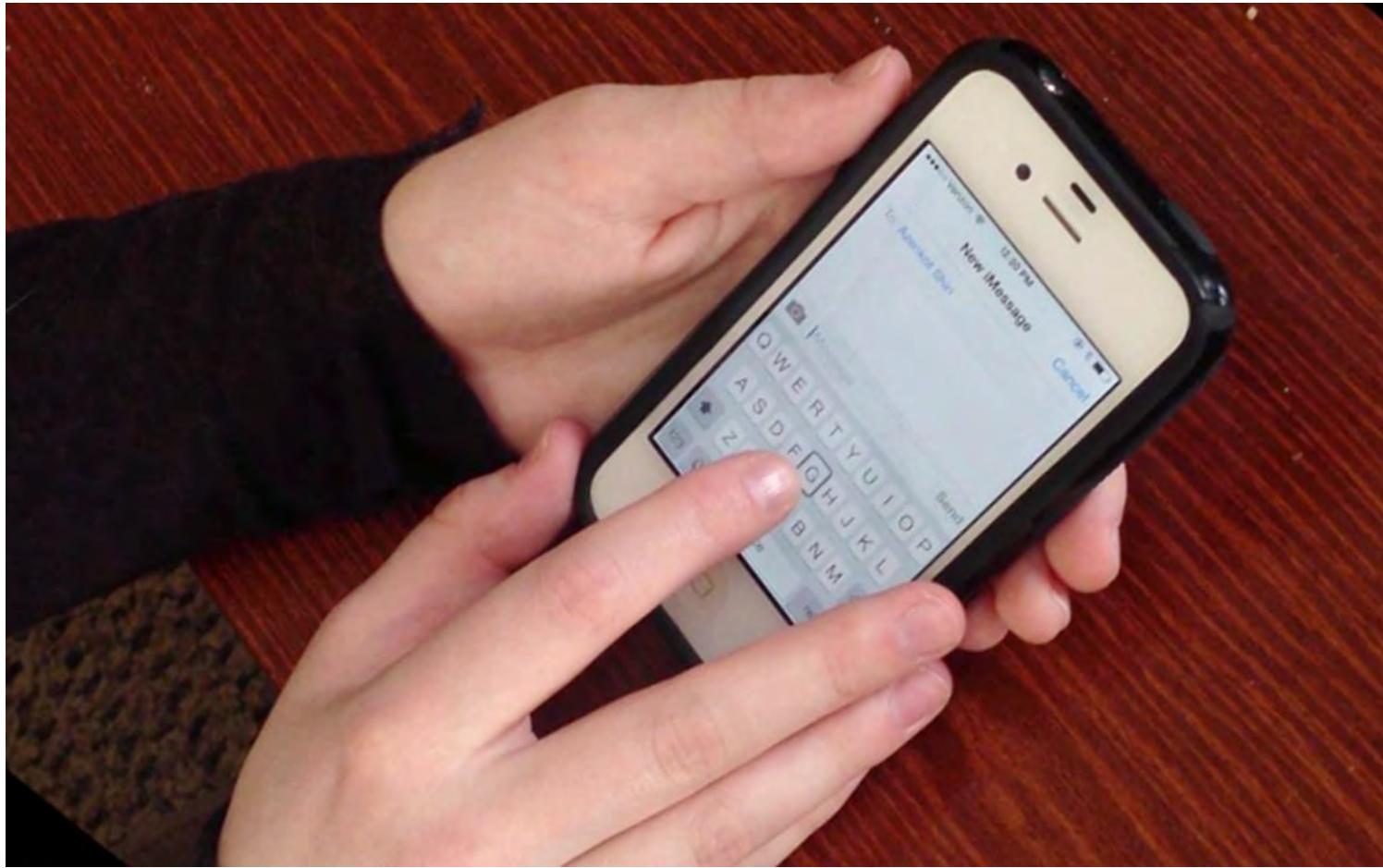
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Accuracy

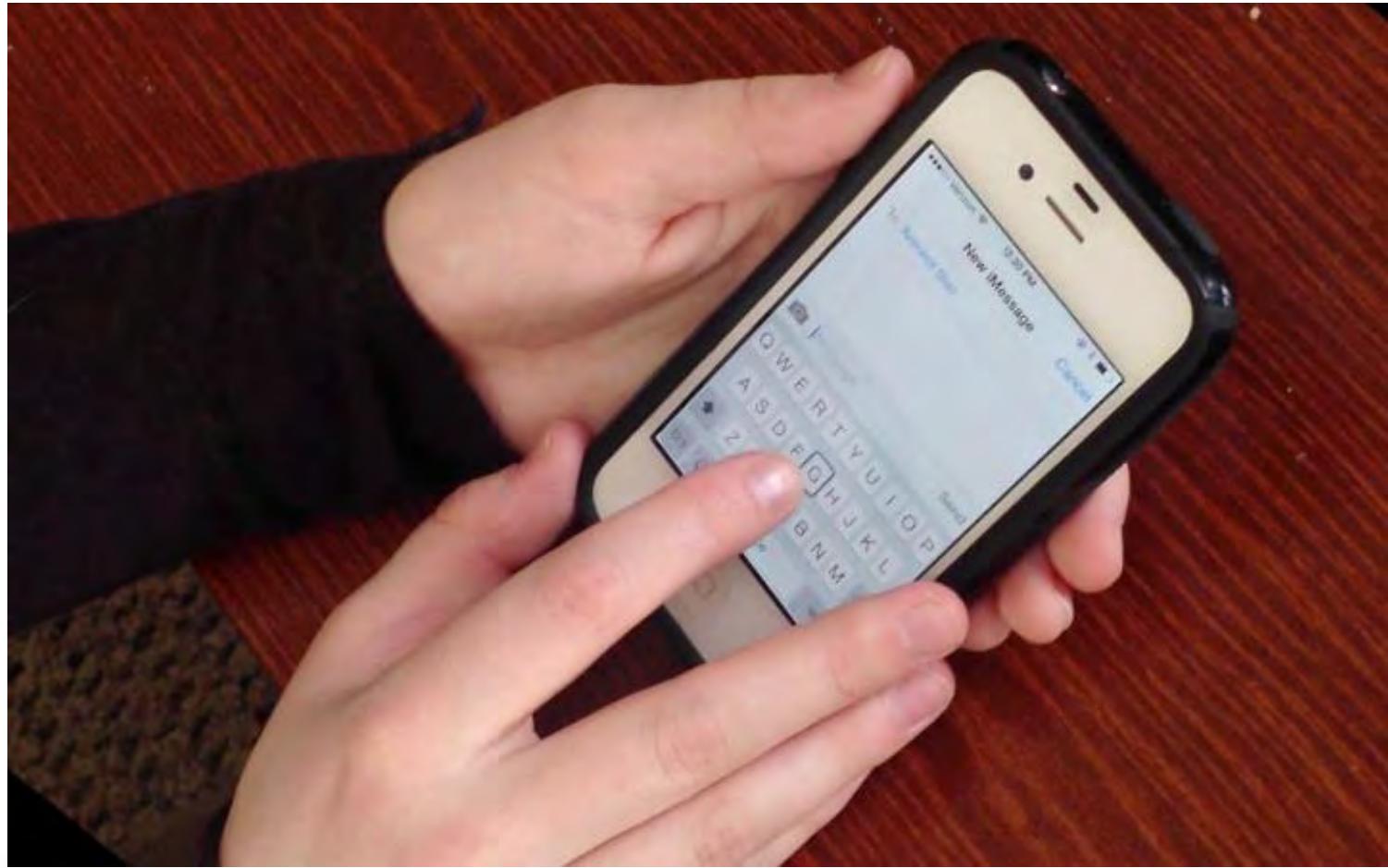
Ease

It simply being possible is not enough

# A Closer Look at Text Entry



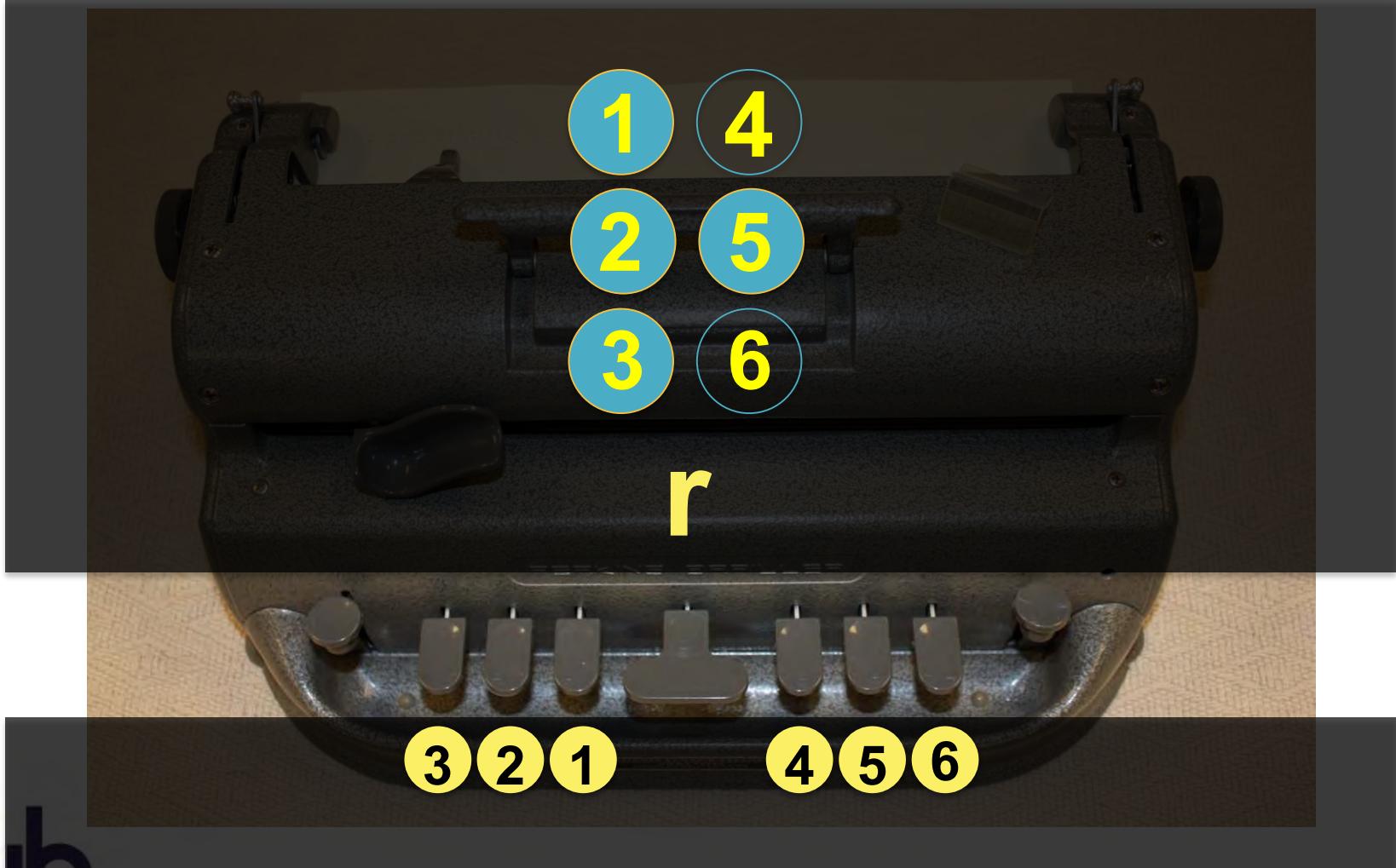
# A Closer Look at Text Entry



# Contrast with Braille Input



# Contrast with Braille Input



# Ability-Based Design

States that all interfaces make assumptions about the abilities needed to use them

Any one-size-fits-all design is therefore inaccessible to many people

Instead of asking people to struggle to adapt, asks that interfaces adapt or be adaptable to match the abilities of each person

# Perkinput



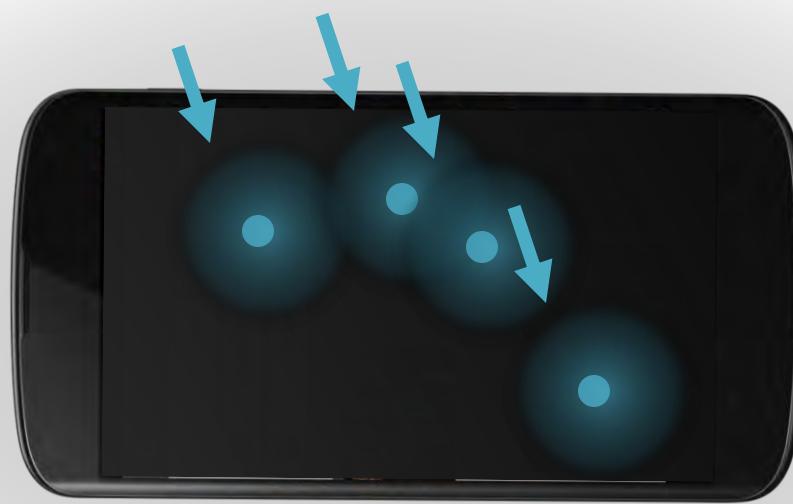
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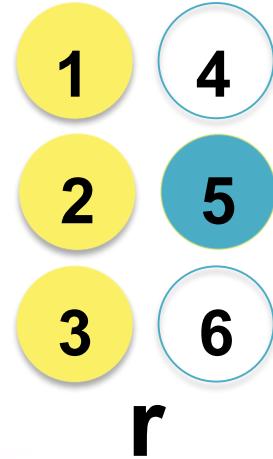
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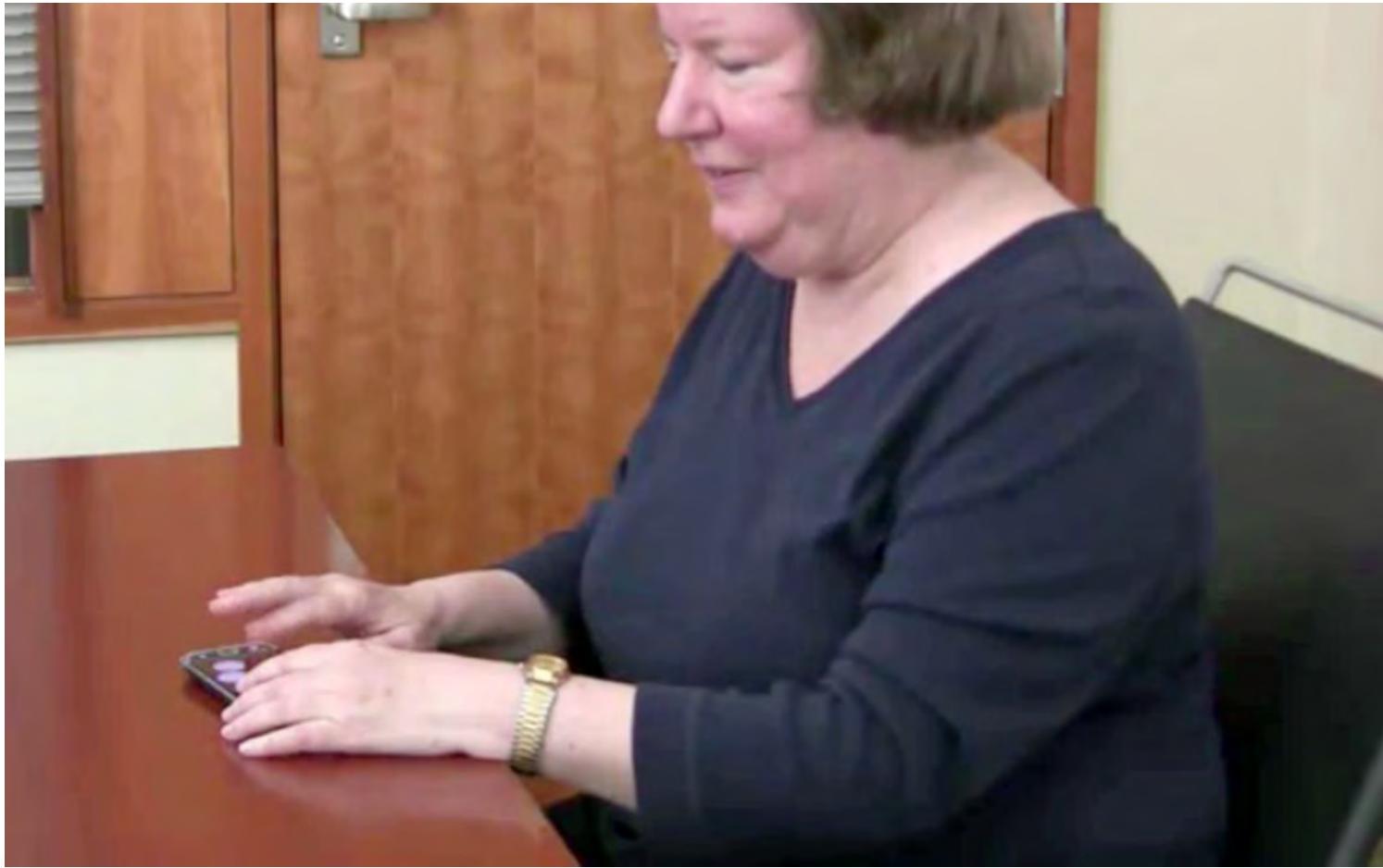
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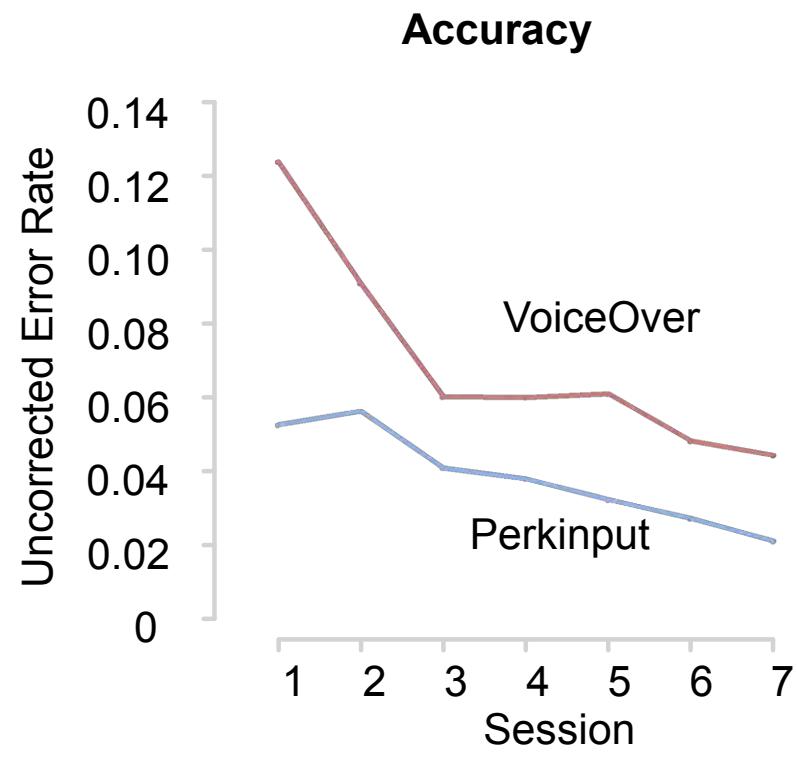
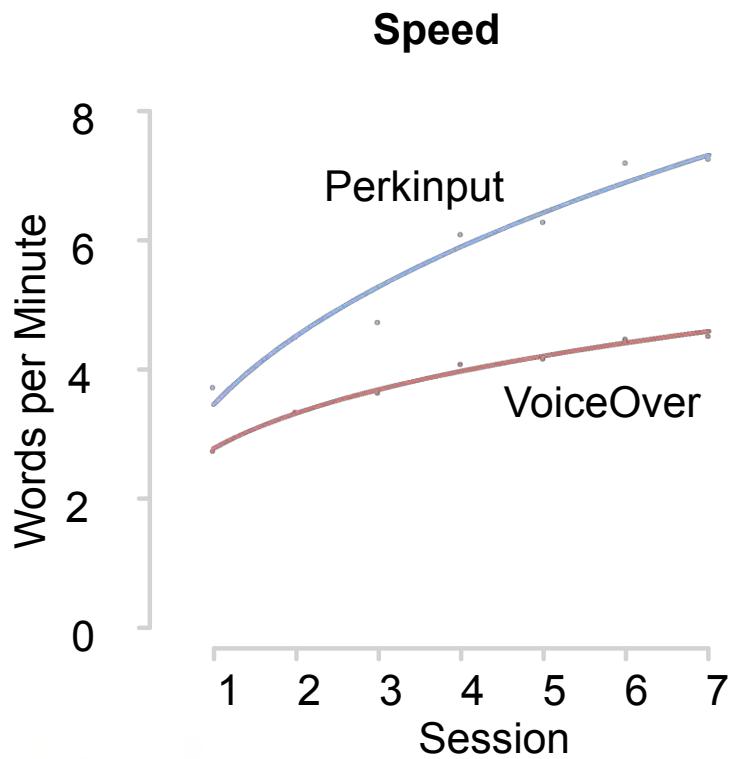
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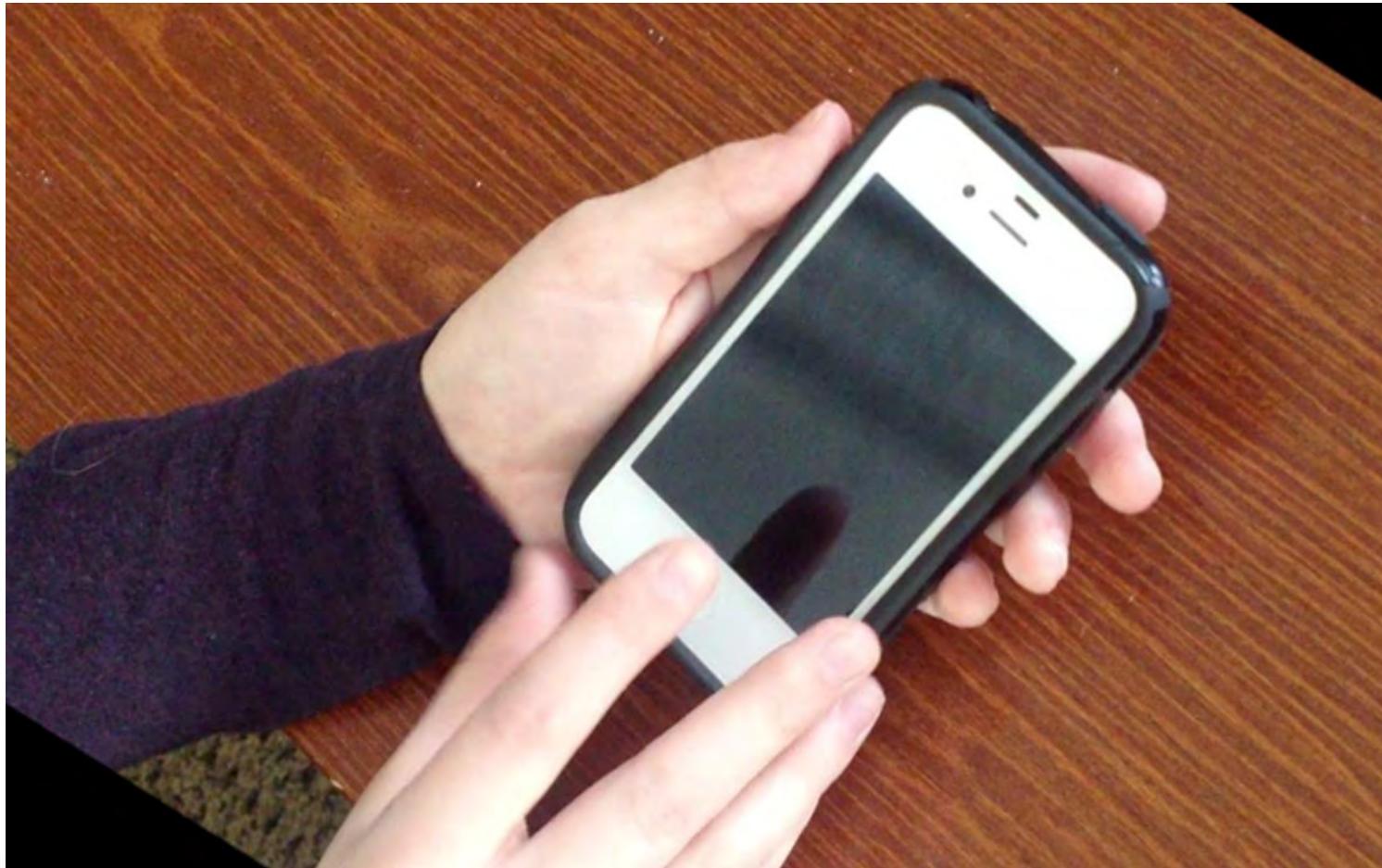
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# Speed and Accuracy



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# Another Problem



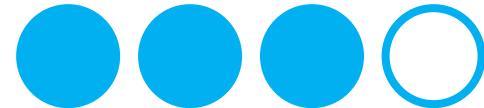
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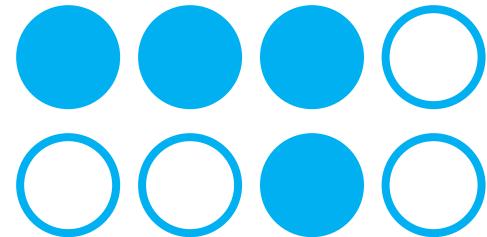
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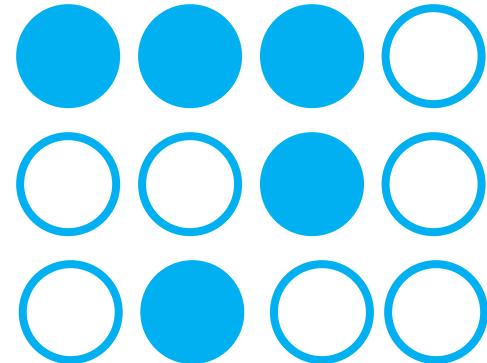
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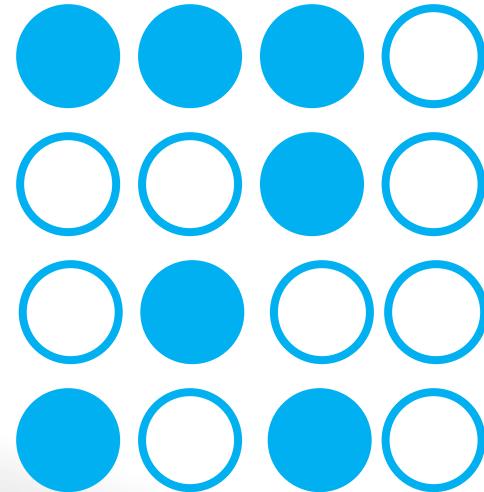
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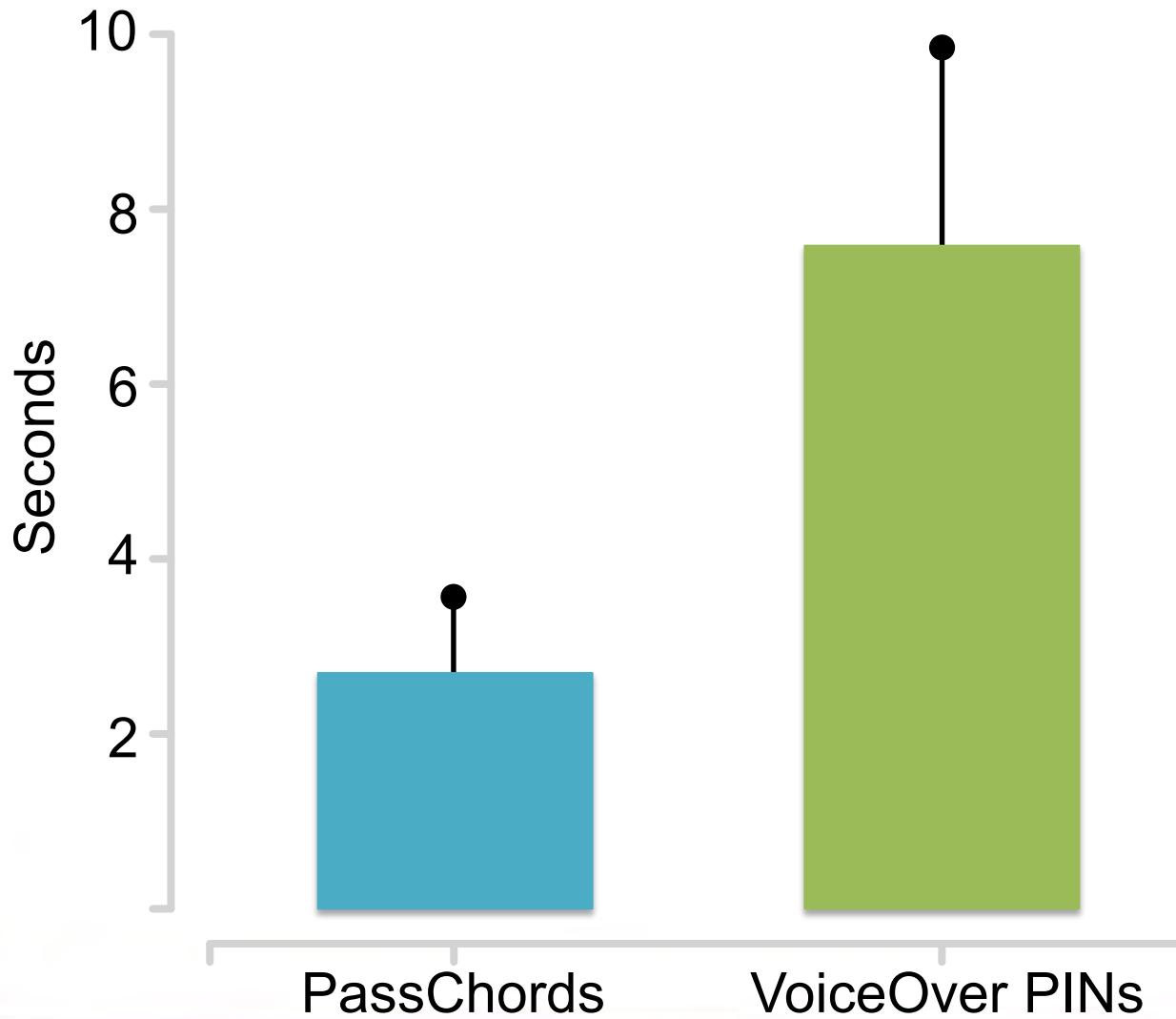
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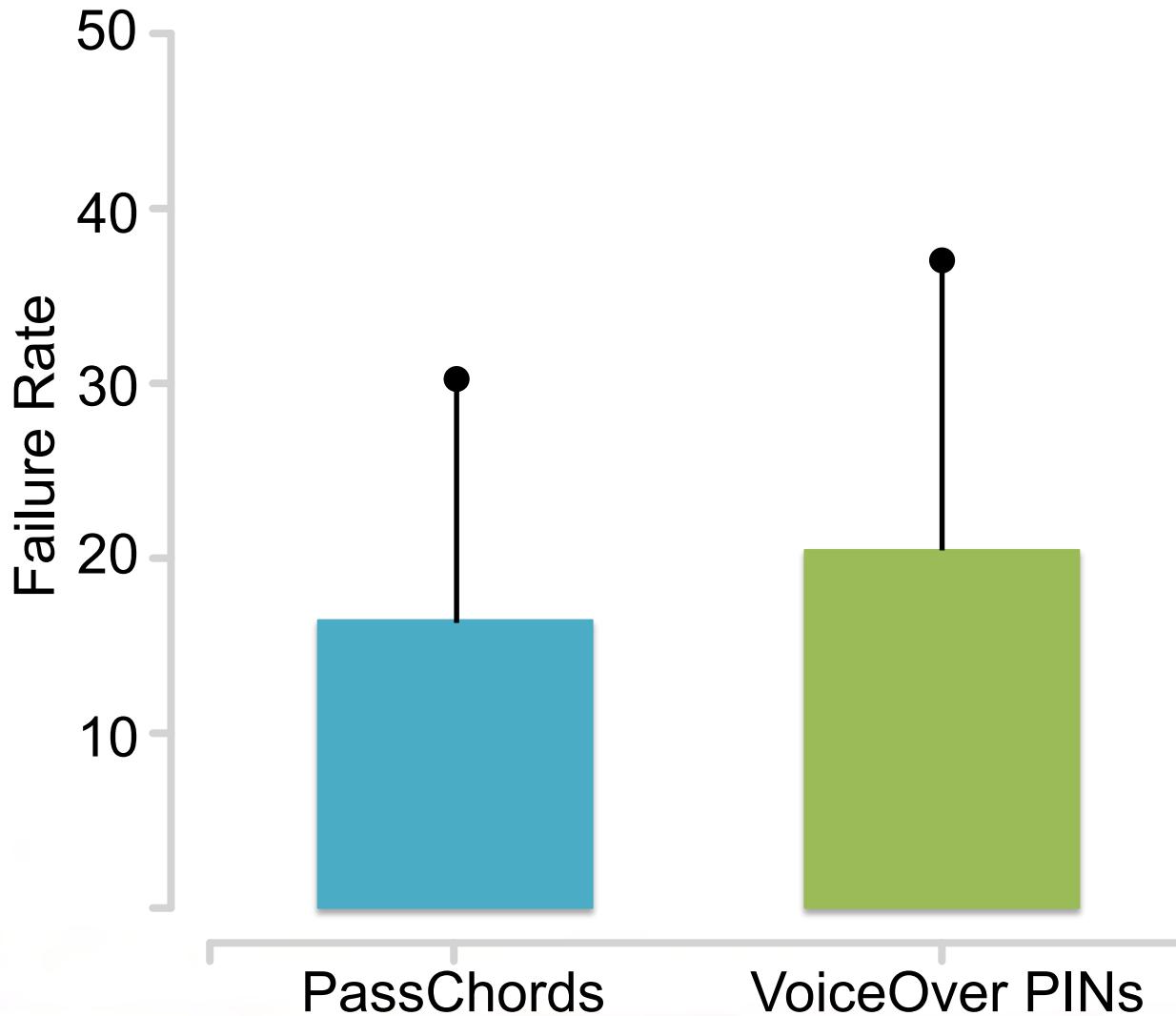
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# Time to Authenticate



# Accuracy



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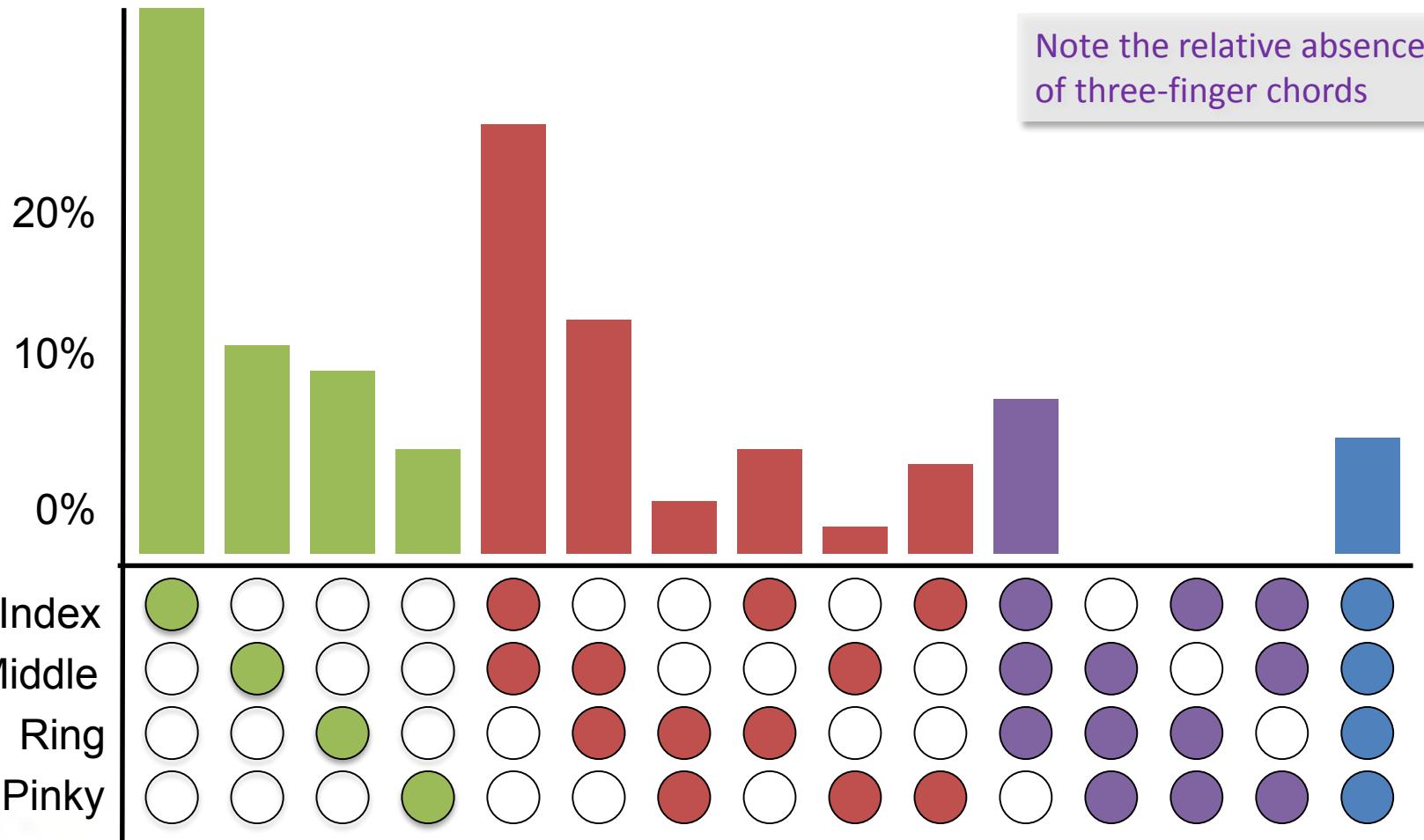
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4-digit PINS:                    12.7 bits

# Finger Pattern Frequency



# What About Security?

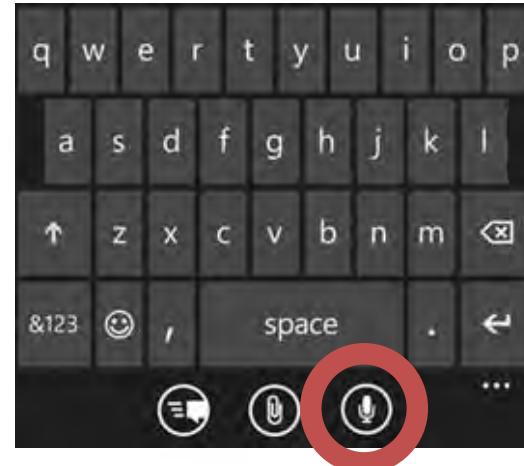
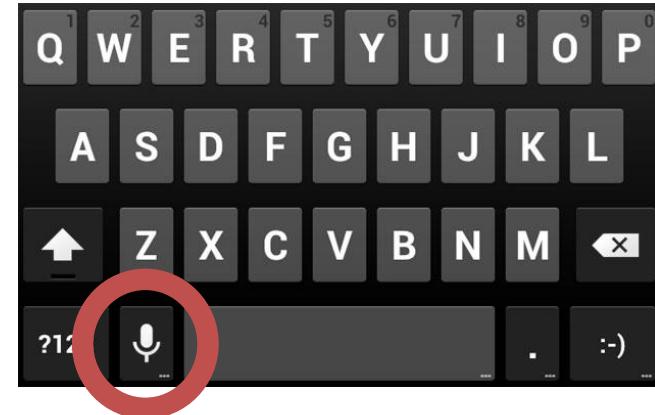
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4-digit PINS: 12.7 bits

4-tap PassChords: 12.6 bits

# Speech Input



# Reviewing Errors and Edits

**When** of my hobbies is hiking.

I really **enjoyed** getting away...

The triangle **consist** of a **2 mile** hike to the beach, **I three-mile** hike along the beach, and a **2 mile** hike back.

It is a very common hike, but **I knew** to the **northwestern if you** like I need to do it.

# Serial Access in Reviewing Transcript

When

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of

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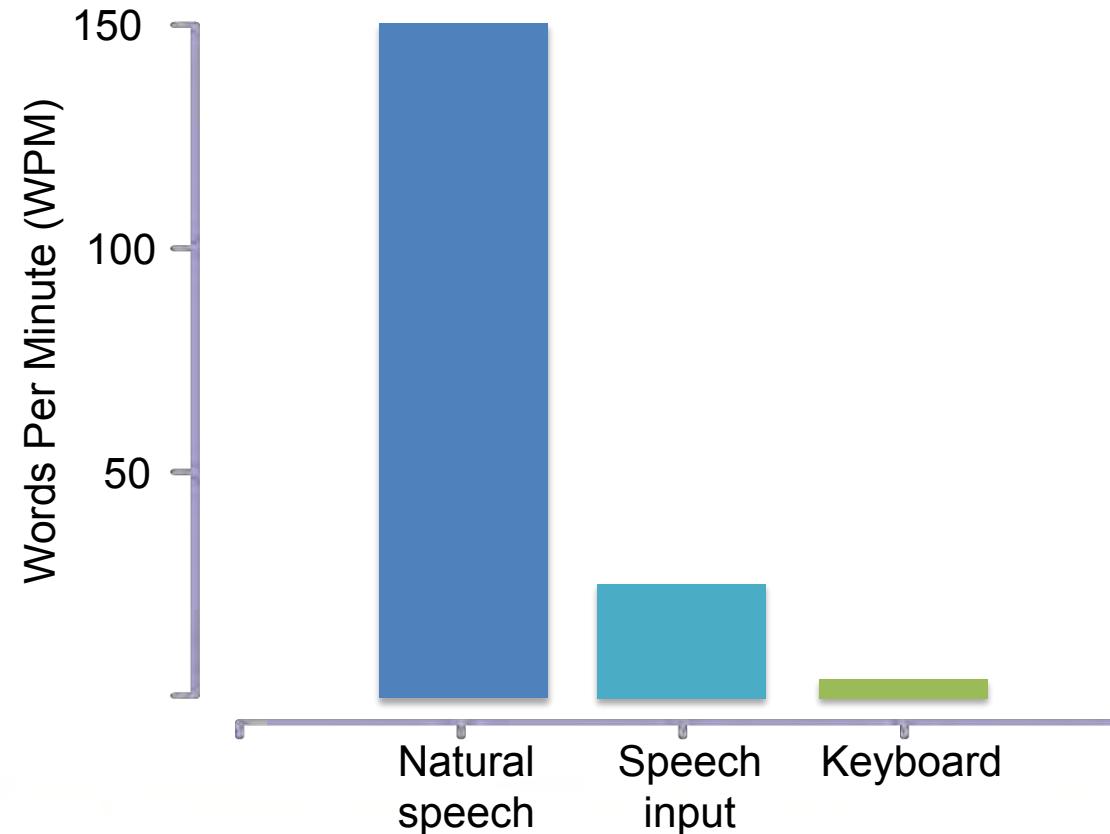
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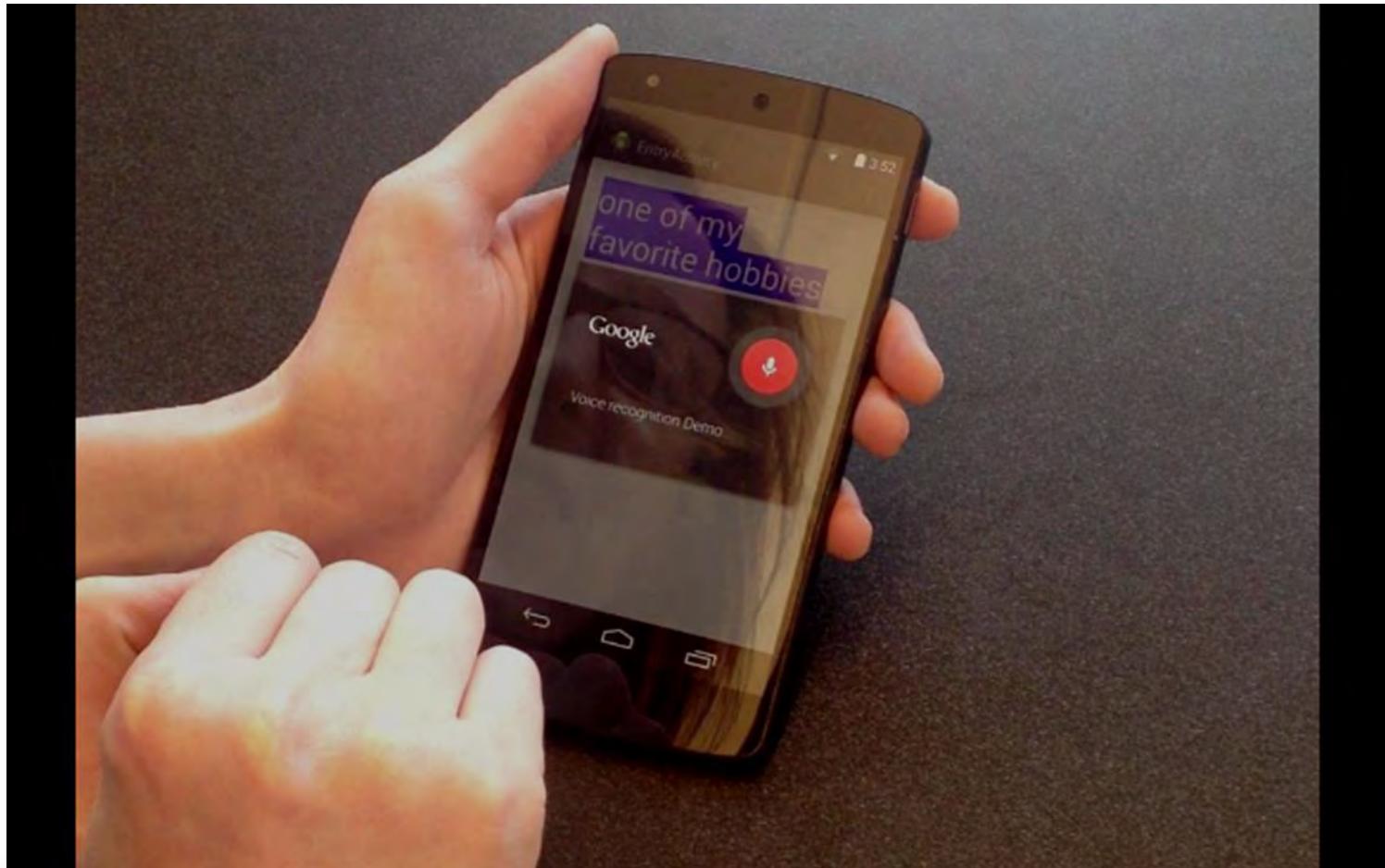
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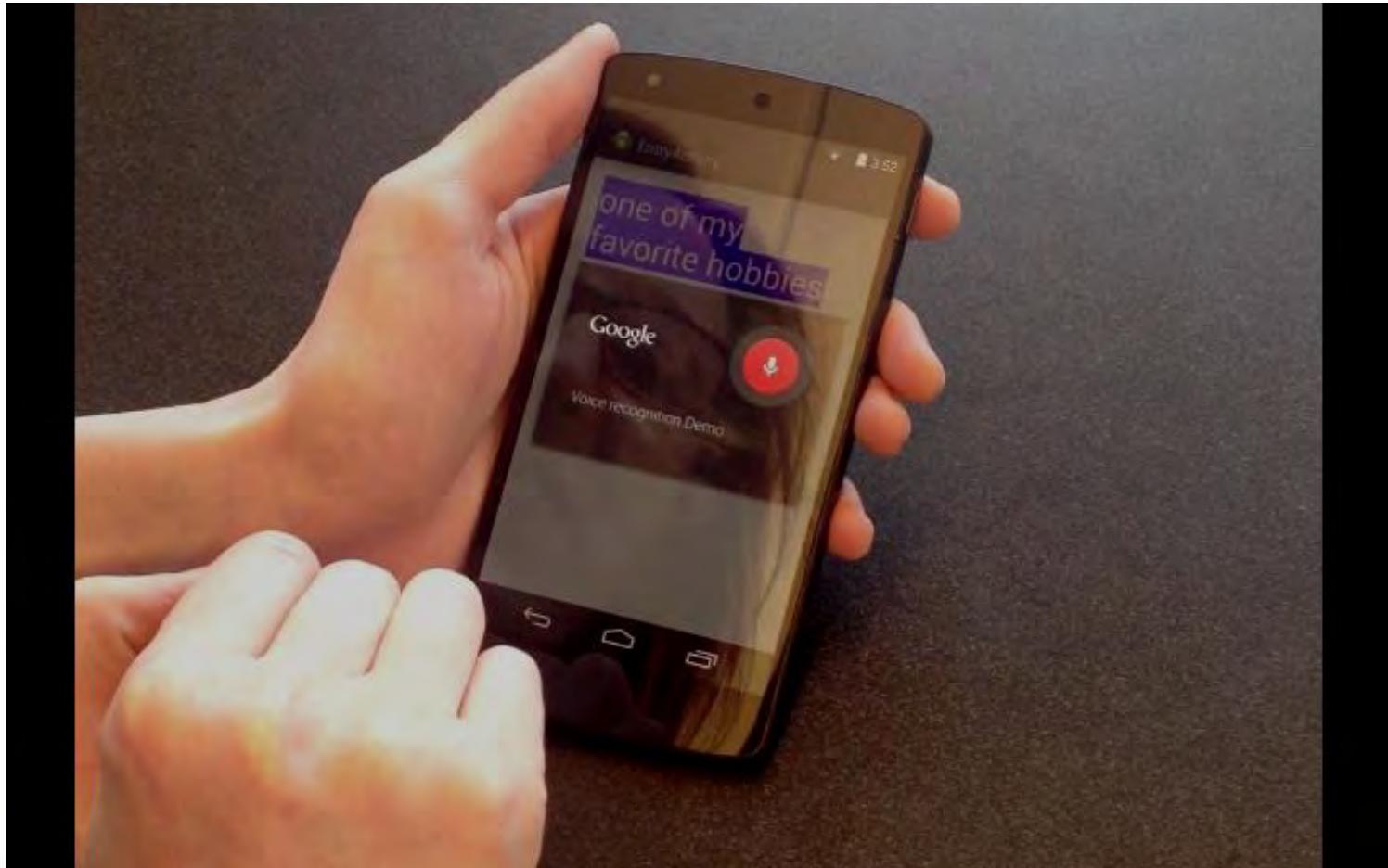
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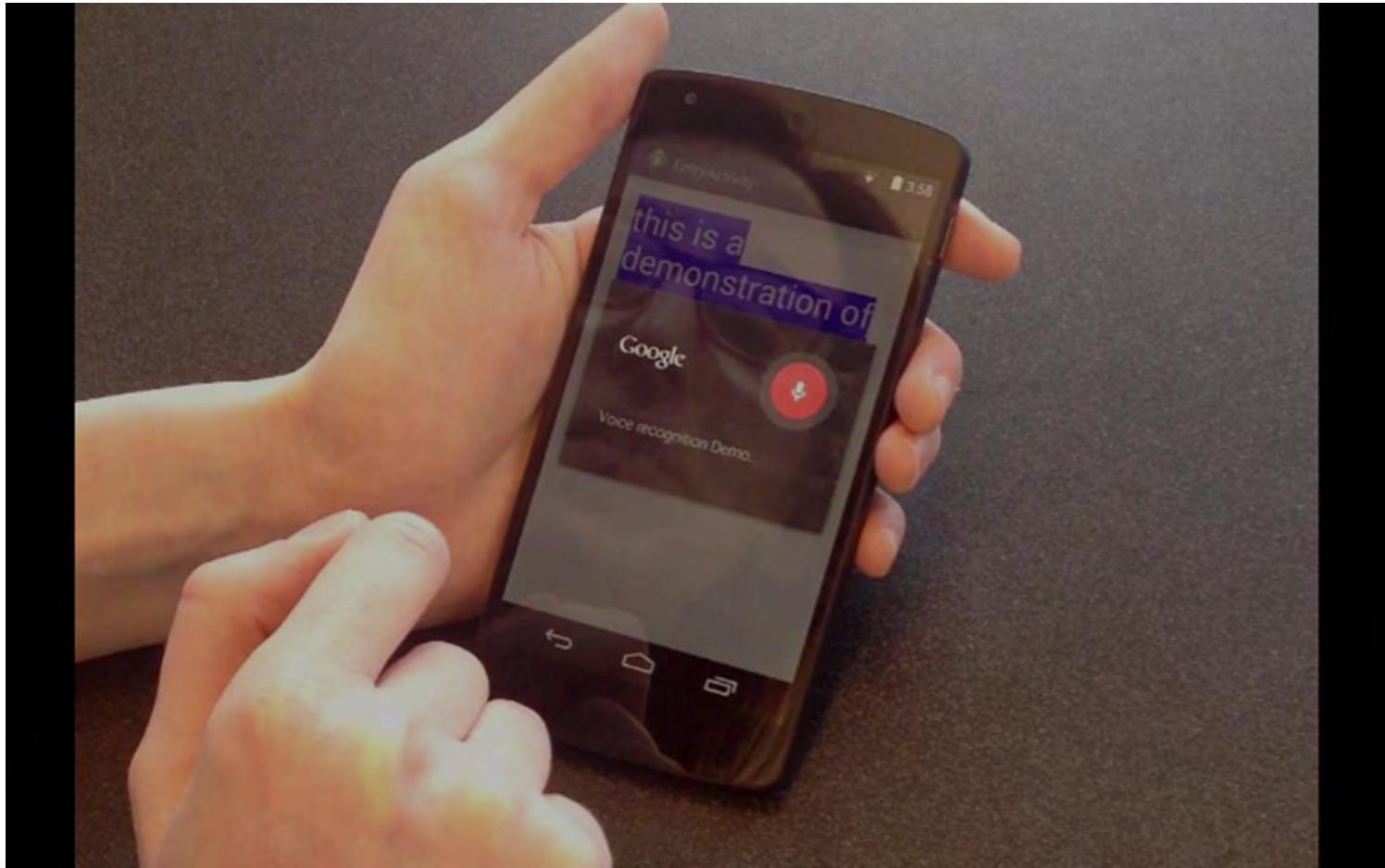
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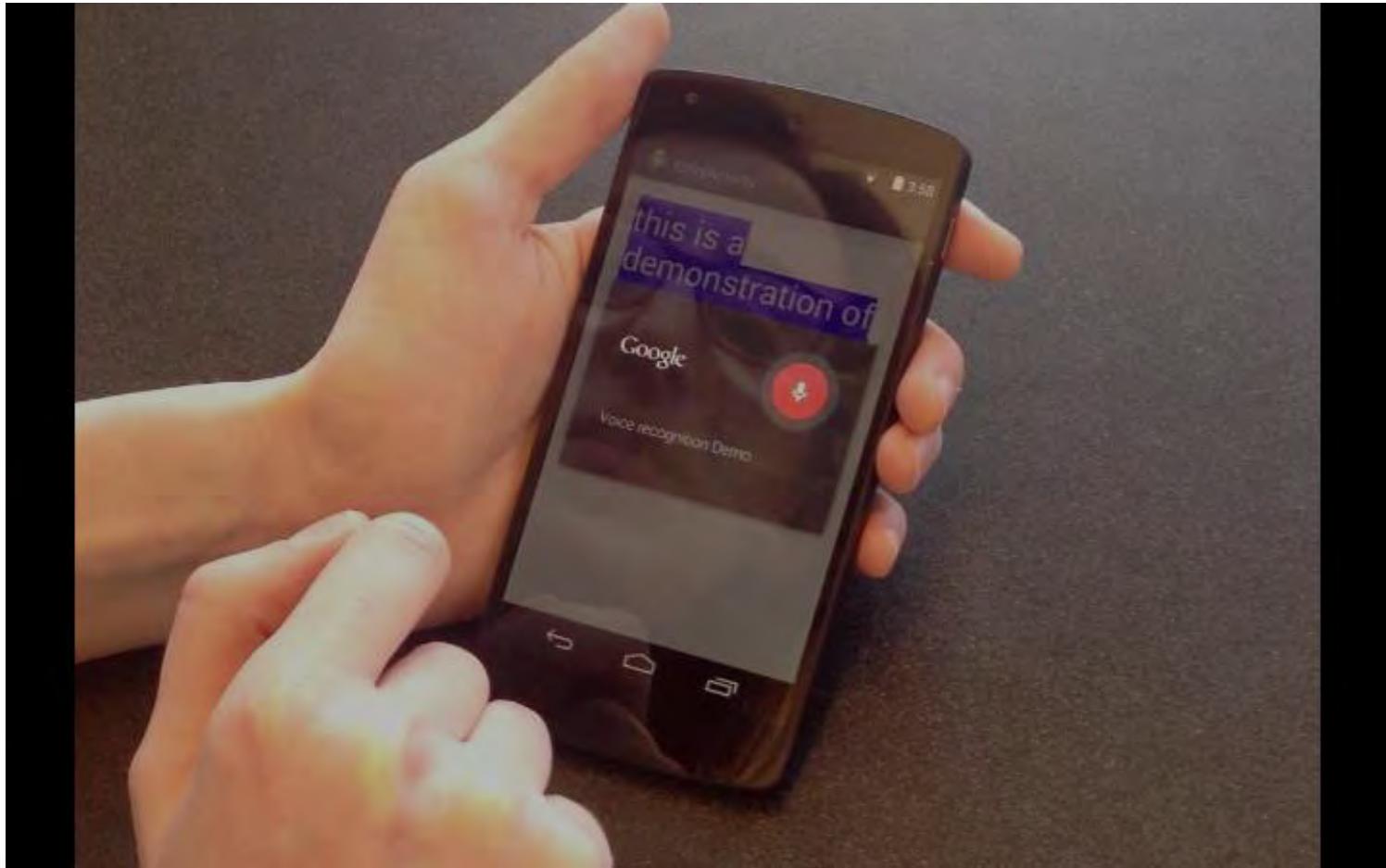
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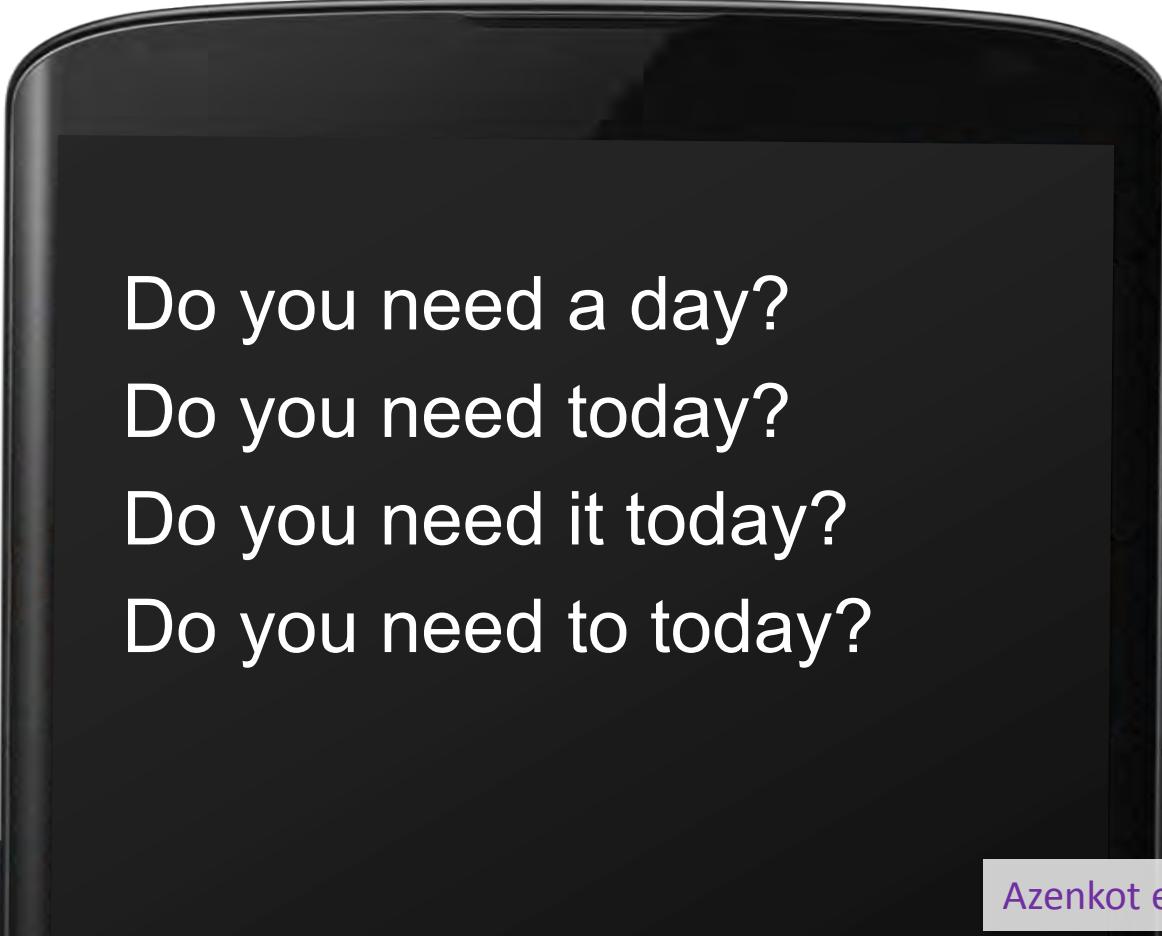
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# Recognize Speech as N-best List

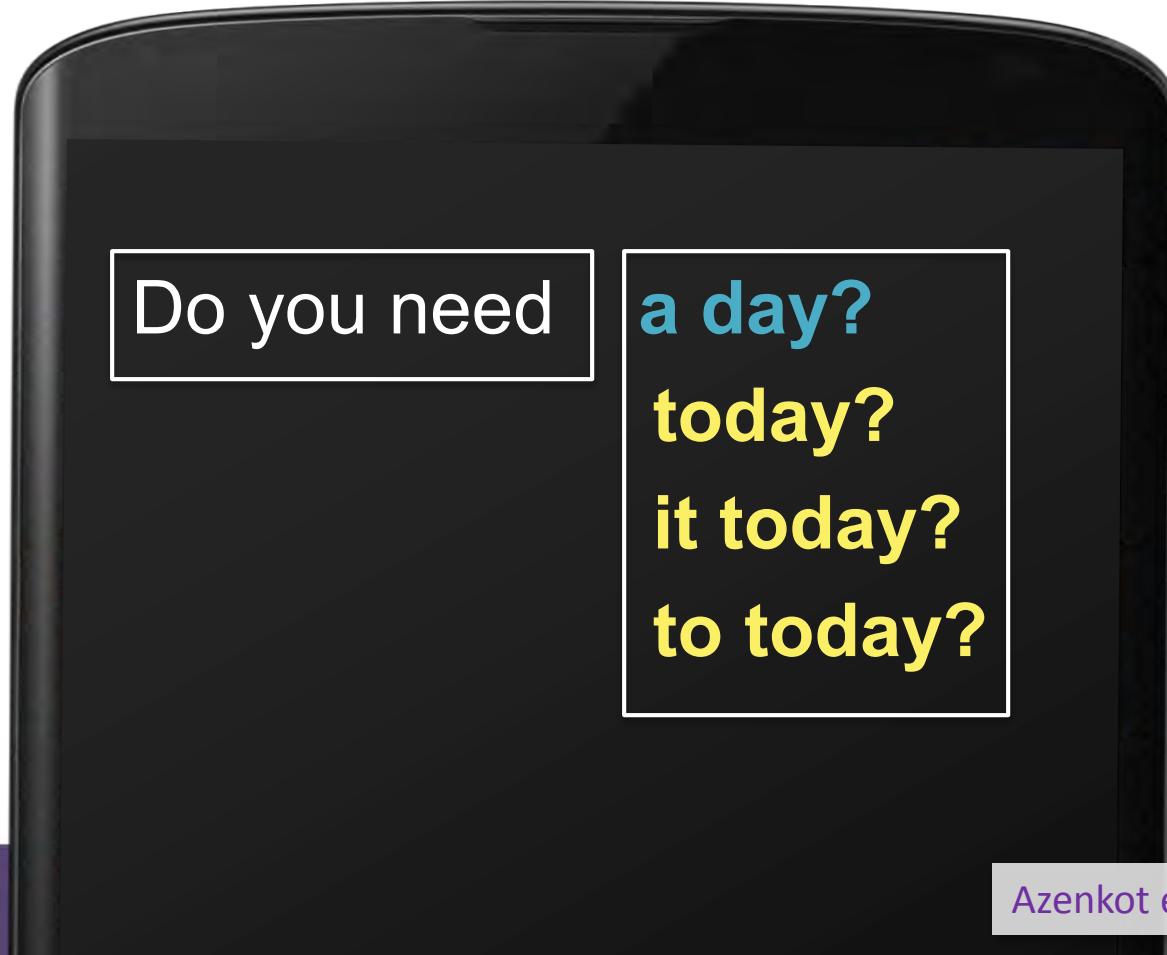


Do you need a day?  
Do you need today?  
Do you need it today?  
Do you need to today?

# Find Uncertain Words

Do you need **a day?**  
Do you need **today?**  
Do you need **it today?**  
Do you need **to today?**  
Do you need \*\* \*\*\*\*\*

# Split Into Phrases and Align Alternatives



# Accessibility is More than Text Entry

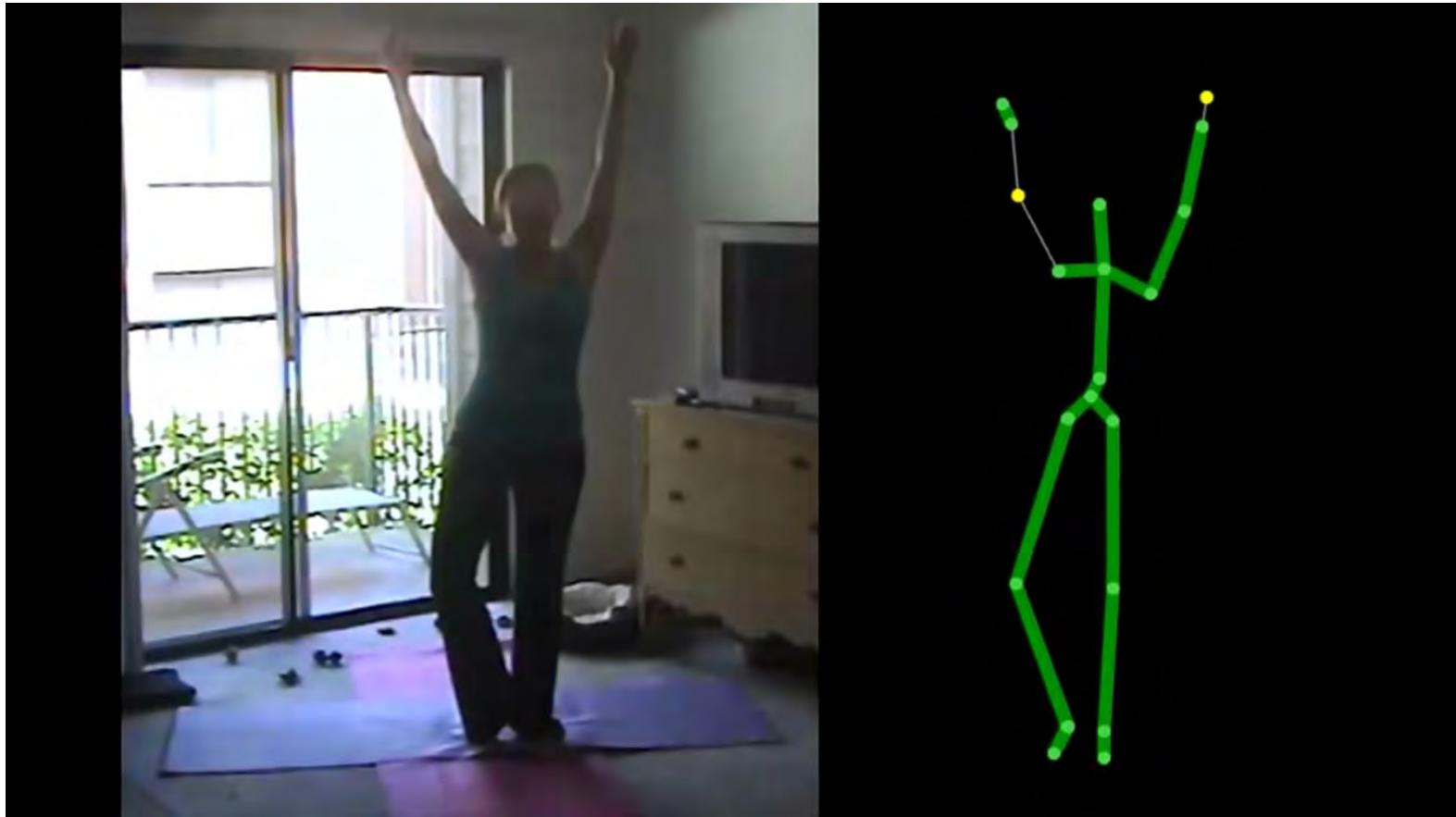


“Sometimes you don’t follow along as well unless [you are] one on one.”

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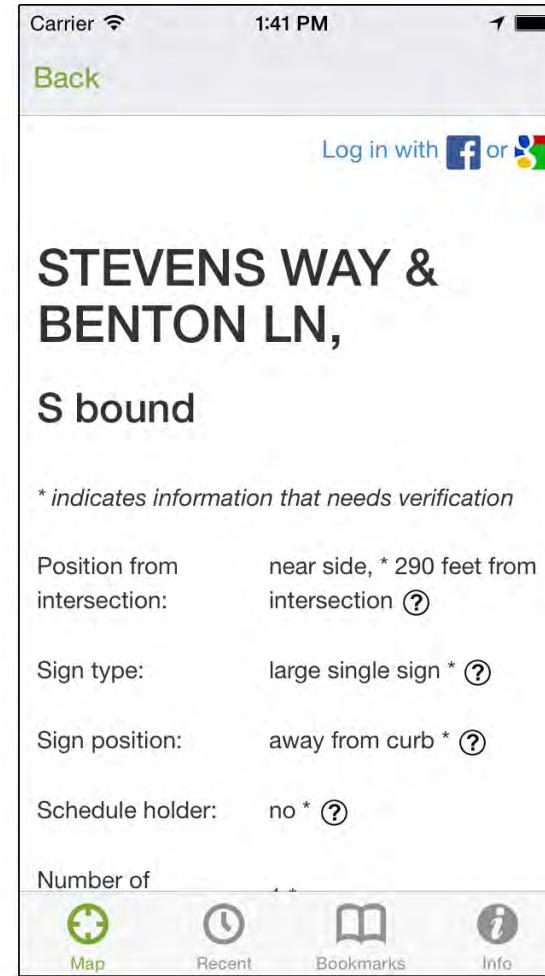
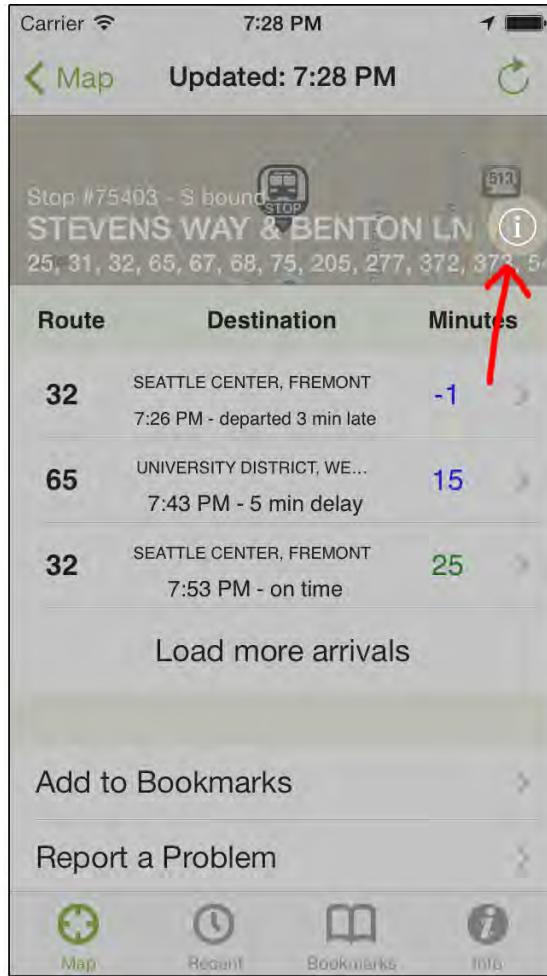
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How do you find a bus stop?

# Accessibility is More than Text Entry



# What is Disability?

Old model is medical, focused on the individual with a mindset of “fixing” an impairment

Current model understands disability is imposed by society and design not accounting for diversity

“Disability is thus not just a health problem.

...the interaction between features of a person’s body and features of the society in which he or she lives.

Overcoming the difficulties...requires interventions to remove environmental and social barriers.”

# What is Disability?

## Impairment

a problem in body function or structure

## Activity Limitation

a difficulty encountered by a person  
in executing a task or action

## Participation Restriction

a problem experienced by a person  
in involvement in life situations

# A Basic Tenet of Design

You are not designing for yourself

You need to understand the context of your design and the people who will use it

We need diversity in who is doing design

As a field, our work suffers because of this failing

# Back to Bic for Her



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There are lots of ways to make an awful mistake, but some of the worst could be avoided if consumer companies were staffed by actual consumers. Entrepreneurs rarely make this kind of mistake because they tend to start businesses to solve their own problem. That's why they rarely look as silly as Bic does right now.

# A Social Justice Problem

1 billion people worldwide

15% of the population

50 million people in US

Including yourself if you  
are fortunate to live to  
develop disabilities

16% of people in the US

10% of workforce

5% of STEM workforce

1% of PhDs in STEM

“Entrepreneurs ... tend to  
start businesses to solve  
their own problem”

Diverse participation is  
critical in effective design

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## Course Progress

Mockups Due Friday

Exam Tuesday

Report, Website, Presentations After Break

Reading 5 Posted

## Patterns

## Peer Critique of Usability Testing Results

# Limitations of Testing

Drives hill-climbing, but not overall design

A design may be better, but is it good?

Impossible for new designs to compete

Can be difficult to scale to many features

How about we step through a larger example

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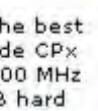
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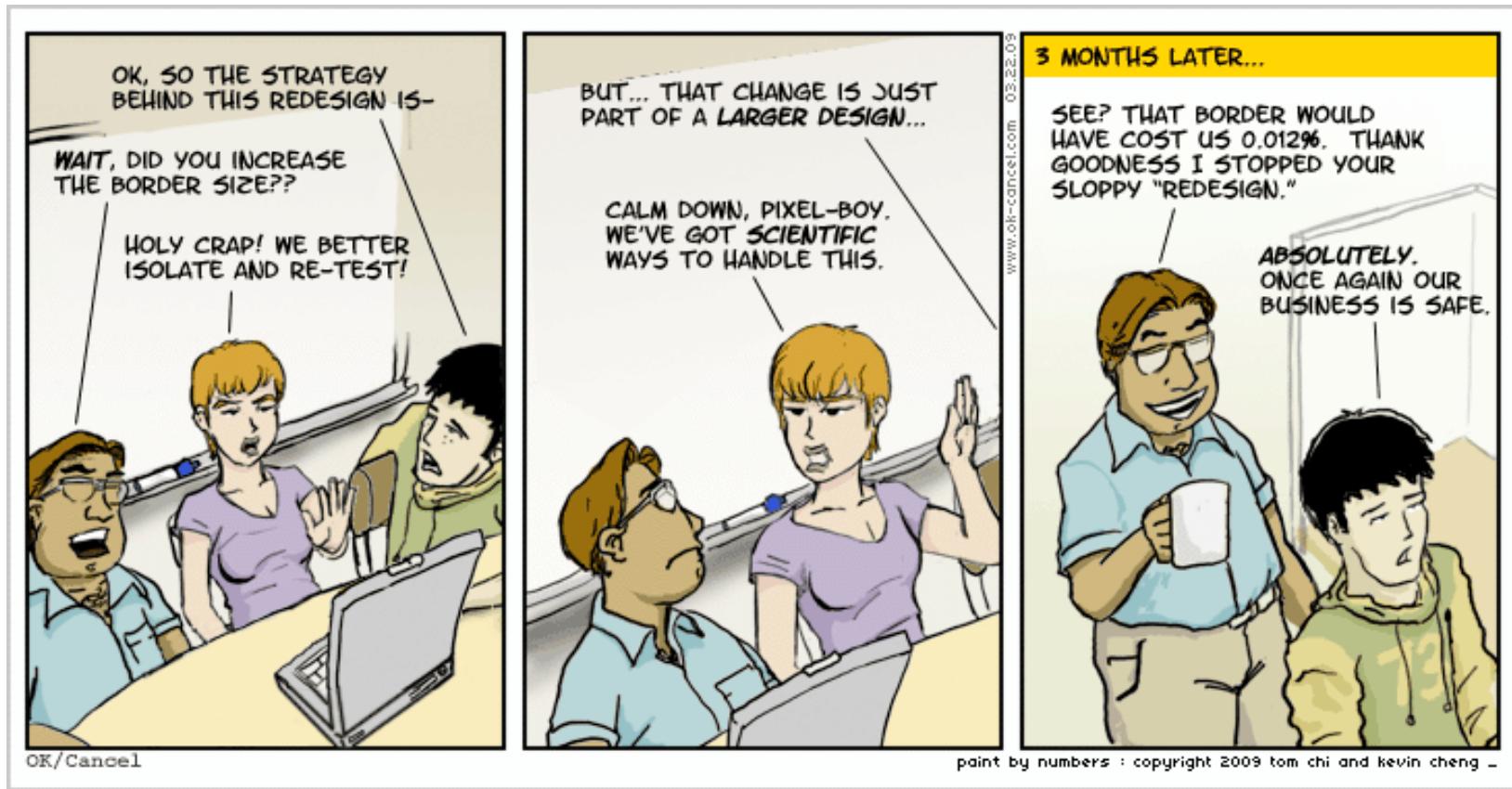
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### Shopping Cart

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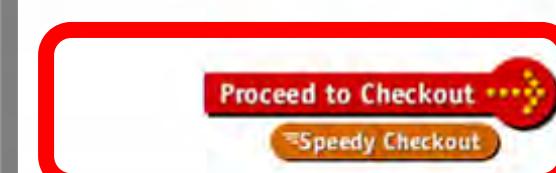
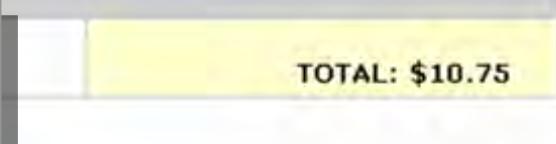
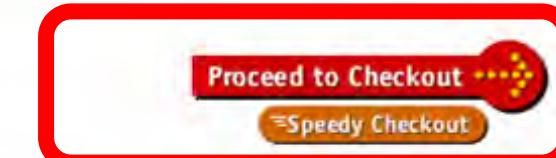
Item: \$8.30

Media Mail: \$2.45

[\(Change Shipping Method\)](#)

TOTAL: \$10.75

- What can I do?
  - “Proceed to Checkout”  
**HIGH VISIBILITY ACTION BUTTON**
    - Visually distinct
    - 3D, looks clickable
    - Repeated above and below fold



## Checkout

Enter your User ID and Password.

Are you a **half.com** user having  
trouble signing in? [Get help now.](#)

eBay [User ID](#)

You can also use your registered email.

eBay Password

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- **What if I don't have a User ID?**
- **What if I forgot my password?**
- **SIGN-IN/NEW ACCOUNT options**



### Step 1 - Choose Shipping Address

Ship my order to:

Jason Hong  
387 Soda Hall Computer Science UC Berkeley  
Berkeley, CA 94720

[Use This Address](#)

OR

Enter a new shipping address:

Name

Street address

City

If U.S. Military, enter APO/FPO for City.

State

Select State

If U.S. Military, select AE, AP or AA from bottom of list for State.

ZIP code

Country

USA

[Save Changes](#)



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[Save Changes](#)

- **What site?**

- Logo, layout, color, fonts

- **Where in site?**

- Checkout, step 1 of 3
  - “Choose shipping address”
  - **QUICK-FLOW CHECKOUT**



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**Save Changes**

- Note what's different
  - No tab rows
  - No impulse buys
  - Only navigation on page takes you to next step

- This is a PROCESS FUNNEL
  - Extraneous info and links removed to focus customers

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Checkout

1 Shipping

2

3 Place Order

Secure  
Shipping Place my order!

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[Edit / Change Shipping Address](#)

## Bill to

MasterCard ending with 0155  
Expires 11/2003  
Zipcode: 94709

[Edit / Change Billing](#)

Use this shipping and billing information as my Speedy Checkout settings.

 Place my order!

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Checkout

1 Shipping

2

3 Place Order

Secure  
Shipping**Place my order!**

- **Last step of process**
  - Step 3, “Place Order”
  - “Place my order” button
- **Two HIGH-VISIBILITY ACTION BUTTONS for fold**

 Use this shipping and billing information for my speedy Checkout settings.**Place my order!**



## • No nasty surprises

- Can see order
- Total price is same as shopping cart
- ORDER SUMMARY

**order!**

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**Place my order!**



- **Easy to change shipping and billing**
- **Easy to save this info**
  - Easier to setup info in context of specific task

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# Design equals Solutions

Design is about finding solutions

Designers often reinvent

- Hard to know how things were done before

- Why things were done a certain way

- How to reuse solutions

# Design Patterns

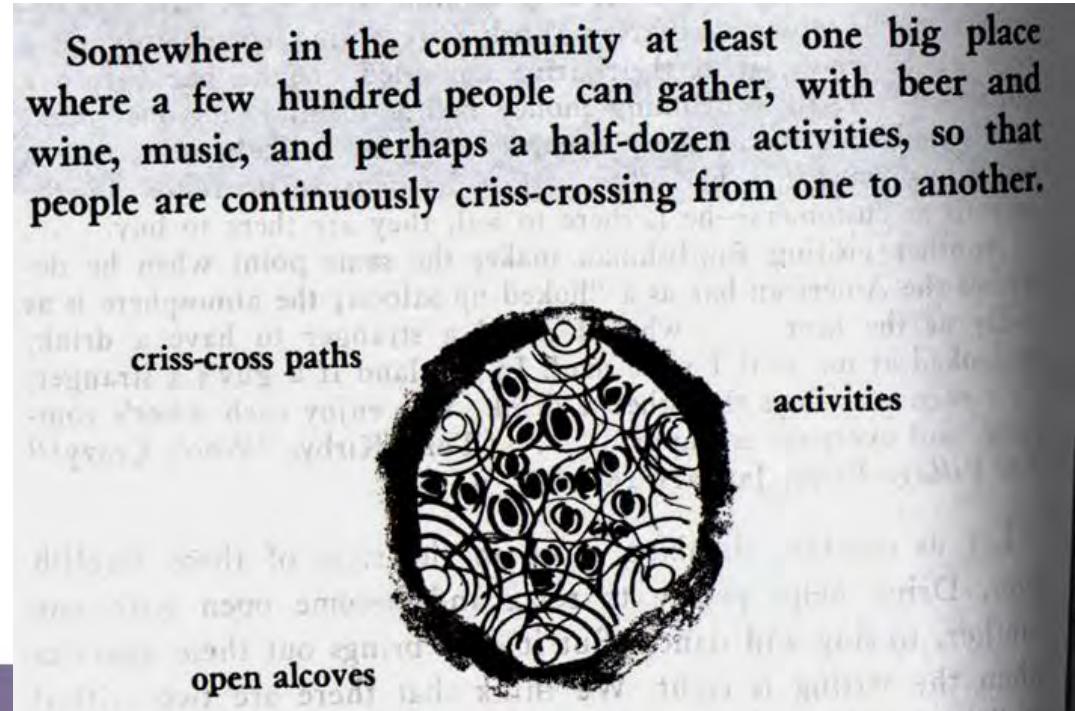
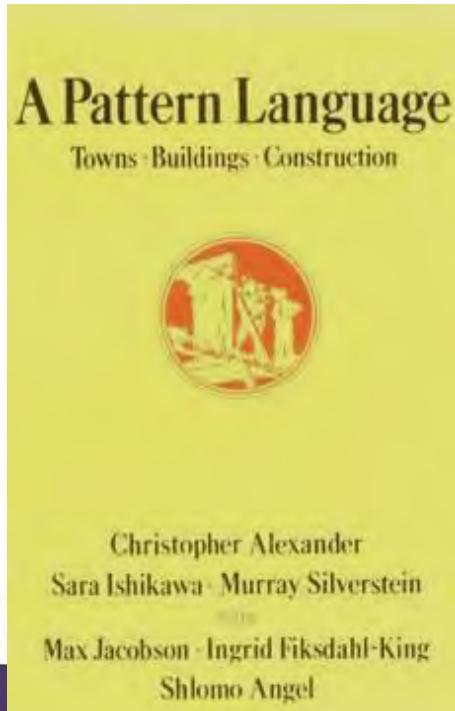
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# Design Patterns

Design patterns communicate common design problems and solutions

First used in architecture [Alexander]

How to create a beer hall where people socialize?



# Design Patterns

Somewhere in the community at least one big place where a few hundred people can gather, with beer and wine, music, and perhaps a half-dozen activities, so that people are continuously criss-crossing from one to another.

criss-cross paths



activities

open alcoves

# Using Design Patterns

Not too general and not too specific

use a solution “a million times over, without ever doing it the same way twice”

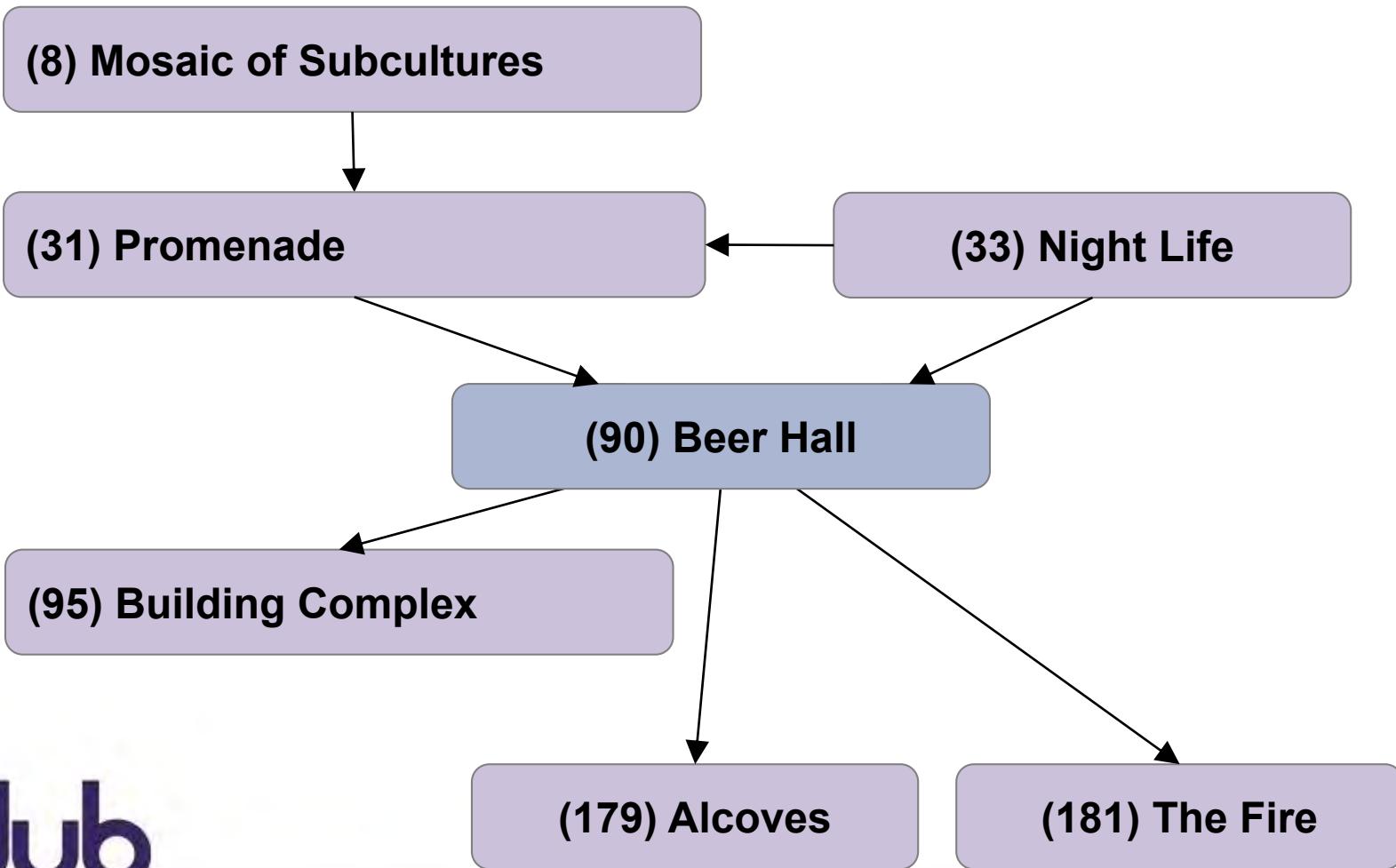
Design patterns are a shared language

for “building and planning towns, neighborhoods, houses, gardens, and rooms”

Beer hall is part of a center for public life

Beer hall needs spaces for groups to be alone ALCOVES

# A Web of Design Patterns



Cities  
& Towns

Local  
Gatherings

Interiors

# Web Design Patterns

Communicate design  
problems & solutions

how to create navigation bars  
for finding relevant content

how to create a shopping cart  
that supports check out

how to make e-commerce sites  
where people return & buy



# NAVIGATION BAR (K2)

Problem: Customers need a structured, organized way of finding the most important parts of your Web site

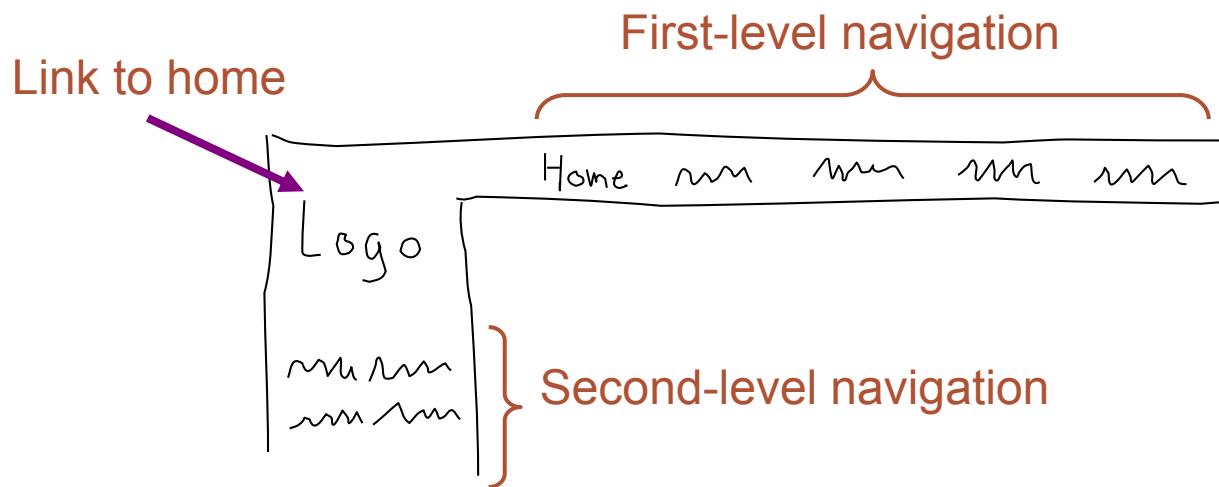
The image displays three examples of navigation bars, each highlighted with a red border:

- Group for User Interface Research:** A dark brown header bar with the logo on the left and five menu items: Home, Projects (highlighted in blue), People, Publications, and Links.
- DENIM and SILK:** A light gray header bar with the logo on the left and a single menu item: DENIM and SILK. Below the header is a sidebar with links: Download, Documentation, Support, Research, Publications, and More Projects.
- IBM:** A blue header bar with the IBM logo and country selection (United States). Below the header is a navigation menu: Home, Products & services, Support & downloads, and My account. A sidebar on the left offers country selection (Industries) and business categories: Home / home office, Small business, Medium business, Government, and Education. The main content area features a laptop and the slogan "Buy today, ship today".

# NAVIGATION BAR (K2)

Solution diagram

Captures essence on how to solve problem



# Pattern Groups

## Patterns organized by group

- |   |                        |   |                       |
|---|------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| A | Site genres            | G | Advanced ecommerce    |
| B | Navigational framework | H | Completing tasks      |
| C | Home page              | I | Page layouts          |
| D | Content management     | J | Search                |
| E | Trust and credibility  | K | Page-level navigation |
| F | Basic ecommerce        | L | Speed                 |
|   |                        | M | The mobile web        |

# PROCESS FUNNEL (H1)

Problem:

Need a way to help people complete highly specific stepwise tasks

Ex. Create a new account

Ex. Fill out survey forms

Ex. Check out

# PROCESS FUNNEL (H1)

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**TOTAL: \$10.75**

**Gift Certificates and Coupons**

Redeeming your Half.com Gift Certificate or Coupon is easy. Just enter your Claim Code in the box to the right and click "Redeem".

[Redeem](#)

[Proceed to Checkout](#)   
[Speedy Checkout](#)

# PROCESS

- **What's different?**

- No tab rows
- No impulse buys
- Only navigation on page takes you to next step

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the half.com website. The URL bar shows 'half.com' and 'by ebay'. The page title is 'Checkout'. A progress bar at the top indicates 'Step 1 Shipping'.

**Step 1 - Choose Shipping Address**

Ship my order to:

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**Use This Address**

OR

Enter a new shipping address:

Name: [Input field]

Street address: [Input field]

City: [Input field]

State: [Select State dropdown]  
If U.S. Military, enter APO/FPO for City.

ZIP code: [Input field]

Country: [Input field]  
If U.S. Military, select AE, AP or AA from dropdown menu.  
USA

**Save Changes**

- **What's the same?**

- Logo, layout, color, fonts

# PROCESS FUNNEL (H1)

Problem:

What if users need extra help?

# PROCESS FUNNEL (H1)

Dell.com | About Dell | Contact | Search | Support | Order Status | My Cart | HOME & HOME OFFICE

DELL

Buy Online or Call  
1-800-915-3355

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# CONTEXT-SENSITIVE HELP (H8)

The screenshot shows a Dell.com website page for 'Keyboards - Netscape'. A red arrow points from the 'Customize It' button on the left to the context-sensitive help window.

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Great Keyboard Choices to Suit Your Needs:

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- Ergonomic design for added comfort
- Hot Keys provide quick, one-touch access to frequently used programs and Web sites
- USB ports allow for quick and easy access to USB peripherals, such as digital cameras, scanners and joysticks

**Keyboard Type**   **Dell™ QuietKey**   **Microsoft® Internet Keyboard, Dell Edition**   **Dell™ Enhanced QuietKey**   **Dell™ Enhanced Performance**

**ZOOM!** For a closer look.

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Intel® Pentium® III processor 933Mhz	QuietKey® Keyboard	40GB <sup>5</sup> Ultra ATA-100 Hard Drive (7200 RPM)
		Epson 640U Scanner

# FLOATING WINDOWS (H6)

The screenshot shows the Netflix homepage with a floating window overlay. The main navigation bar includes 'Browse', 'Recommendations' (which is highlighted), 'Friends', 'Queue', and 'Buy DVDs'. Below the navigation, there are links for 'Get Recommendations (636)', 'Rate Movies', and 'Movies You've Rated (210)'. The main content area is titled 'Recommendations' with the subtitle 'Movie suggestions based on your ratings'. A section for 'NEW RECOMMENDATIONS' lists two movies: 'Gladiator: Extended Edition' and 'Samurai Champloo'. The 'Gladiator: Extended Edition' entry is highlighted with a yellow starburst icon. It includes a thumbnail image of Russell Crowe, a five-star rating, and a 'Not Interested' button. A detailed description of the movie follows, along with its cast, director, genre, and MPAA rating. The 'Samurai Champloo' entry also features a thumbnail, a five-star rating, and a 'Not Interested' button. A note at the bottom of the浮窗 states 'Recommended based on 1 rating'. The background of the浮窗 has a red header with the movie title and a white body containing the movie details.

Arthine van Duyne | Your Account

Browse Recommendations Friends Queue Buy DVDs

Get Recommendations (636) Rate Movies Movies You've Rated (210)

Recommendations Movie suggestions based on your ratings

NEW RECOMMENDATIONS

**Gladiator: Extended Edition** (2000)

Fans of Gladiator's original theatrical release will appreciate this extended version of the epic Ridley Scott film, packed with 17 extra minutes of action footage and gripping dialogue. Featuring a strong supporting cast and an Oscar-winning performance from actor Russell Crowe as the dauntless Roman general Maximus, this big-budget Best Picture winner became an instant classic -- and helped elevate its leading man to icon status.

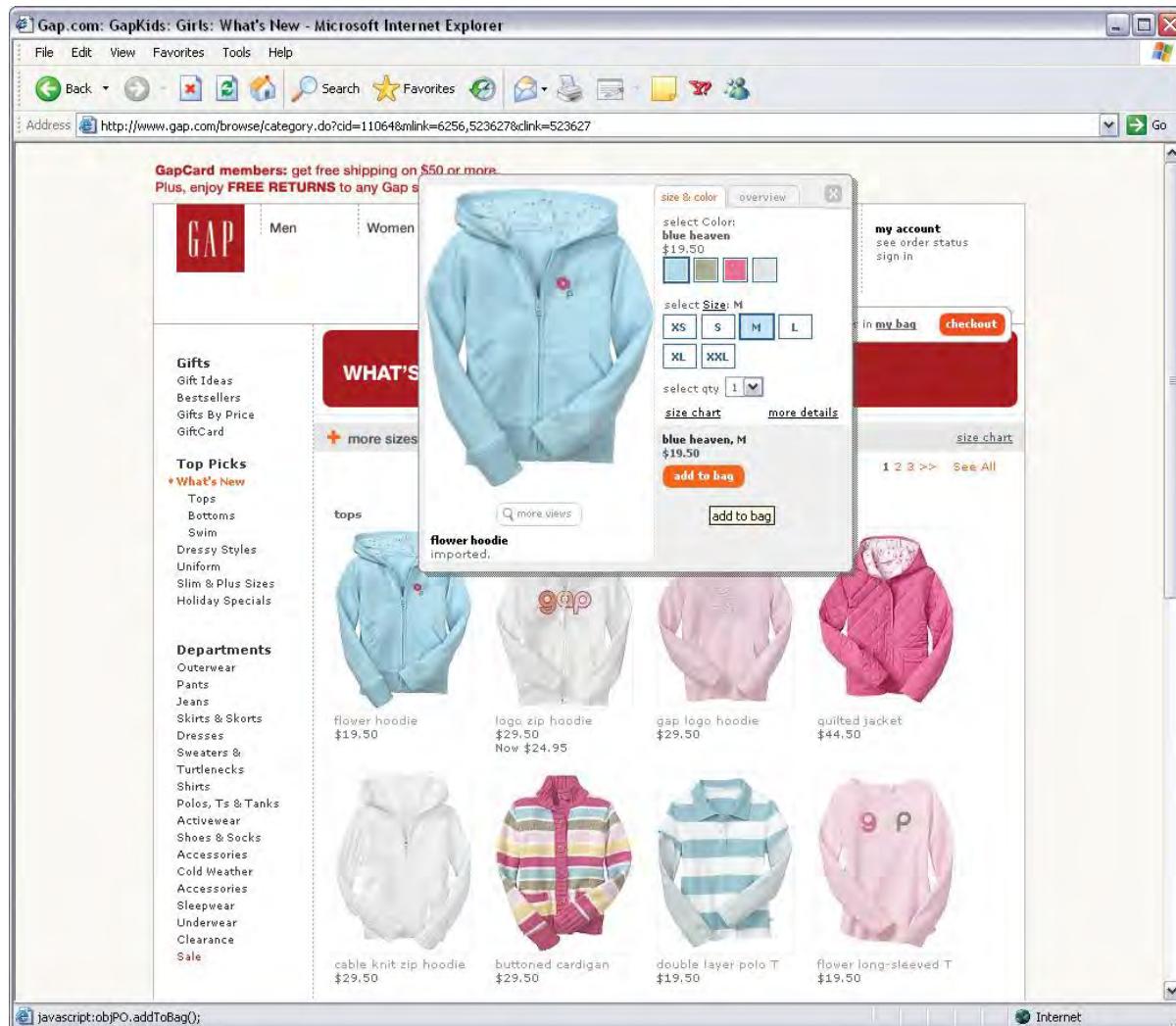
Starring: Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix  
Director: Ridley Scott  
Genre: Action & Adventure  
MPAA: R

Recommended based on 1 rating

**Samurai Champloo** (7-13)

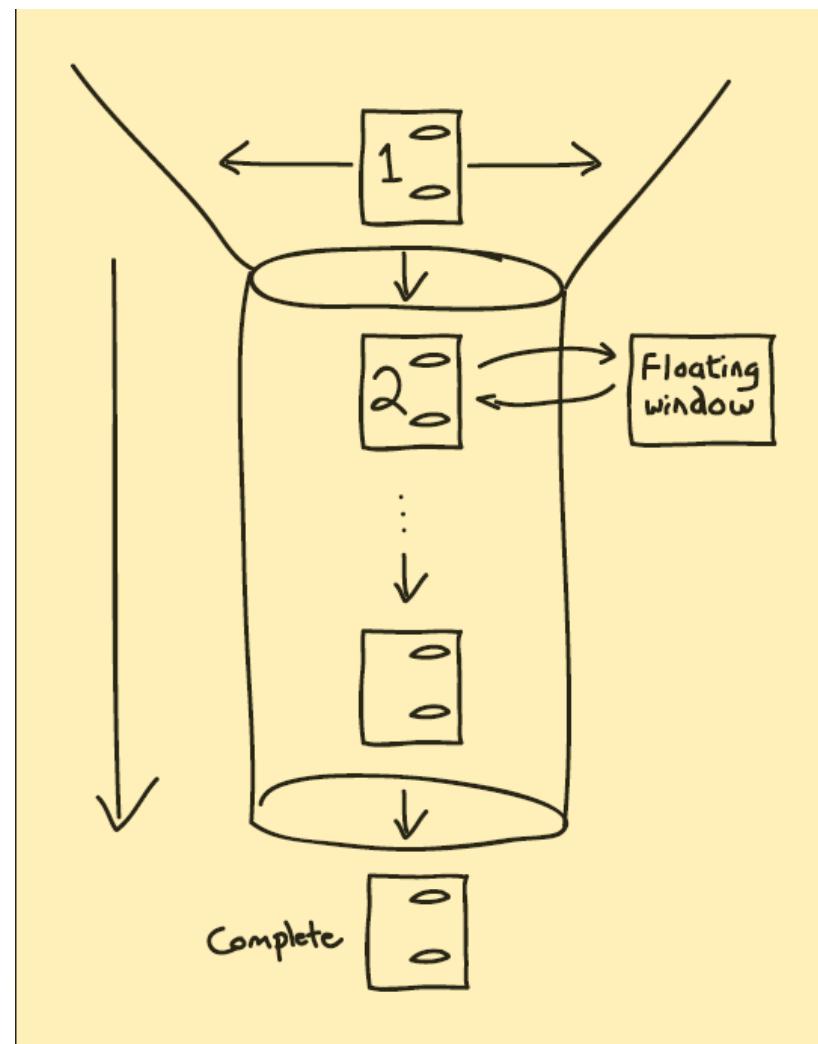
Director Shinichiro Watanabe mixes a maturity rarely found in anime with a historical Japanese setting and a funky hip-hop soundtrack. Fuu is a spacey waitress at a teahouse where a sword fight breaks out between Mugen, a wild warrior, and Jin, a ... [Read More](#)

# FLOATING WINDOWS (H6)

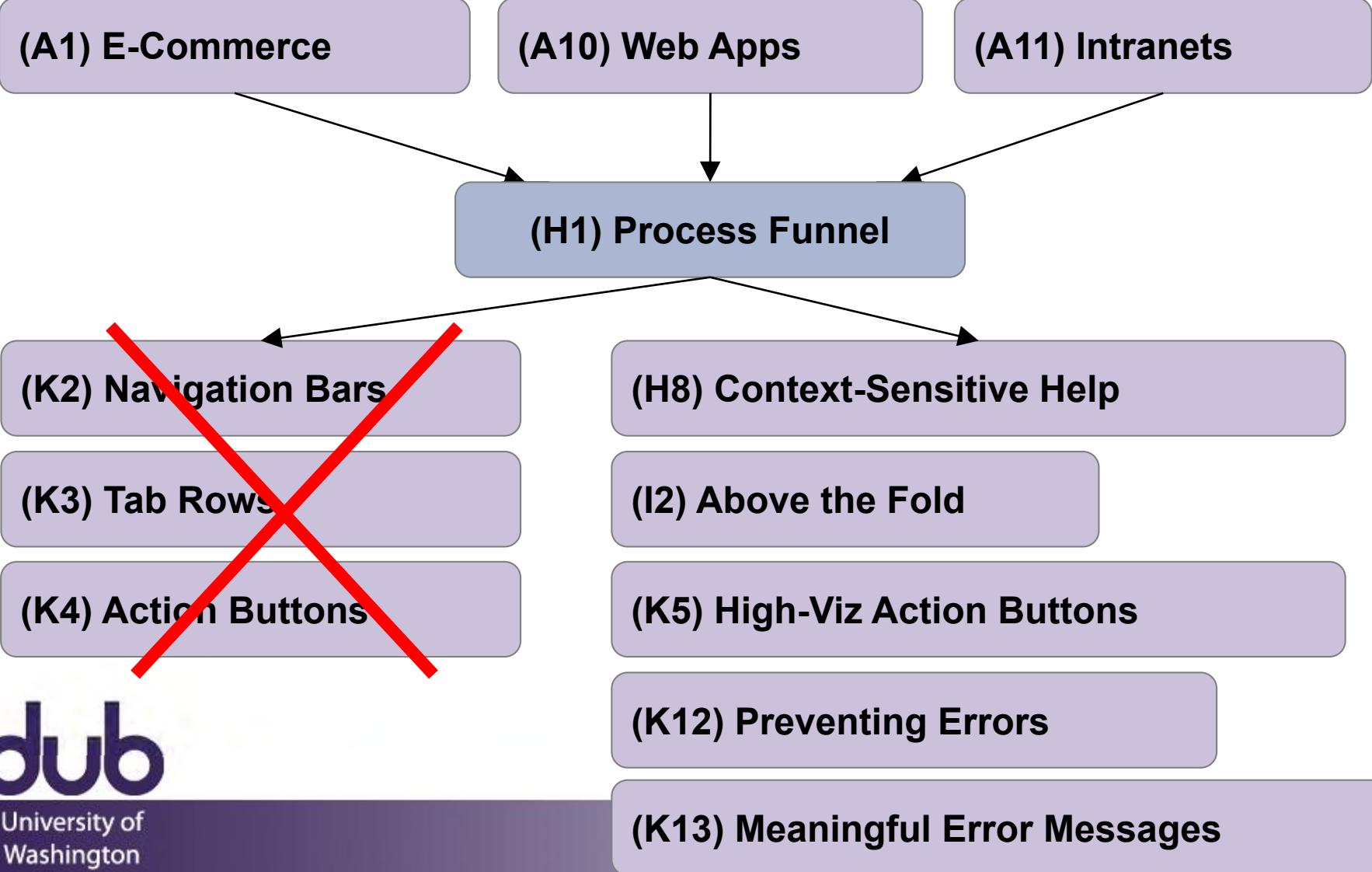


# PROCESS FUNNEL (H1)

## Solution Diagram



# Related Patterns



# Patterns Support Creativity

Patterns come from successful examples

- sites that are so successful that lots of people are familiar with their paradigms

- interaction techniques/metaphors that work well across many sites (e.g., shopping carts)

Not too general and not too specific

- you need to specialize to your needs

Patterns let you focus on the hard, unique problems of your design situation

# Principles, Guidelines, Templates

Patterns help design without over-constraining

unlike principles, patterns are not too general

unlike guidelines, patterns discuss tradeoffs, show good examples, and tie to other patterns

unlike style guides, patterns not too specific, can be specialized to a design

unlike templates, patterns illustrate flows and relationships among different pages

# Web Design Patterns

**H1 PROCESS FUNNEL**



Dell's process funnel for selecting a base system. It starts with a main menu, leads to a configuration page for a 'SmartStep 1500' computer, and then to a detailed configuration page where users can add components like a hard drive or memory.

**Pattern Name and Number**

**Exemplar**

**Background**

**Problem Statement**

**PROCESS FUNNEL H1**

content—can inadvertently lead them away from accomplishing their goals. These diversions can have legitimate purposes, however, such as providing continuity, giving visitors opportunities to explore, providing instructions, or providing extra details. Striking a balance between these needs and the critical task can be challenging.

**Required to Complete a Task** • Customers need many steps. A process funnel should have two steps. Anything less than two steps is not a process, and a process of more than eight steps is unmanageable. If there are more than eight steps, try to split the process into two or more separate process funnels, or try combining multiple steps into one page. However, this is not always a viable solution because one choice may precede another, and not every page can hold all the information that customers might need at certain points.

**Provide a Progress Bar to Let Customers Know Where They Are** • Funnel • Showing a progress bar at each step of the process allows customers to see how much farther they have to go to complete the task. It is often not worth your time to make a progress bar clickable because doing so is not a benefit for customers.

**Remove Unnecessary Links and Content While Reinforcing the Brand** • Removing links and content unrelated to the task at hand will reduce the number of choices available to customers, making it more likely that your customers will accomplish their tasks. Remove all NAVIGATION BARS (K2), TAB AD CRUMBS (K6), and EMBEDDED LINKS (K7), leaving only ACTION BUTTONS (K4) that help visitors reach their goal. Take out any content that is superfluous to the task.

Reinforce the Web site brand to minimize any disorientation customers might feel from sudden changes in navigation options. Use the same logo, font, and color scheme throughout the Web site so that no customer knows they're still on the same site.

# Web Design Patterns

**H1 PROCESS FUNNEL**

**Use Pop-Up Windows to Provide Extra Information, without Leading Visitors Out of the Process Funnel** • Sometimes customers need additional information that you have not provided on a page, such as extra help or product details. Provide a link to a pop-up window (H6) containing CLEAN PRODUCT DETAILS (F2) (see Figure H1.1), CONTEXT-SENSITIVE HELP (H8), or information from the FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (H7) page, to make the extra information less intrusive. Your challenge is to implement this extra content without detracting from the main purpose.

**Make Sure the Back Button Always Works** • Customers often use the **Back** button on browsers to modify answers they have typed in on previous pages. However, if the Web site is not implemented correctly, the information they have already entered may be lost when they hit the **Back** button, forcing them to type everything again. In the worst case, people get a cryptic error message saying that the posted information was lost. You can address this annoying problem by temporarily storing the information they type in on each page, redisplaying this information if customers hit the **Back** button, and then overriding the temporarily stored information on the page if it is changed.

**Always Make It Clear How to Proceed to the Next Step** • Some Web pages are longer than can be displayed on a customer's Web browser. The problem is that people sometimes get lost if the critical ACTION BUTTON (K4), the one that takes them to the next step, is hidden below the fold. Place HIGH-VISIBILITY ACTION BUTTONS (K5) both high *and* low on the page, ensuring that at least one of the critical action buttons is visible without scrolling.

**Prevent Errors Where Possible, and Provide Meaningful Error Messages If They Do Occur** • People will always make mistakes. Minimize errors by providing clear instructions, visual cues, and sample input to help prevent errors. Provide meaningful error messages (K13) so that customers can correct errors. Make it clear how to proceed to the next step.

**SOLUTION**

Minimize the number of steps required to complete a task, keeping them between two and eight. Remove unnecessary and potentially confusing links and content from each page, while reinforcing the brand to maintain a sense of place. Use pop-up windows to provide extra information, without leading people out of the process funnel. Make sure the Back button always works so that customers can correct errors. Make it clear how to proceed to the next step.

**Bus Stops**

**Figure H1.3**  
A process funnel lets people complete their goals by breaking down complicated tasks into a small number of steps, using pop-up windows for detailed information, and reducing the number of links to only the critical ones, so that people are never distracted.

**CONSIDER THESE OTHER PATTERNS**

Many kinds of Web sites use process funnels, including sites for PERSONAL E-COMMERCE (A1), SELF-SERVICE GOVERNMENT (A4), WEB APPS THAT WORK (A10), and ENABLING INTRANETS (A11). Customers use process funnels when they finalize purchases through QUICK-FLOW CHECKOUT (F1), when they create new accounts through SIGN-IN/NEW ACCOUNT (H2), and when they post new messages to a RECOMMENDATION COMMUNITY (G4), to name some examples.

Remove NAVIGATION BARS (K2), TAB ROWS (K3), irrelevant ACTION BUTTONS (K4), LOCATION BREAD CRUMBS (K6), and EMBEDDED LINKS (K7) to ensure that customers stay on their paths. However, keep strong SITE BRANDING (E1) so that customers still know where they are.

Design process funnels to PREVENT ERRORS (K12), and provide MEANINGFUL ERROR MESSAGES (K13) when errors do occur.

Track your customers through PERSISTENT CUSTOMER SESSIONS (H5) to avoid problems with the **Back** button, and to save customer-entered information.

Move extra content, such as CONTEXT-SENSITIVE HELP (H8) and FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (H7), to POP-UP WINDOWS (H6) to keep the main task page on the screen. Make the next action visible by keeping it ABOVE THE FOLD (I2) and by using HIGH-VISIBILITY ACTION BUTTONS (K5).

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# Pre-Patterns

Patterns require broad adoption and examples

- Many versions of the same basic idea

- Shown successful in many contexts

- That is what makes them patterns

This is challenging in novel domains

Pre-patterns are based in weaker evidence

- Can help speed diffusion of techniques and results

- Can help see relationships among ideas

# UbiComp Pre-Patterns

## Literature review

Button-up card sorting of lessons from literature

Cut down based on critique by other researchers

### E13 - Notification on Access of Personal Data



Figure 1. AT&T Wireless Find Friends service notifies your friend if you ask for his or her location.

#### Forces

A key design decision here is whether the person is simply notified or has choice over whether information is disclosed. There are plausible cases for each. For example, "always let my family know where I am", but "let me choose whether to reveal my current location if a co-worker asks". This is primarily an issue of trust and boundaries with other individuals.

[Privacy Mirrors](#) also act as a form of notification. Notification can also be combined with unobtrusive displays to provide constant feedback.

#### Synopsis

Systems can provide feedback about what is being monitored and recorded.

#### Background

This pattern is one part of providing [Appropriate Privacy Feedback](#) to individuals.

#### Problem

How can systems provide feedback about what is being monitored, as well as the current state of the system?

#### Solution

There at least two different times that notification can be used, during an access and afterwards.

# UbiComp Pre-Patterns

## B6 • FIND A FRIEND



Figure 1. AT&T Wireless' mMode service allows customers to add friends to a friend list, find out who is nearby, and call or send messages to them. Users can make themselves invisible whenever they want.

### • BACKGROUND

This pattern discusses services that allow people to find where their friends are while allowing those friends some level of privacy. This pattern is useful for GUIDES FOR EXPLORATION AND NAVIGATION (A5).

### • PROBLEM

People would like to know where their friends are, for impromptu communication and gatherings. At the same time, those people may not always want to be tracked.

**Displaying people's location** • There are several different ways of displaying a person's location. A straightforward approach is to simply show the location in text, for example "near corner of Euclid Ave and Hearst Ave" or "in Soda Hall". Another approach is to show the data on a map, or possibly even an ACTIVE MAP (B1) that is constantly updated.



Figure 2. UC San Diego's ActiveCampus project shows your friends' location in real time. While useful, this visualization raises many privacy concerns.

**Managing privacy concerns** • There are many privacy concerns about find-a-friend applications due to the potential for abuse. This is not just the fear of "Big Brother," but also so-called "Stitcher People," including abusers

# UbiComp Pre-Patterns

A – Ubiquitous Computing Genres	B – Physical-Virtual Spaces	C – Developing Successful Privacy	D – Designing Fluid Interactions
Describes broad classes of emerging applications, providing many examples and ideas	Associating physical objects and spaces with information and meaning; location-based services; helping users navigate such spaces	Policy, systems, and interaction issues in designing privacy-sensitive systems	How to design for interactions involving dozens or even hundreds of sensors and devices while making users feel like they are in control
Upfront Value Proposition (A1) Personal Ubiquitous Computing (A2) Ubiquitous Computing for Groups (A3) Ubiquitous Computing for Places (A4) Guides for Exploration and Navigation (A5) Enhanced Emergency Response (A6) Personal Memory Aids (A7) Smart Homes (A8) Enhanced Educational Experiences (A9) Augmented Reality Games (A10) Streamlining Business Operations (A11) Enabling Mobile Commerce (A12)	Active Map (B1) Topical Information (B2) Successful Experience Capture (B3) User-Created Content (B4) Find a Place (B5) Find a Friend (B6) Notifier (B7)	Fair Information Practices (C1) Respecting Social Organizations (C2) Building Trust and Credibility (C3) Reasonable Level of Control (C4) Appropriate Privacy Feedback (C5) Privacy-Sensitive Architectures (C6) Partial Identification (C7) Physical Privacy Zones (C8) Blurred Personal Data (C9) Limited Access to Personal Data (C10) Invisible Mode (C11) Limited Data Retention (C12) Notification on Access of Personal Data (C13) Privacy Mirrors (C14) Keeping Personal Data on Personal Devices (C15)	Scale of Interaction (D1) Sensemaking of Services and Devices (D2) Streamlining Repetitive Tasks (D3) Keeping Users in Control (D4) Serendipity in Exploration (D5) Context-Sensitive I/O (D6) Active Teaching (D7) Resolving Ambiguity (D8) Ambient Displays (D9) Follow-me Displays (D10) Pick and Drop (D11)

# Patterns

When you see advice, consider its depth

- Result of an individual study

- Pre-pattern based on some meta-analysis

- Established pattern

Be aware of misapplying patterns

- And be aware of anti-patterns

# Touch and Microsoft Windows



2004



2012

# Consistency vs. Specialization

Beware of simply copying a design language

Consistency is your friend until it is not your friend

Not limited to platform-level decisions

One “look” for your app

Or targeted at each device

# Dark Patterns

A Dark Pattern is an interface that has been carefully crafted to trick people into doing things, such as buying insurance with their purchase or signing up for recurring bills.

## Disguised Ads

Ads that are disguised as other kinds of content or navigation, in order to get users to click on them

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## Friend Spam

A site or game asks for your credentials, then goes on to publish content or send out bulk messages

# Dark Patterns

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [https://www.fastcodesign.com/3051906/fast-feed/after-lawsuit-settlement-linkedin-dishonest-design-is-now-a-13-million-problem?utm\\_source=facebook](https://www.fastcodesign.com/3051906/fast-feed/after-lawsuit-settlement-linkedin-dishonest-design-is-now-a-13-million-problem?utm_source=facebook). The page is from the website **EVID3NCE**, which is described as "WHAT THE SCIENCE HAS TO SAY ABOUT DESIGN, CREATIVITY, INNOVATION, AND VISUAL CULTURE". The main headline is "After Lawsuit Settlement, LinkedIn's Dishonest Design Is Now A \$13 Million Problem". Below the headline, it says "HOPEFULLY, THIS WILL BE A LESSON TO OTHER COMPANIES WHO USE DARK UX PATTERNS TO TRICK THEIR USERS.". There are social sharing metrics: 10 NOTES, 5 PIN, 108 PLUS, 853 SHARE, 1.2K TWEET, and 1.5K LIKE. The text discusses how LinkedIn used dark UX patterns to trick users during its sign-up process, leading to a class-action lawsuit and a \$13 million settlement. A photo of a smartphone displaying the LinkedIn login screen is shown. On the right side, there is a "TRENDING" section with five articles:

- 1 Google Goes Analog With Its New Note-Taking Tools
- 2 Will Flat Design Ever Die?
- 3 This Note-Taking System Turns You Into An Efficiency Expert
- 4 3 Radical Ideas To Totally Disrupt Air Travel
- 5 UI, UX: Who Does What? A Designer's Guide To The Tech Industry

Presented in San Jose's U.S. District Court, the key issue in *Perkins v. LinkedIn* is spam. Namely, during the user sign-up process, LinkedIn claims that it "will not store your password or email anyone without your permission." Despite this, LinkedIn sends automated follow-up email reminders on a new user's behalf to any contacts harvested from their webmail accounts, which are presented in such a way as to appear as if they came directly from the user.

Under California law, the sitting judge says has deemed this illegal. Consequently, if you were a member of LinkedIn's "add connection" program between September 2011 and October 2014, you can submit a claim to get a payout.

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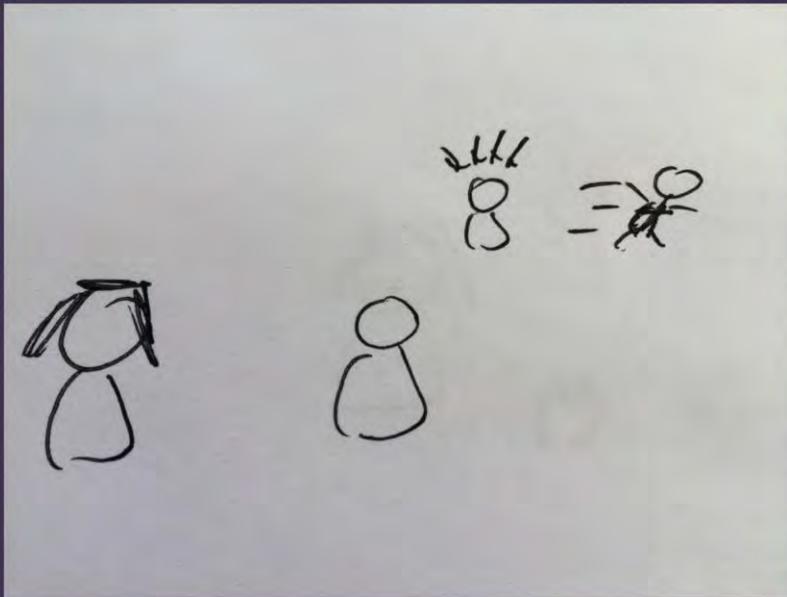
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# Initial Specification

## Unsure What to Do



Jane talks to her sister (could be changed to brother if it's easier to get a distinct character here)

They had similar issue, for them it turned out to be a need to control stress and get more exercise

People talking about what's causing Jane's issue is a recurring thing, look ahead to see that

Stressed person icon is recurring, look ahead to see that

# Guidance on Desired Style

## Desired Style



But not this black on white color,  
see color and presentation slide



# Version 1

## Unsure What To Do



03

# Version 2

## Unsure What To Do



# Version 3

## Unsure What To Do



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# Final Version

## Unsure What to Do



Consults Brother

Had Similar Symptoms

Shares his Triggers

Stress & Exercise

# Two Storyboards

Before Our Advances

After Our Advances

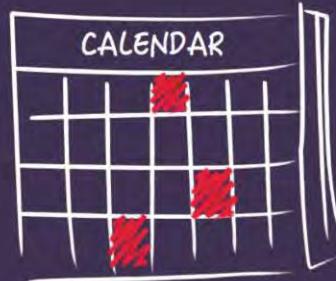
Three Iterations

Less Than Three Hours Time

Approximately \$300

# Before

## Meet Jane



Severe Symptoms

Missing Work

Needs Help

# Before

## Unsure What to Do



Consults Brother

Had Similar Symptoms

Shares his Triggers

Stress & Exercise

# Before

## Tracking Mood and Physical Activity



Buys a Fitness Band

Tracks Mood

Tracks Physical Activity

# Before

## Making Sense of the Data



Lots of Data

Mood Over Time

Activity Over Time

But No Understanding

# Before

## Maybe Her Doctor Can Help



Did not Track Symptoms

Did not Track Food

Elimination Diet

Difficult to Follow

Lengthy Process

Possibly Inconclusive

# After

## Revisiting Jane



Most Common Triggers

Food

Stress

Suitable Sensors / Apps

# After

## Appropriate Capture



Tracks for a Baseline

Automated Reminders

Low-Burden Tracking

Timely Symptom Input

# After

## Jane's Personal Hypotheses



Lactose



?

Caffeine



?

Stress



?

Possible Triggers

Lactose

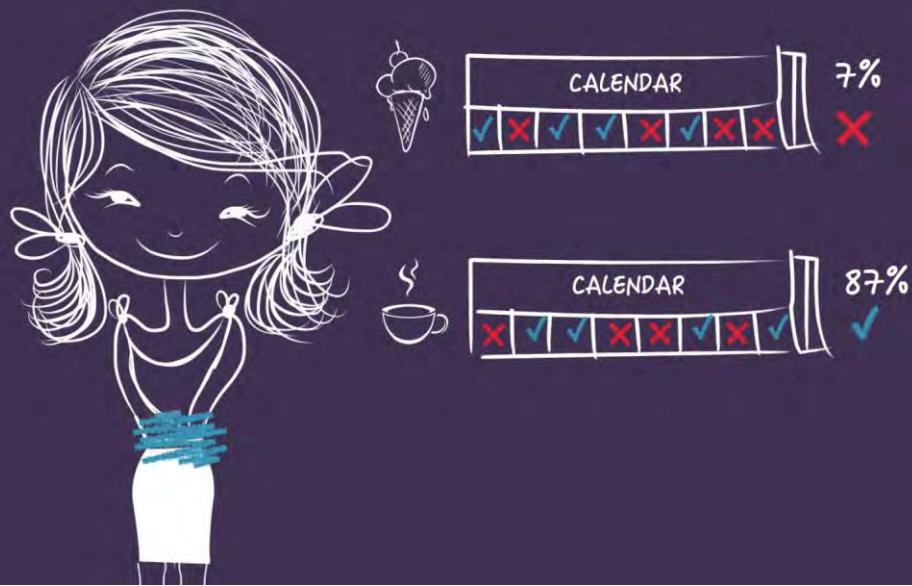
Caffeine

Stress

Confounding Effect

# After

## Self-Experimentation



Self-Experimentation

Lactose

Caffeine

Jane Has Her Answer

# After

## Engaging Clinician with Data

Data is Actionable

Personalized Interventions



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Presentation matters

In the real world, you can spend money on this

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# Overall Message

Happy with talks, especially on Friday

Prep, Calibration, Environment

Want everybody to keep improving

Room to improve in relating elements of your work, referring to reasons for design decisions

# Timing

“An 8 minute time limit will be strictly enforced”

7:40	10:00
8:30	10ish
8:45	10:15
9:00	11:00
9:00	11:45
9:45	13:00

# Tasks

Distracting  
Background

## Categorize Time Spent

What qualifies as work or play?

## Set Goals For Each Category

How much time should you spend on each activity?

## Share Schedule and Free Time

Who should be notified?  
Who is free right now?

## Decide What To Do While Waiting

What can get accomplished within that time?

## Adapt Correctly To Schedule Changes

What can be pushed back and what has a solid deadline?

## Get Reminders for Flexible Tasks

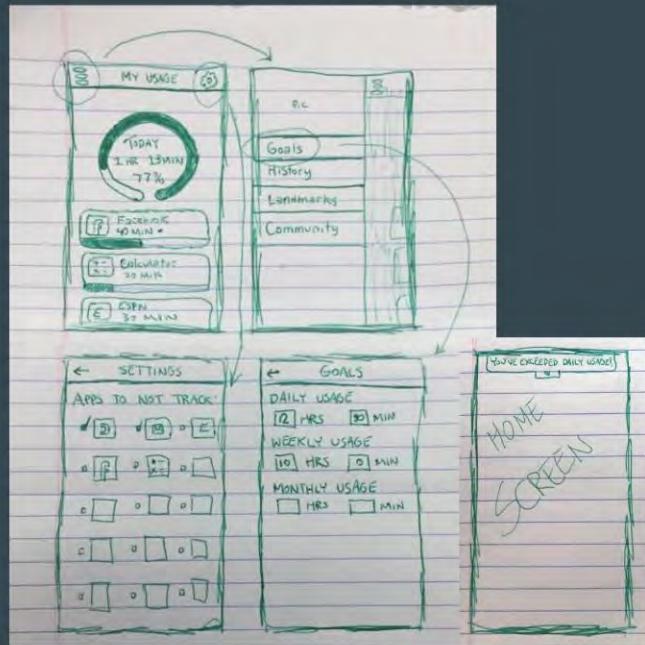
When is the best time for lunch?

# Storyboards

Star People!  
Hard to Follow



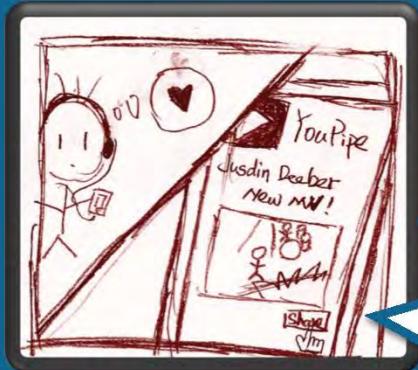
# Selected Design



- Simplest overall design of the three
- Most aesthetically pleasing due to effective organization and spacing
- Easy way to set goals without any outside pressure on what you choose
- Firmly addresses the most important user need of tracking overall usage

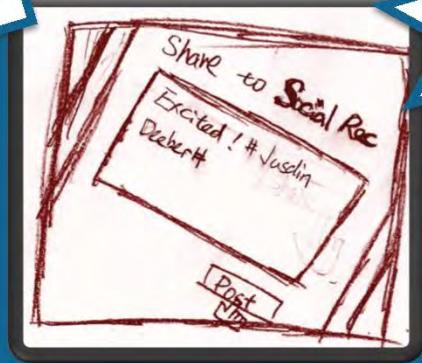
Easier to Follow  
Size / Clutter

## Storyboard 2:

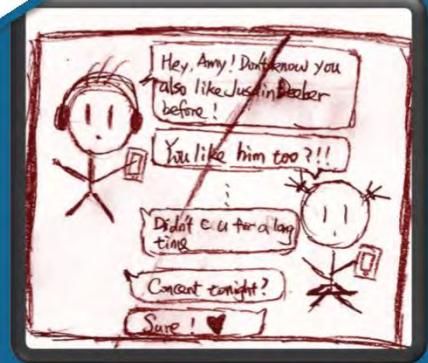


1. David likes the new song released recently, so he shares it on the SR app

2. When he posts it, he adds tags and defines the group of people he wants it to be seen



3. Daniel then gets a message showing that David likes the music



4. Daniel then messages David about his idea of the song

Focus on the  
Right Thing

# Contextual Inquiries



Suzzallo Library



Husky Union Building



Paccar Hall

One person still uses food journaling consistently and has a positive experience.

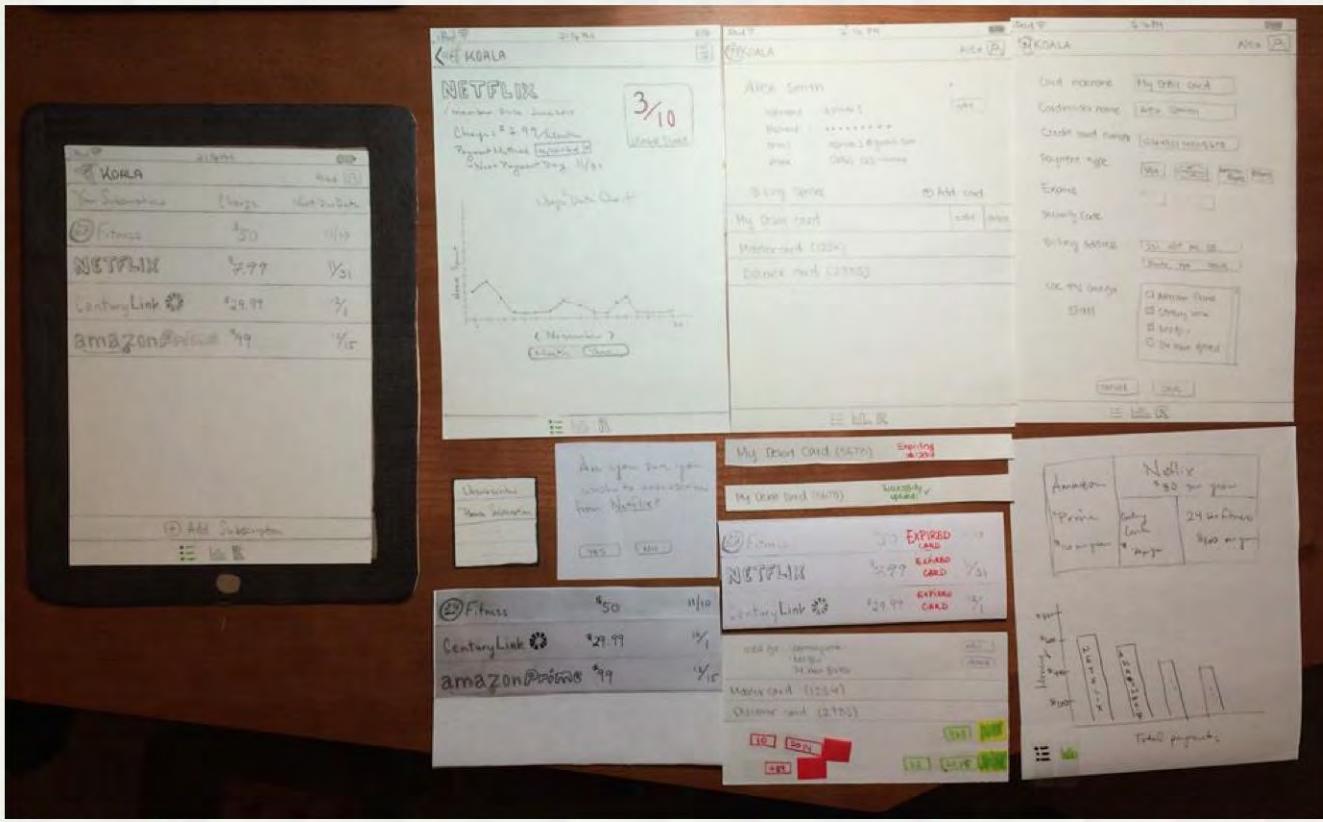
One person stopped food journaling because she reached her goal and had a nutritionist.

The third person loves taking pictures of her food and just seeing what she's been eating.

Had them take us through their process during mealtime, motivations, difficult, benefits

# Image Contrast and Scale

## Initial Paper Prototype



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### Task 1: Finding a SmartMatch

Criteria

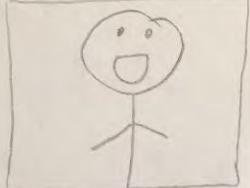
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Criteria

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\* Finding Match

Frank



About: Happy guy who runs casually  
Level: Novice  
Rating: ★★★★

Jenn



No more matches found!!  
Rating: ★★★

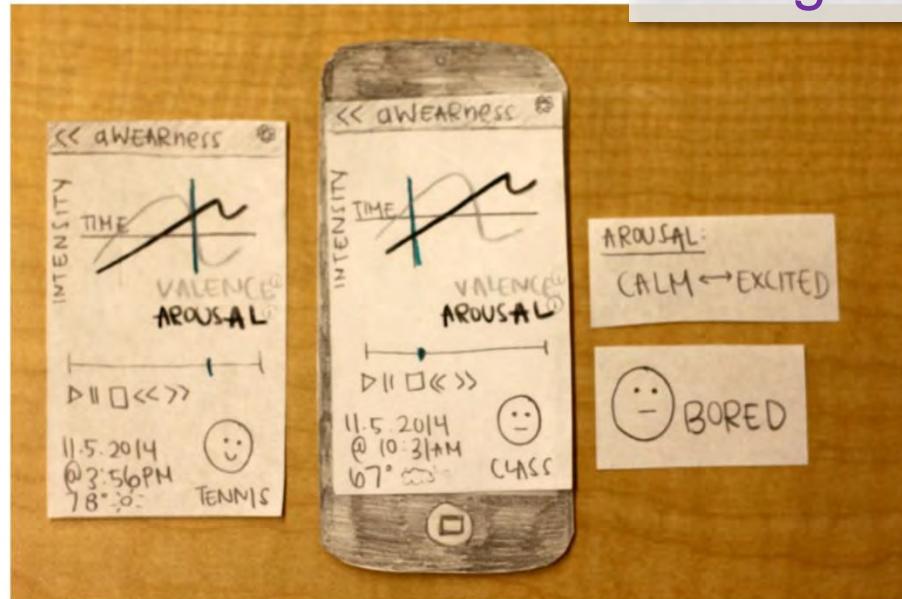
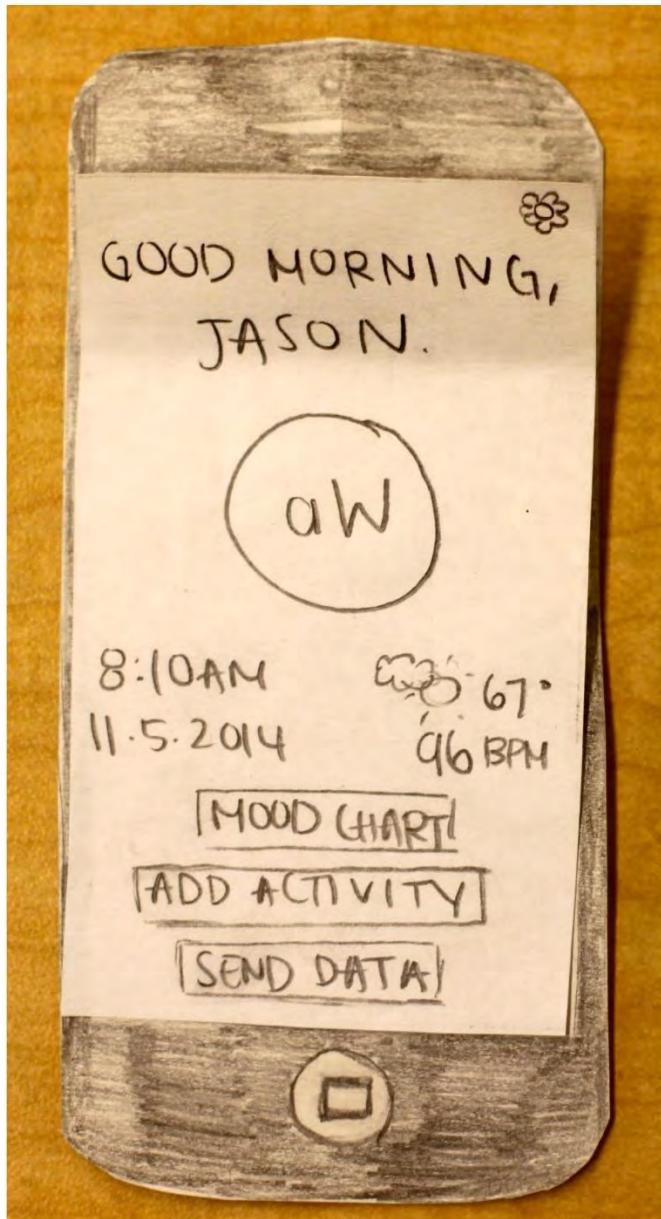
## Artificially Increase Contrast

# Testing - Results

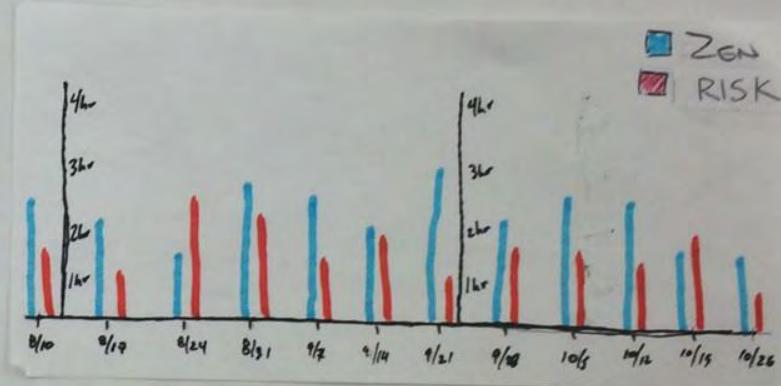
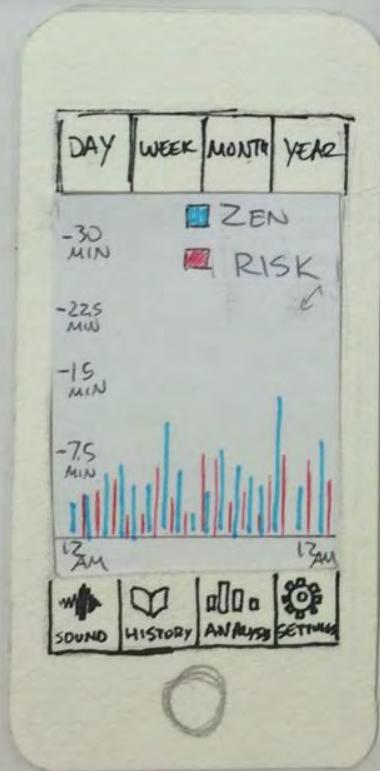
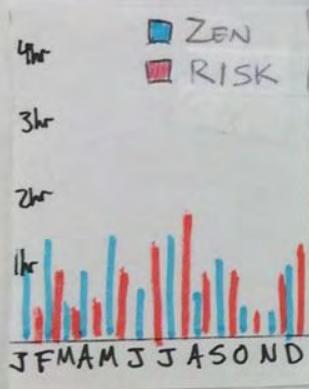
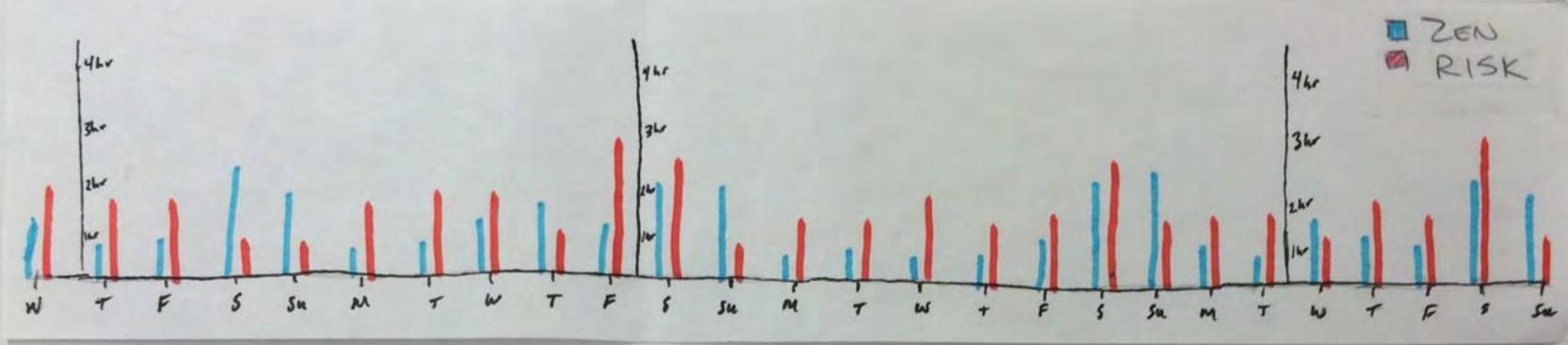
- **Heuristic Evaluation**
  - High Severity Issues
  - Example: “Go Shopping” mode was useless
- **User Testing**
  - High and Medium Severity Issues
  - Example: Takes too long to get to “Add Item”
- **Design Mockup Critique**
  - Low Severity and Aesthetic Issues
  - Example: Home screen too cluttered



# Background



# Background



# Final Paper Prototype

IEP-Connect Classroom

Many Screens  
on One Slide

K.F. > Goals | Accommodations | ⌂

All Students > K.F.

In progress

Write Paragraph Under 7m  ○

Make Eye Contact

IEP Goal: Student will maintain eye contact appropriately during conversation

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K.F. > Goals | Accommodations | ⌂

All Students > K.F.

In progress

Write Paragraph Under 7m  ○

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0	1	2	3
4	5	6	7
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K.F. > Goals | Accommodations | ⌂

All Students > K.F.

Previously Tracked

Write Paragraph [8] m

Score on Math Test [75] %

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All Students > K.F.

Previously Tracked

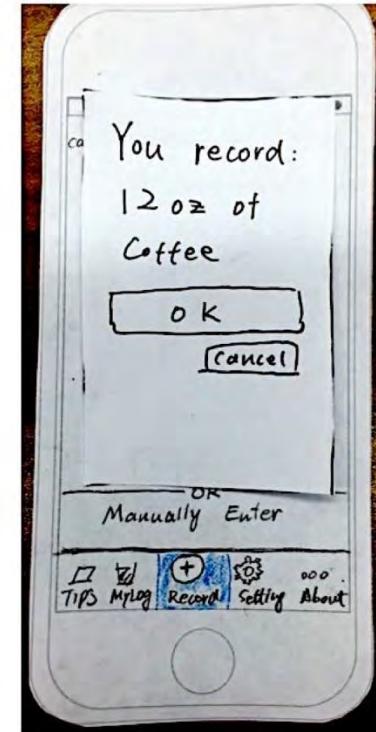
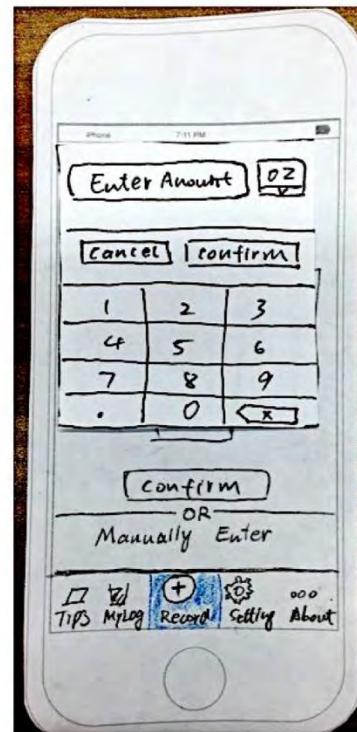
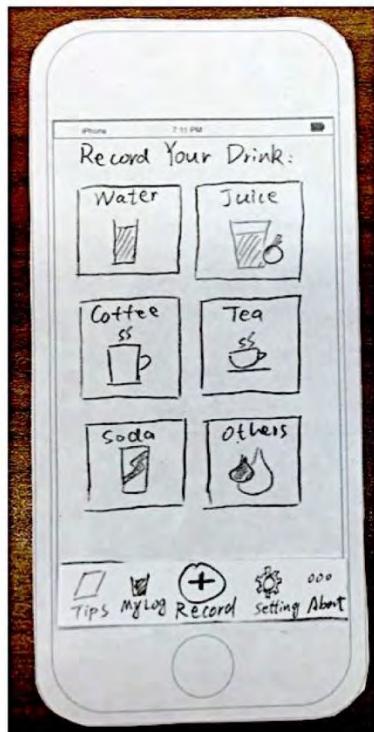
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## Task2 - Record Water Intake

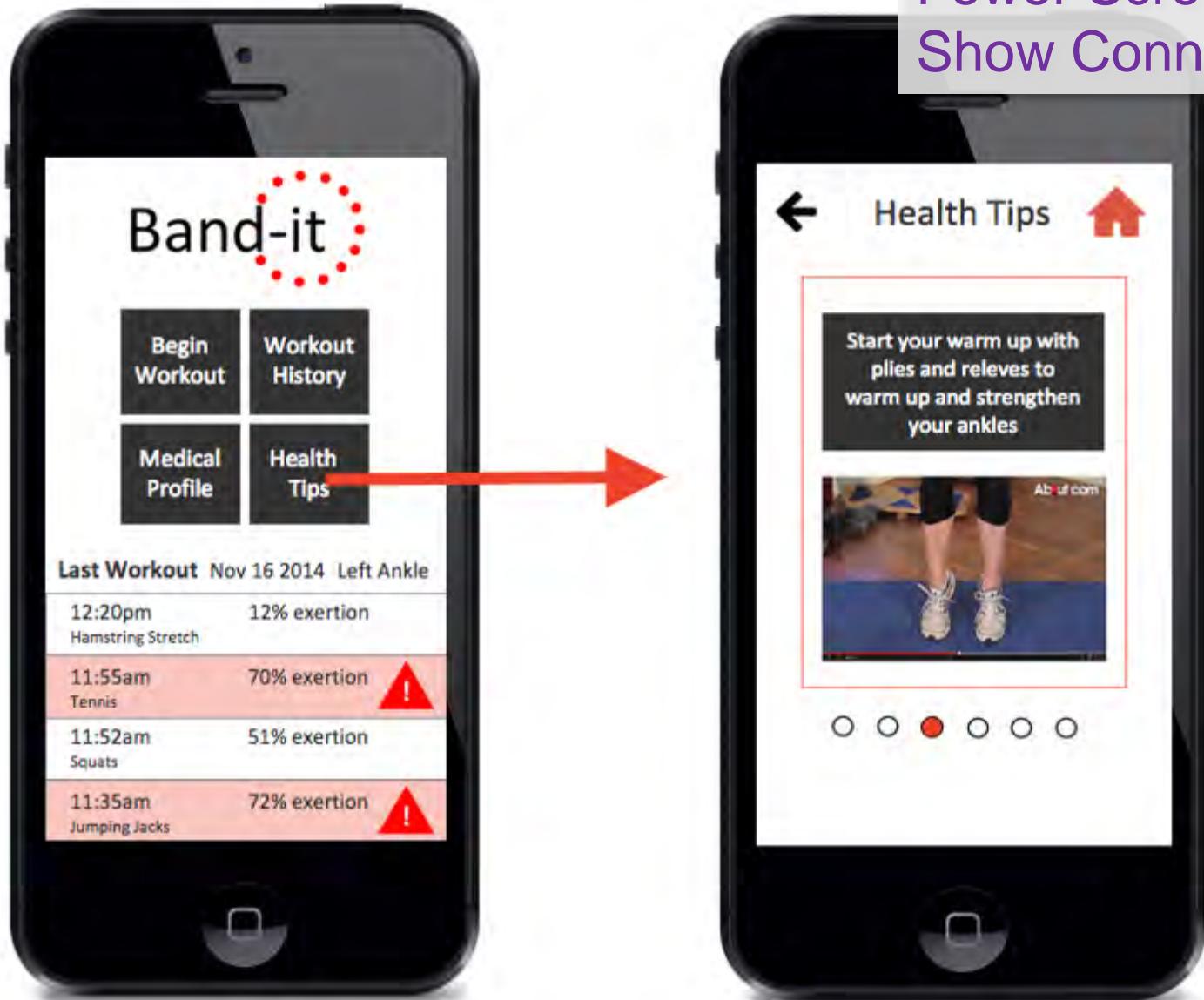
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Fewer Screens,  
Show Connections



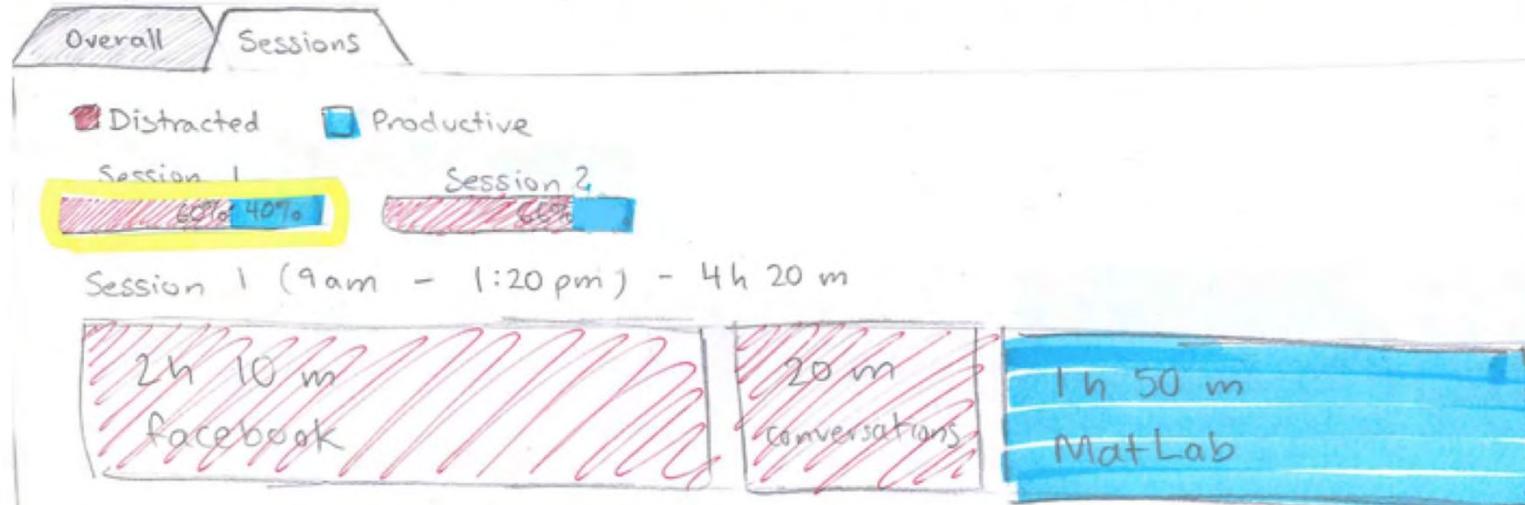
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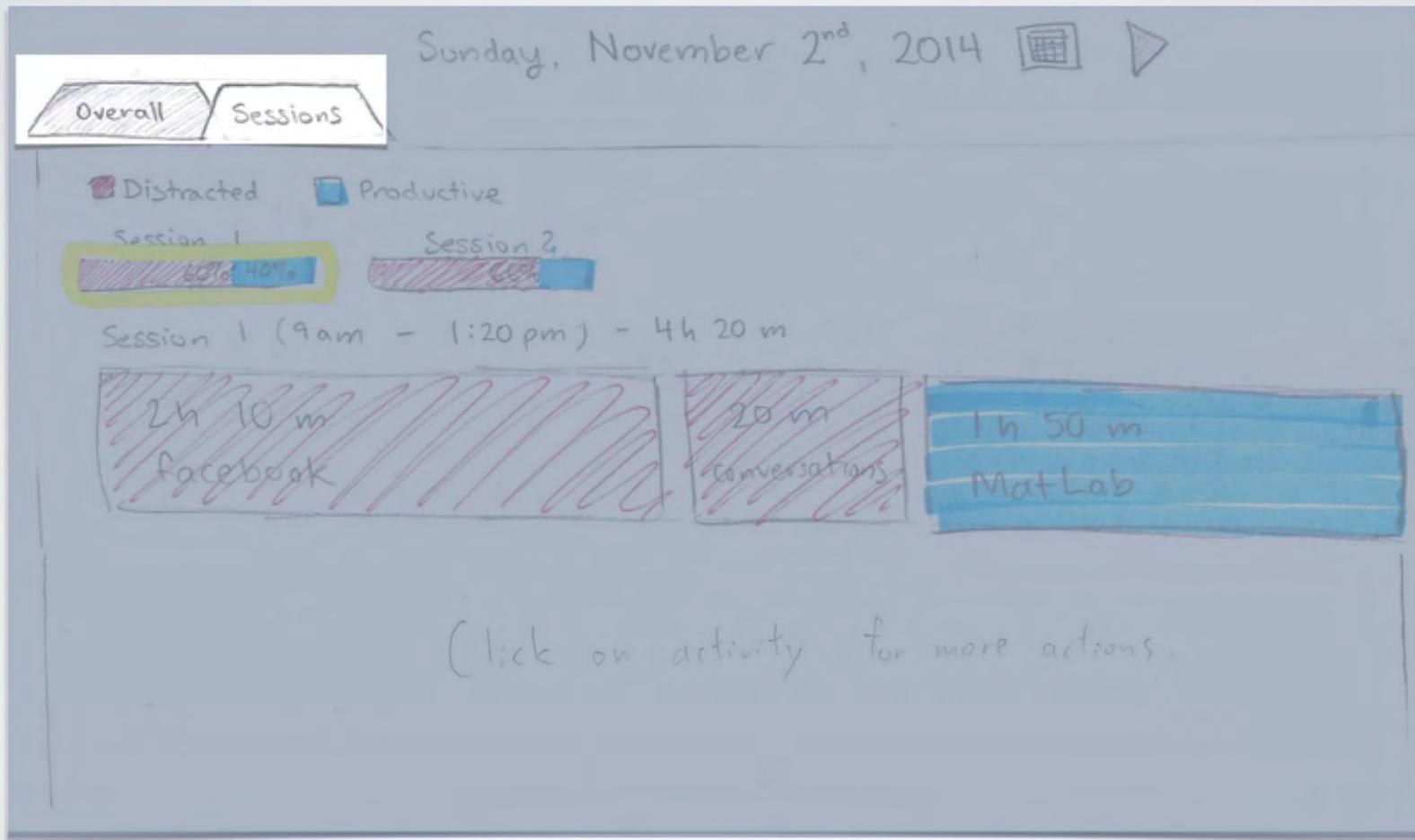
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Click on activity for more actions.

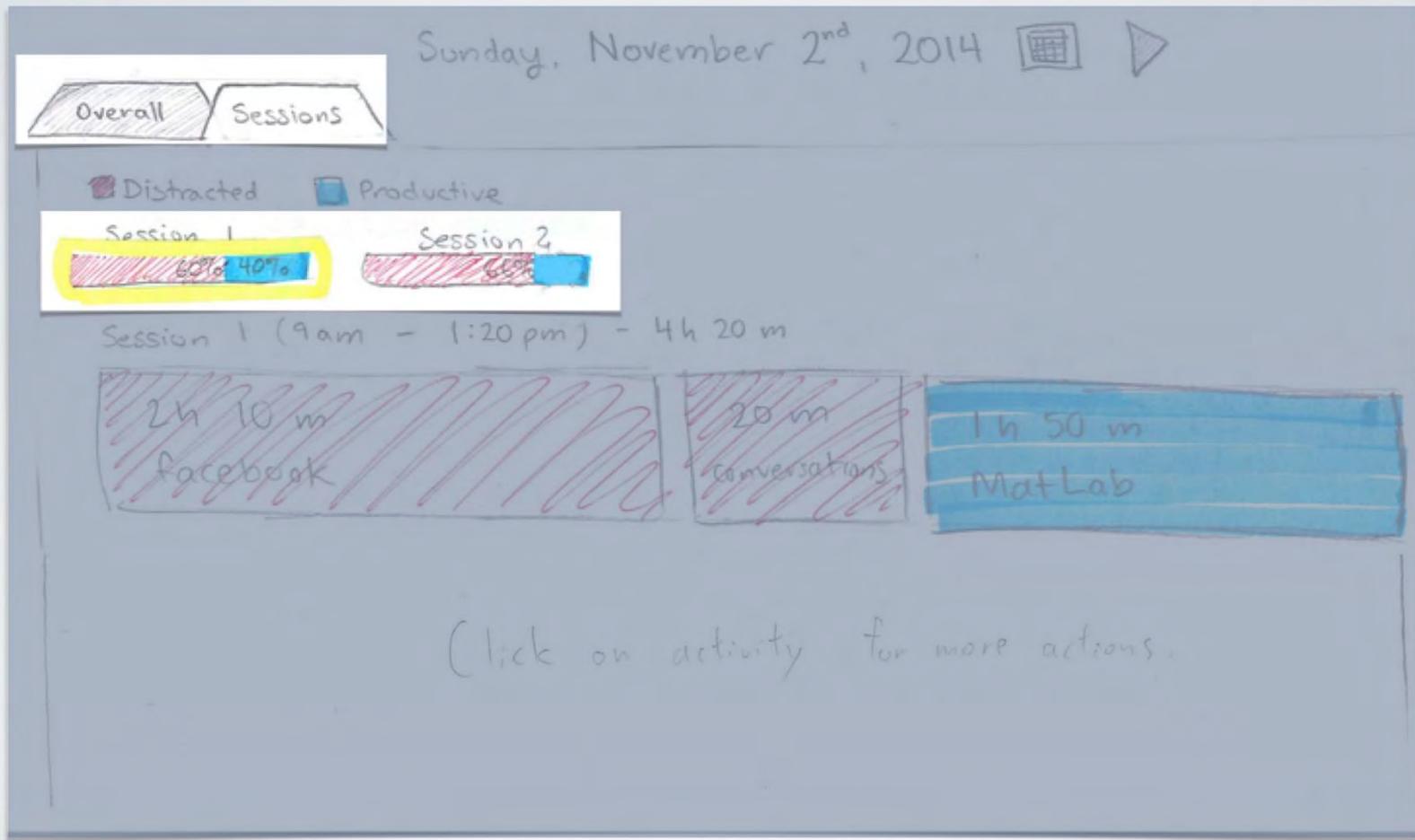
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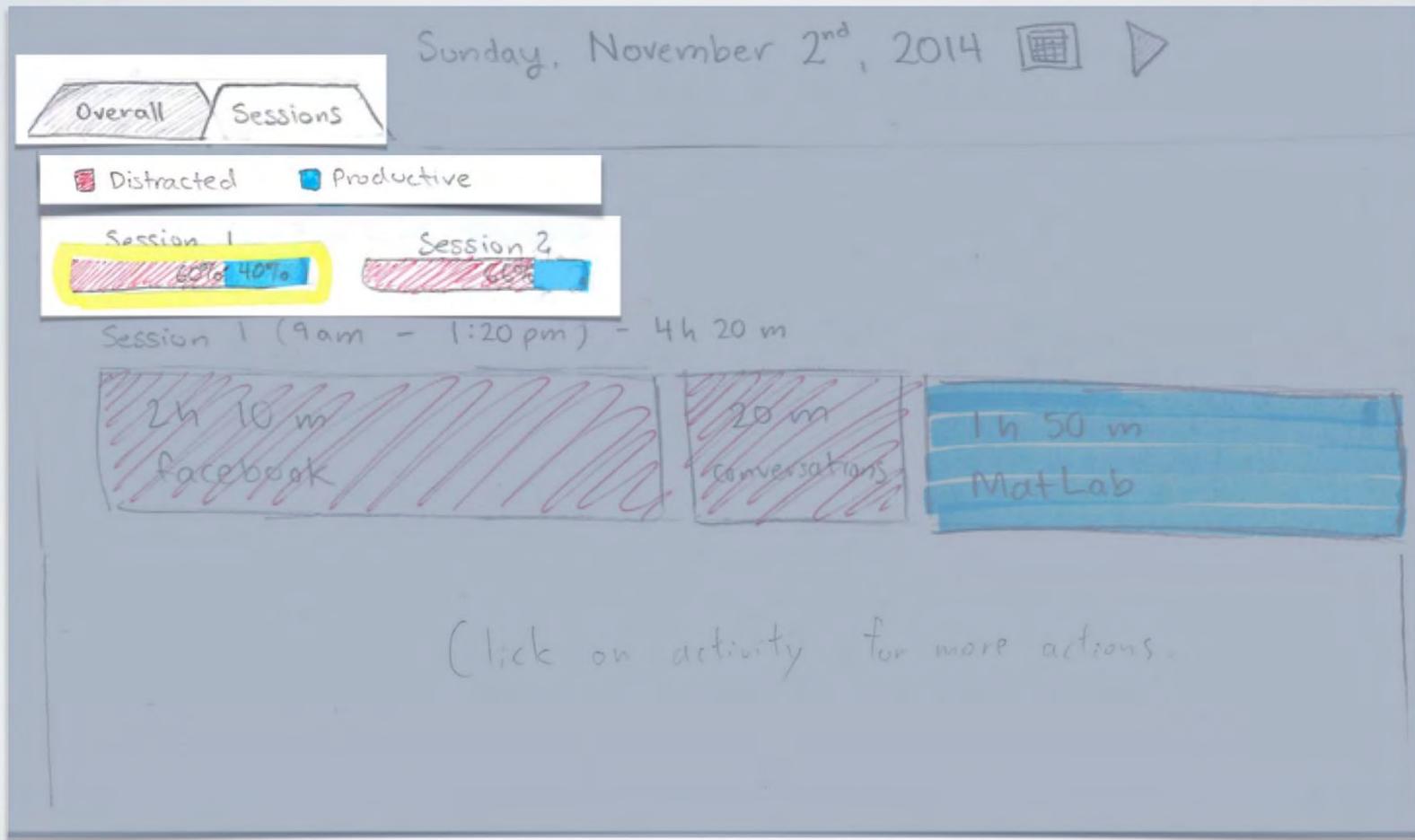
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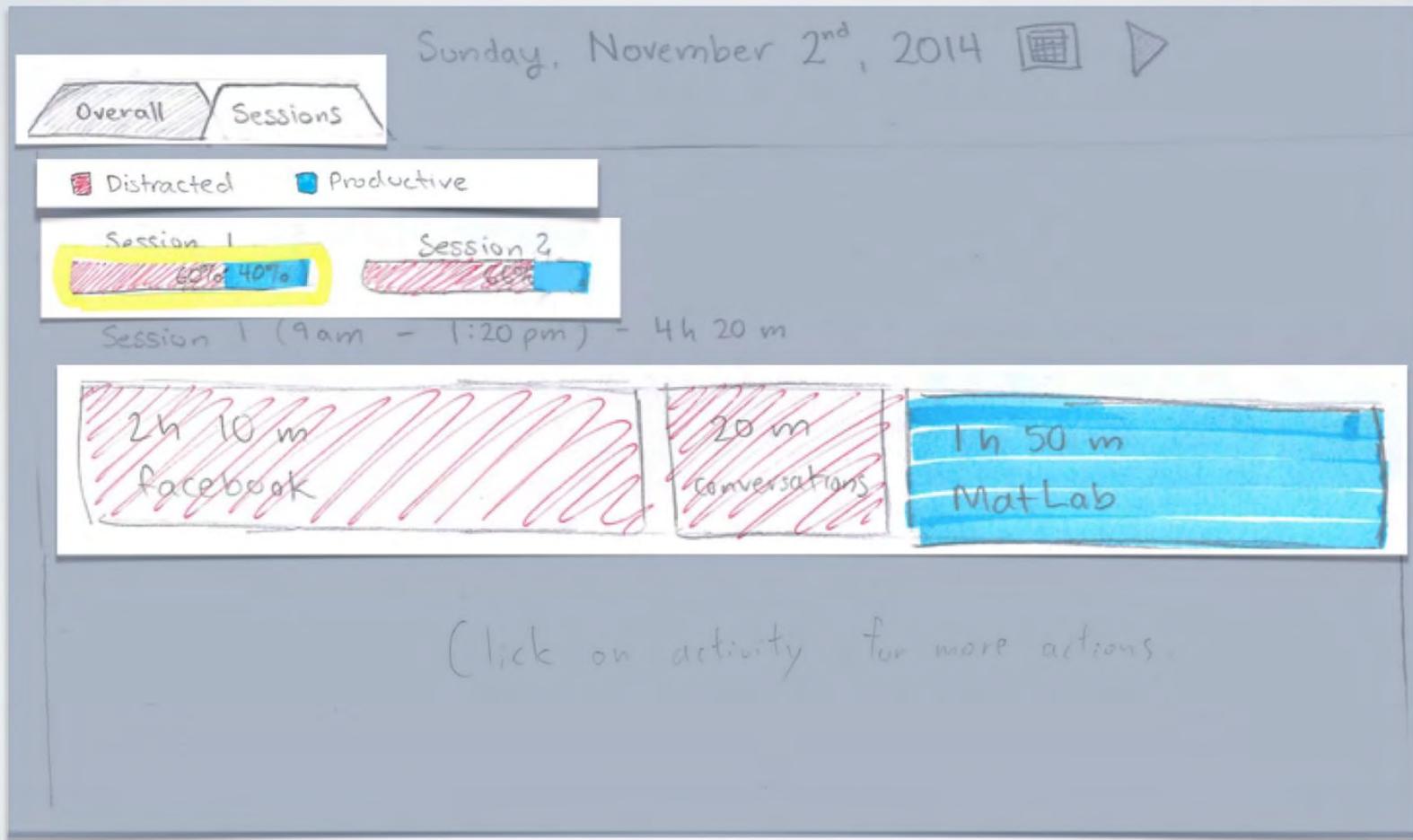
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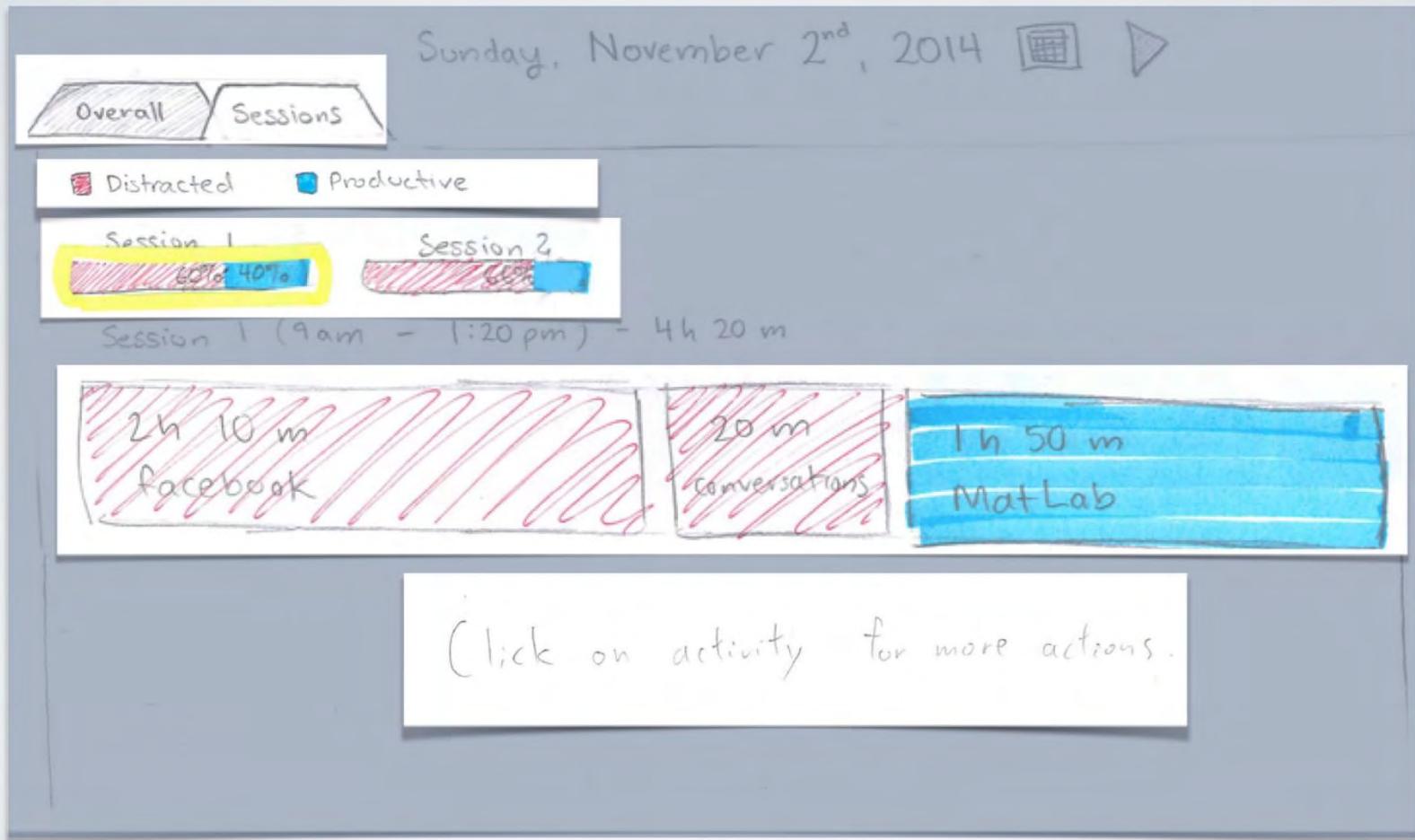
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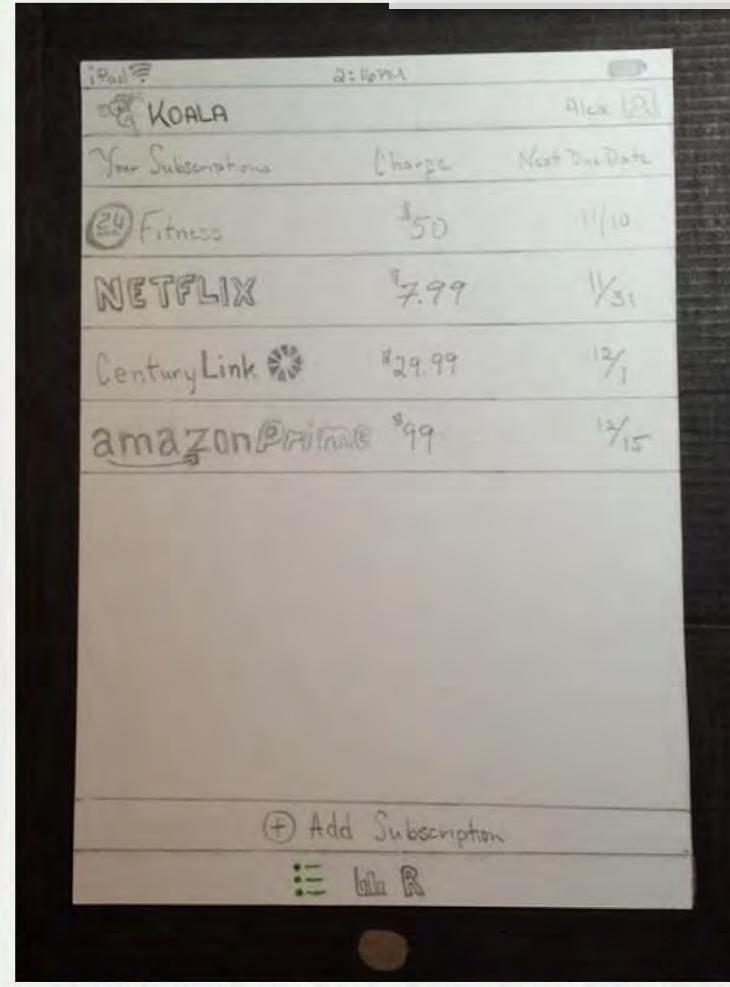
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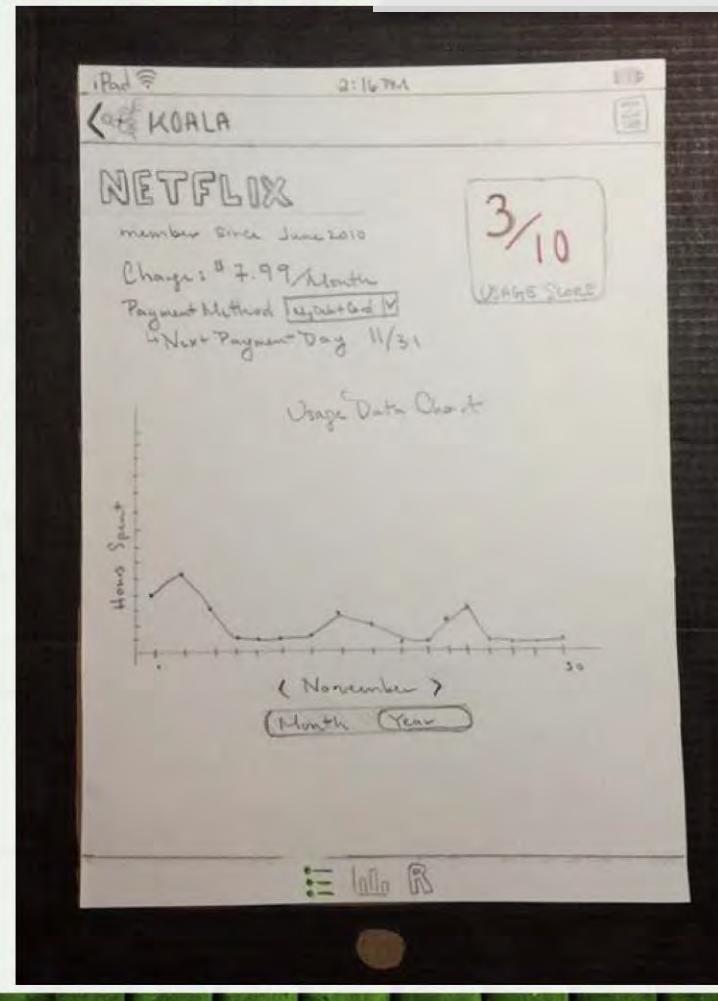


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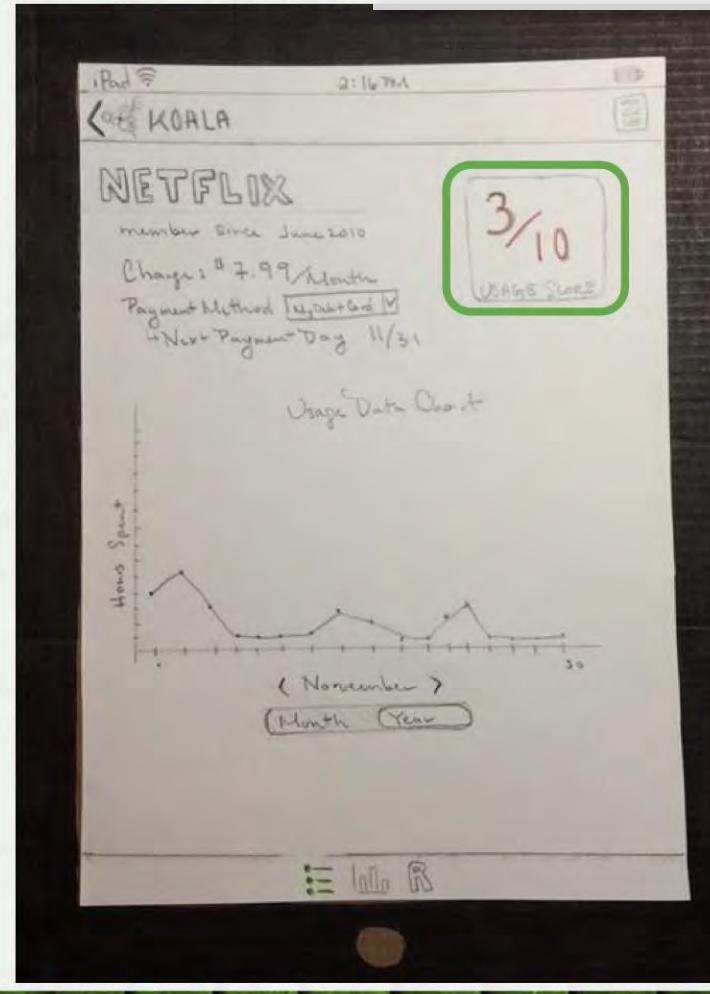


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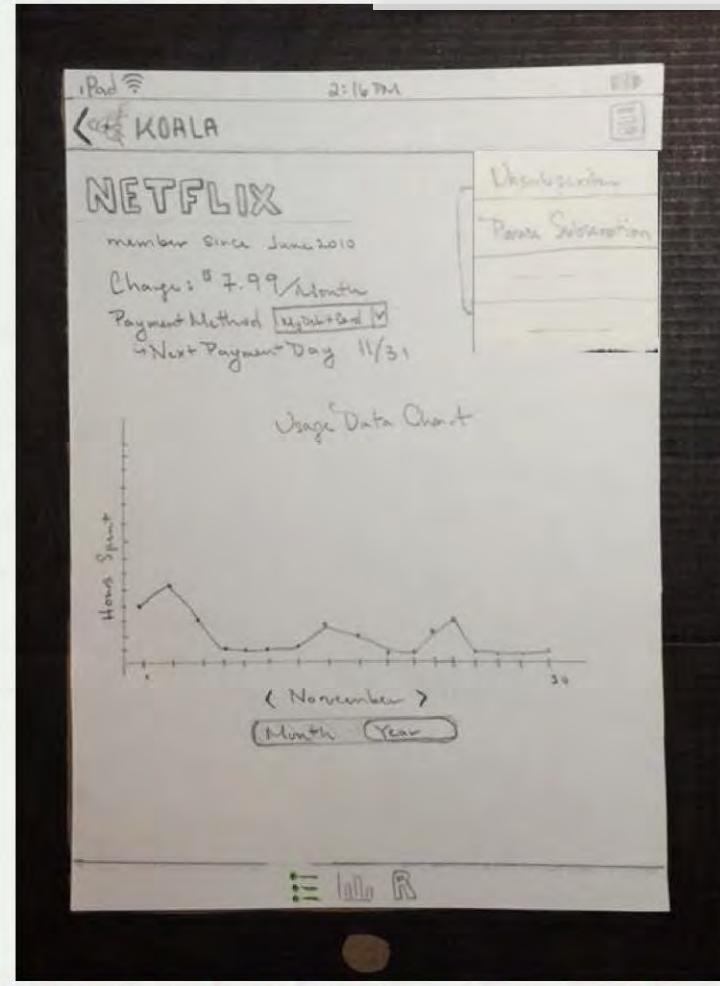
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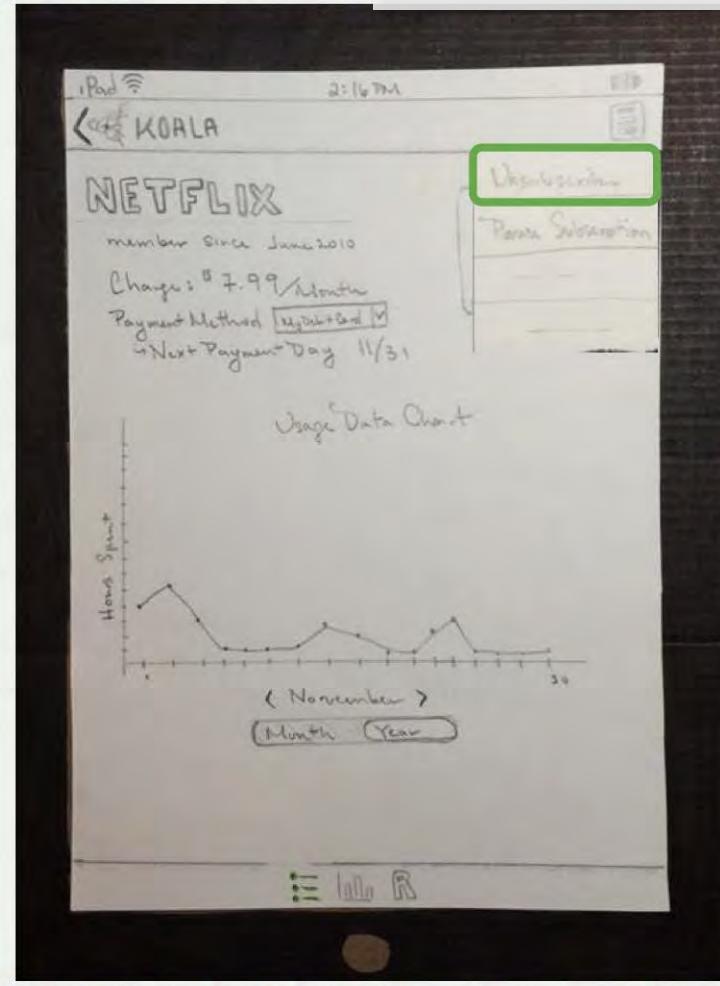


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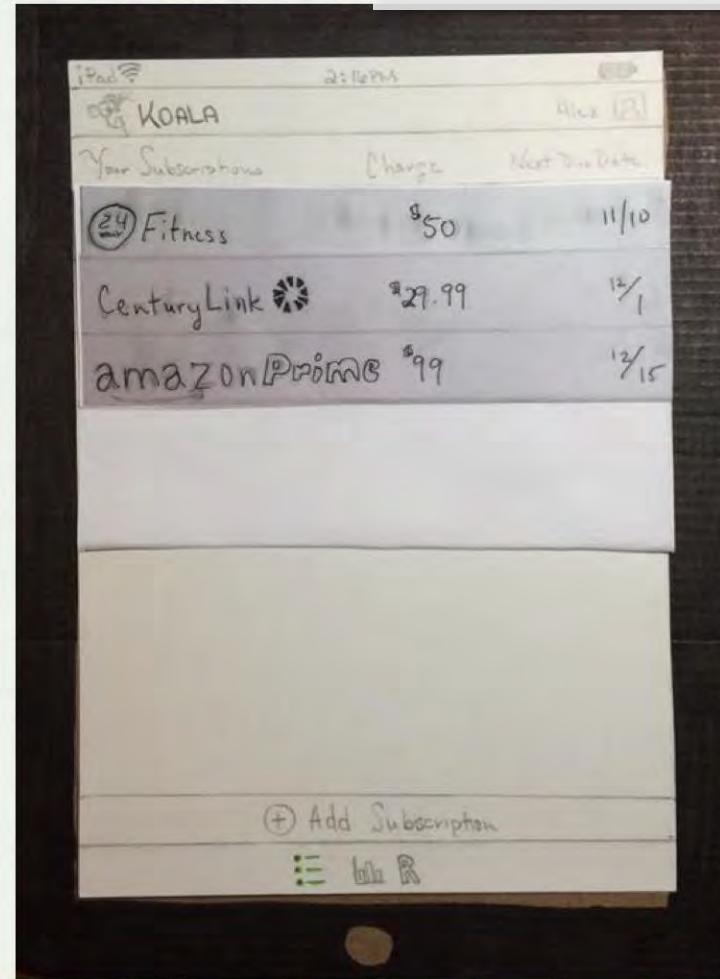


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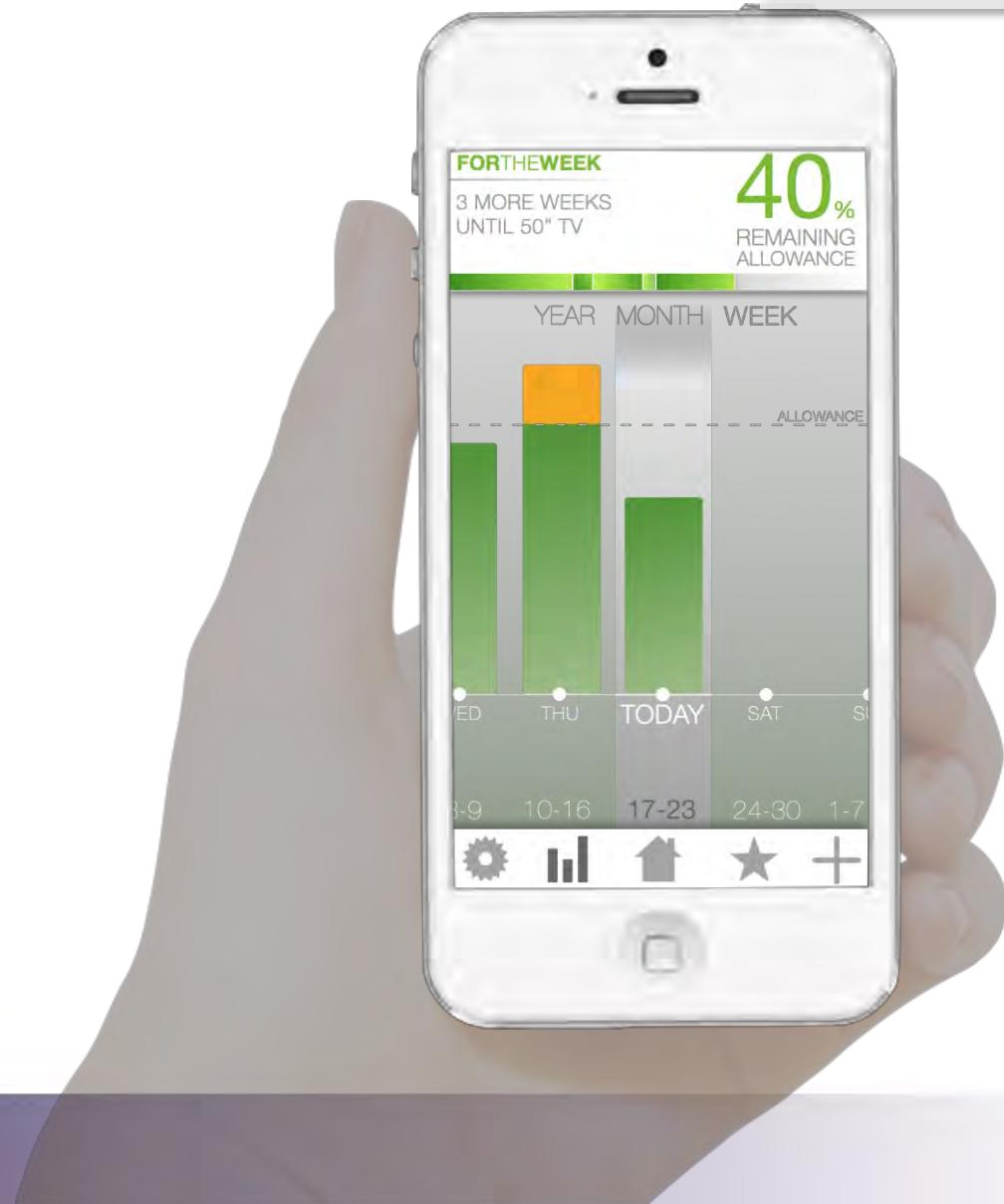
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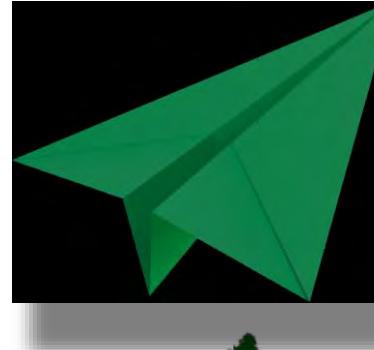
Interface  
Animation



# PROBLEM

Gratuitous  
Animation

~~LUNCH -\$5.49~~  
~~COFFEE -\$3.49~~  
~~MOVIES -\$11.20~~  
~~COFFEE -\$3.89~~  
~~ICE CREAM -\$4.42~~  
DINNER -\$7.79  
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BEER -\$4.00



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# Tools and Interfaces

Why Interface Tools?

Case Study of Model-View-Controller

Case Study of Animation

Sapir-Whorf Hypothesis

Thoughtfulness in Tools

# Sequential Programs

Program takes control, prompts for input

Person waits  
on the program

Program says when  
it is ready for more  
input, which the  
person then provides



```
C:\>dir
Volume in drive C has no label.
Volume Serial Number is ACE2-DJ69

Directories of C:\

09/25/2006  01:08 PM                24 autoexec.bat
09/25/2006  01:08 PM                10 config.sys
10/13/2006  01:43 PM      <DIR>      DELL
01/05/2002  02:38 AM      <DIR>      54,784 msvc170.dll
10/17/2006  01:41 AM      <DIR>      Perl
10/29/2006  11:41 PM      <DIR>      Program Files
10/13/2006  04:41 PM      <DIR>      ProgramDataTechSmith
10/13/2006  02:24 PM      <DIR>      Users
10/21/2006  06:04 PM      <DIR>      Windows
10/13/2006  05:58 PM      <DIR>      Windows.old
10/13/2006  03:40 PM      146 YServer.txt
                           4 File(s)   54,964 bytes
                           7 Dir(s)  24,839,090,176 bytes free

C:\>ls -l
ls: reading directory .: Permission denied
total 472
drw-rw-rw-  5 Ajit 0  4096 2006-10-13 15:24 $Recycle.Bin
-rwxrwxrwx  1 Ajit 0  24 2006-09-25 14:00 autoexec.bat
drw-rw-rw-  26 Ajit 0  4096 2006-10-13 19:07 Boot
-rw-rw-rw-  1 Ajit 0  353 2006-10-13 14:57 Boot.BAK
-r--r--r--  1 Ajit 0  353 2006-10-13 19:07 Boot.ini.saved
-r--r--r--  1 Ajit 0  438328 2006-10-04 03:02 bootmgr
-r--r--r--  1 Ajit 0  8192 2006-10-13 19:07 BOOTSECT.BAK
drw-rw-rw-  2 Ajit 0  0 2006-10-24 23:34 Config.Msi
-rw-rw-rw-  2 Ajit 0  10 2006-09-25 14:00 config.sys
drw-rw-rw-  3 Ajit 0  4096 2006-10-13 14:43 DELL
drw-rw-rw-  2 Ajit 0  4096 2006-10-13 15:24 Documents and Settings
C:\>
```

# Sequential Programs

```
while true {  
    print "Prompt for Input"  
    input = read_line_of_text()  
    output = do_work()  
    print output  
}
```

Person is literally modeled as a file

# Event-Driven Programming

A program waits for a person to provide input

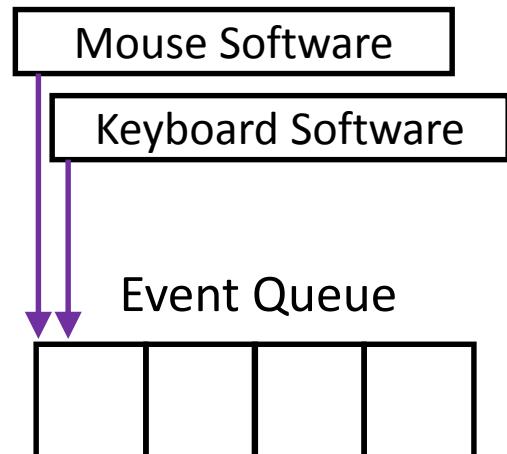
All communication done via events

“mouse down”, “item drag”, “key up”

All events go to a queue

Ensures events handled in order

Hides specifics from applications



# Basic Interactive Software Loop

```
do {  
    e = read_event();  
    dispatch_event(e);  
    if (damage_exists())  
        update_display();  
} while (e.type != WM_QUIT);
```

} input  
} processing  
} output

Nearly all interactive software has this somewhere

# Basic Interactive Software Loop

Have you ever written this loop?

# Basic Interactive Software Loop

Have you ever written this loop?

Contrast with:

“One of the most complex aspects of Xlib programming is designing the event loop, which must take into account all of the possible events that can occur in a window.”

Nye & O'Reilly, X Toolkit Intrinsics  
Programming Manual, vol. 4, 1990, p. 241.

# Understanding Tools

We use tools because they

- Identify common or important practices

- Package those practices in a framework

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- Being faster allows more iterative design

- Implementation is generally better in the tool

- Consistency across applications using same tool

# Understanding Tools

Why is designing tools difficult?

Need to understand the core practices and problems

Those are often evolving with technology and design

Example: Responsiveness in event-driven interface

Event-driven interaction is asynchronous

How to maintain responsiveness in the interface  
while executing some large computation?

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Cursor:

WaitCursor vs. CWaitCursor vs. In Framework

Progress Bar:

Data Races vs. Idle vs. Loop vs. Worker Objects

# Fundamental Tools Terminology

## Threshold vs. Ceiling

Threshold: How hard to get started

Ceiling: How much can be achieved

These depend on what is being implemented

## Path of Least Resistance

Tools influence what interfaces are created

## Moving Targets

Changing needs make tools incomplete or obsolete

# Tools and Interfaces

Why Interface Tools?

Case Study of Model-View-Controller

Case Study of Animation

Sapir-Whorf Hypothesis

Thoughtfulness in Tools

# Model-View-Controller

How to organize the code of an interface?

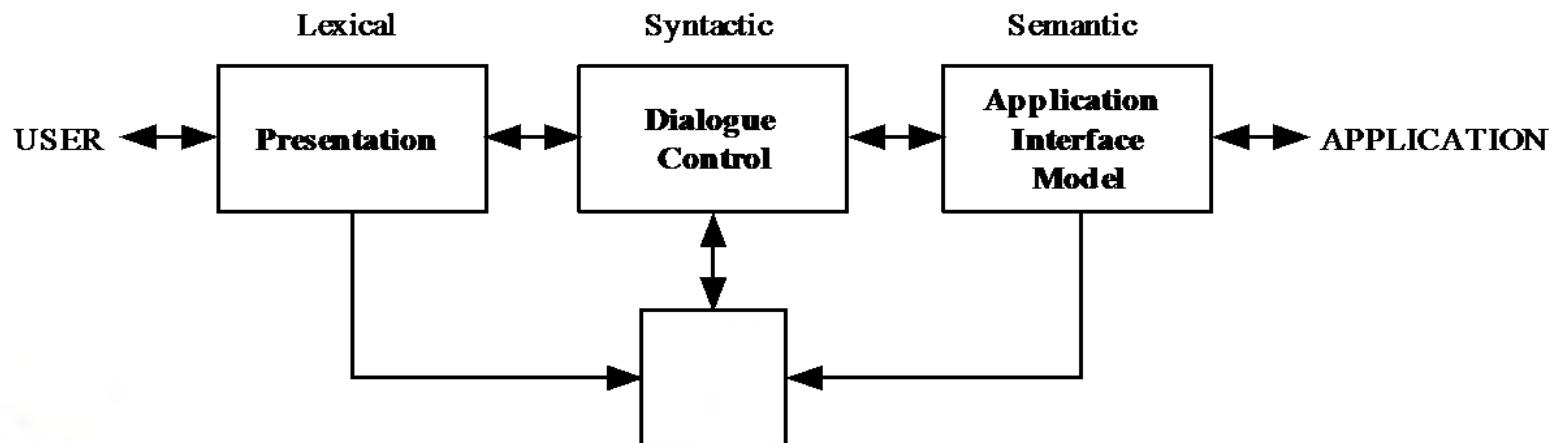
This is a surprisingly complicated question, with many unstated assumptions requiring significant background to understand and resolve

# Seeheim Model

Buxton, 1983

<http://dx.doi.org/10.1145/988584.988586>

Results from 1985 workshop on user interface management systems, driven by goals of portability and modifiability, based in separating the interface from application functionality



Huh?

# Seeheim Model

## Lexical - Presentation

External presentation of interface

e.g., “add” vs. “append” vs. “^a” vs. 

Generates the display, receive input

e.g., how to make a “menu” or “button”

## Syntactic - Dialog Control

Parsing of tokens into syntax

e.g., interface modes

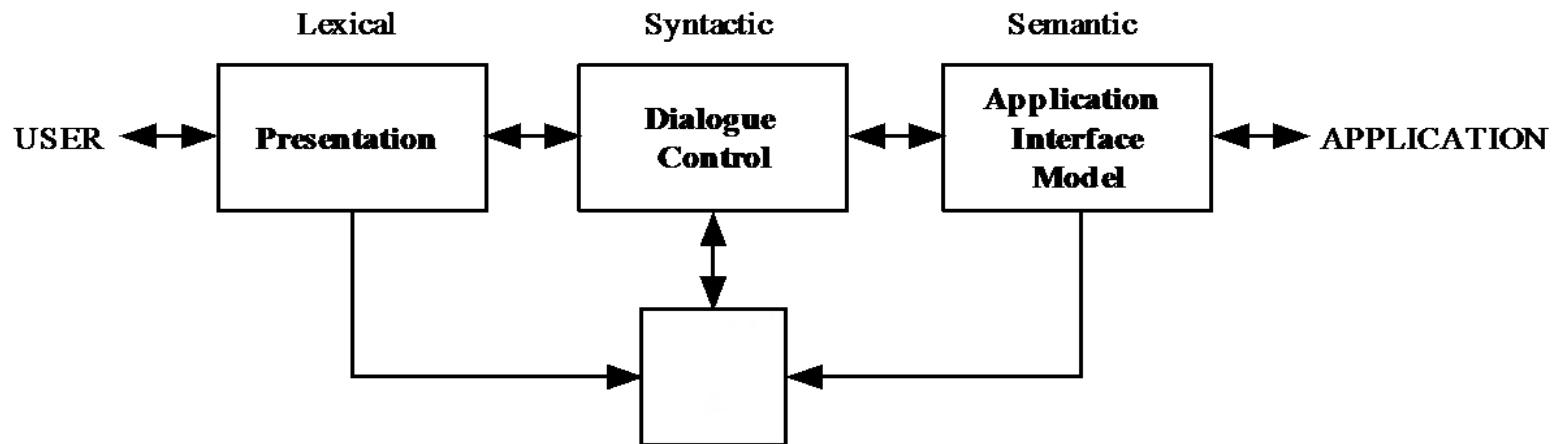
Maintain state

## Semantic - Application Interface Model

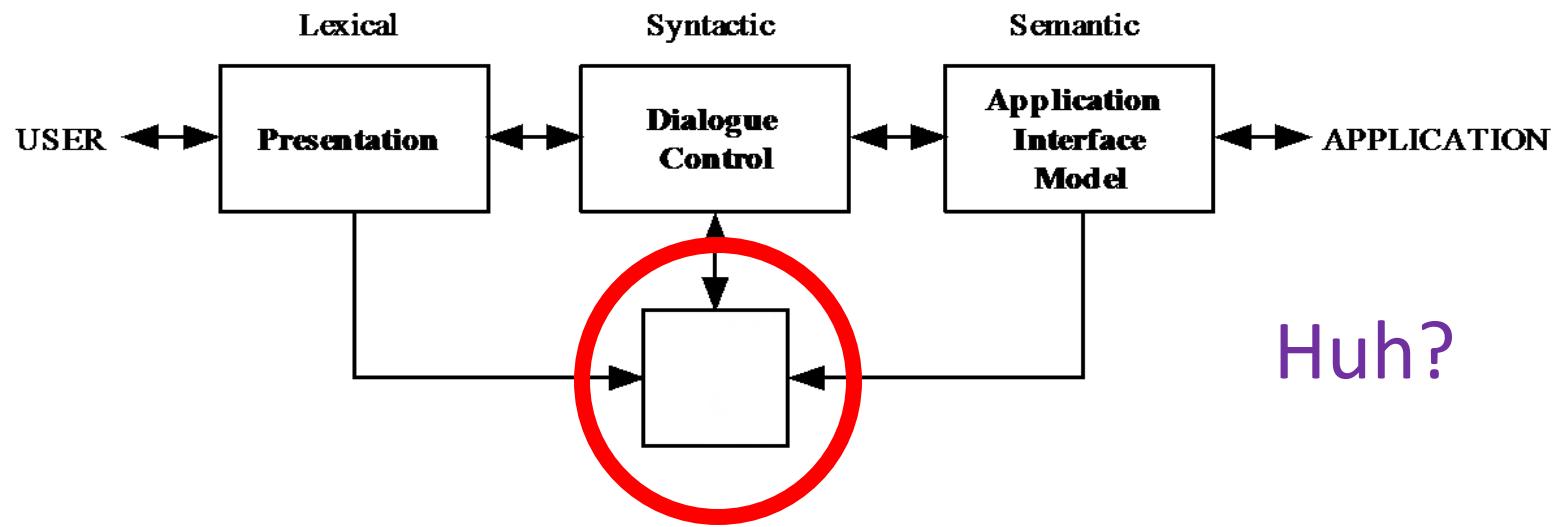
Defines interaction between  
interface and rest of software

e.g., drag-and-drop target highlighting

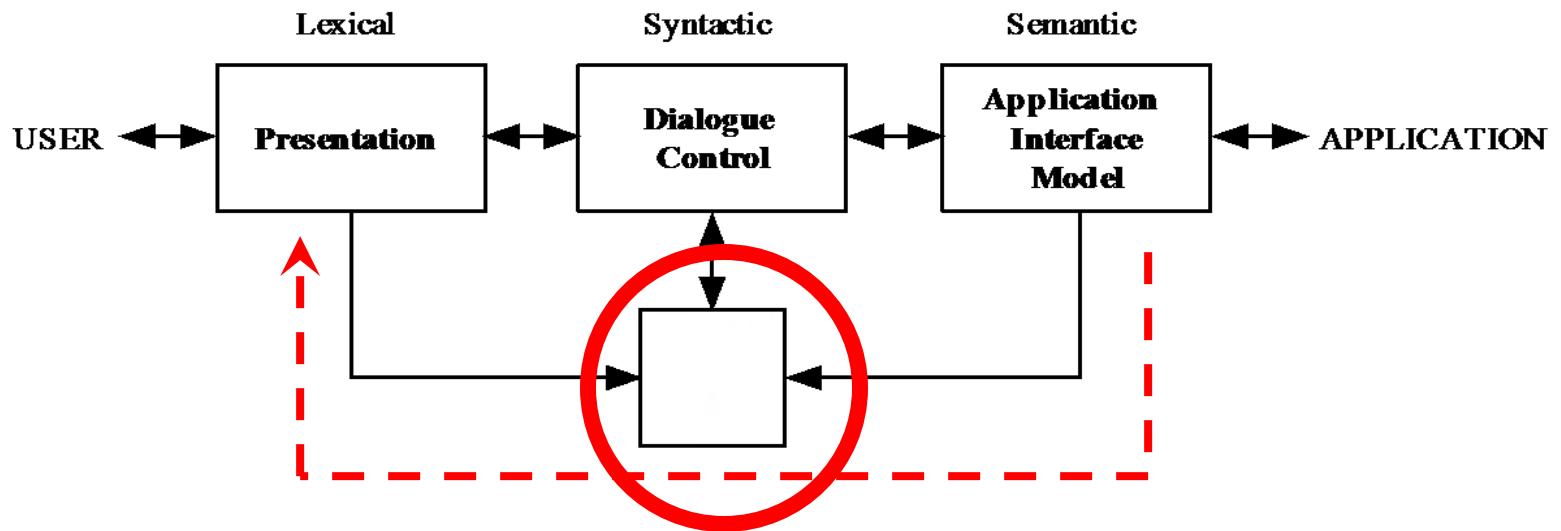
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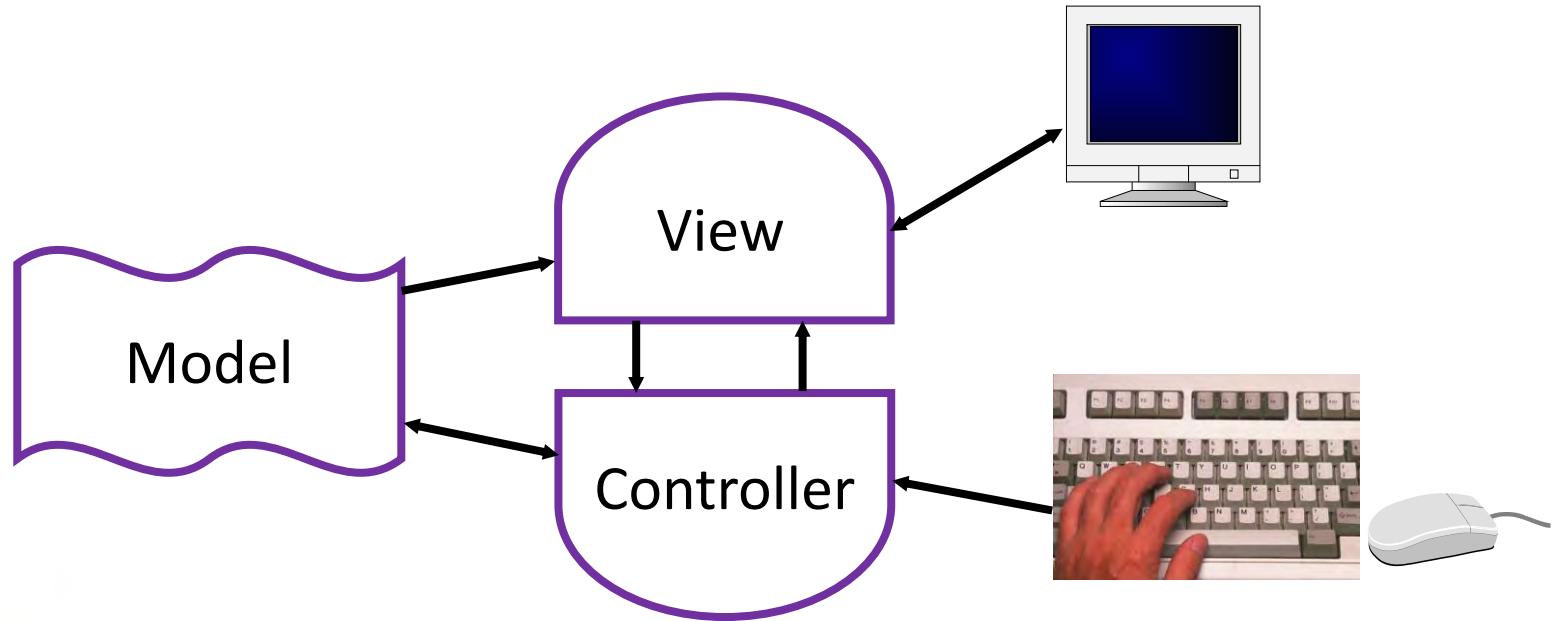
Rapid Semantic Feedback

In practice, all of the code goes in here

# Model-View-Controller

Introduced by Smalltalk developers at PARC

Partitions application to be scalable, maintainable



# View / Controller Relationship

In theory:

Pattern of behavior in response to input events (i.e., concerns of the controller) are independent of visual geometry (i.e., concerns of the view)

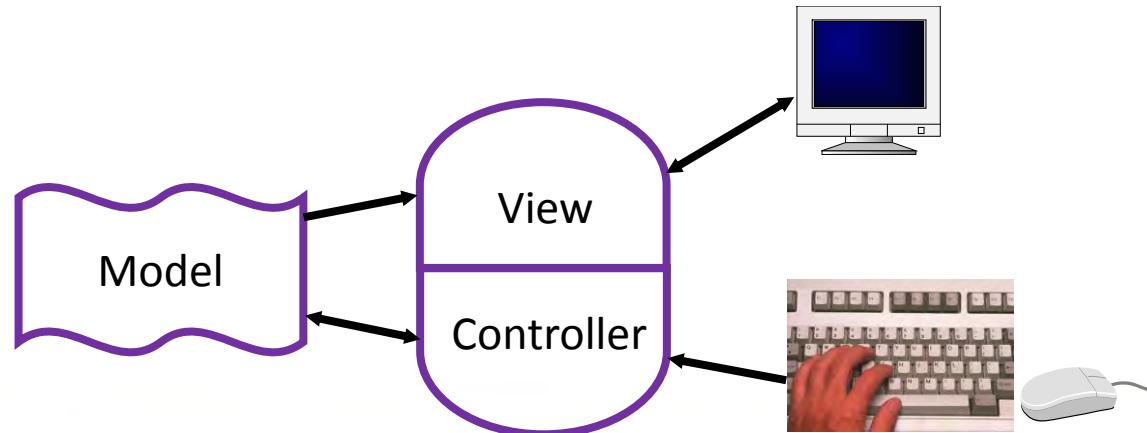
Controller contacts view to interpret what input events mean in context of a view (e.g., selection)

# View / Controller Relationship

In practice:

View and controller often tightly intertwined,  
almost always occur in matched pairs

Many architectures combine into a single class



# Model-View-Controller

MVC separates concerns and scales better than global variables or putting everything together

Separation eases maintenance

- Can add new fields to model,  
new views can leverage, old views will still work

- Can replace model without changing views

Separation of “business logic” can require care

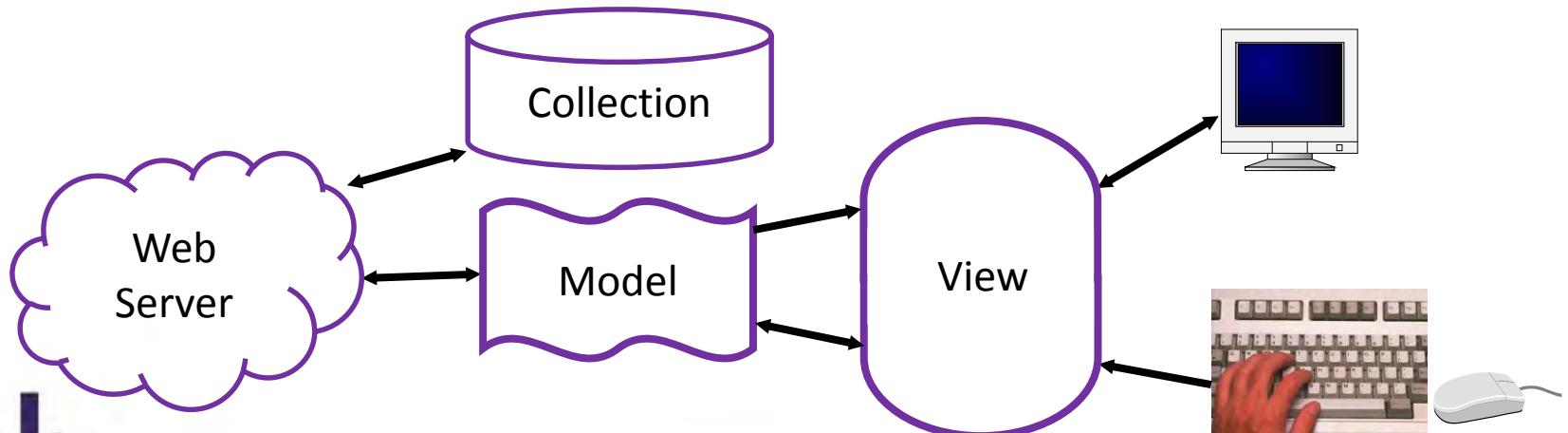
- May help to think of model as the client model

# Model-View-Collection on the Web

Core ideas manifest differently according to needs

For example, backbone.js implements client views of models, with REST API calls to web server

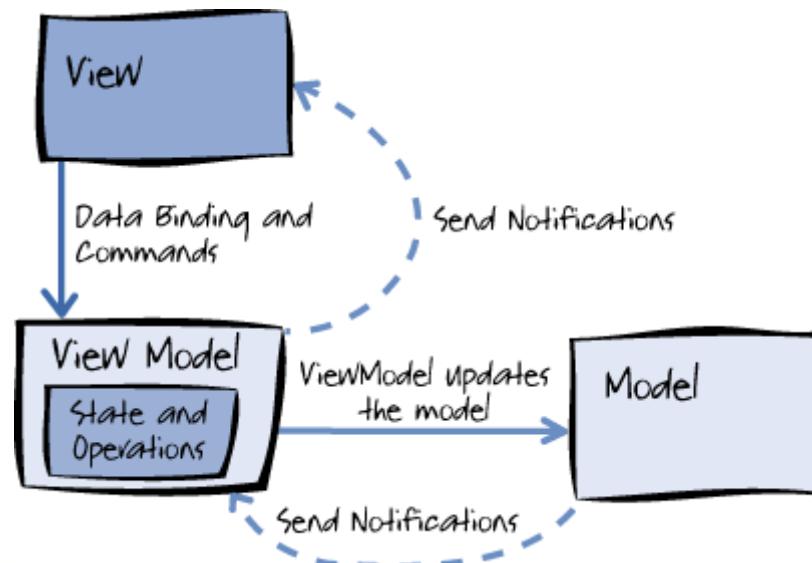
Web tools often implement views as templates



# Model View View-Model

Design to support data-binding  
by minimizing functionality in view

Also allows greater separation of expertise



# Tools and Interfaces

Why Interface Tools?

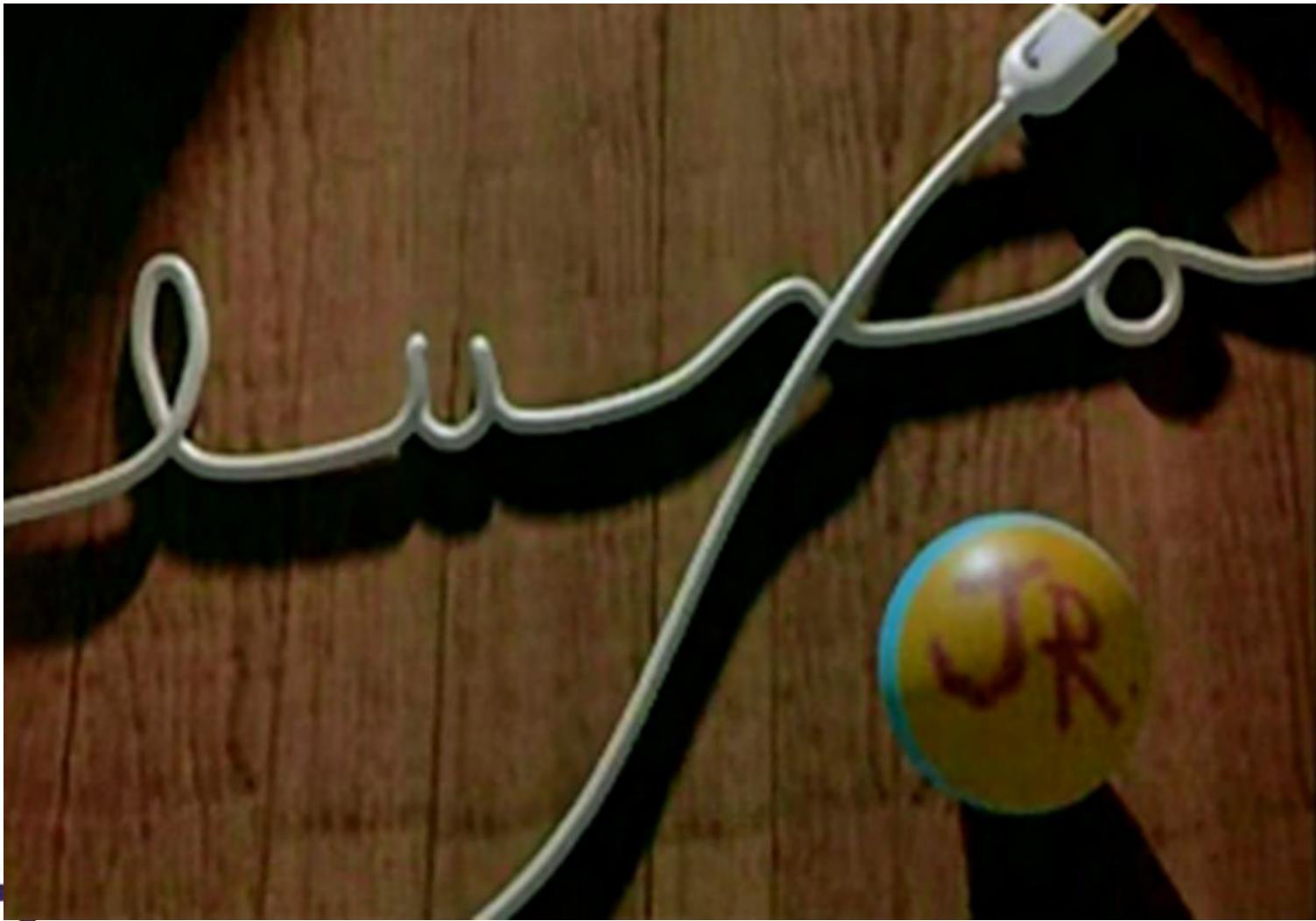
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# Animation Case Study

## Principles of Traditional Animation Applied to 3D Computer Animation

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### PRINCIPLES OF TRADITIONAL ANIMATION APPLIED TO 3D COMPUTER ANIMATION

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"There is no particular mystery in animation... it's really very simple, and like anything that is simple, it is about the hardest thing in the world to do." Bill Tyka at the Walt Disney Studio, June 28, 1937. [14]

#### ABSTRACT

This paper describes the basic principles of traditional 2D hand drawn animation and their application to 3D computer animation. After describing how these principles were derived, the fundamental principles are detailed, addressing their application in 2D hand drawn animation and their application to 3D computer animation. This should demonstrate the importance of these principles to qualify 3D computer animation.

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Early research in computer animation developed 2D animation techniques based on traditional animation. [7] Techniques such as storyboarding [11], keyframe animation, [4,5] rotoscoping, [16,22] scan/pins, and multiplane backgrounds [11] were used to apply the art of animation to the computer. As 3D computer animation systems matured, more resources were devoted to image rendering than to animation. Because 3D computer animation uses 3D models instead of 2D drawings, fewer techniques from traditional animation were applied. Early 3D animation systems were system based [6], followed by a few object-based approaches [23]. But these systems were developed by computers for internal use, and so very few traditionally trained animators found their way into 3D computer animation.

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The last two years have seen the appearance of reliable, user friendly, keyframe animation systems from such companies as Wavefront Technologies Inc., [29] Alias Research Inc., [2] Abel Image Research (RIB), [1] Verity Systems Inc., [28] Symbolics Inc., [25] and others. These systems will enable people to produce more high quality computer animation. Unfortunately, these systems will also enable people to produce more bad computer animation.

Much of this bad animation will be due to unfamiliarity with the fundamental principles that have been used for hand drawn character animation for over 50 years. Understanding these principles of traditional animation is essential to producing good computer animation. Such an understanding should also be important to the types we produce by these animators.

In this paper, I will explain the fundamental principles of traditional animation and how they apply to 3D keyframe computer animation.

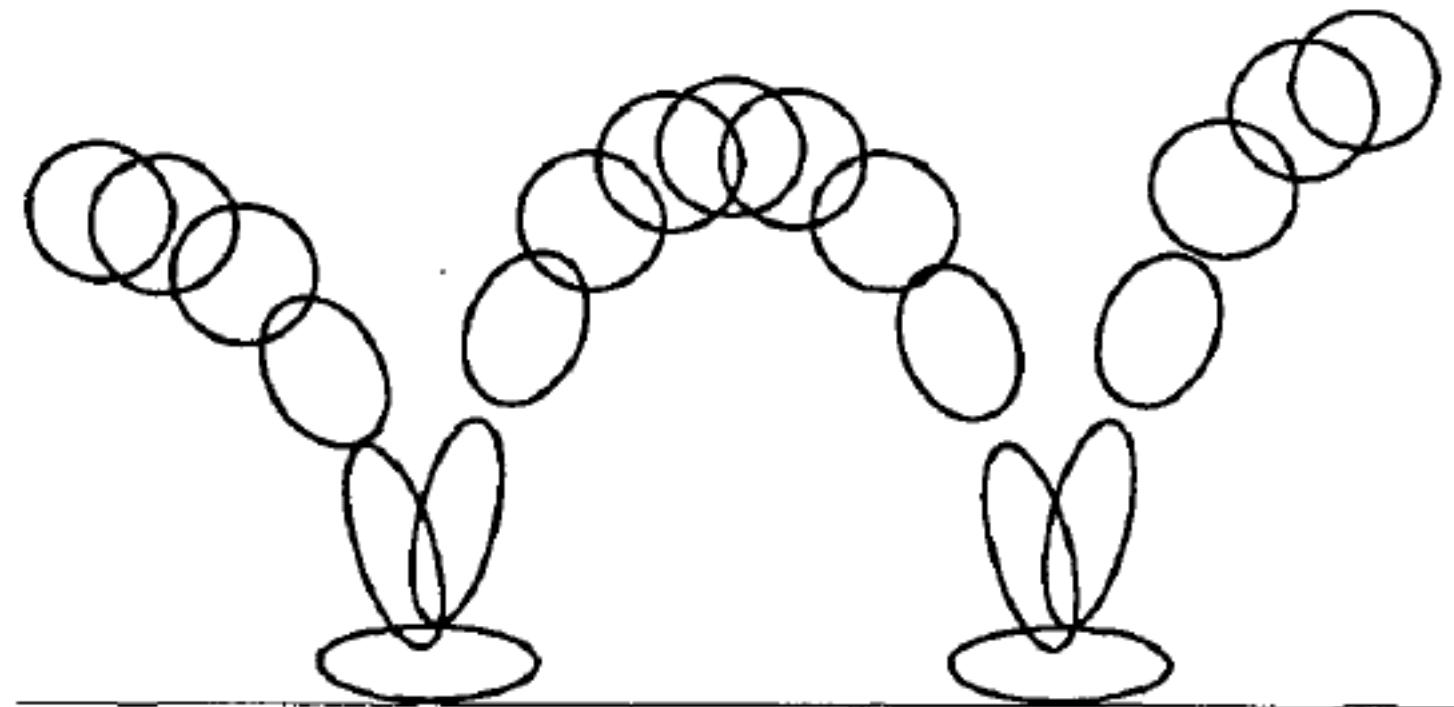
#### 2. PRINCIPLES OF ANIMATION

Between the late 1920's and the late 1930's animation grew from a novelty to an art form at the Walt Disney Studio. With every picture, actions became more complex and the characters were more at ease performing. Animators were enthusiastic and many of the animators were satisfied, however it was clear to Walt Disney that the level of animation and existing characters were not adequate to pursue new story lines - characters were limited to certain types of action and, audience acceptance notwithstanding, they were not appealing to the eye. It was decided to hire Disney the most experienced and highly regarded figure in a lifetime of animation. A new drawing approach was necessary to improve the level of animation exemplified by the *Three Little Pigs*. [10]

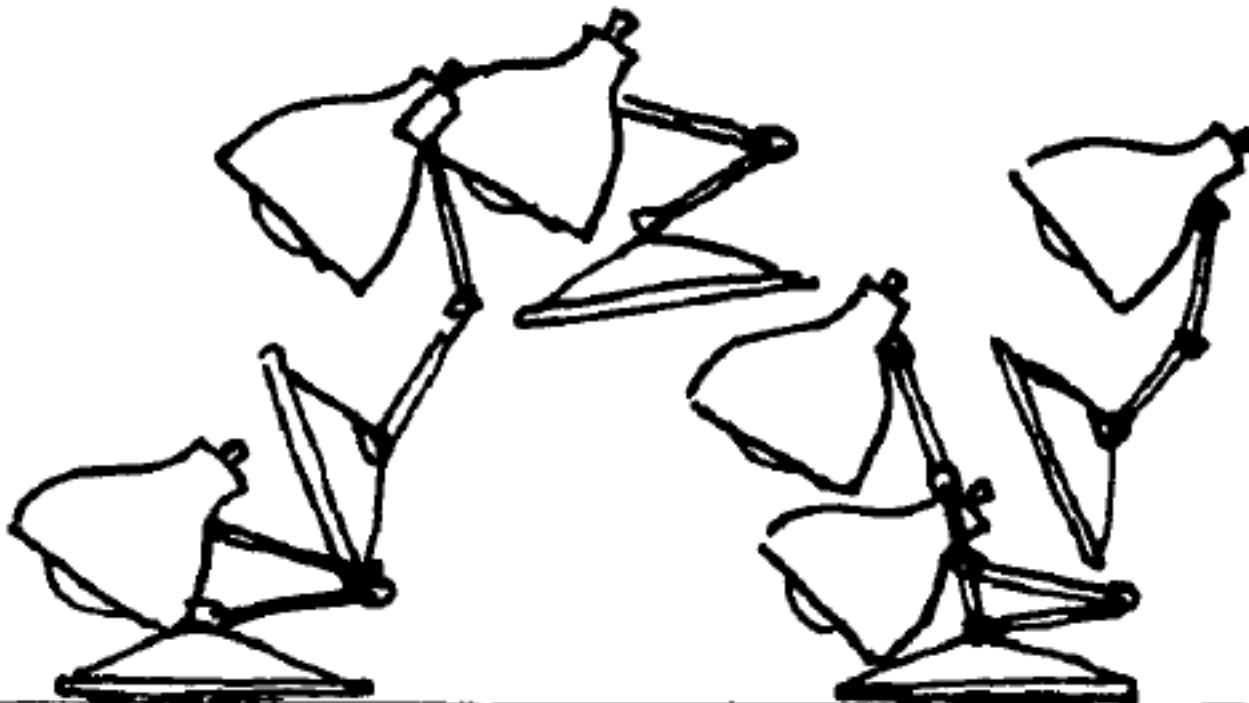
FIGURE 1. Luxo Jr.'s hop with overlapping action on cont. Flip pages from last page of paper to front. The top figures are frames 1-5, the bottom are frames 6-10.



# Squash and Stretch



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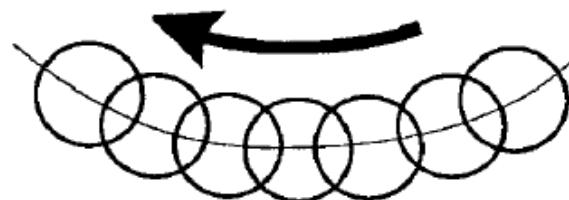


FIGURE 4a. In slow action, an object's position overlaps from frame to frame which gives the action a smooth appearance to the eye.

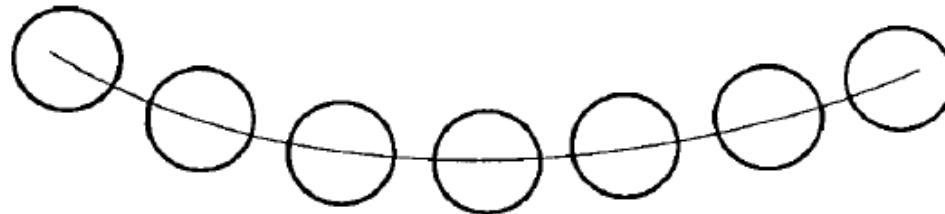


FIGURE 4b. Strobing occurs in a faster action when the object's positions do not overlap and the eye perceives separate images.

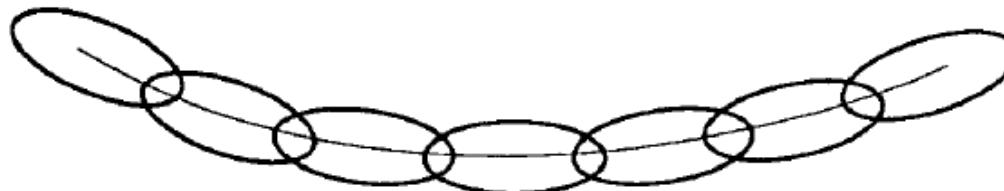


FIGURE 4c. Stretching the object so that it's positions overlap again will relieve the strobing effect.

# Timing

*Just two drawings of a head, the first showing it leaning toward the right shoulder and the second with it over on the left and its chin slightly raised, can be made to communicate a multitude of ideas, depending entirely on the Timing used. Each inbetween drawing added between these two "extremes" gives a new meaning to the action.*

*NO inbetweens..... The Character has been hit by a tremendous force. His head is nearly snapped off.*

*ONE inbetweens..... The Character has been hit by a brick, rolling pin, frying pan.*

*TWO inbetweens..... The Character has a nervous tic, a muscle spasm, an uncontrollable twitch.*

*THREE inbetweens.... The Character is dodging a brick, rolling pin, frying pan.*

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# Timing

*FOUR inbetweens..... The Character is giving a crisp order, "Get going!" "Move it!"*

*FIVE inbetweens..... The Character is more friendly, "Over here." "Come on-hurry!"*

*SIX inbetweens..... The Character sees a good looking girl, or the sports car he has always wanted.*

*SEVEN inbetweens..... The Character tries to get a better look at something.*

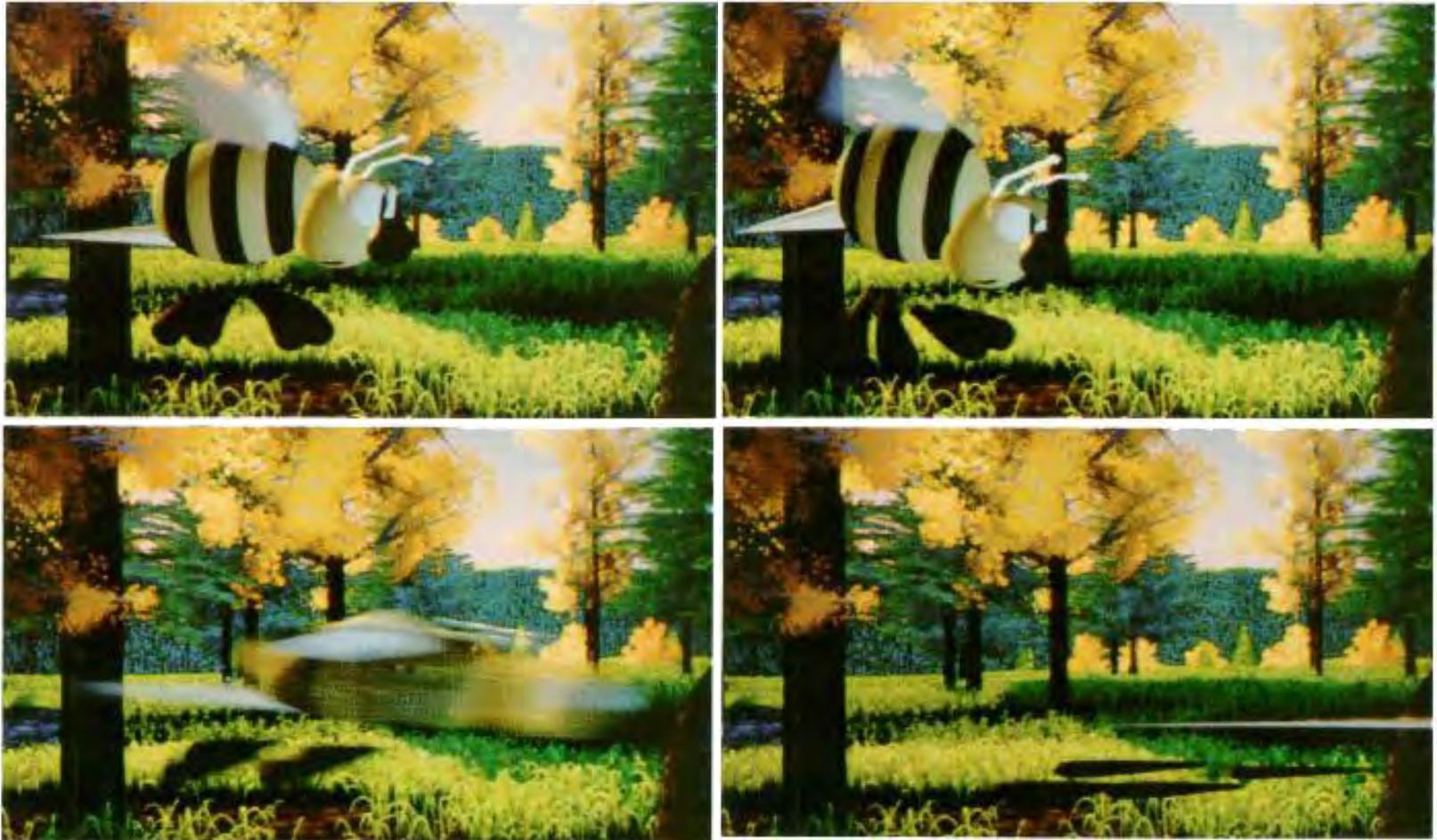
# Timing

*EIGHT inbetweens..... The Character searches for the peanut butter on the kitchen shelf.*

*NINE inbetweens.....The Character appraises, considering thoughtfully.*

*TEN inbetweens..... The Character stretches a sore muscle.*

# Anticipation



# Staging

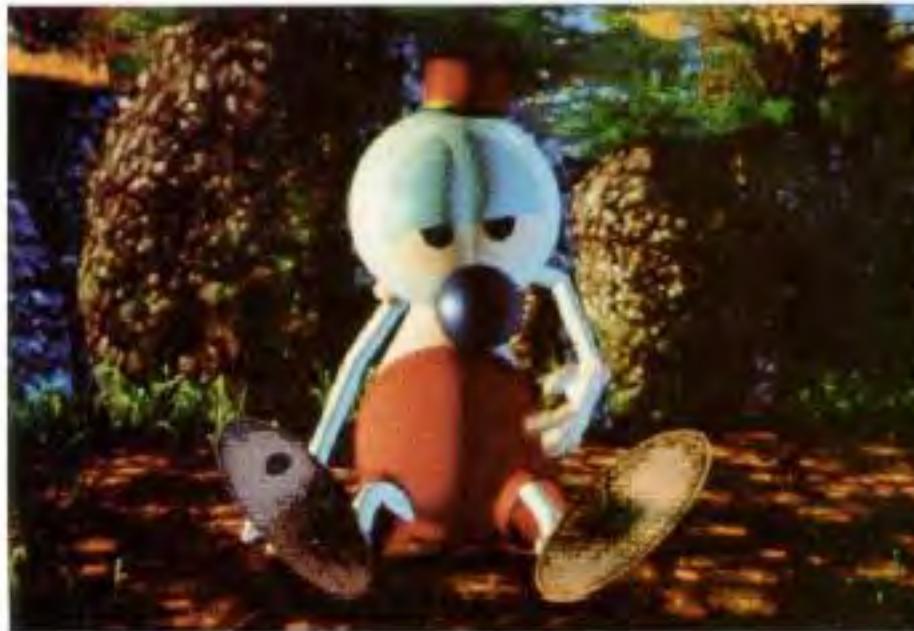


FIGURE 6. Andre's scratch was staged to the side (in "silhouette") for clarity and because that is where his itch was.

# Staging



FIGURES 7-8. In *Luxo Jr.*, all action was staged to the side for clarity.

# Follow Through, Overlap, Secondary



# Pose-to-Pose, Slow In, Slow Out

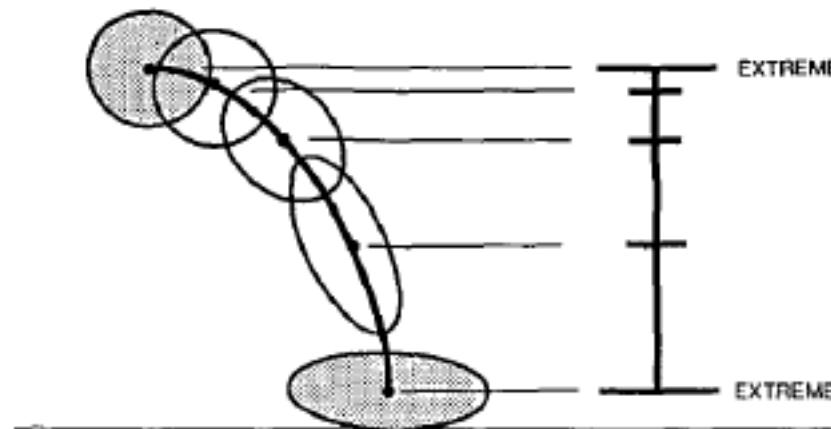
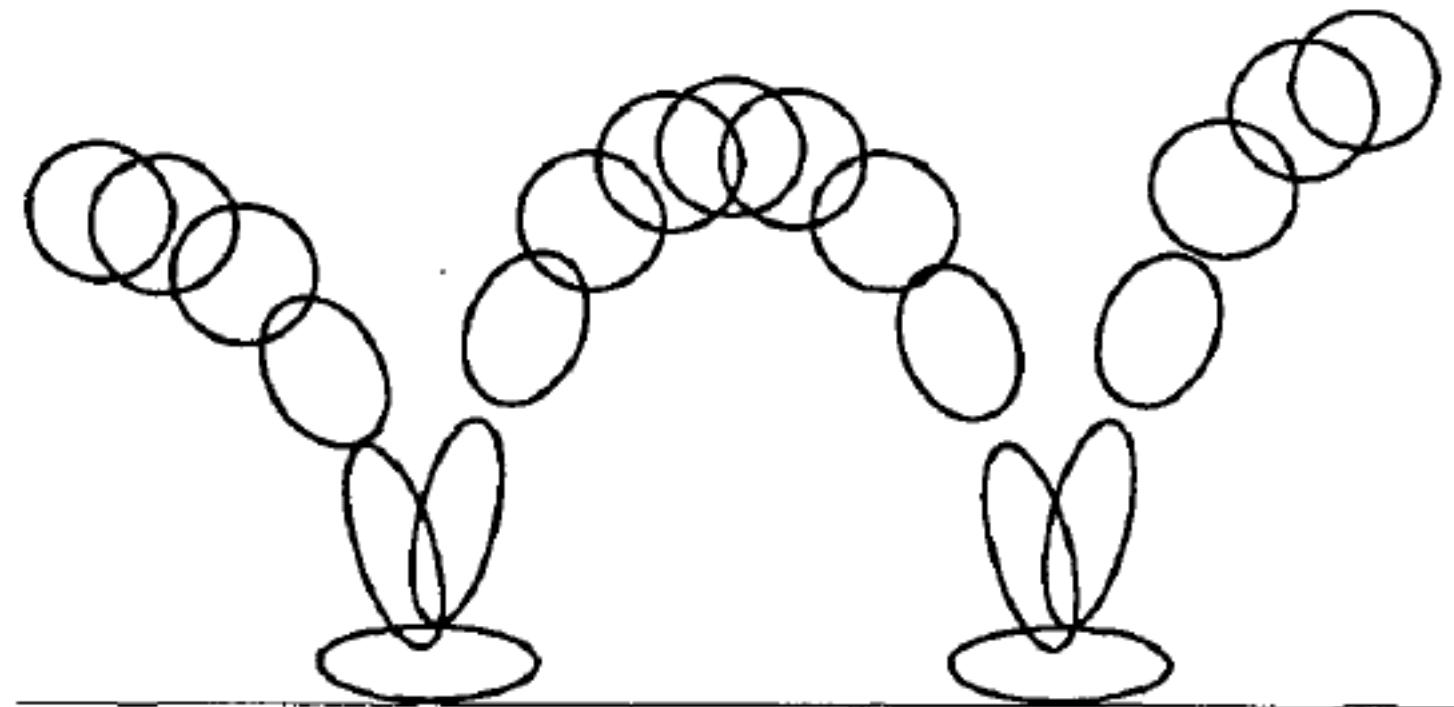


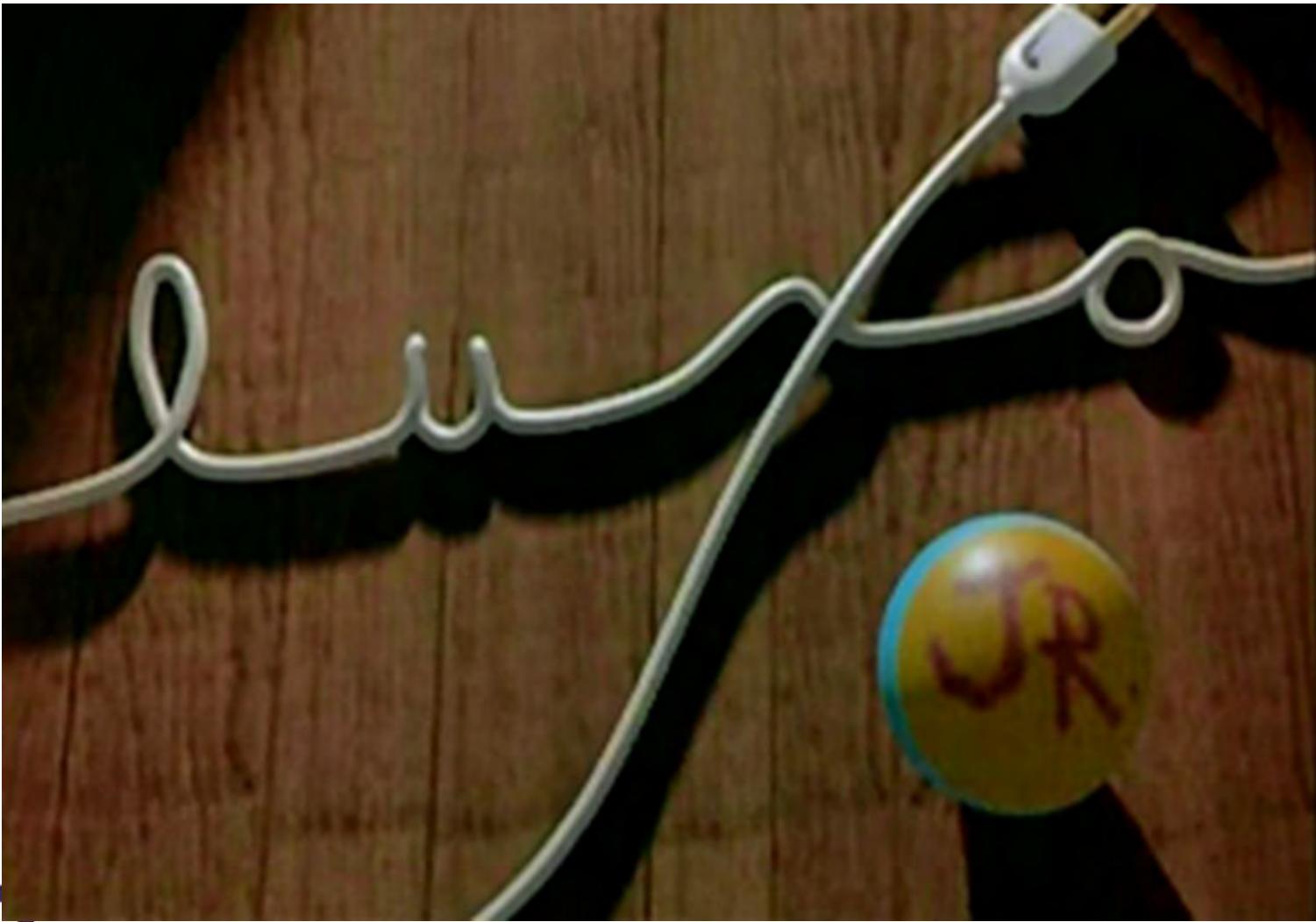
FIGURE 9. Timing chart for ball bounce.

Objects with mass must accelerate and decelerate  
Interesting frames are typically at ends,  
tweaks perception to emphasize these poses

# Arcs



# Luxor Jr.



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### Animation: From Cartoons to the User Interface

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*You must learn to respect that golden atom, that single frame of action, that 1/12th of a second, because the difference between lightning and the lightning bug may hinge on that single frame.*

—Chuck Jones [10]

#### ABSTRACT

User interfaces are often based on static presentations, a model ill suited for conveying change. Consequently, events on the screen frequently startle and confuse users. Cartoon animation, in contrast, is exceedingly successful at engaging its audience; even the most bizarre events are easily comprehended. The Self user interface has served as a testbed for the application of cartoon animation techniques as a means of making the interface easier to understand and more pleasant to use. Attention to timing and transient detail allows Self objects to move solidly. Use of cartoon-style motion blur allows Self objects to move quickly and still maintain their comprehensibility. Self objects arrive and depart smoothly, without sudden materializations and disappearances, and they rise to the front of overlapping objects. The characters in the displays synchronize motion with a small contrary motion and pause the middle of transitions faster than the endpoints results in smoother and clearer movements. Despite the differences between user interfaces and cartoons—cartoons are frivolous, passive entertainment and user interfaces are serious, interactive tools—cartoon animation has much to lend to user interfaces to realize both affective and cognitive benefits.

**KEYWORDS:** animation, user interfaces, cartoons, motion blur, Self

#### 1 INTRODUCTION

User interfaces are often based on static presentations—a series of displays each showing a new state of the system. Typically, there is much design that goes into the details of permission to copy without fee all or part of the article is granted to those who copy it for personal research or direct commercial advantage, the ACM copyright notice and the site of publication and its date appear, and notice is given that copying is subject to the terms of the Association for Computing Machinery. To copy otherwise, or to republish, requires a fee and/or specific permission.

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these tableaux, but less thought is given to the transitions between them. Visual changes in the user interface are sudden and often unexpected, surprising users and forcing them to mentally step away from their task in order to grapple with understanding what is happening in the interface itself.

When the user cannot visually track the changes occurring in the interface, the causal connection between the old state of the screen and the new state of the screen is not immediately clear. How are the objects now on the screen related to the ones which were there a moment ago? Are they the same objects, or have they been replaced by different objects? What changes are directly related to the user's actions, and which are incidental? To be able to efficiently and reliably interpret what has happened when the screen changes state, the user must be prepared with an expectation of what the screen will look like after the action. In the case of most interactions in unanimated interfaces, this expectation can only come by experiencing little in the interface or the action gives the user a clue about what will happen, what is happening, or what just happened.

For example, the Microsoft Windows interface [15] expands an icon to a window by eliminating the icon and drawing the window in the next instant. In this case, the static presentation of the screen with the icon the next to the screen with an expanded window. Much of the screen changes suddenly and without indication of the relationship between the old state and the new state. Current pop-up menus suffer from the same problem—one instant there is nothing there; the next instant a menu obscures part of the display.

Moving objects from one location to another is yet another example. Most current systems let the user move an outline of the object, and then, when the user is finished the move, the screen suddenly changes in two places: the object in the old location vanishes and the object appears in the new location. Sudden change, flash of the screen, no hint how the two states are related: the user must compare the current state and the preceding state and deduce the connection.

Users overcome obstacles like these by experience. The first few encounters are the worst; eventually users learn the behavior of the interface and come to interact with it efficiently. Yet while some of the cognitive load of

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# Frames Three Principles

## Solidity

Desktop objects should appear to be solid objects

## Exaggeration

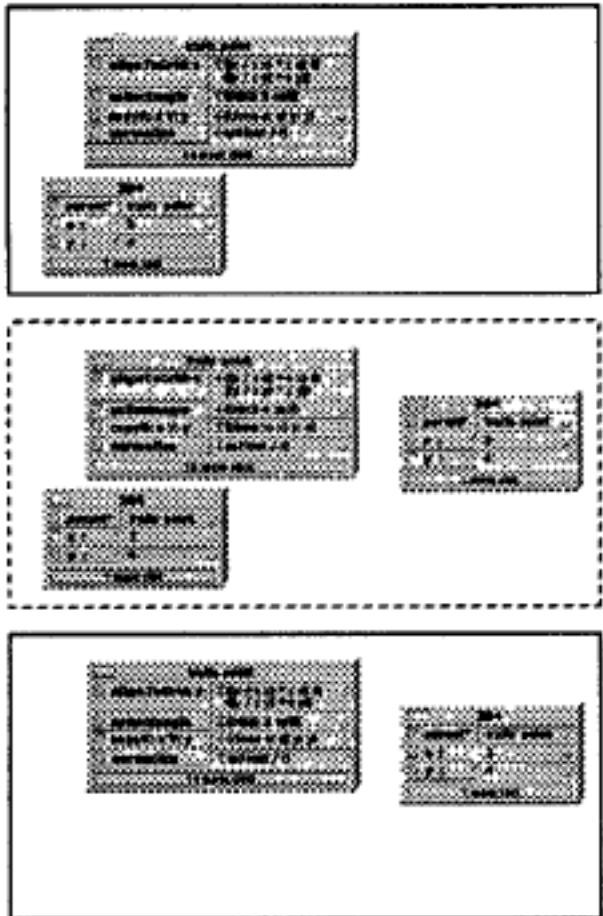
Exaggerate physical actions to enhance perception

## Reinforcement

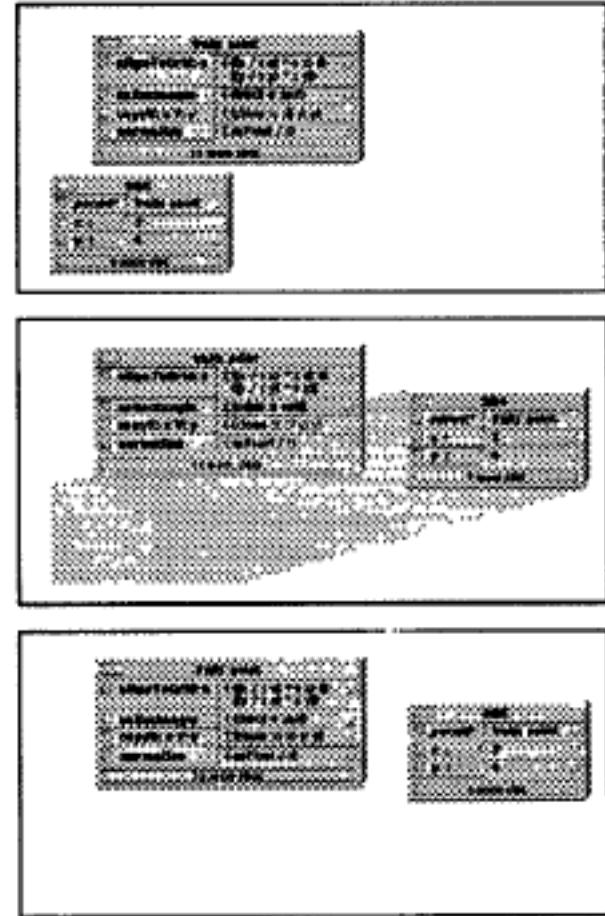
Use effects to drive home feeling of reality

# Solidity: Motion Blur

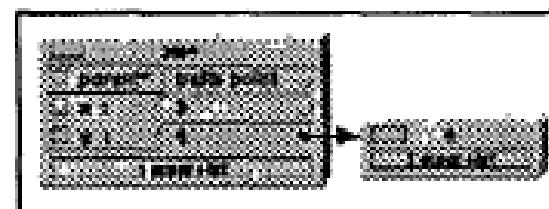
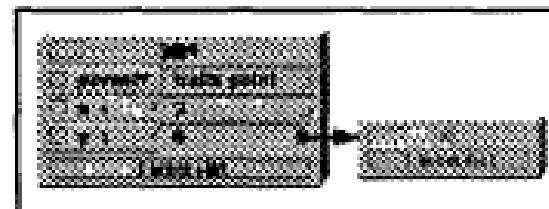
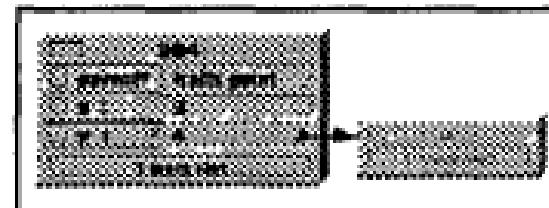
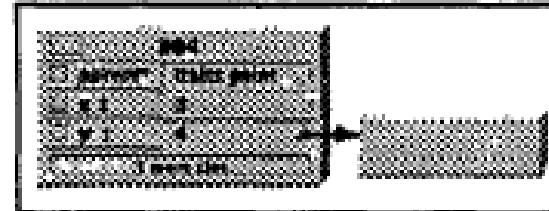
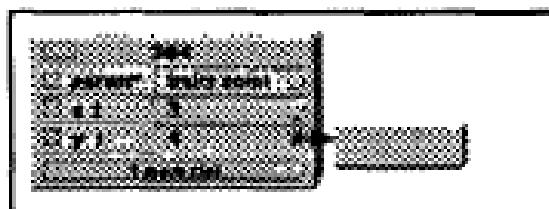
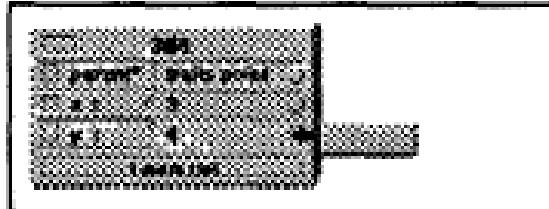
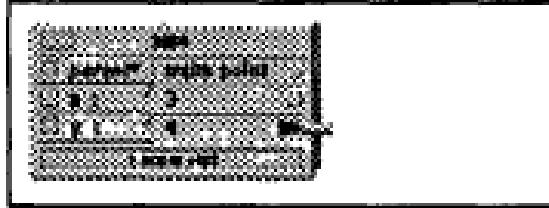
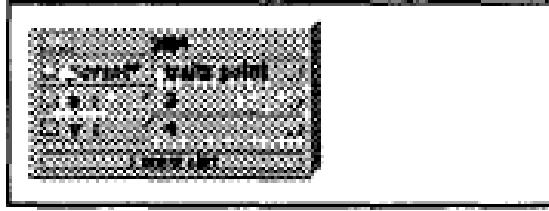
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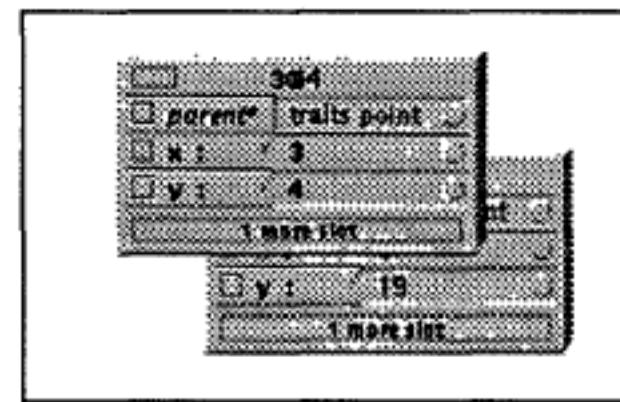
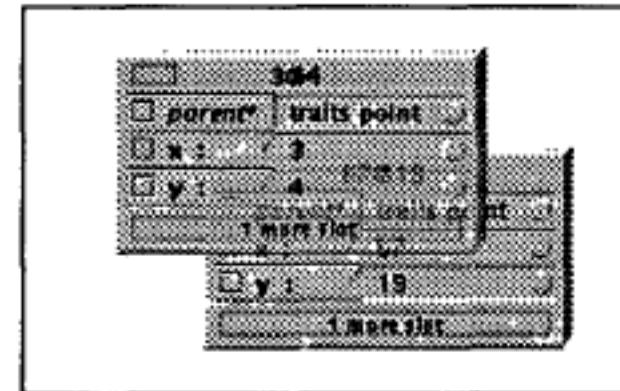
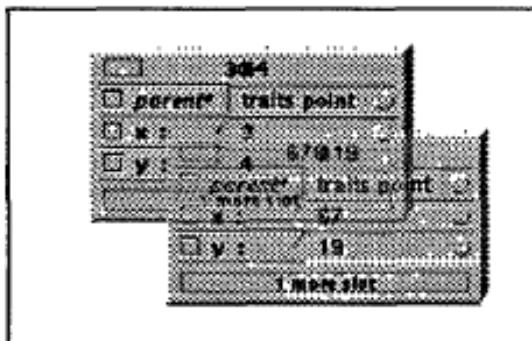
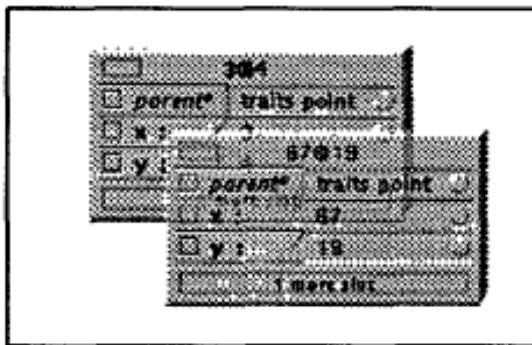
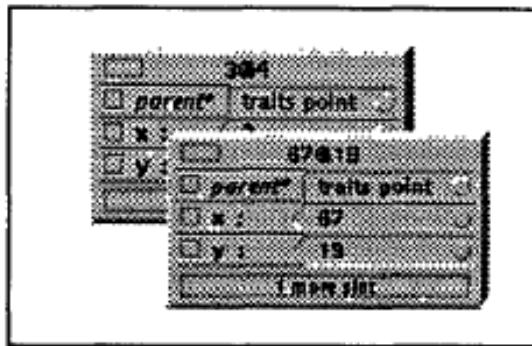
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# Solidity: Arrival and Departure



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# Exaggeration: Anticipation

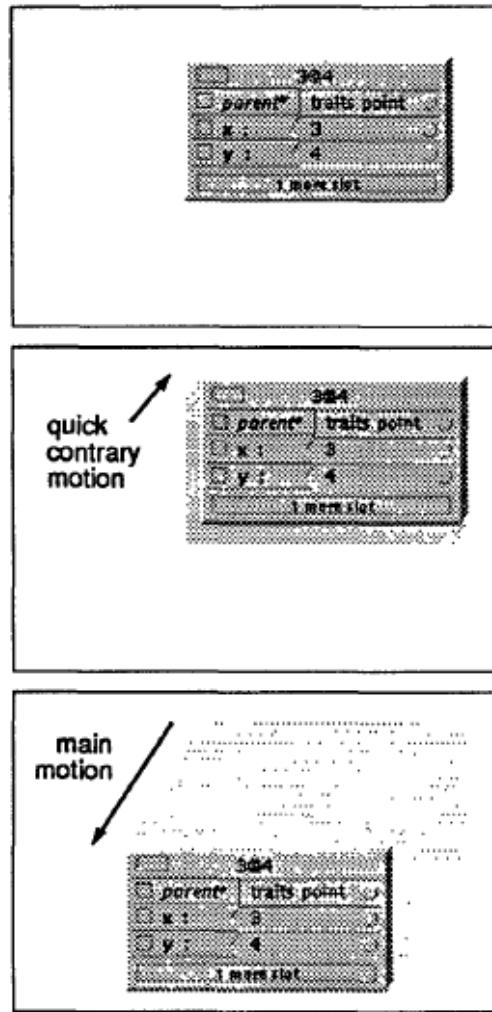


Figure 7. Objects anticipate major actions with a quick contrary motion that draws the user eye to the object in preparation for the main motion to come.

# Reinforcement: Slow In Slow Out

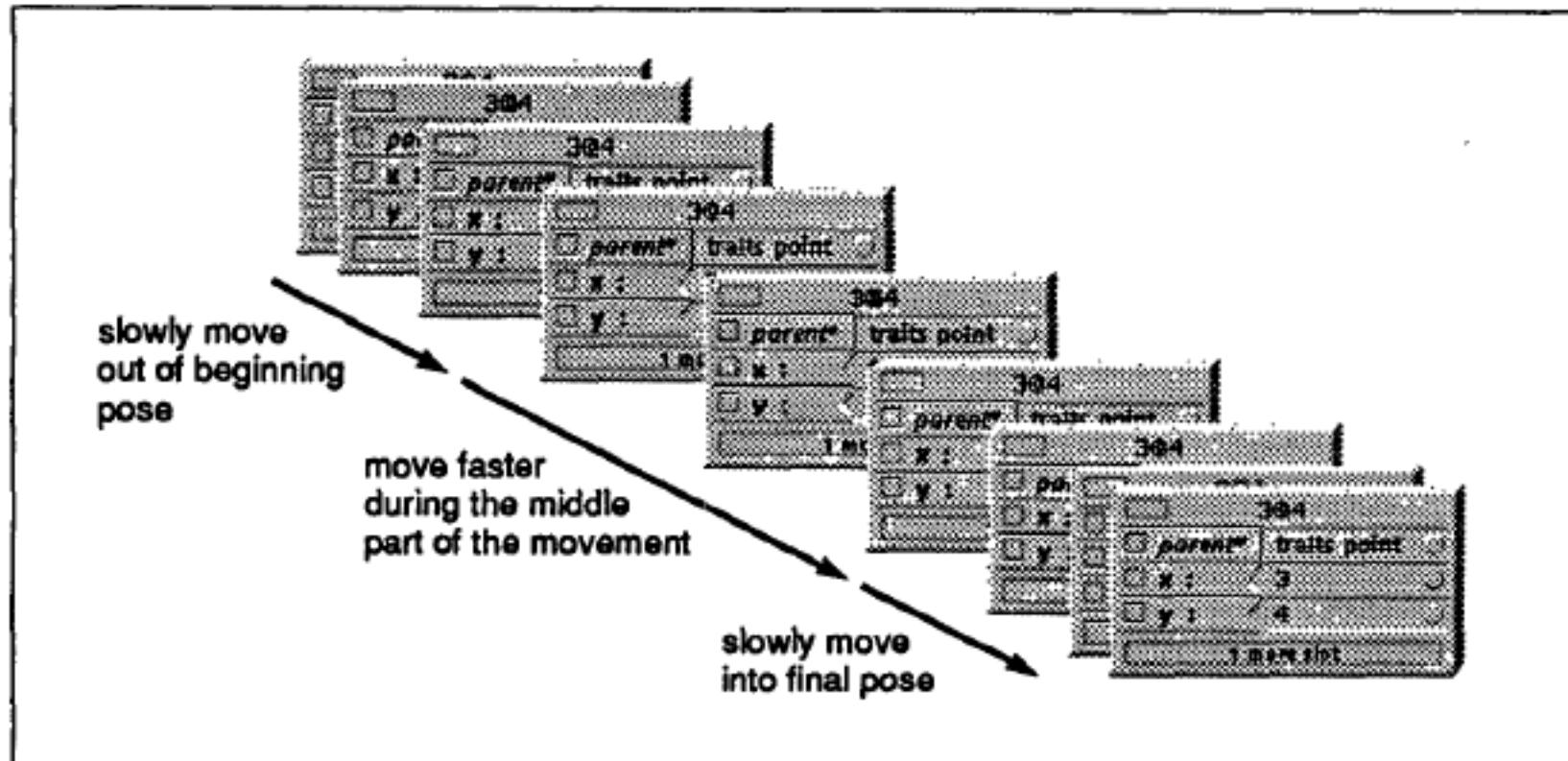
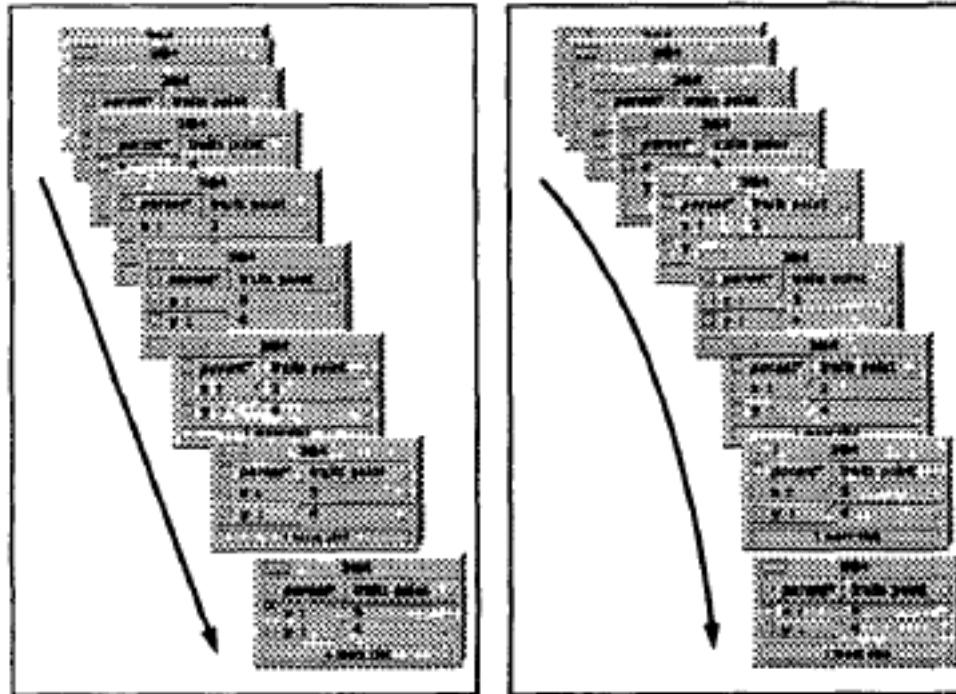


Figure 8. Objects ease out of their beginning poses and ease into their final poses. Although these motions are slower than that during the main portion of the movement, they are still quite fast.

# Reinforcement: Arcs



**Figure 9.** When objects travel under their own power (non-interactively), they move in arcs rather than straight lines.

# Reinforcement: Follow Through

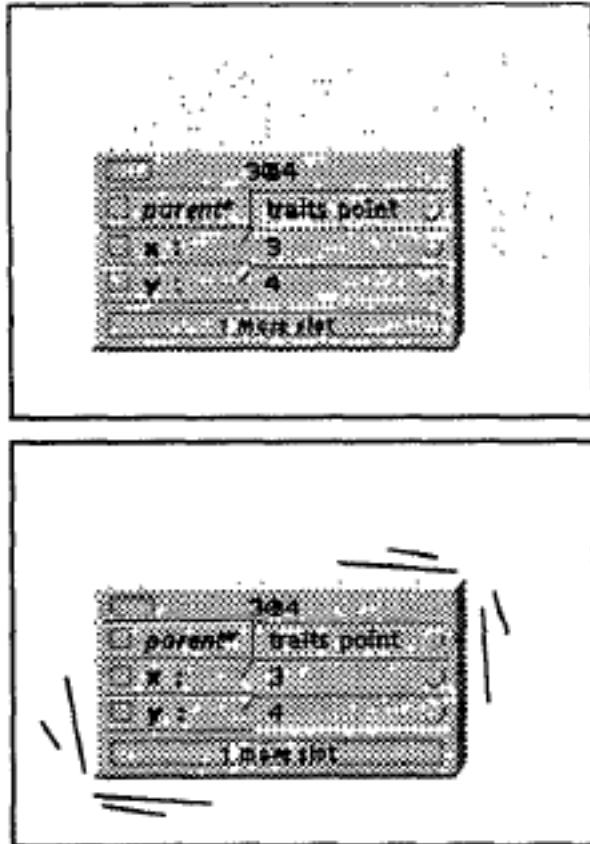


Figure 10. When objects come to a stop after moving on their own, they exhibit follow through in the form of wiggling back and forth quickly. This is just suggested by the "wiggle lines" in the figure—in actuality, the object moves back and forth, with motion blur.

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#### ABSTRACT

Animation can be a very effective mechanism to convey information in visualization and user interface settings. However, integrating animated presentations into user interfaces has typically been a difficult task since, to date, there has been little or no explicit support for animation in window systems or user interface toolkits. This paper describes how the Arkit user interface toolkit has been extended with new animation support abstractions designed to overcome this problem. These abstractions provide a powerful but convenient base for building a range of animations, supporting techniques such as simple motion-blur, "squash and stretch", use of arcing trajectories, anticipation and follow through, and "slow-in / slow-out" transitions. Because these abstractions are provided by the toolkit they are reusable and may be freely mixed with more conventional user interface techniques. In addition, the Arkit implementation of these abstractions is robust in the face of systems (such as the X Window System and Unix) which can be ill-behaved with respect to timing considerations.

**Keywords:** object-oriented user interface toolkits, window systems, animation techniques, dynamic interfaces, motion blur, real-time scheduling.

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#### 1 INTRODUCTION

Human perceptual capabilities provide a substantial ability to quickly form and understand models of the world from moving images. As a result, in a well designed display, information can often be much more easily comprehended in a moving scene than in a single static image or even a sequence of static images. For example, the "cone tree" display described in [Robe93] provides a clear illustration that the use of continuous motion can allow much more information to be presented and understood more easily.

However, even though the potential benefits of animation in user interfaces have been recognized for some time ([Baez90] for example, surveys a number of uses for animation in the interface and cites their benefits) and [Stask93] reviews principles for using animation in interfaces and describes a number of systems that make extensive use of animation in an interface), explicit support for animation is rarely, if ever, found in user interface support environments. The work described in this paper is designed to overcome this problem by showing how flexible, robust, and reusable support for animation can be incorporated into a full scale object-oriented user interface toolkit. Specifically, this paper describes how the extension mechanisms of Arkit—the Advanced Reusable Toolkit (supporting interfaces in C++) [Henr90]—have been employed to smoothly integrate animation support with other user interface capabilities.

The animation abstractions provided by the Arkit systems are designed to be powerful and flexible—providing basic support that can be used to build a range of sophisticated techniques such as: simple motion-blur, "squash and stretch", use of arcing

# Events and Animation

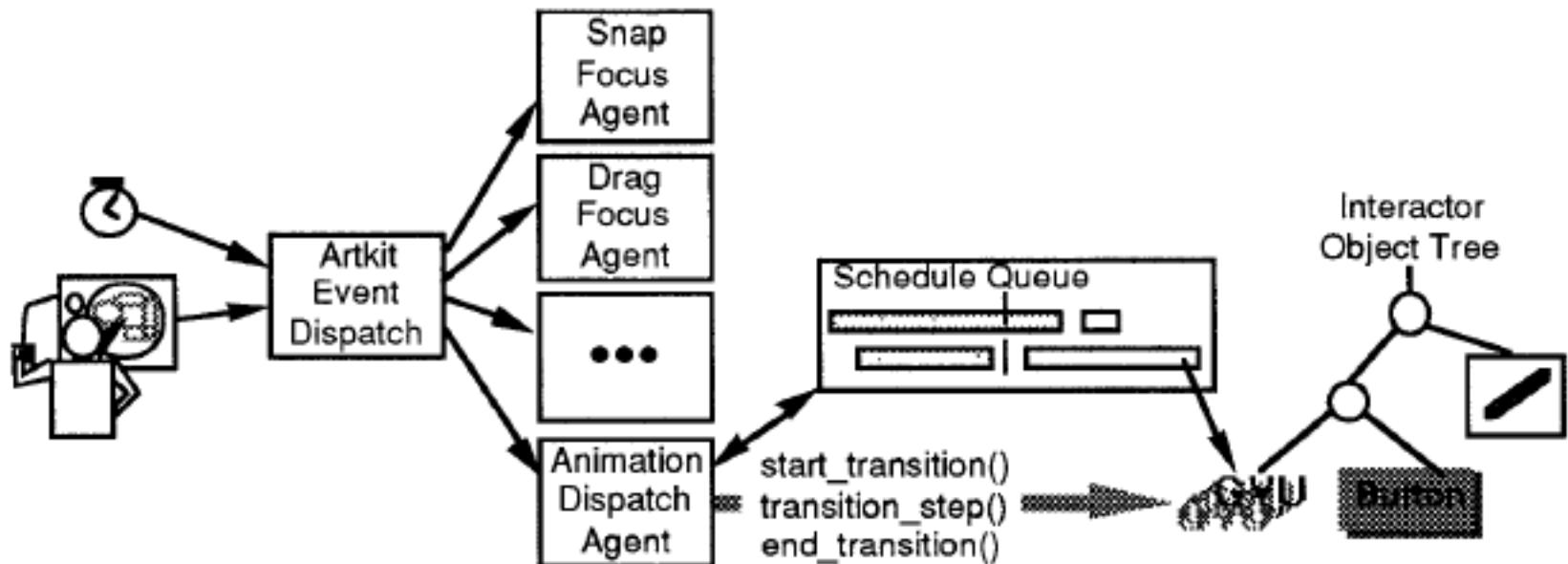


Figure 5. Animation Event Translation and Dispatch

# Not Just an Implementation

Provides tool abstractions for implementing previously presented styles of animation

Overcomes a fundamental clash of approaches

Event loop receives input, processes, repaints

Animations expect careful control of frames, but the event loop has variable timing

# Events and Animation

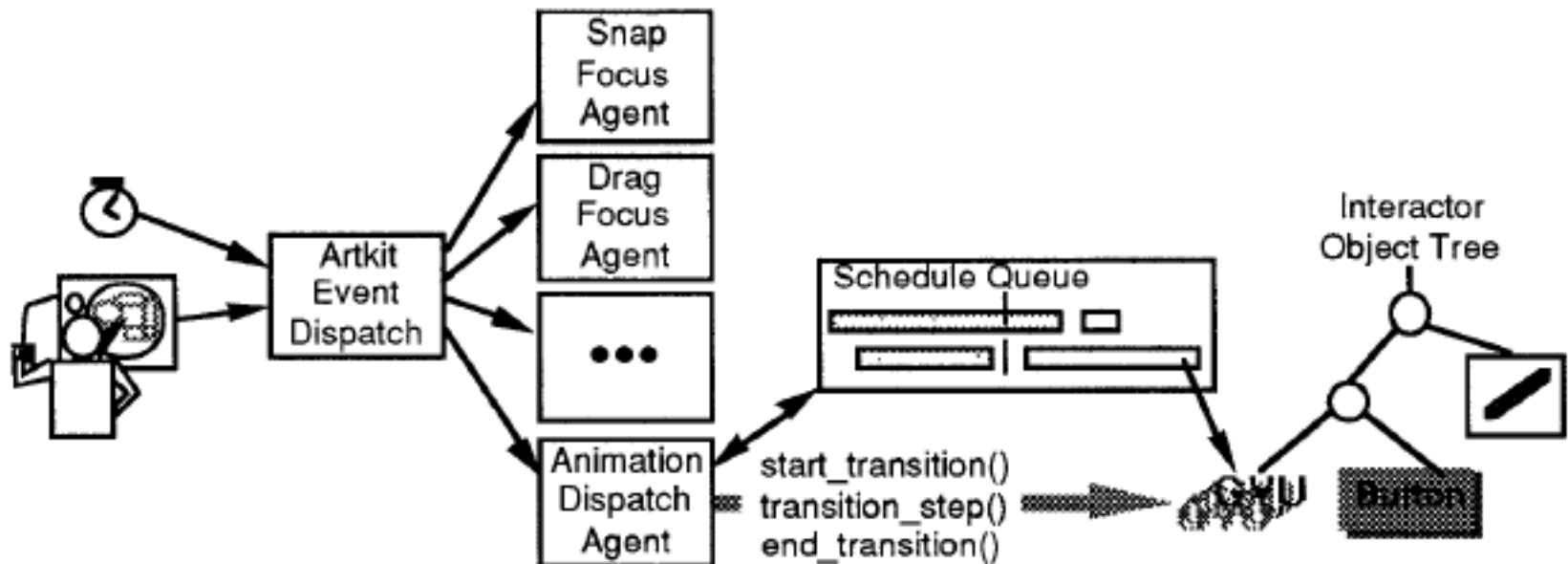


Figure 5. Animation Event Translation and Dispatch

# Transition Object

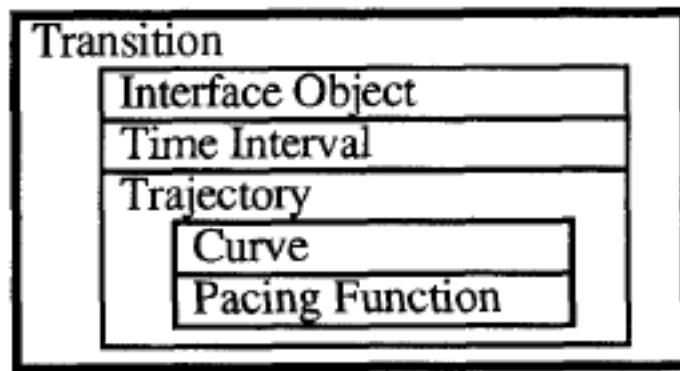


Figure 3. Parts of a Transition Object

# Pacing Function

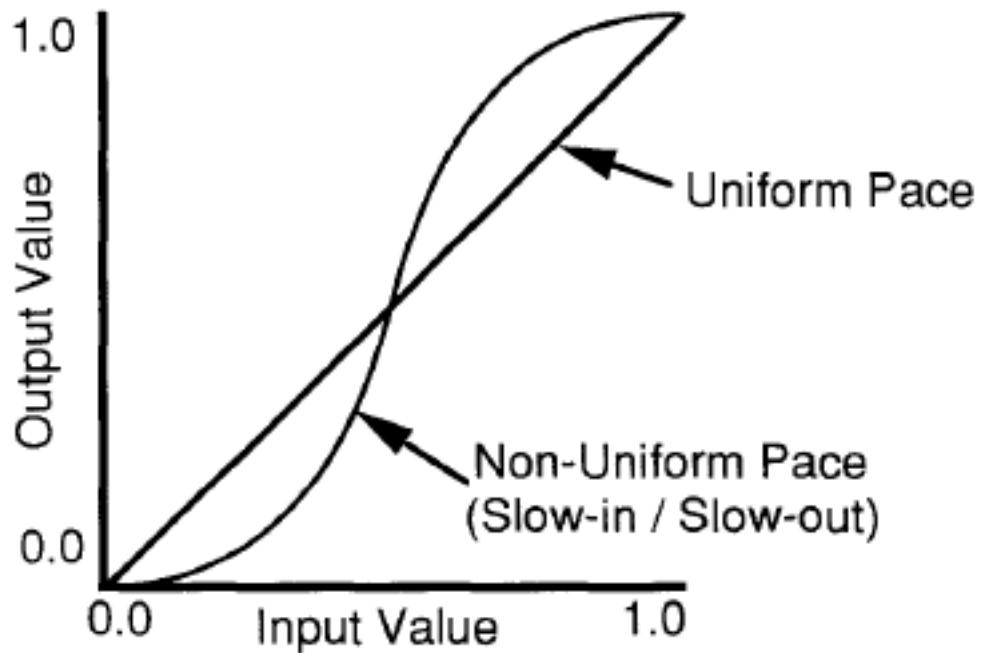


Figure 4. Two Example Pacing Functions

# Computing a Frame

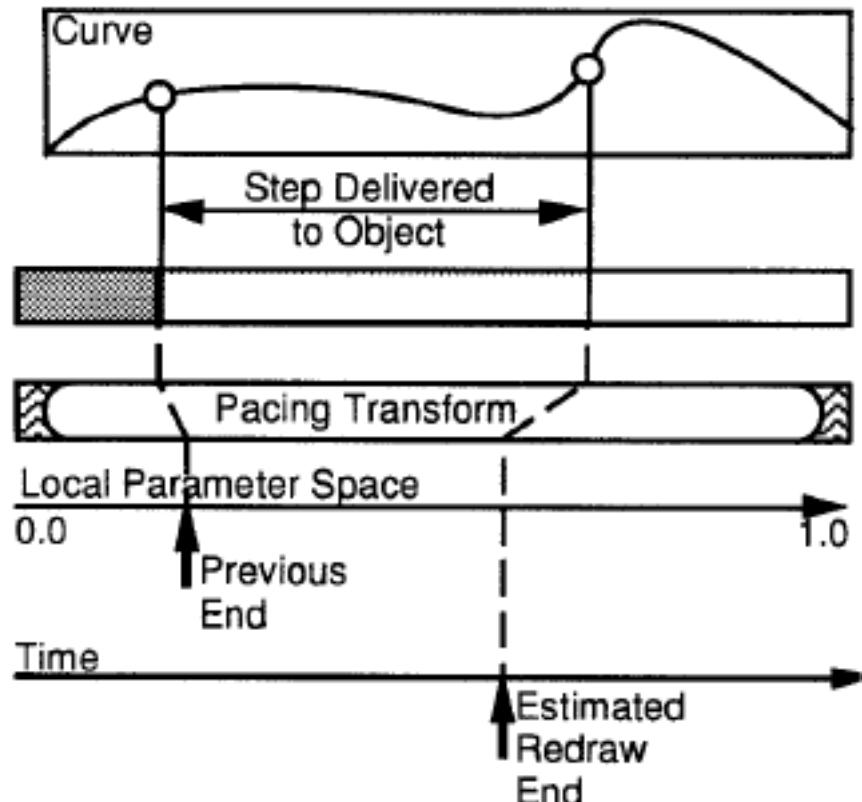


Figure 8. Translation from Time to Space

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Based on increased understanding of how animation should be done in the interface, increasingly mature tools develop

Now built into major commercial toolkits (e.g., Microsoft's WPF, JavaFX, jQuery)

Once mature, begins to be used as a building block in even more complex behaviors

# Animation Case Study

## The Kinetic Typography Engine: An Extensible System for Animating Expressive Text

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### The Kinetic Typography Engine: An Extensible System for Animating Expressive Text

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#### ABSTRACT

*Kinetic typography* – text that uses movement or other temporal change – has recently emerged as a new form of communication. As we hope to illustrate in this paper, kinetic typography can be seen as bringing some of the expressive power of film such as its ability to convey emotion, portray compelling characters and visually direct attention, to the strong communicative properties of text. Although kinetic typography offers substantial promise for expressive communication, it has not been fully exploited outside a few limited application areas (most notably in TV advertising). One of the reasons for this has been the lack of tools directly supporting it, and the accompanying difficulties in creating dynamic text. This paper presents a first step in remedying this situation – an extensible and robust system for animating text in a wide variety of forms. By supporting an appropriate set of carefully factored abstractions, this engine provides a relatively small set of components that can be plugged together to create a wide range of different expressions. It provides new techniques for automating effects used in traditional cartoon animation, and provides specific support for typographic manipulations.

**KEYWORDS:** kinetic typography, dynamic text, time-based presentation, automating animation effects

#### INTRODUCTION

The written word is one of humanity's most powerful and significant inventions. For over 4000 years, its basic communicative purpose has not changed. However, the method in which written communication is authored and presented has never stopped evolving. From cuneiform markings on clay tablets, to pen and parchment, to the Gutenberg press, to computers and the Internet, technology has always provided text with new mediums to express itself. The explosion of available computing power has added a new possibility: *kinetic typography* – text that moves or otherwise changes over time.

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Kinetic typography can be seen as a vehicle for adding some of the properties of film to that of text. For example, kinetic typography can be effective in conveying a speaker's tone of voice, qualities of character, and affective (emotional) qualities of text [Jordy01]. It may also allow for a different kind of engagement with the viewer than static text, and in some cases, may explicitly direct or manipulate the attention of the viewer.

In fact, the first known use of kinetic typography appeared in film – specifically, Saul Bass' opening credit sequence for Hitchcock's *North by Northwest* [Bass59] and later *Psycho* [Bass60]. This work stemmed in part from a desire to have the opening credits set the stage for the film by establishing a mood, rather than simply conveying the information of the credits. Use of kinetic typography is now commonplace for this purpose, and is also very heavily used in TV advertising where its ability to convey emotive content and direct the user's attention is generally a good match to the goals of advertising. We believe that if it can be made accessible via good tools, the power of kinetic typography can also be applied to benefit other areas of digital communications.

A second origin for time-based presentation of text comes independently from psychological studies of perception and reading. For example, [Tallal87] studies perceptual effects of a number of text presentations, such as scrolling text. One of the more fruitful of these is a method known as *Rapid Serial Visual Presentation* (RSVP), where text is displayed one word at a time in a fixed position [Post84]. Studies have shown that, because scanning eye movements are unnecessary when using RSVP, it can result in rapid reading without a need for special training. In addition, RSVP techniques provide advantages for designers because they allow words to be treated independently without regard to effects on adjacent text elements. Finally, RSVP can be seen as a means for trading time for space, potentially allowing large bodies of text to be shown at readable sizes on small displays.

Figures 1-3 illustrate some of the things that kinetic typography can do. (Please refer to the video proceedings for dynamic renditions of these figures.) Figure 1 shows two different renditions of the same words expressing a different emotional tone. As described by Ishizaki [Ishi97],

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## Goals of Kinetic Type

Emotional content

Creation of characters

Direction of attention

Based on existing work

## Animation Composition

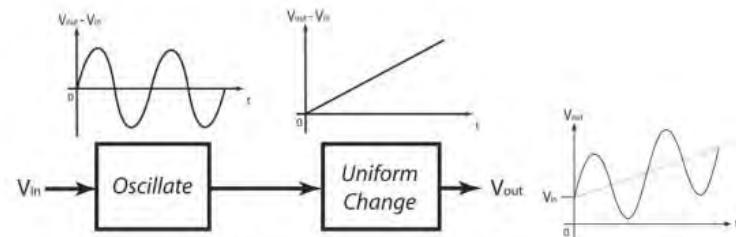


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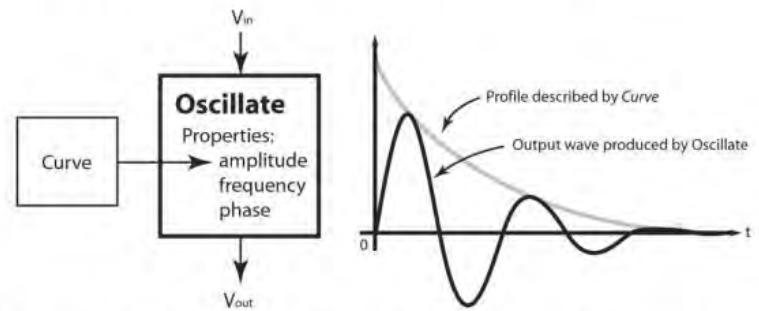


Figure 7. Waveform scaling by functional composition with amplitude

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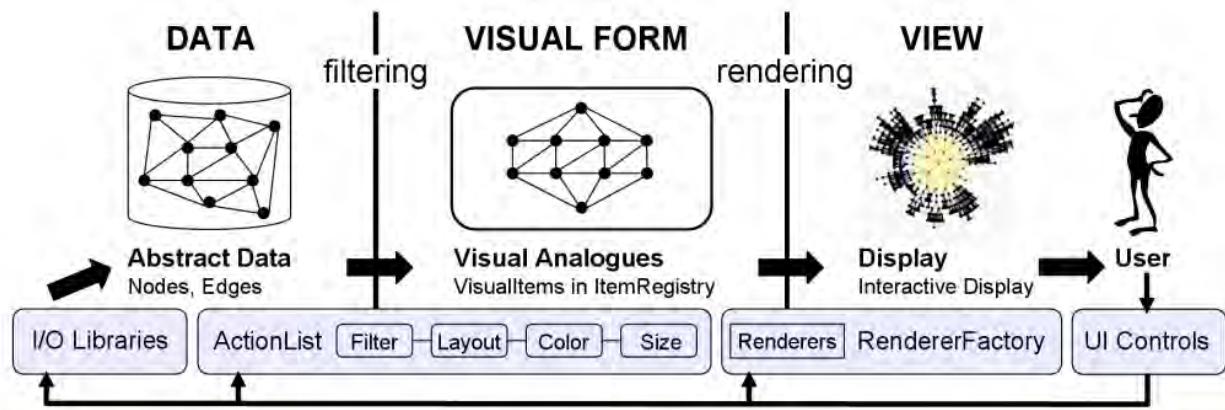
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# Tools and Interfaces

Why Interface Tools?

Case Study of Model-View-Controller

Case Study of Animation

Sapir-Whorf Hypothesis

Thoughtfulness in Tools

# Sapir-Whorf Hypothesis

Language is not simply a way of voicing ideas, but is the very thing which shapes those ideas

Tools not only make it easy to build certain types of software, they push you to think in terms of the types of software they can support

You must be aware of this when choosing tools, designing applications, and creating new tools

# Animation Case Study

## Phosphor: Explaining Transitions in the User Interface Using Afterglow Effects

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#### ABSTRACT

Sometimes users fail to notice a change that just took place on their display. For example, the user may have accidentally deleted an icon or a remote collaborator may have changed settings in a control panel. Animated transitions can help, but they force users to wait for the animation to complete. This can be cumbersome, especially in situations where users did not need an explanation. We propose a different approach: Phosphor objects show the outcome of their transition instantly, at the same time they explain their change in retrospect. Manipulating a phosphor slider, for example, leaves an afterglow that illustrates how the knob moved. The parallelism of instant outcome and explanation supports both types of users. Users who already understood the transition can continue interacting without delay, while those who are inexperienced or may have been distracted can take time to view the effects at their own pace. We present a framework of transition designs for widgets, icons, and objects in drawing programs. We evaluate phosphor objects in two user studies and report significant performance benefits for phosphor objects.

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**General terms:** Design, Human Factors.

**Keywords:** Phosphor, comic animation, cartoon animation, user interfaces, information visualization, diagrams.

#### INTRODUCTION

Computer users sometimes make mistakes, such as accidentally deleting an icon or filing it into the wrong folder. Similarly, unexpected things may occur in collaboration scenarios. Users trying to replicate a process demonstrated by a collaborator may later realize that they missed some of the steps. This is particularly difficult for actions that leave no trace, such as shortcut commands.

The potential changes that users need to keep track of continue to rise with increasing user interface complexity; more concurrently running applications, large screens where the user may be attending to the wrong location, and

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the possibility of remote collaboration. Without knowing what changed and how it changed, users can find it hard to detect and correct unintended or unexpected actions.

Animated transitions have been proposed to help users understand changes in the user interface [9, 19] and have found their way into a range of products. *Windows Media Player 10*, for example, hides its play controls in fullscreen mode by slowly moving them off screen. While this can help users understand where the controls went and how to get them back, it also introduces “lag” into the interaction, i.e., it forces users to wait for the animation to complete. For experienced users who do not need an explanation, this forced pause can be cumbersome and may break their concentration.



Figure 1: These phosphor widgets use green afterglow effects to show how they have changed. The slider labeled ‘volume’ was dragged all the way to the left. Two of the checkboxes in the next row were unchecked. The combo box was set from 1 to 2.

#### PHOSPHOR USER INTERFACE OBJECTS

We propose explaining user interface transitions without forcing users to wait. We define a *phosphor transition* as a transition that:

1. shows the outcome of the change *instantly* and
2. explains the change in retrospect using a diagrammatic depiction

The space of retrospective diagrammatic descriptions encompasses a great number of possible designs. In this paper, we concentrate on a specific subset based on the notion of afterglow. Figure 1 shows an example. When a user op-

# Phosphor

Animation can help people follow interface transitions

But the right speed is crucial

- Too fast increases error rate
- Too slow increases task time

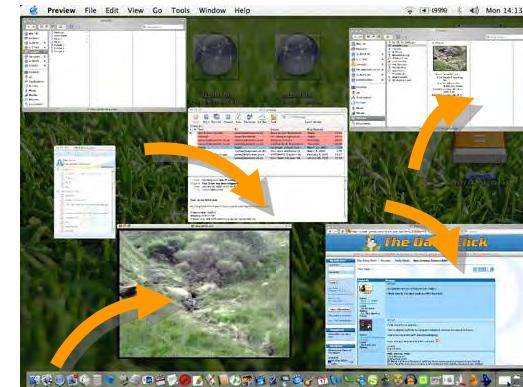
The right speed depends on familiarity, distraction, etc.

- It cannot be determined

Windows Media Player

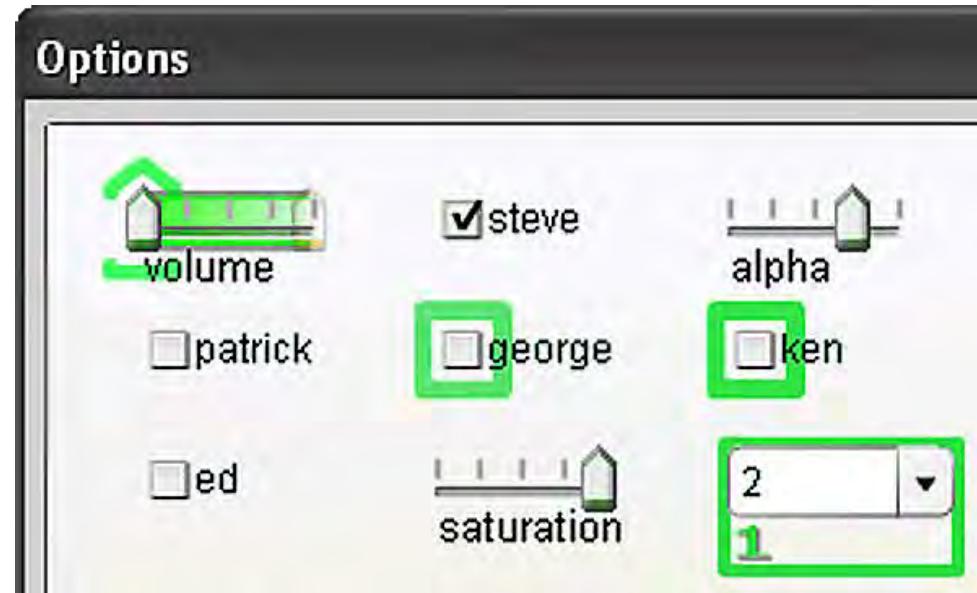


Apple Expose



# Phosphor

Phosphor shows the outcome immediately, then explains the change in retrospect using a diagrammatic depiction



# Phosphor

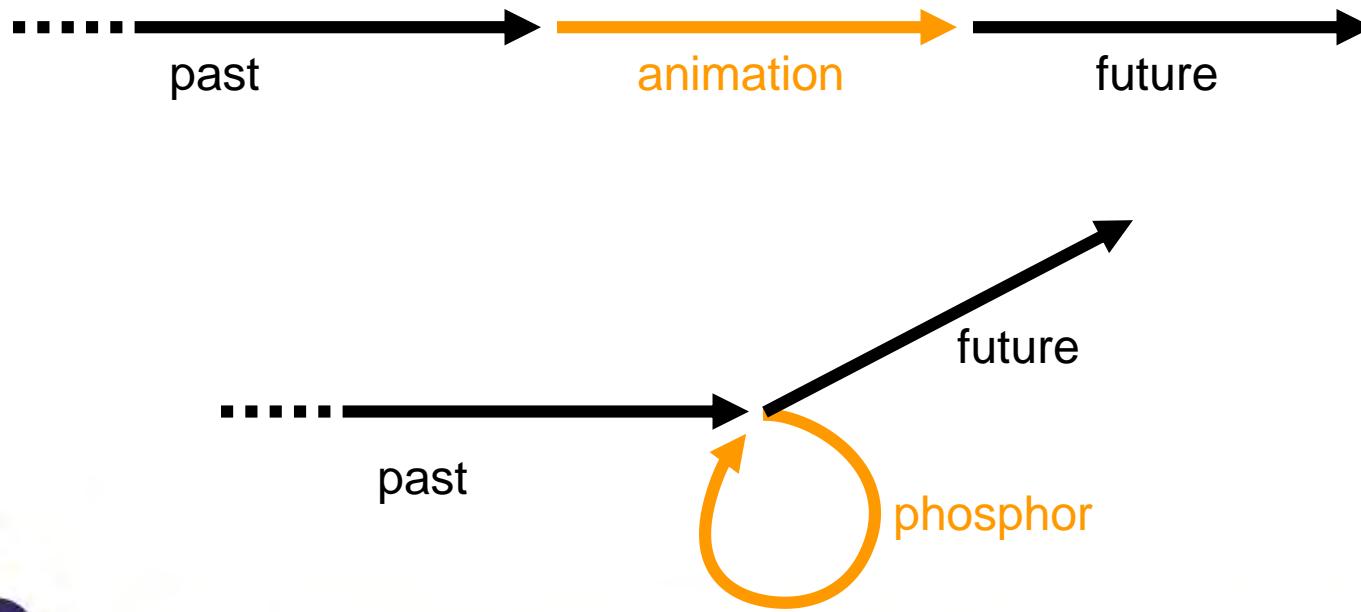
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# Challenging Assumptions of Tools

Phosphor breaks from the assumptions that have evolved into current transition tools



# Tools and Interfaces

Tools embody expertise and assumptions

Tools evolve based on emerging understanding  
of how to address categories of problems

Be conscious of your tool decisions

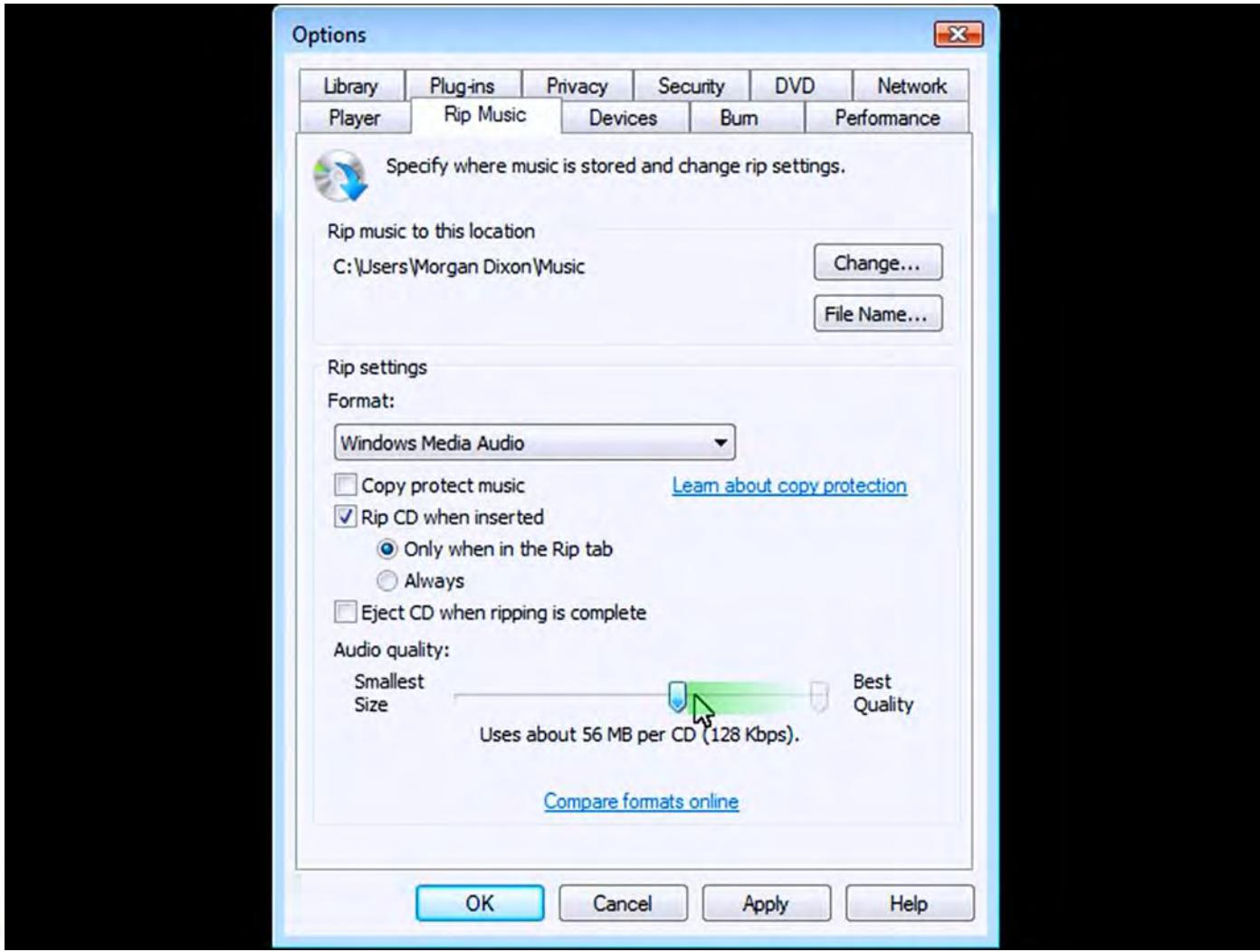
Try to think about designs before tying to a tool

Choose good and appropriate tools

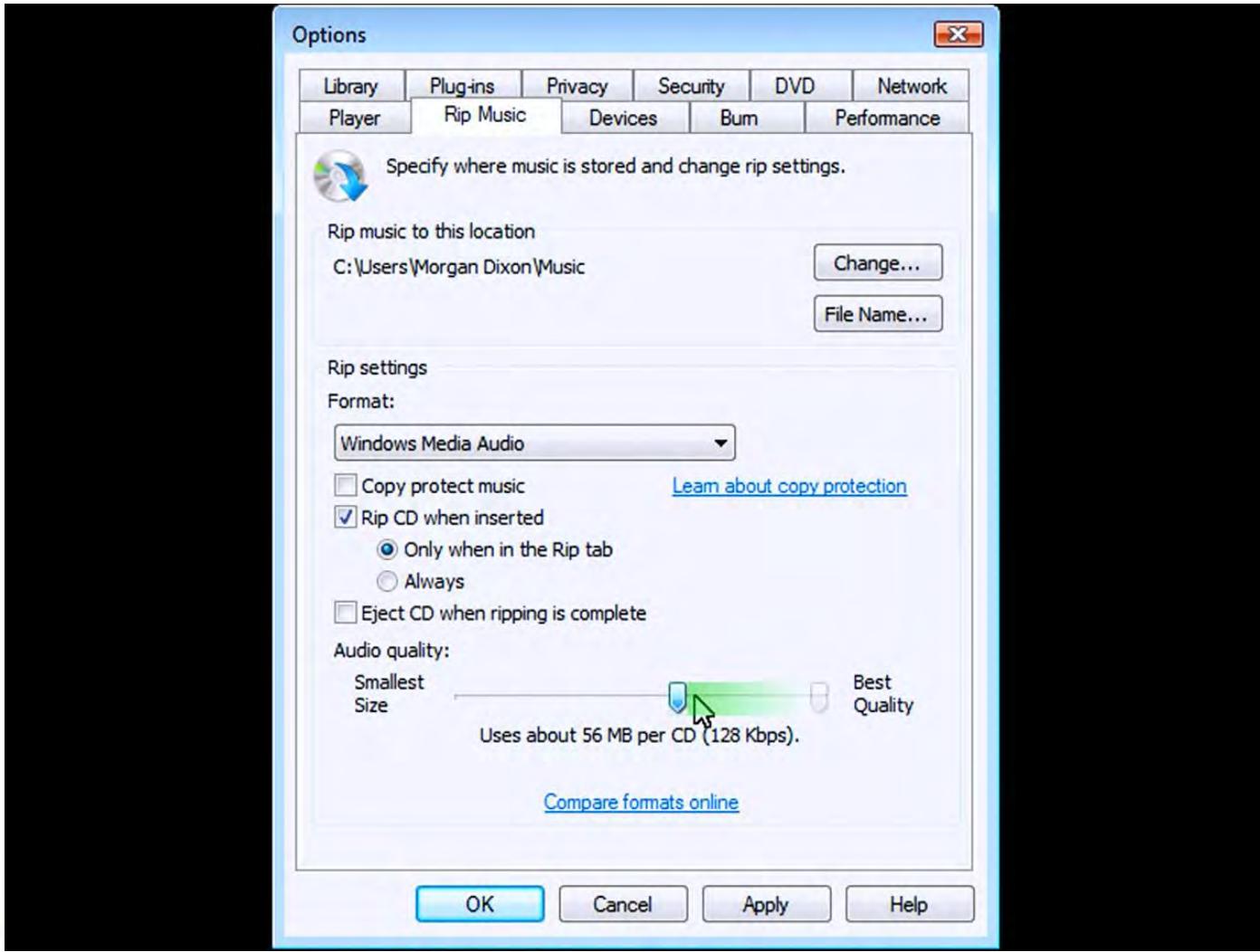
Understand what you are getting in a tool

Push yourself to think outside the tool

# Prefab



# Prefab



# Prefab

Prefab uses pixel-level analysis to modify existing applications from the outside, using only pixels

Prefab is informed by how toolkits work, but not linked to any particular toolkit implementation

Allows trying and fielding new ideas that are not supported by existing applications or toolkits

# CSE 440: Introduction to HCI

## User Interface Design, Prototyping, and Evaluation

Lecture 15:  
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