

# CSE 440: Introduction to HCI

## User Interface Design, Prototyping, and Evaluation

Lecture 01:  
Introduction and  
Personal Informatics

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Eunice Jun  
David Wang  
Elisabeth Chin  
Ravi Karkar



Tuesday / Thursday  
10:30 to 11:50

# What Is This Course?



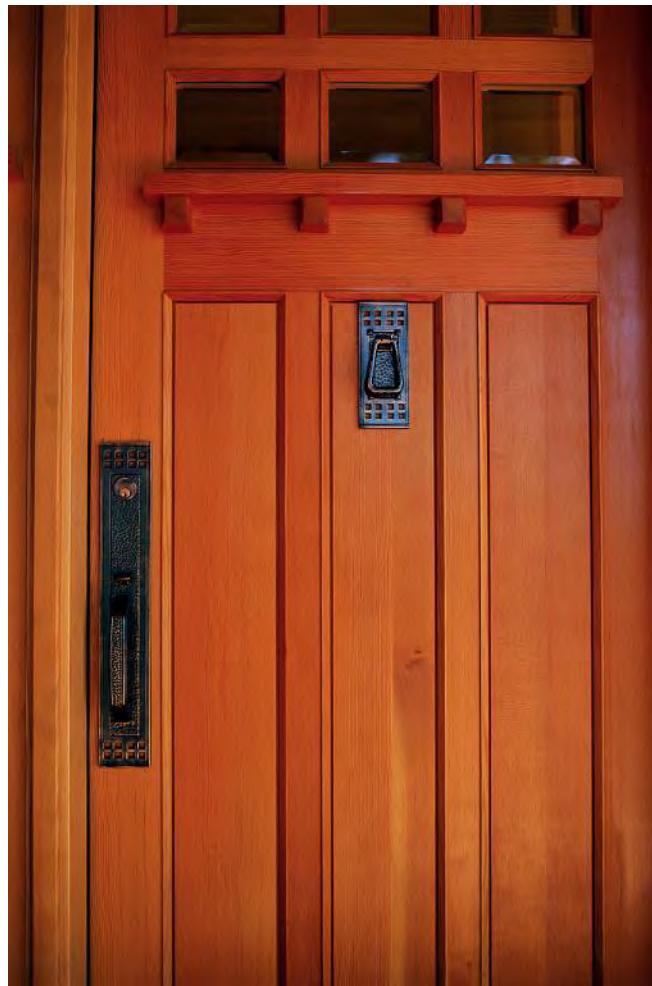
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Say out loud what action you use to open the door

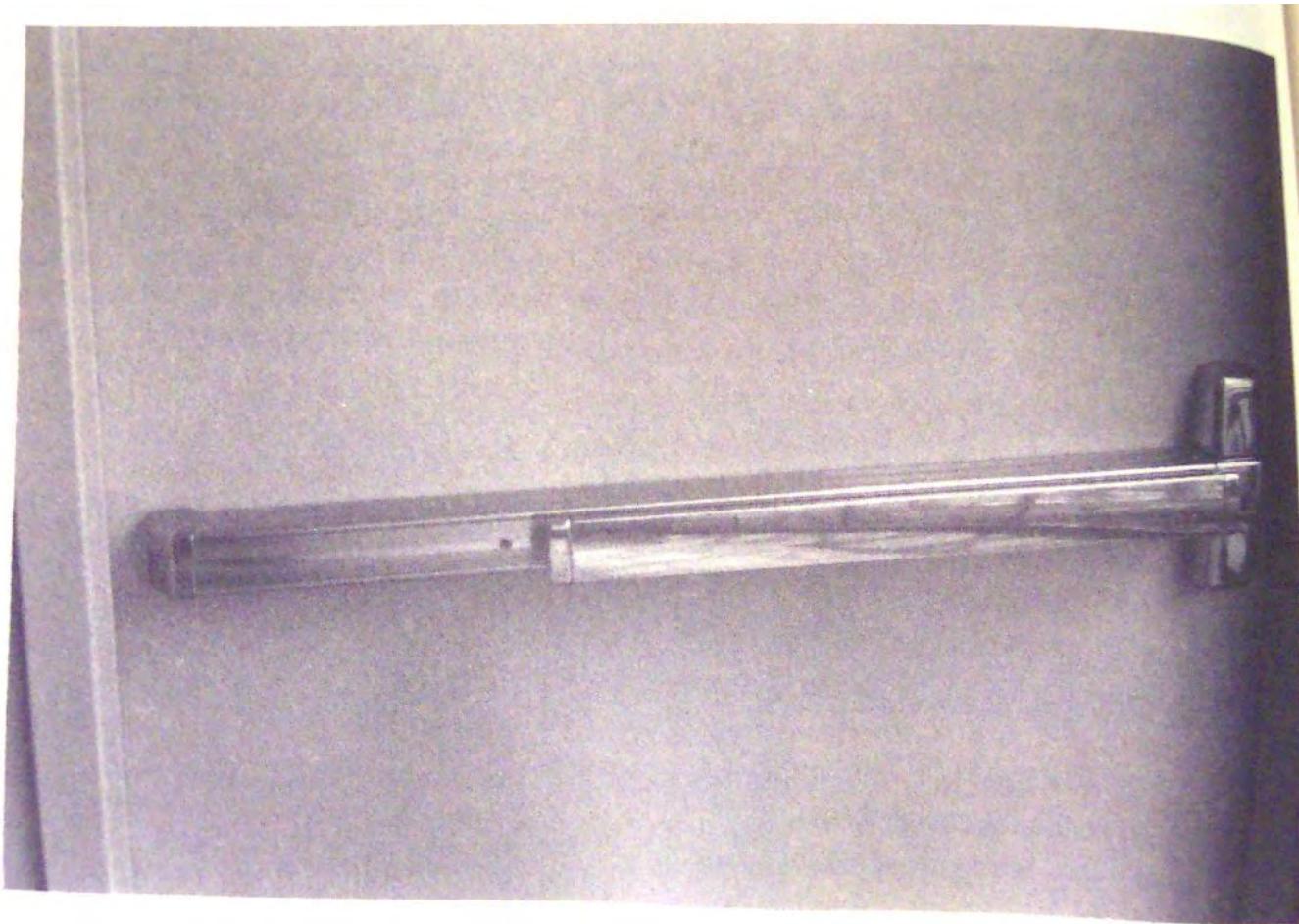
Push

Pull

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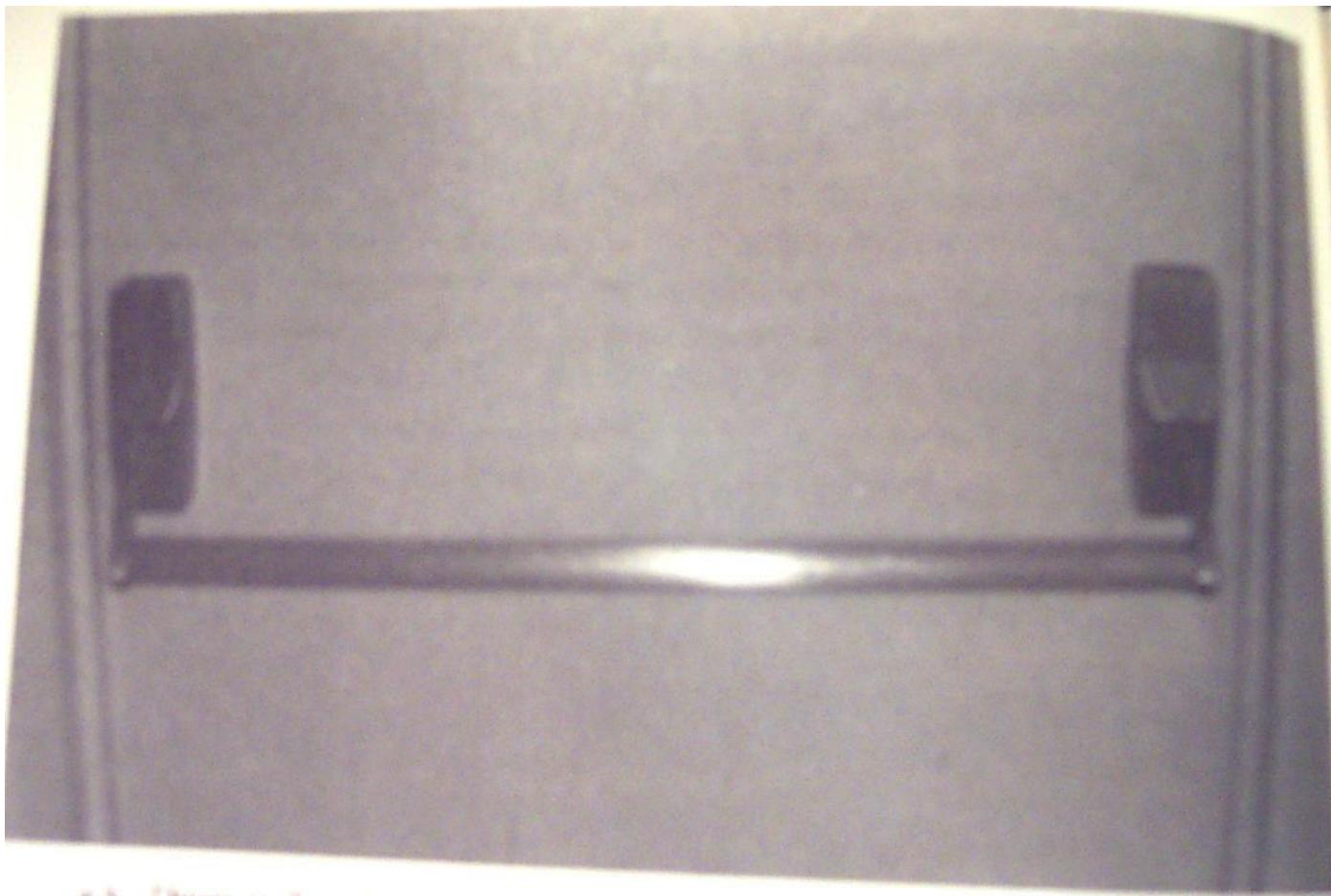
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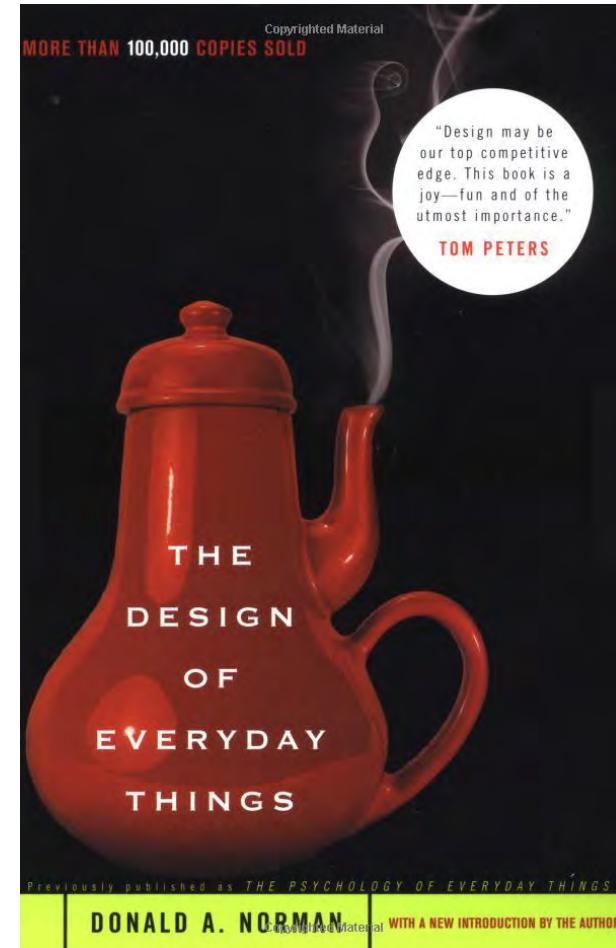
# What is so Special about Computers?

Nothing! It is about good designs and bad designs

We 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



# Signs Do Not Help



# Signs Do Not Help



# What is so Special about Computers?

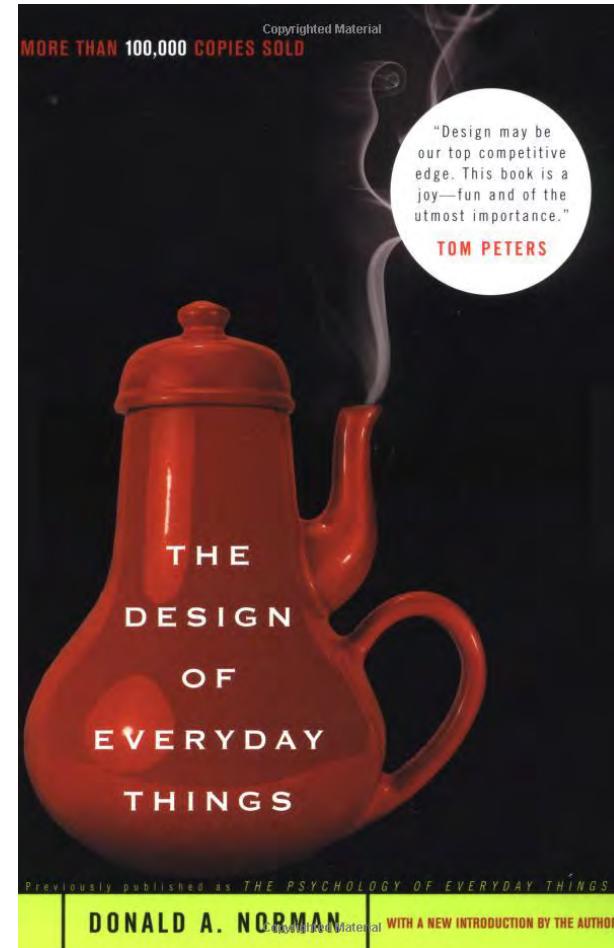
Yet we blame ourselves

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

# Design Research & Task Analysis

Observe practices and understand needs

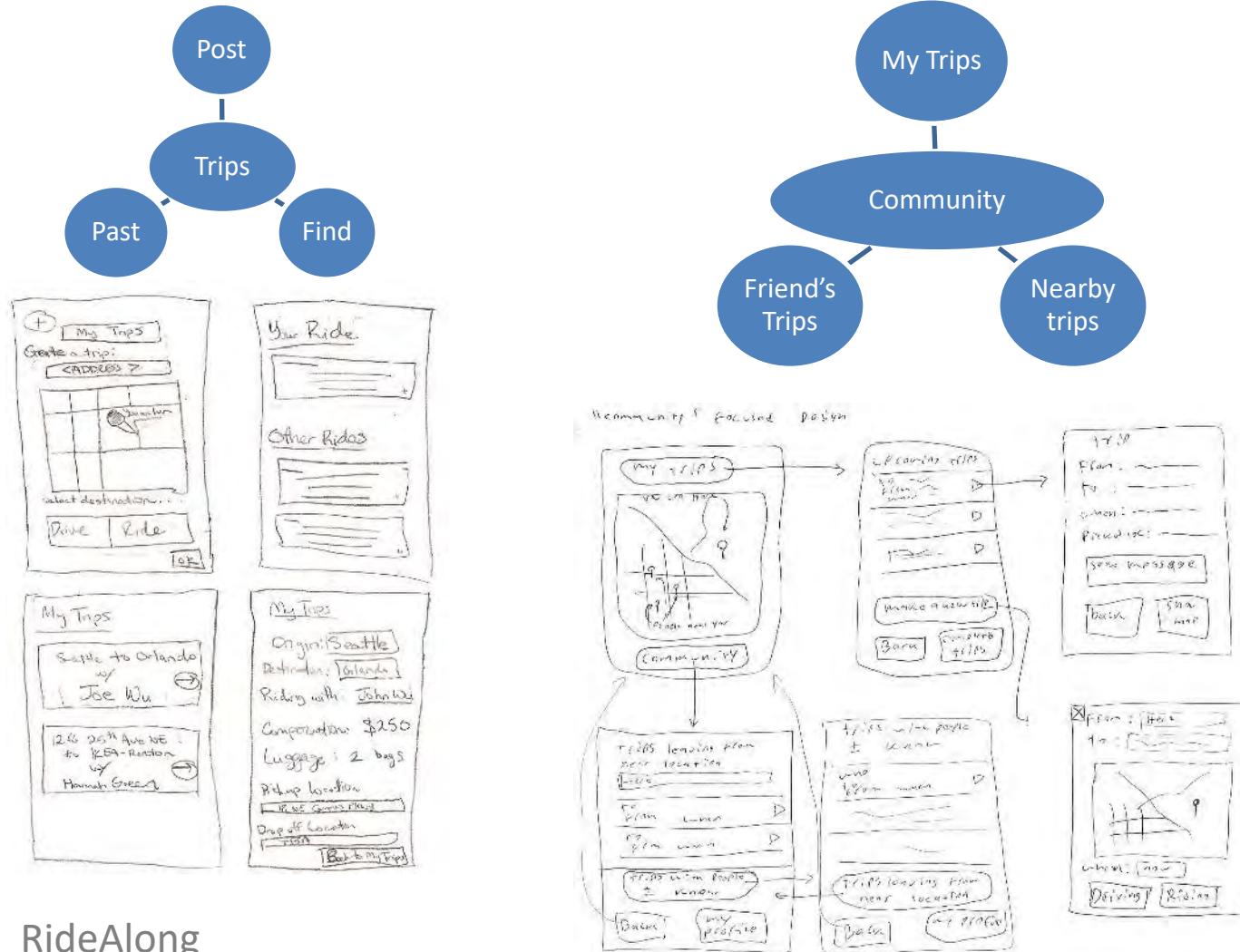


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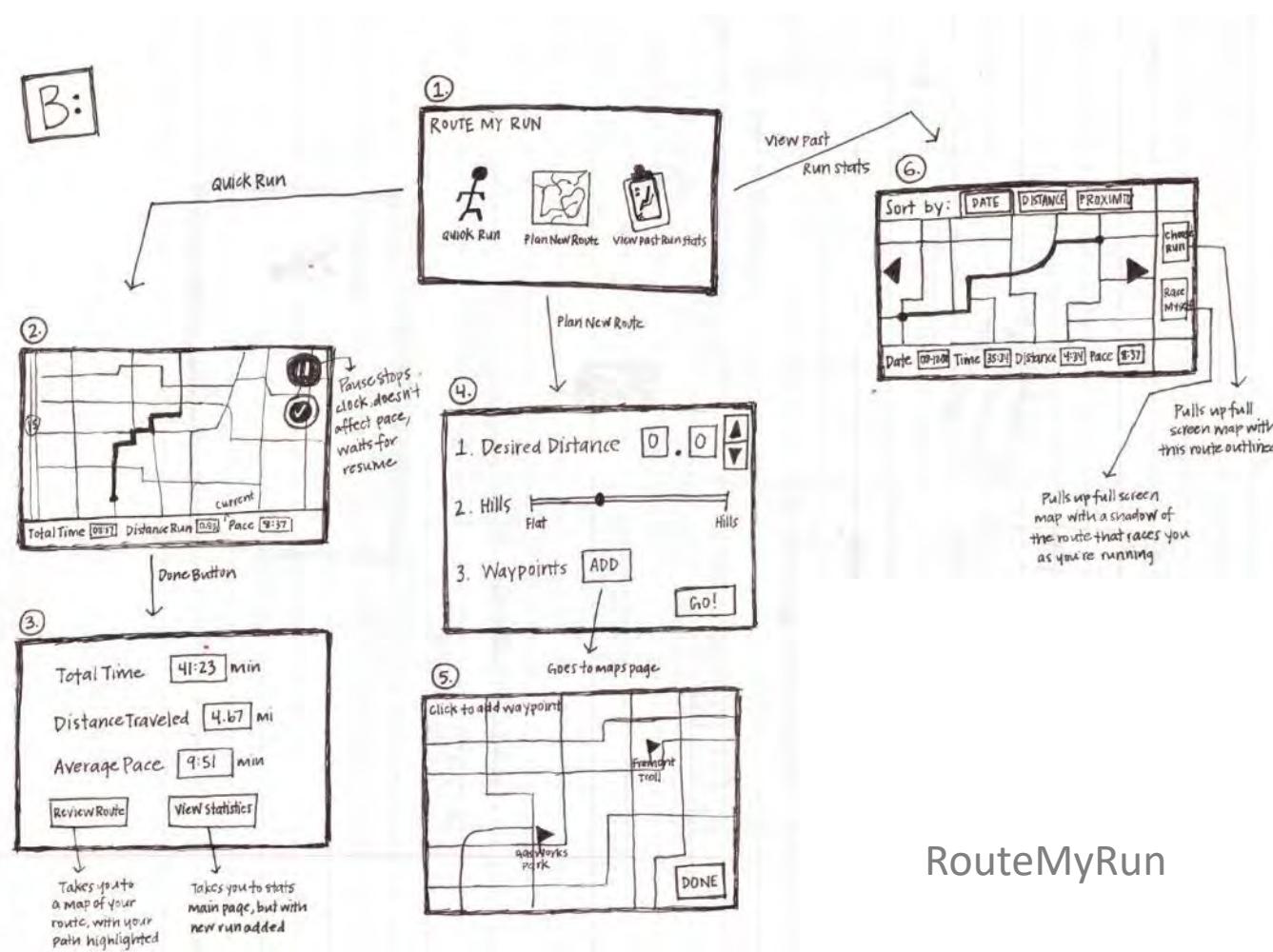
FoodWatch

# Sketching & Storyboarding



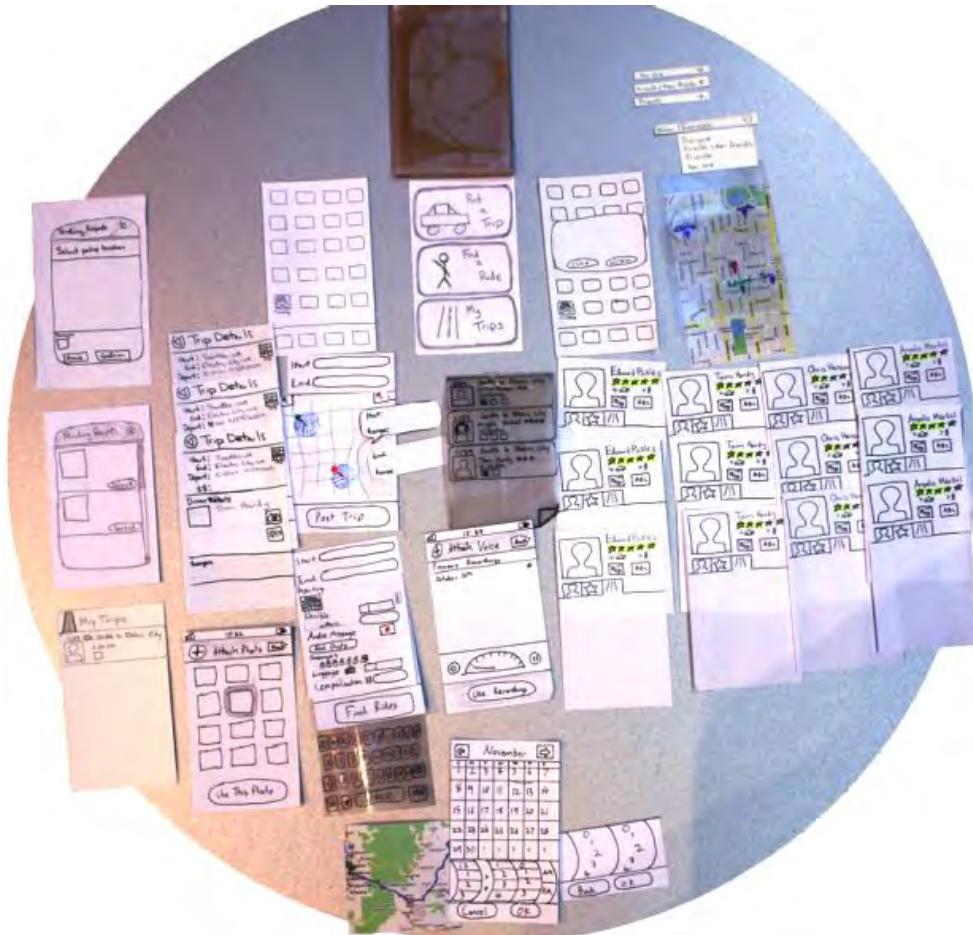
RideAlong

# Sketching & Storyboarding



RouteMyRun

# Low-Fidelity Prototyping & Testing



RideAlong

# Digital Mockup



Balance

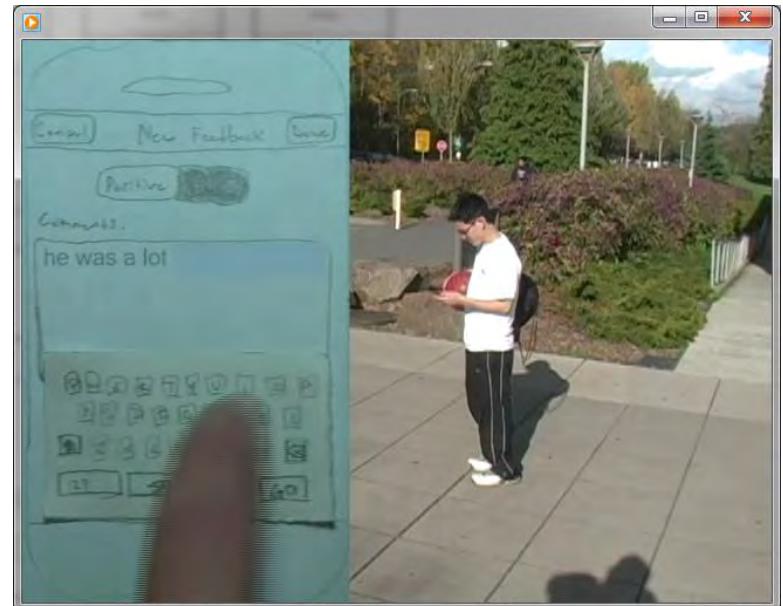


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# Video Prototypes

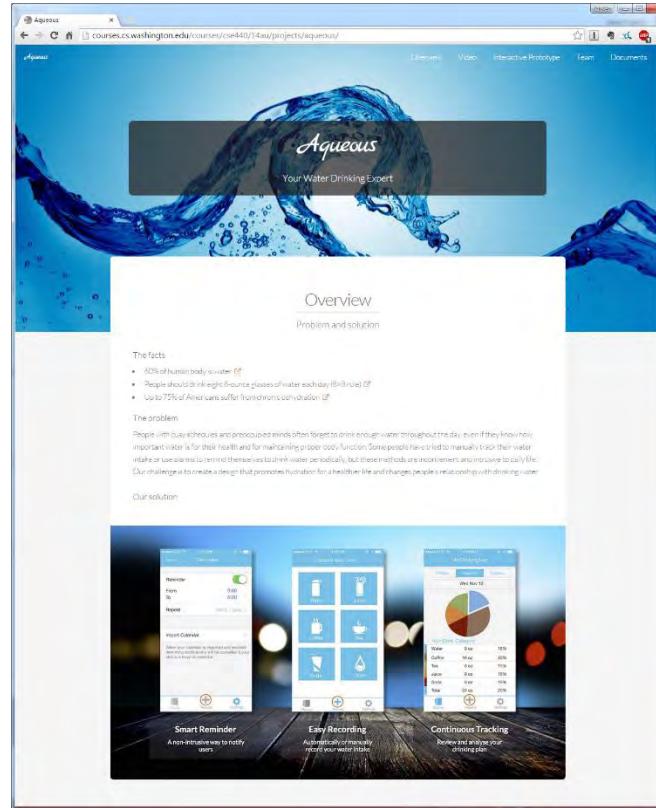


GetOut



PickUp

# Learn by Example from Prior Projects



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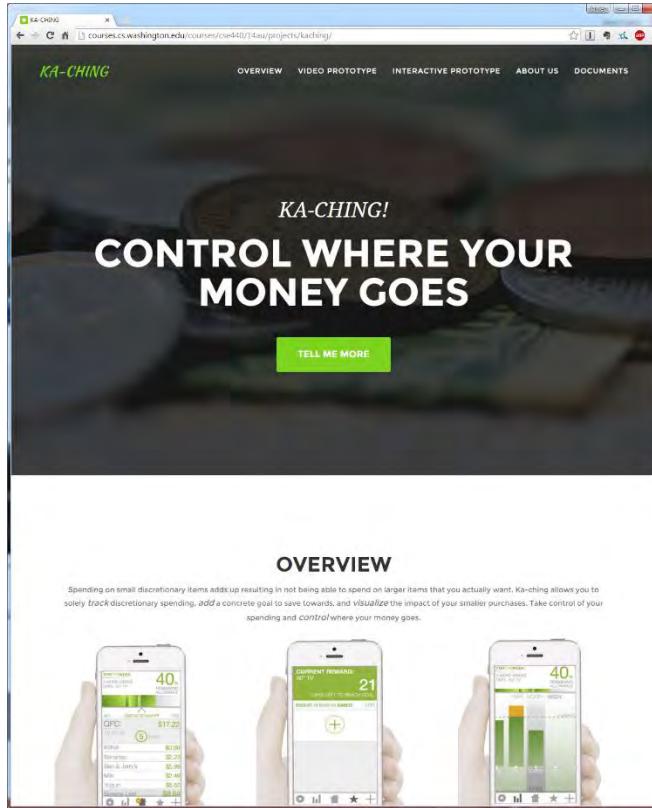
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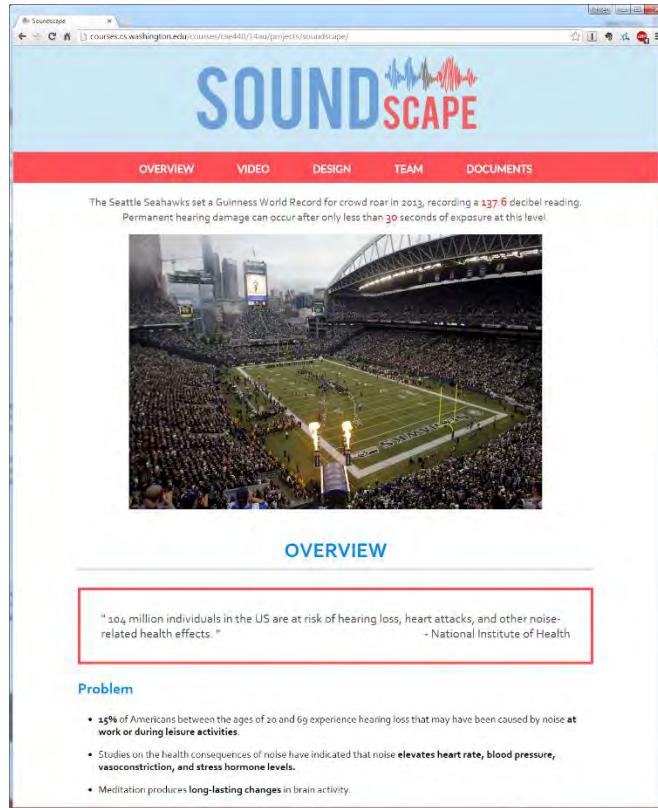
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## Ka-Ching:

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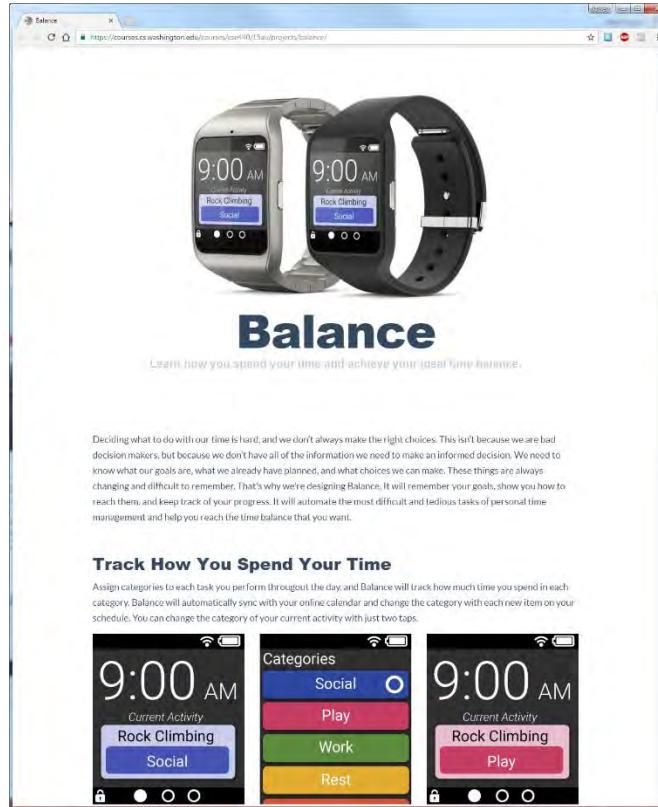
# Learn by Example from Prior Projects



## Soundscape:

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# Learn by Example from Prior Projects



## Balance:

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# Learn by Example from Prior Projects



Neat:

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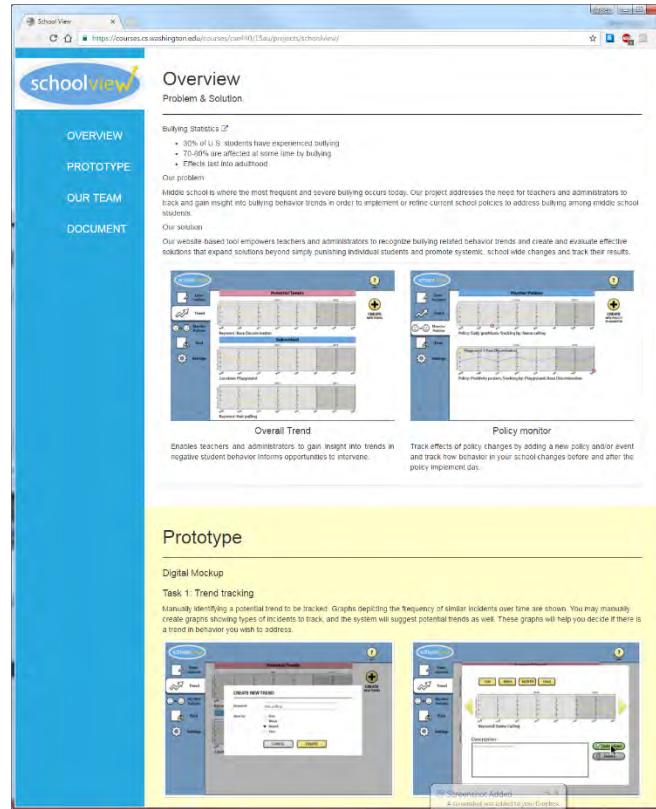
# Learn by Example from Prior Projects



## Poliscope:

<https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse440/15au/projects/poliscope/>

# Learn by Example from Prior Projects



## School View:

<https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse440/15au/projects/schoolview/>

# 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 always brings a milestone to studio

Participation is a critical component of the course

Project time on Tuesdays

Your team always has a milestone due

Class will often include project time or activity

# Overview

HCI and the Project Sequence

Course Staff Introductions

Administrivia

Assignment 1: Project Proposal

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Some Reflection

Self-Tracking and Relevant Background

# Who We Are

## James Fogarty

Prefer: James / He / Him



## Background

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

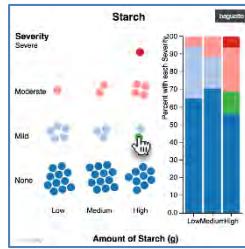
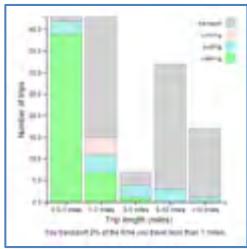
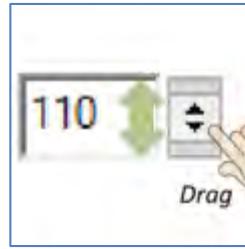
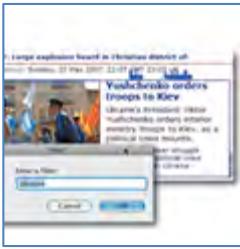
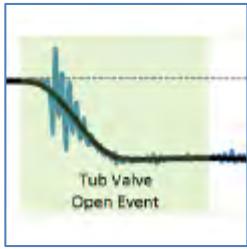
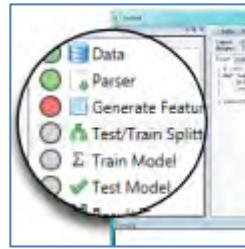
CSE 510: Advanced Topics in HCI

CSEP 510: Human-Computer Interaction

CSE 332: Data Structures



# Who We Are



Computing  
You

# Who We Are

Eunice Jun

Prefer: Eunice / She / Her

Background:

BS, Cognitive Studies &  
Computer Science

Vanderbilt, 2016

Research:

Increasing engagement in multicultural online  
communities, including large-scale online experiments

Interests:

Hiking, learning new languages, ballet, getting lost



# Who We Are

## David Wang

Prefer: David / He / Him

### Background:

BS, Informatics (HCI)

UC Irvine, 2013

MS, HCDE

University of Washington, 2017

### Research:

Collapse informatics, ubiquitous computing

### Interests:

Outdoors, travel,  
making (ask me about the food truck harness)



# Who We Are

## Elisabeth Chin

Prefer: Elisabeth / She / Her

## Background

BS, Informatics: HCI  
University of Washington, 2017



## Interests

Movies (watched 72 in 2016!),  
making fresh noodles,  
cross-cultural studies,  
all sorts of rock music

# Who We Are

## Ravi Karkar

Prefer: Ravi / He / Him

### Background

BE, Gujarat University, 2011

MS, Georgia Tech, 2012

MS, University of Washington, 2016



### Research

Designing and building tools to support people in their diagnostic self-tracking

### Interests:

Sleeping, getting 404s, hunting horcruxes

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# Staying in Touch

Web: <http://www.cs.washington.edu/440>

You are responsible for calendar

Canvas: I hate Canvas so much but  
we have to use it for some things

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-wi17>

You will contribute when posting your projects

You can and should contribute if 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%

3% Assignment 1

21% Assignment 2: Getting the Right Design  
Final Report 15%, Milestones 6%

14% Assignment 3: Getting the Design Right  
Final Report 10%, Milestones 4%

15% Assignment 4: Communicating the Design  
Website 5%, Video Prototype 5%, Poster 5%

12% Presentations  
Getting the Right Design 5%,  
Getting the Design Right 5%, Individual 2%

Exam: 25%

Individual Readings: 5%

Participation: 5%

# Submissions

Many assignments are due “night before class”

Canvas will operationalize this as 12:01am

A bit more slack, but definitely “before I wake up”

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 assignment

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 for Friday

Brainstorming in Section Friday

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 for Friday:

<http://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse440/17wi/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 Friday:

You have a lot more brainstorming ahead of you

# Assignment 1b: Project Proposal

You have an assignment due for Tuesday:

<http://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse440/17wi/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

“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 quickly

Must enforce a hard enrollment cap

## Considering Dropping

Do so before we assign teams, and tell us

## Section switch availability

We may need help in balancing sections

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# Thousands of Health Monitoring Apps



# Activity and Medical Sensing Devices



Thermometer



Blood glucose meter

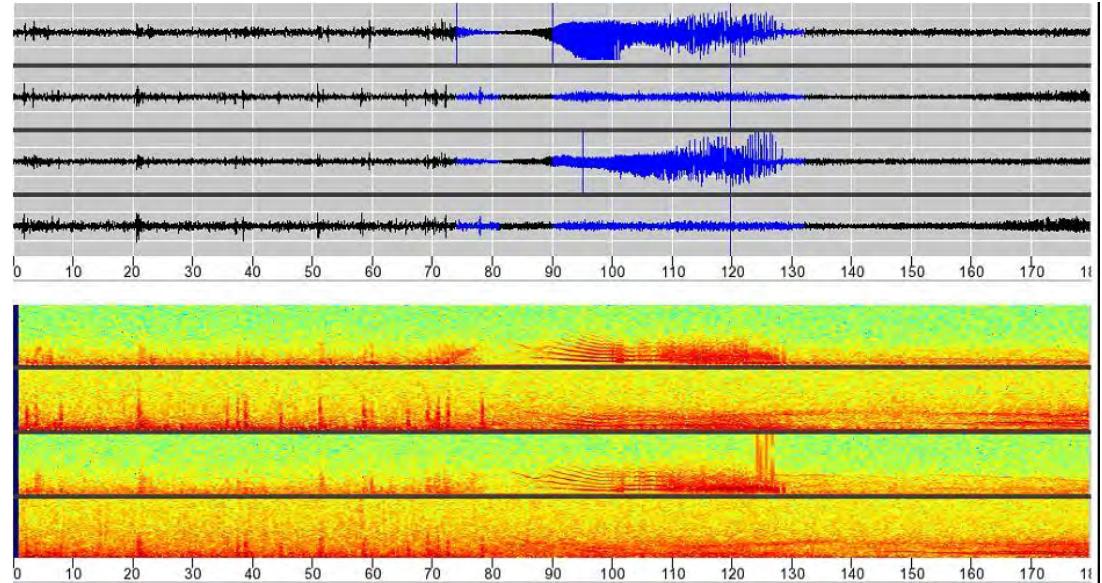


Blood pressure monitor



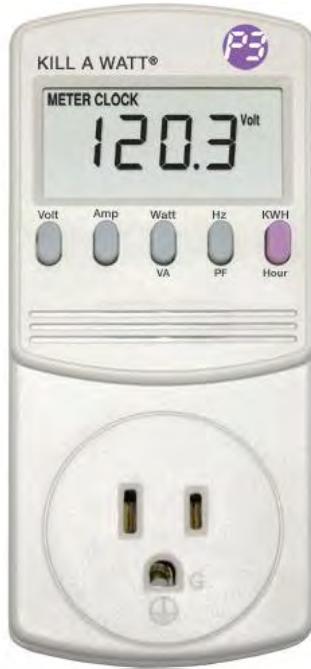
Heart rate monitor

# Medical Implants



NeuroPace

# Sustainability Tracking



Kill A Watt



Belkin  
WeMo Water



Automatic

# Location and Activity



FitBit



Garmin



FitBark



Moves

# Time Tracking



RescueTime

# Finances

The Mint.com website homepage features the Mint logo at the top left. Navigation links include "WHAT IS MINT?", "HOW IT WORKS", "PRIVACY", "COMMUNITY", "ADVERTISE", and "LOG IN". A "Sign up" button is prominently displayed. The main headline reads, "It's easy to understand what's going on with your money." Below it, a sub-headline states, "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." A "Free! Get Started" sign-up form is shown on the left, and a grid of devices (laptop, tablet, smartphone) displays the Mint app interface.

Mint



You Need a Budget

# Background in Personal Informatics

## Some Definitions

## What is the Point?

## What is the Problem?



Chester, T. (2013). *The Sunday Times*.  
“You Are Just a Number”

# 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.”

Li I., Dey A., Forlizzi J. *CHI 2010.*  
“A Stage-Based Model of Personal Informatics Systems”

# 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.”

Wolf G. (2009). *Wired Magazine*.  
“Know Thyself: Tracking Every Facet of Life, from Sleep to Mood to Pain, 24/7/365”

# 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

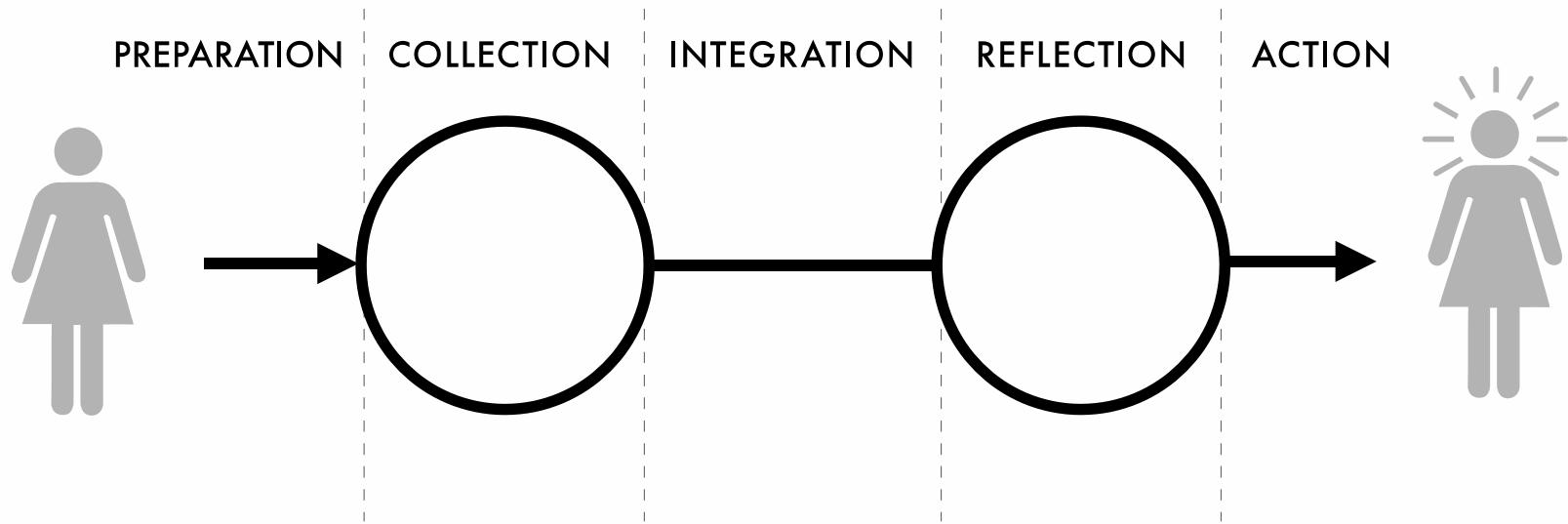


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# Five-Stage Model of Personal Informatics



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# 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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# Preparation



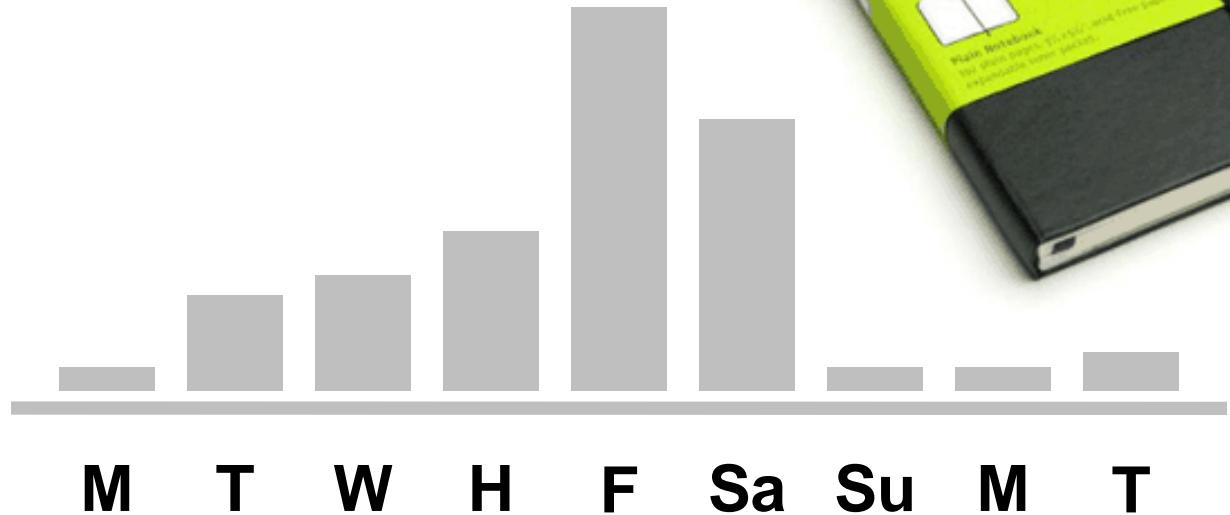
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# Collection



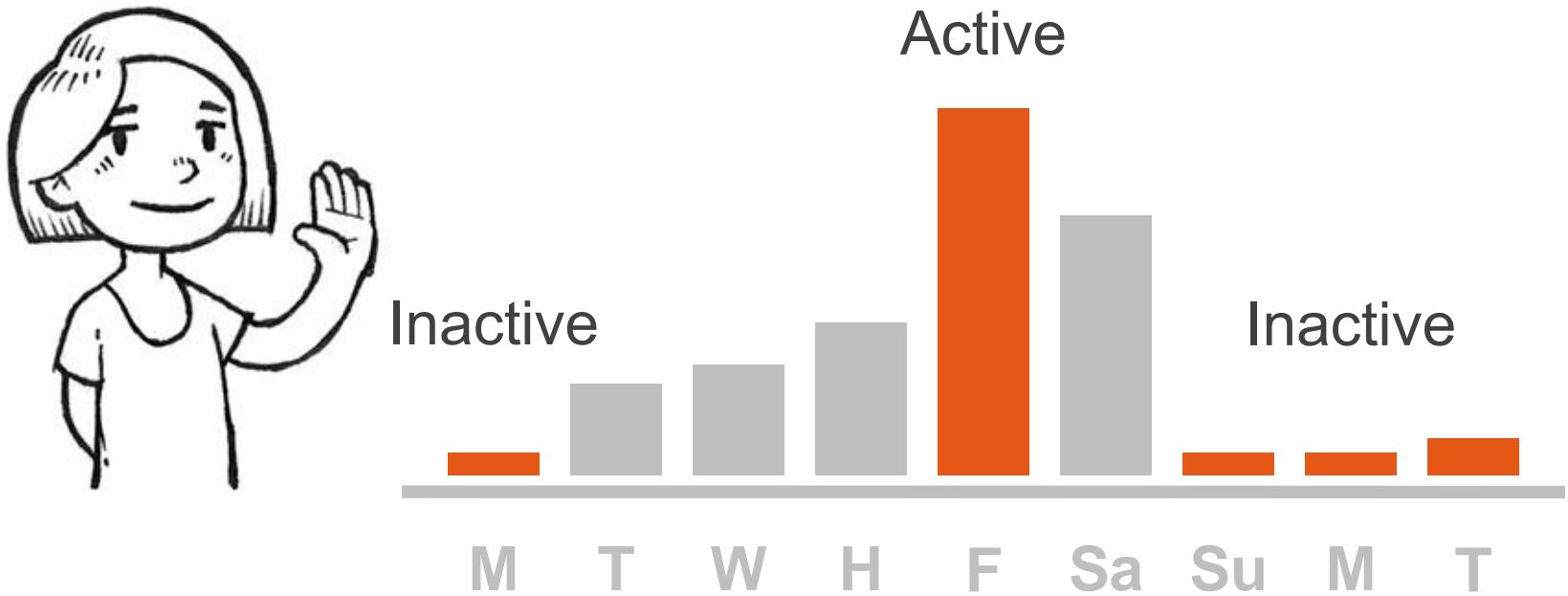
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# Integration



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# Reflection



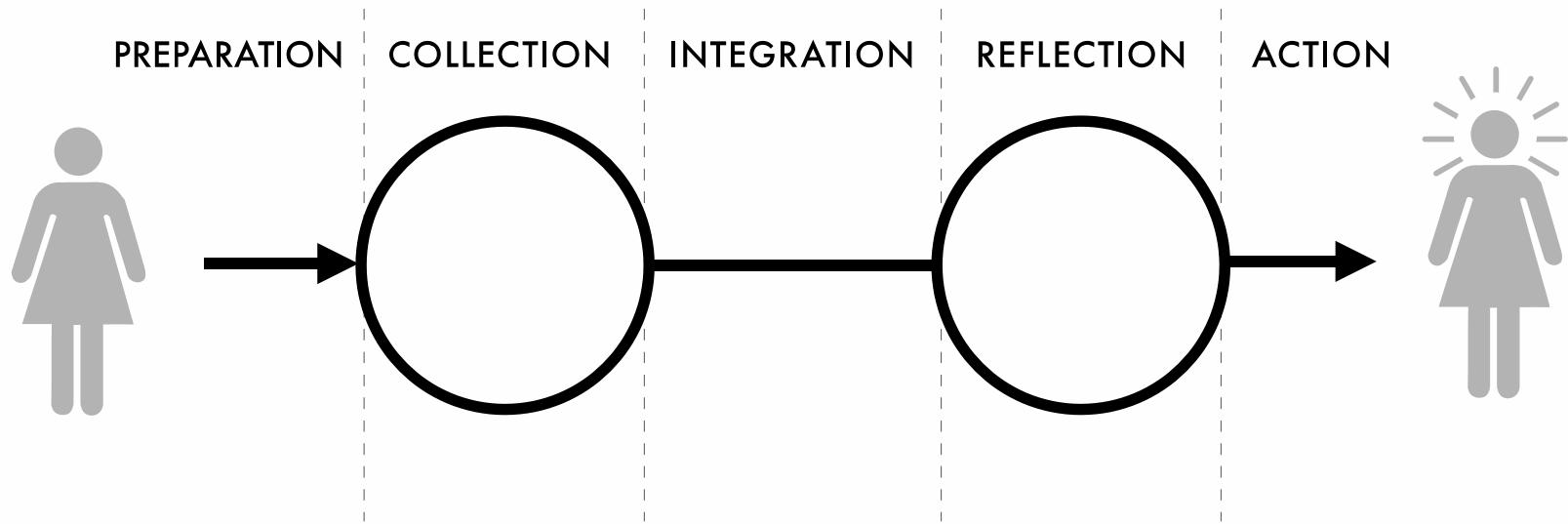
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# Action



Walk in park  
instead of  
watching TV

# Five-Stage Model of Personal Informatics



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# What is the Problem?

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

The screenshot shows the Quantified Self website. At the top, there's a logo with 'QS' and the text 'Quantified Self' with the tagline 'self knowledge through numbers'. Below the logo are links for 'ABOUT', 'VIDEOS', and 'FORUMS'. A search bar is on the right. The main content area features a video thumbnail of Mark Moschel speaking. The video player shows a play button, a timestamp of '11:24', and 'HD' and 'vimeo' buttons. Below the video, there's a 'Share this:' button with links to various social media platforms. To the right of the video, there's 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 'Make a Sparkweet' button, and a 'QS Meetup Groups' section with a list of groups from around the world.

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”

# Quantified Self Talk Format

What I Learned

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

Your sleep pattern asleep active

zzzz YOUR SLEEP EFFICIENCY 97%

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

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

Your sleep pattern asleep active

11pm 12am 1am 2am 3am 4am 5am 6am 7am 8am

Actual sleep time 8hrs 5min You were in bed for 8hrs 1min

1. What I did

2. How I did it

3. What I learned

Analyzed 52 videos

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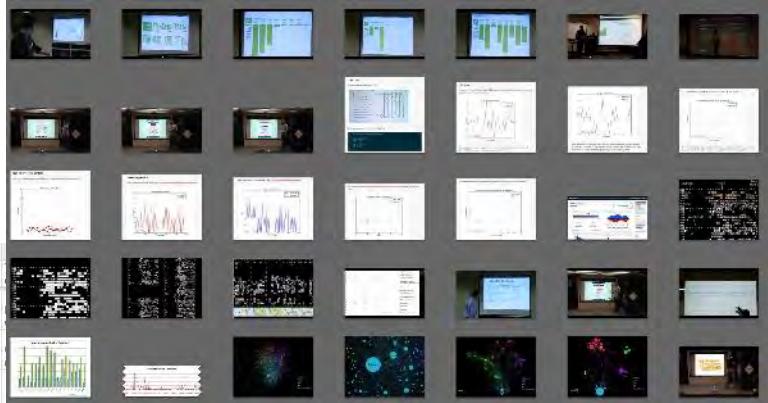
# Analysis



## Themes

	C	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
9	Toronto	Male	Rogers		rowing strokes, distance rowed, time rowed, calories
					proximity to cars, location
					arduino, spreadsheet
					overweight
					smartphone, sonar
					custom heart rate monitor
					1 year
					user-generated
					user-generated
					20 years

## Visualizations



## Profiles

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# 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

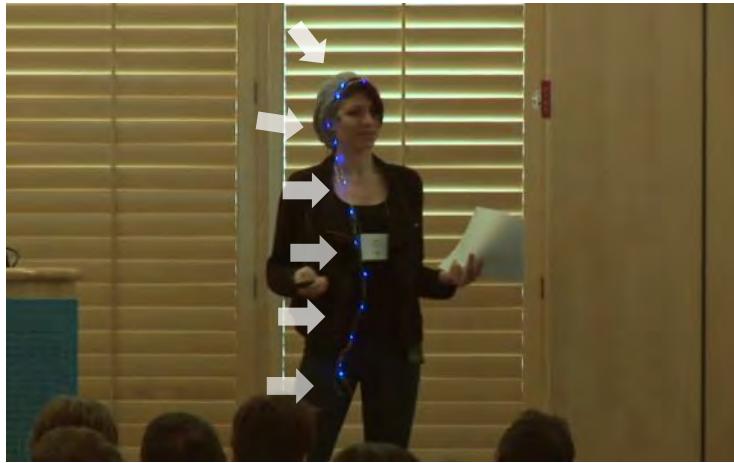
Motivations	Sub-categories
To improve health	To cure or manage a condition To achieve a goal To find triggers To answer a specific question To identify relationships To execute a treatment plan To make better health decisions To find balance
To improve other aspects of life	To maximize work performance 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)
Commercial software	12% (6)
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

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# Custom Visualizations



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“Understanding Quantified Selfers’ Practices in Collecting and Exploring Personal Data”

# 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

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# Not Tracking Triggers and Context

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

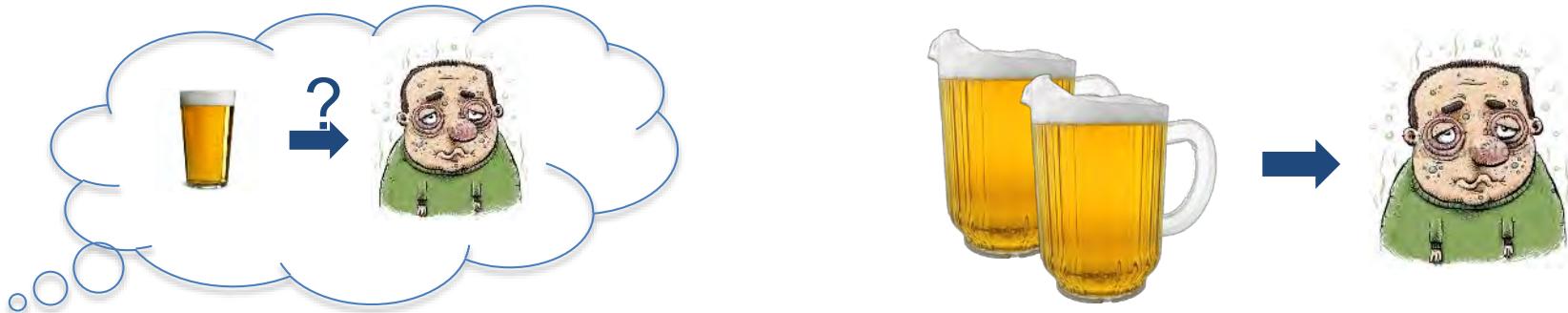
People lack clues on what to track

Missing 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



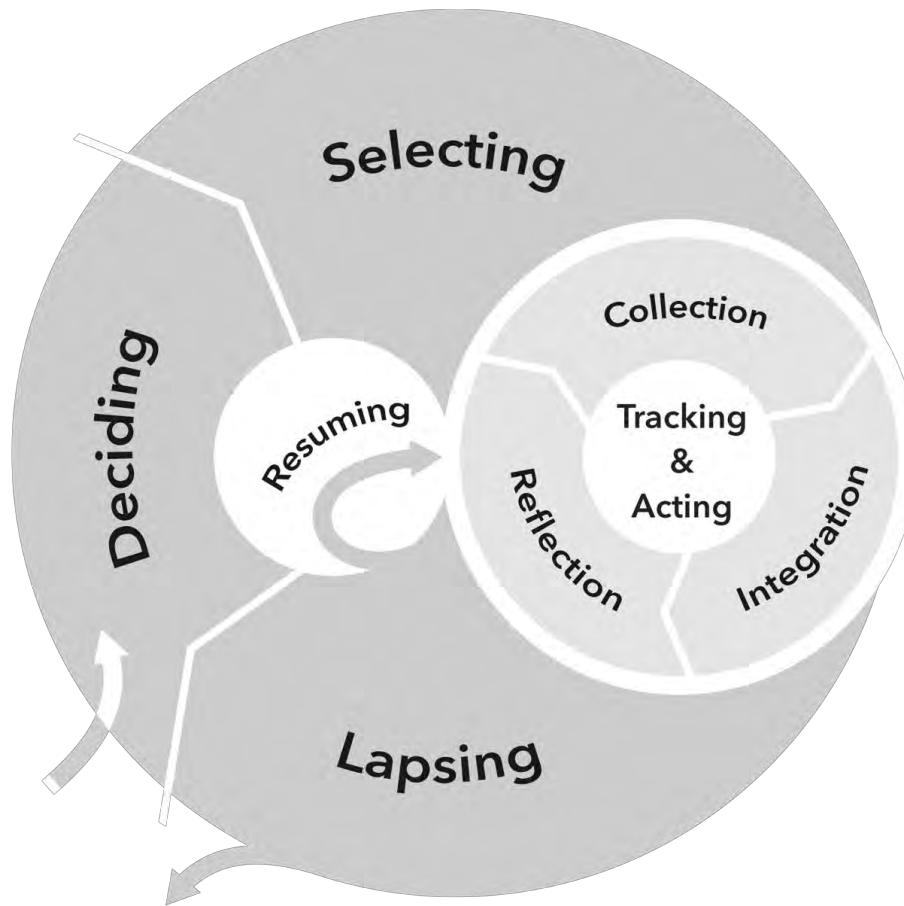
*"It was too time consuming and tedious. I also did not know what to enter if I ate out, so I often did not enter data and that compounded. I also felt embarrassed to do it in front of friends so I stopped."*

## 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  
opportunities and  
challenges in lifecycle

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



# Your Challenge

**Explore tracking beyond the self:**

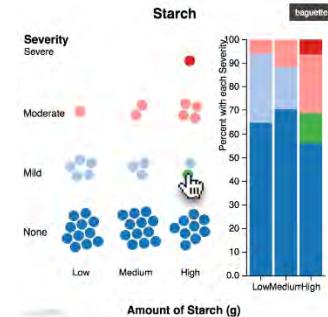
co-located relationships

remote relationships

communities organizing

people seeking help from peers

people seeking help from experts



Any problem where multiple people collect data, or where multiple people engage in gaining value from data, introduces additional opportunities and challenges in designing for effective interaction with personal data

# 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:  
Introduction and  
Personal Informatics

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David Wang  
Elisabeth Chin  
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Design of  
Everyday Things

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# Examining a Design Process

By example:

A video from  
the 90s about  
a shopping cart  
with no bottom



# ABC News and IDEO's Deep Dive



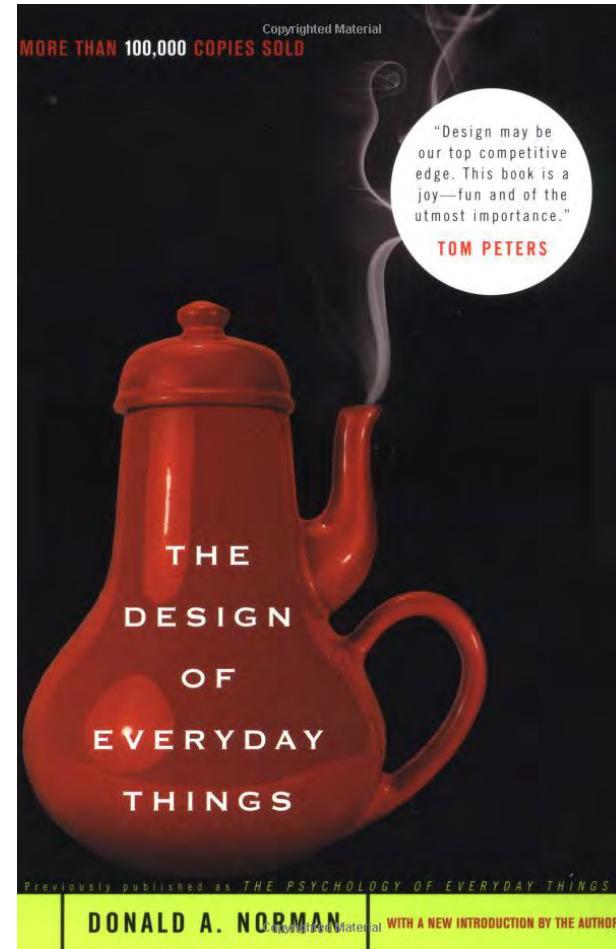
<http://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse440/videos/design/IDEO-DeepDive.mp4>

# Design Terminology

Design of Everyday Things  
reviews a common and  
useful vocabulary of design

We will use these in feedback  
and conversations without even  
realizing that we are doing it

You should know these terms  
and recognize them in practice



# 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]

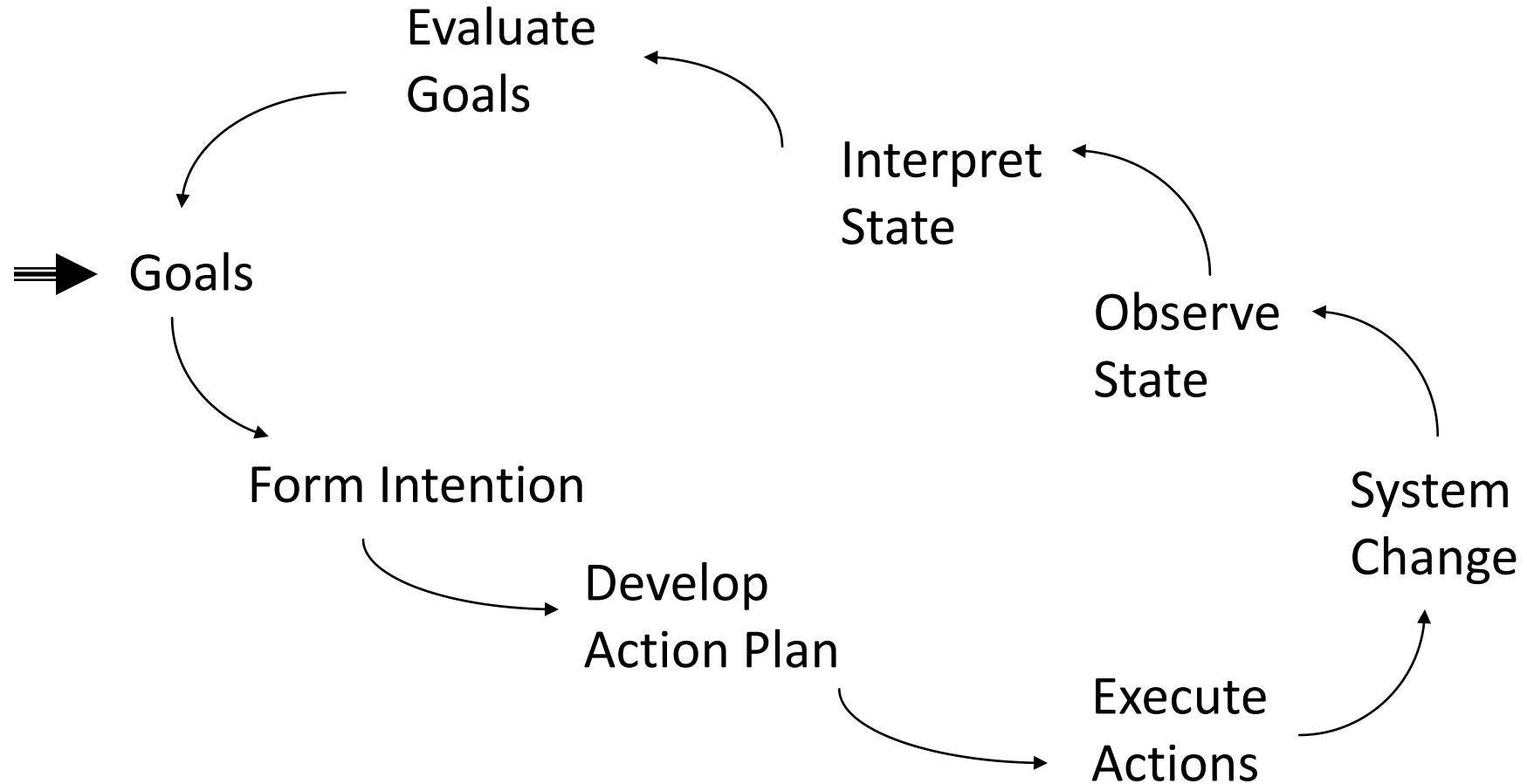
6. Interpret the system state

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

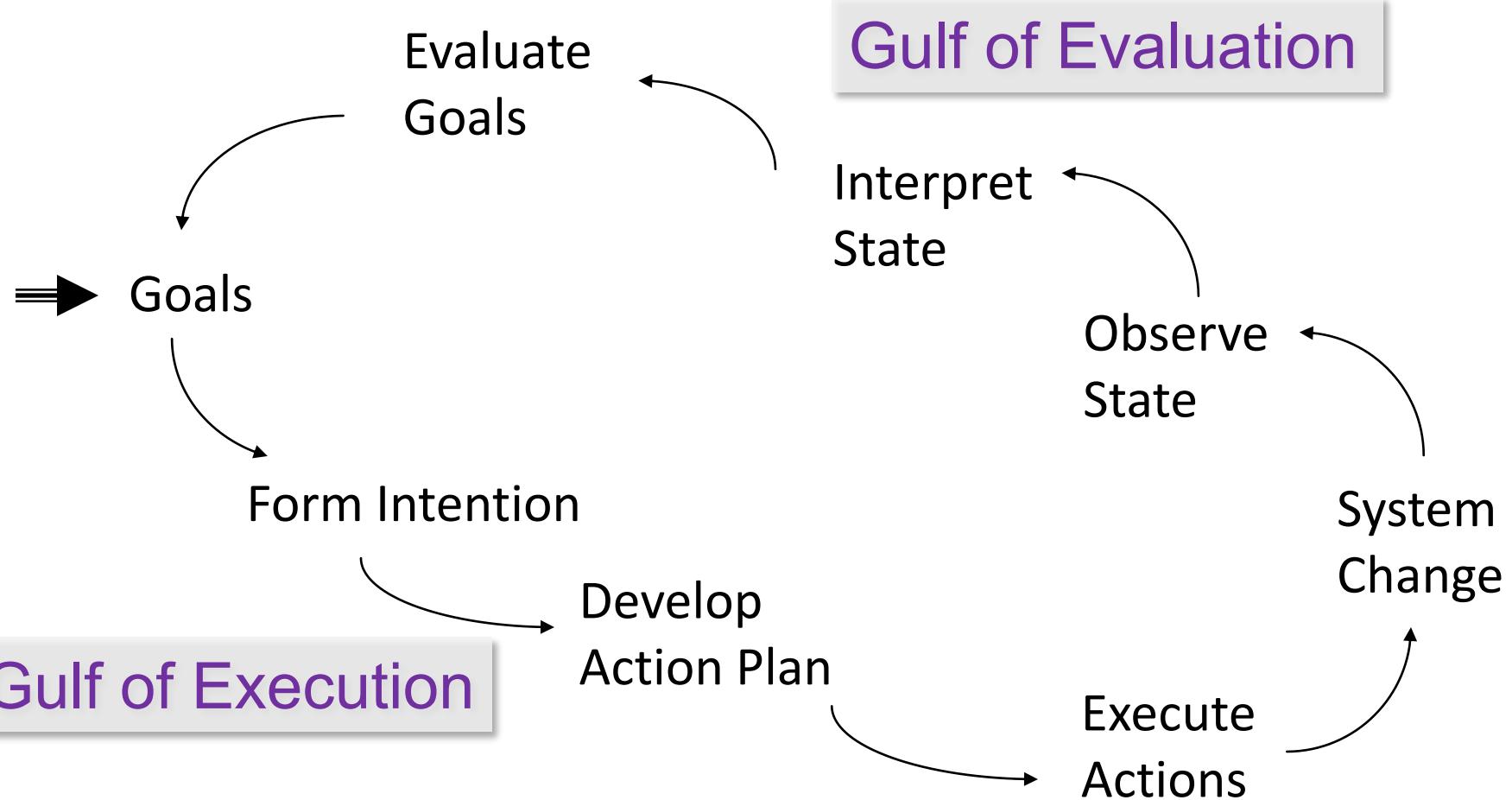
7. Evaluate the system state with respect to the goals and intentions

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

(Design Model, Designer's Conceptual Model)



## Manifest Model

How it presents itself

(System Image)



## Mental Model

How a person thinks it works

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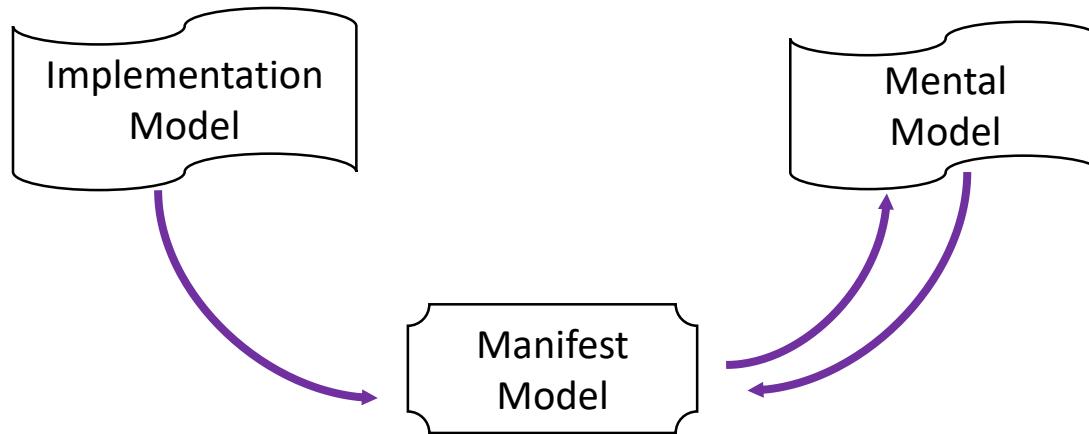
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(User Model, User's Conceptual Model)

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

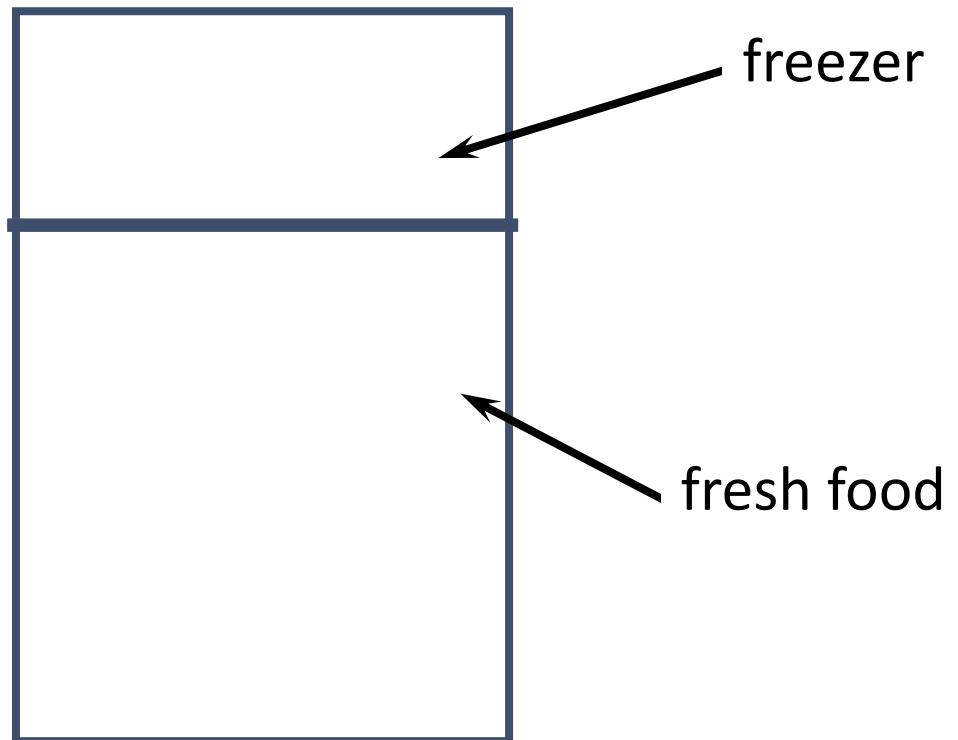
People struggle until model matches manifest model

Update mental model in response to breakdowns

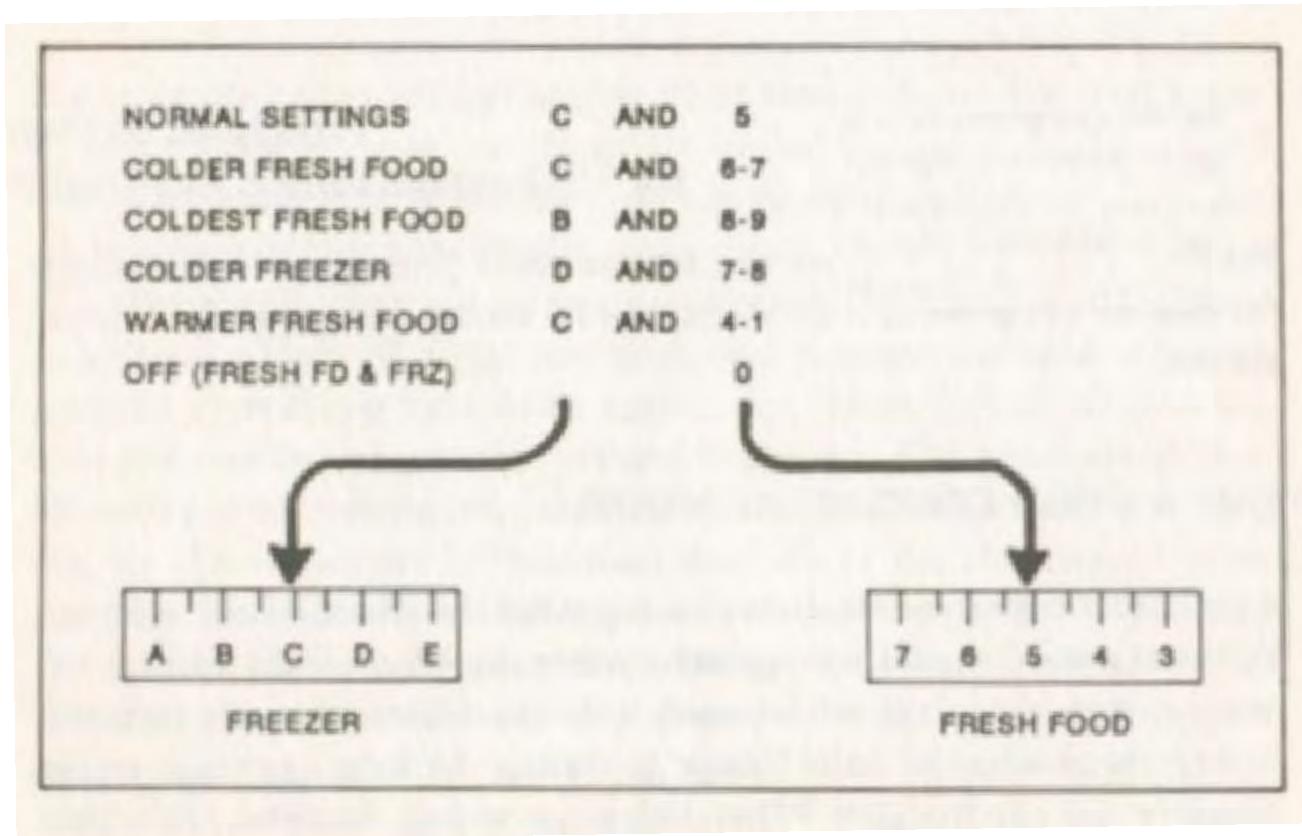
Matching the implementation model is not necessary

# Mental Models

Problem: freezer too cold, fresh food just right

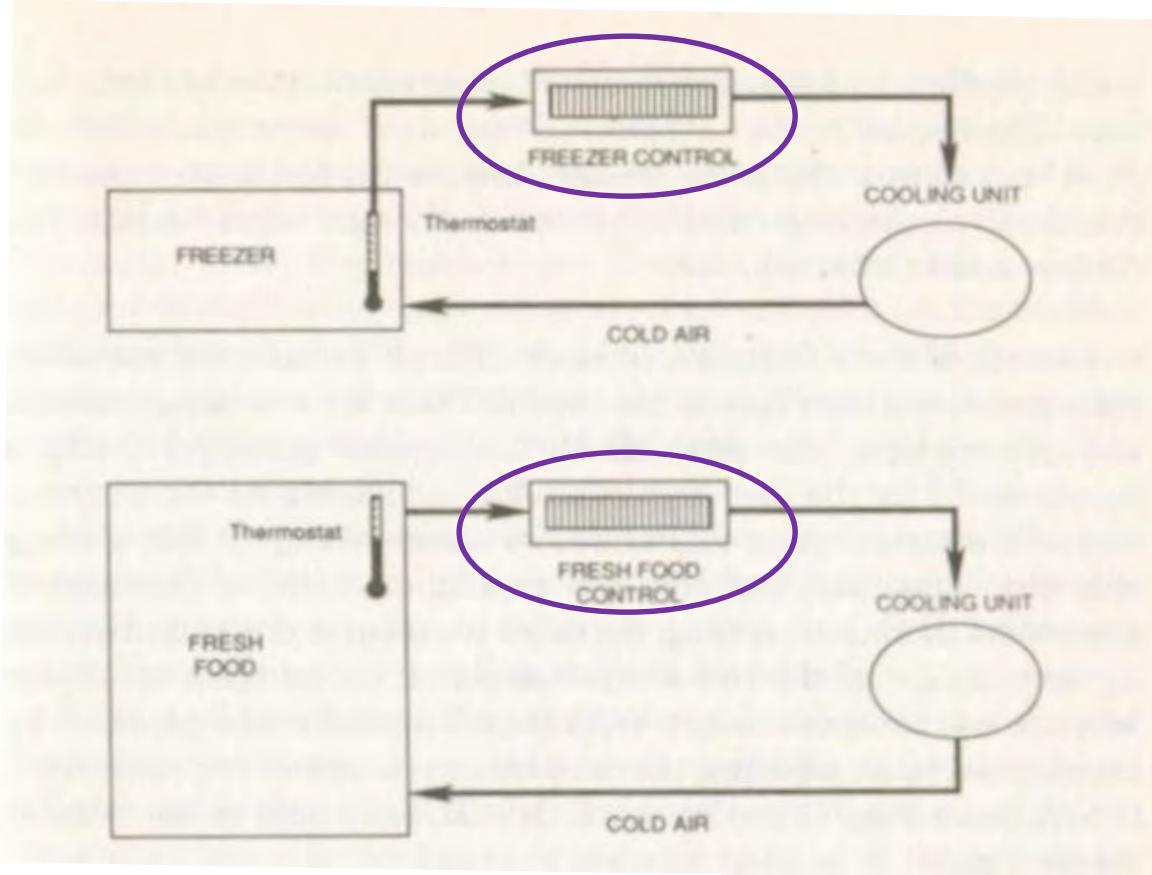


# Manifest Model



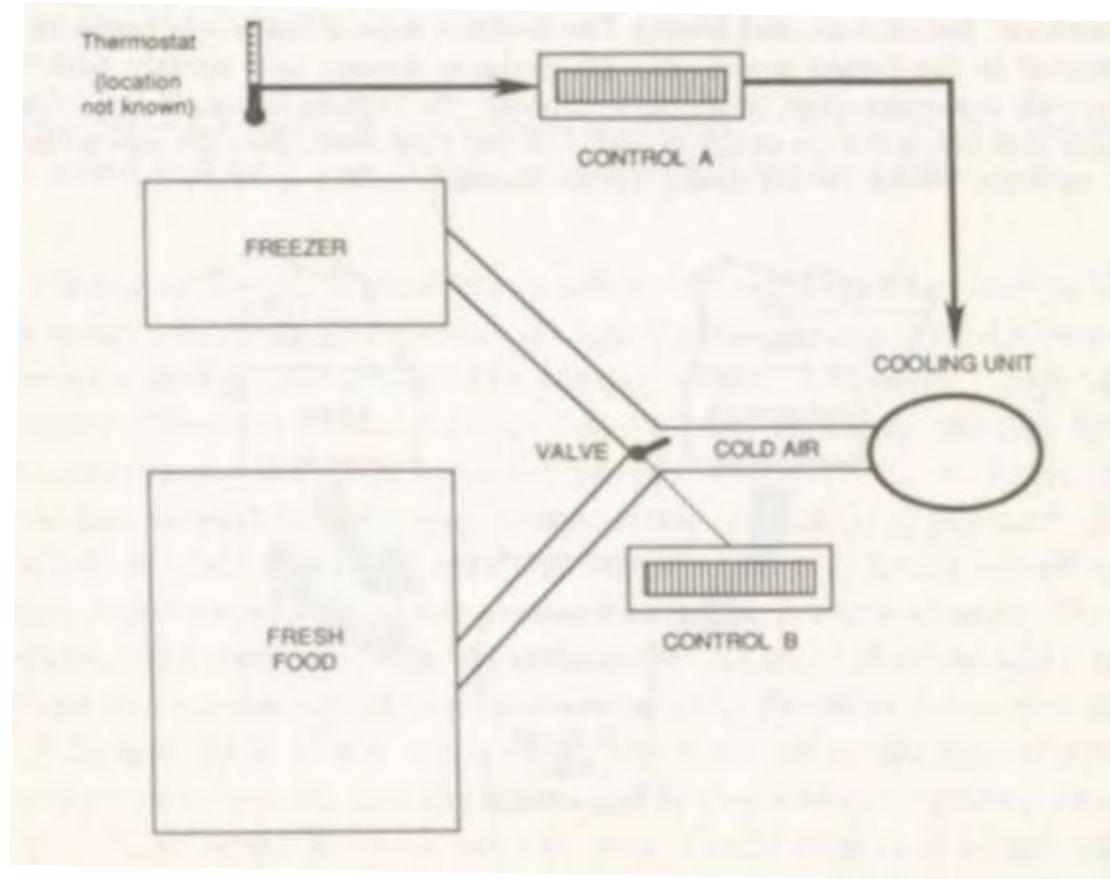
What if I want to make just the freezer warmer?

# A Sensible Mental Model

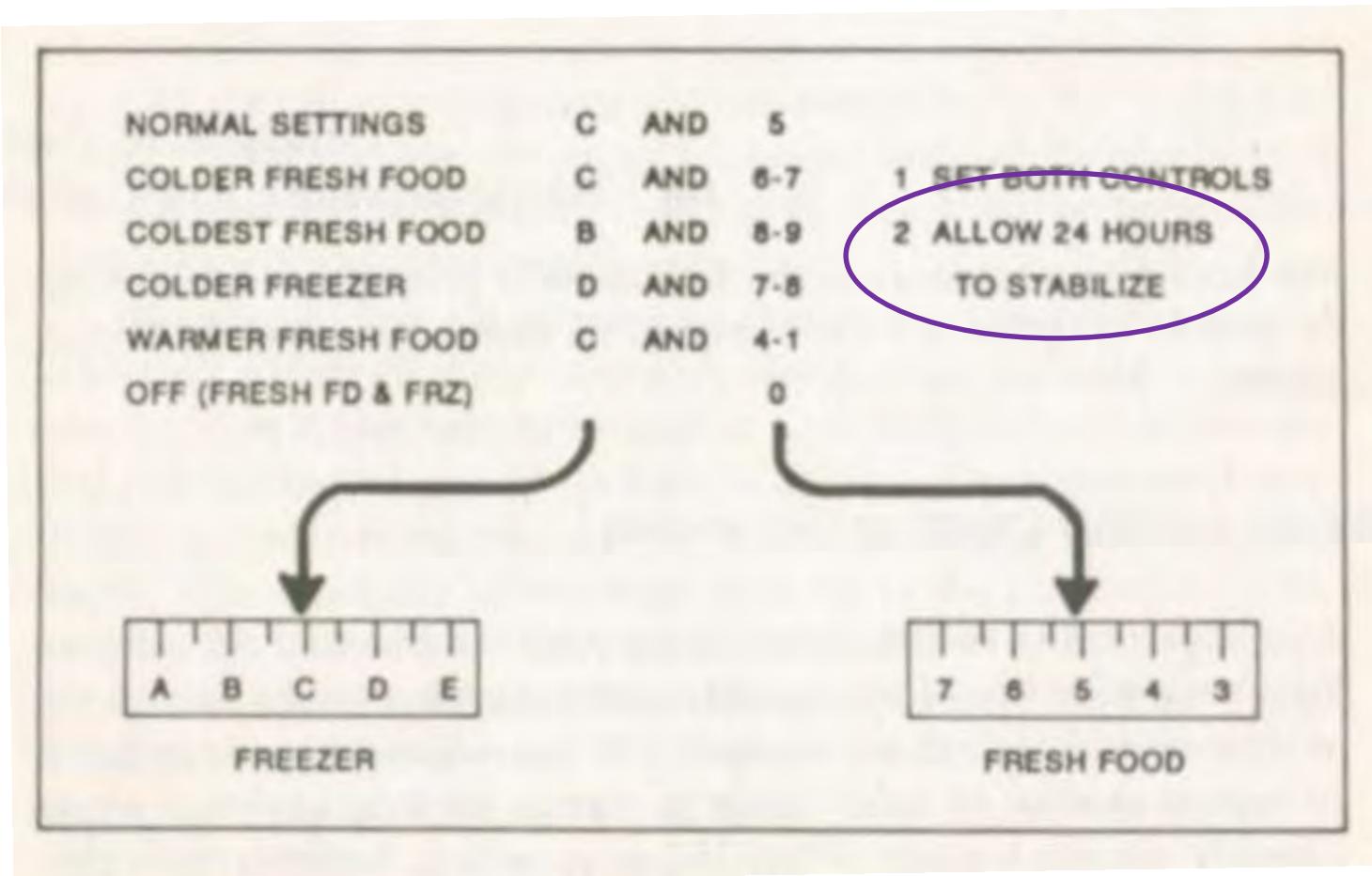


“The Freezer Control controls the freezer temperature and the Fresh Food Control controls the fresh food temperature”

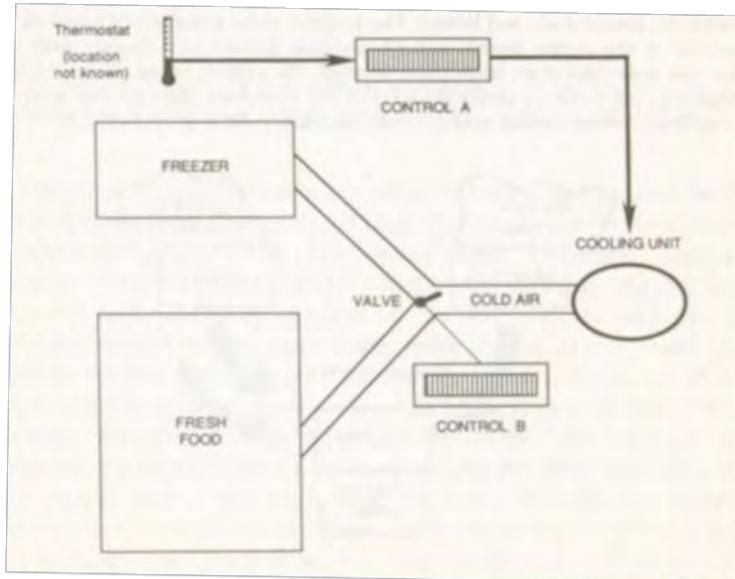
# The Implementation Model



# A Problem with Feedback



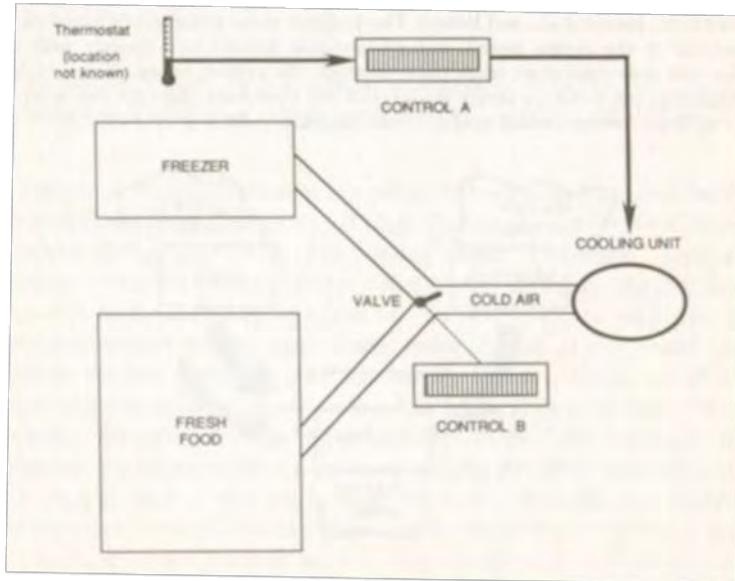
# The Implementation Model



Why is there a problem?

Can you fix the problem?

# The Implementation Model



Why is there a problem?

Cost constraints

Can you fix the problem?

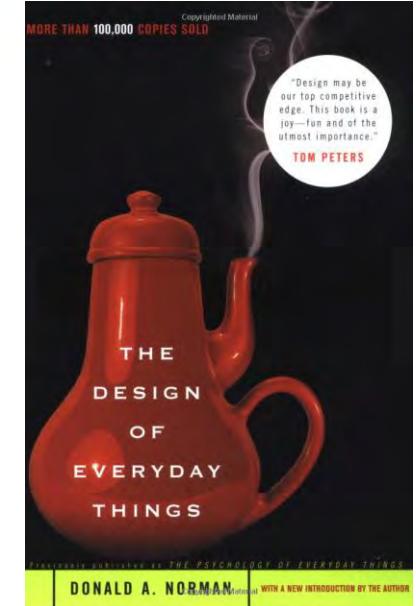
Make controls correspond to  
a person's mental model

“Design depends  
largely on constraints.”  
Charles Eames

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

Metaphors

Visibility

Knowledge in the World

Constraints

Mapping

Consistency

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, 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?

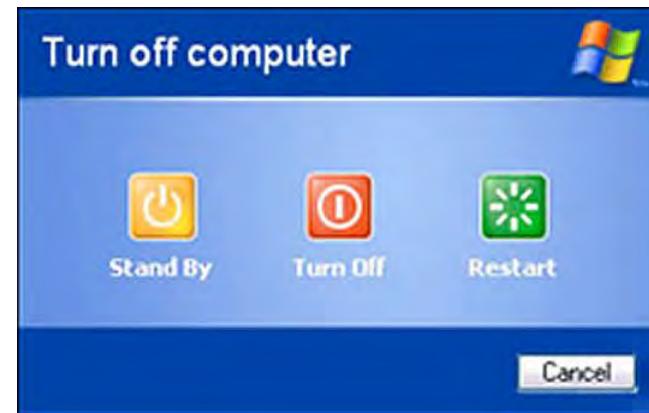


# Affordances



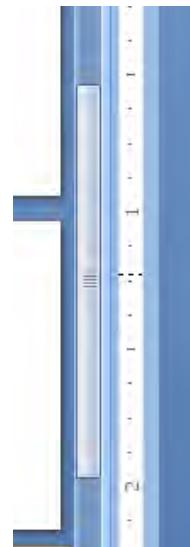
# Affordances

Technology affordances are often based in affordances from the physical world



# Affordances

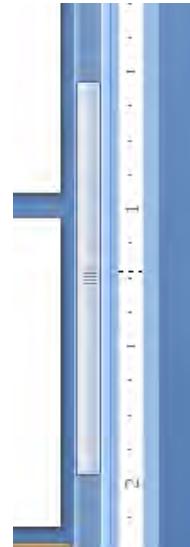
What is the affordance here?



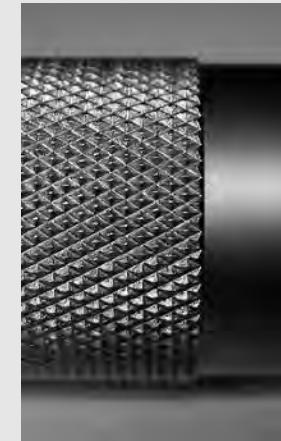
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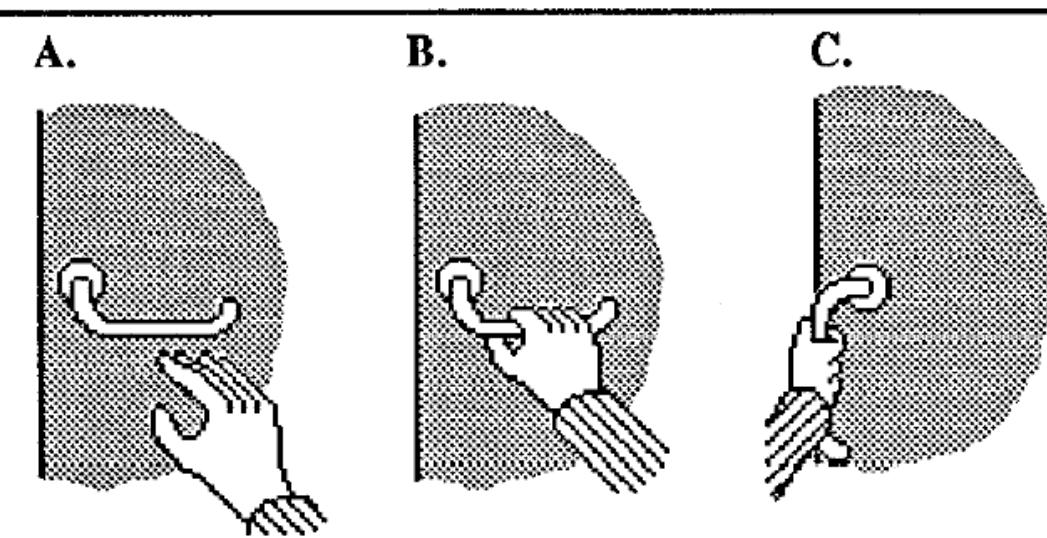
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Where does it come from?

# Sequential Affordance

Acting on a perceptible affordance leads to information indicating new affordances

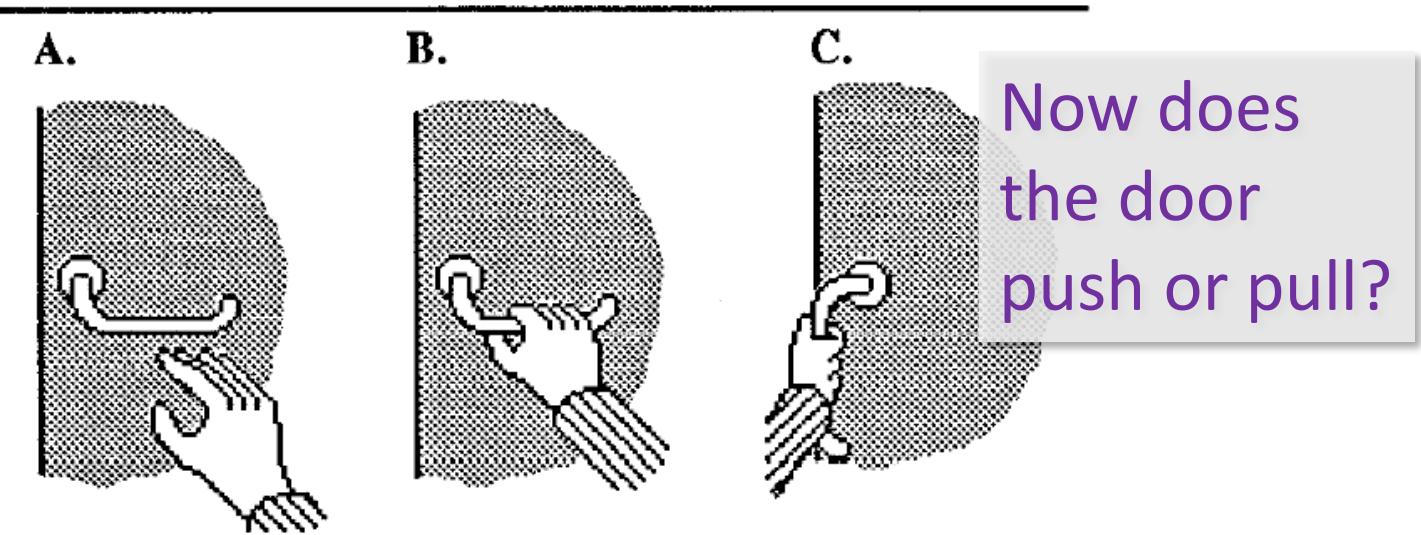


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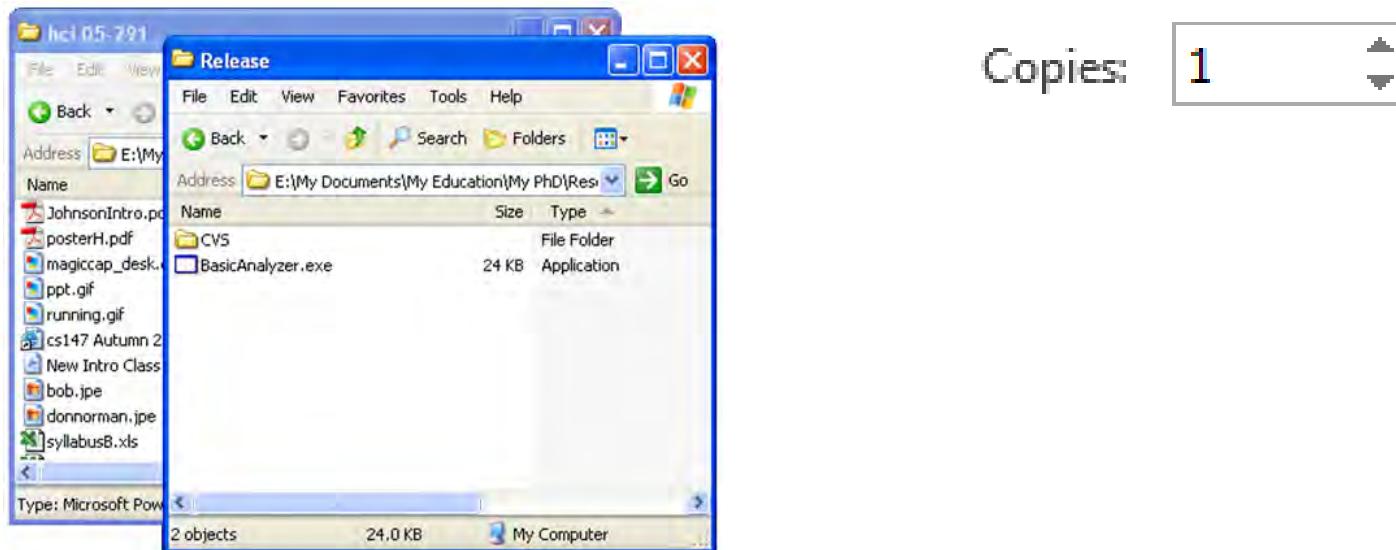
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# Nested Affordances

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

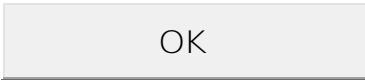
“In general, when the apparent affordances of an artifact matches its intended use, the artifact is easy to operate. When apparent affordances suggest different actions than those for which the object is designed, errors are common.”

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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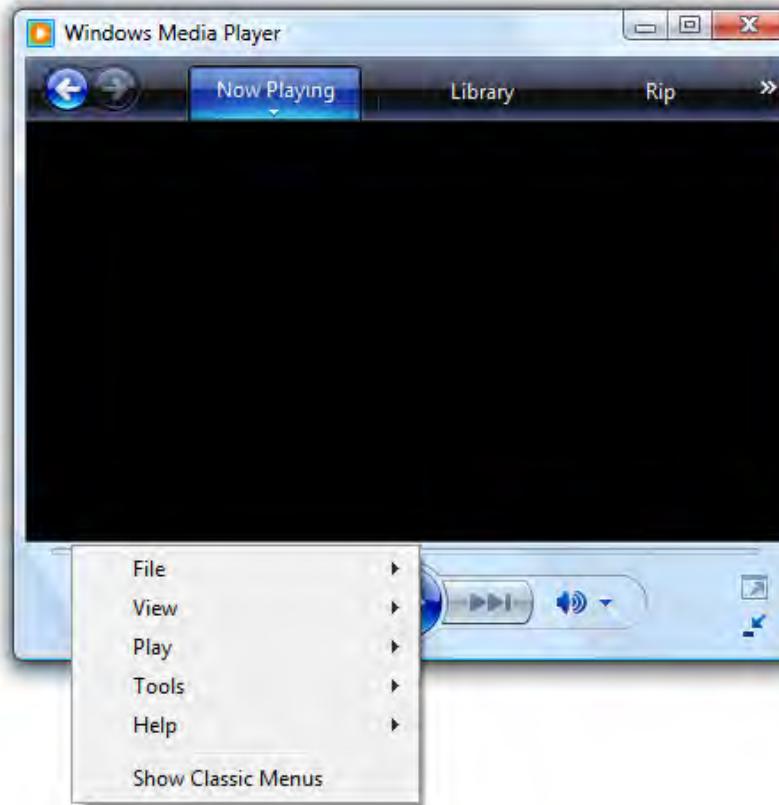


# False Affordances



# 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...”

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I 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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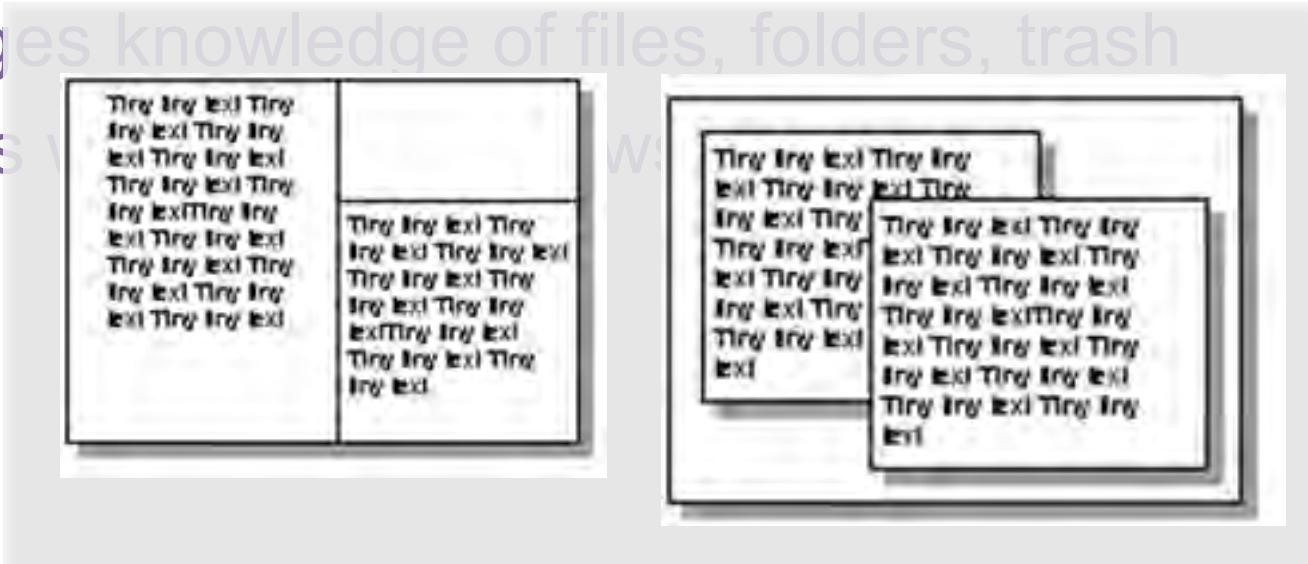
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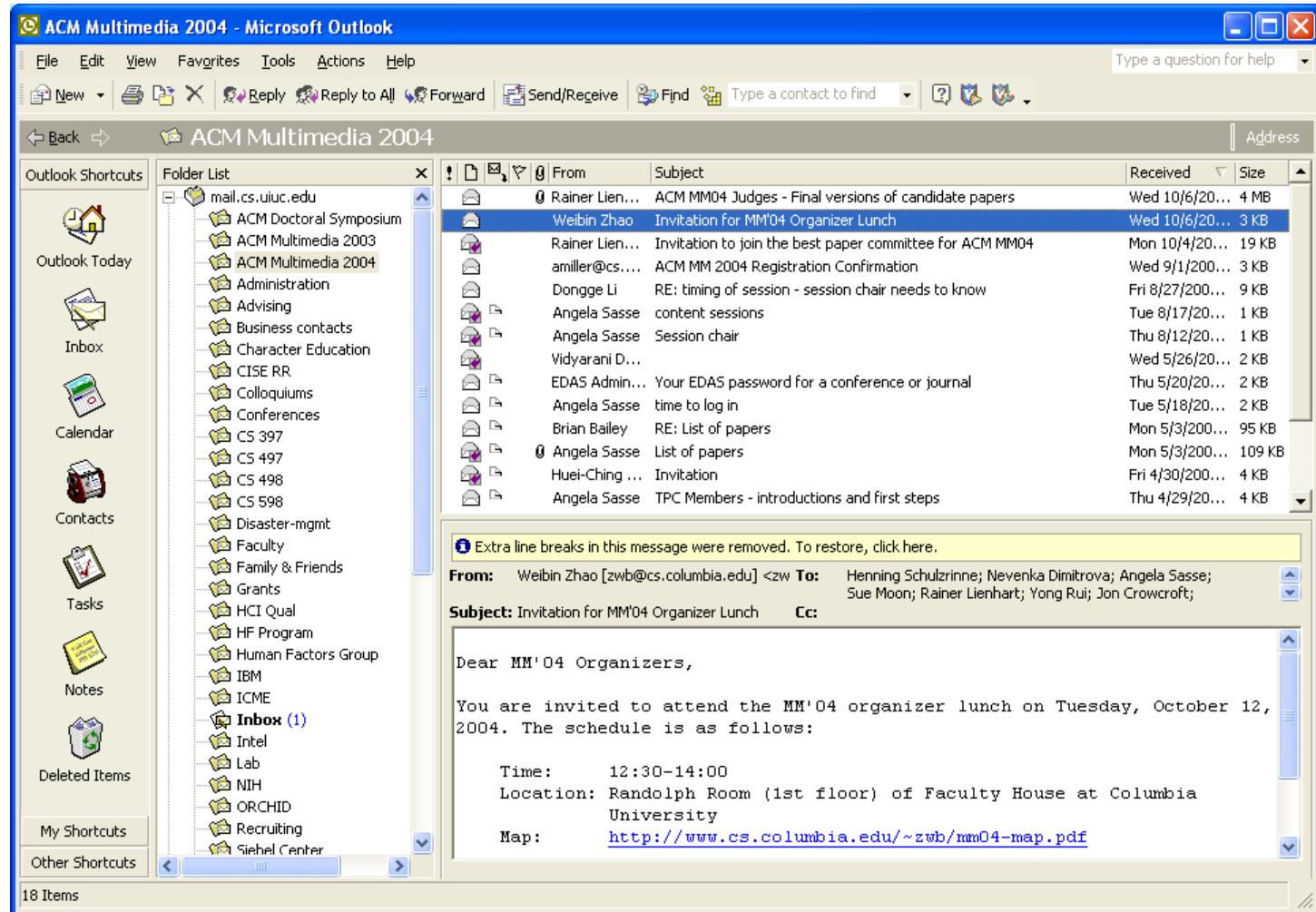
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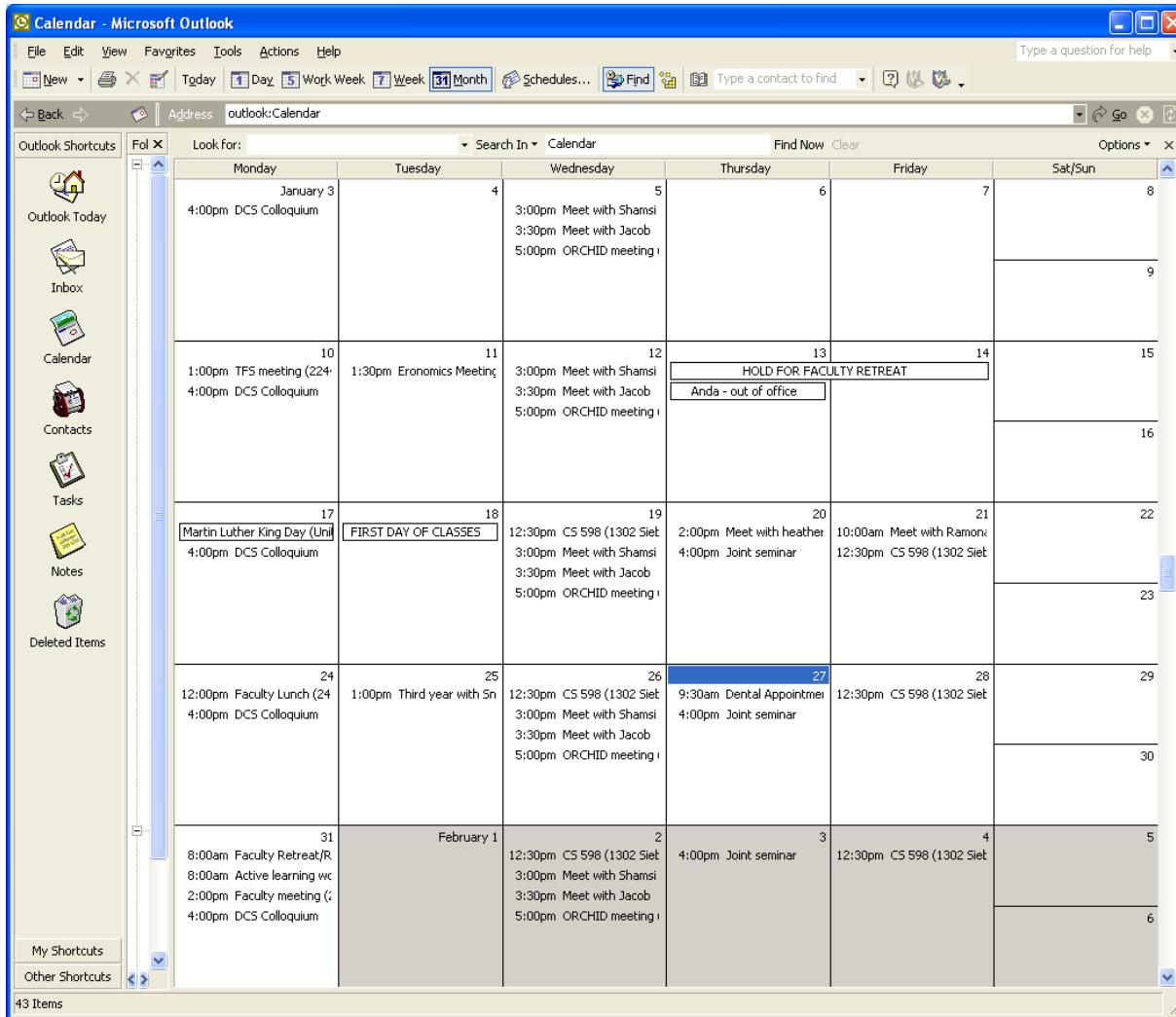
Explains why



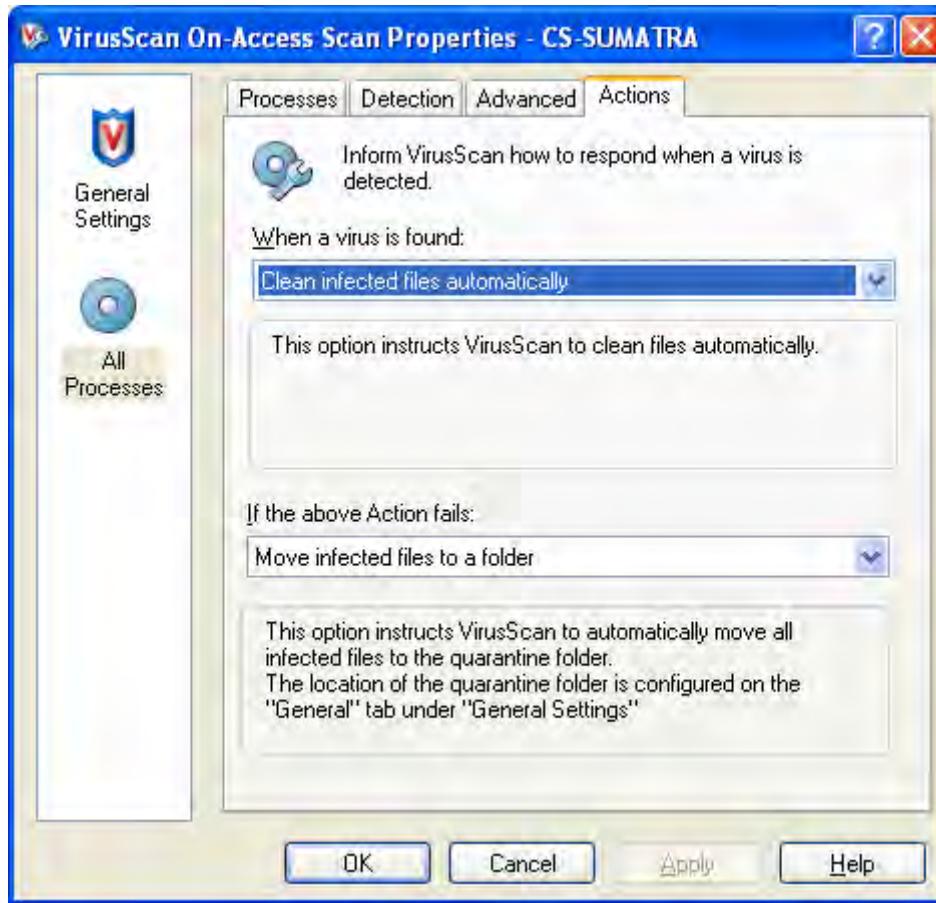
# Mail Metaphor



# Calendar Metaphor

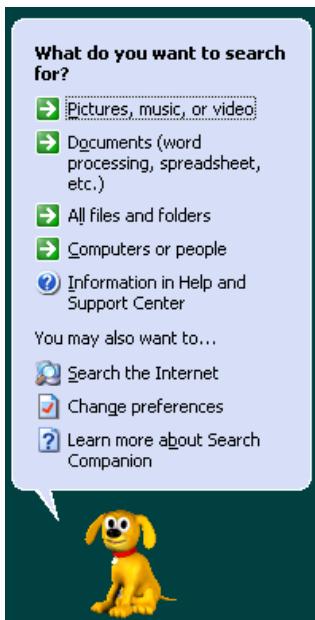


# Health Metaphor



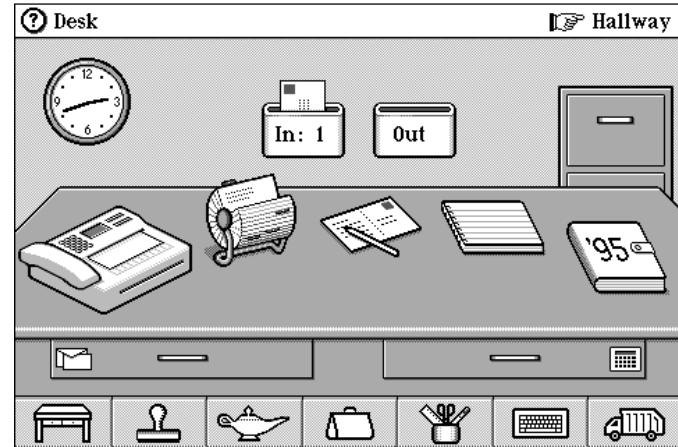
# Shallow or Inappropriate Metaphors

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



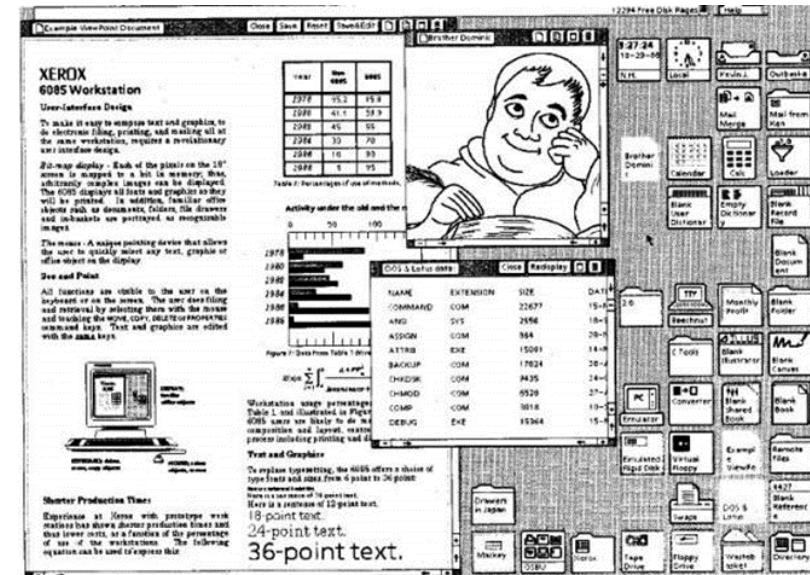
Microsoft Bob

# Mixed Metaphors

Two or more different metaphors coexist with some supposed relation

The desktop metaphor  
Windows into content

Good?  
Bad?  
Neither?  
Both?

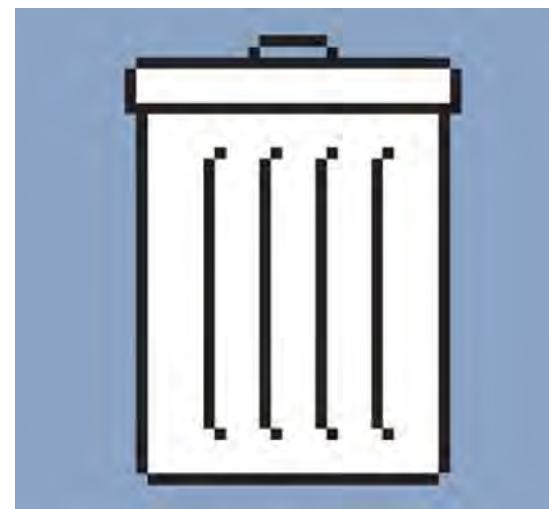
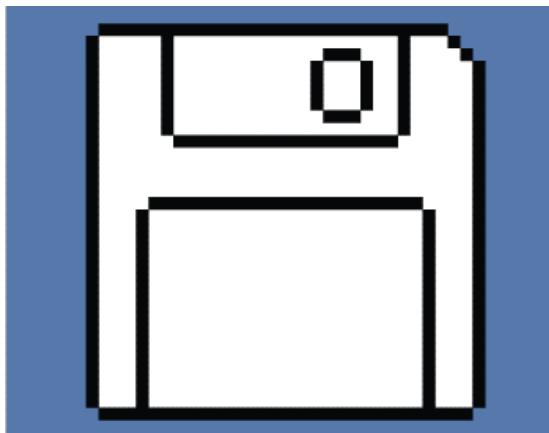


Windows are views into larger content regions

No desktop has windows

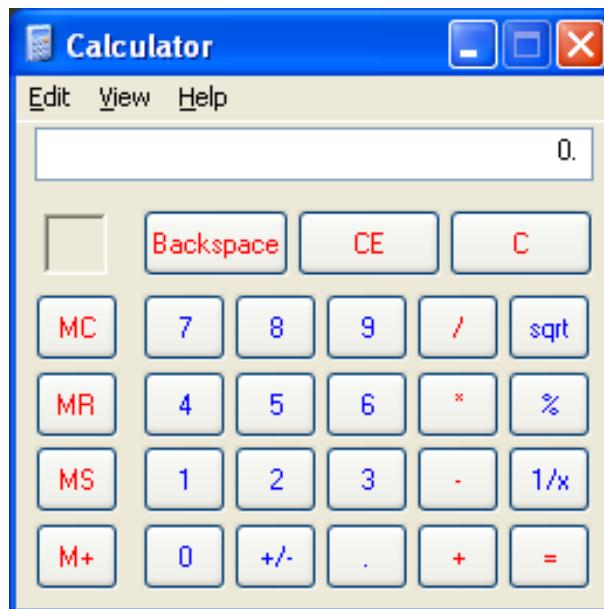
# Broken Metaphors

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



# 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, undermine interaction

- Can limit designer creativity

- Can reduce the advantages of software

- Can be “cute” at the expense of functional

# Visibility

Phones

How do you

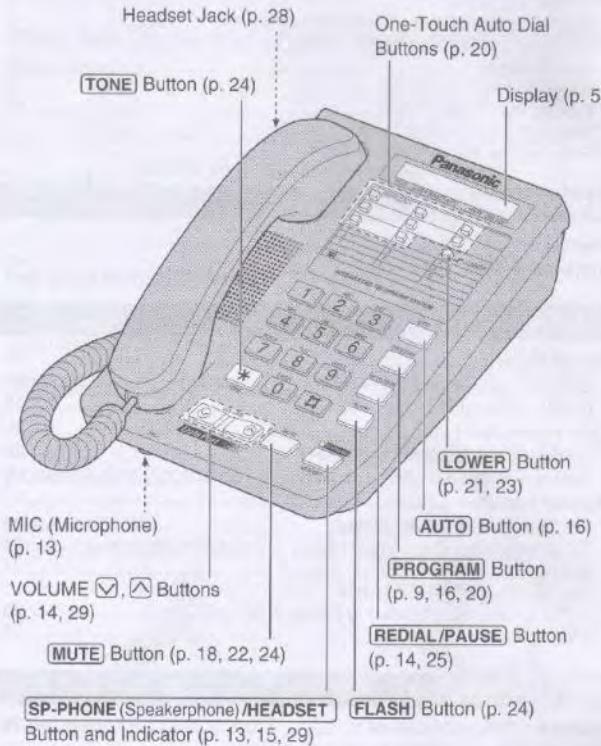
put somebody on hold

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

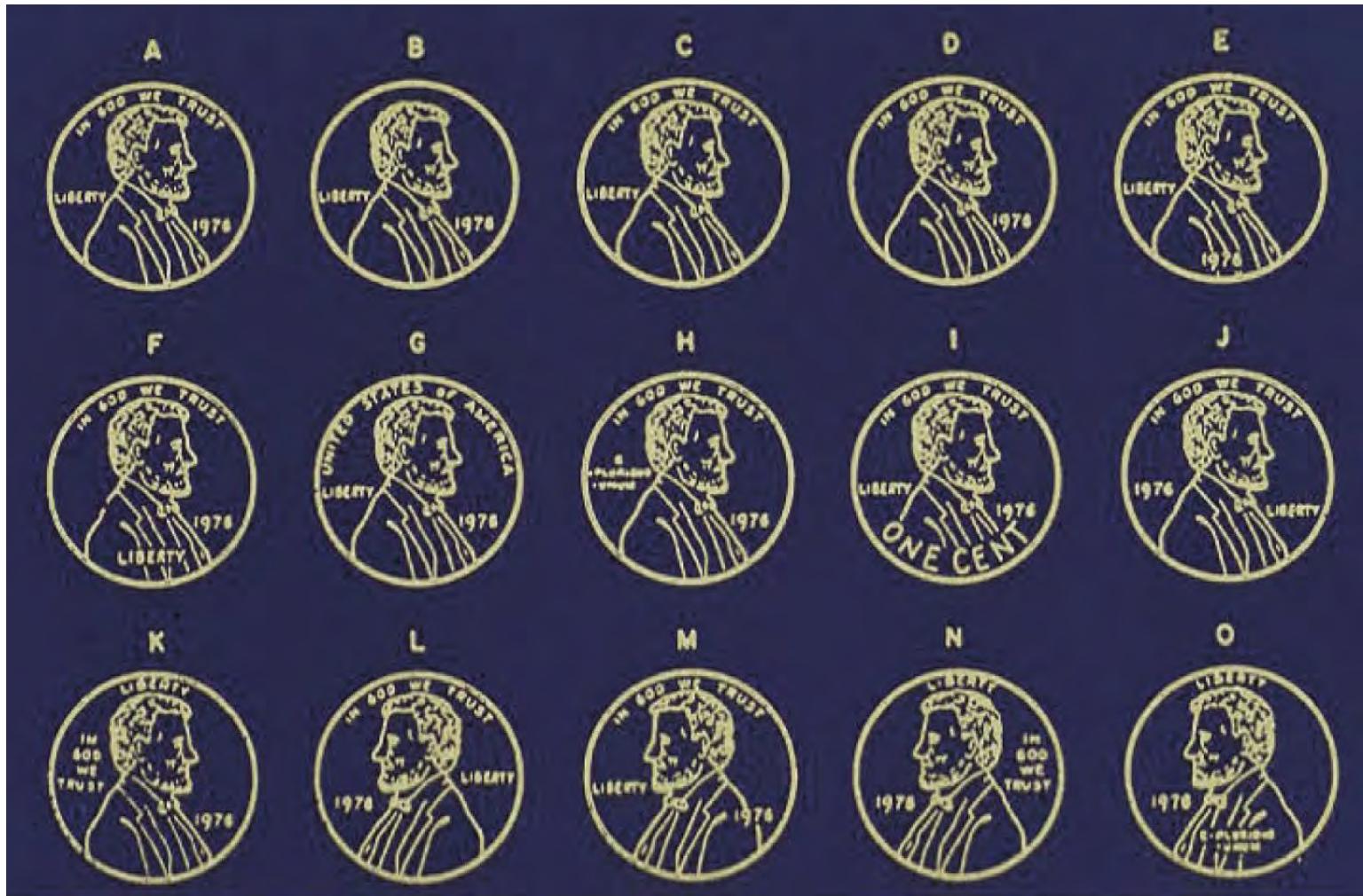
Compare to controls on simple car radio

Number of controls ≈ Number of functions

Controls are labeled and grouped together

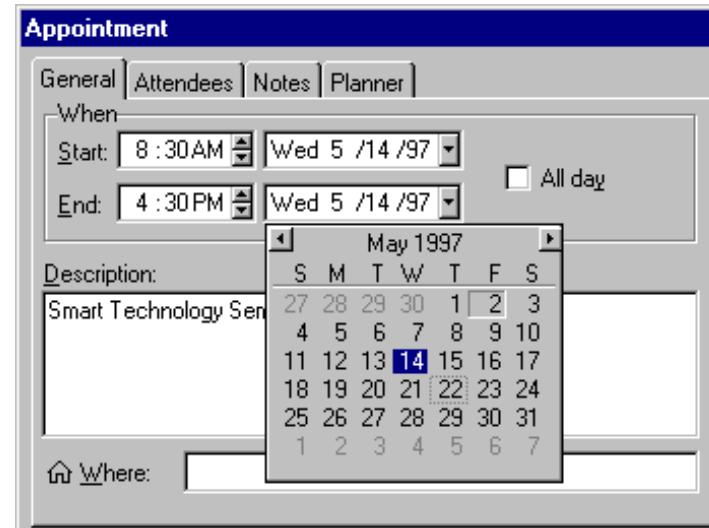
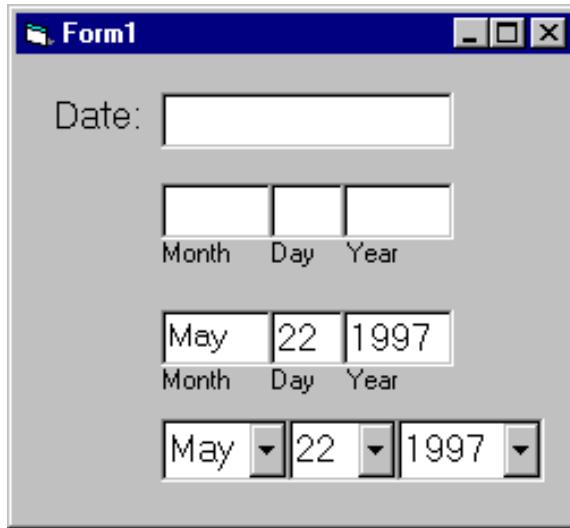


# Knowledge in the World



# 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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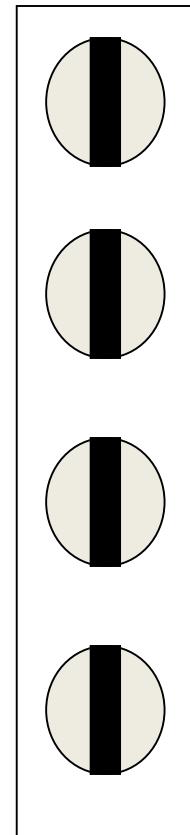
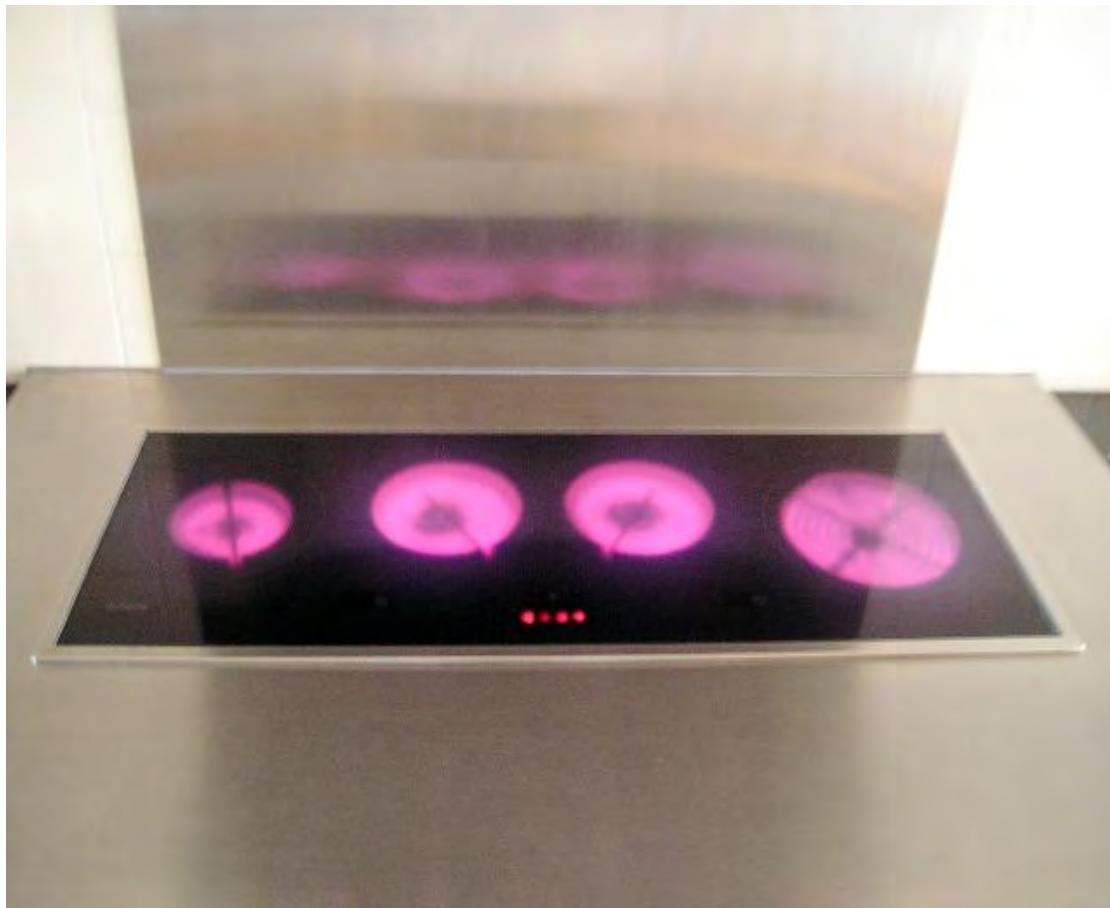
# Mapping

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

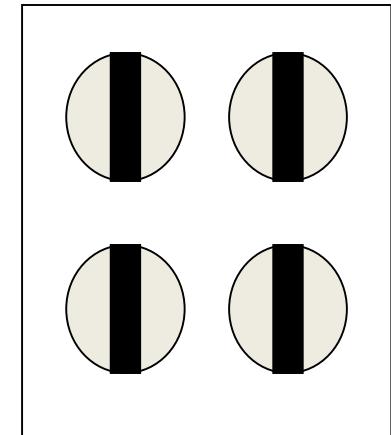
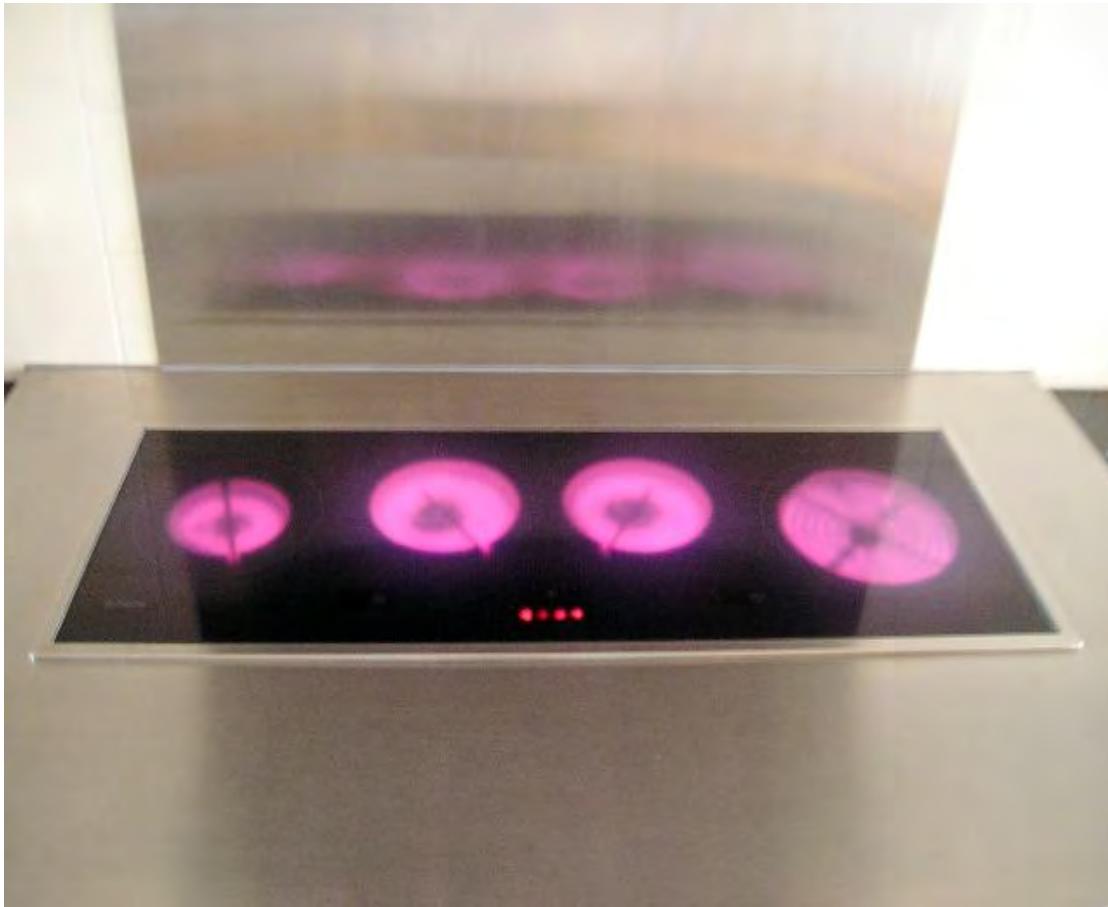
Minimize cognitive steps to transform action into effect, or perception into comprehension (i.e., execution and evaluation)



# Very Bad Mapping



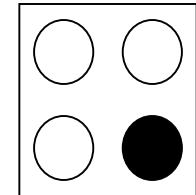
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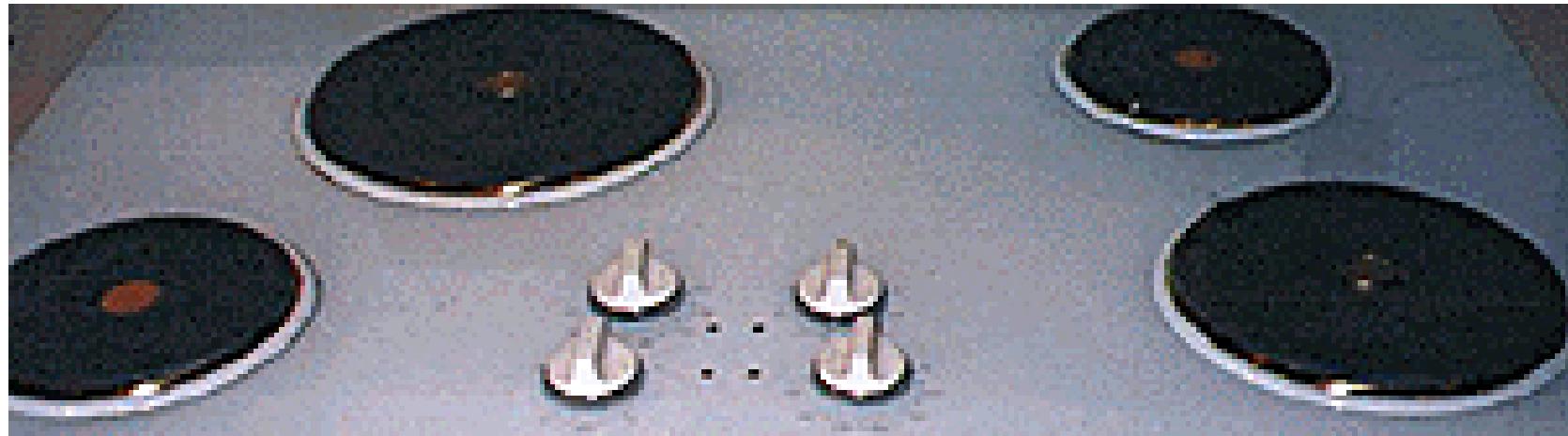
# Good Mapping



# Not this Stove



# Great Mapping



# Mapping



Removing the cover plate, then removing and swapping the switches.

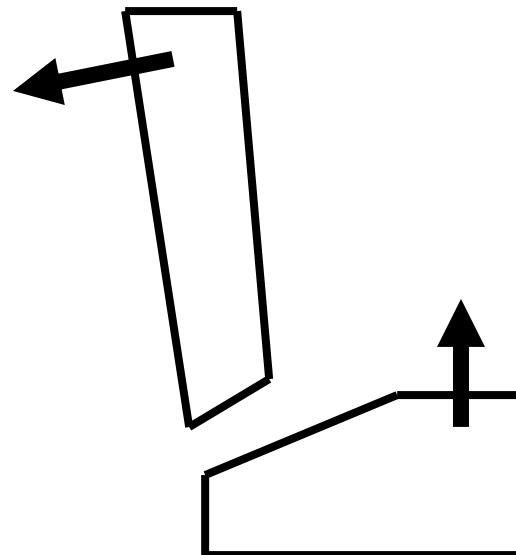
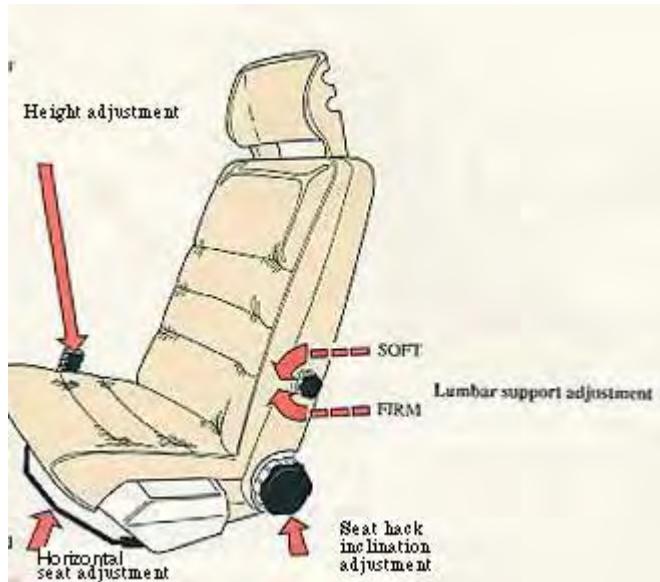


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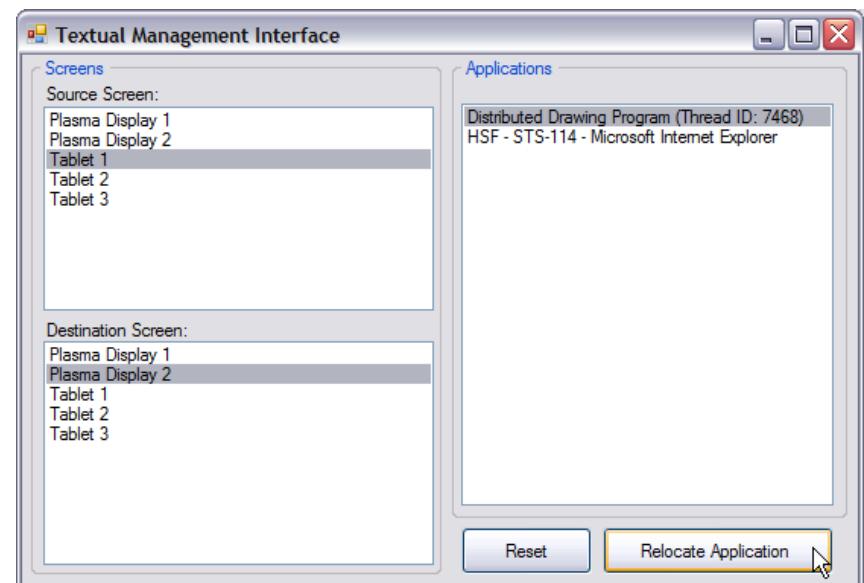
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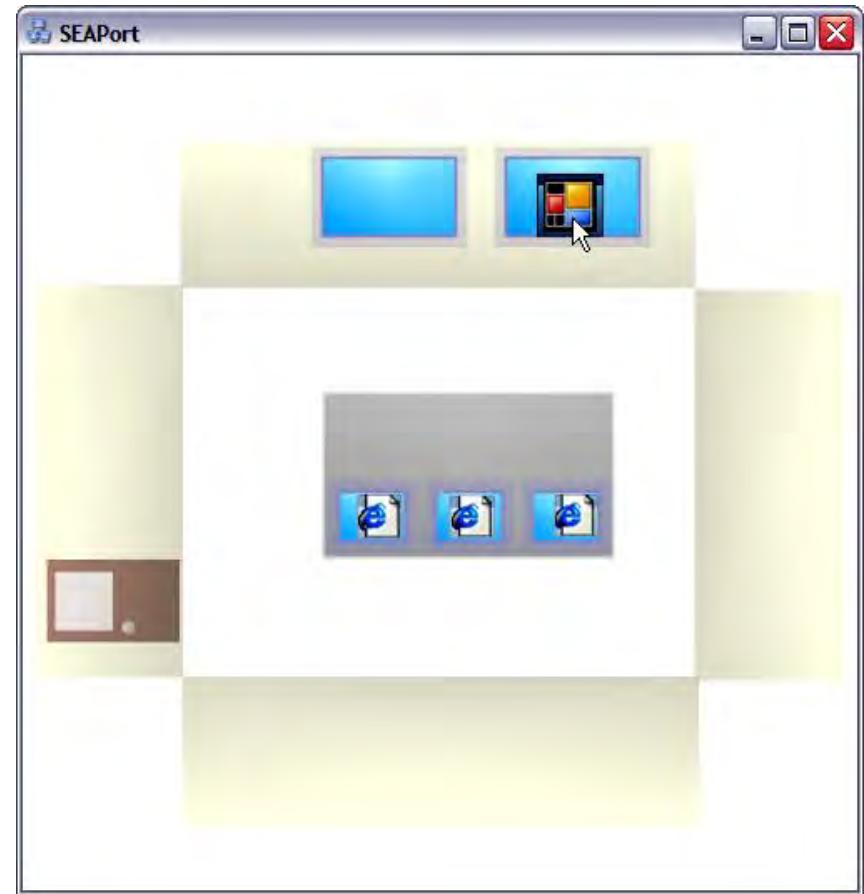
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# Consistency

Interfaces should be meaningfully consistent

Ubiquitous use of same keys for cut/copy/paste

Types of consistency

Internal (i.e., within itself)

e.g., same terminology and layout throughout

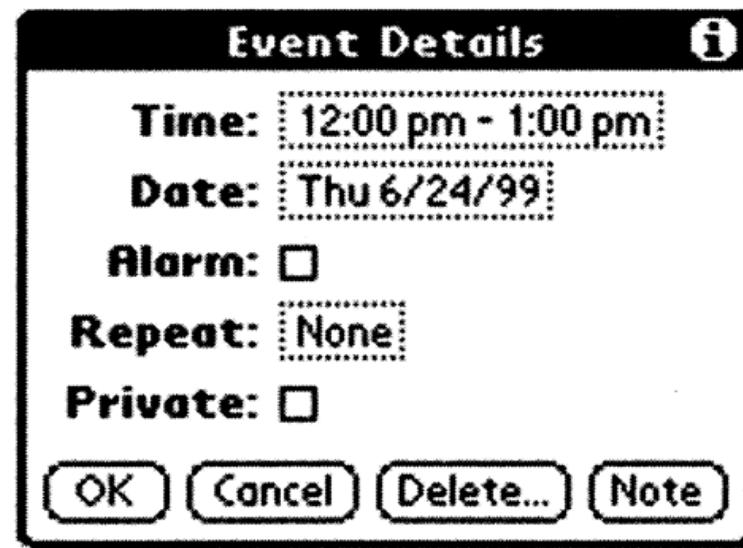
External (i.e., with other applications)

e.g., common widget appearance

e.g., design patterns common across applications

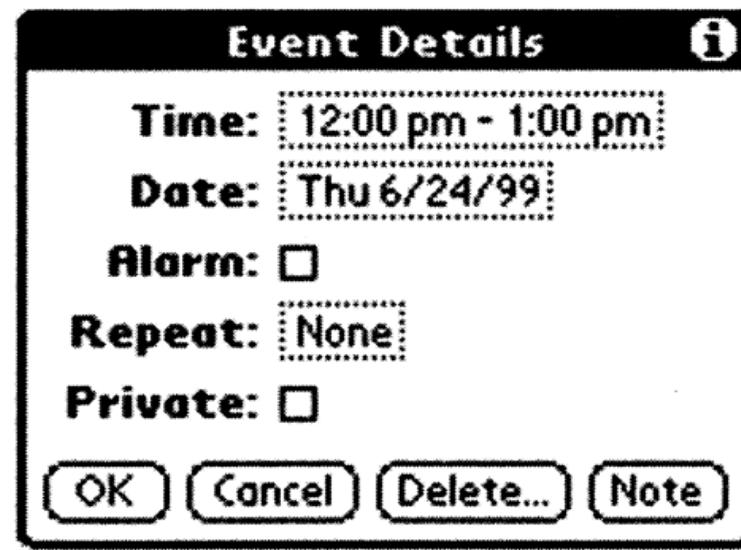
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Should “new” & “delete” be in the same place?



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



New is common, delete is not

# Is Consistent Always Better?

**Event Details** i

**Time:**

**Date:**

**Alarm:**

**Repeat:**

**Every:**  week(s)

**End on:** ▼ No End Date

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**Private:**

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**Date:**

**Alarm:**

**Repeat:**

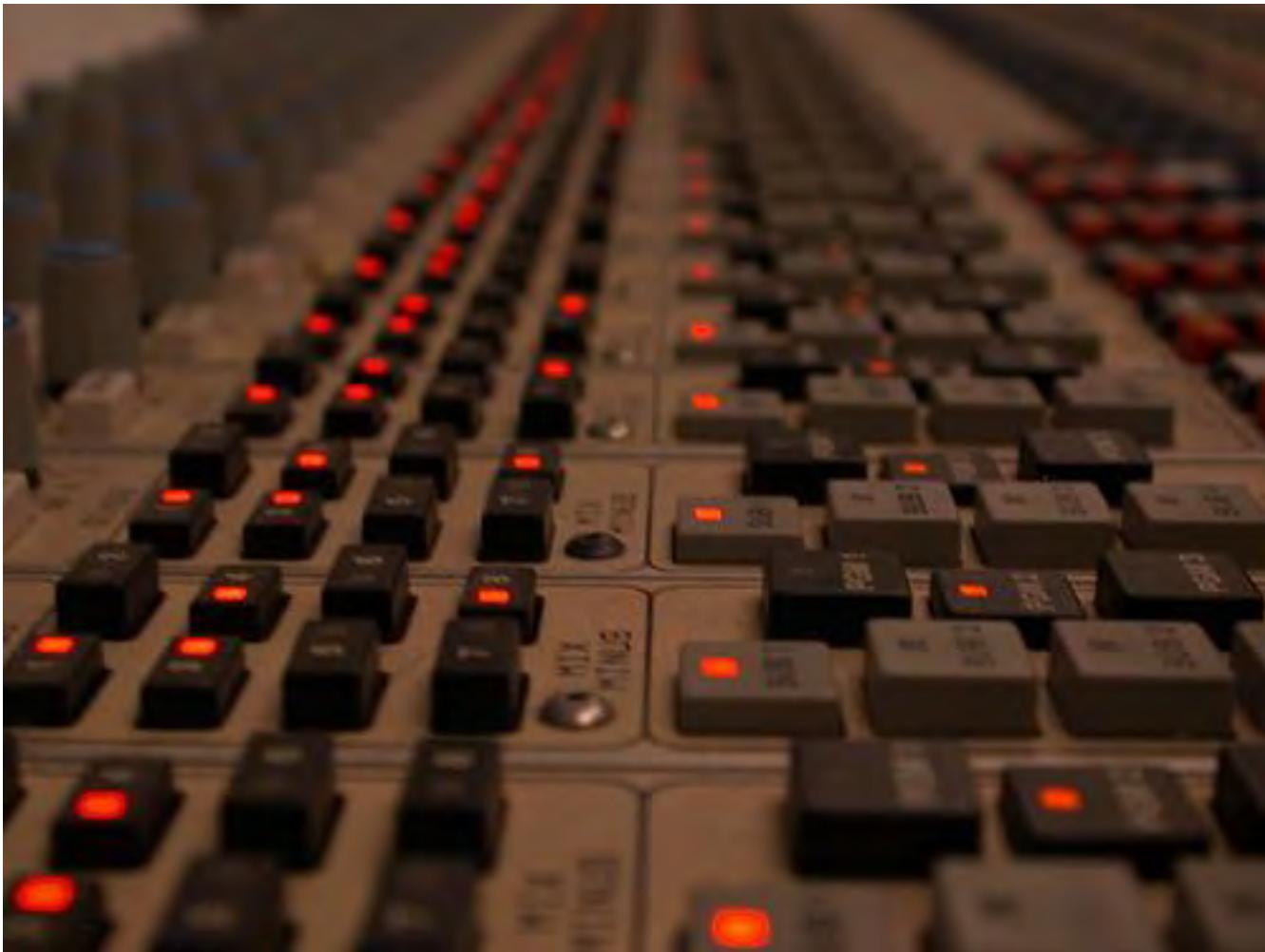
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Original focus on consistency,  
later design for mobile form

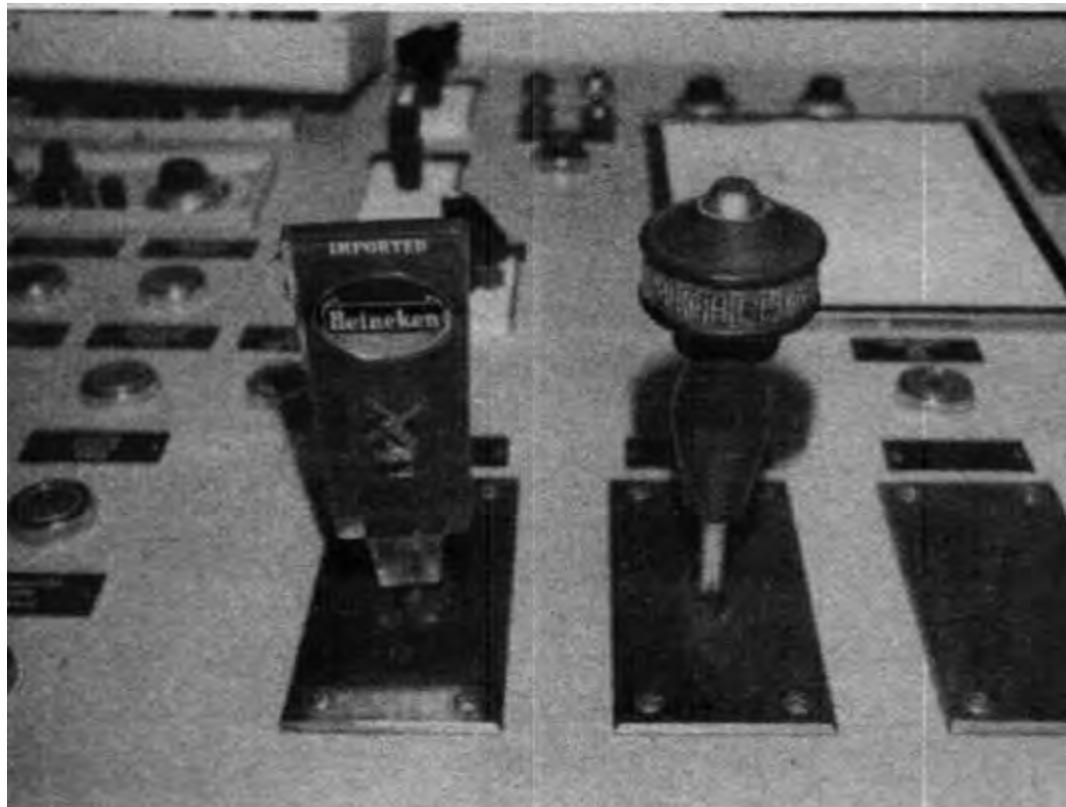
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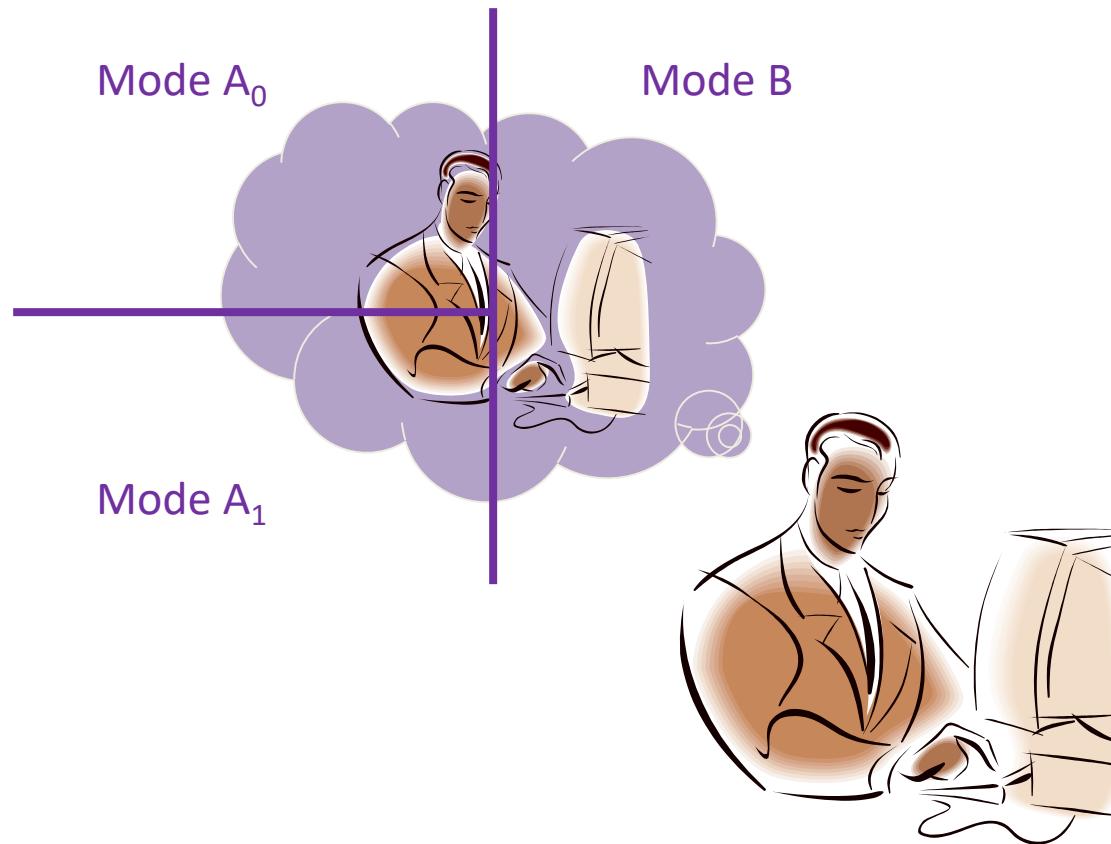


# Is Consistency Always Better?



# Modes

Modes force people to divide their model



# Active versus Passive Modes

Active modes require constant action to maintain

When that action has ended, 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  
Eunice Jun  
David Wang  
Elisabeth Chin  
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Tuesday / Thursday  
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# Project Status and Assignments

Proposals to be “Funded” and Posted for Bidding  
Bidding Tomorrow, Team Formation Thursday

## Looking Forward

Ideation on Friday in Section

2b: Design Research Plan due Tuesday 1/17

2c: Design Research Check-In due Friday 1/20

2d: Design Research Review due Tuesday 1/24

## Other Assignments

Assignment 0 Due Today

Reading 1 Posted, Due Friday

# Amazing Color Changing Card Trick

The colour  
changing  
card trick

# 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

Ethnography

Contextual Inquiry

Additional Methods

# 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



# 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

# 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

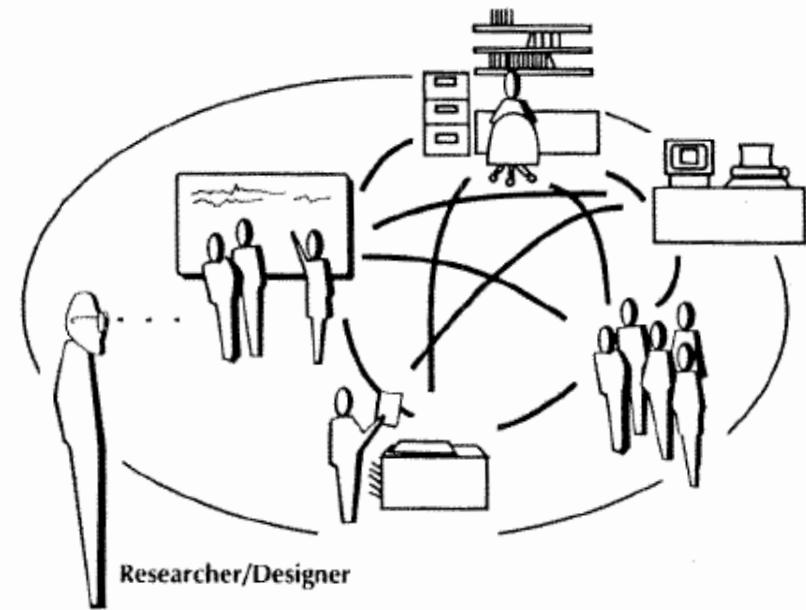
Behavior can only be understood in its larger social context; that is, holistically.

### HOLISTIC

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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

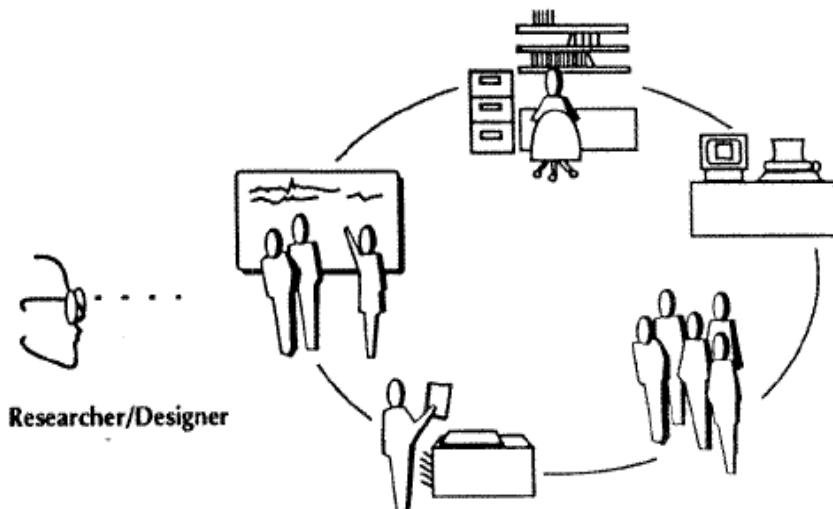
Study how people actually behave, not how they ought to behave.

Defer judgment.

### DESCRIPTIVE

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Judgements of the efficacy of behaviors observed are withheld



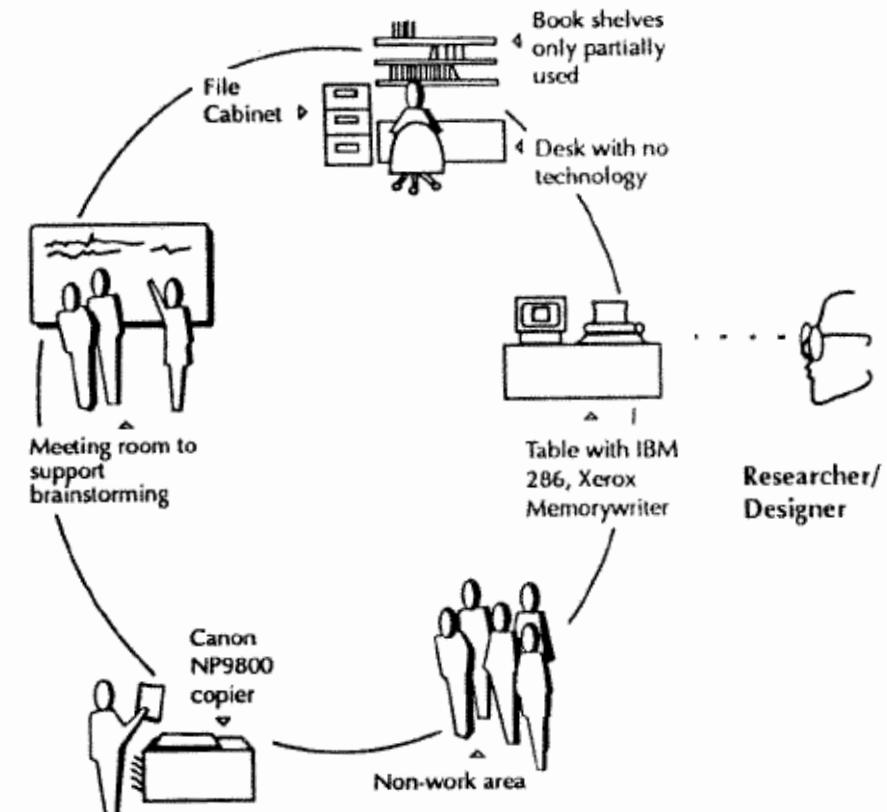
# Four Ethnographic Principles

*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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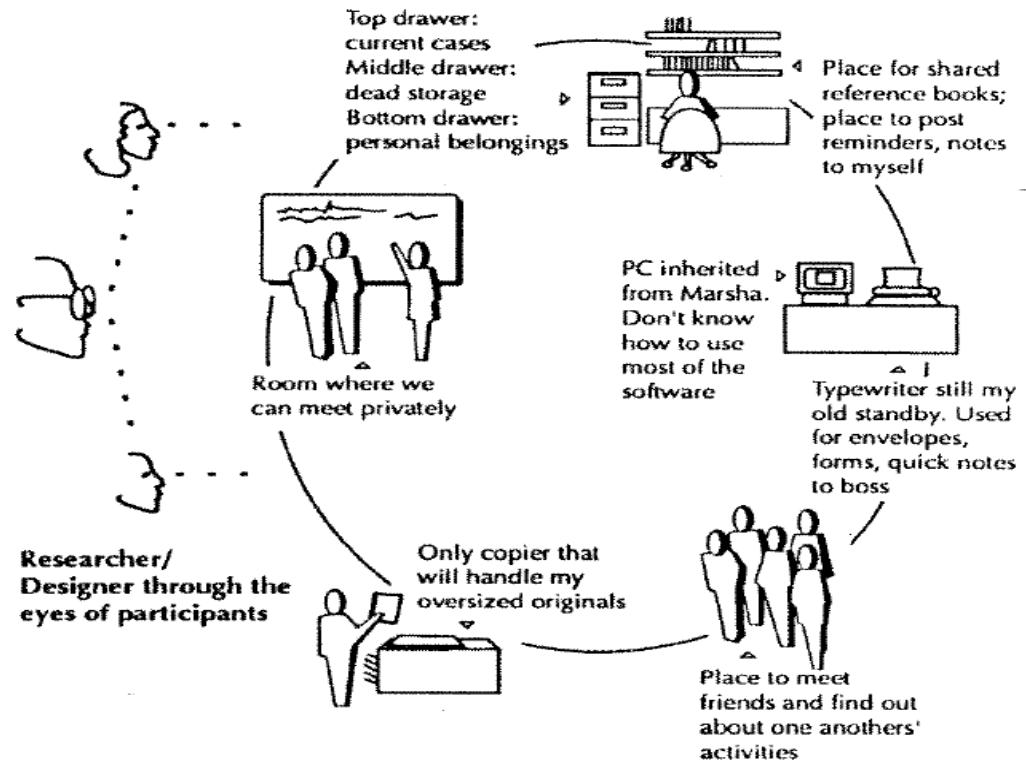
## Member Point-of-View

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 “ethnographically inspired methods”

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

# Today

Ethnography

Contextual Inquiry

Additional Methods

# 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

# User, Subject, or Participant?

Only two groups refer to their customers as users

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

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

This is not simple correctness, nor only about respect, it is a mindset that matters for being open

# 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



# What is your relationship?

In an interviewer/interviewee relationship:

The interviewer asks a question

The interviewee responds immediately

At a pause, the interviewer asks  
the next question from their list

When all the questions are answered,  
the interview is complete

This would support gaining phenomenological  
understanding if you knew what questions to ask

Implying you have phenomenological understanding

# What is your relationship?

In a master/apprentice relationship:

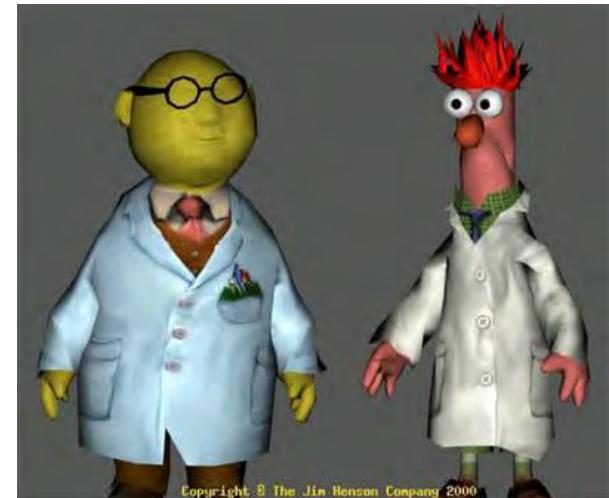
The master is doing stuff

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 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. . . .”

Have them think aloud..

# 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

If cannot observe,  
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 do not know what will turn out to be important

Apprenticeship model tilts power back too far

You are not 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

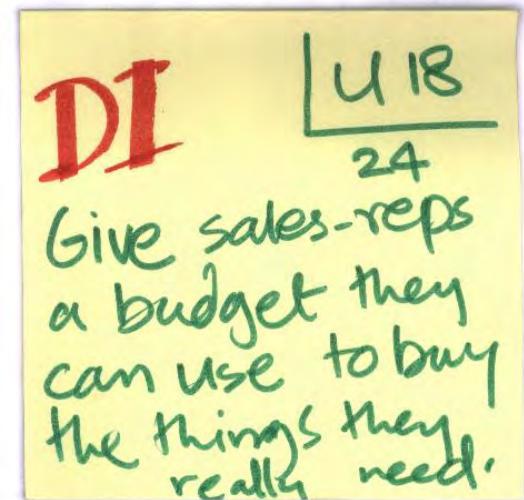
Do not squash design ideas if they arise  
This is design, not dispassionate science

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” – probably no, just being polite

“Yes, but...” or “Yes, and” – depends 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 has 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

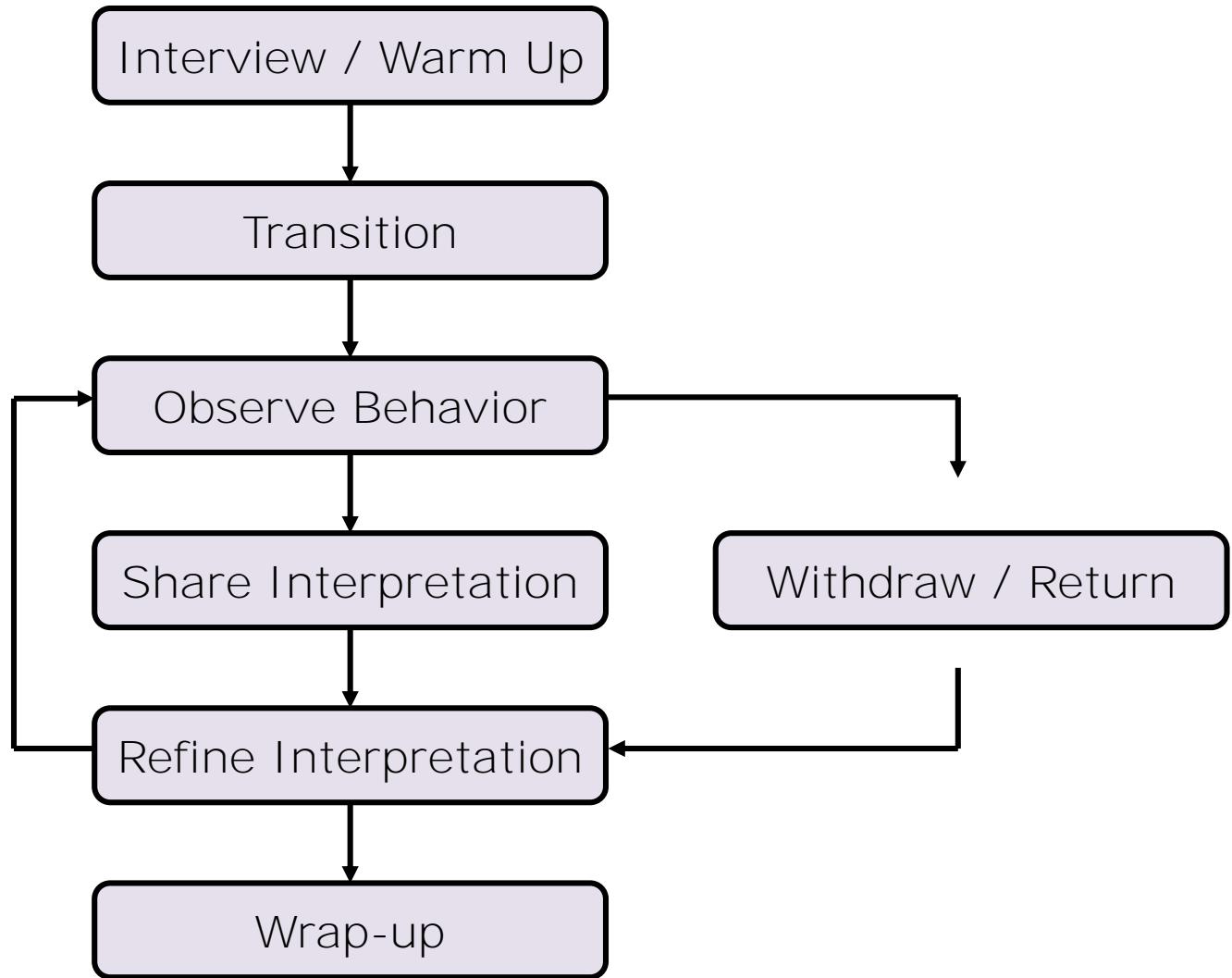
“Do they really do that? Why would they do that?”

What you do not know

Treat interview as an opportunity to learn new stuff

Even if the participant is not knowledgeable, extent of their knowledge / misinformation can 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

# How to Screw it Up

With the wrong person

They need to be willing to partner with you

Turning it into a regular interview

If you could have done it in a coffee shop,  
then you did not 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

Withdrawal and return, maybe on a 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

But you learn by attending to misconceptions

# When All Else Fails

Remember Master/Apprentice

Remember Context

Remember Withdraw & Return

# 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

Ethnography

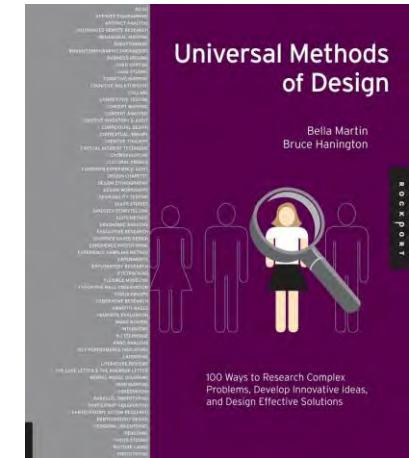
Contextual Inquiry

Additional Methods

# Many Design Research Methods

Many other design research methods are available, with different strengths

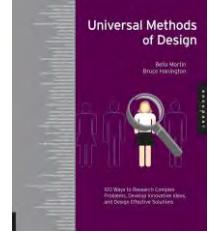
Often apply multiple methods for complementary perspectives



Fundamental goal remains to gain design insight through improved understanding of problems

# Interviews

Method 48



Similar to contextual inquiry,  
but lacking context of direct observation

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

Can be Structured / Semi-Structured

Avoid leading questions

Interpret responses

Repeat and rephrase, probe terms and concepts

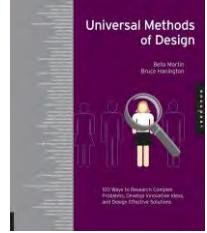
“can you give an example”, “tell me more”,  
“what do you mean”, “why was that important”

Ask when it did not happen as expected

Pair with questionnaires for depth / to humanize

# Focus Groups

Method 43



Moderated conversation among peers

Moderator helps establish this,  
participants share experiences, wants/needs

Researcher benefits from their conversations

Prompts discussion topics

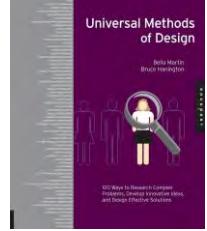
Explanations of problems in status quo

Underlying emotions in a process

Desires / disagreements for new designs

# Diary Study

Method 30



Participants keep a diary

Possibly as primary data

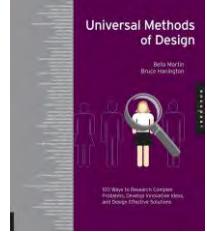
Possibly to create mindfulness before interview



Need						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
10am 3pm	2pm 6am	6am 8am	8am - 12pm	12pm 3pm	3pm 6pm*	6pm 10pm - 12am
You needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Info. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assist. <input type="checkbox"/> Other						
What did you need? <i>To know if smaller could be used on Don Valley Trail</i>						
Why did you need it? <i>brought to take baby to school in trail but it must be ice-free</i>						
Where were you? <i>at home</i>						
What were you doing? <i>planning outfit</i>						
When did you need it? <i>5-15 mins</i>						
What I needed was very important.						
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree		

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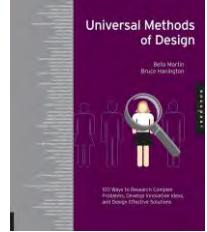
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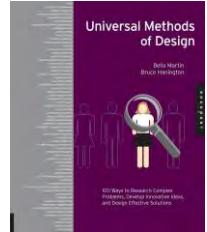
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# Experience Sampling

Method 37



Emerges from “beeper study” method

Can be random, can be context-aware

Can gather self-report, photos, sensor data

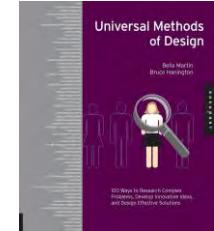


# Many Design Research Methods

## Personal Inventories

Method 62

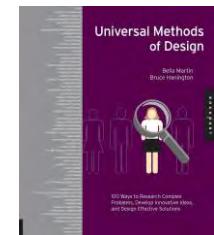
“collections of artifacts selected by the participant”



## Cultural Probes

Method 24

“materials designed to inspire people to thoughtfully consider personal context and circumstance”



“maps ... asked the elderly to mark zones for meeting others, being alone, dreaming...”

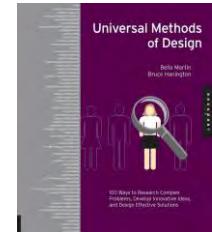
# Many Design Research Methods

## Behavior Mapping

Method 06

“place-centered mapping”

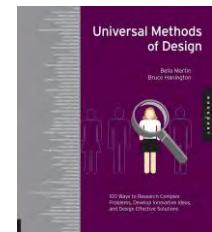
“individual-centered mapping / traces”



## Graffiti Wall

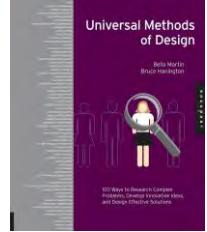
Method 45

“candid feedback on behaviors and perceptions of current spaces”



# Shadowing

Method 76



“observational method that involves tracking somebody in their role”

“not intended to be covert ... however subtle instances might be completed in public spaces ...”

Useful reminder to be thoughtful and safe  
multiple groups have been asked to leave  
be safe, be mindful of people

# 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?

Independence

Privacy

Trust

Accountability

Ownership and Property

Fairness

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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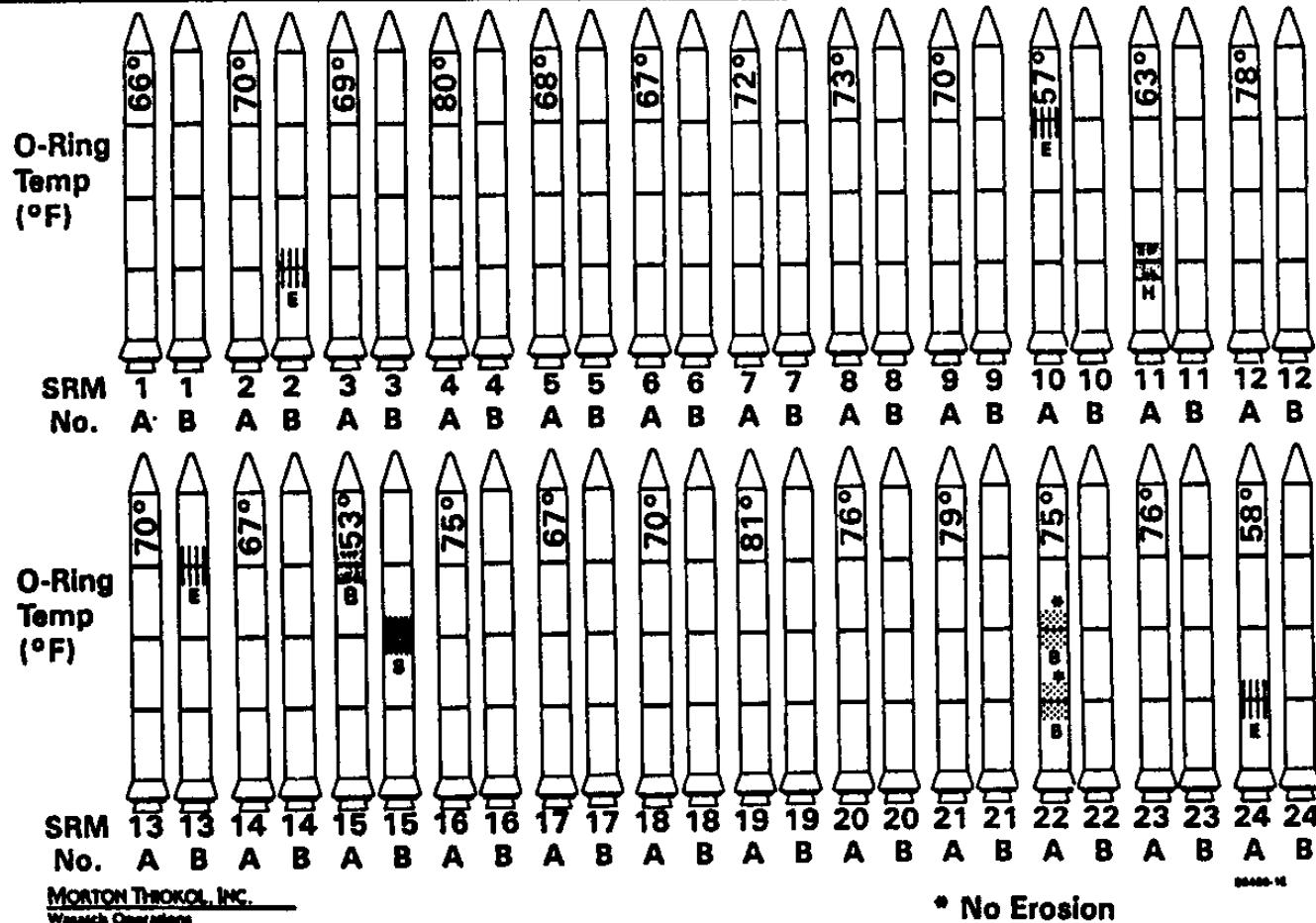
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# Tacoma Narrows



# O-Rings

## History of O-Ring Damage in Field Joints (Cont)

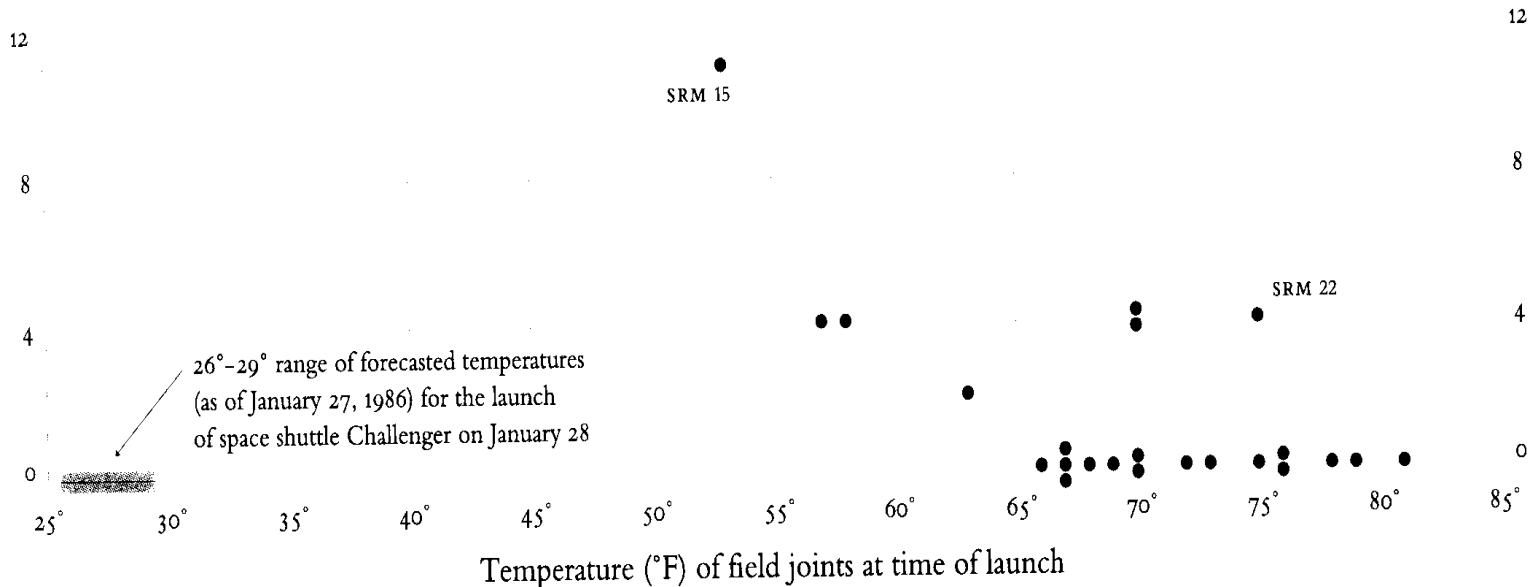


MORTON THOKOL, INC.  
Wearach Operations

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# O-Rings

O-ring damage  
index, each launch



# Tractors



# Tractors



# Tractors

## National Agricultural Safety Database Quotes



Older tractors with narrow front ends are easily upset

Tractor upsets cause more fatalities than other farm accidents

Injuries often include a broken or crushed pelvis

# Tractors

Tractor upsets used to be dismissed as driver error

But such accidents  
are less frequent because  
modern designs have:

roll cage

low center of gravity

wider wheel bases



# Human Factors Tradition

Emerges during and after WWII, as highly trained people are failing to effectively control the machinery they operate

(pilots are crashing planes)

The phrase “human factors” now often has a connotation of studying factory workers, ergonomics, or other physical tasks

(ask me about Grudin article if interested)

# 1988: Iran Air Flight 655

In 1987, *USS Stark* was struck by two missiles launched by an Iraqi Mirage F-1, killing 37 with no weapons fired in self-defense during the attack.



In 1988, crew of the *USS Vincennes* Combat Information Center confusingly reported the plane as ascending and descending at the same time (there were two "camps").



# 1988: Iran Air Flight 655

The Airbus's original track, number 4474, had been replaced by the *USS Sides* track, number 4131, when the computer briefly recognized them as one and the same. Shortly thereafter, track 4474 was re-assigned by the system to an American A-6, several hundred miles away, following a descending course at the time. Apparently not all the crew in the CIC realized the track number had been switched on them.



# Why do we do HCI in CSE?

Every engineering discipline includes the study of breakdowns and the design of improved solutions that address those breakdowns

Understanding how and why human interaction breaks down is fundamental to designing better computing systems

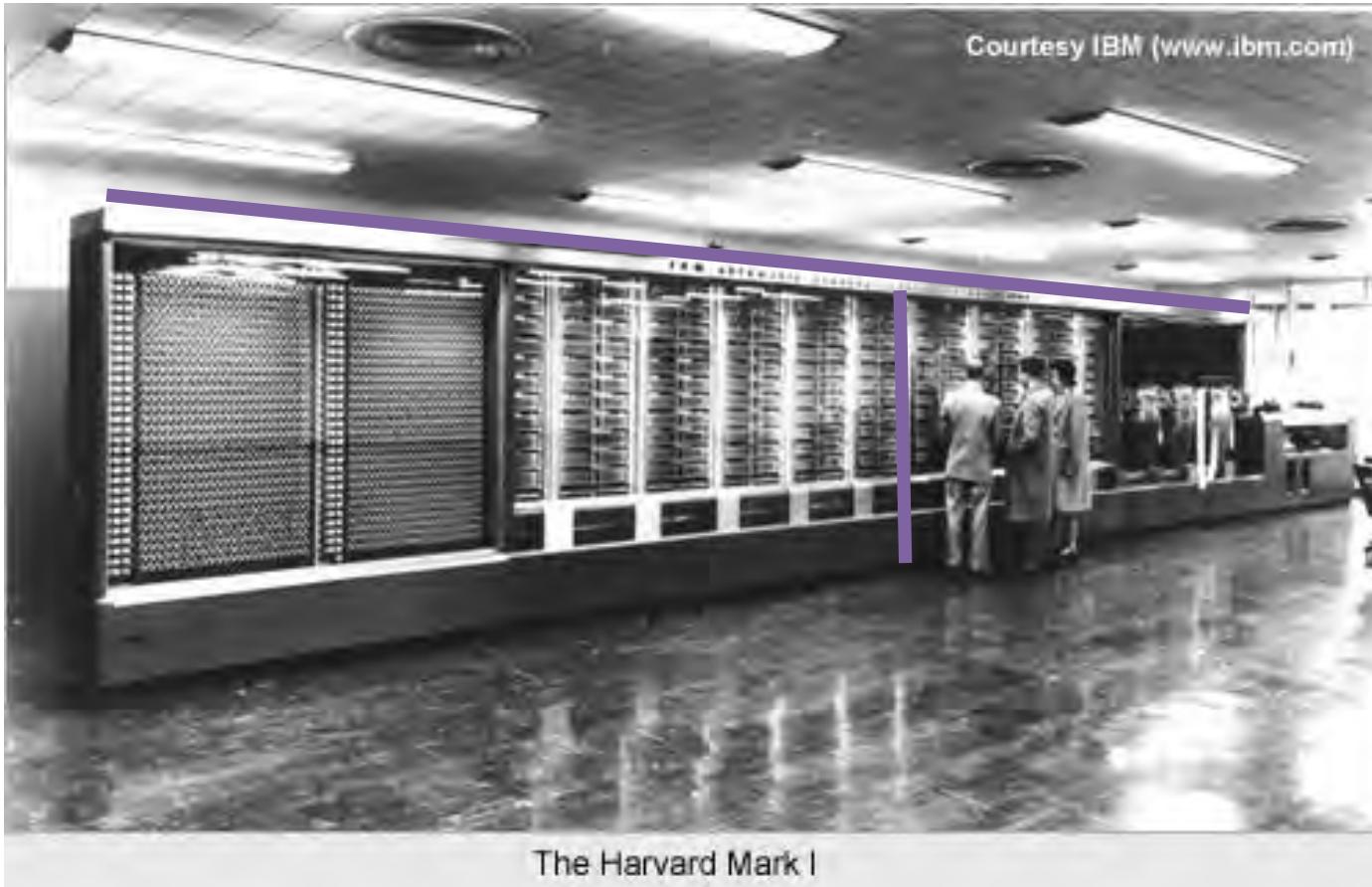
This study must include computer scientists, as we are the ones creating the technology

# A History Question

Who invented hypertext? When?

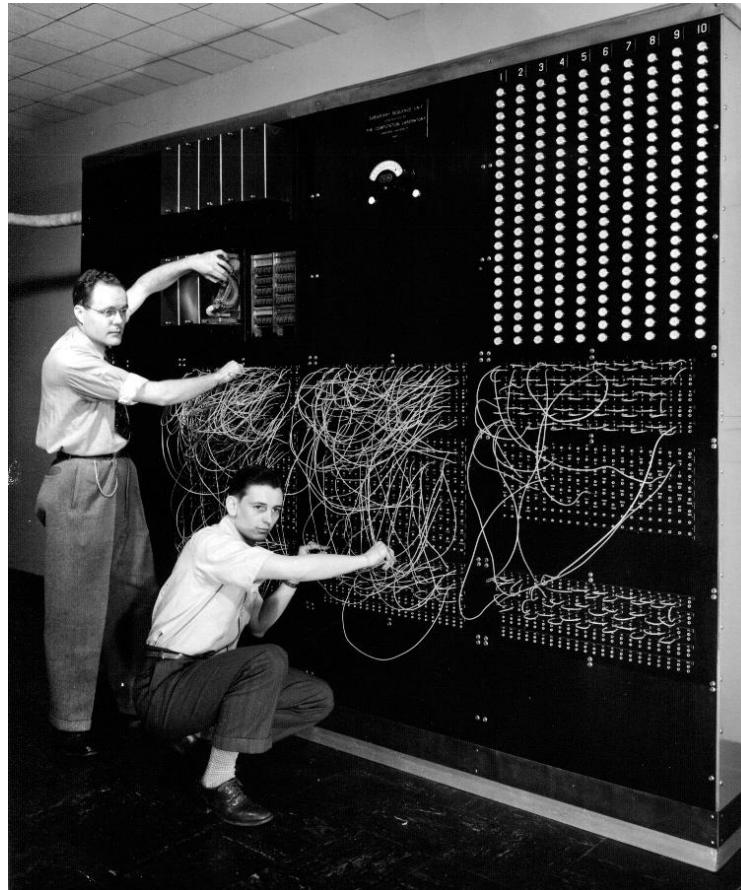
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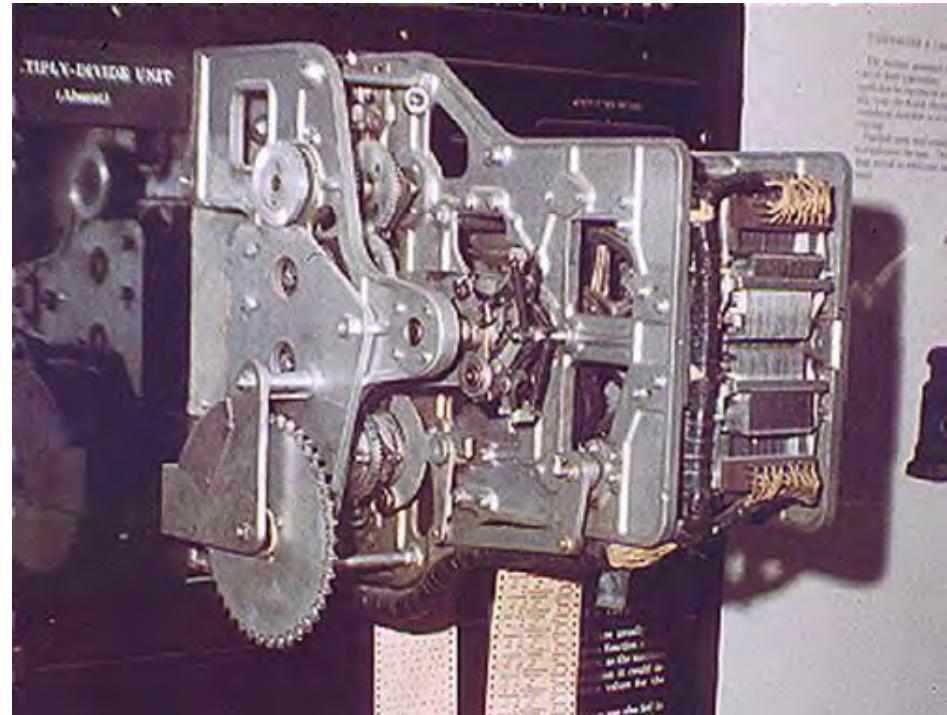
Ballistics calculations

Physical switches  
(no microprocessor)

Paper tape

Simple arithmetic  
& fixed calculations  
(before programs)

3 sec. to multiply

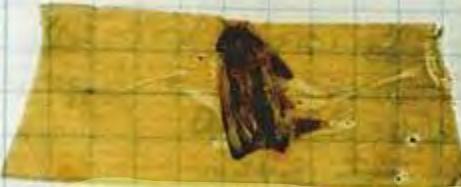


# Computing in 1945

First computer bug  
(Harvard Mark II)

Adm. Grace Murray Hopper



1100	Started Cosine Tape (Sine check)
1525	Started Multi Adder Test.
1545	 Relay #70 Panel F (moth) in relay.
1630	First actual case of bug being found.
1700	Antiaircraft started. closed down.

# A Little About Vannevar Bush

Name rhymes with “Beaver”

Faculty member at MIT

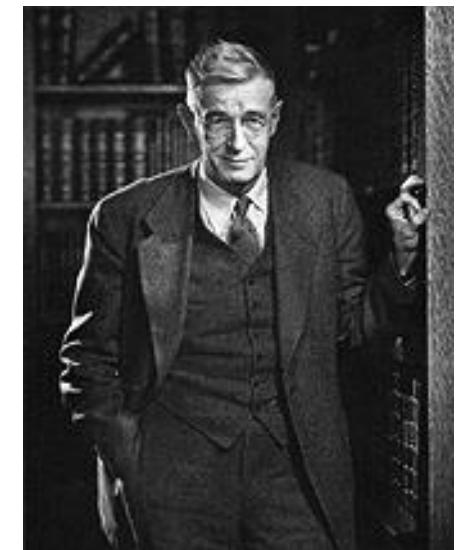
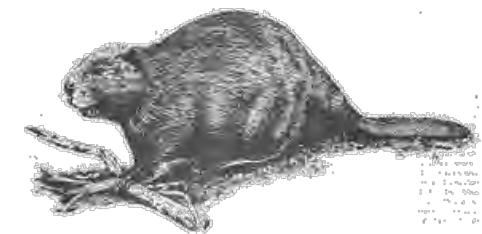
Coordinated WWII effort  
with 6000 US scientists

Social contract for science

Federal government  
funds universities

Universities do basic research

Research helps  
economy and defense



# As We May Think

Published in the Atlantic Monthly in 1945

<http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/print/1945/07/as-we-may-think/3881/>

Motivated in part by defining a scientific grand challenge as WWII was ending

# As We May Think

“There is a growing mountain of research. .... The investigator is staggered by the findings and conclusions of thousands of other workers—conclusions which he cannot find time to grasp, much less to remember, as they appear. Yet specialization becomes increasingly necessary for progress, and the effort to bridge between disciplines is correspondingly superficial.”

# As We May Think

“The world has arrived at an age of cheap complex devices of great reliability; and something is bound to come of it.”

“Had a Pharaoh been given detailed and explicit designs of an automobile, and had he understood them completely, it would have taxed the resources of his kingdom to have fashioned the thousands of parts for a single car, and that car would have broken down on the first trip to Giza.”

# MicroPhotography

Describes a combination of photocells, facsimile transmission, and electron beam technology

Enables capturing a photograph into micro form

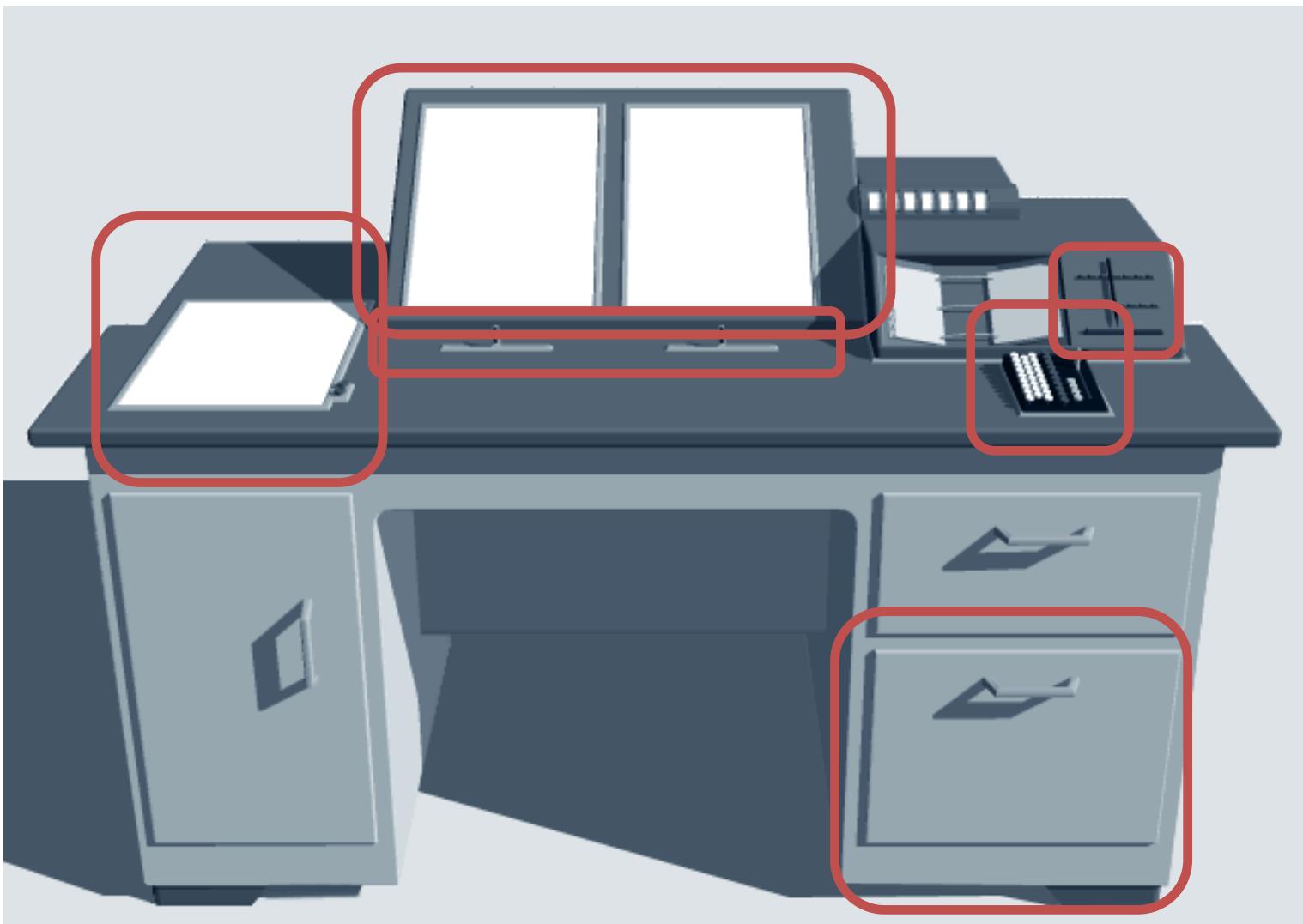
“It would be a brave man who would predict that such a process will always remain clumsy, slow, and faulty in detail.”

# MicroPhotography

“Assume a linear ratio of 100 for future use. Consider film of the same thickness as paper, although thinner film will certainly be usable. Even under these conditions there would be a total factor of 10,000 between the bulk of the ordinary record on books, and its microfilm replica. The Encyclopedia Britannica could be reduced to the volume of a matchbox. A library of a million volumes could be compressed into one end of a desk.”



# Memex



# Memex

“If the user wishes to consult a certain book, he taps its code on the keyboard...”

“Frequently-used codes are mnemonic, so that he seldom consults his code book;”

“He can add marginal notes and comments ... even ... by a stylus scheme”

“All this is conventional...”

# Memex

“It affords an immediate step, however, to associative indexing”

“tying two items together is the important thing”

“Before him are the two items to be joined, projected onto adjacent viewing positions. At the bottom of each there are a number of blank code spaces, and a pointer is set to indicate one of these on each item. The user taps a single key, and the items are permanently joined.”

# Memex

“Thereafter, at any time, when one of these items is in view, the other can be instantly recalled merely by tapping a button below the corresponding code space. Moreover, when numerous items have been thus joined together to form a trail, they can be reviewed in turn, rapidly or slowly, by deflecting a lever like that used for turning the pages of a book.”

# Memex

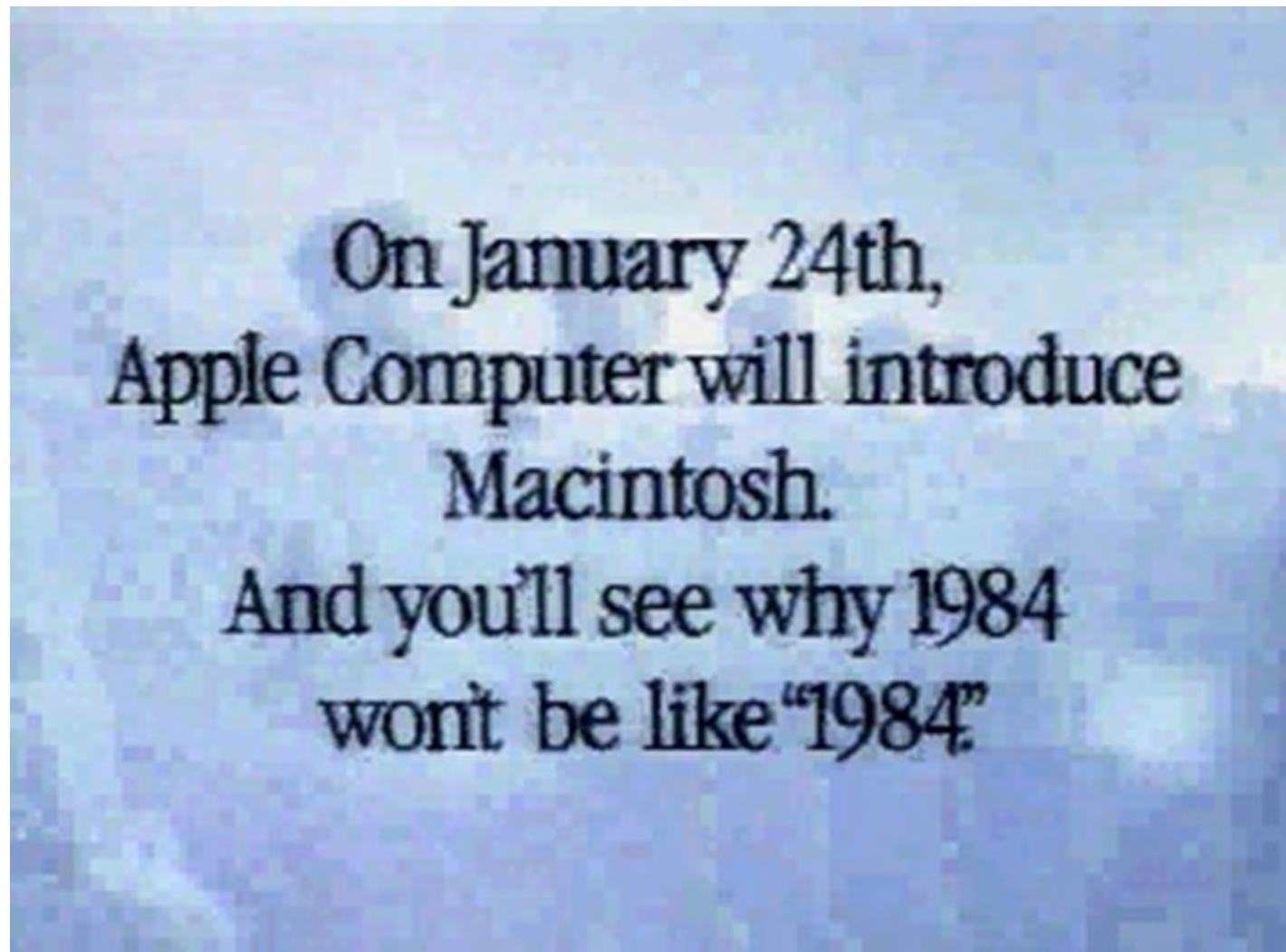
“Wholly new forms of encyclopedias will appear, ready made with a mesh of associative trails running through them, ready to be dropped into the memex and there amplified.”

Memex is the first proposed hypertext system

# A History Question

Who invented desktop computing? When?

# Macintosh in 1984 is well known



# Alan Kay on Early Interface Work

Narrator is Alan Kay, speaking in 1987

This video is almost 20 years old

It was a historical account when it was filmed

Speaks to four systems

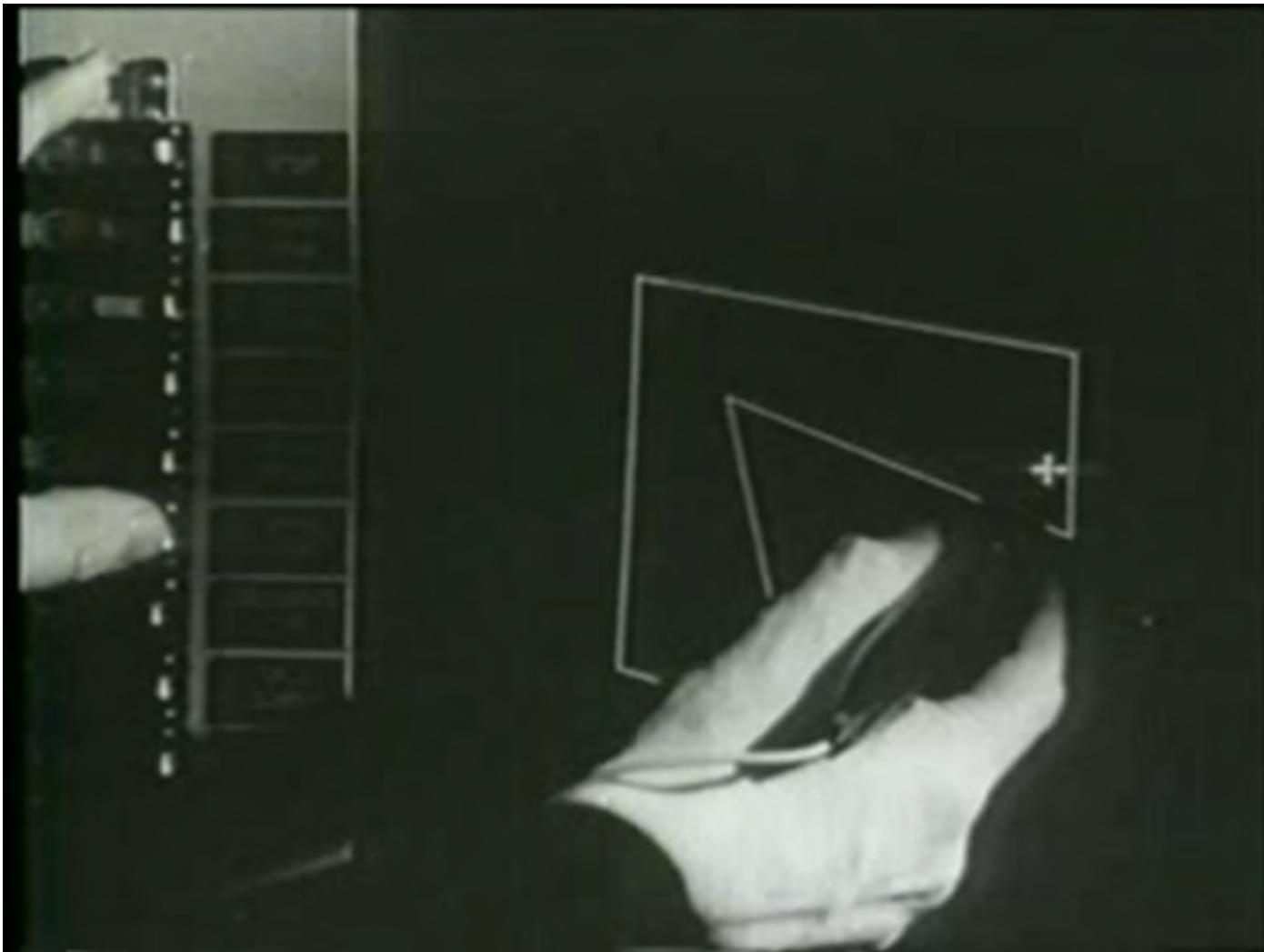
Sketchpad

NLS

GRAIL

Dynabook

# Ivan Sutherland's Sketchpad



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# Ivan Sutherland's Sketchpad

When do we think this was done?



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When do we think this was done?



1962

Windows  
Constraints  
(i.e., non-procedural)  
Prototype/Instance  
Inheritance  
(i.e., object-oriented)

# Doug Engelbart's NLS (Online System)

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REPLACE CHARACTER
1

2 MARKET SEE 1
2A PRODUCE
  2A1 ORANGE
  2A2 APPLES
  2A3 BANANAS
  2A4 CARROTS
  2A5 LETTUCE
  2A6 BEANS
  2B CANS
  2B1 APPLE SAUCE
  2B2 BEAN SOUP
  2B3 TOMATO SOUP
2C CEREALS
  2C1 BREAD
  2C2 NOODLES
  2C3 FRENCH BREAD
2D COLD LOCKER
  2D1 MILK
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# Doug Engelbart's NLS (Online System)

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# Doug Engelbart's NLS (Online System)

When do we think this was done? 1968

Invention of the mouse

First working hypertext system

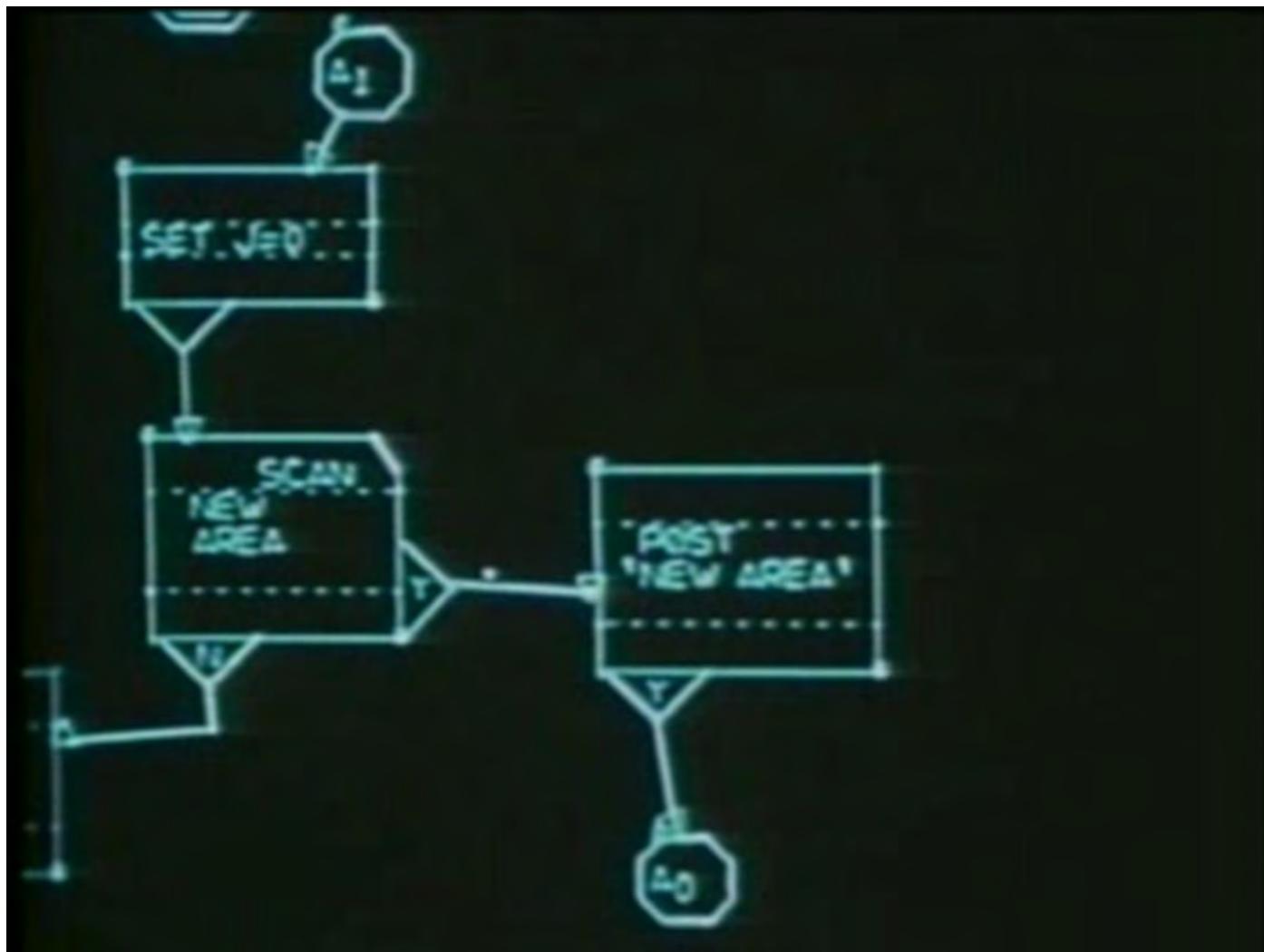
Chording keyboard to reduce hand movement

Remote collaboration

Analog Mouse leads to heavy moding

Reactions include accusations of “faking it” and claims of irrelevance because “terminal can do that”

# GRAIL



# GRAIL

When do we think this was done?

# GRAIL

When do we think this was done? 1968

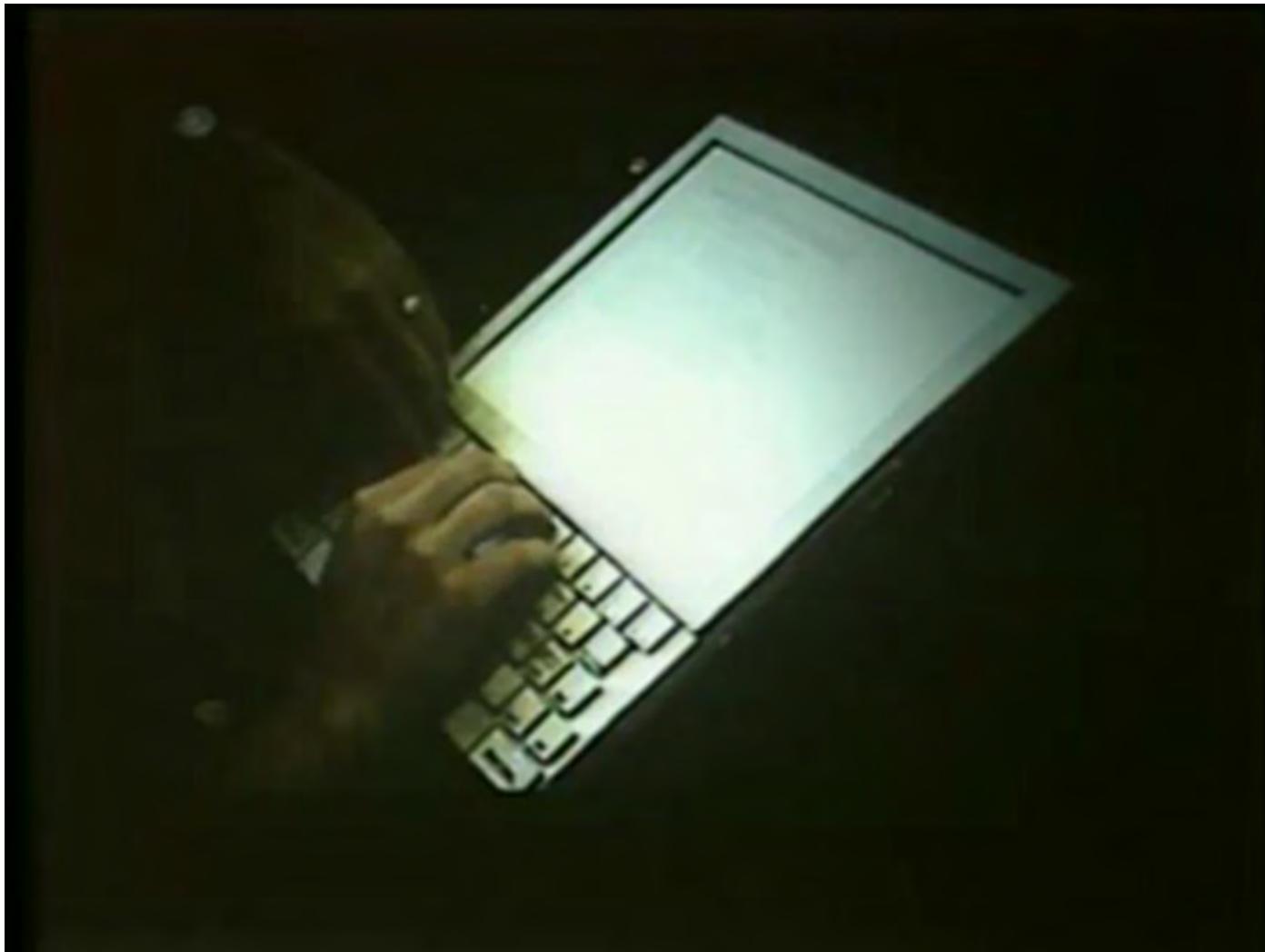
Window handles

Modeless interaction via direct action

Gesture recognition

Proposed for end-user programming via flow charts

# Dynabook



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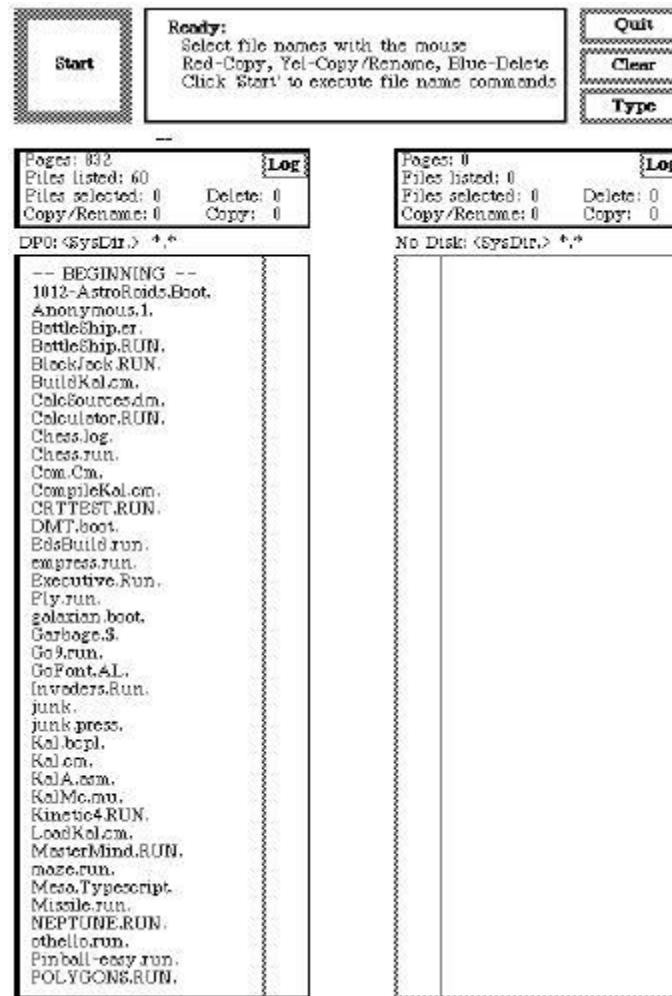
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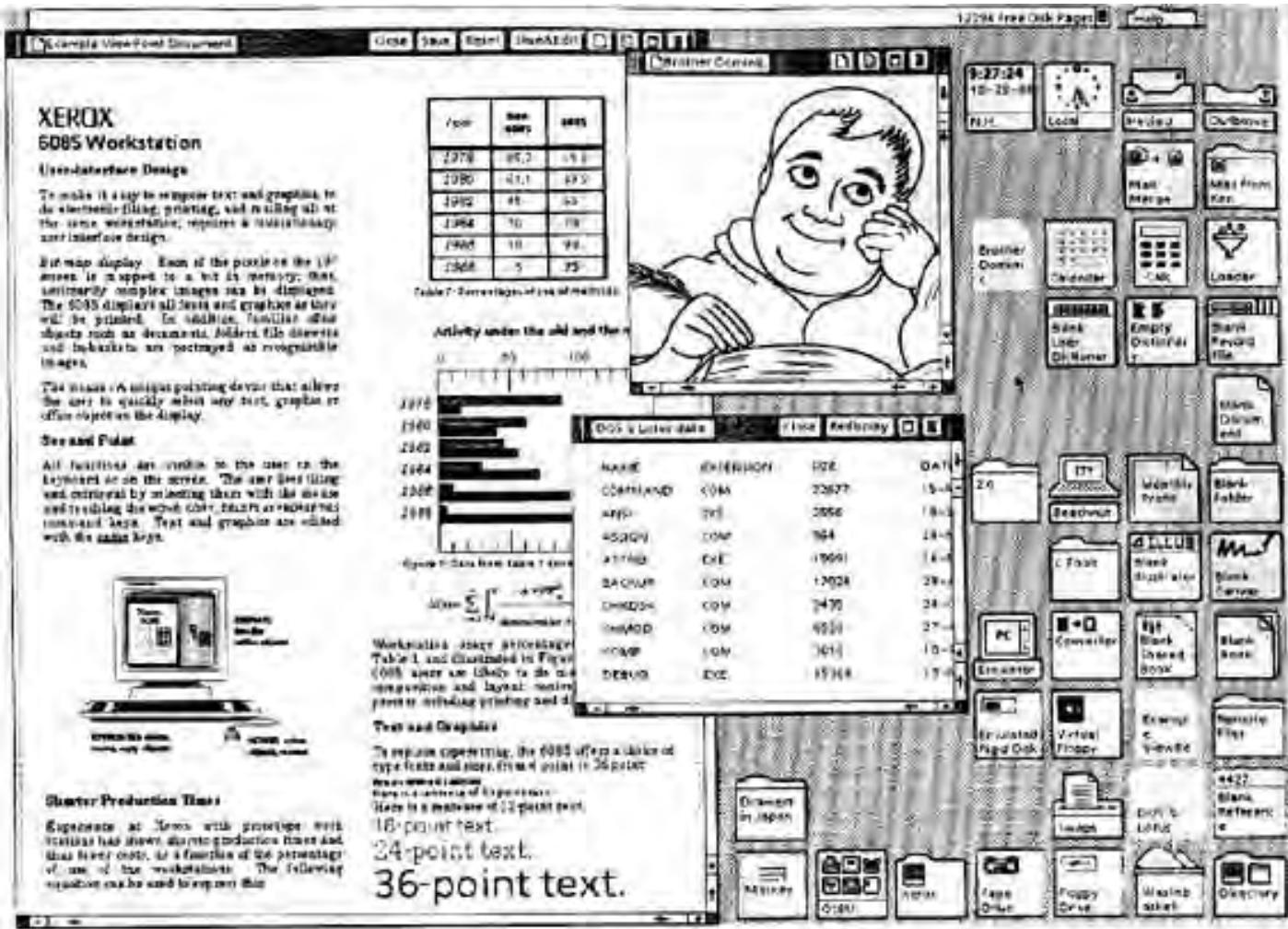
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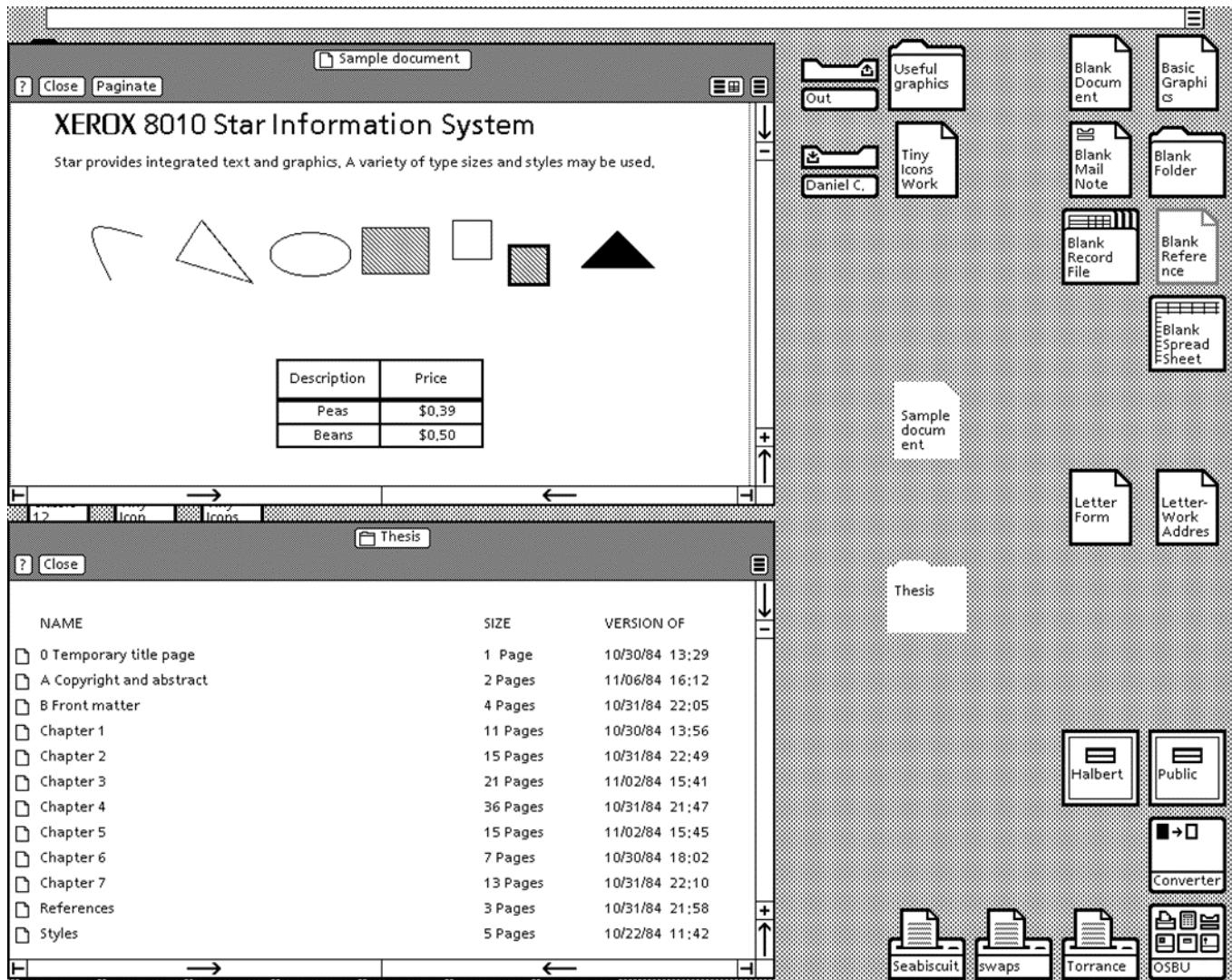
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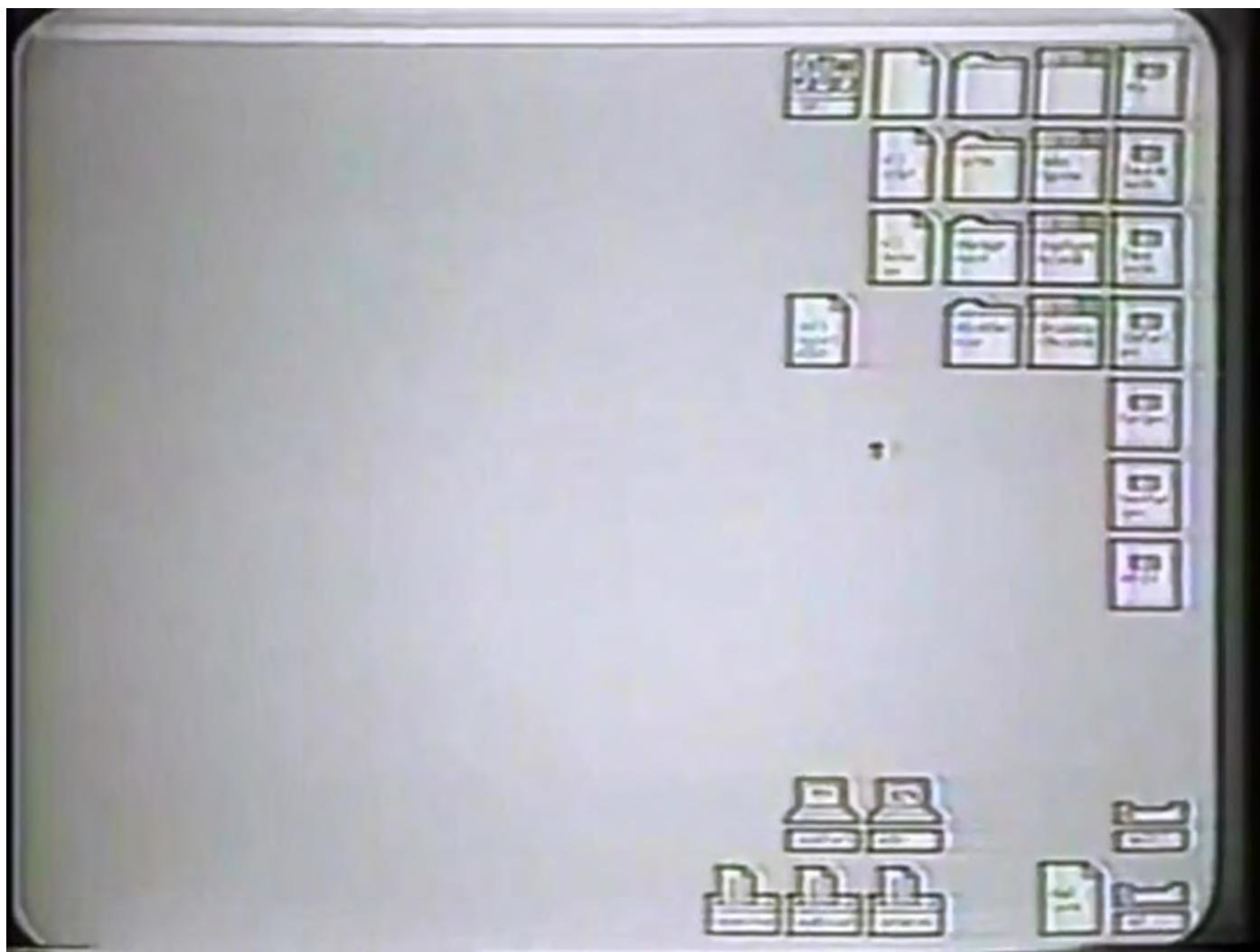
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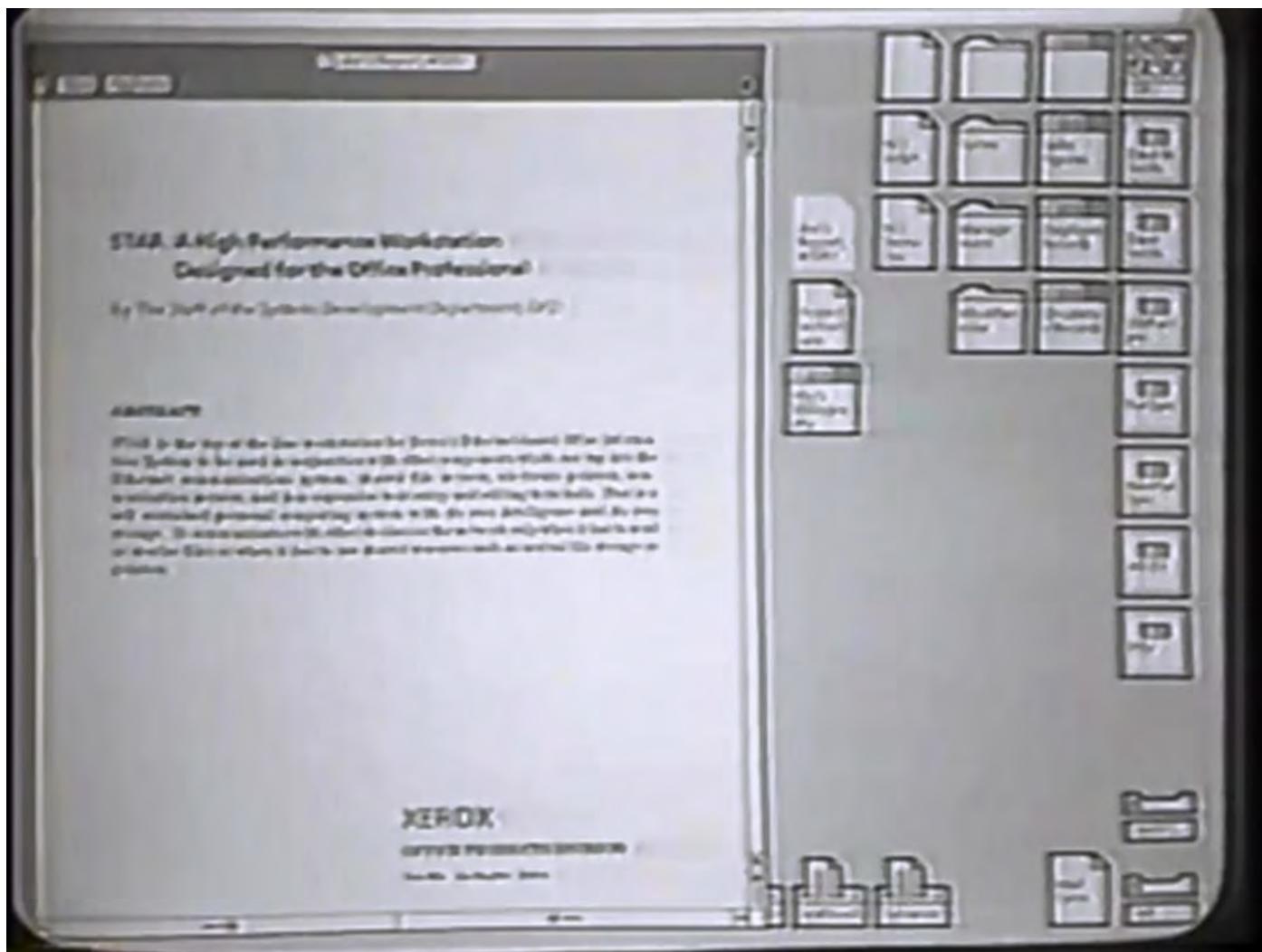
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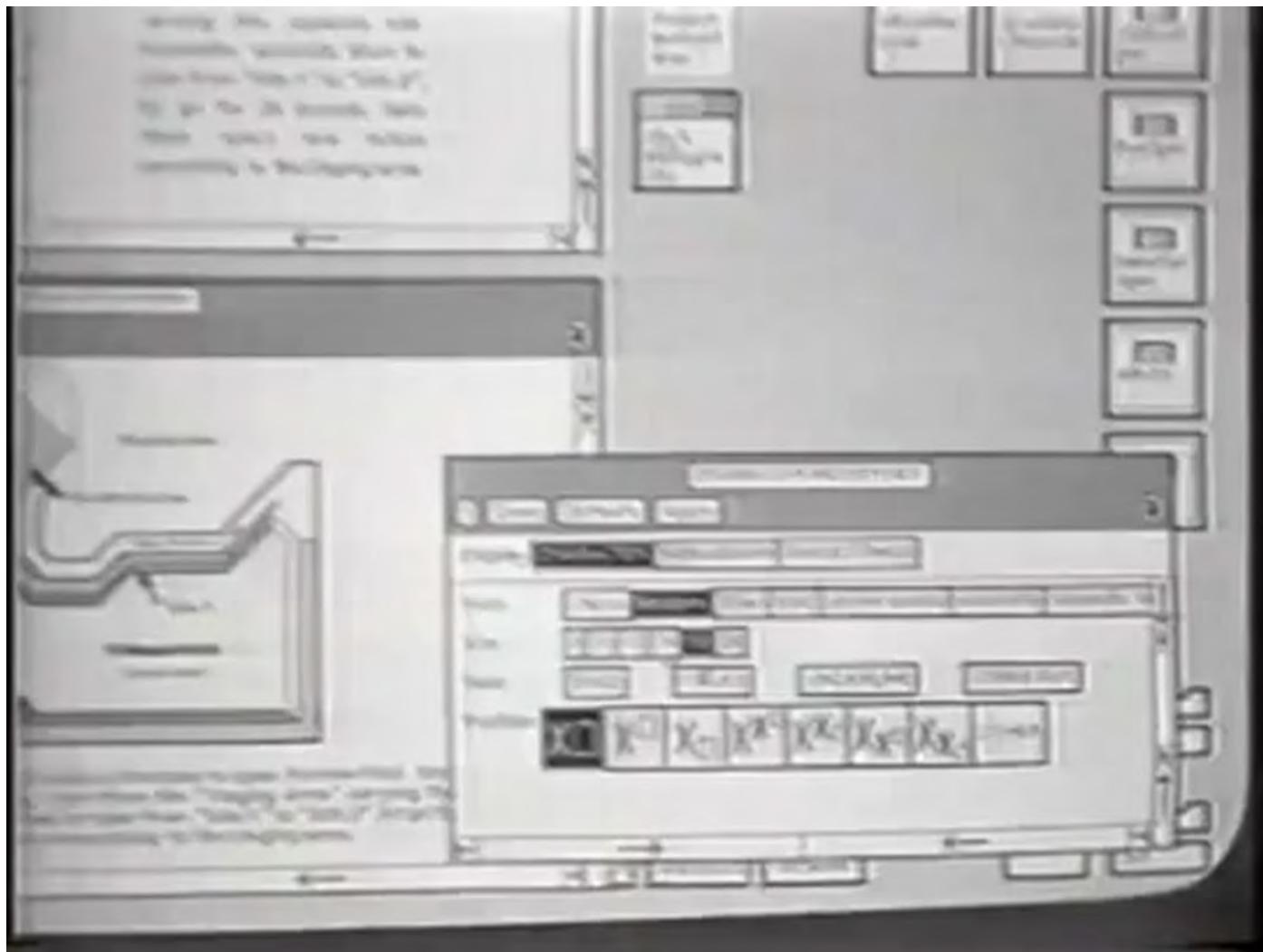
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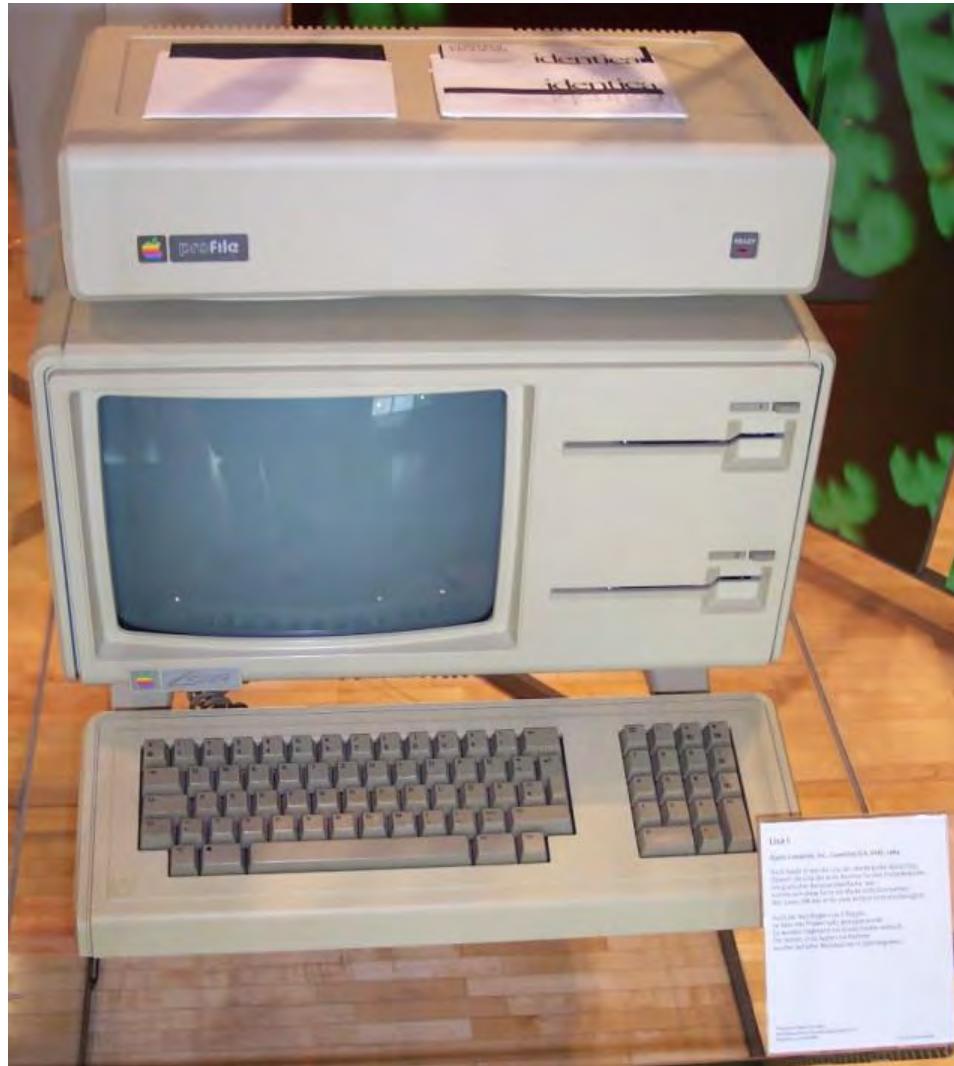
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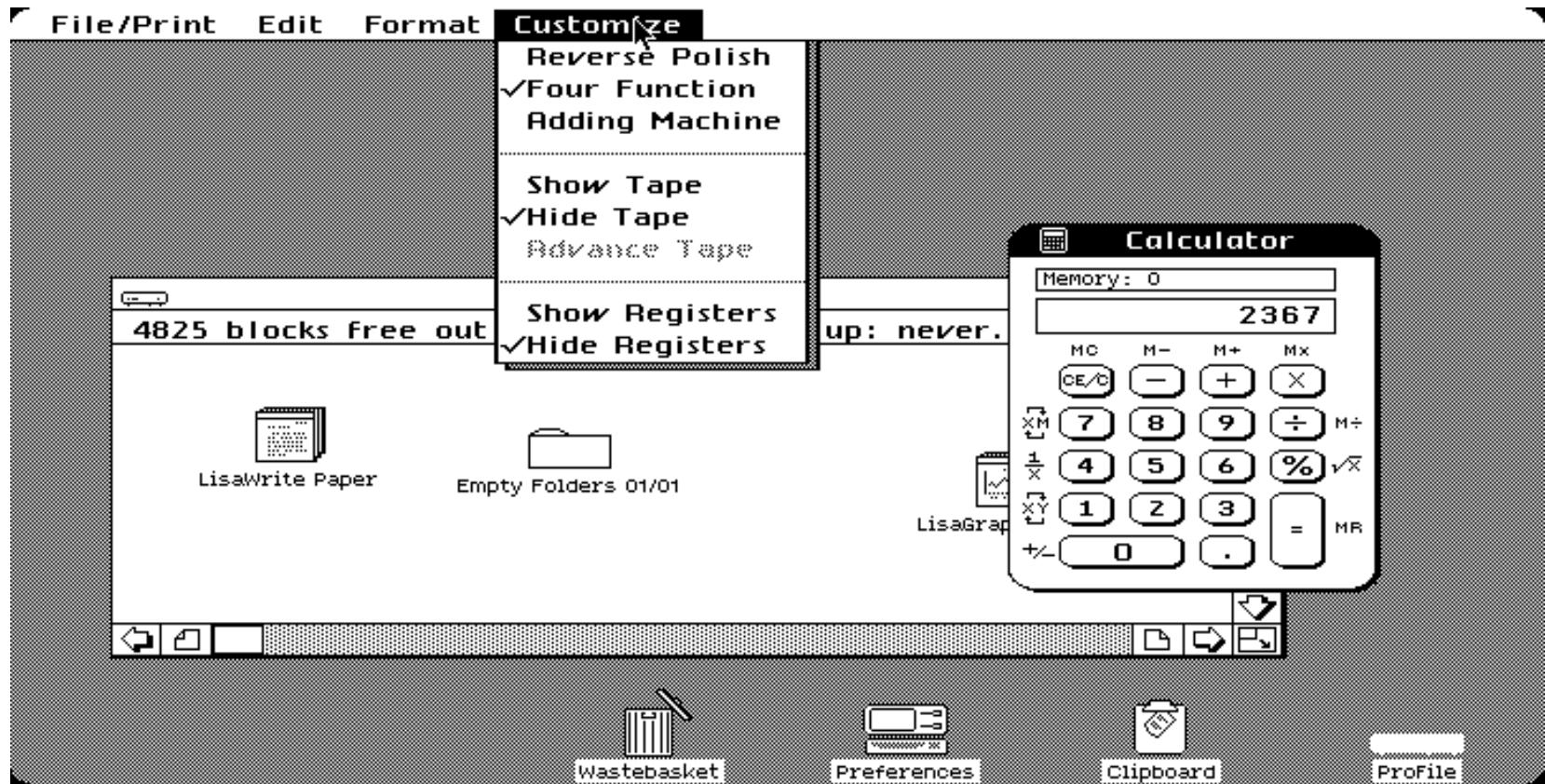
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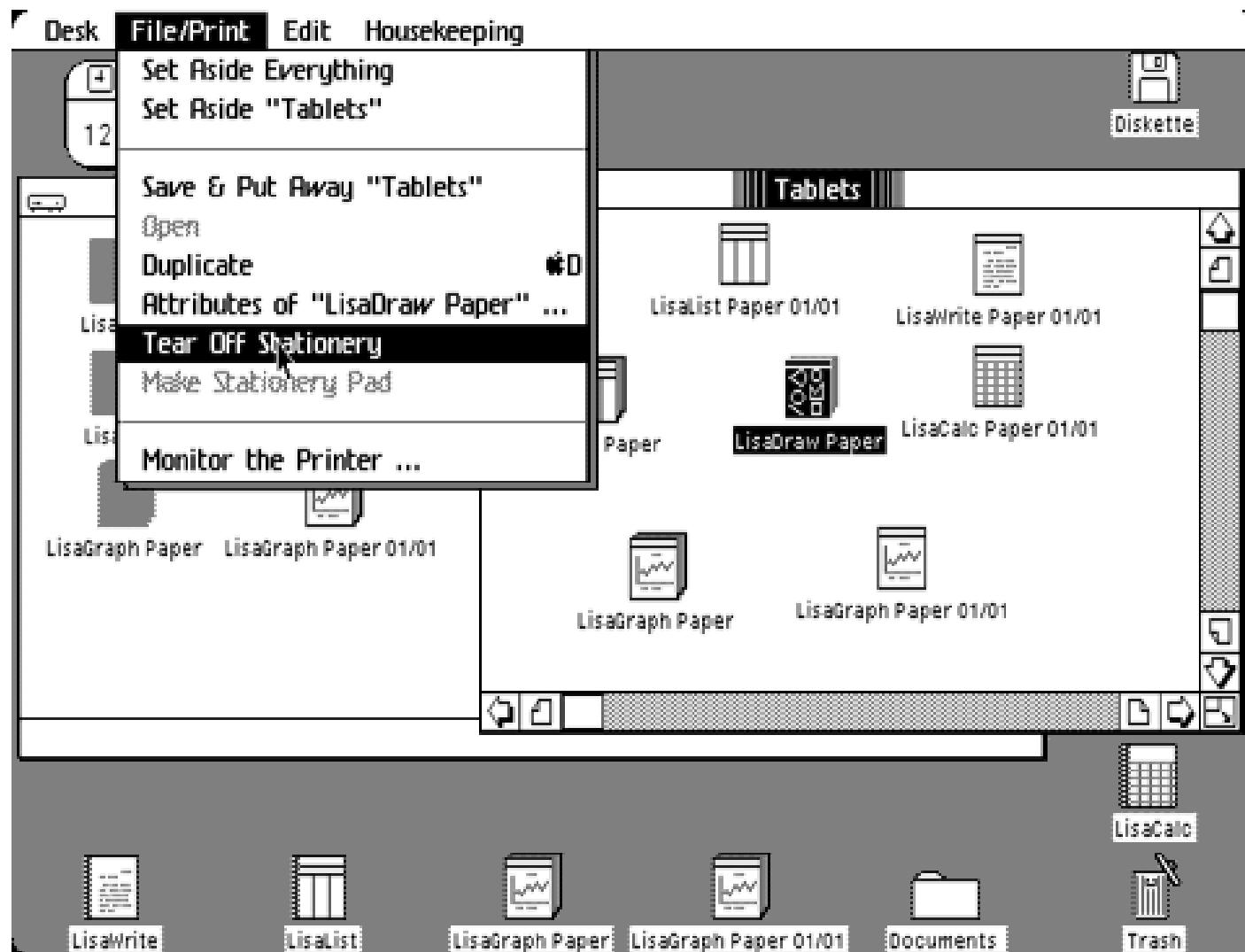
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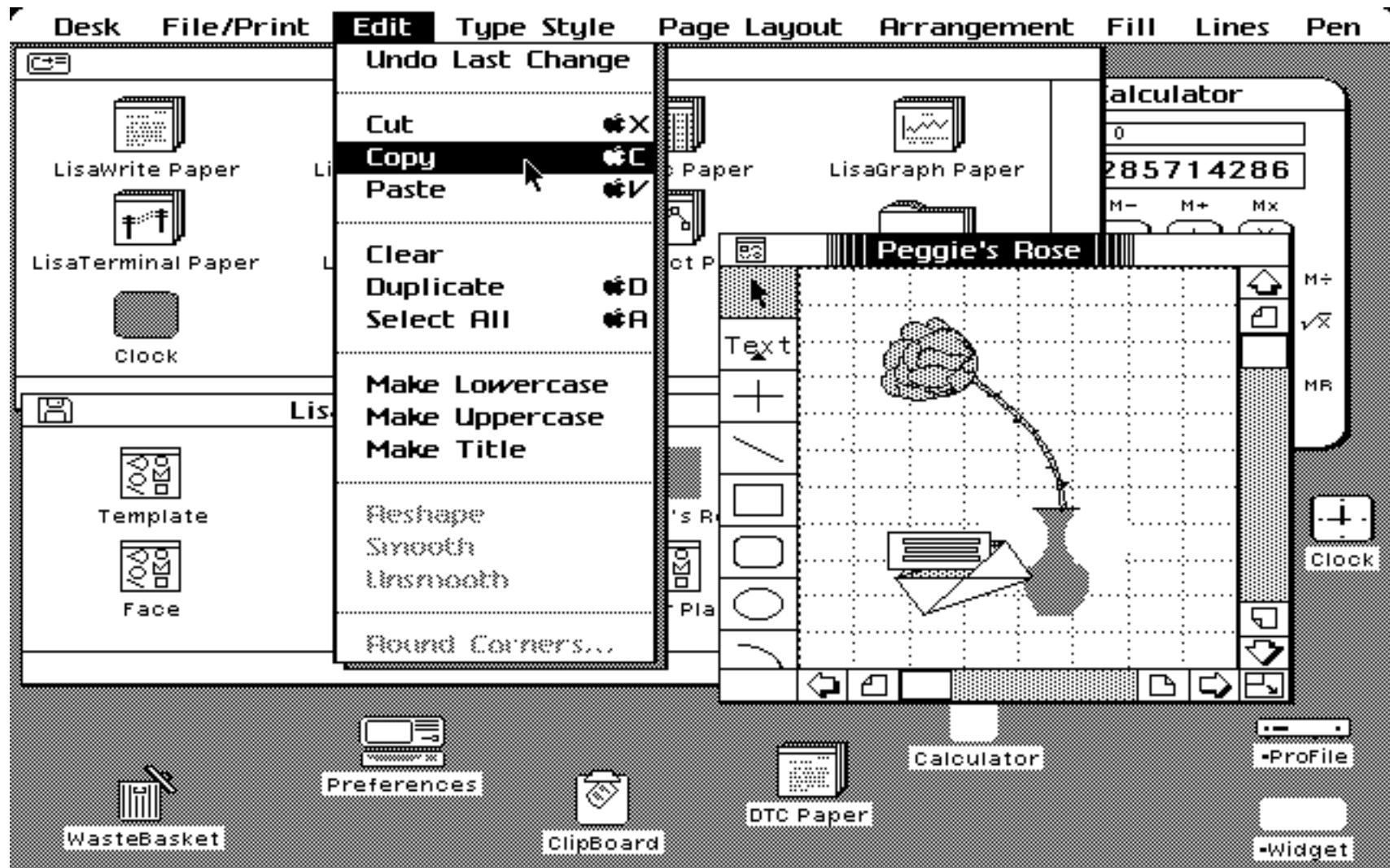
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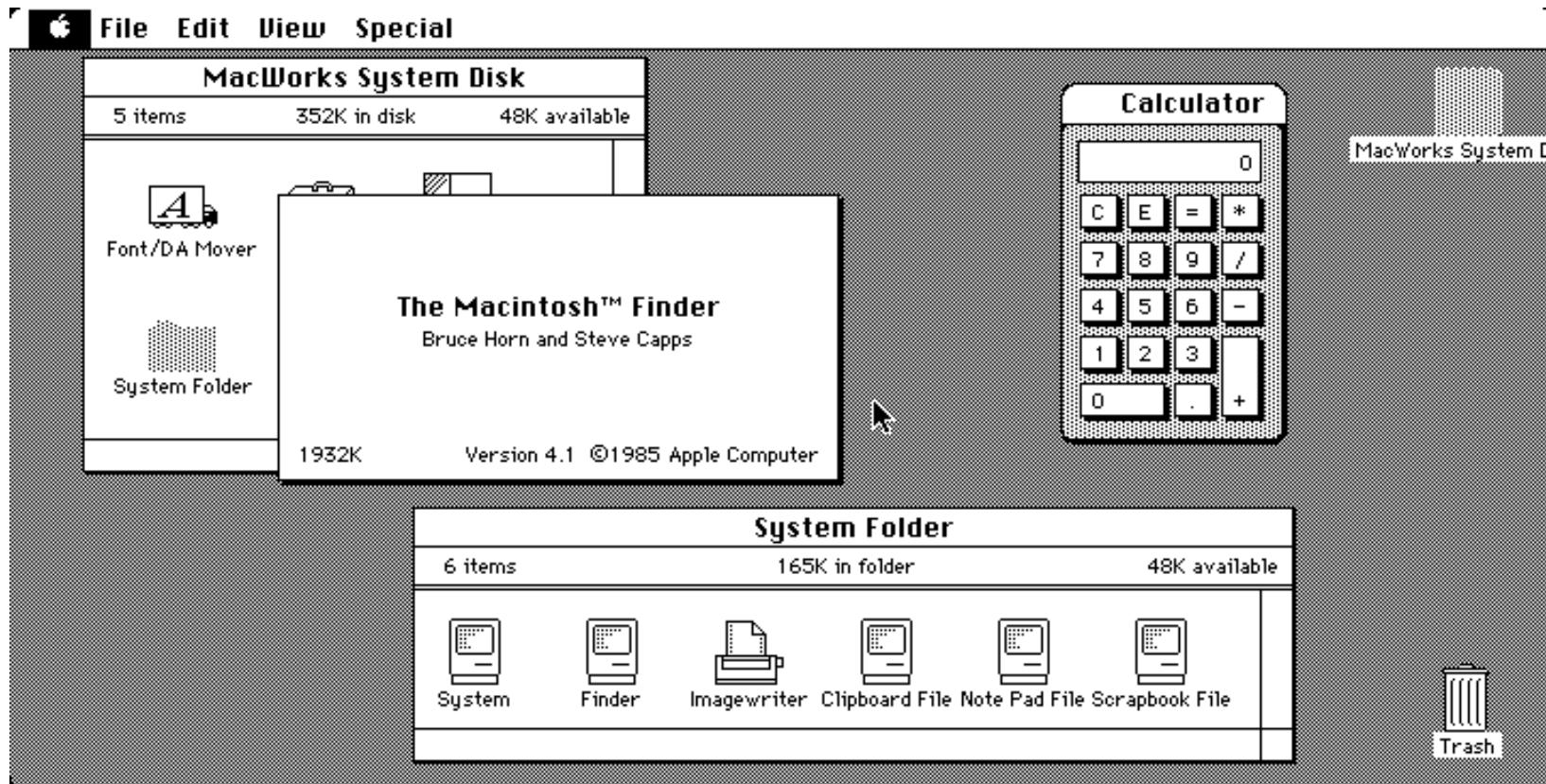
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Apple Macintosh 1984

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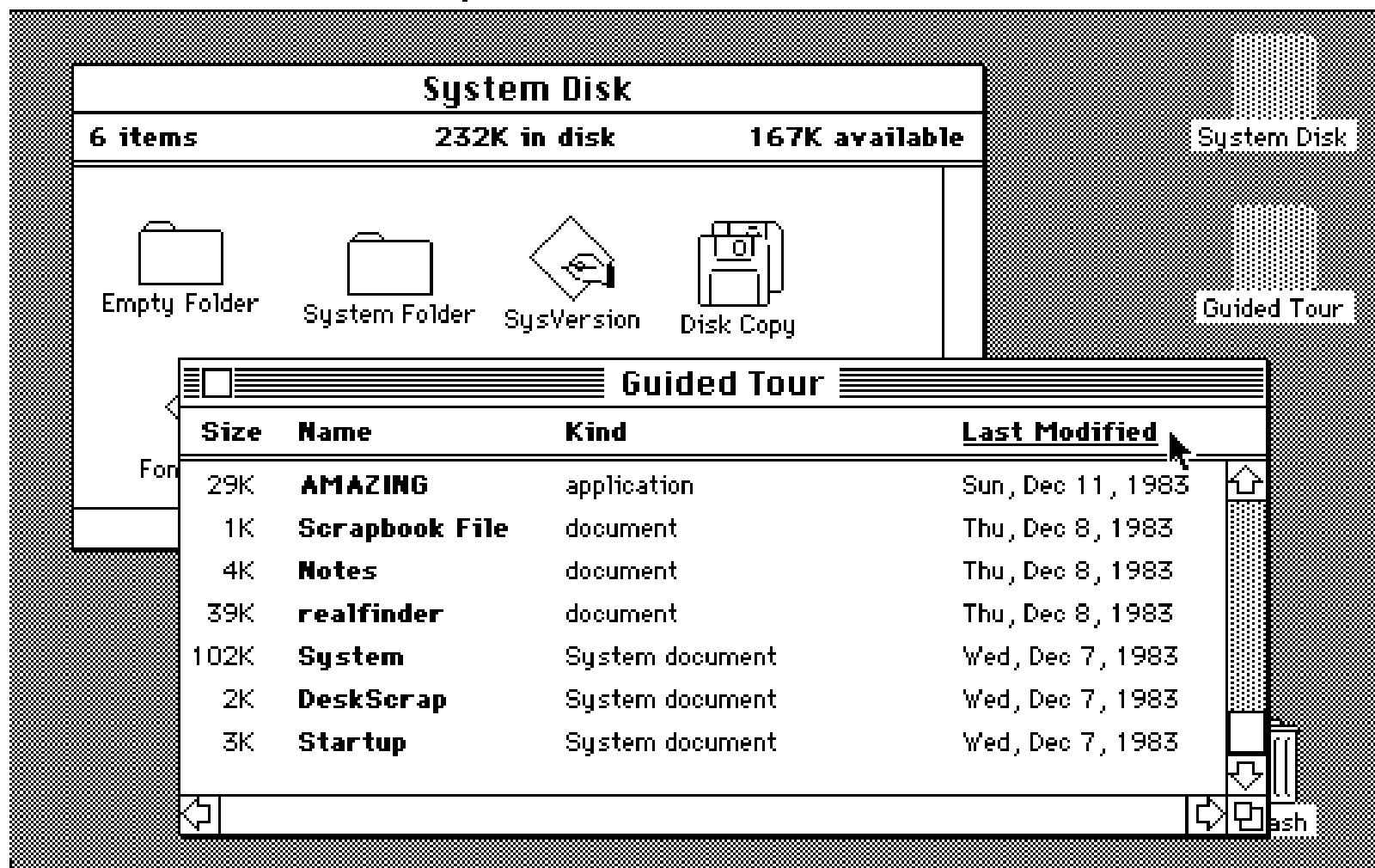


# Macintosh



# Macintosh

File Edit View Special



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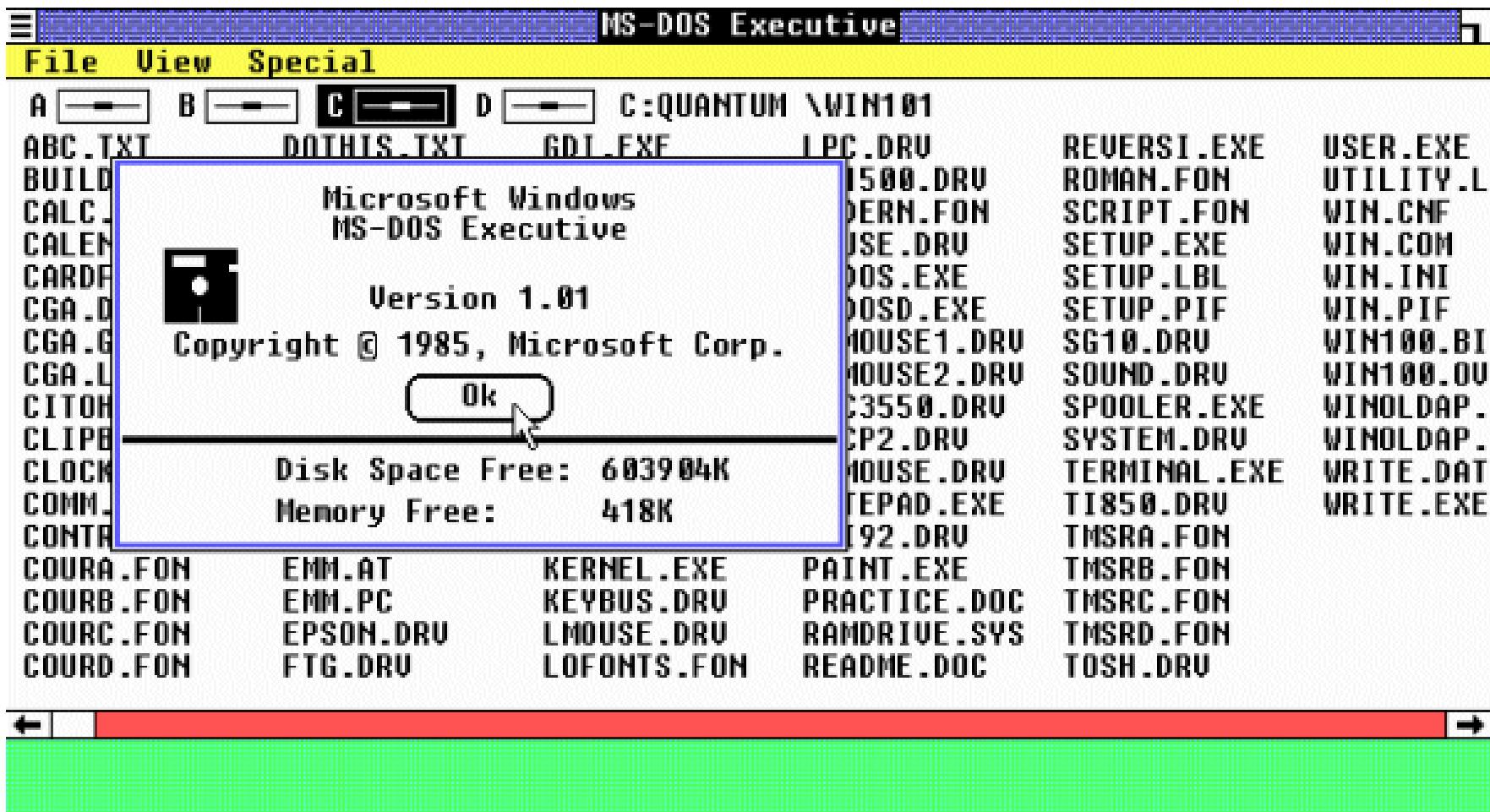
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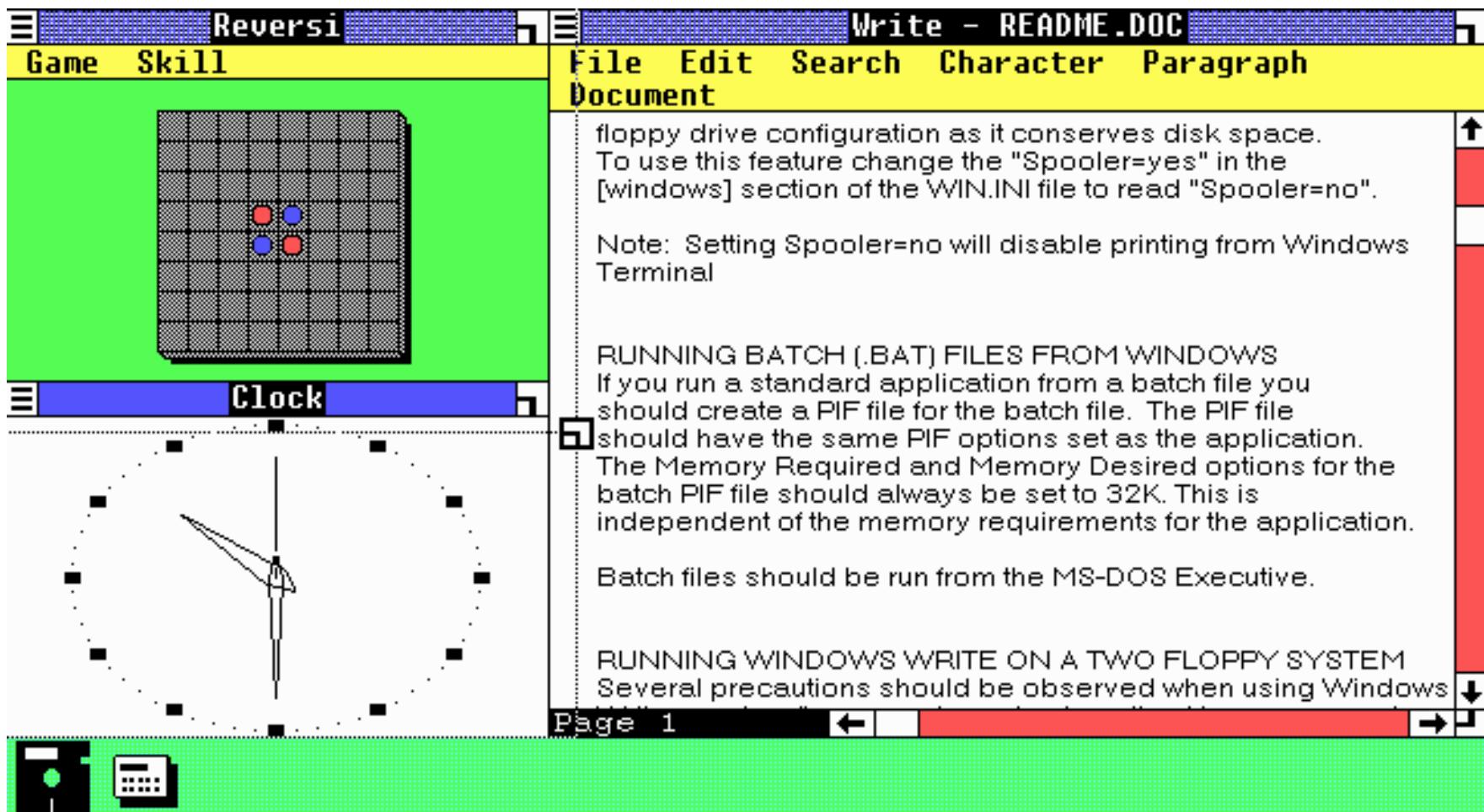
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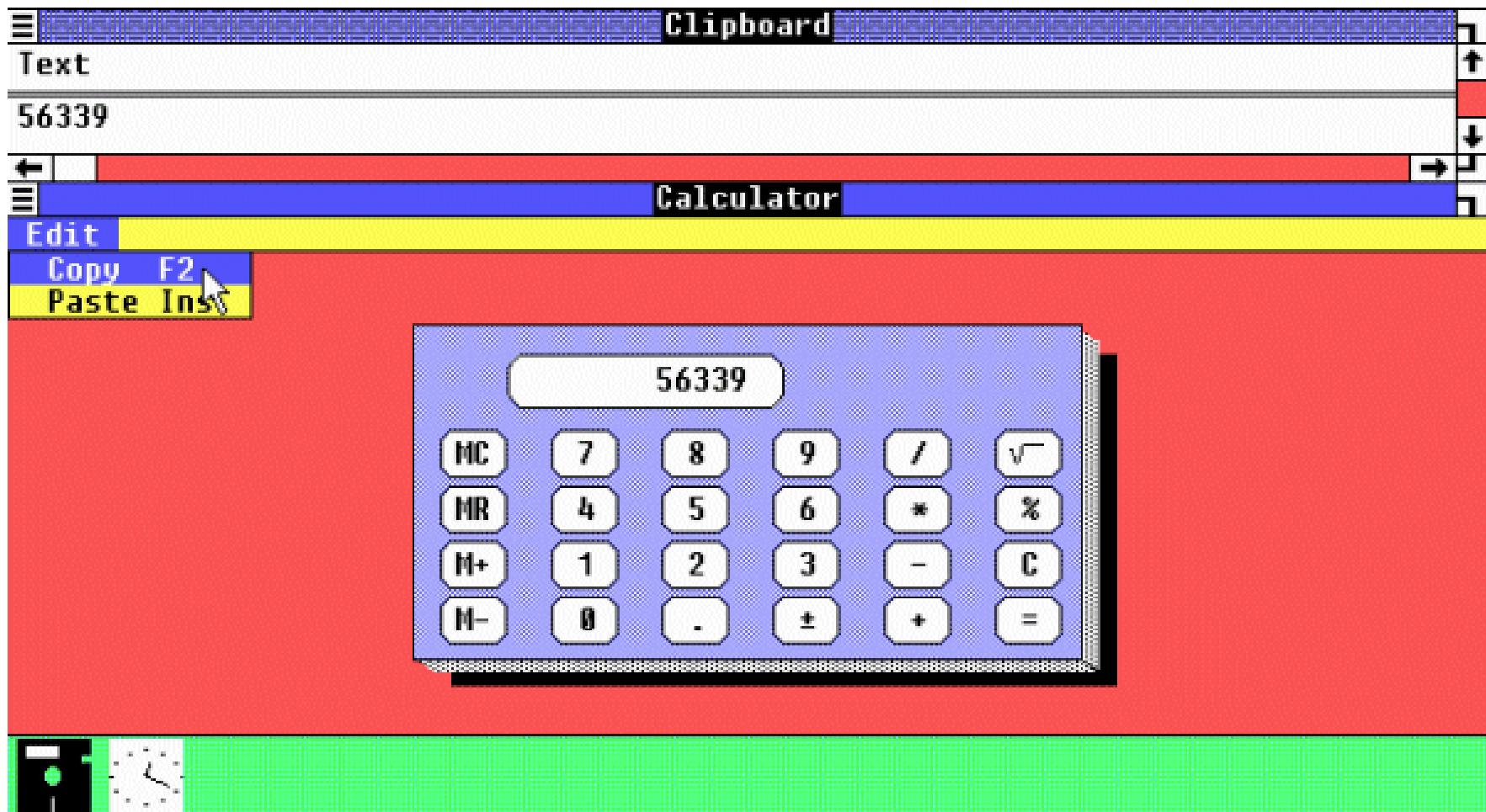
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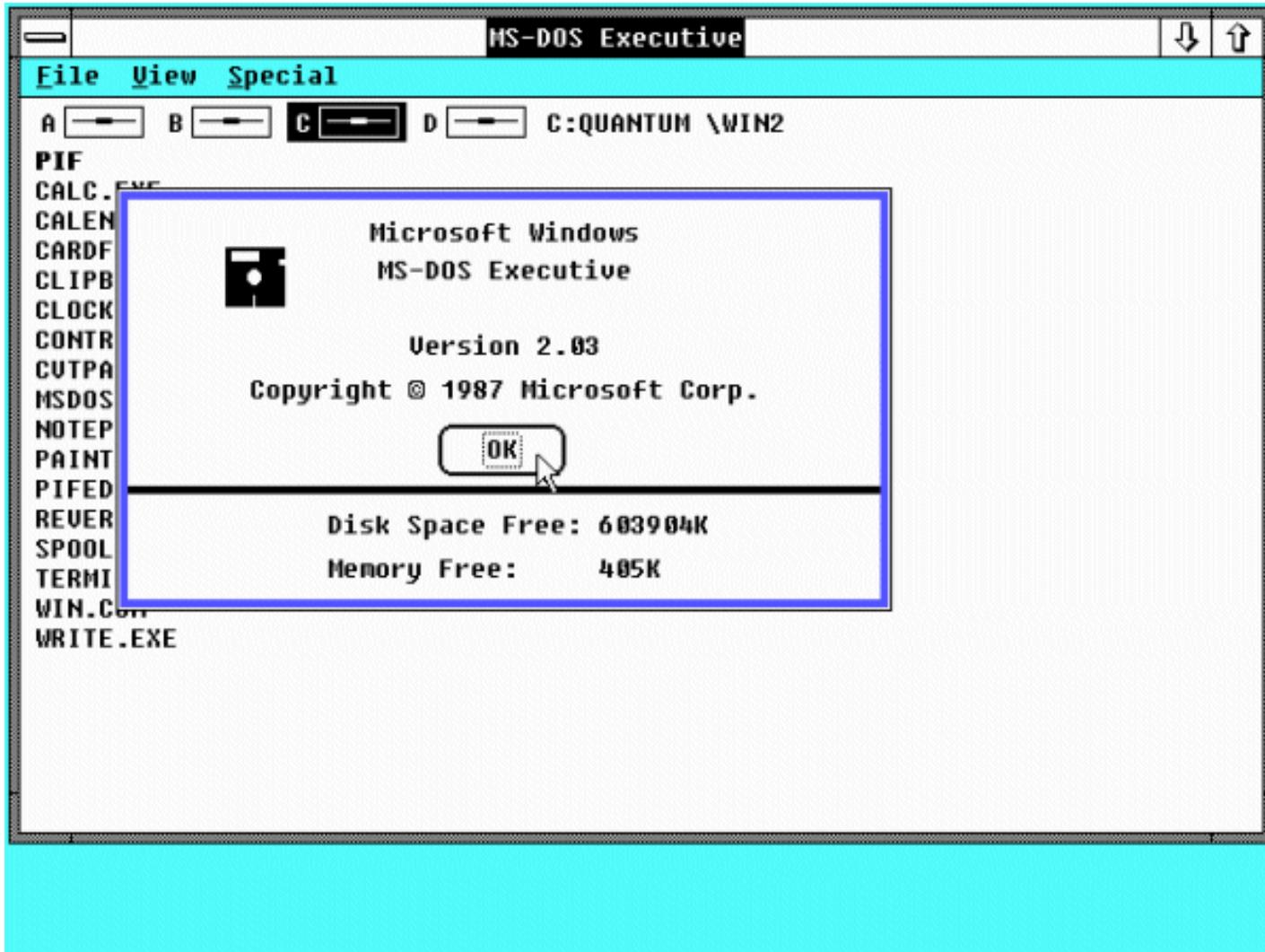
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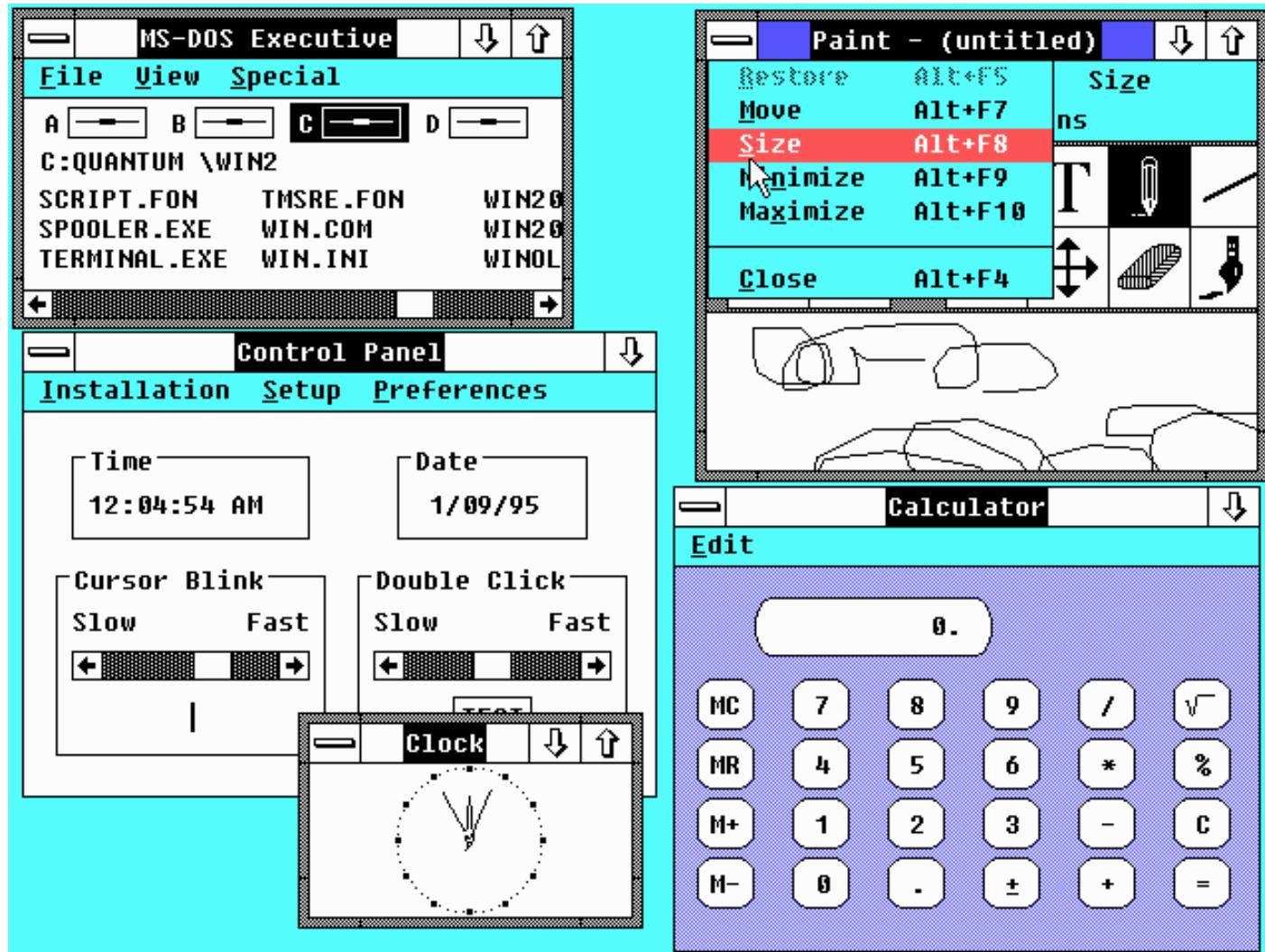
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Windows 2.0 1987

# Windows 2.0 (1987)



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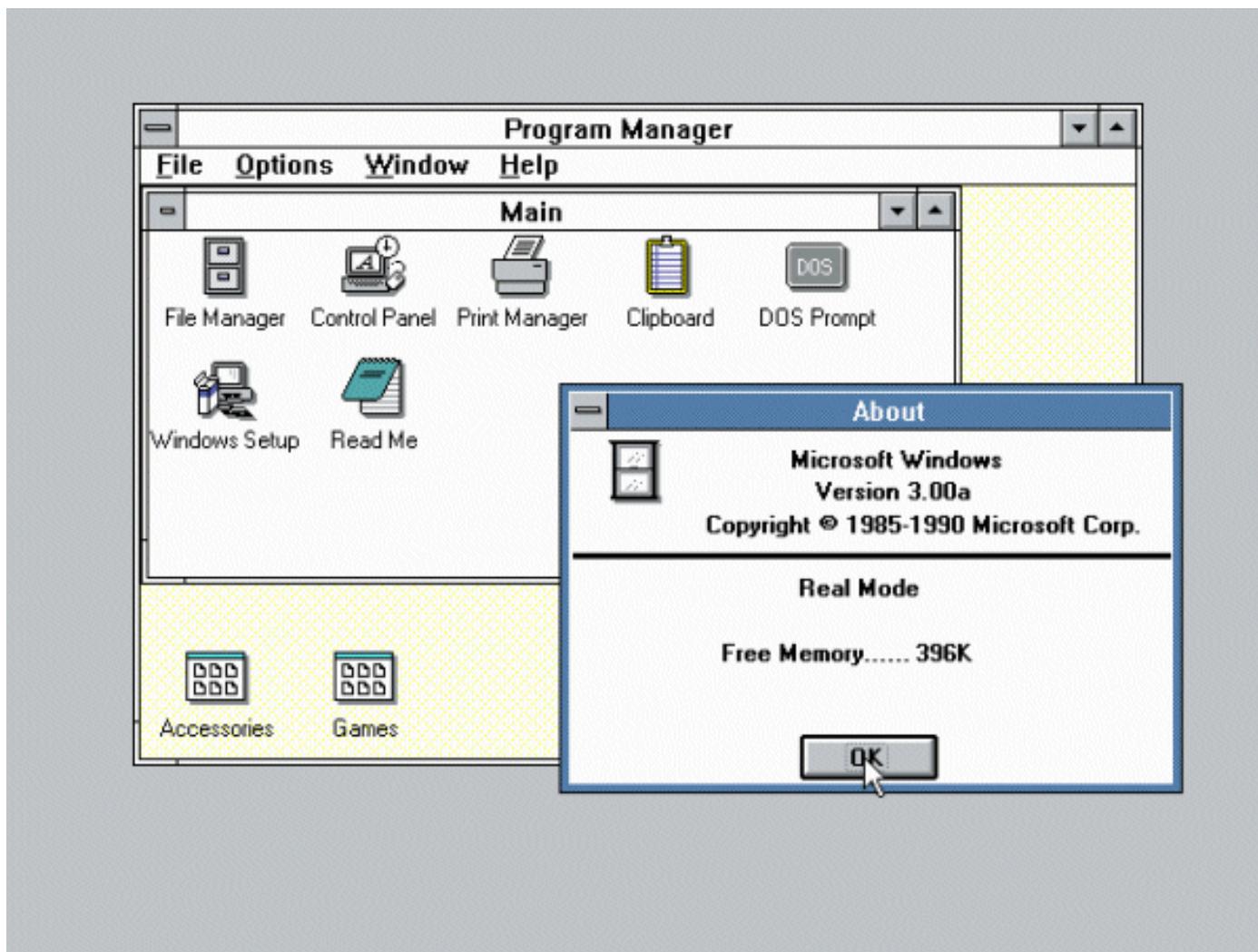
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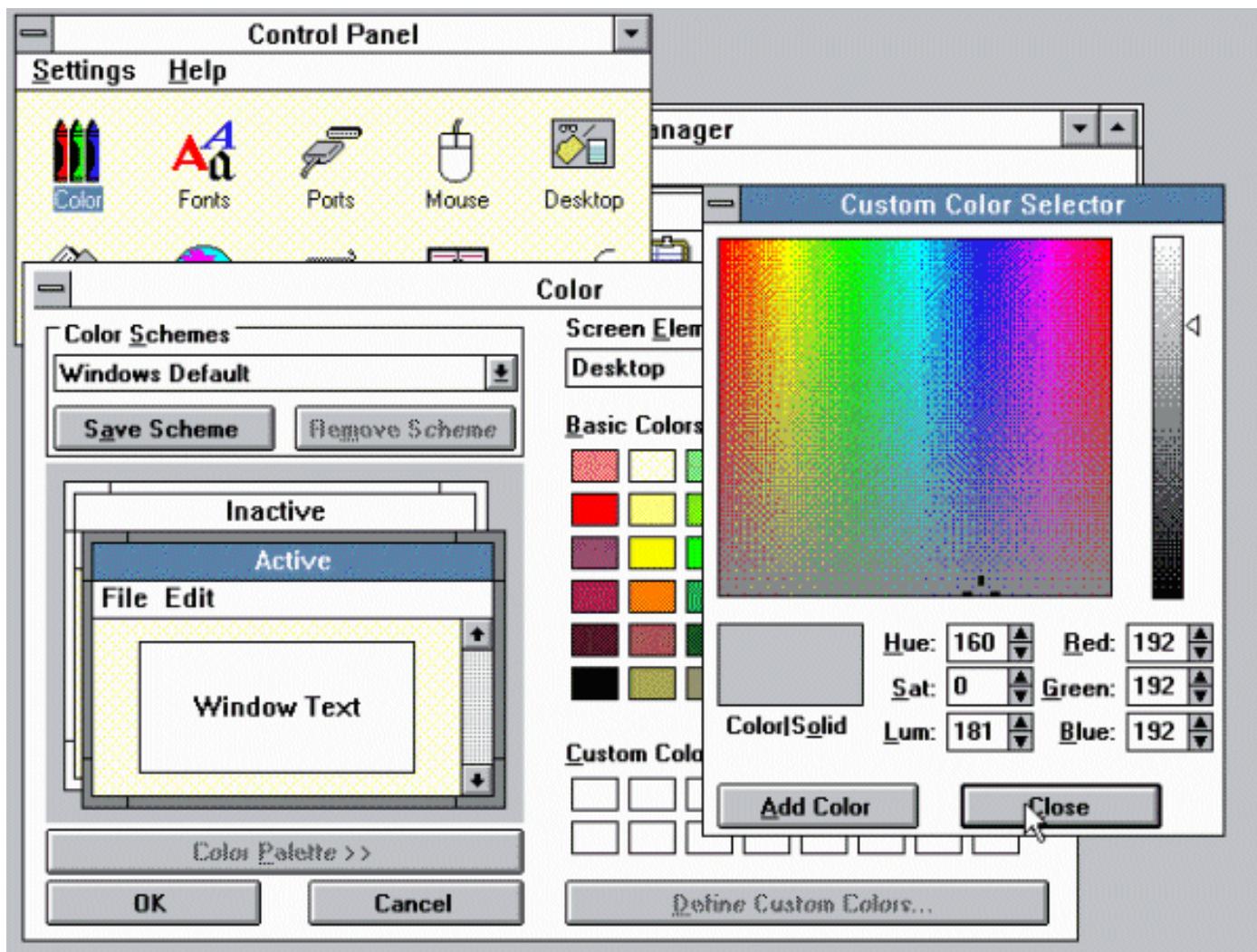
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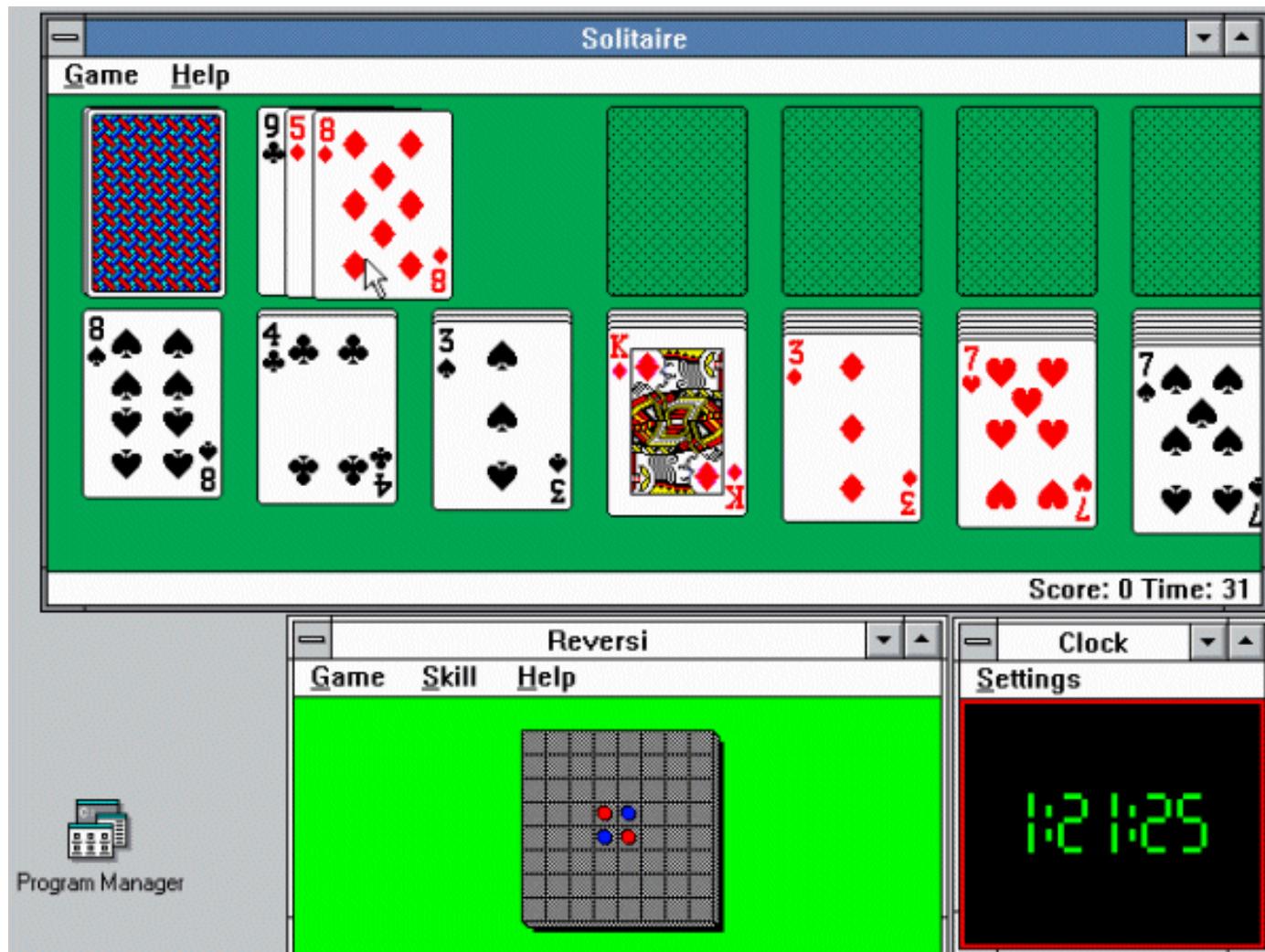
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Windows 3.0 1990

Bill Gates: "Hey,  
Steve, just because  
you broke into Xerox's  
house before I did and  
took the TV doesn't  
mean I can't go in later  
and take the stereo"

# HCI Turing Awards

Sutherland wins 1988 Turing Award

Engelbart wins 1997 Turing Award

Alan Kay wins 2003 Turing Award

(in part for SmallTalk and OOP,  
though he says OOP is linked to the GUI)

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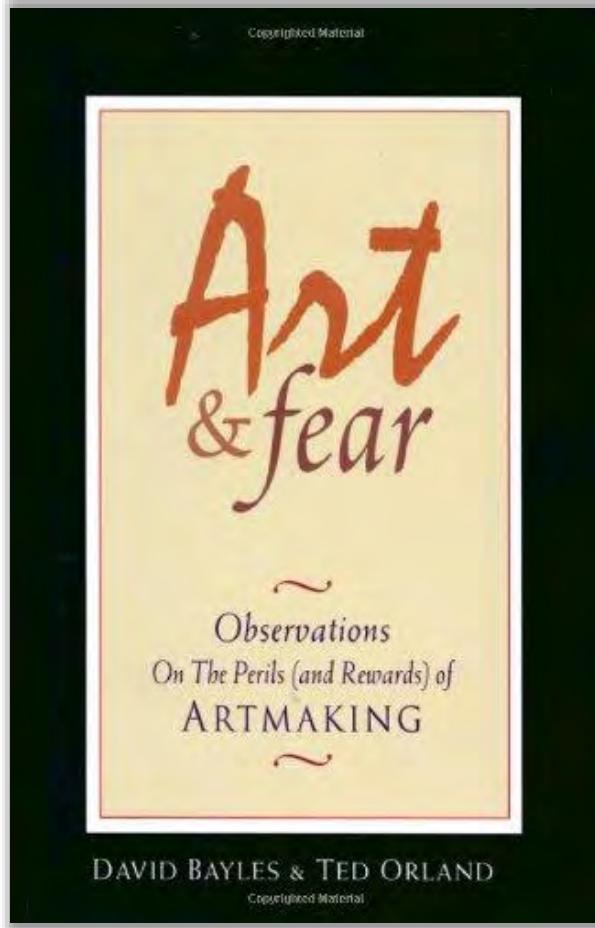
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# Quantity versus Quality



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



Bayles and Orland, 2001

# Quantity versus Quality

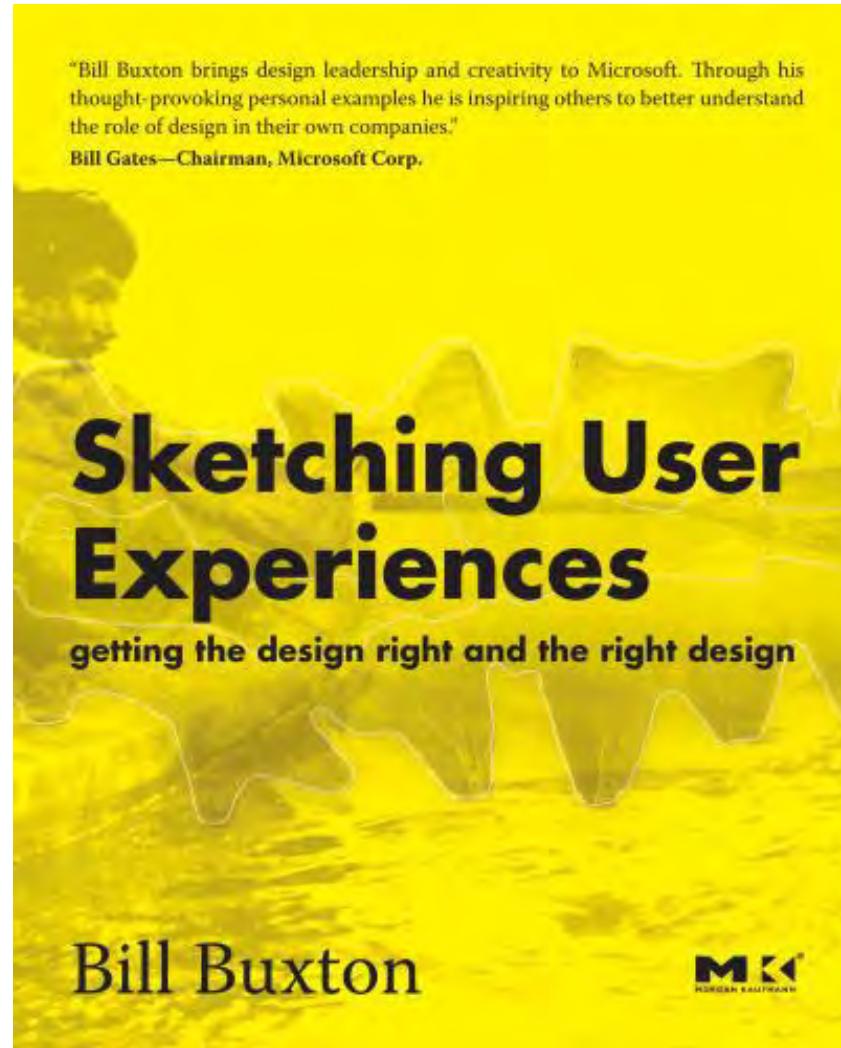
The quantity class produces better pots. Why?

# Quantity versus Quality

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”

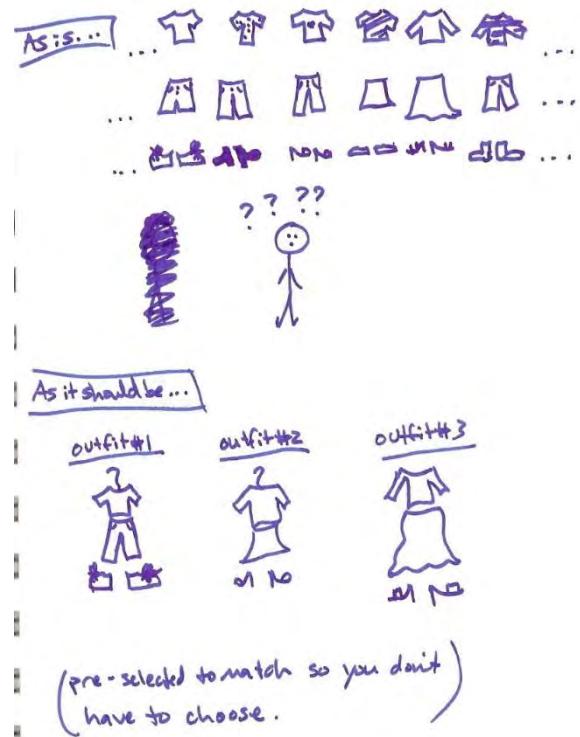
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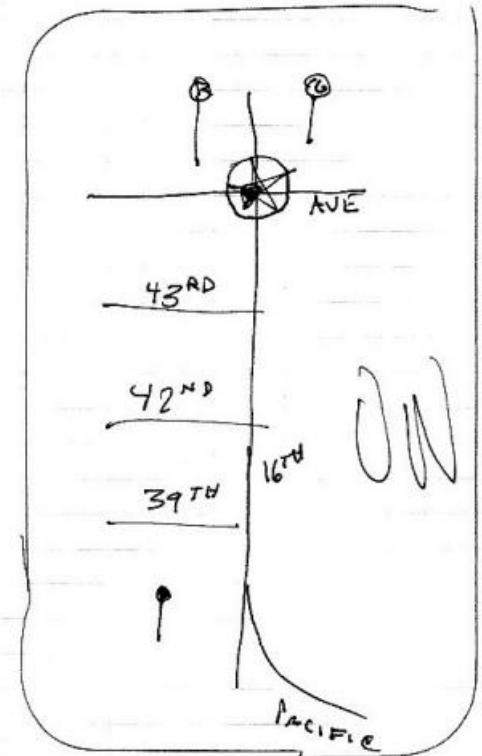
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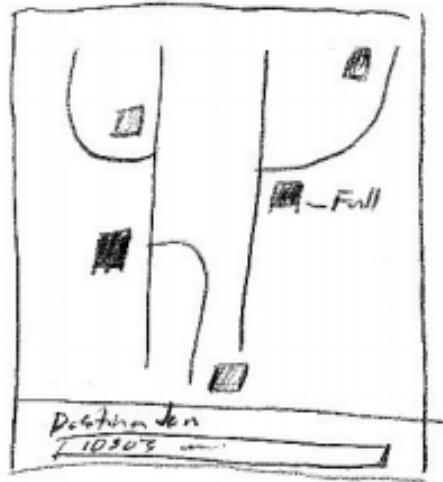
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# Sketching

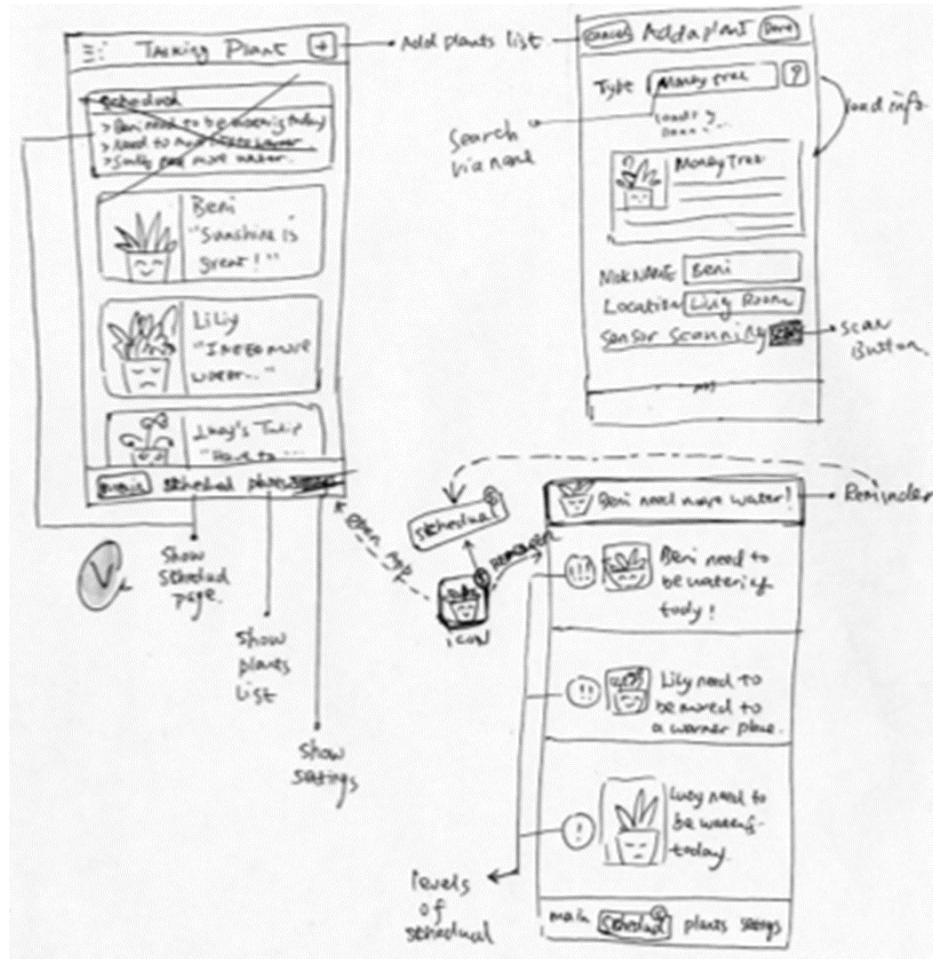


MAP SHOWING PARKING  
AVAILABILITY BASED ON INPUTTED  
DATA, INPUTTED ON MAP



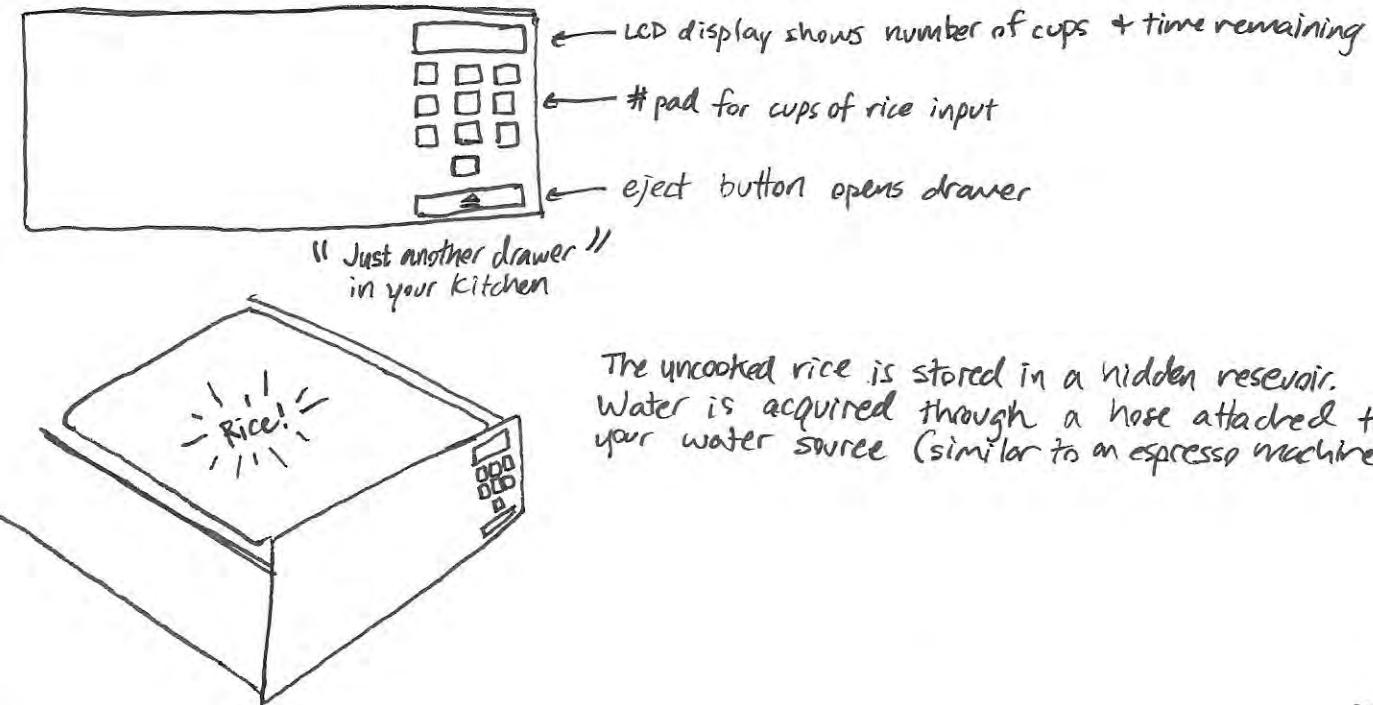
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# Sketching



# Sketching

## UBIQUITOUS RICE COOKER



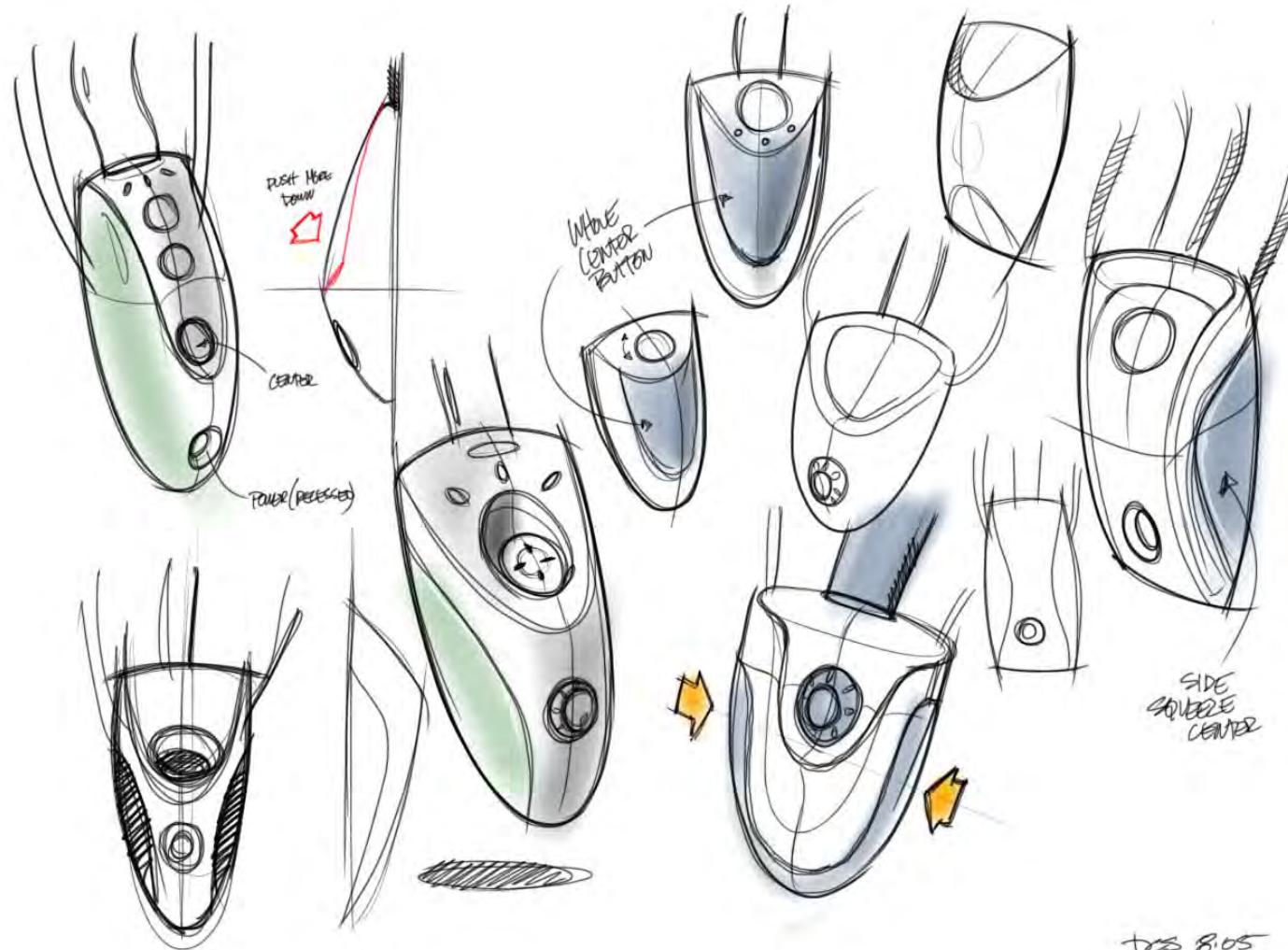
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# Sketching

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



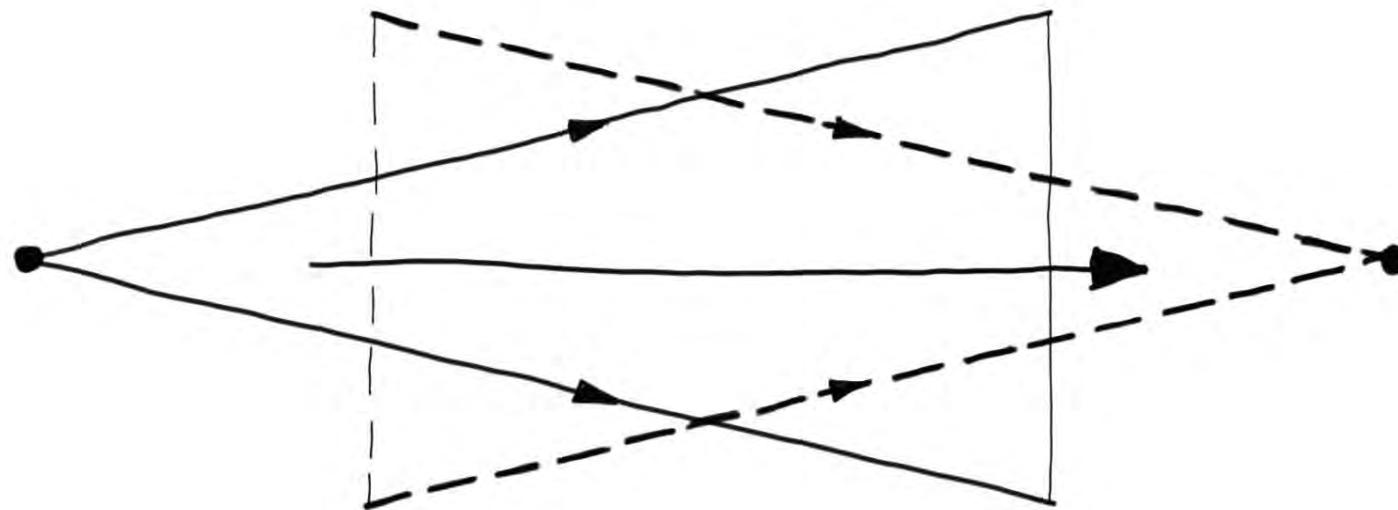
# Design as Choice

**Elaboration**

palette of choices

**Reduction**

heuristics to choose



# Design as Choice

Two openings for creativity

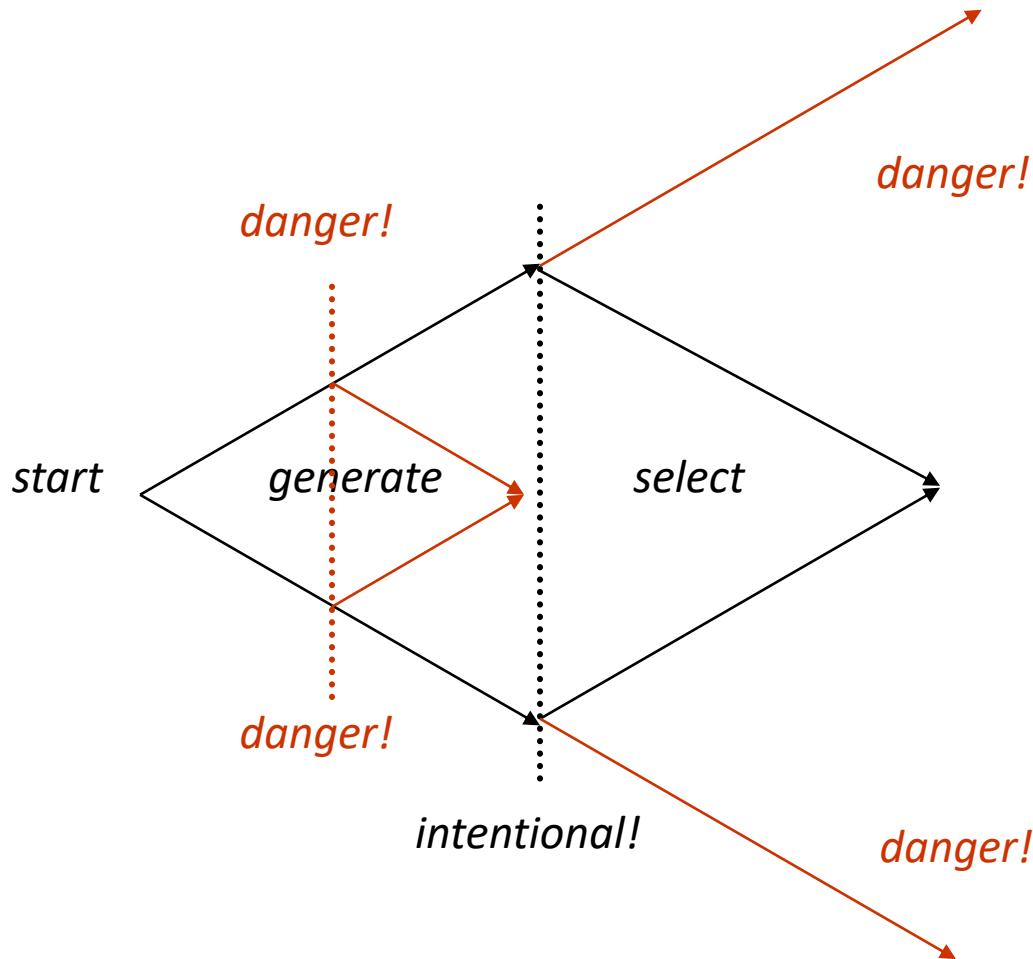
Palette of choices

Heuristics used to choose

Why is your design research so important?

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

# The Design Diamond

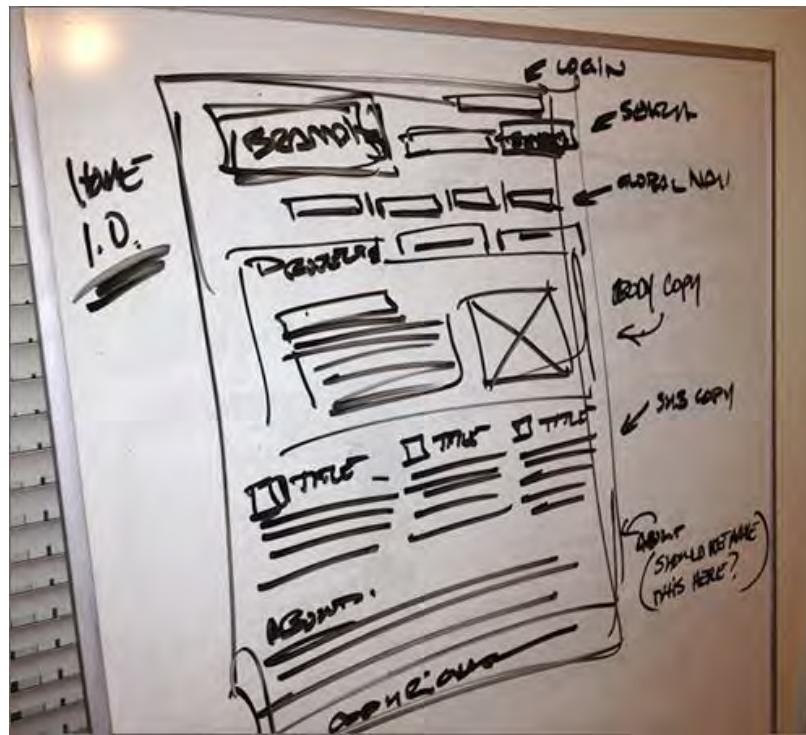


# Properties of Sketches

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

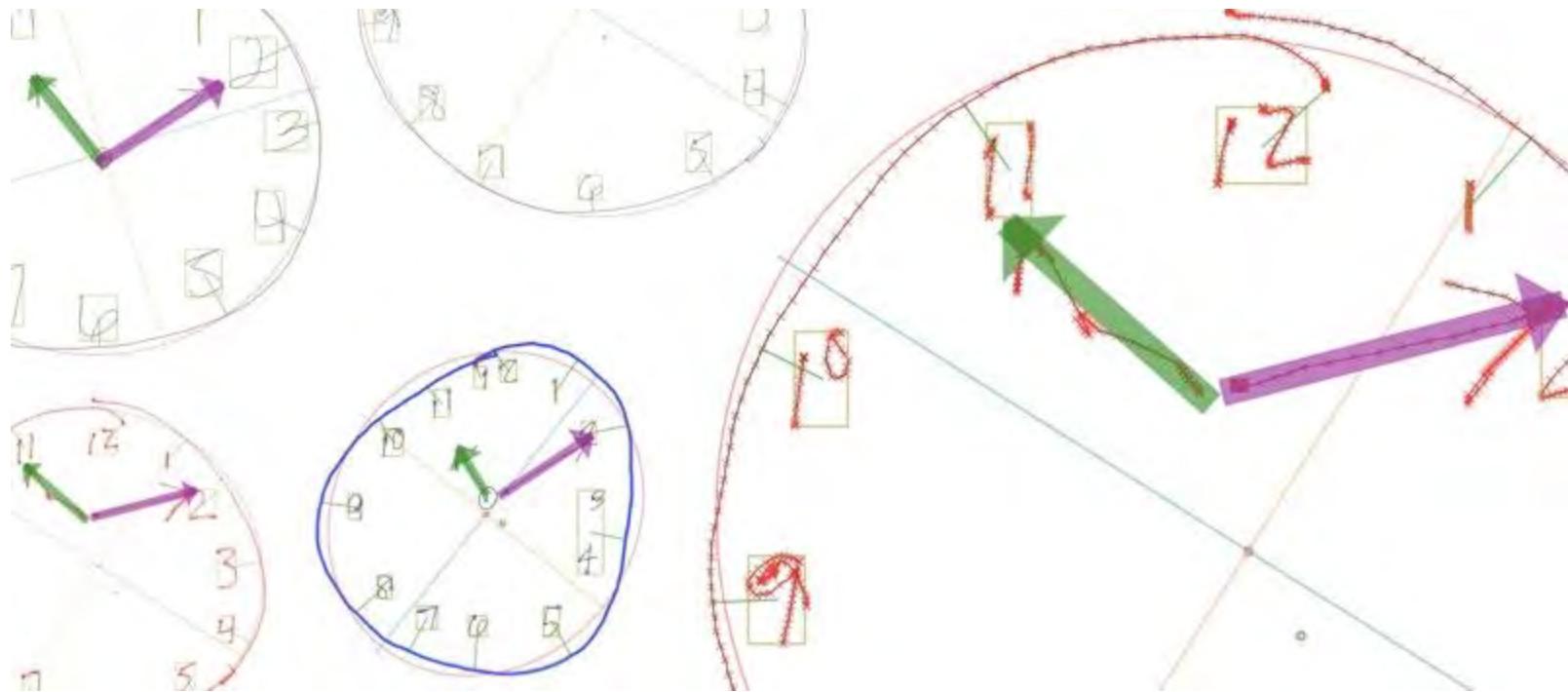
# Quick

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

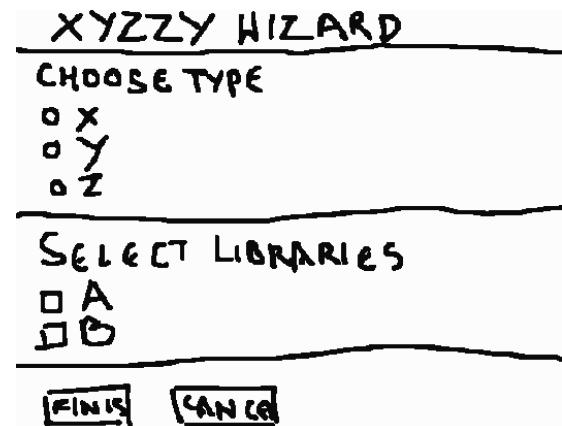


# Clear Vocabulary

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

Could be how a line extends through endpoints

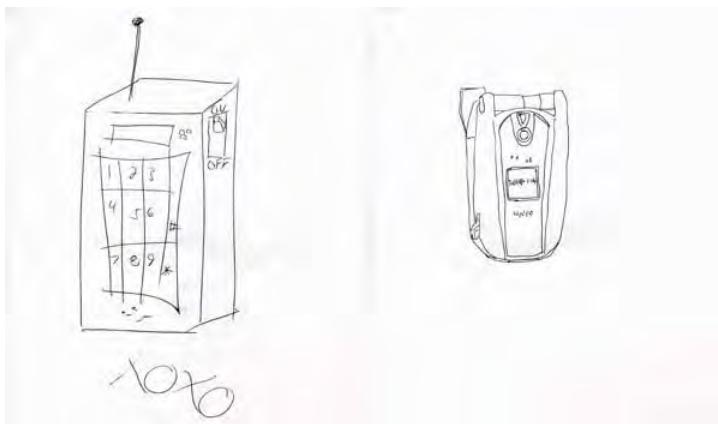
Physical sketches have their own vocabulary



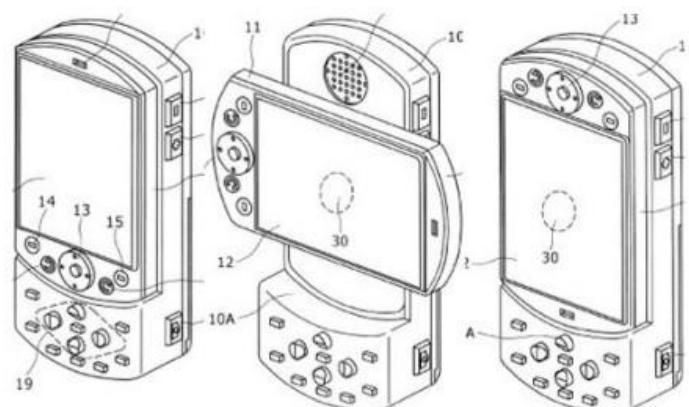
# Distinct Gesture

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



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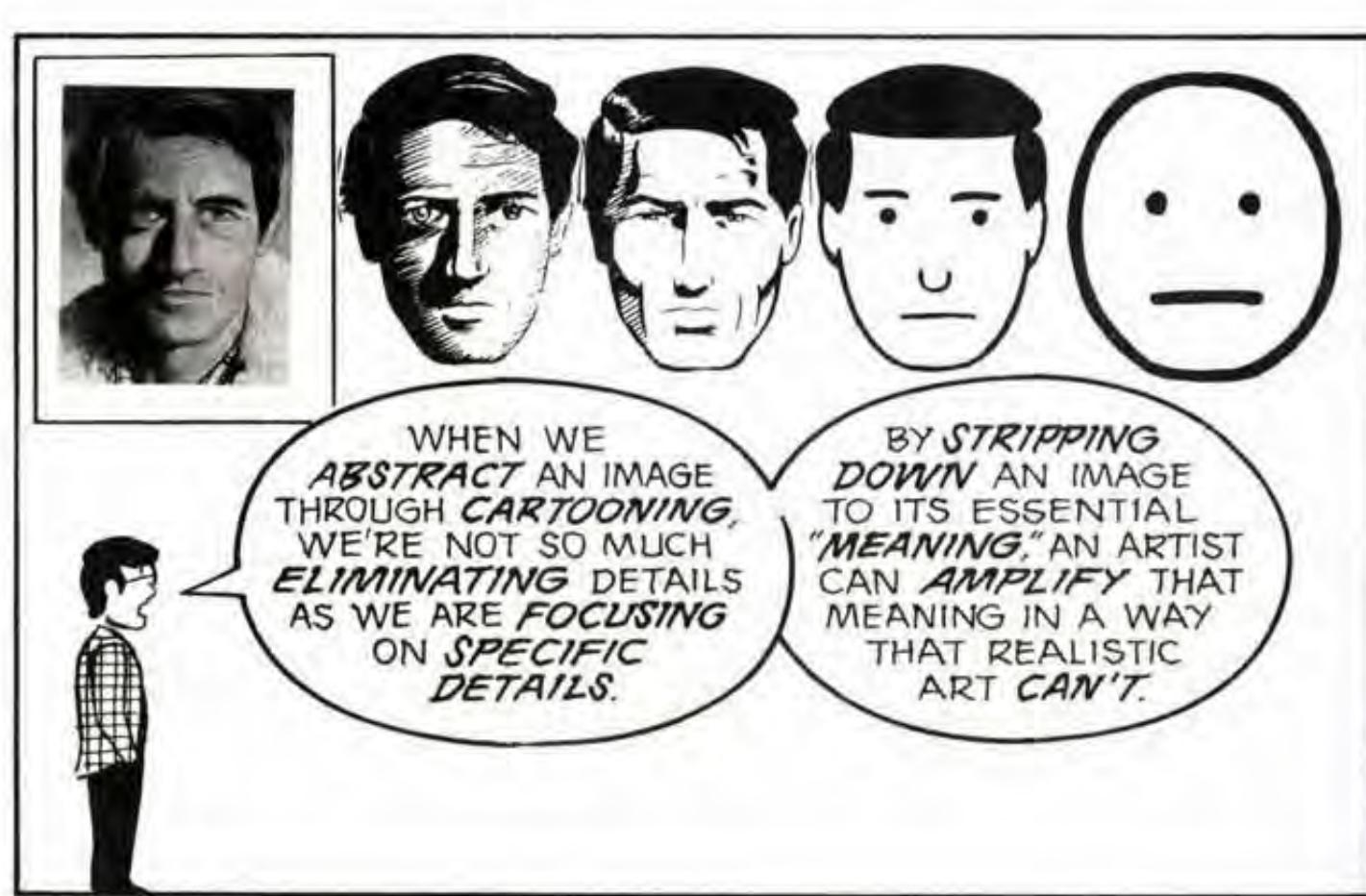
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Price Range:  0.00 to  9,999.99

# Minimal Detail

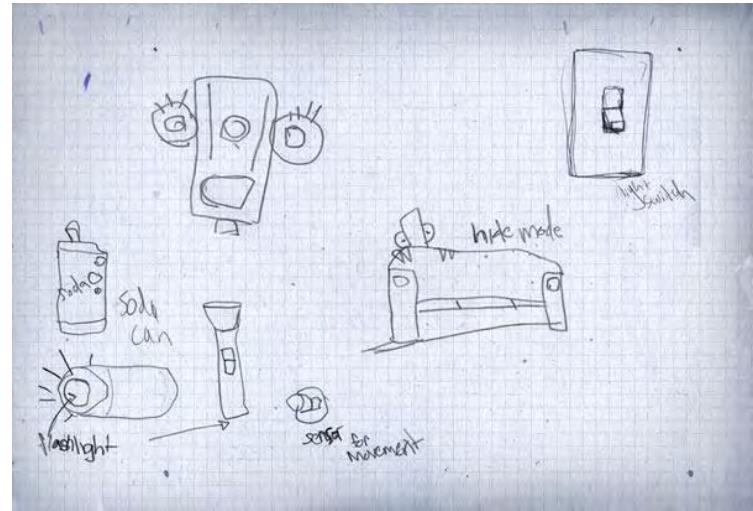


# Appropriate Degree of Refinement

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

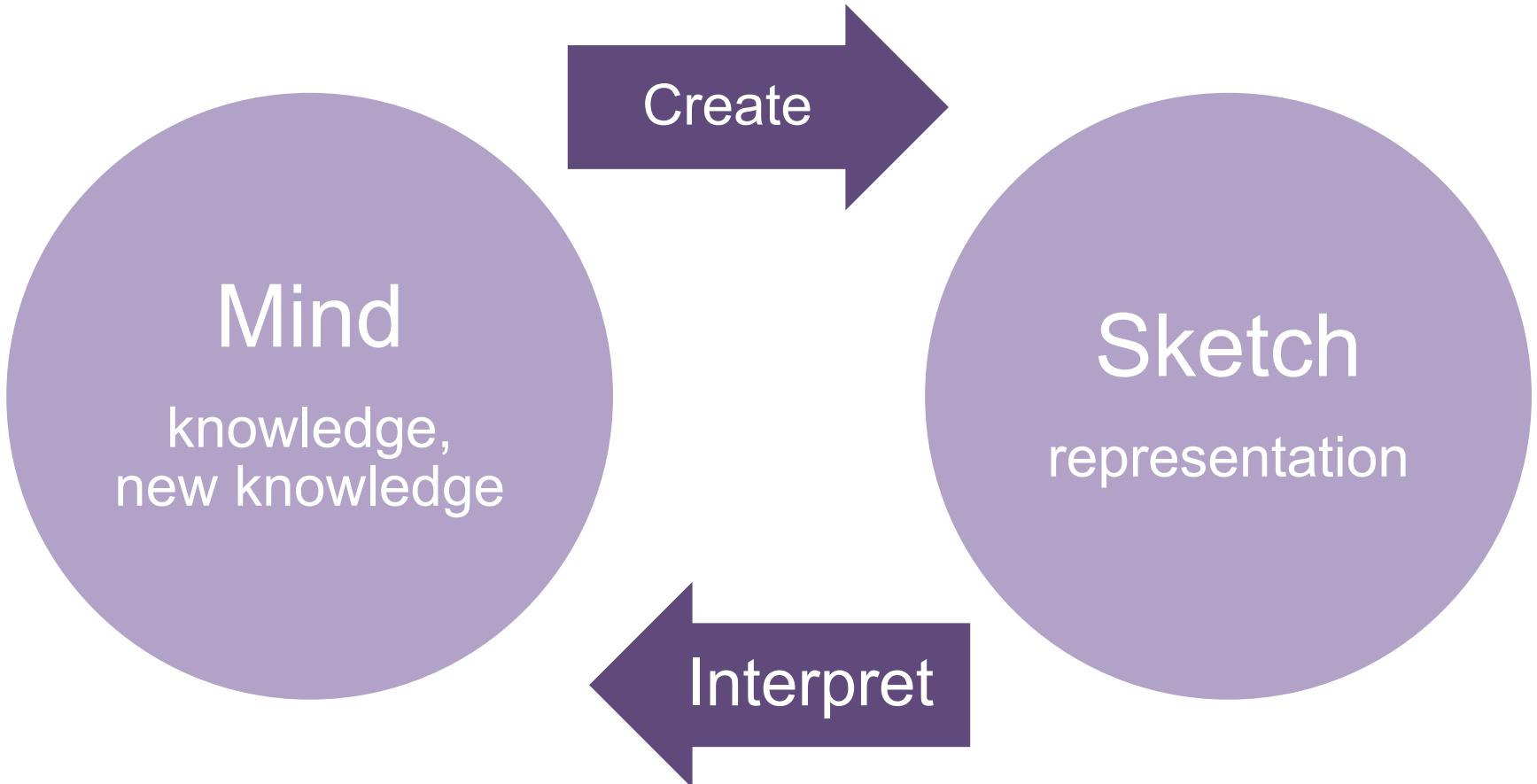
Intentionally ambiguous

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



Making the Macintosh:  
<http://www-sul.stanford.edu/mac/index.html>

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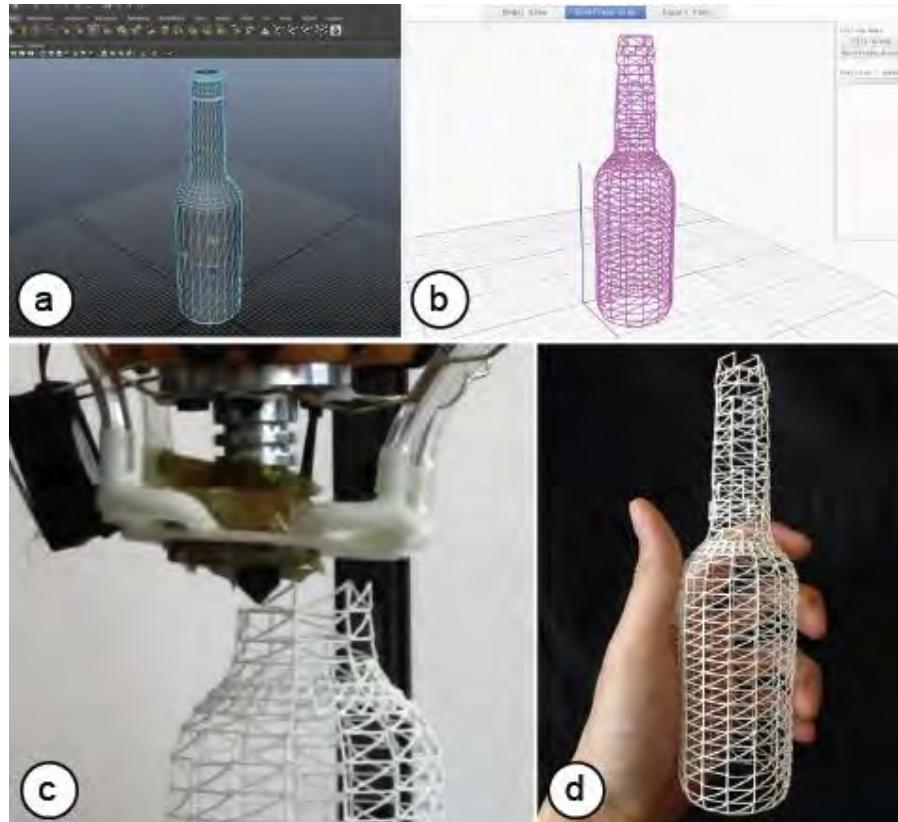


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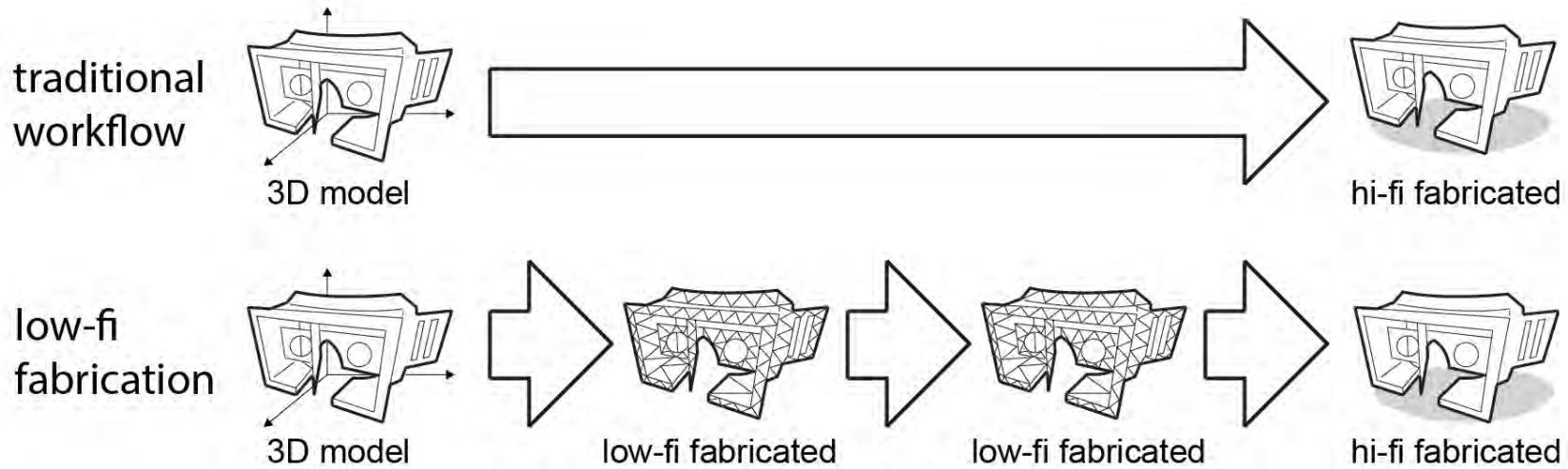
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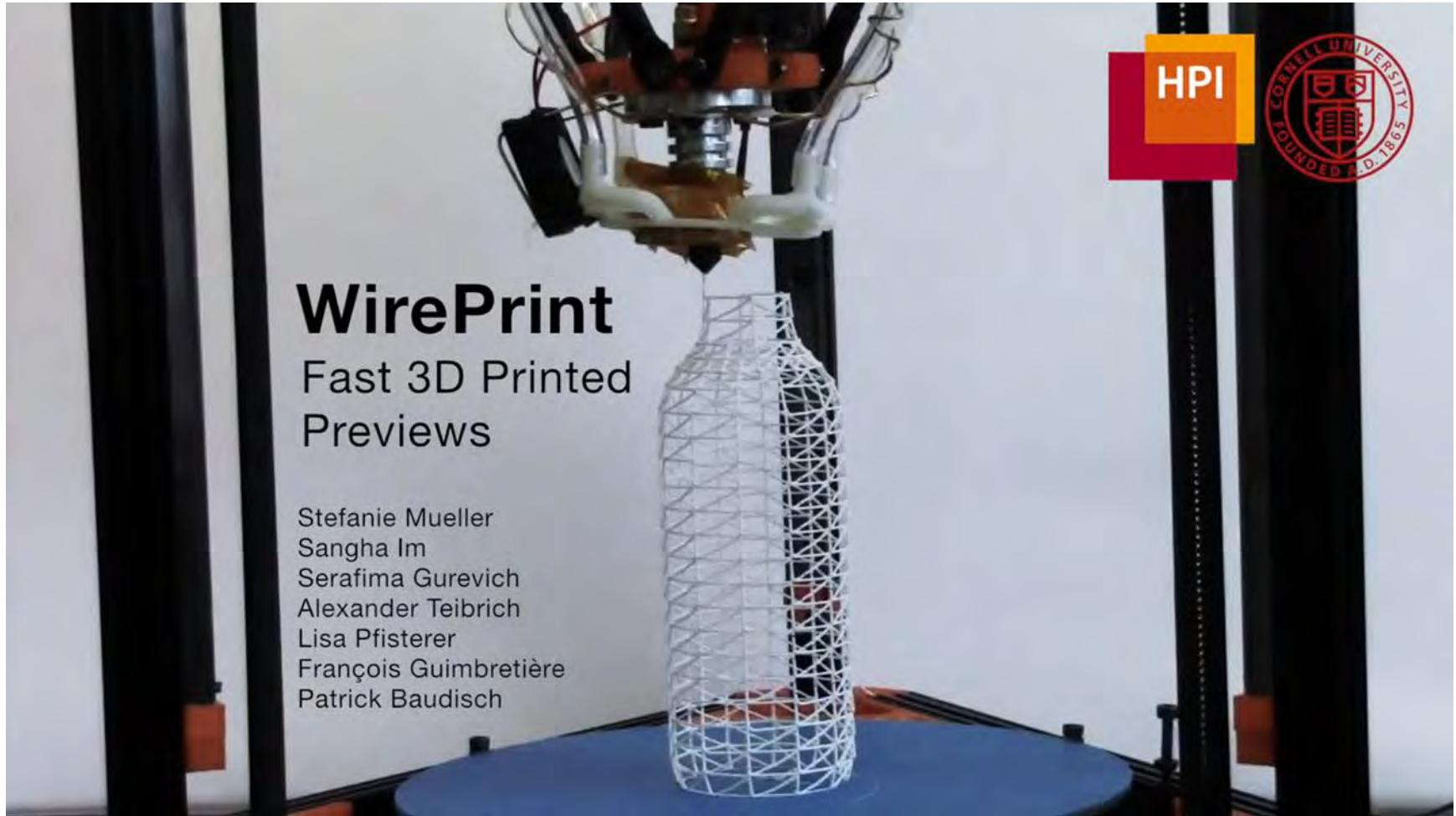
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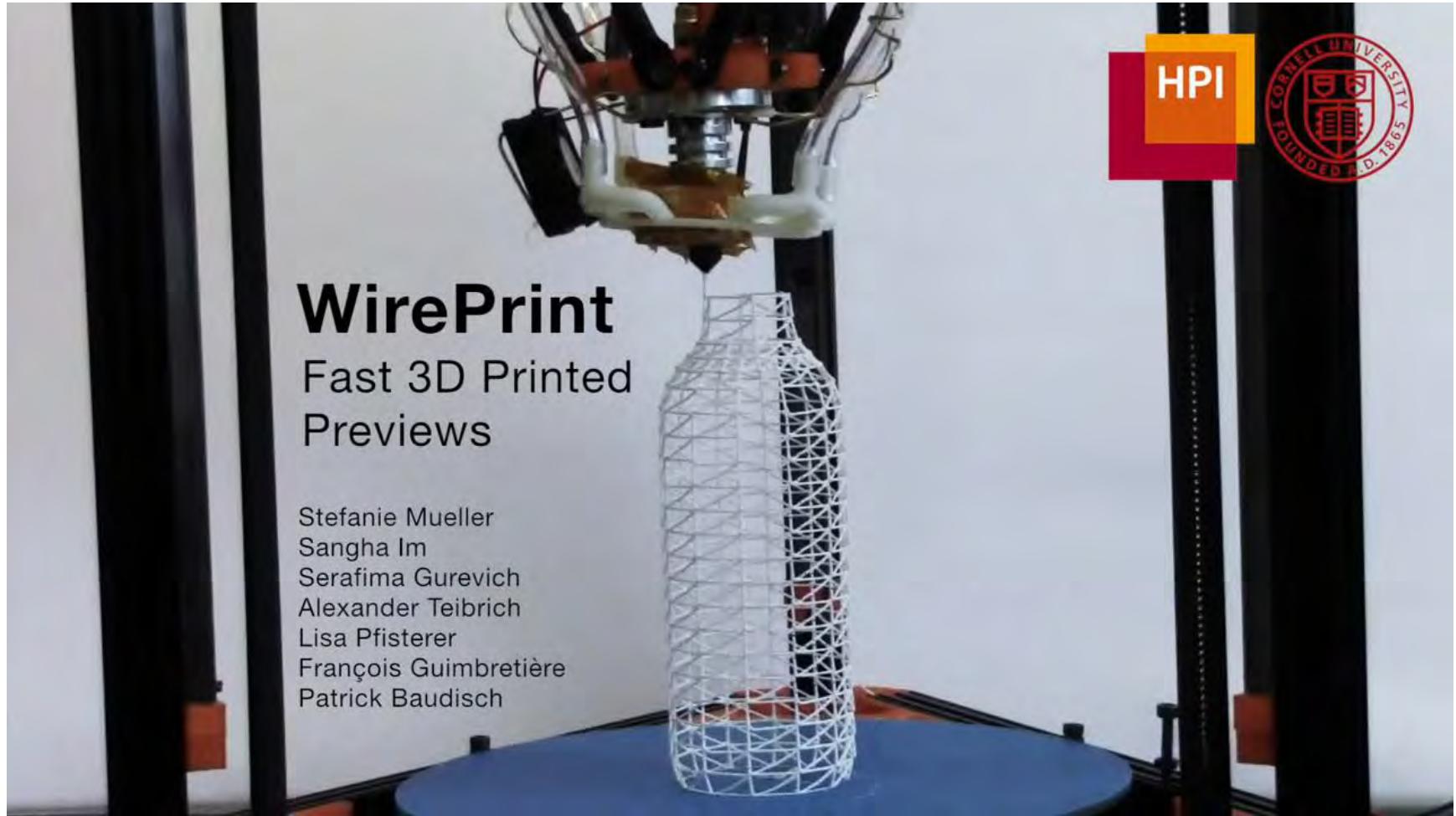
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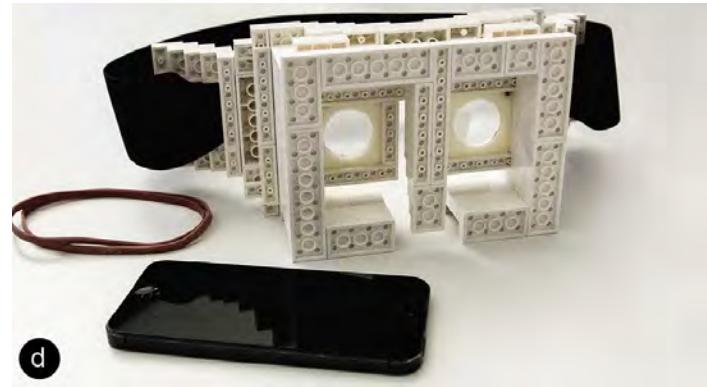
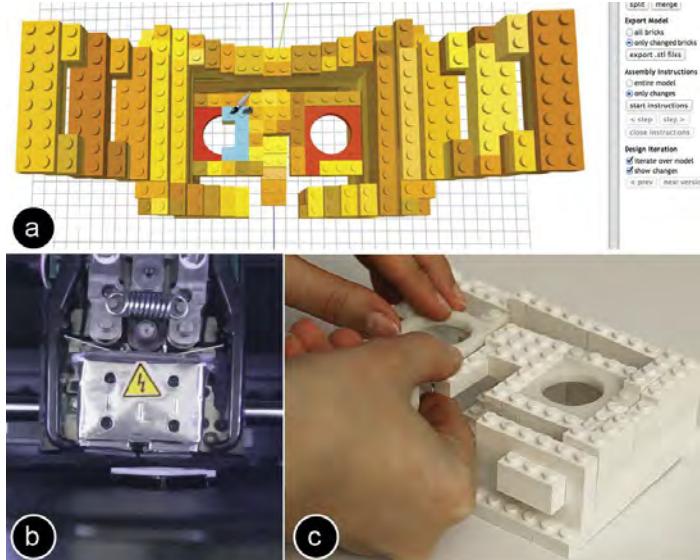


## WirePrint

### Fast 3D Printed Previews

Stefanie Mueller  
Sangha Im  
Serafima Gurevich  
Alexander Teibrich  
Lisa Pfisterer  
François Guimbretière  
Patrick Baudisch

# Physical Sketching



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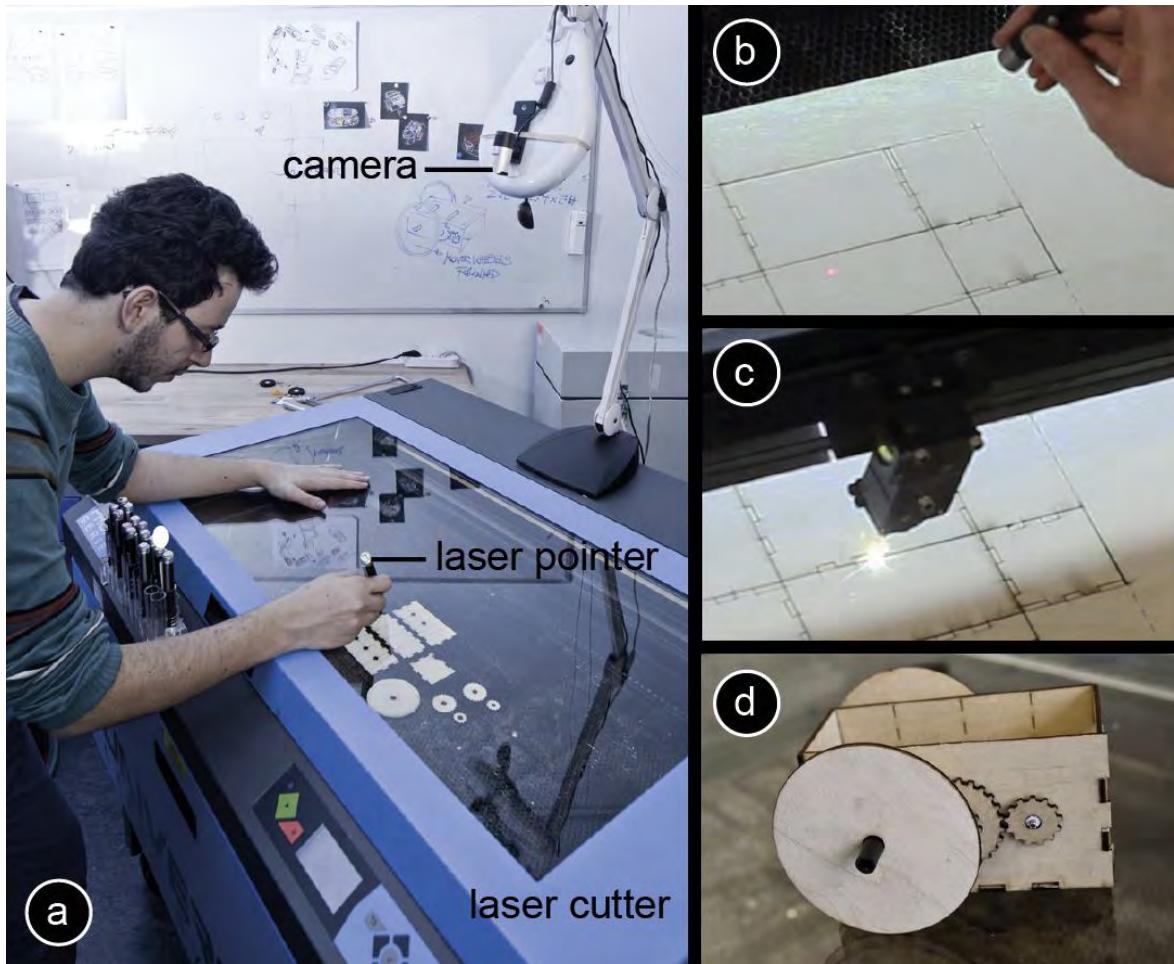
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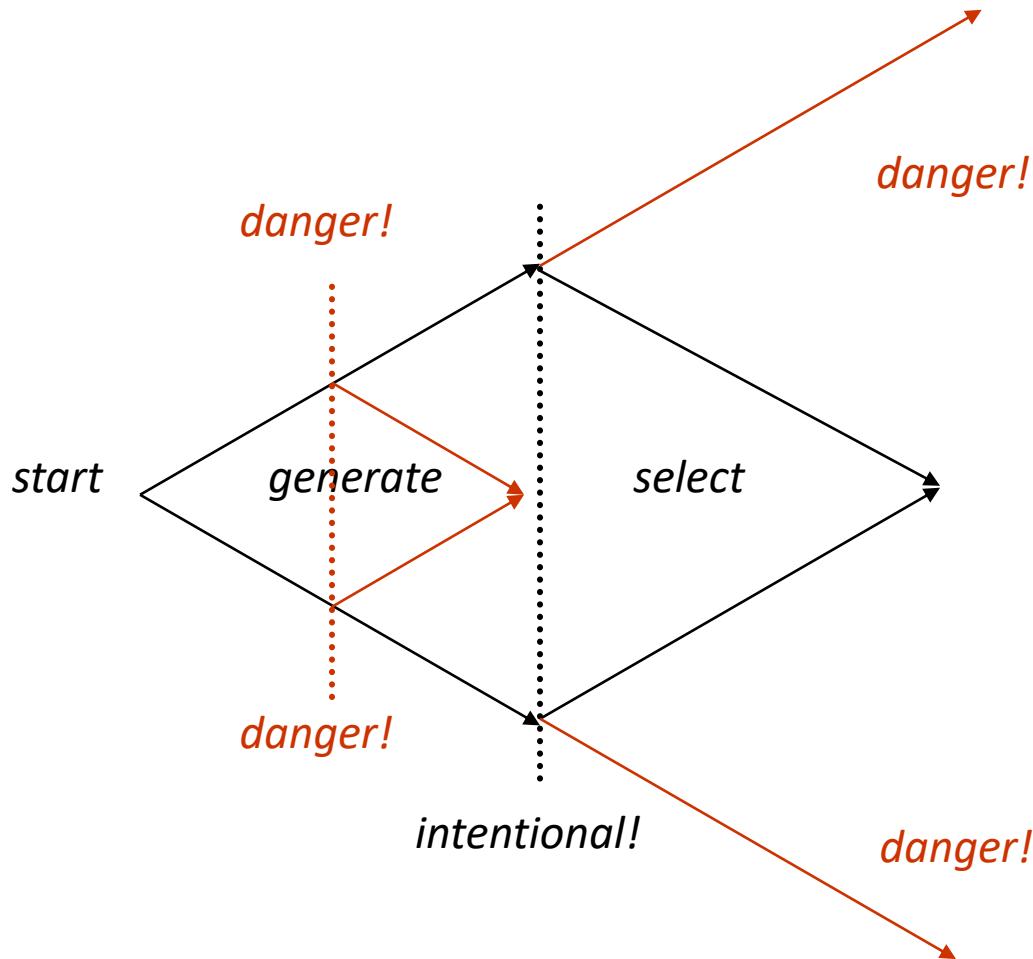
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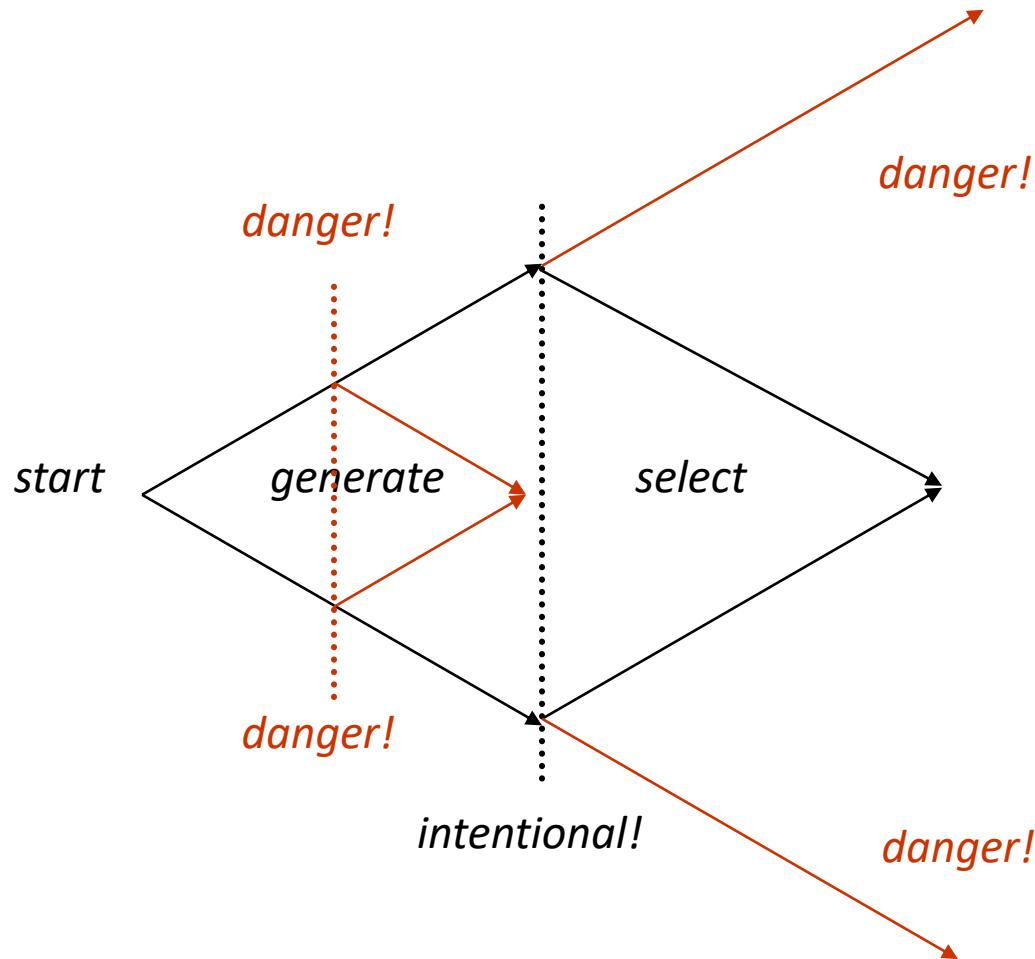
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# The Design Diamond



# Idea Oscillation



# Critiquing Sketches is Important

Ideas are both good and bad

Both are useful in design

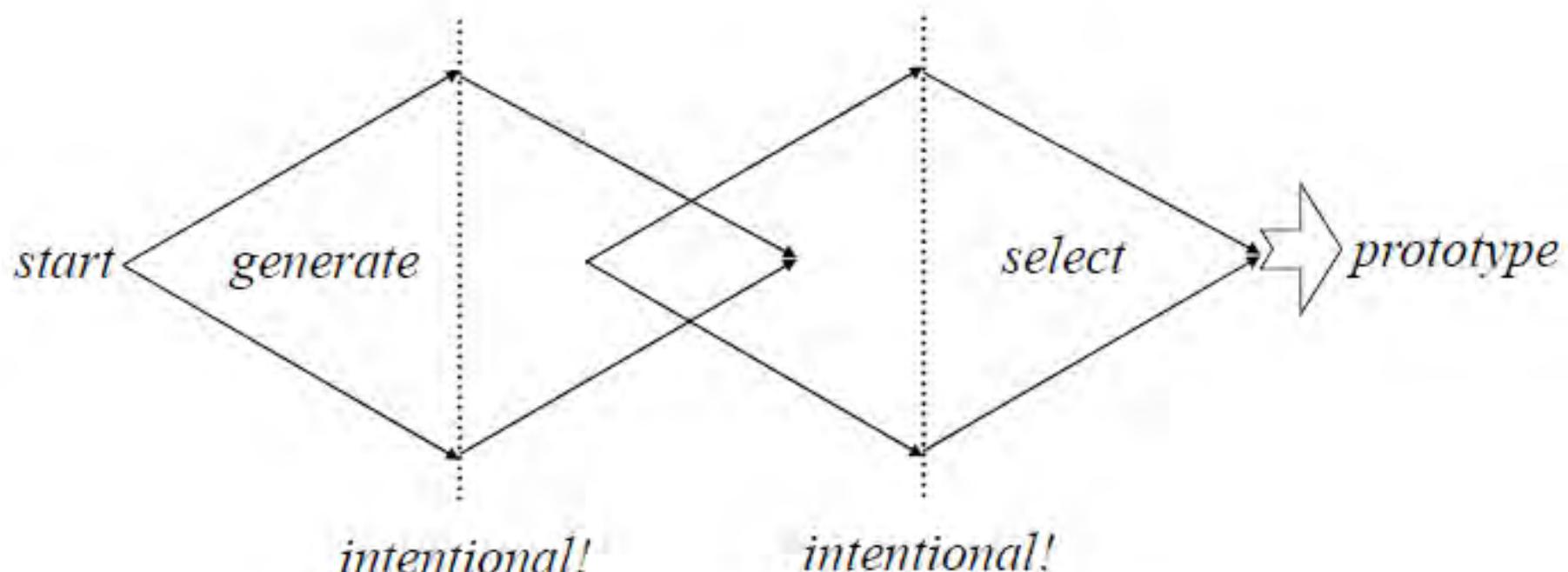
By making clear what is a bad design,  
we can avoid actually implementing it

Bad ideas help you justify your good ideas

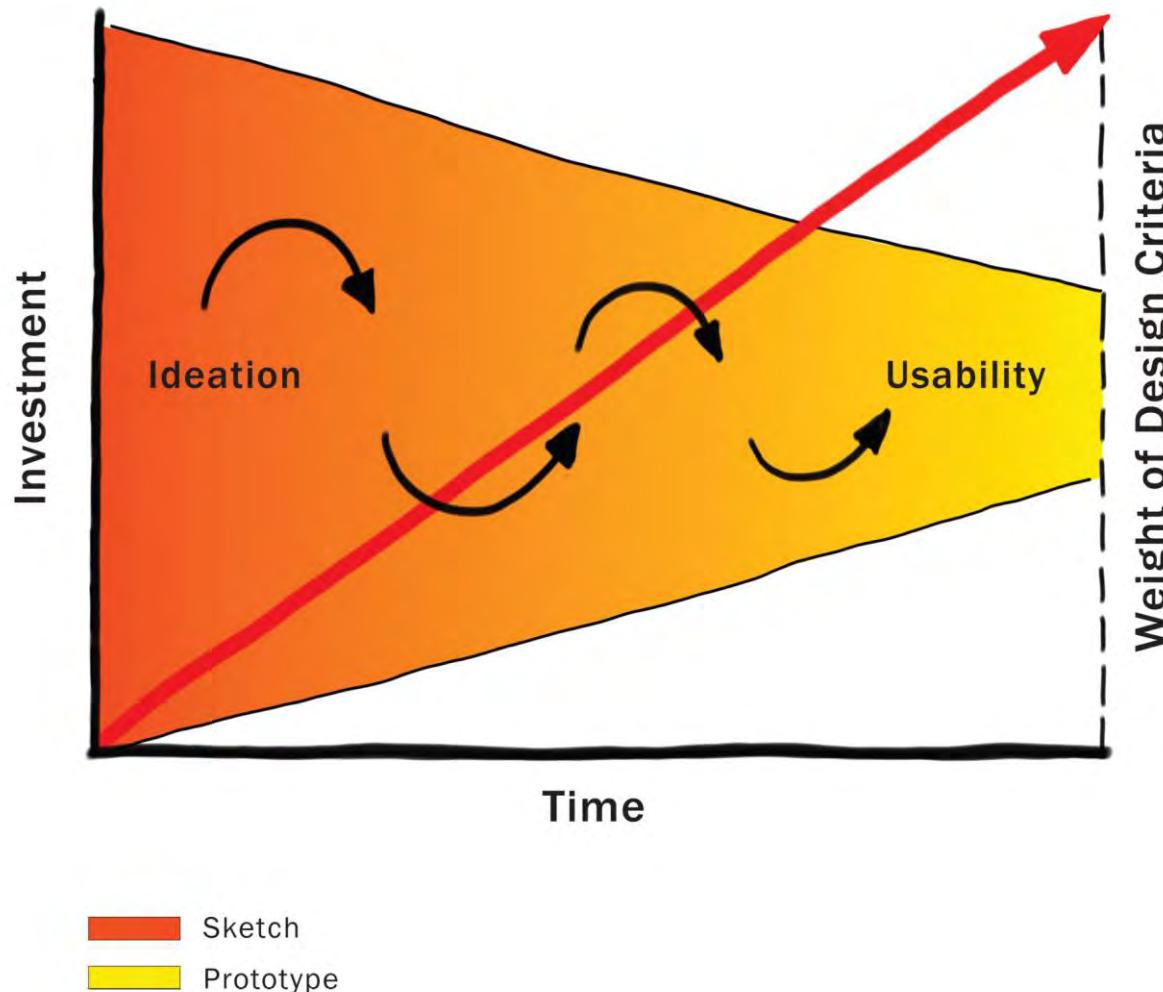
Feedback can turn a good idea into a great idea

Sketching generates too many ideas to implement

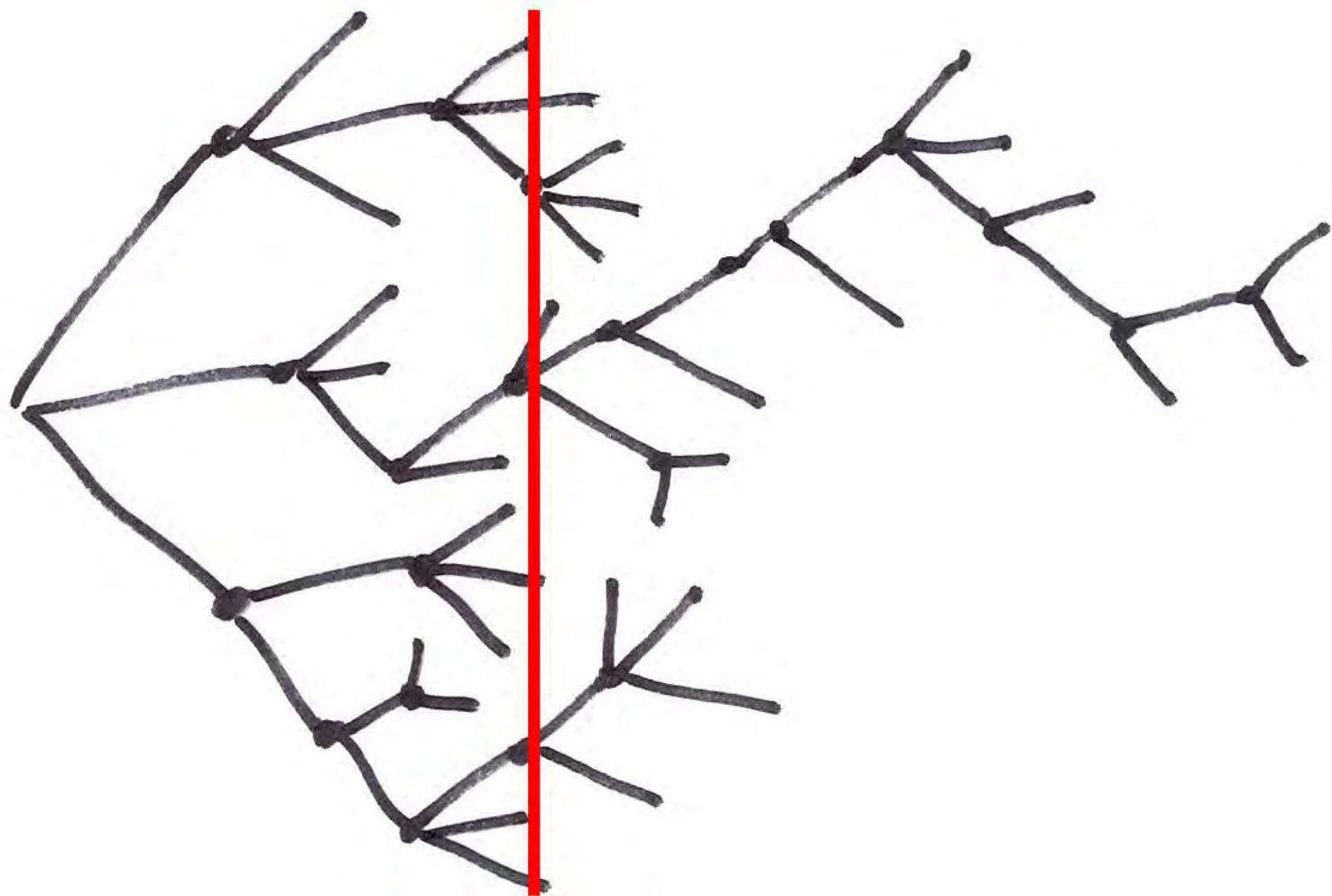
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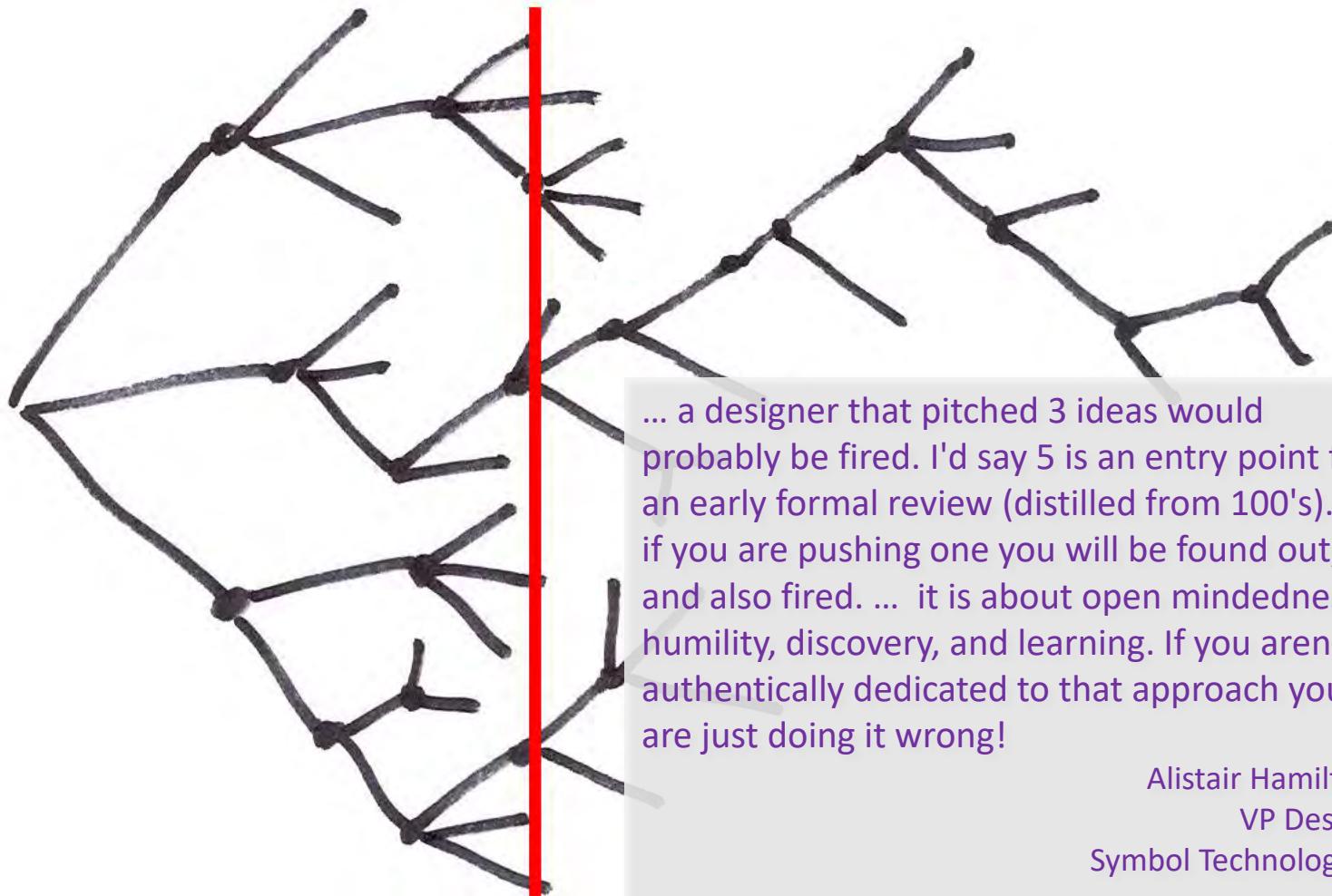
# Iteration Toward a Design



# Exploration of Alternatives



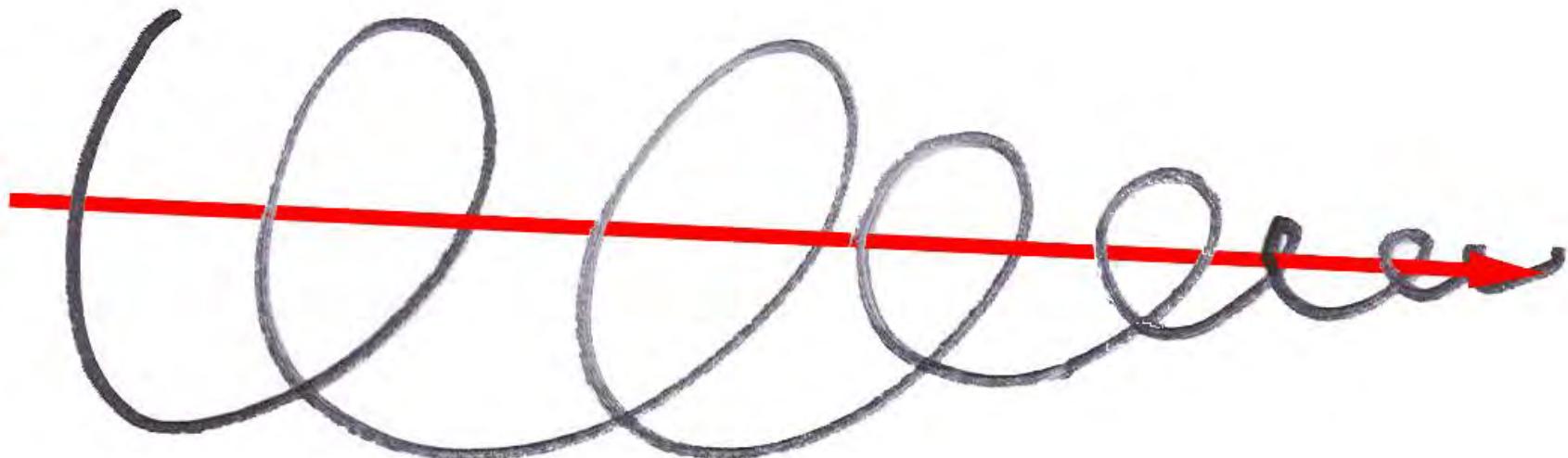
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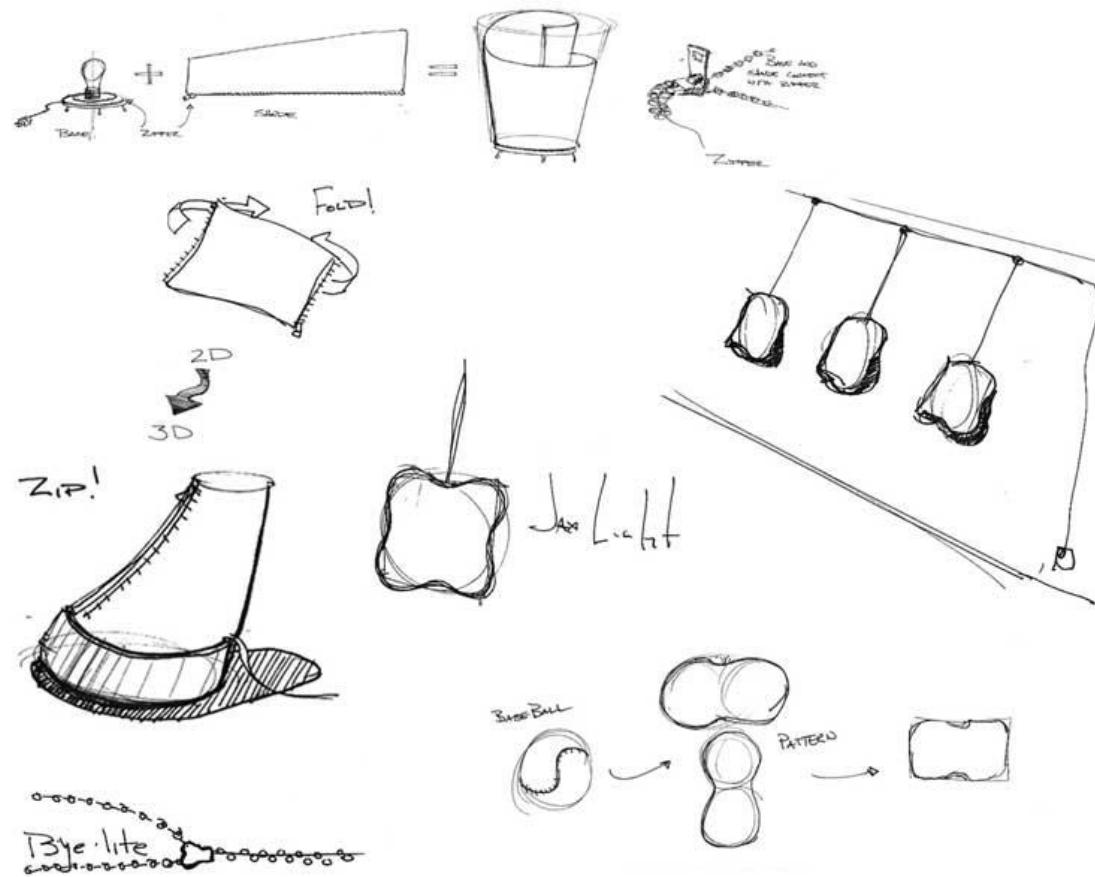
... a designer that pitched 3 ideas would probably be fired. I'd say 5 is an entry point for an early formal review (distilled from 100's). ... if you are pushing one you will be found out, and also fired. ... it is about open mindedness, humility, discovery, and learning. If you aren't authentically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

Alistair Hamilton  
VP Design  
Symbol Technologies

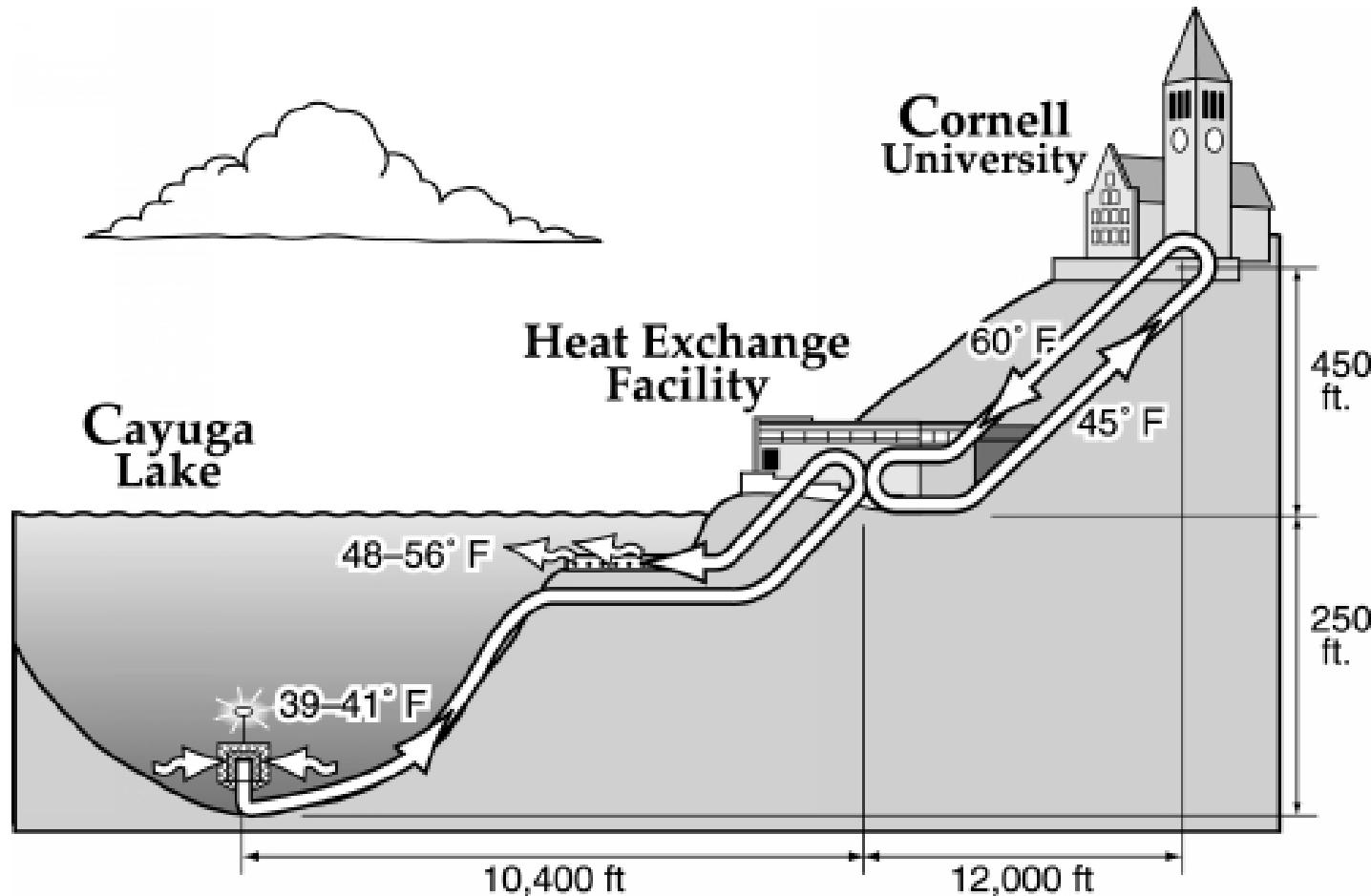
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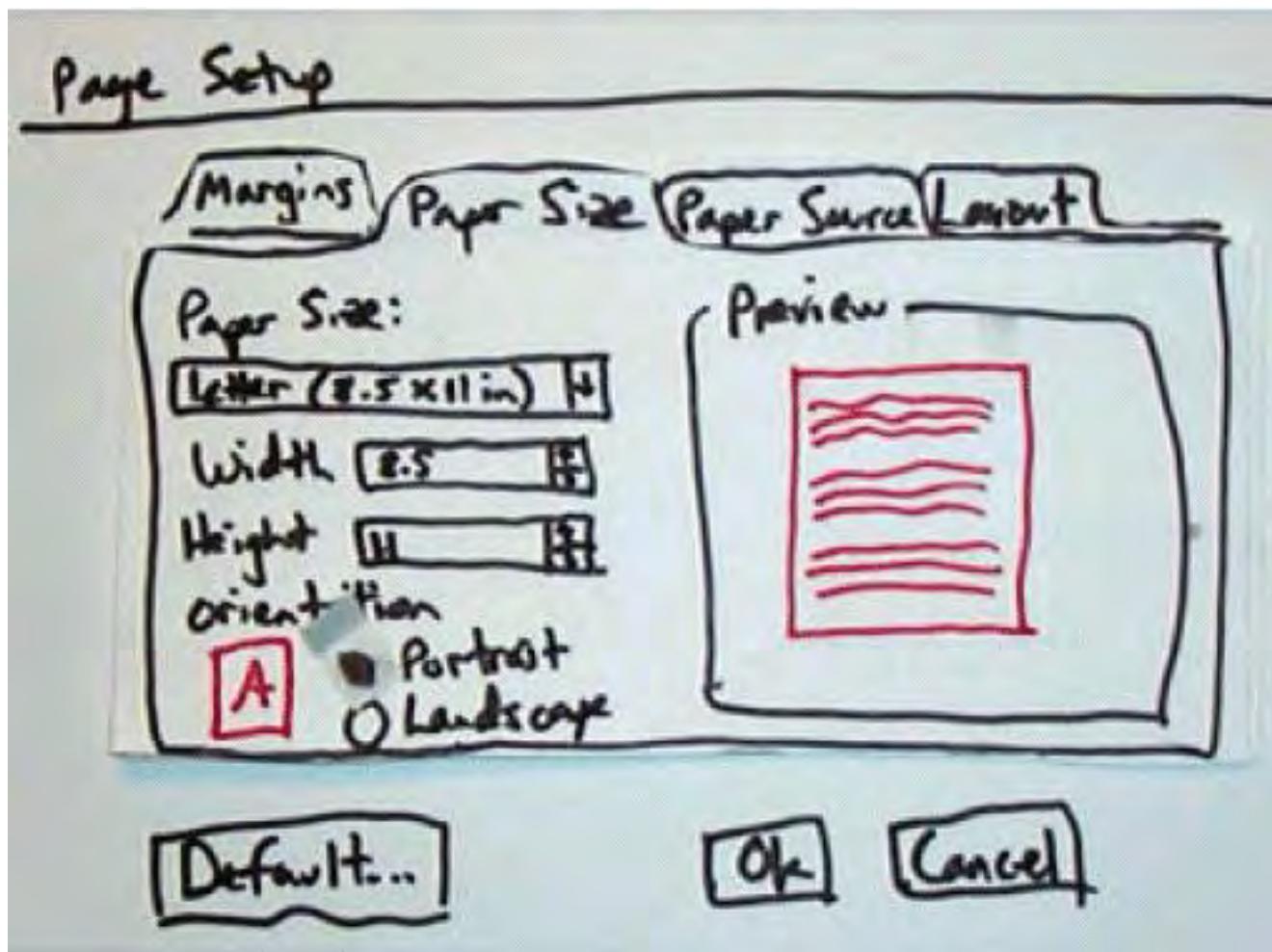
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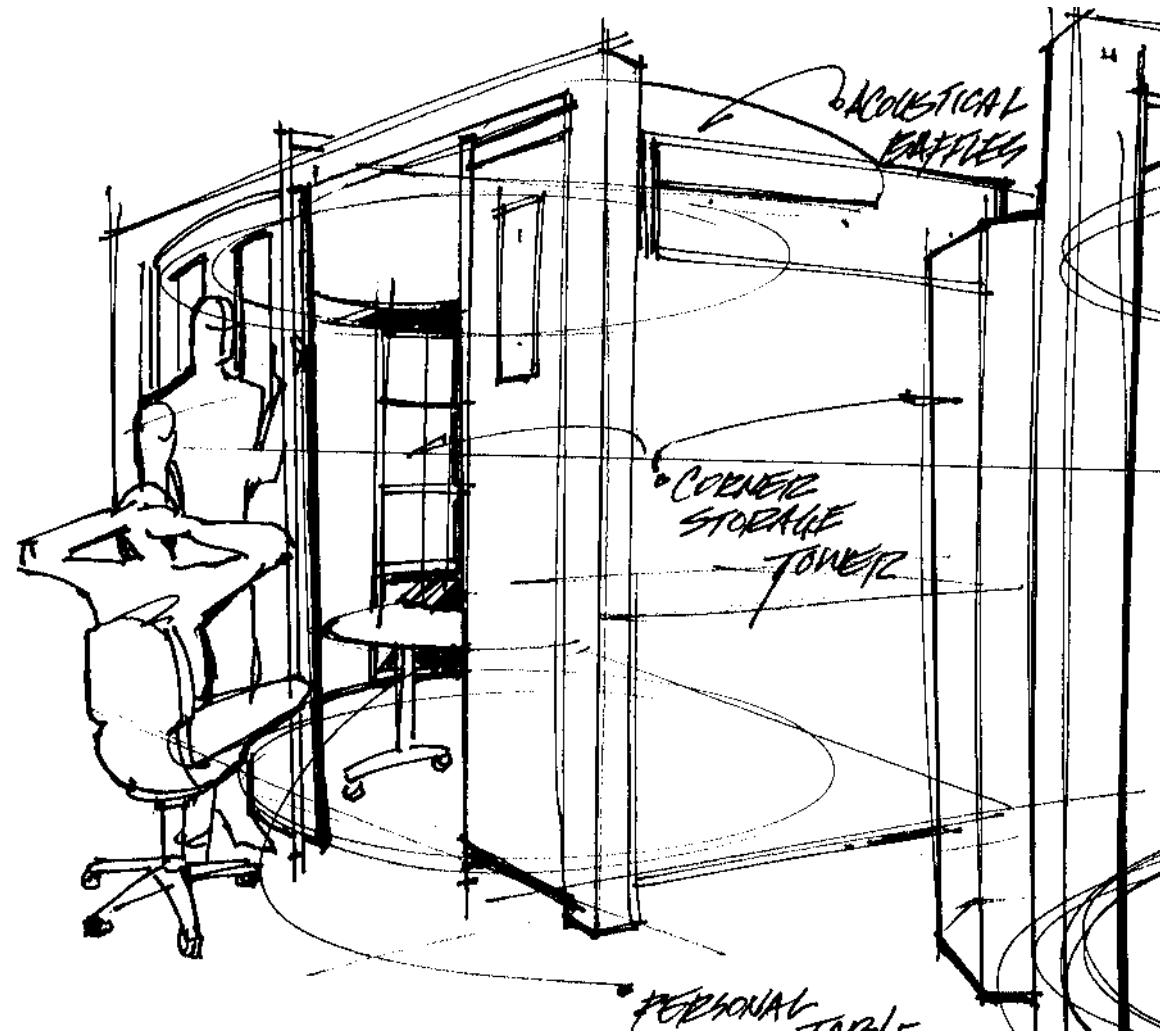
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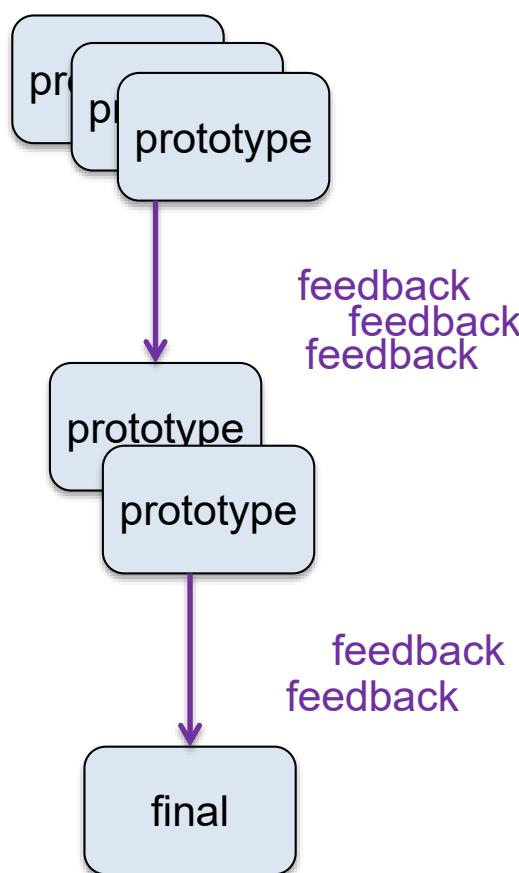
# Some Evidence

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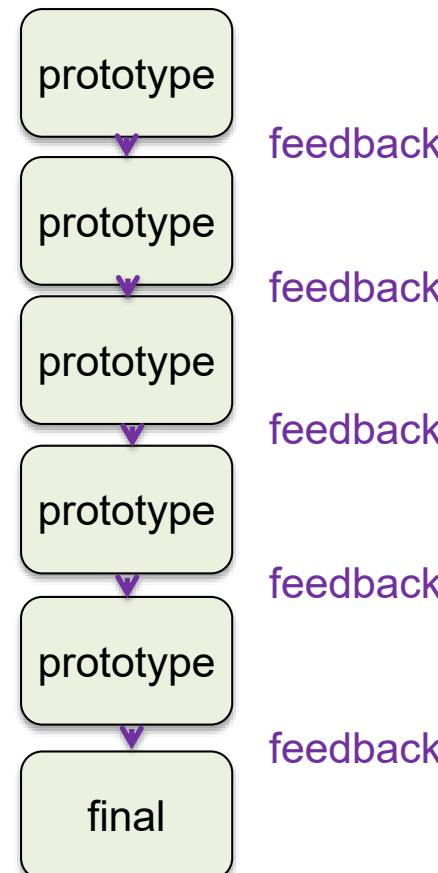
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# Feedback in Parallel or Serial



*Parallel condition*



*Serial condition*

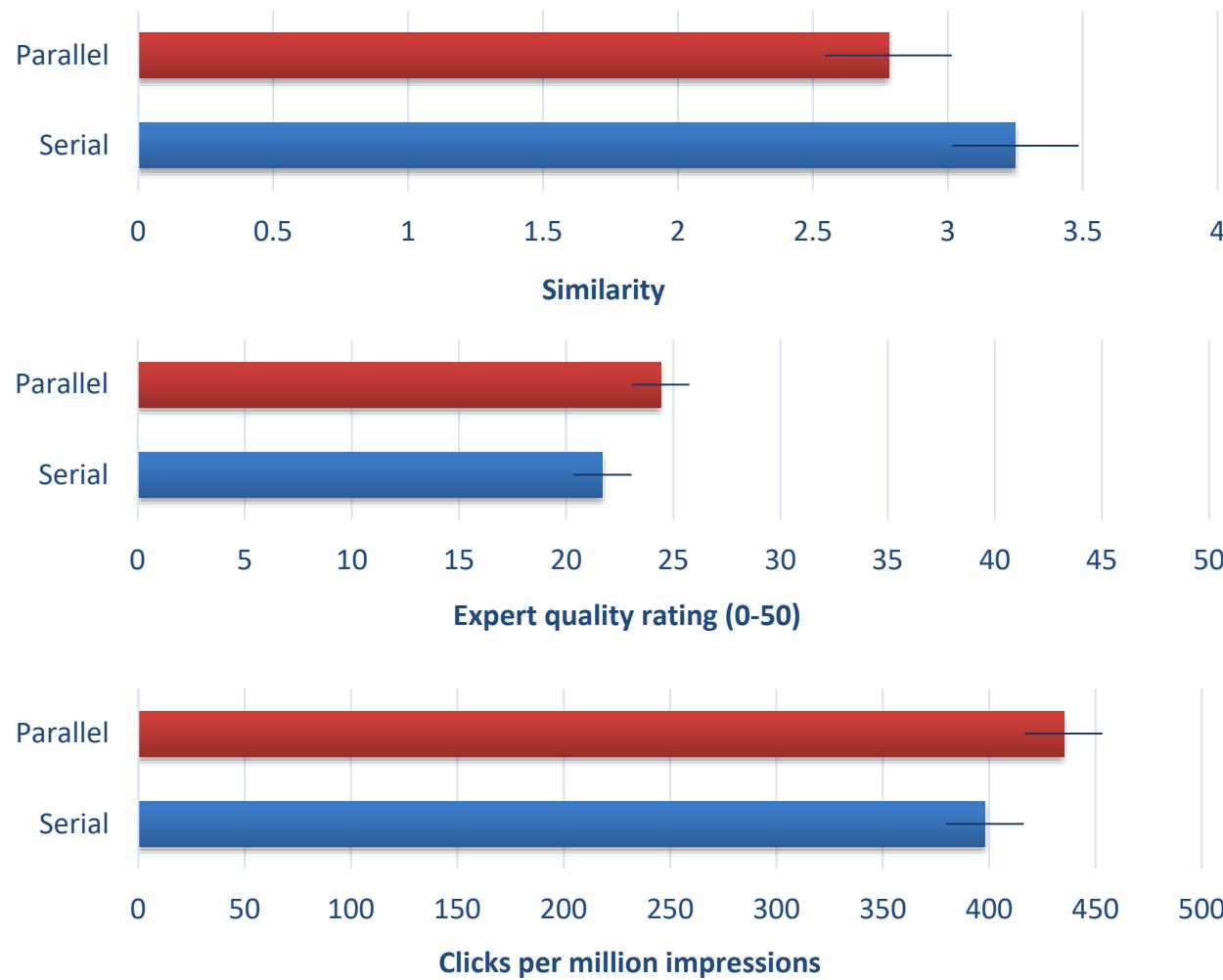
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serial  
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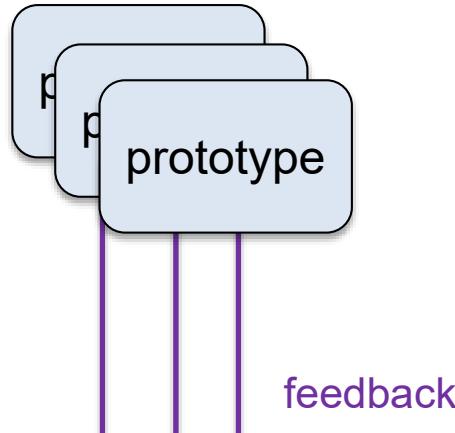
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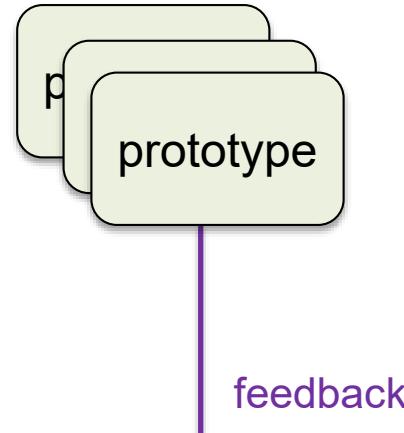
# Parallel: more diverse, better, more clicks



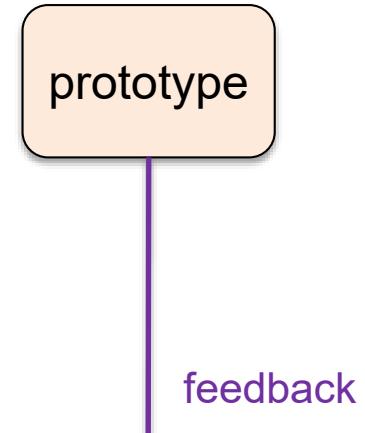
# Share one or share your best?



Share multiple  
condition

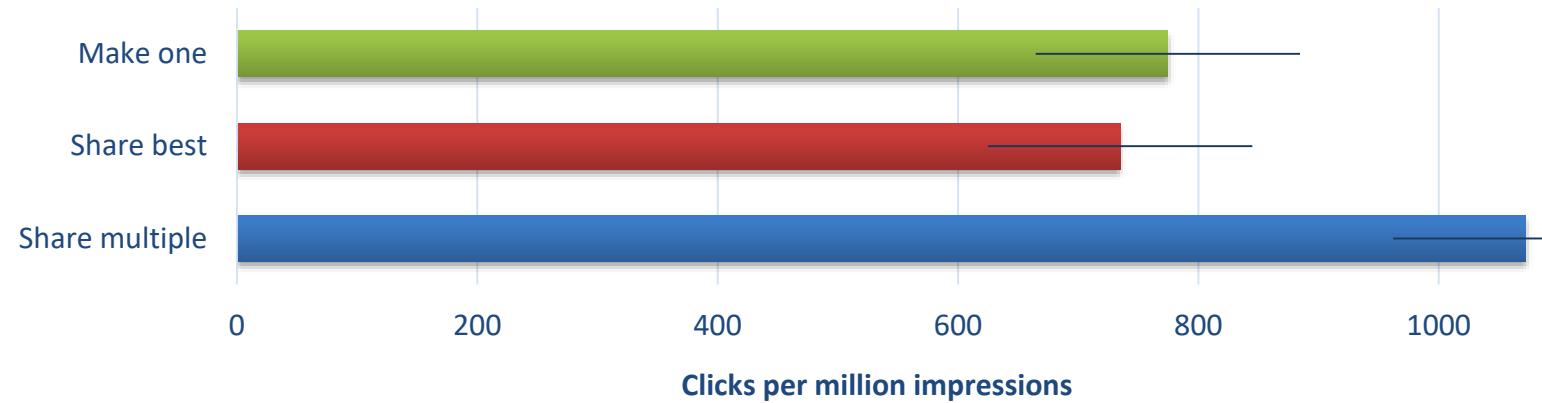
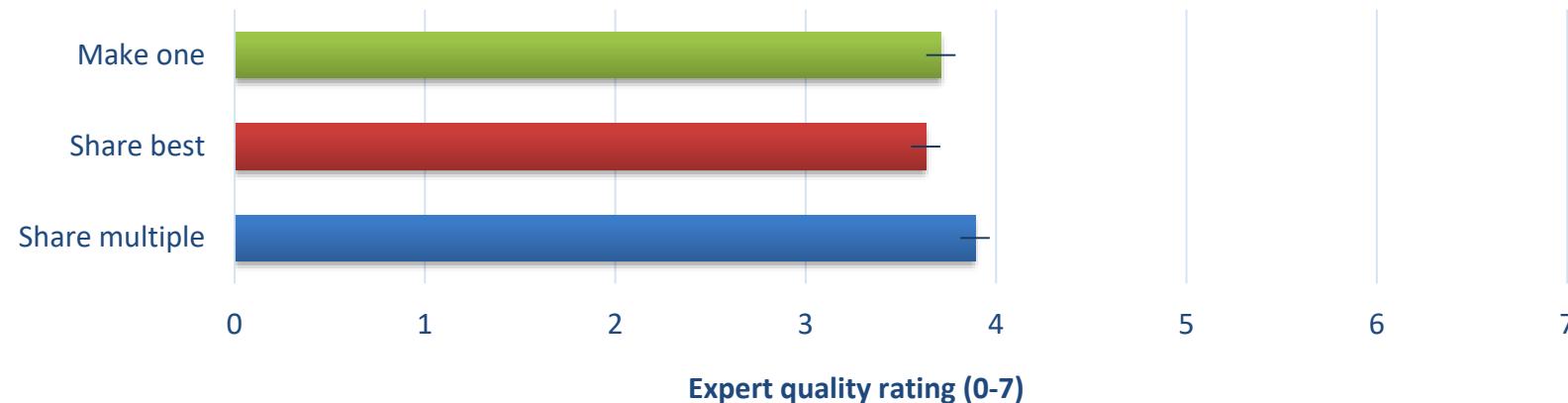


Share best  
condition



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

# CSE 440: Introduction to HCI

## User Interface Design, Prototyping, and Evaluation

Lecture 05:  
Design Diamond

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# Learning to Give and Receive Critique

You will learn 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 tomorrow with critique of  
Assignment 2c: Design Research Check-In

# 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...

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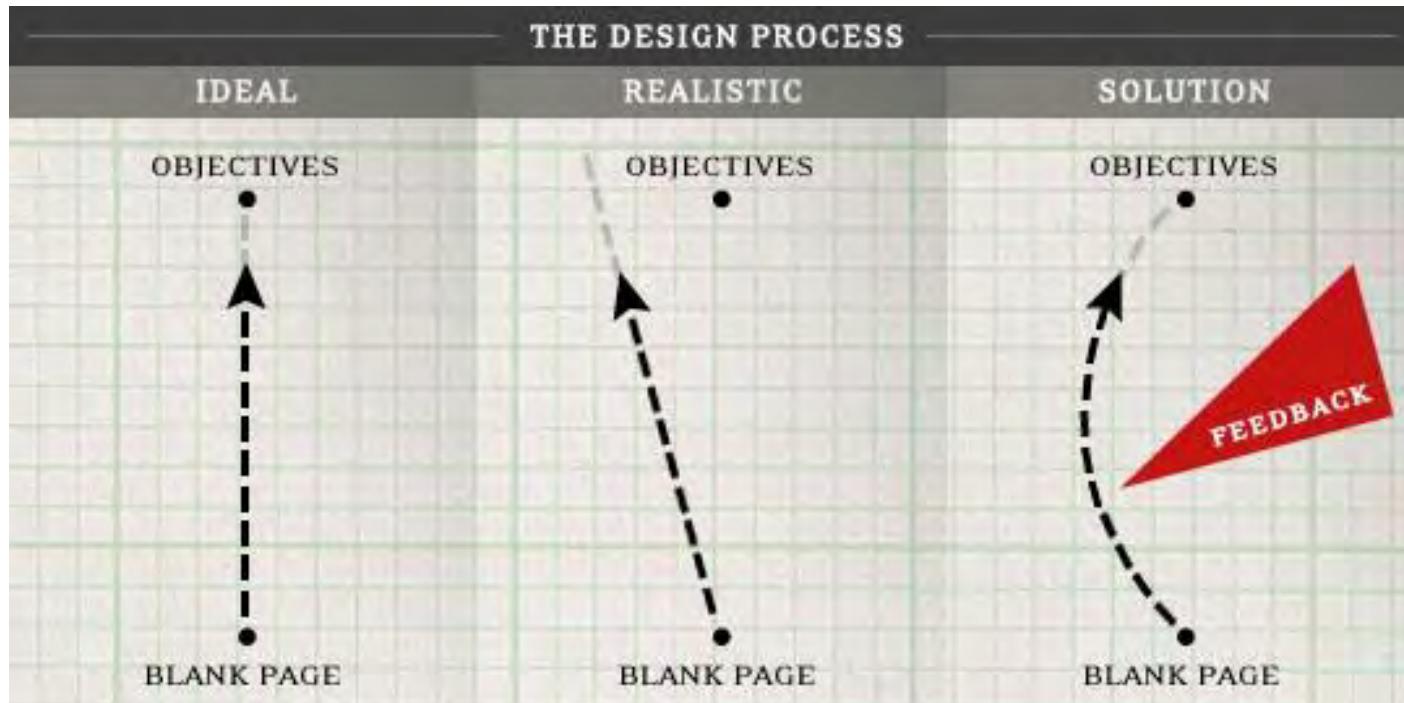
Examples?

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



<http://alistapart.com/article/design-criticism-creative-process>

# 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, 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 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 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 design decisions, which can help build up the design rationale

Not fundamentally negative, 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



# Design Research Reminders

You are not doing science

You seek design insight, not knowledge or truth

Do the best design work you can

May find that self-tracking is not the opportunity

We designed the project sequence, but be flexible

Capture and keep your raw work products

Dedicate a note keeper, record if possible

Our collection is minimal, but you will want them

# Structure of Section and Critique

Focus on peer feedback and learning

Bring paper, keep the laptops put away

Bring your artifacts, be ready to present them

Critique progression

Reminder of your project

What you have done

What you have learned

about your project, about your method

Your plan going forward

Time for critique

Questions you have for the group



# Developing Insight Is Hard

Design research yields a lot of data

Does not reduce to a statistical test

Need to get from data to design insight

But this is fundamentally difficult

Data

????

Insight



# Affinity Diagrams

Generated during group session

Each observation, idea, note to a post-it

Notes are hierarchically organized into themes, based on project focus





# Developing Models

Distilling models that summarize data

- Highlights gaps in understanding

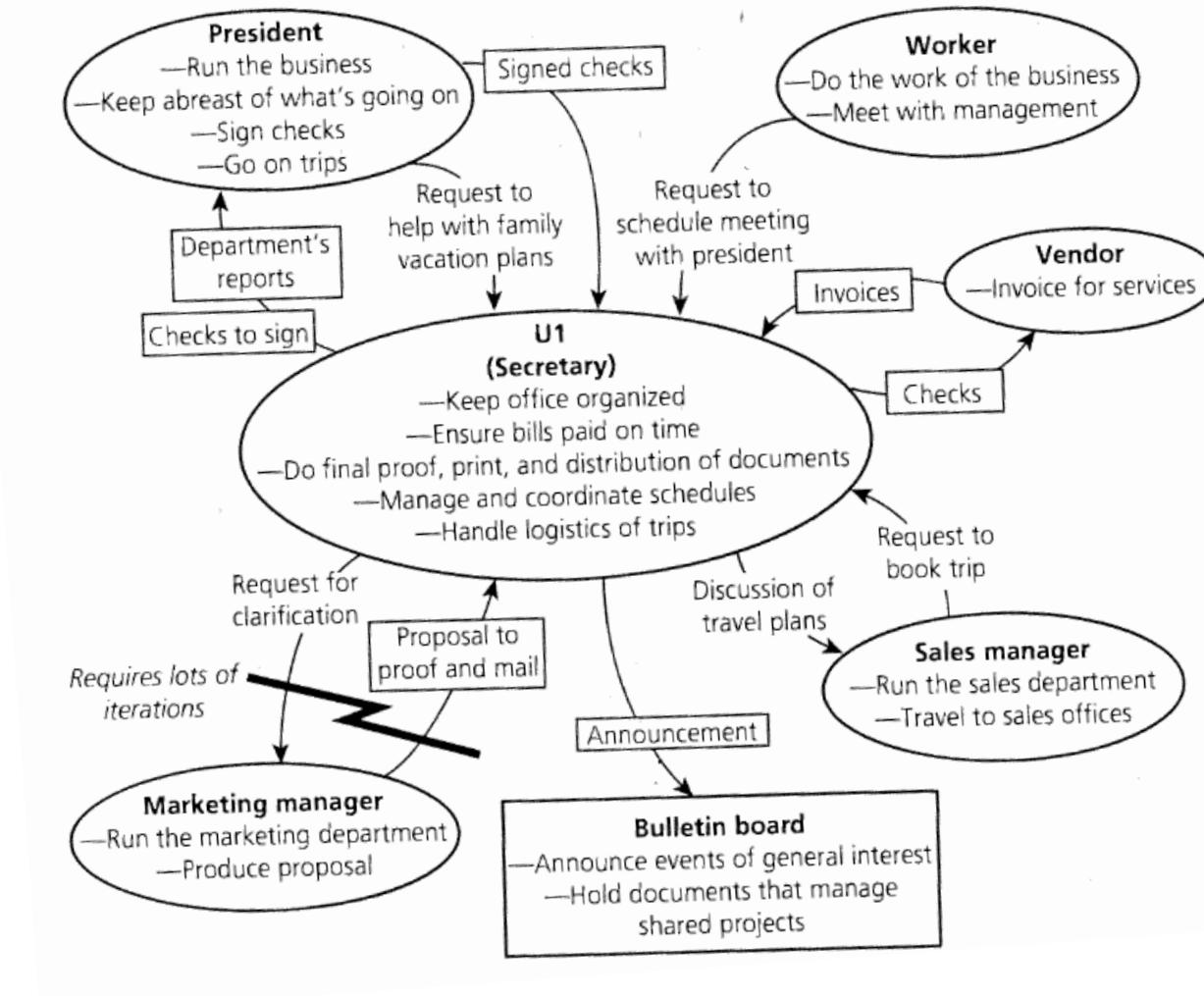
- Identify breakdowns and workarounds

Many types of models

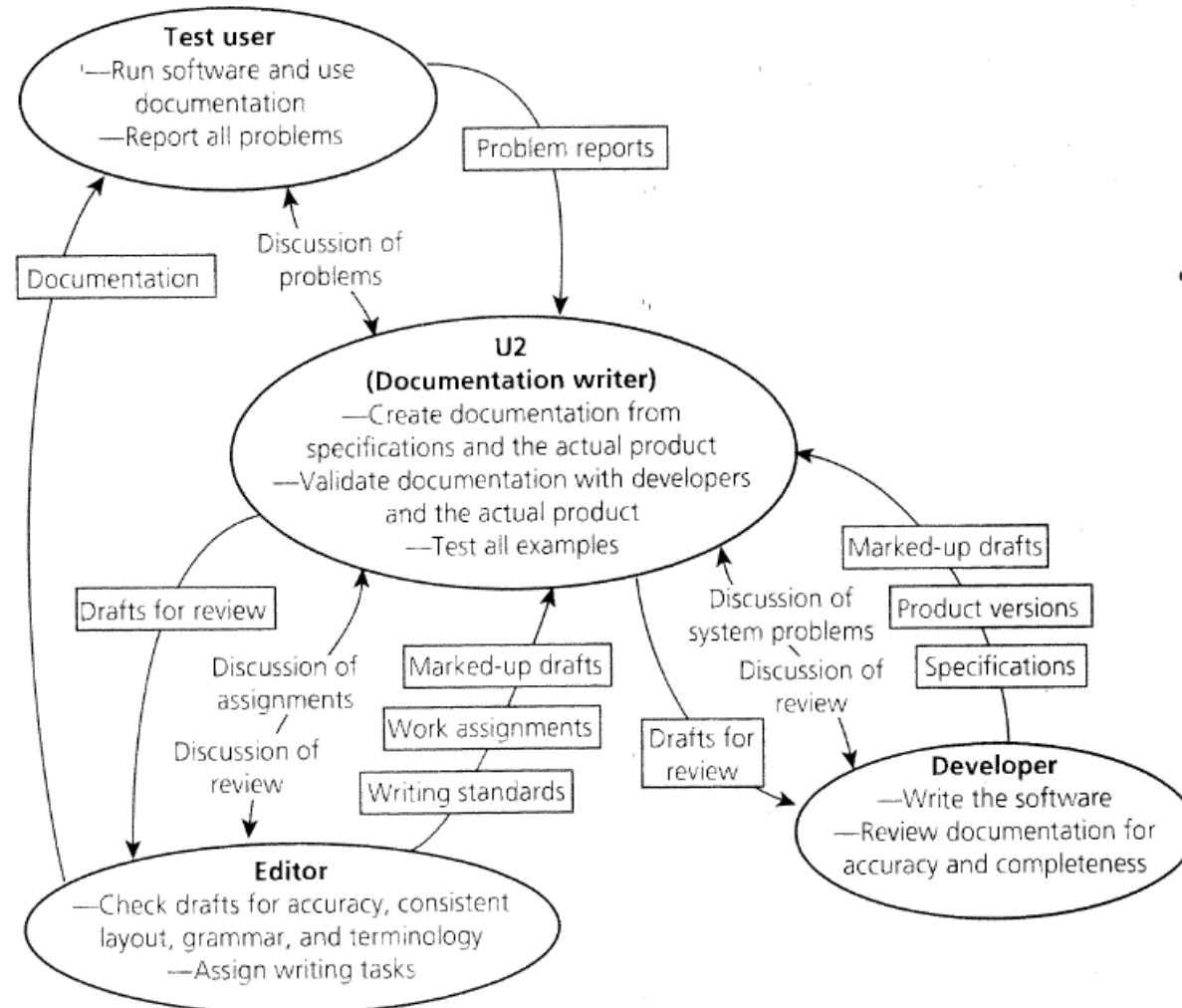
- e.g., Flow, Sequence, Artifact, Cultural, Physical

- None is perfect, they highlight different things

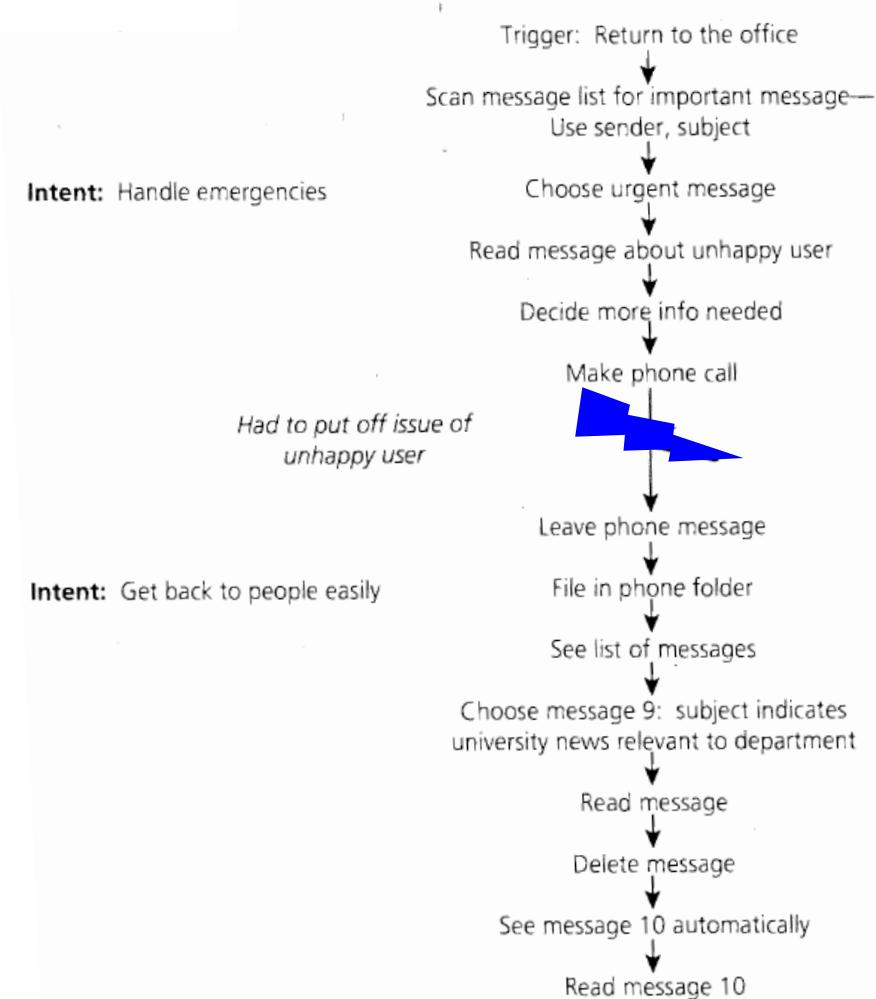
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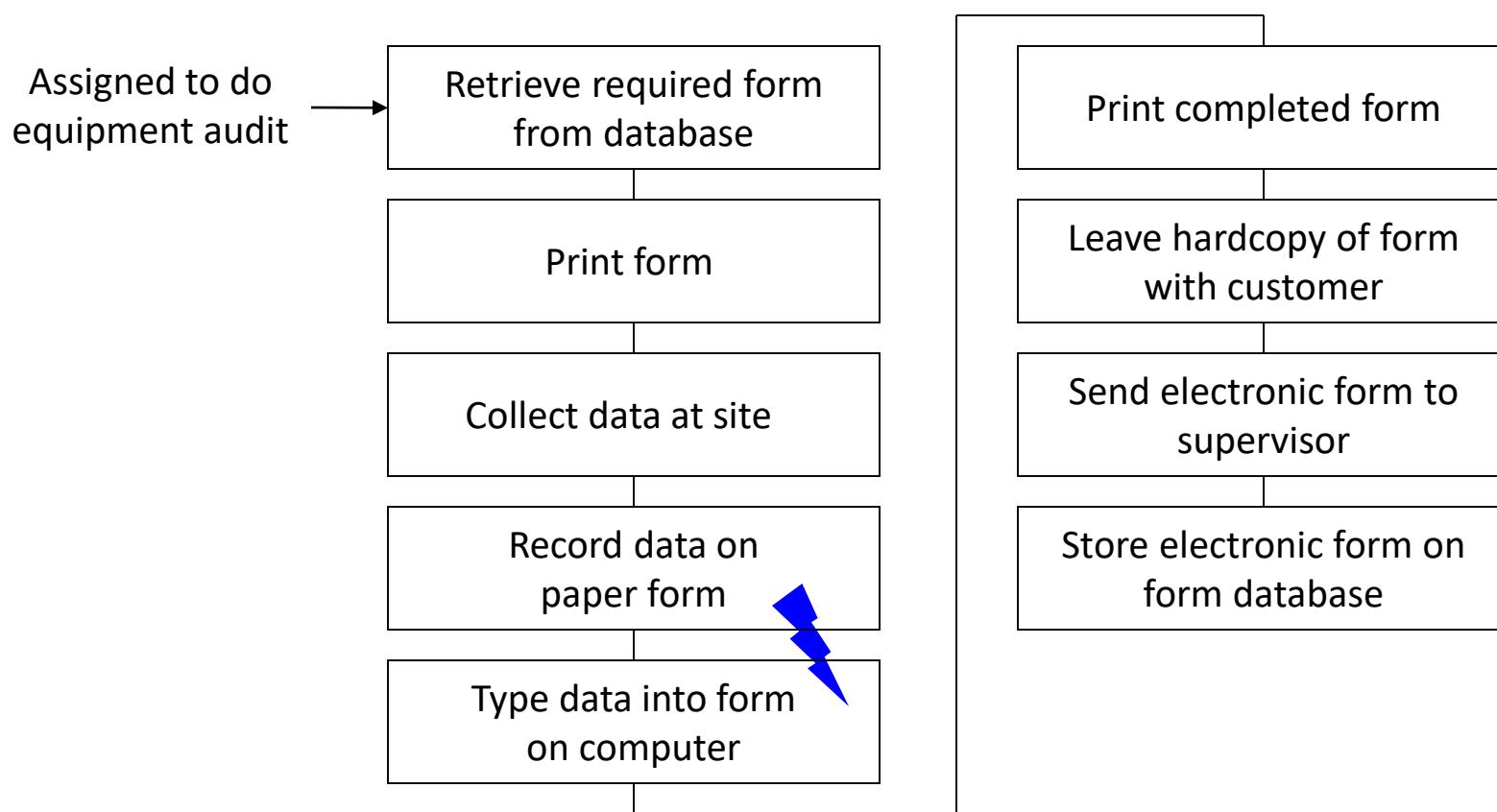
# Flow Model: Creative Work



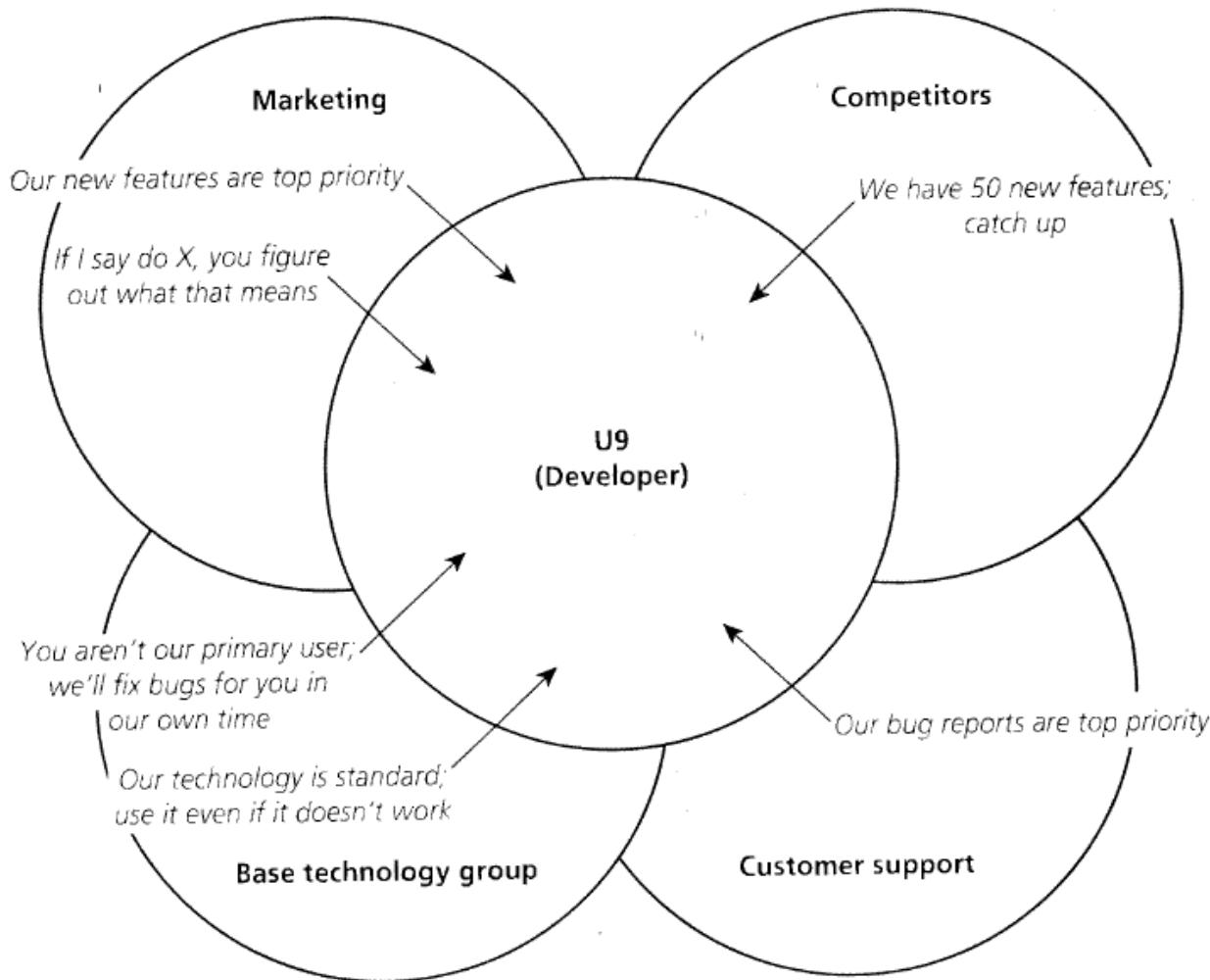
# Sequence Model: Doing Email



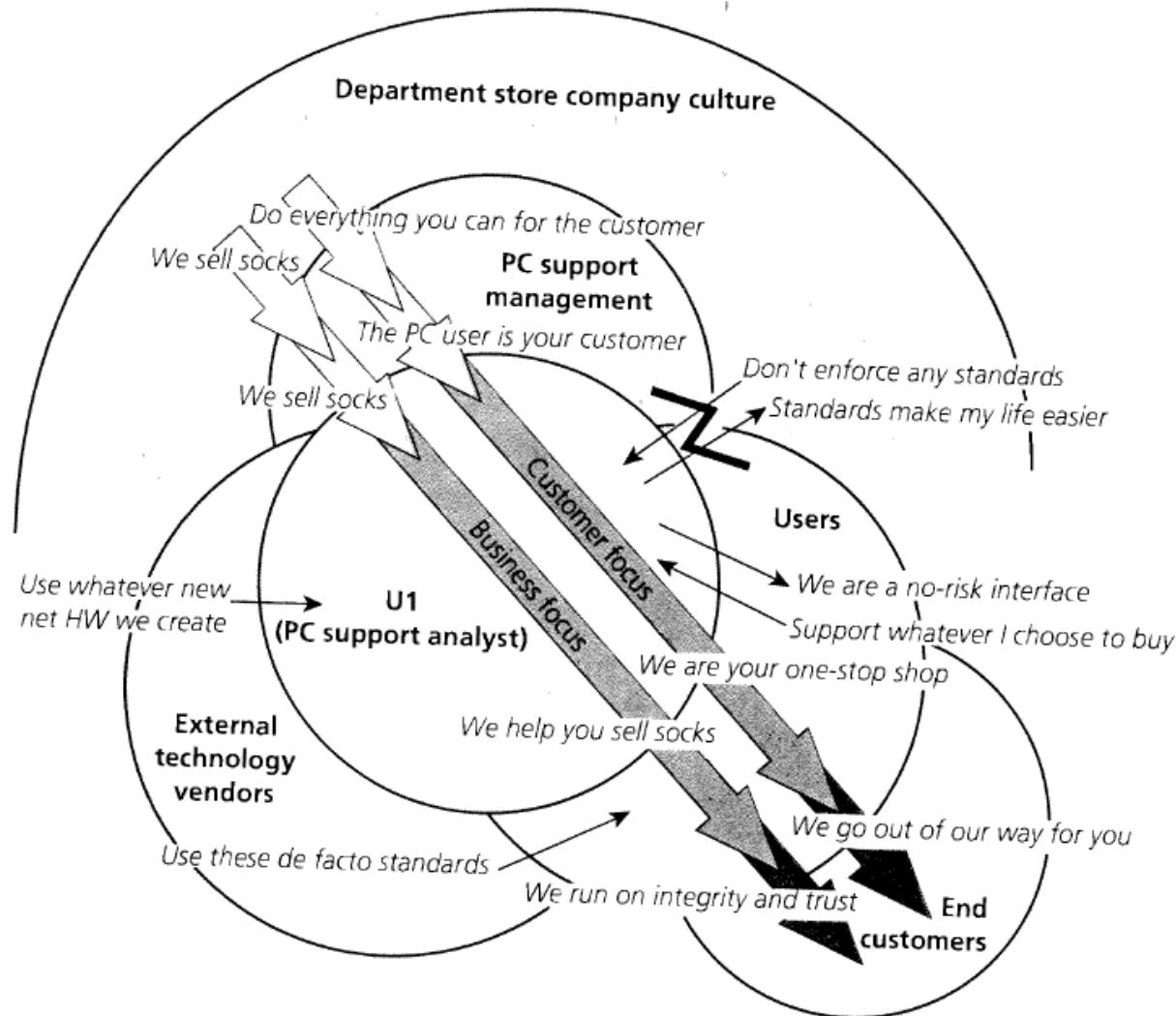
# Sequence Model: Equipment Audit



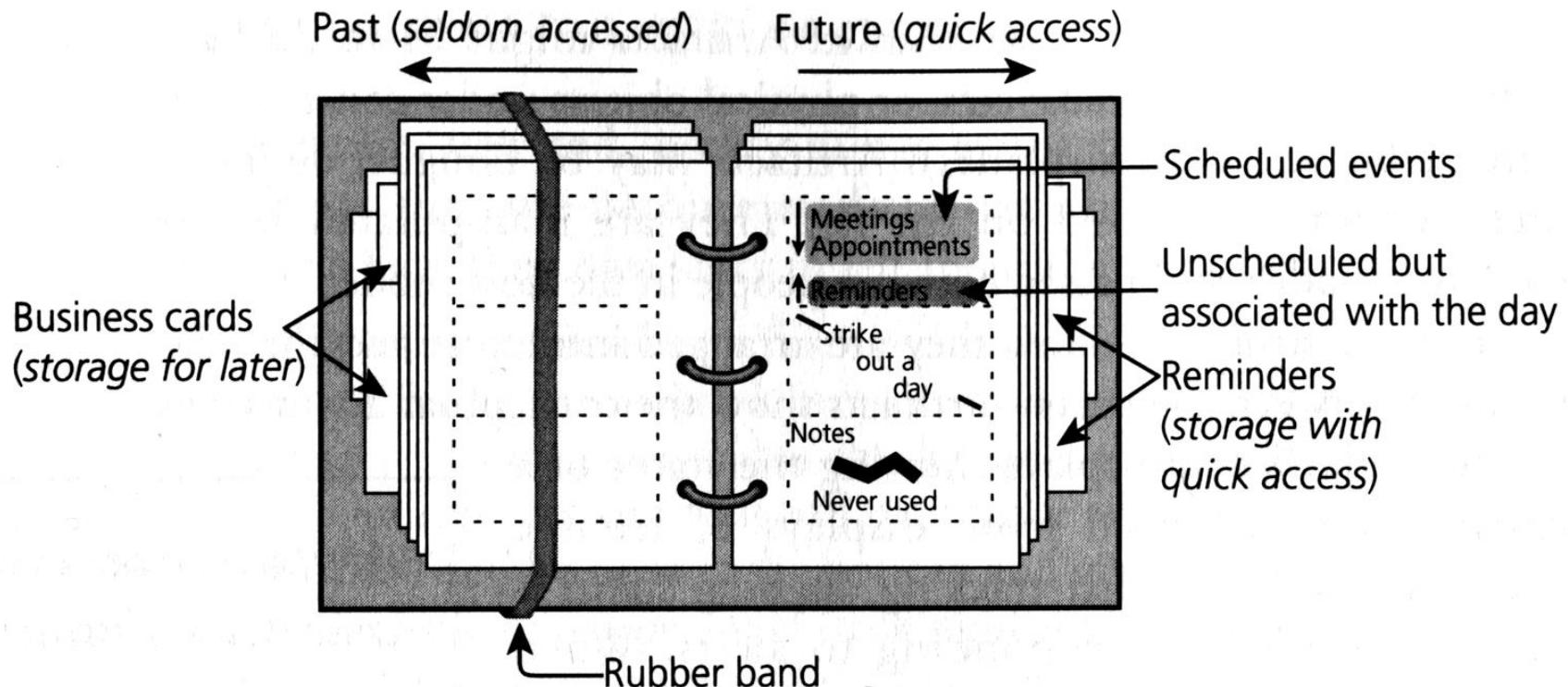
# Cultural Model: Developer



# Cultural Model: Department Store

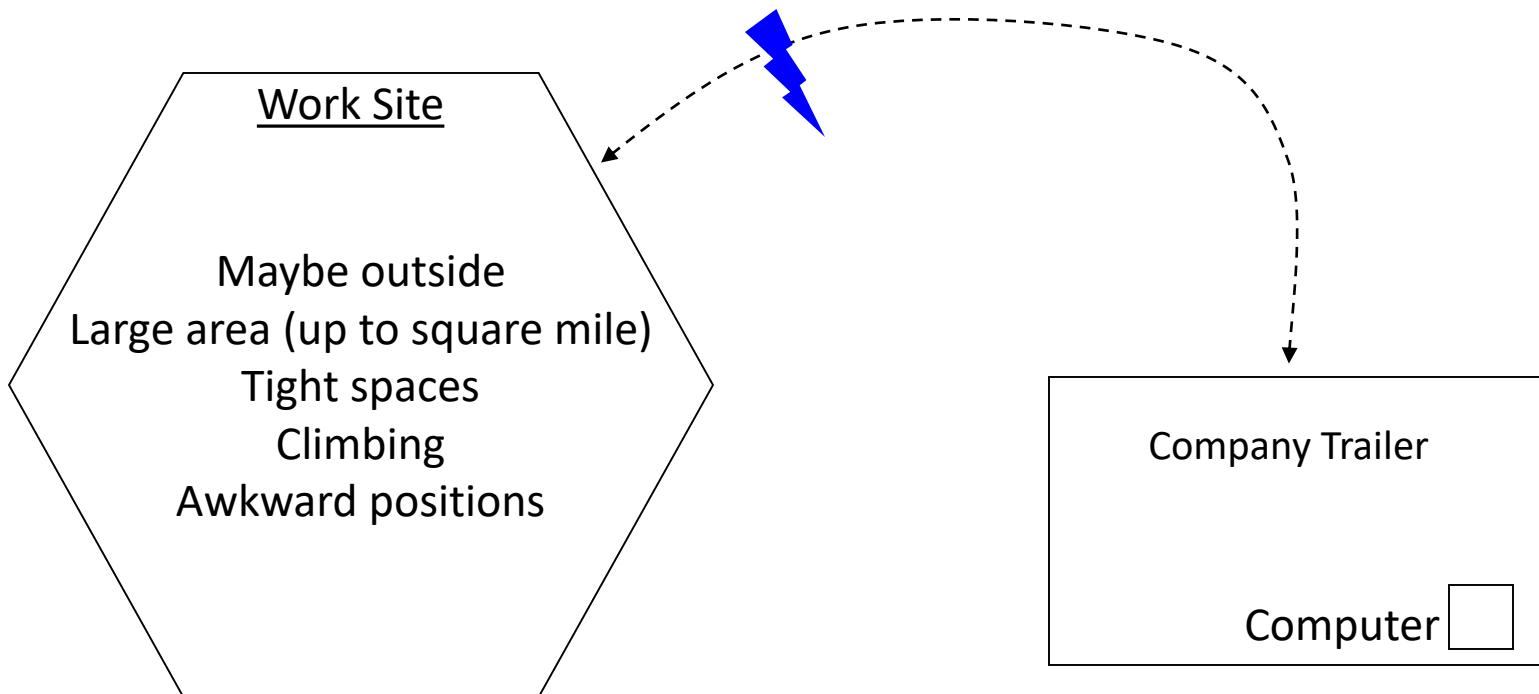


# Artifact Model: Calendar



# 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.





# Tasks Matter

System will fail if:

- It is inappropriate for the person
- It does not meet a person's needs

Your contextual inquiries will emphasize getting to know people and their needs

Can you then just make 'good' interfaces?

# Why Task Analysis?

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

Might be acceptable in office, 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

# Why Task Analysis?

Task analysis is a lens on the information you obtain through design research methods

Use what you learned in your research 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



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side



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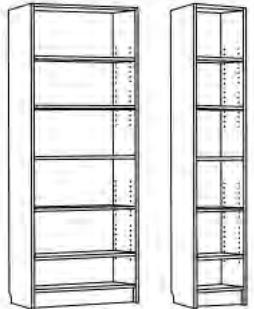
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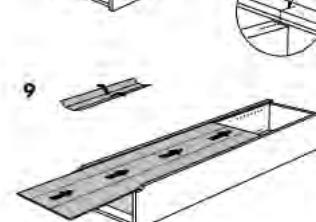
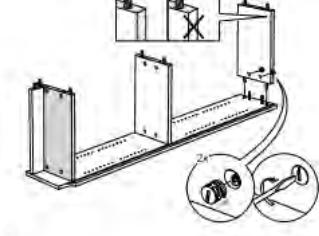
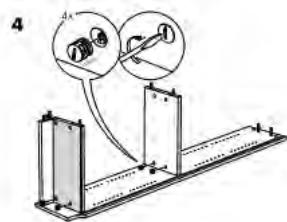
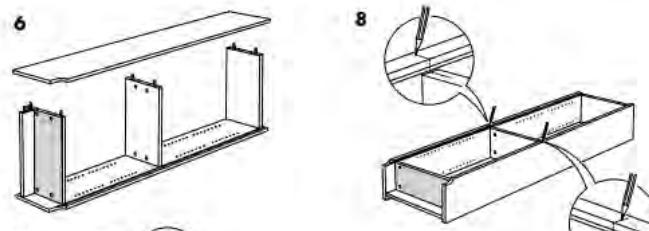
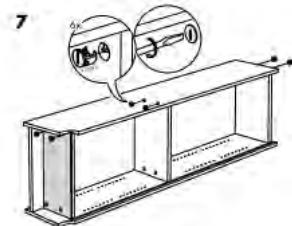
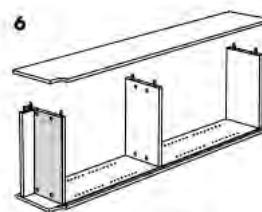
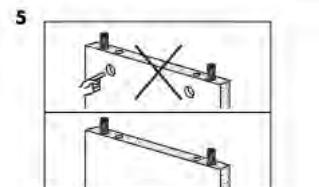
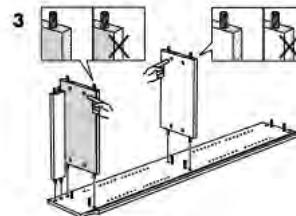
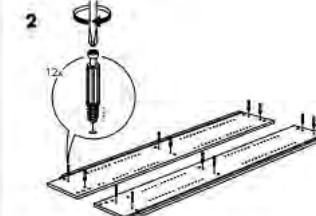
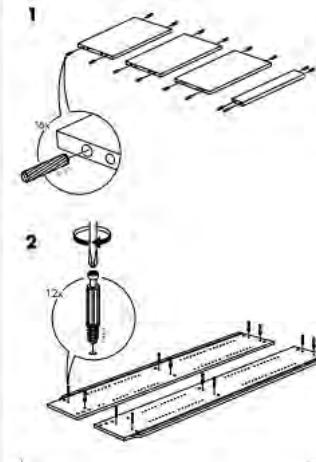
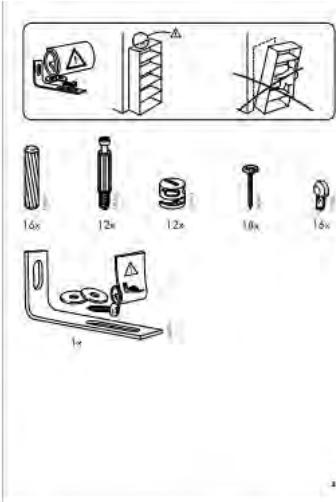


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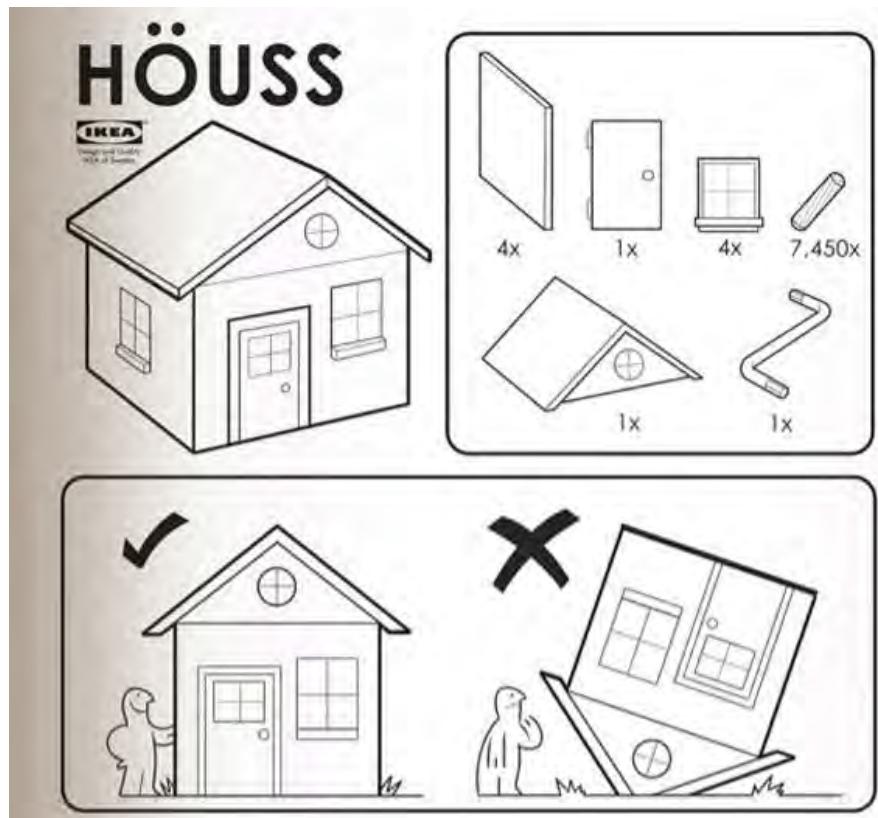
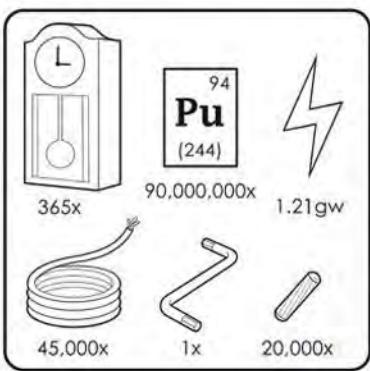
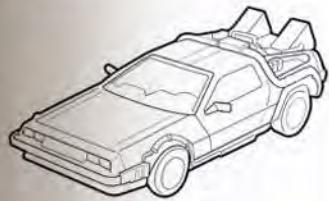


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Product Information



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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

*Individual*  
Yorkshire Pudding

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  
3 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,

## POPOVERS

*Beat well*  
*Beat dry* 2 cupfuls flour      2 eggs      *3 egg recipe makes 1/2*  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoonful salt      2 cupfuls milk  
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  $450^{\circ}$  F. and bake for 30 min. Then lower temperature to  $350^{\circ}$  F. and bake for 15 min. longer. Makes 9 popovers.

## CORNBREAD

2 cupfuls cornmeal	2 cupfuls sour milk
1 teaspoonful soda	2 eggs, beaten
$1\frac{1}{2}$ 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  $400^{\circ}$  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?



# 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. 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). 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 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.



# 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 details

Sometimes describe a complete “accomplishment”

forces us to consider how features work together

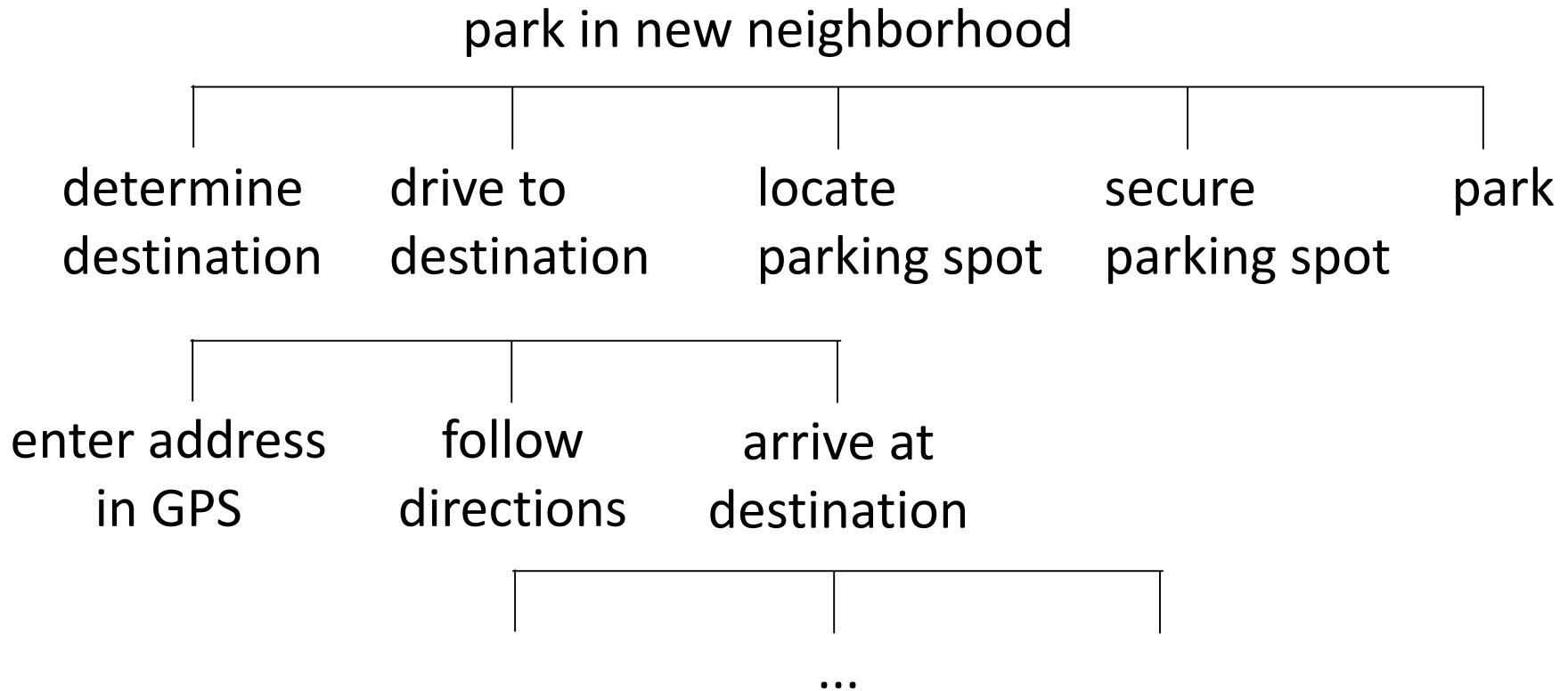
filename task example

# 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 his phone's GPS for directions. He leaves the apartment with his roommates at 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.

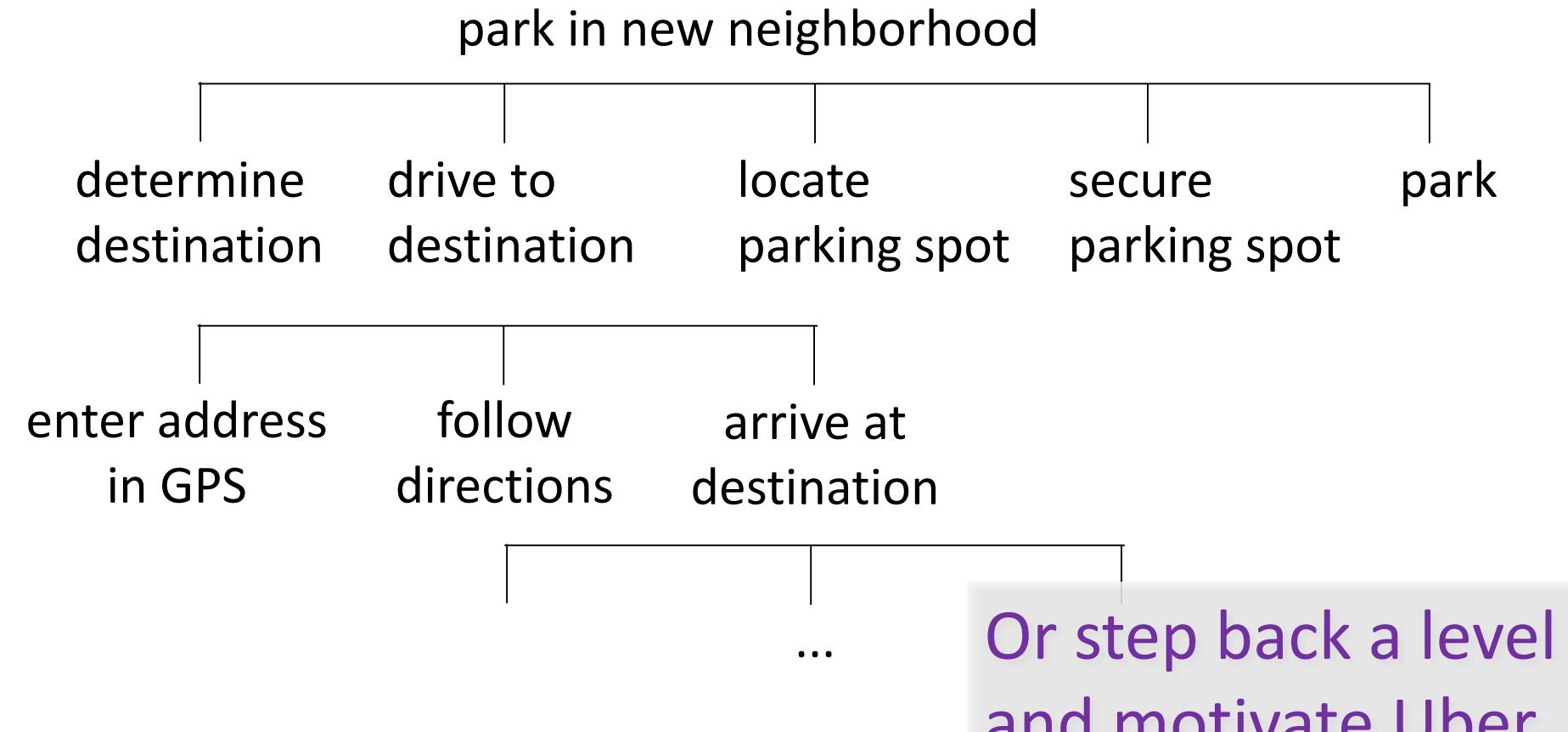
# Hierarchical Task Analysis

Steps of the task execution (detailed in a hierarchy)



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# 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.

# 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

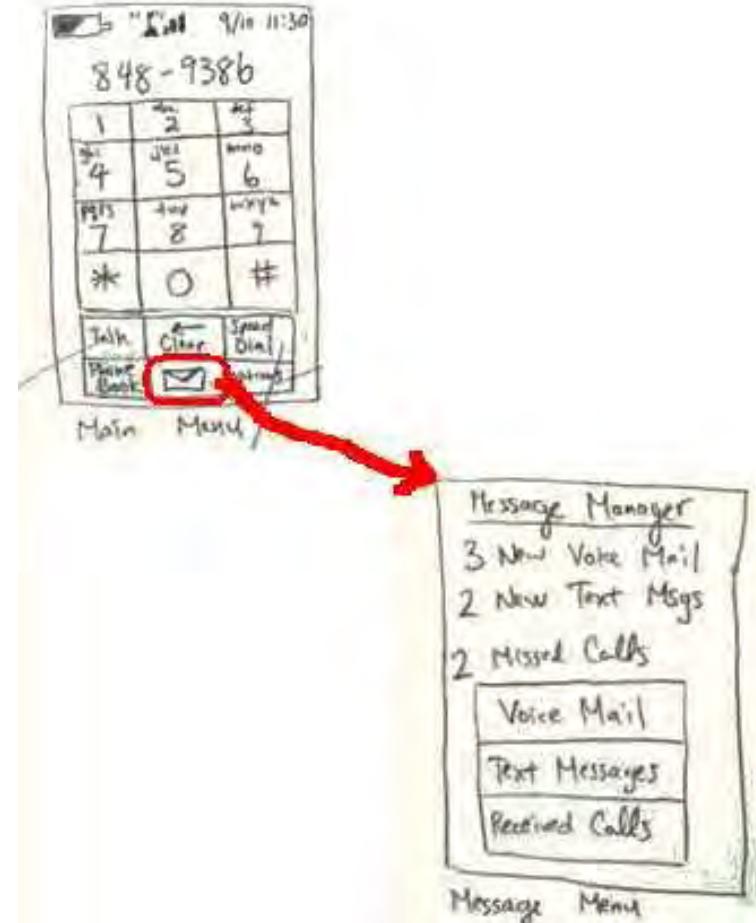
Produce scenarios for each task  
what person does and what they see  
step-by-step performance of task  
illustrate using storyboards

# 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 may need to look beyond flaws

Show people storyboards topic for Tuesday



# 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



# 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

Park Friday night in Ballard

Park at the airport



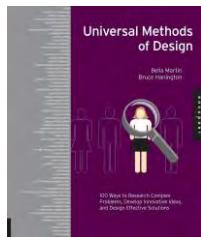
# Combine with Other Methods

Personas

Concept Mapping

Competitive Analysis

Method 63



“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

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

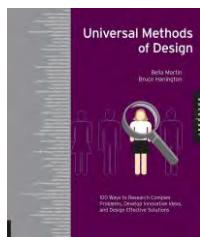
Give them a name

Make it believable

Careful of stereotyping

Web littered with examples

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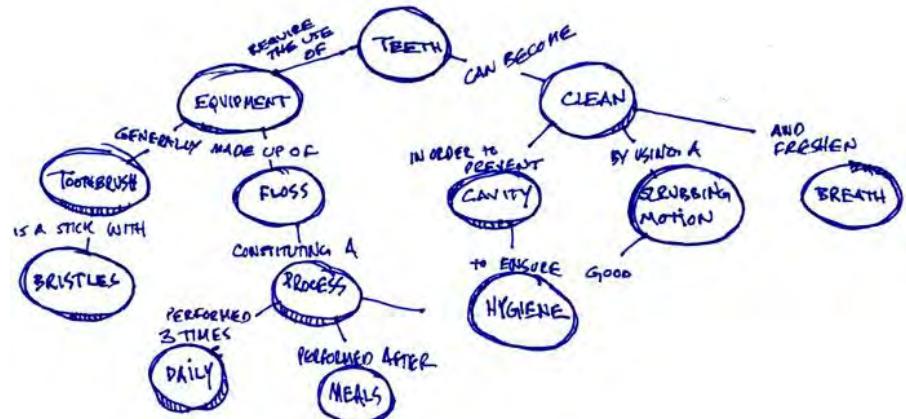


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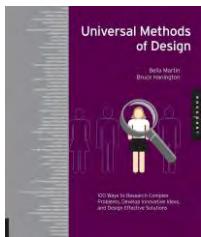
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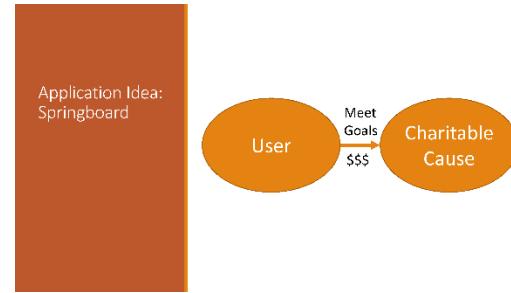
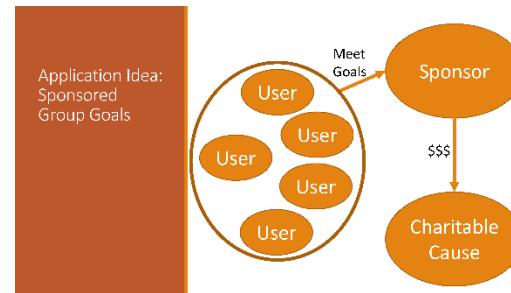
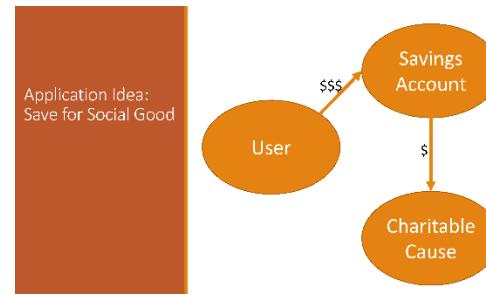


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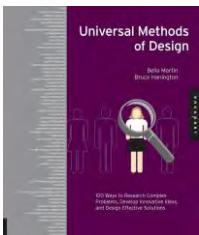
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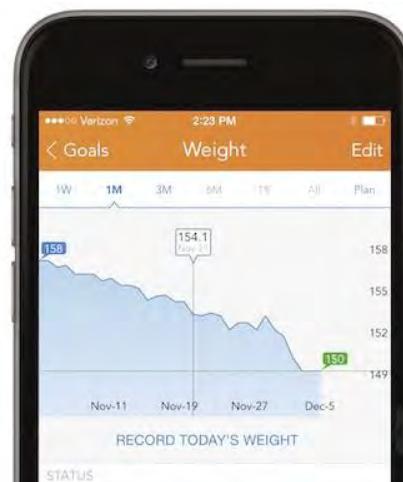
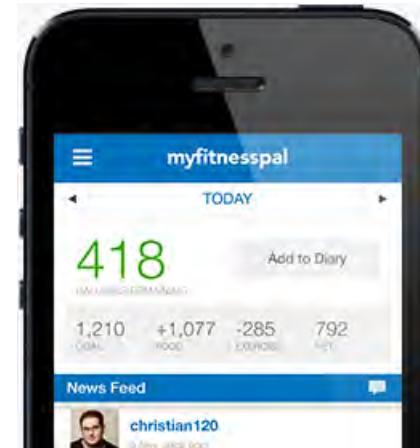


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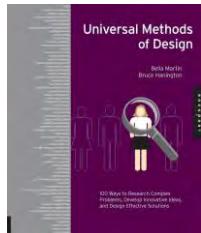
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Method 15



# CSE 440: Introduction to HCI

## User Interface Design, Prototyping, and Evaluation

Lecture 06:  
Critique and  
Task Analysis

James Fogarty  
Eunice Jun  
David Wang  
Elisabeth Chin  
Ravi Karkar



Tuesday / Thursday  
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# CSE 440: Introduction to HCI

## User Interface Design, Prototyping, and Evaluation

Lecture 07:  
Storyboarding and  
Video Prototyping

James Fogarty  
Eunice Jun  
David Wang  
Elisabeth Chin  
Ravi Karkar



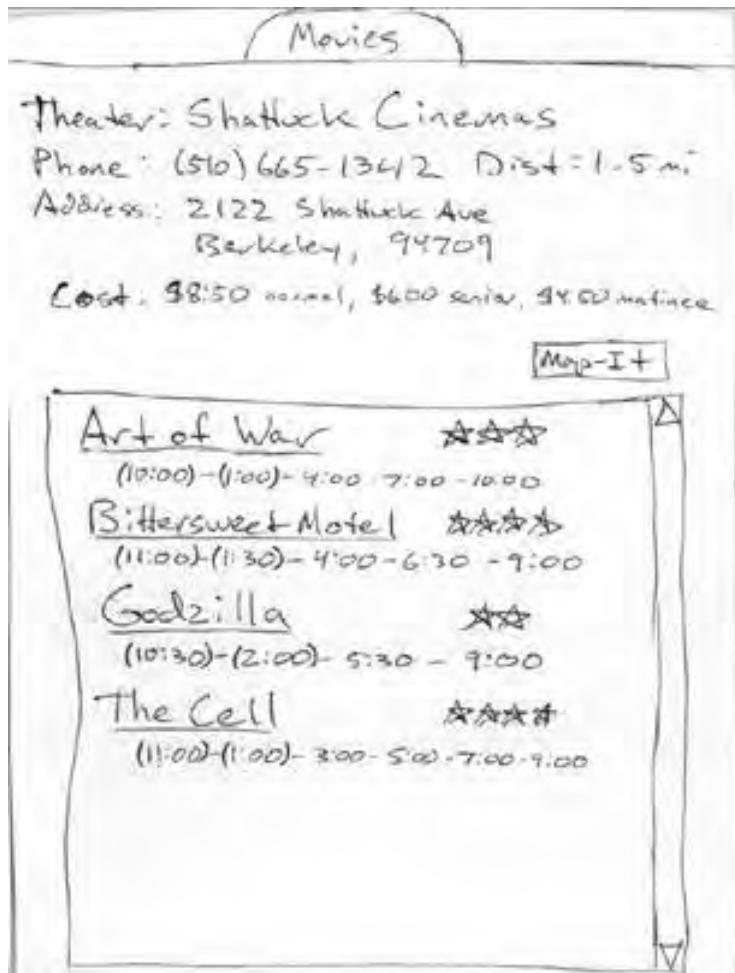
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# Tasks in Sketching and Design

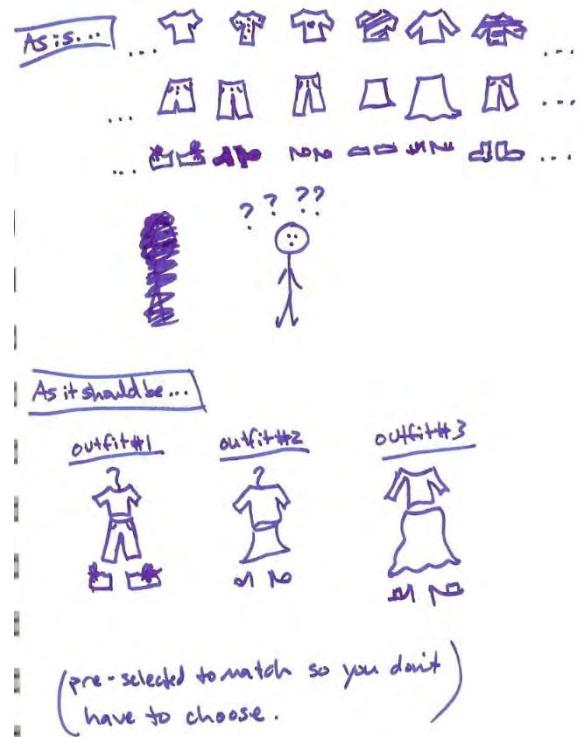
Tasks guide your exploration of a design

Creating scenarios for each task illustrates  
what a person does  
what they see  
step-by-step performance of task with a design

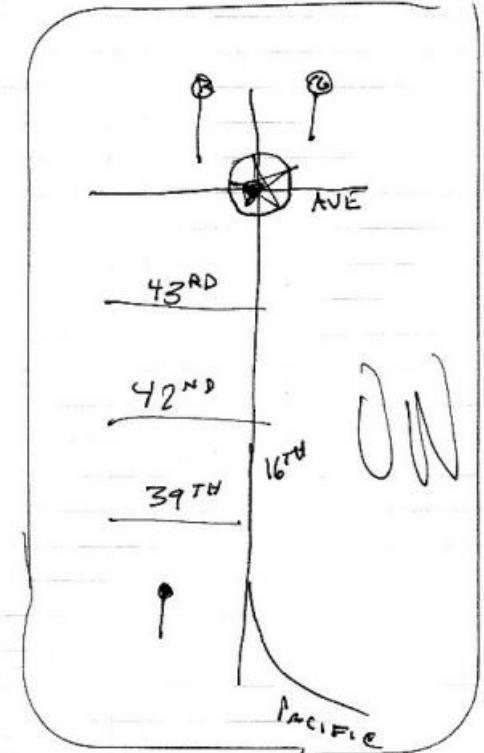
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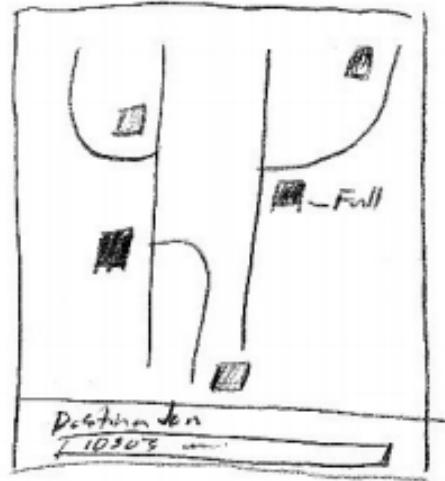
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# Sketching



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



- different colors
- highlights availability
-

# Sketching and Tasks

Attendance List

Sort By: Last Name Show: Enrollment

Last Name	All
Lee, Benjamin	Enrollment
Santos, Allen	Waitlist
Schwartz, Jonah	Audit
Vernette, Joshua	Present
	Absent
	Section

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23456789 Senior  
34567890 Semi

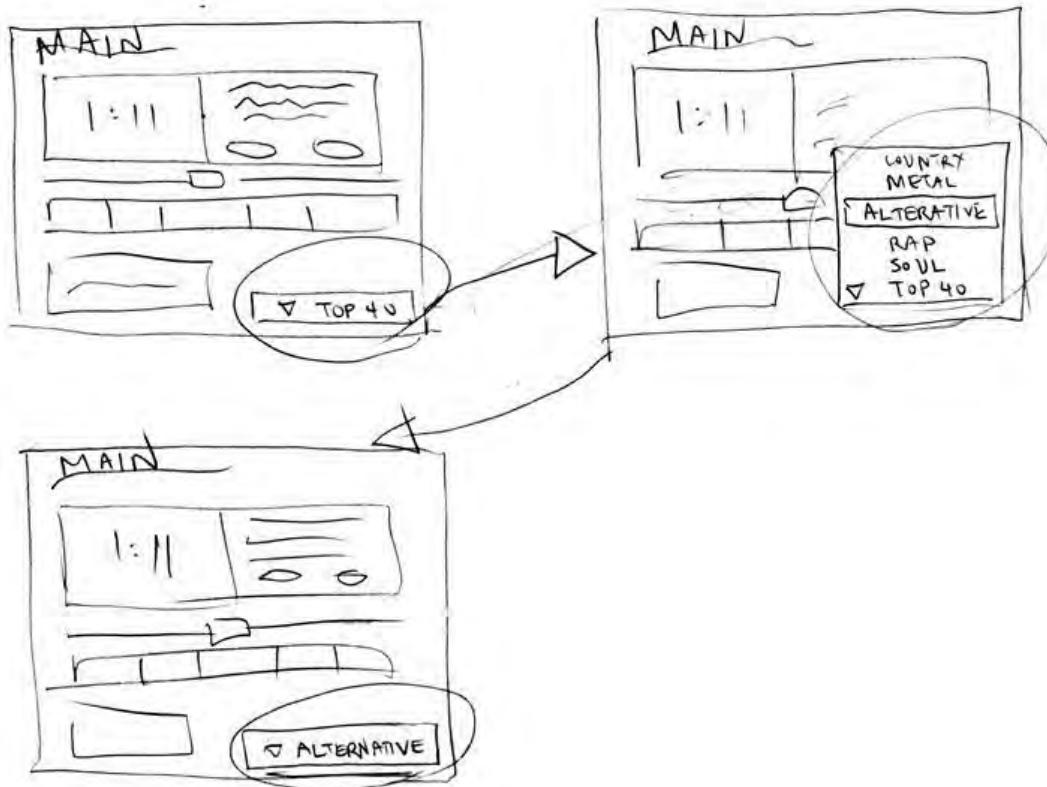
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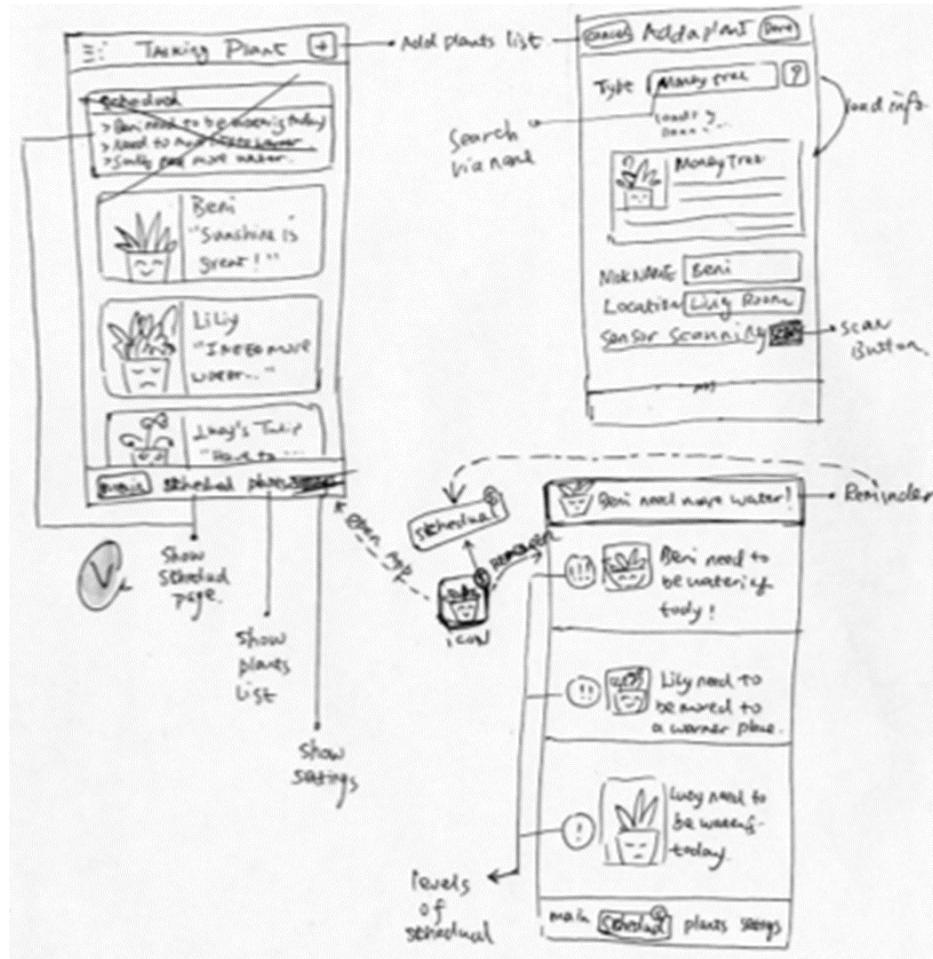
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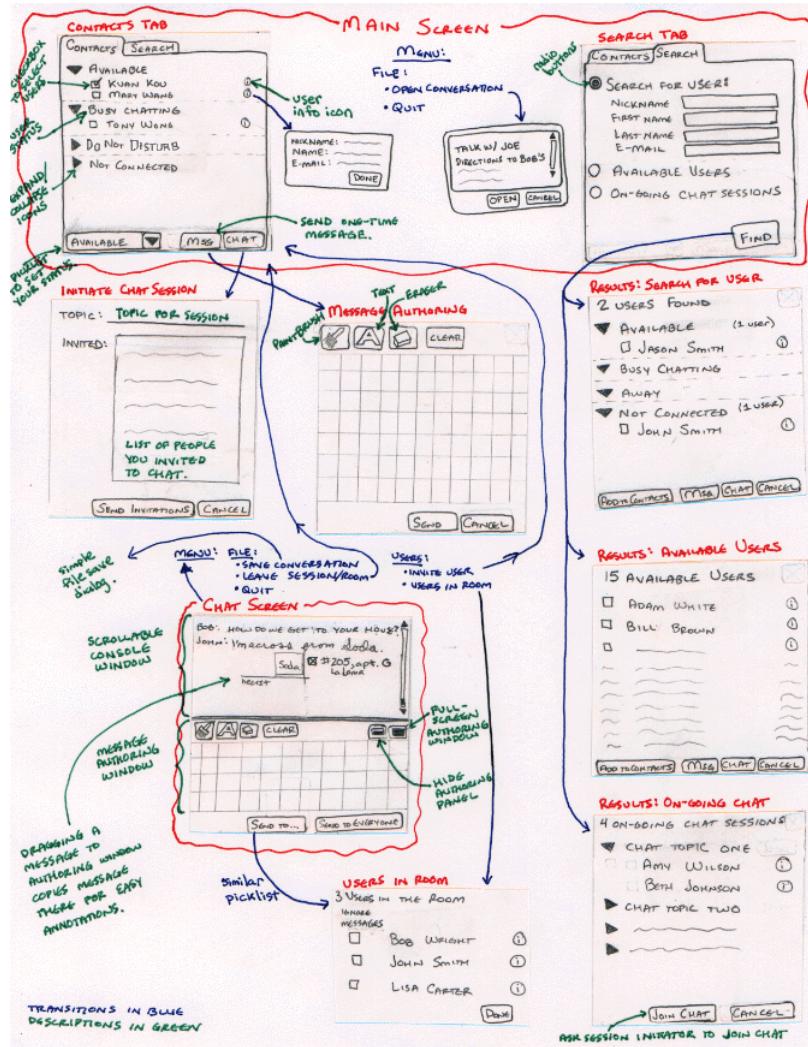
"I want to listen to alternative music"



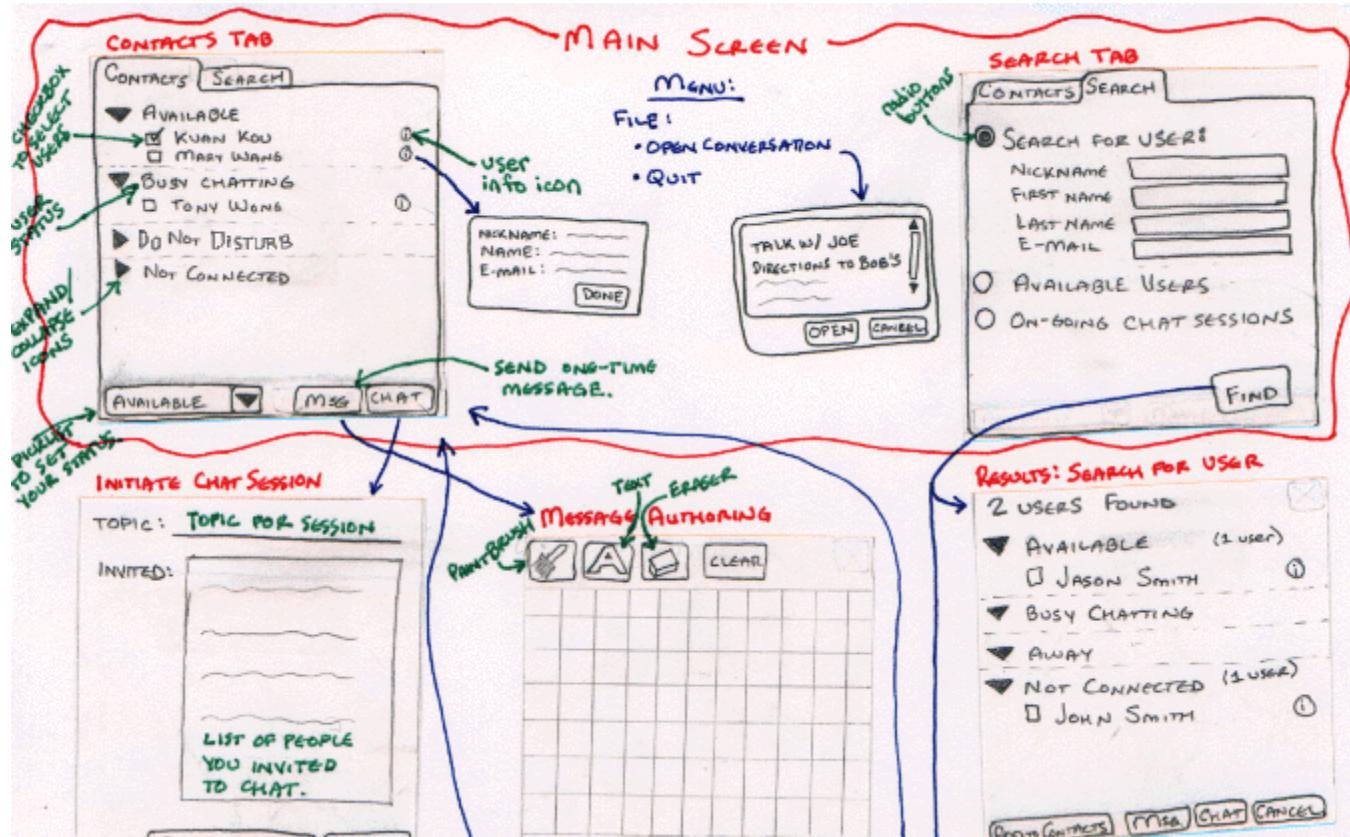
# Sketching and Tasks



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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

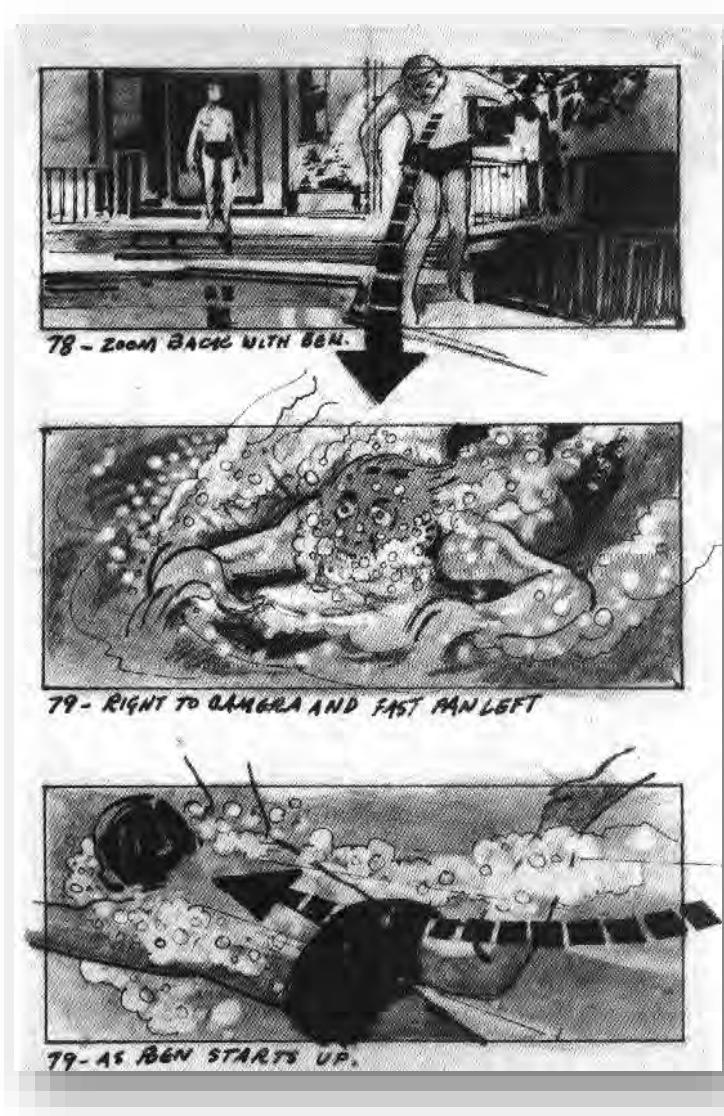
Can be used to explore

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

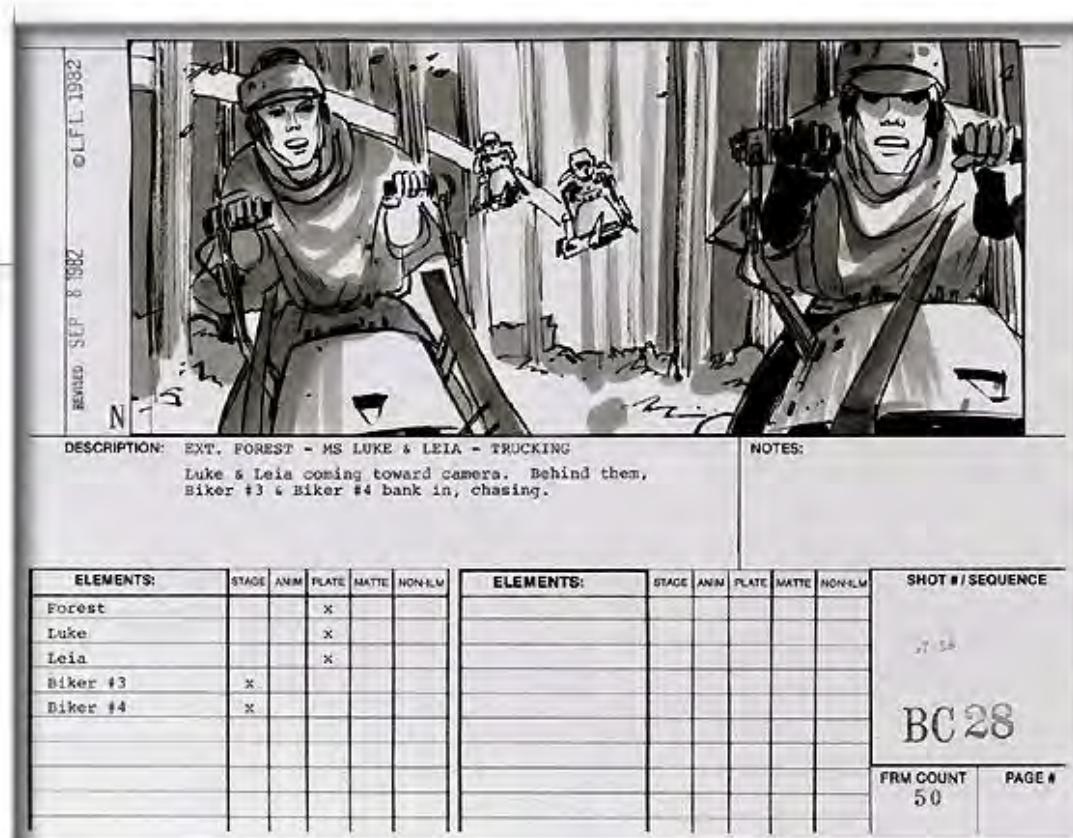
Effective storyboards can quickly convey information that would be difficult to understand in text

Imagine explaining this in text, for various audiences

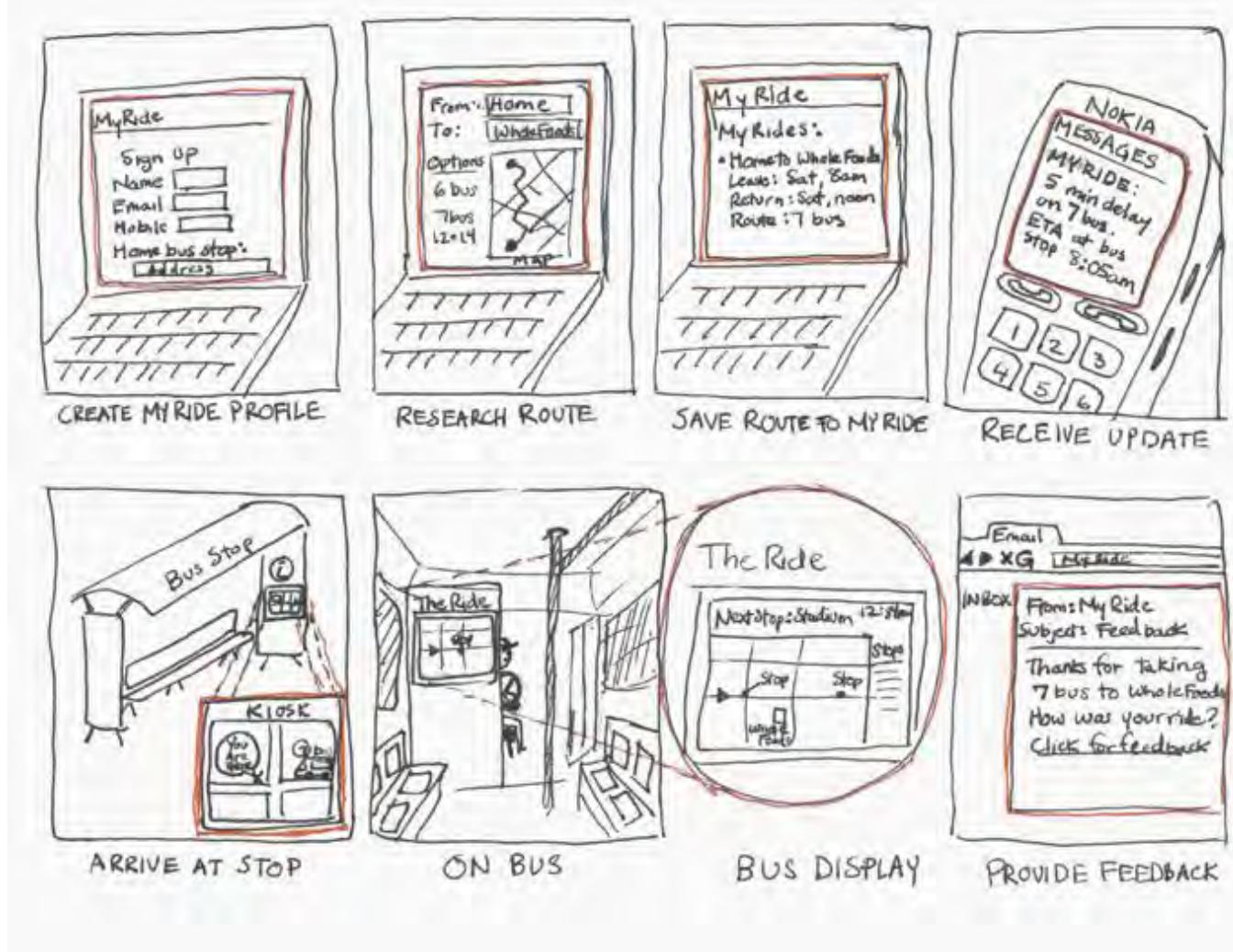


# Storyboards

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



# Basic Storyboard

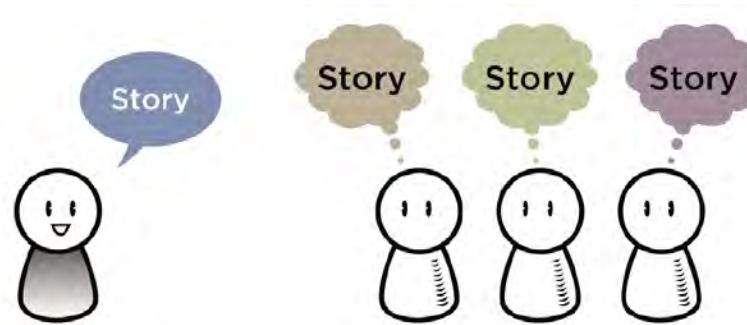


# Storytelling



Stories have an audience

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



Stories need to match audience and purpose

# Potential Purpose of a Story



Purpose allows choosing effective details

Stories have a purpose

Share information about people, tasks, goals

Giving insight into people who are not like us,  
convey details that might be lost in generalities

Put a human face on analytic data

Spark design concepts and encourage innovation

Share ideas and persuade on potential value

# 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

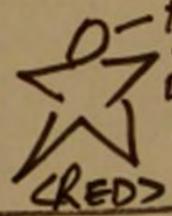
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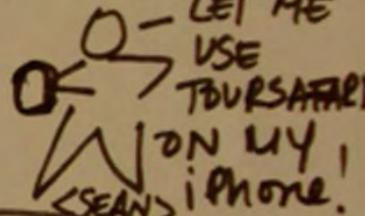
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DON'T USE THIS TO  
ILLUSTRATE ALL THE UI  
FEATURES & COMPONENTS...\*

\*This is what paper  
prototyping is for!

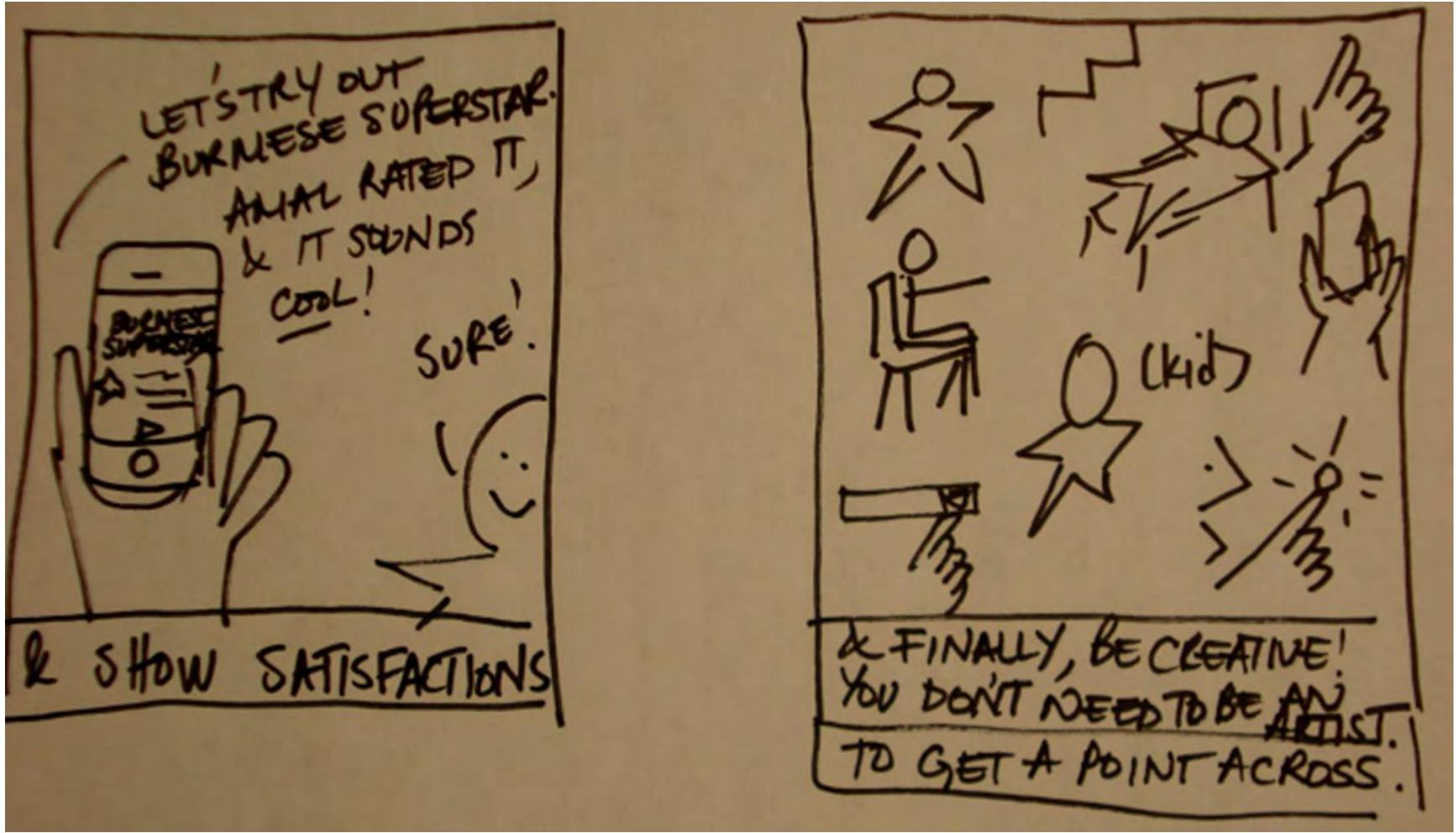
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DO WE  
DO?!  
(RED)

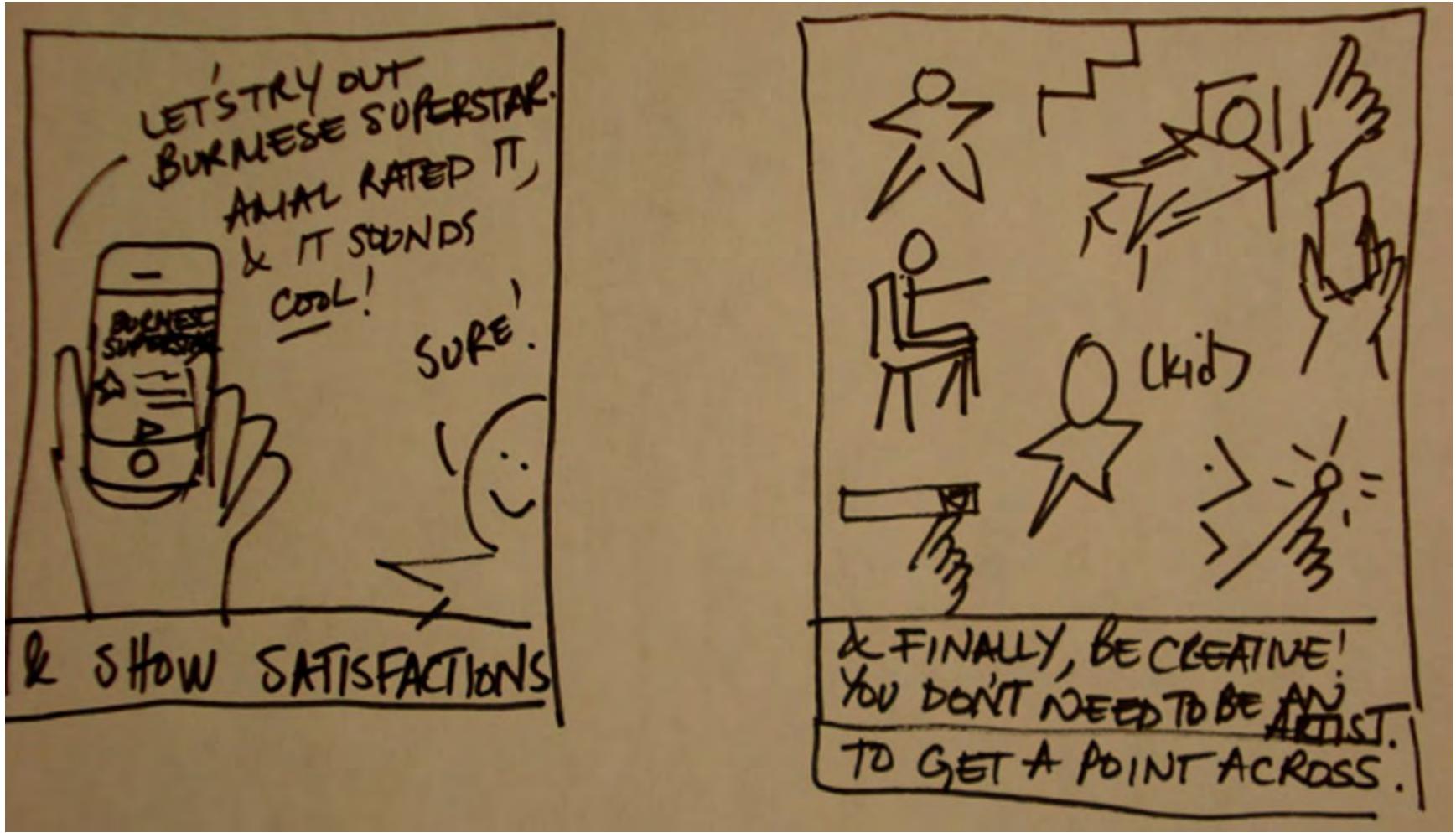
 LET ME  
USE  
TOURSAPP!  
ON MY  
iPhone!  
(SEAN)

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

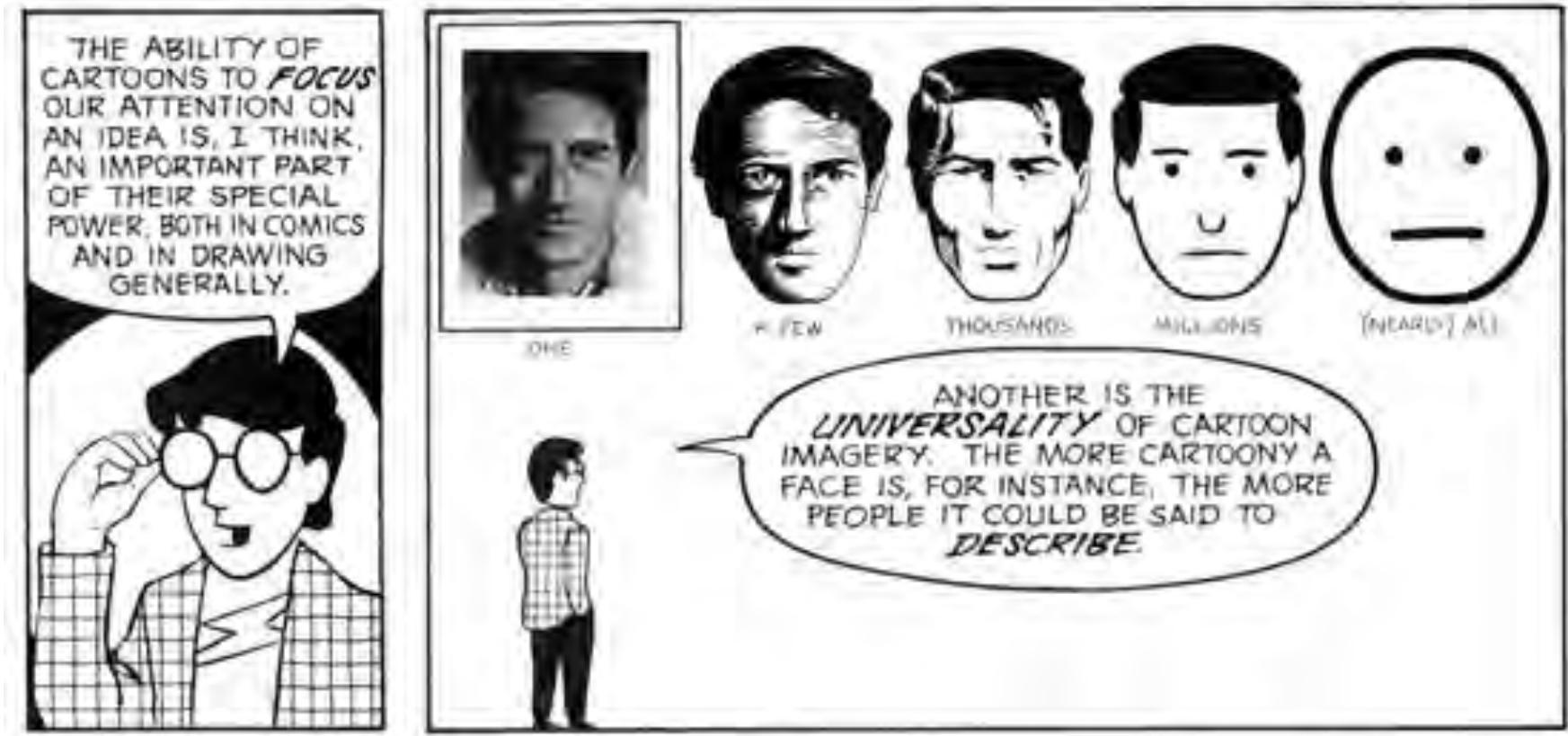
Portrayal of time



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



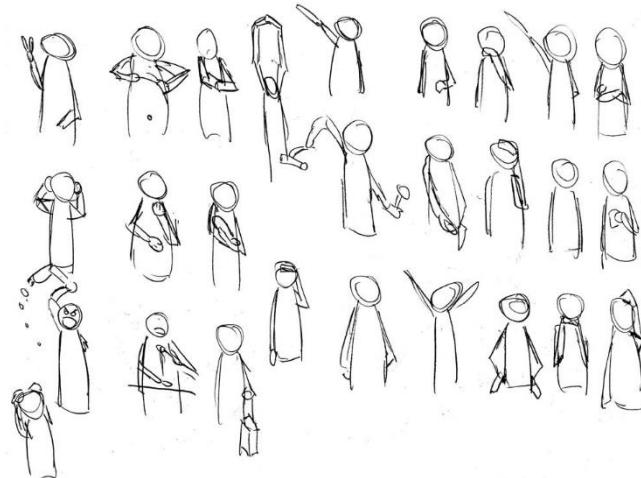
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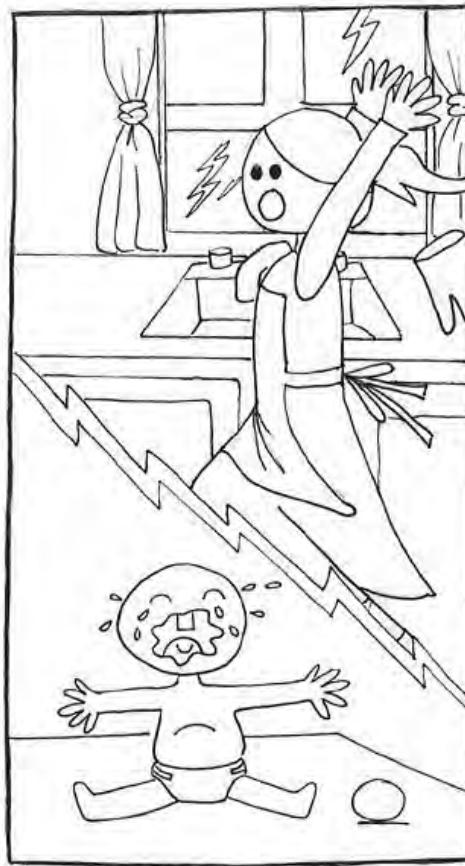
Star people  
by Bill Verplank



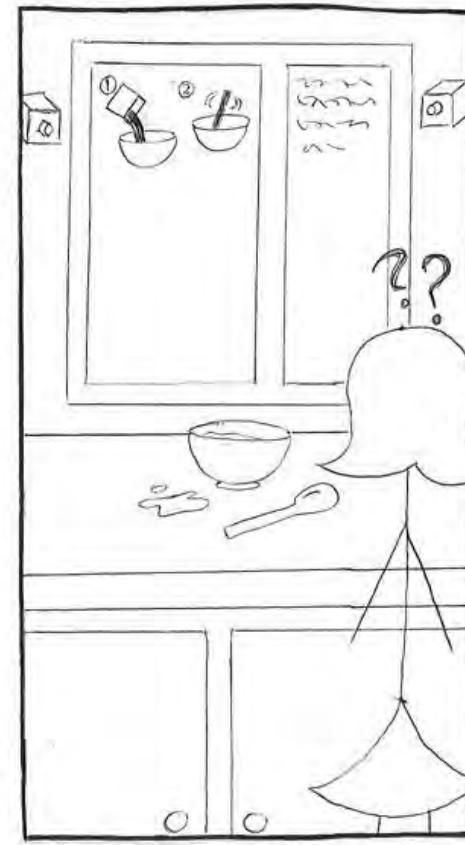
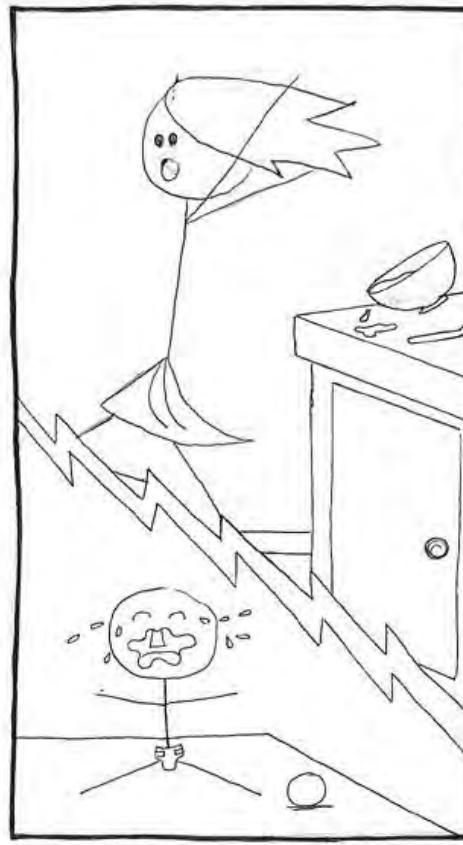
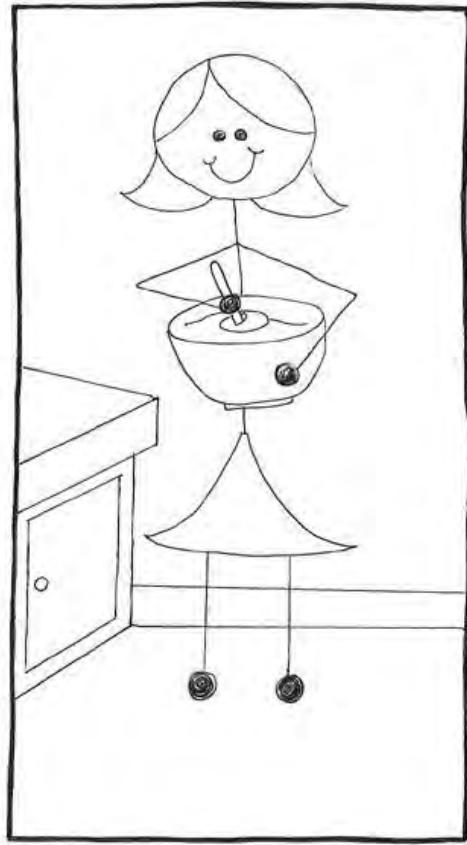
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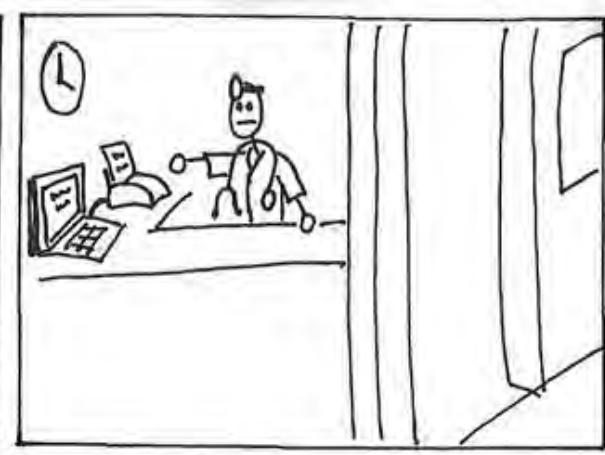
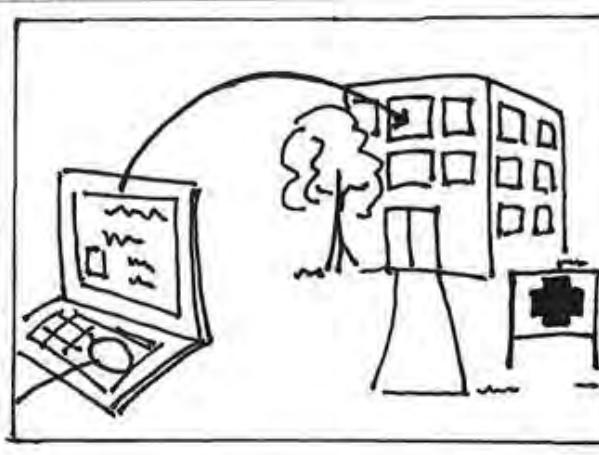
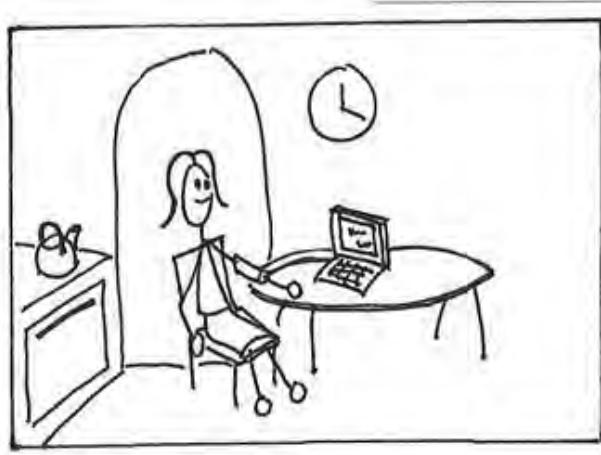
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Unnecessary details distract from the story

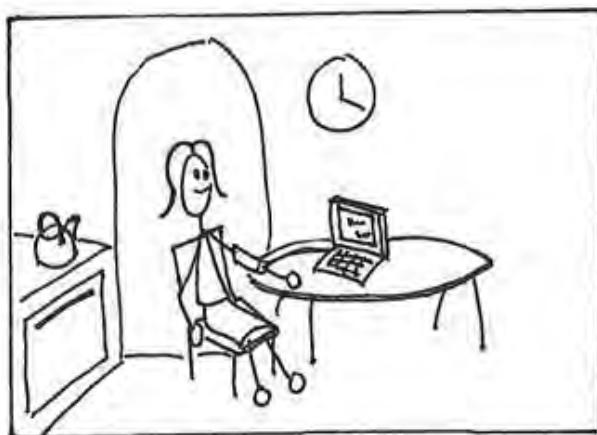
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Guideline: It is often necessary, but keep it short

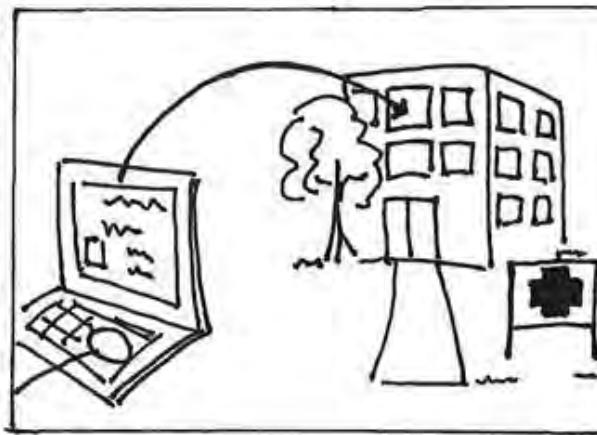


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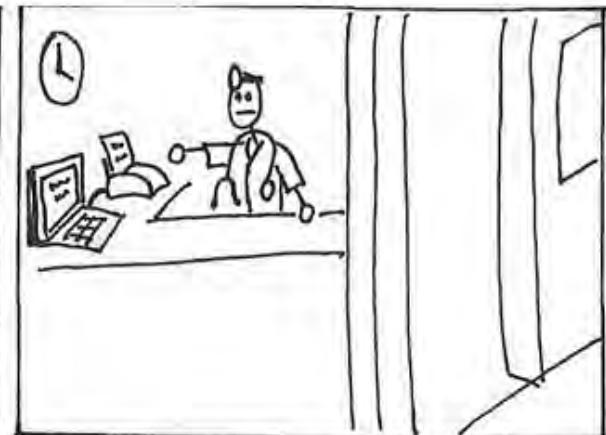
Guideline: It is often necessary, but keep it short



1. At home, Mary checks her blood pressure.



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



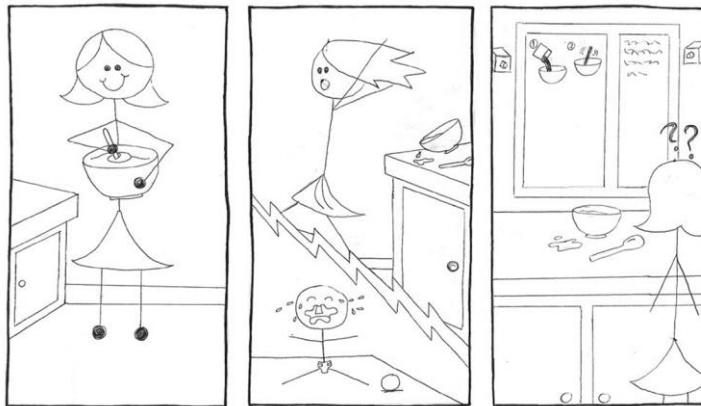
3. The information is made available to her doctor.

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

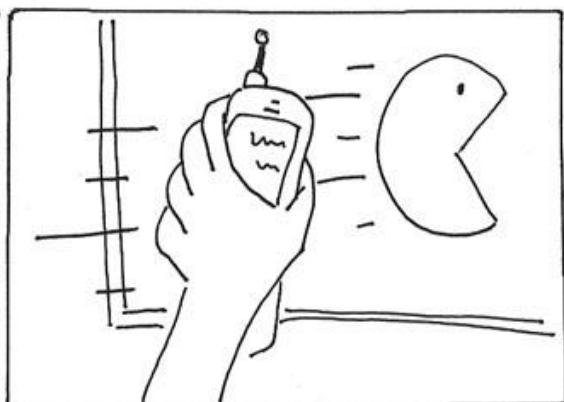
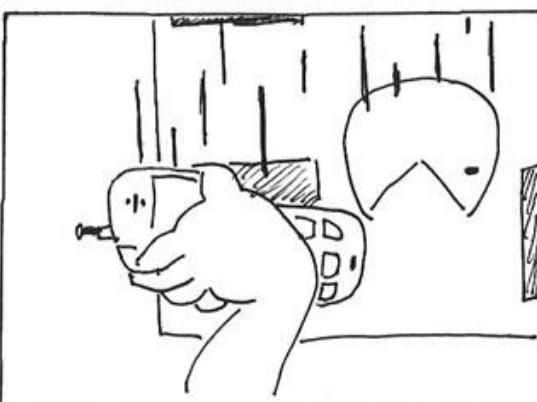
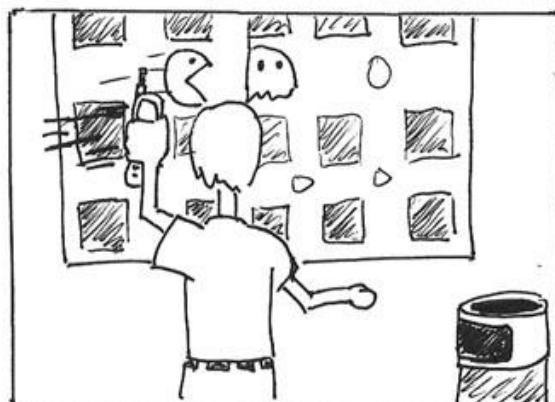
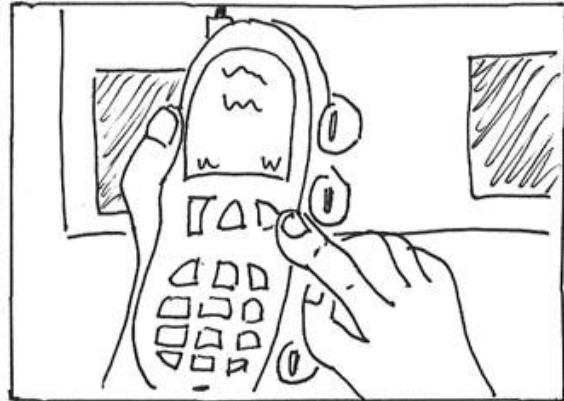
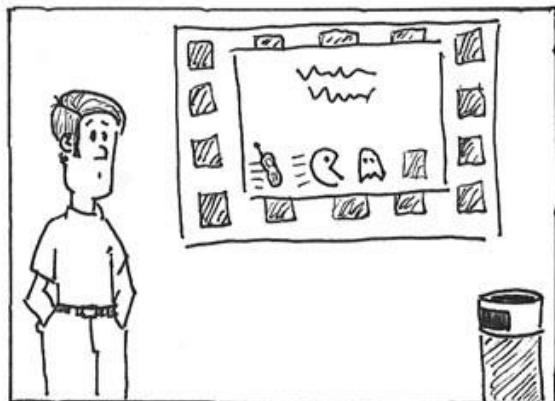
- Potentially longer for design clients

More is not always better

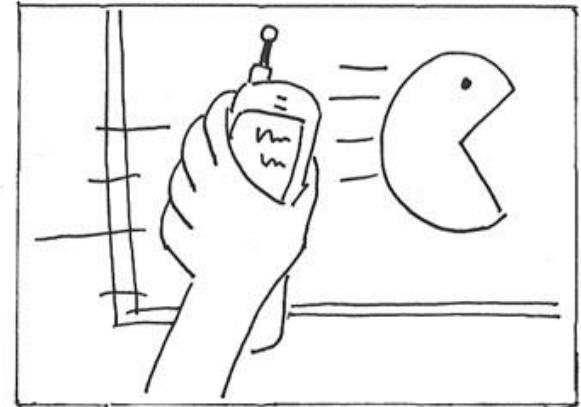
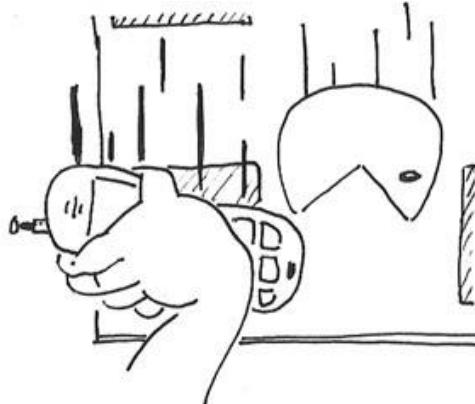
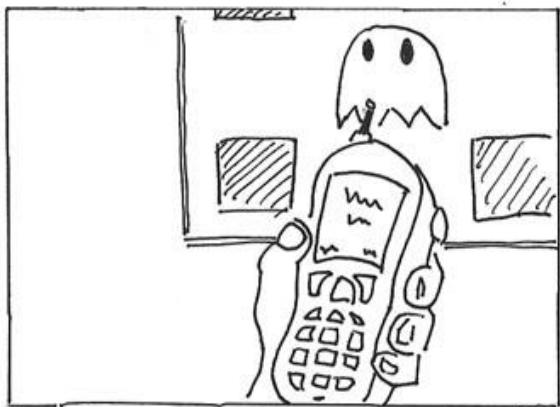
- May lose focus of story

- May lose attention

# 4. How many frames?



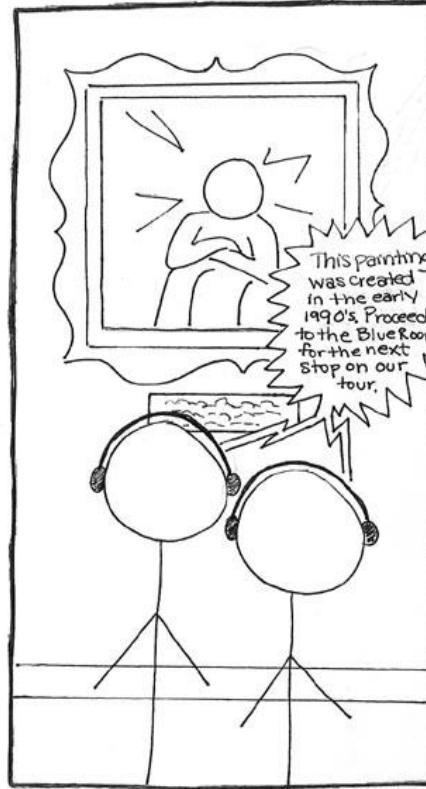
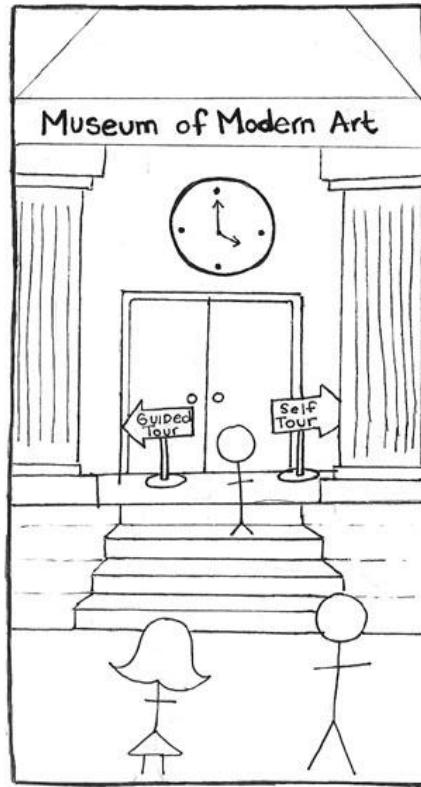
# 4. How many frames?



People found the extra panels were not needed

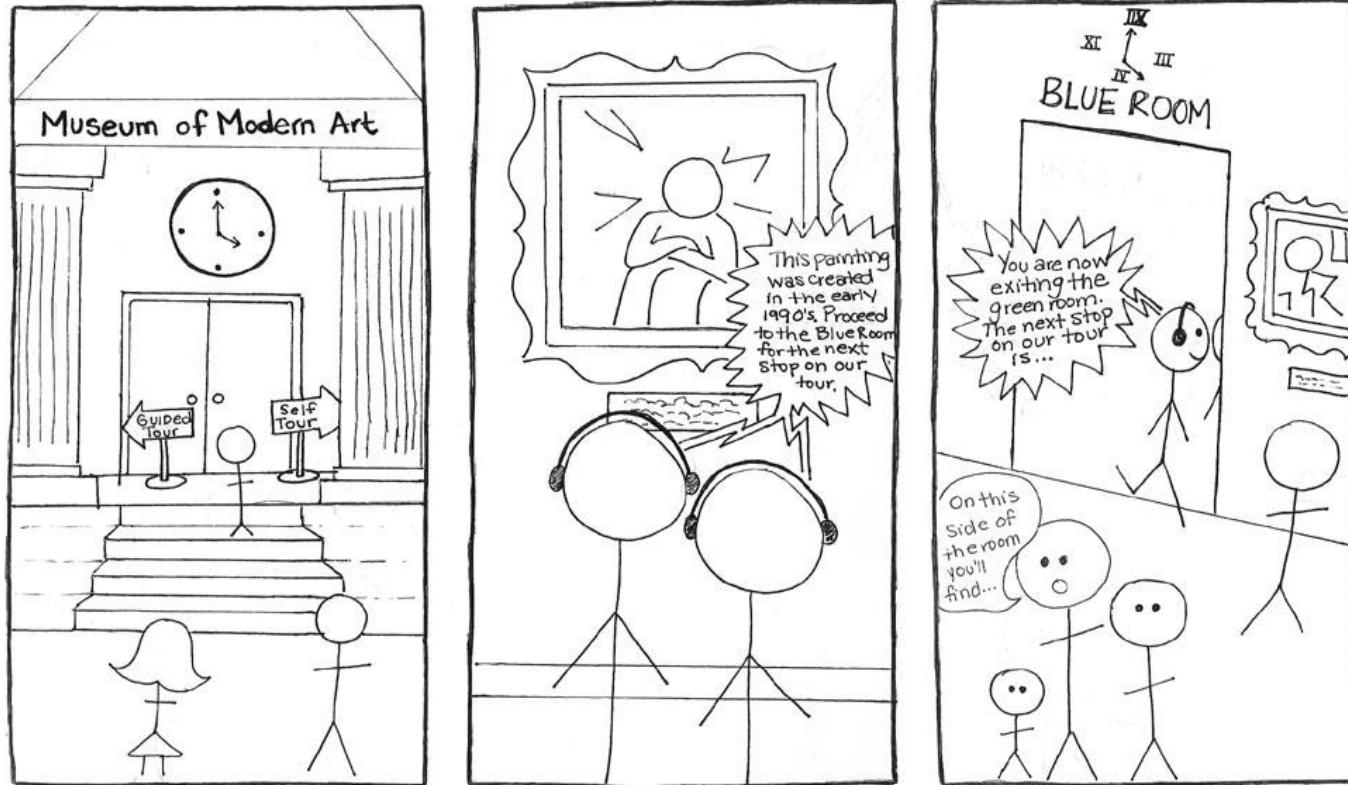
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Guideline: Only use if necessary to understand



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Inclusion of the clock distracts

# Storyboards for Comparing Ideas

Authoritative



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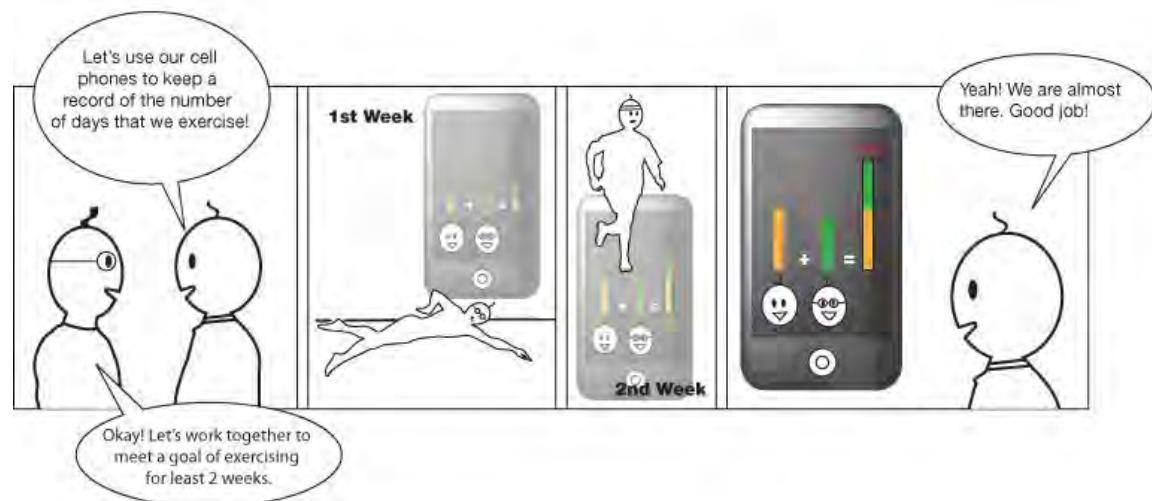
Supportive



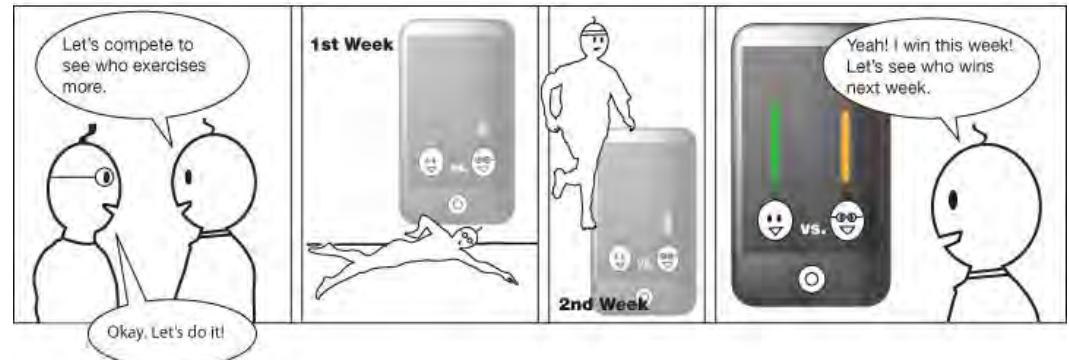
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# Storyboards for Comparing Ideas

Cooperative



Competitive



# Storyboards for Comparing Ideas

## Negative Reinforcement



## Positive Reinforcement



# Examples and Tricks in Storyboarding

This is also the focus of Reading 2

Due Friday night  
(not needed for Friday section)

Will go over these quickly, especially the videos

You then view them outside of class

# Drawing is Hard



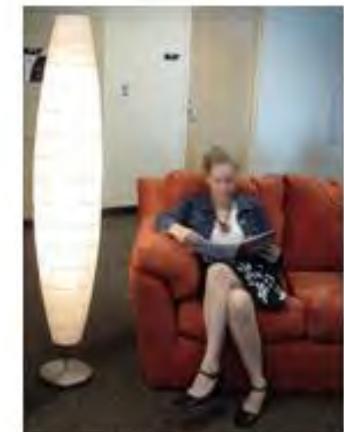
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SHE GESTURES IN FRONT OF HER  
SPECIAL PENDANT TO TURN ON  
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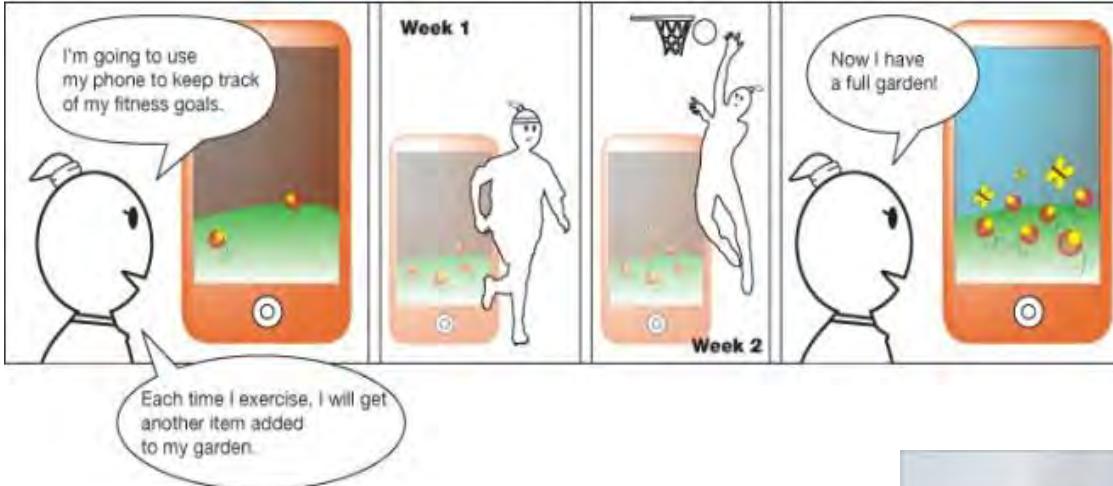
THE LIGHTS TURN ON!



FINALLY, SHE CAN  
READ HAPPILY.

Will a picture work instead?

# Existing Images from Other Sources



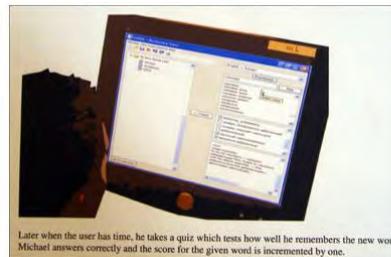
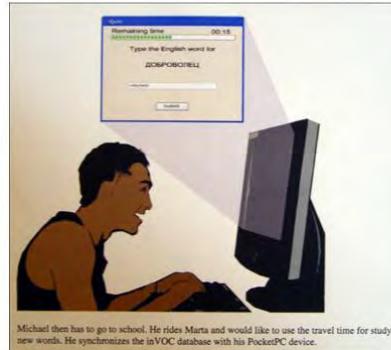
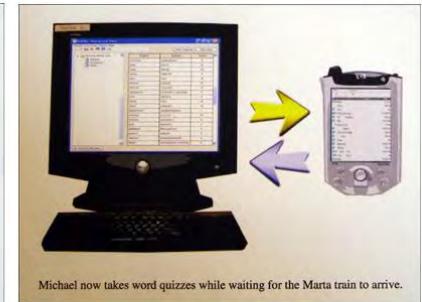
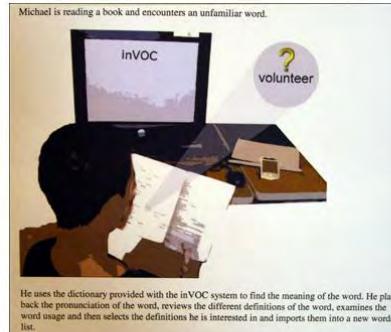
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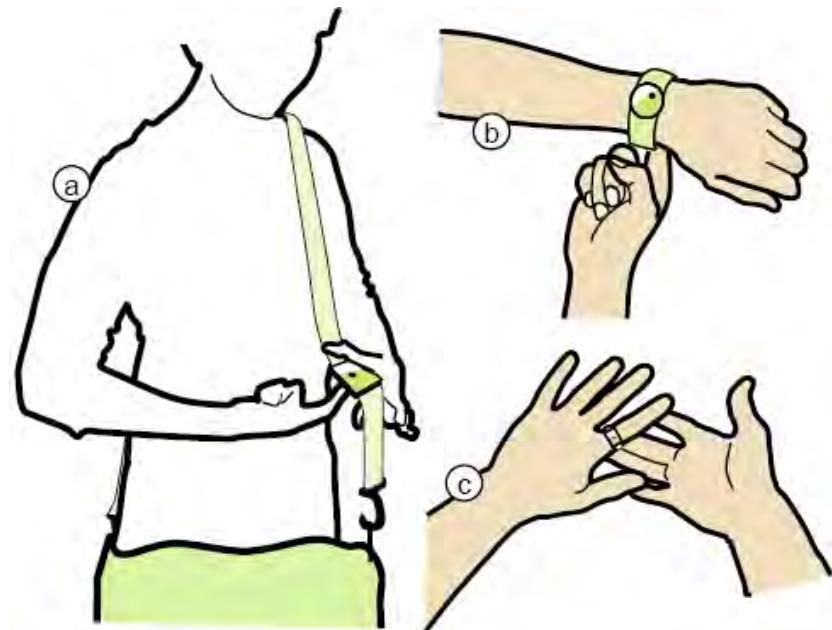
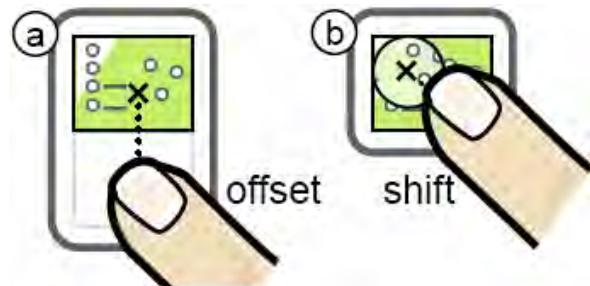


# Blur Out Distracting Details

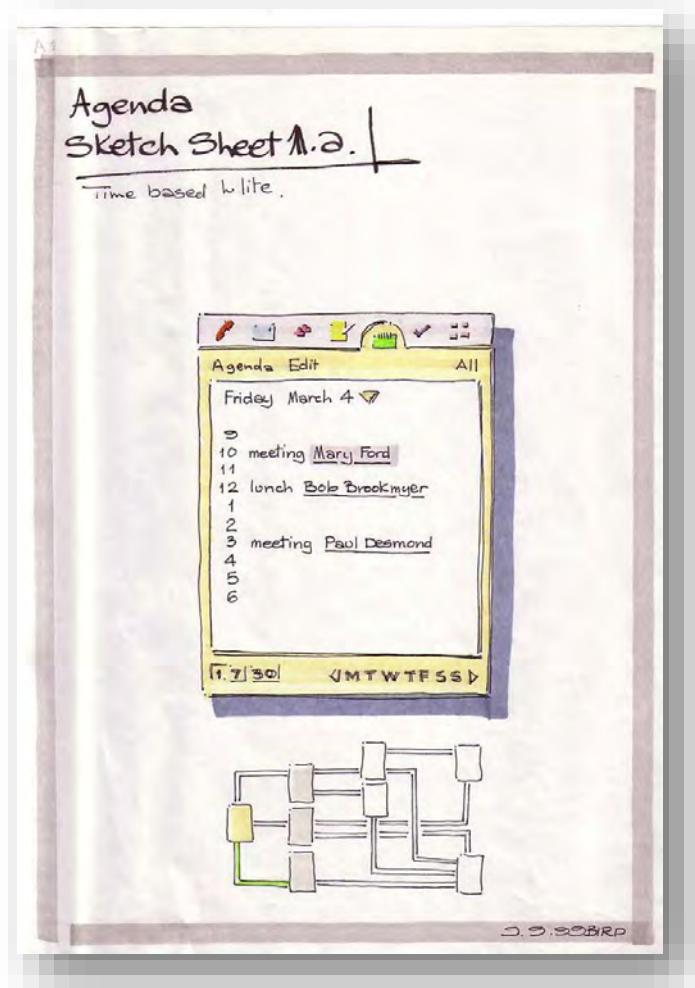
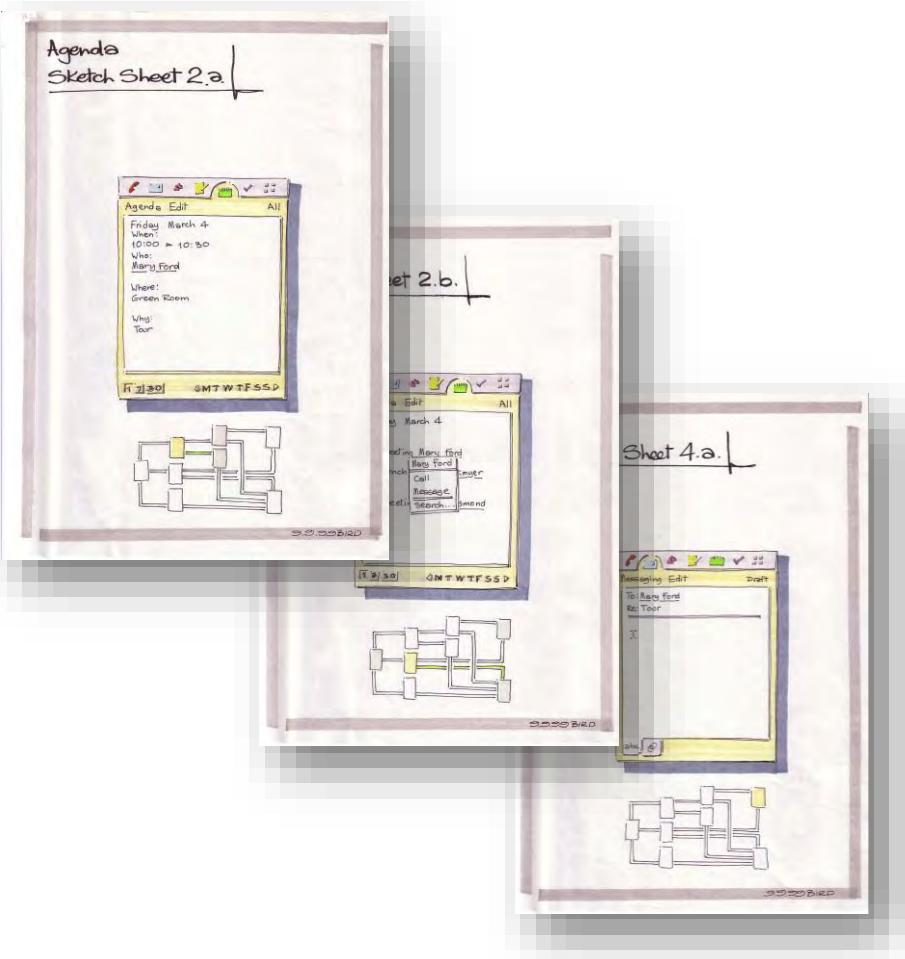
Using image editing software to simplify photos into sketches



# Tracing Photos

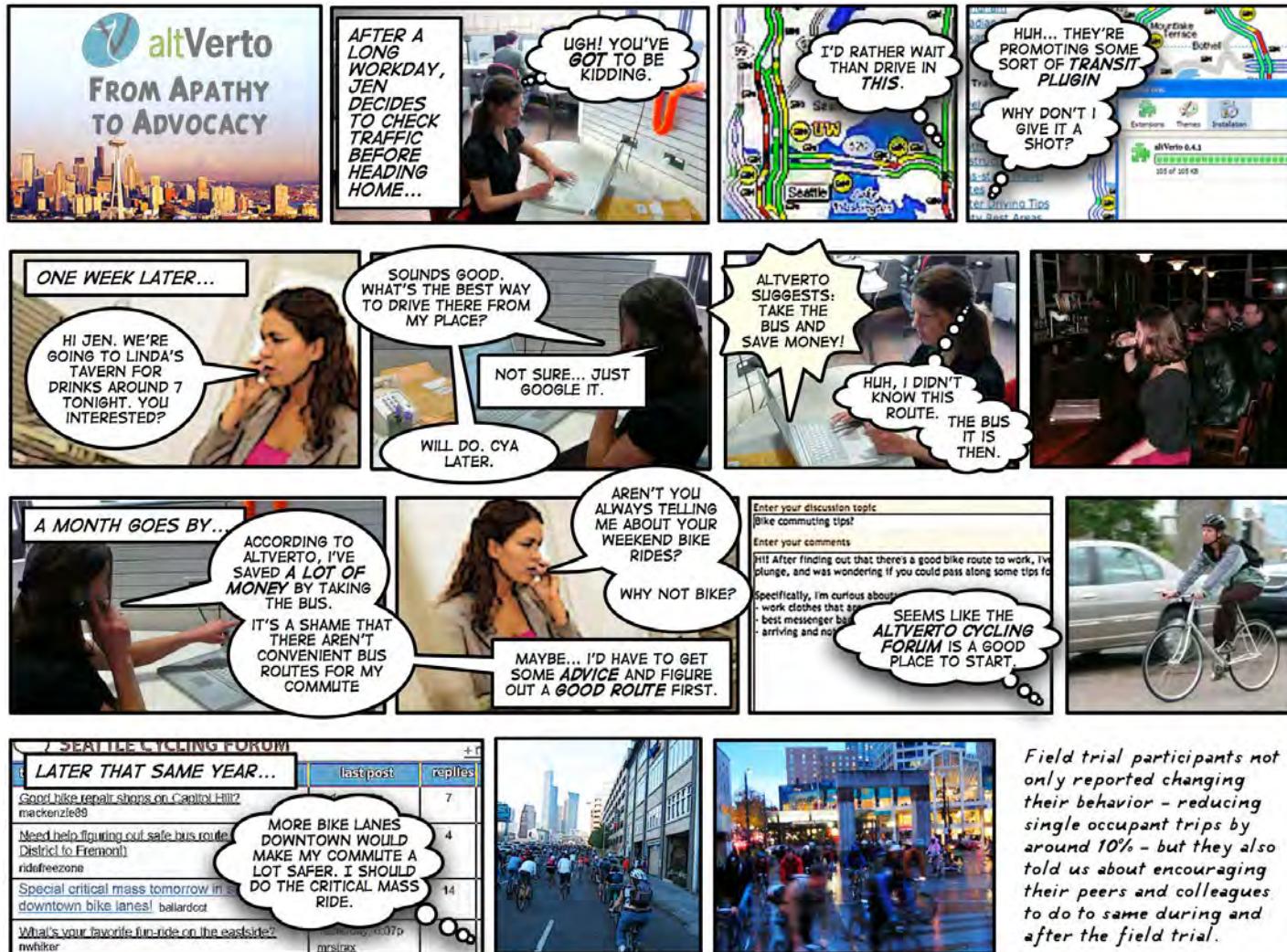


# Mapping the Space of Interaction

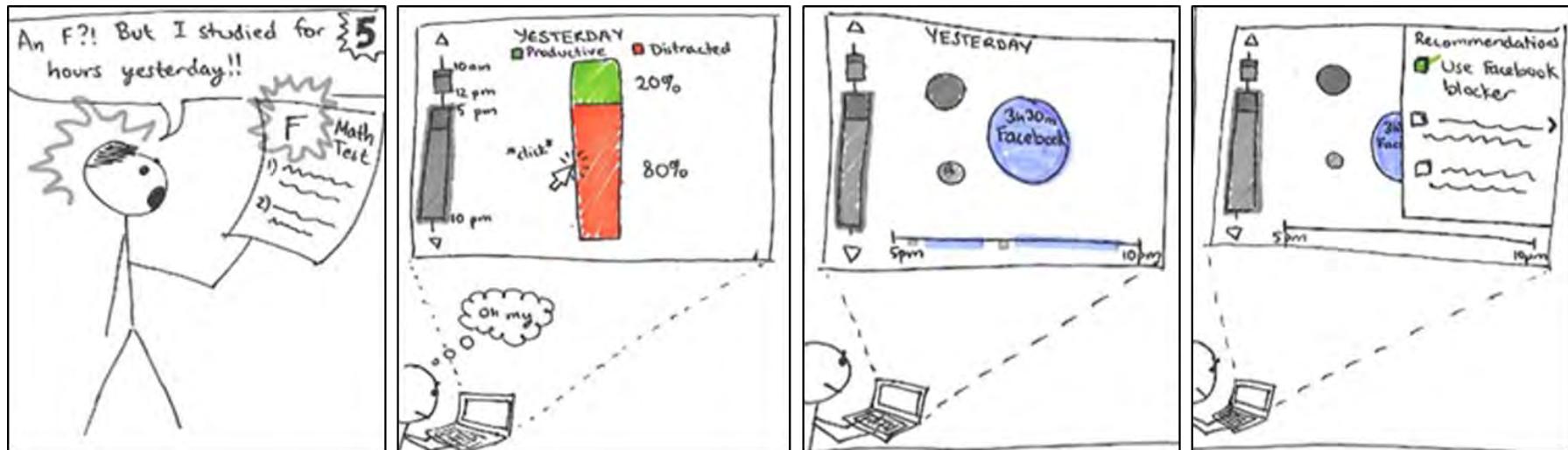


# Comic Presentation

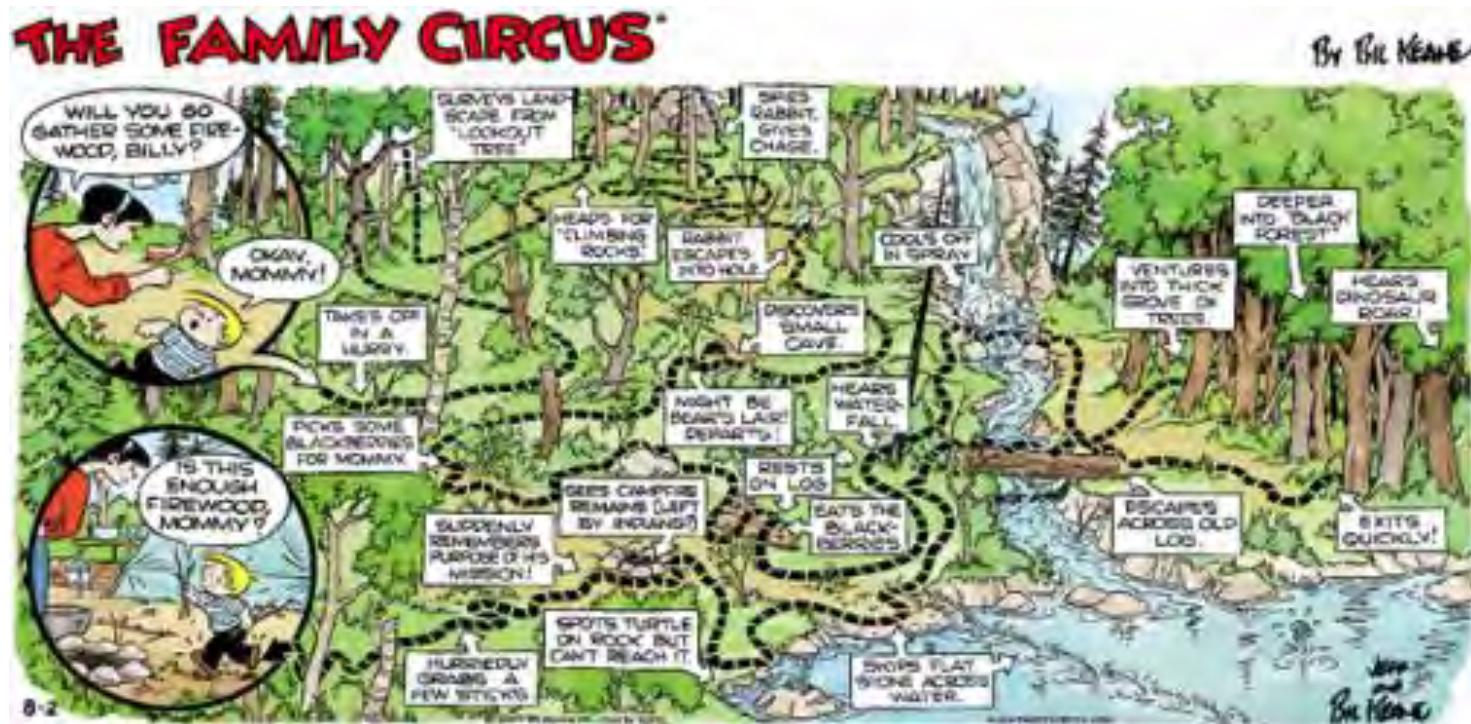
Thought bubbles argue for the design



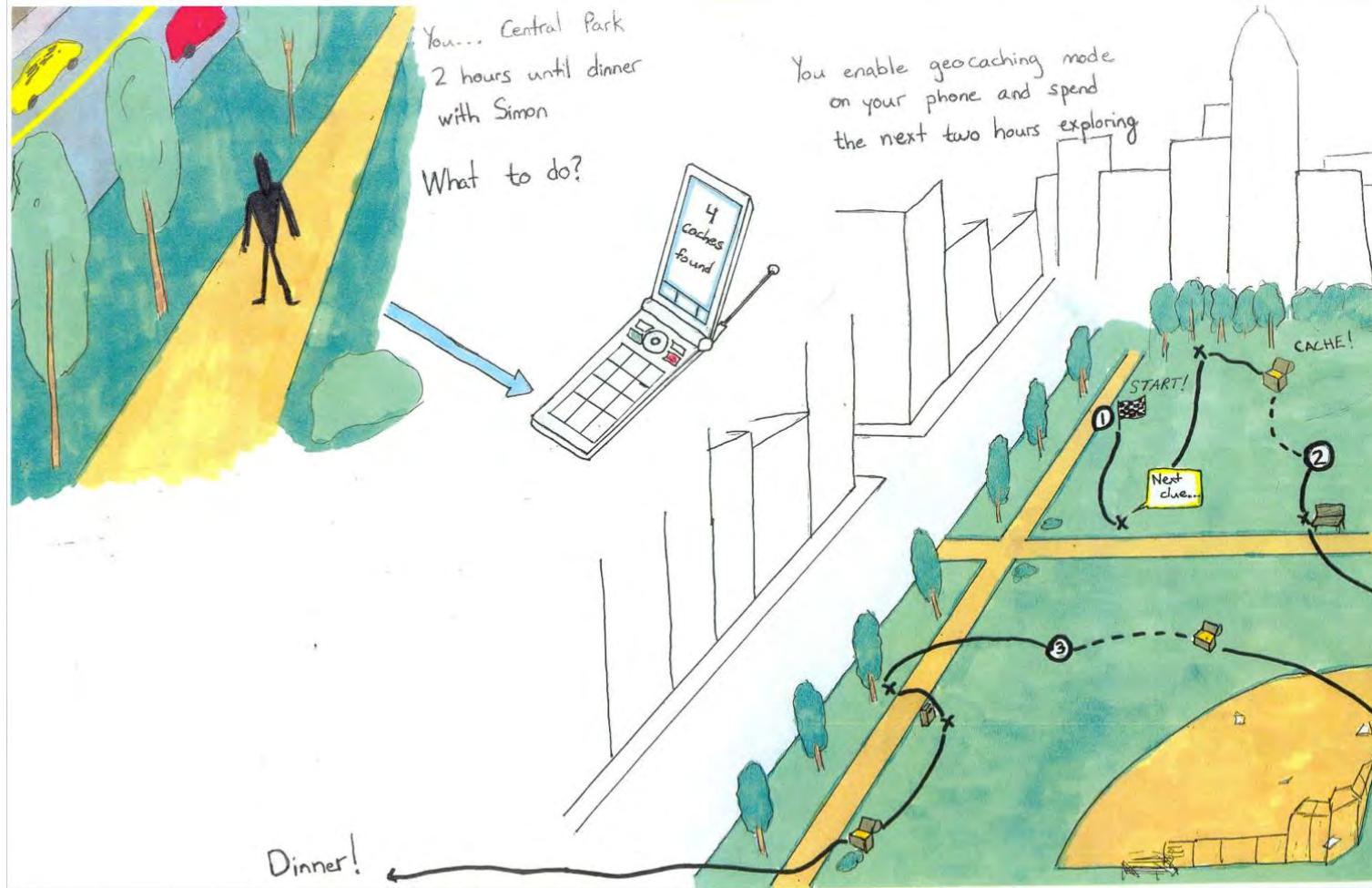
# Selective Use of Color



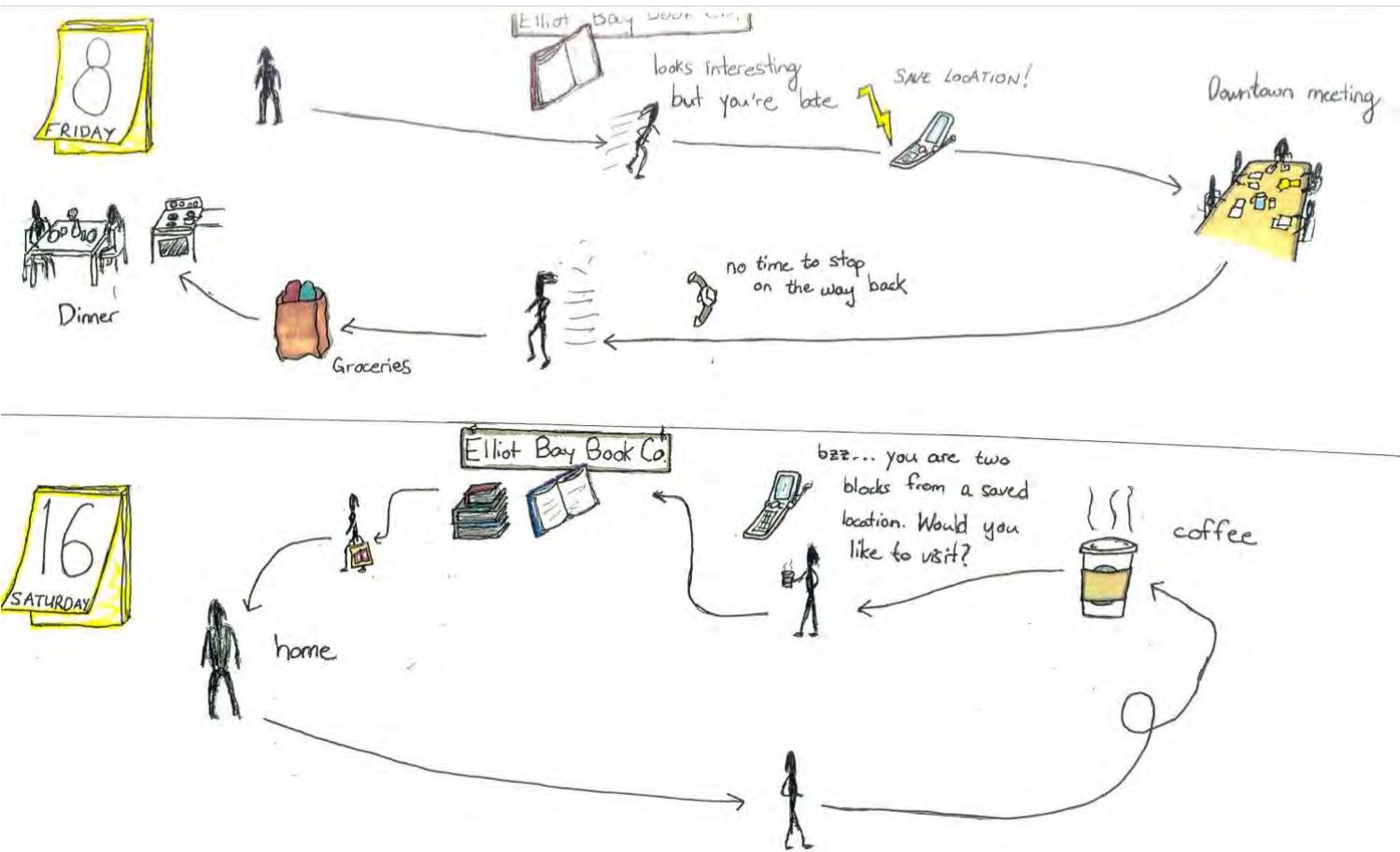
# Route Maps



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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 ...

SM  
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# Value of Animation or Video

Can illustrate critical timing

Can be more engaging than written or storyboard

Can help 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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Mackay

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Mackay

# 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

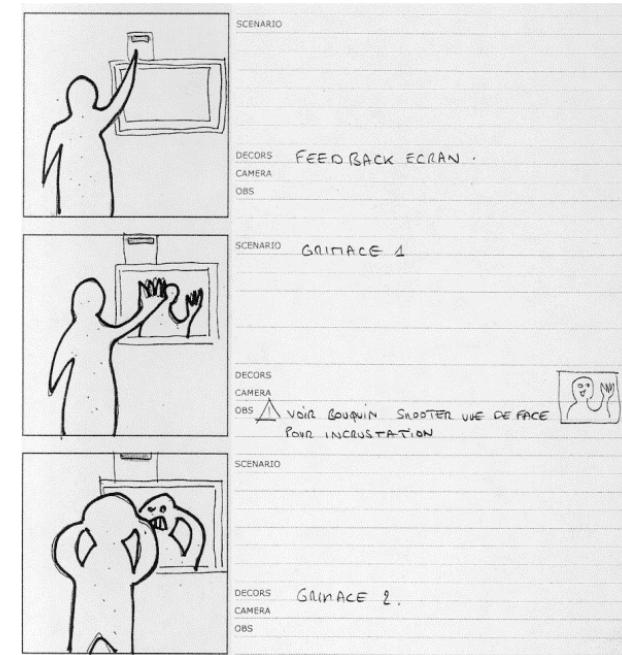
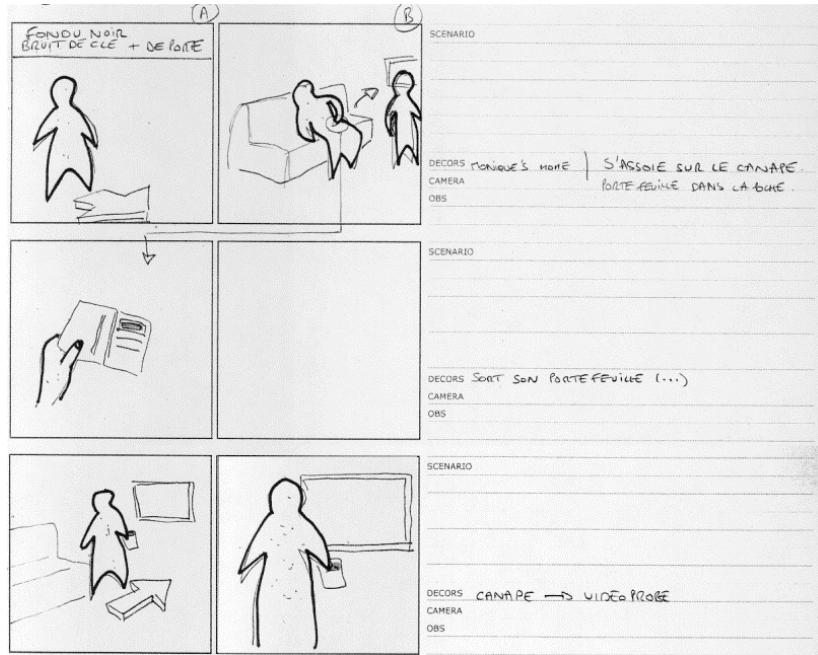
Review field data

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 scenes

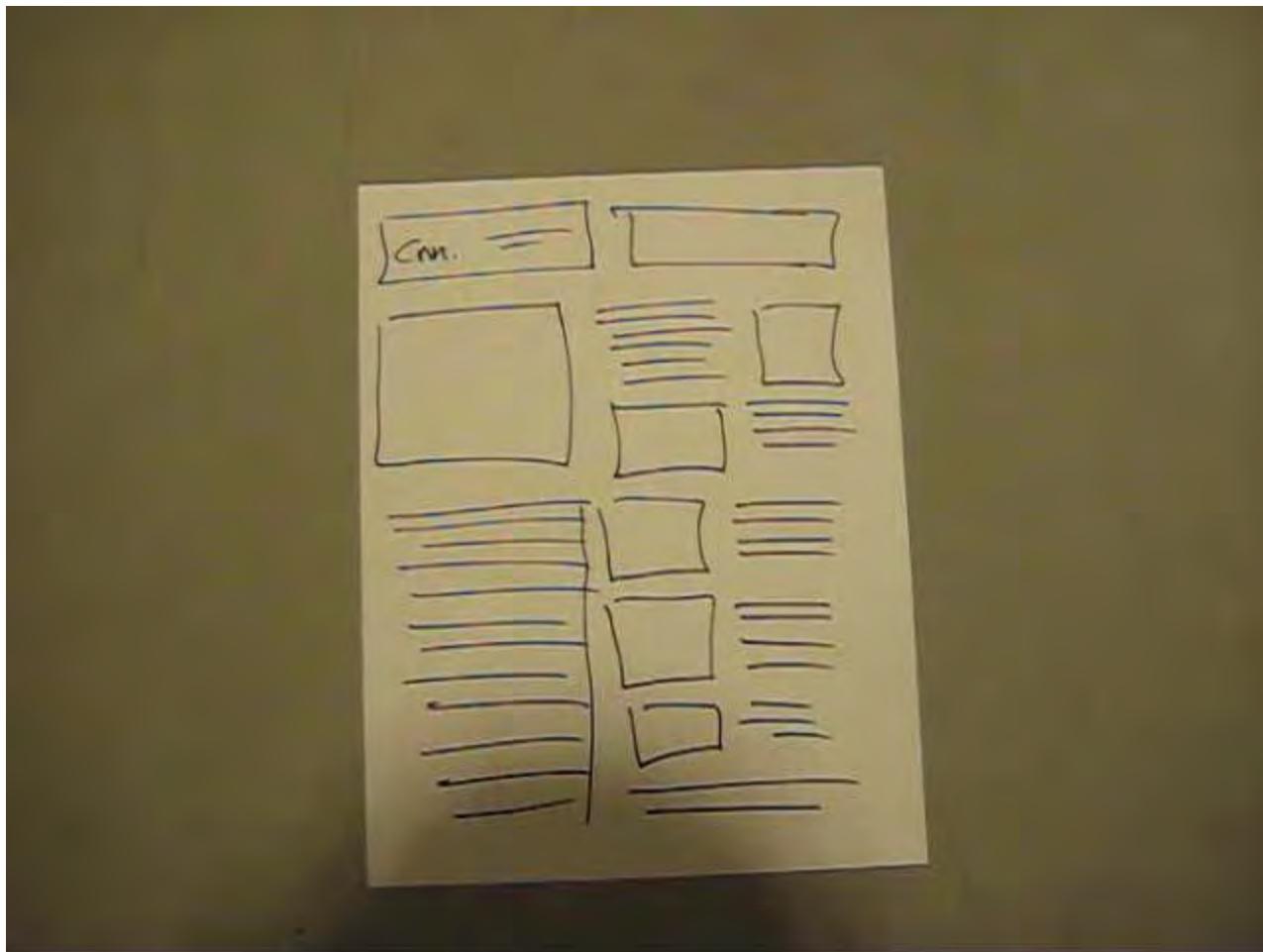
Use titles to separate clips

Like a silent movie

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

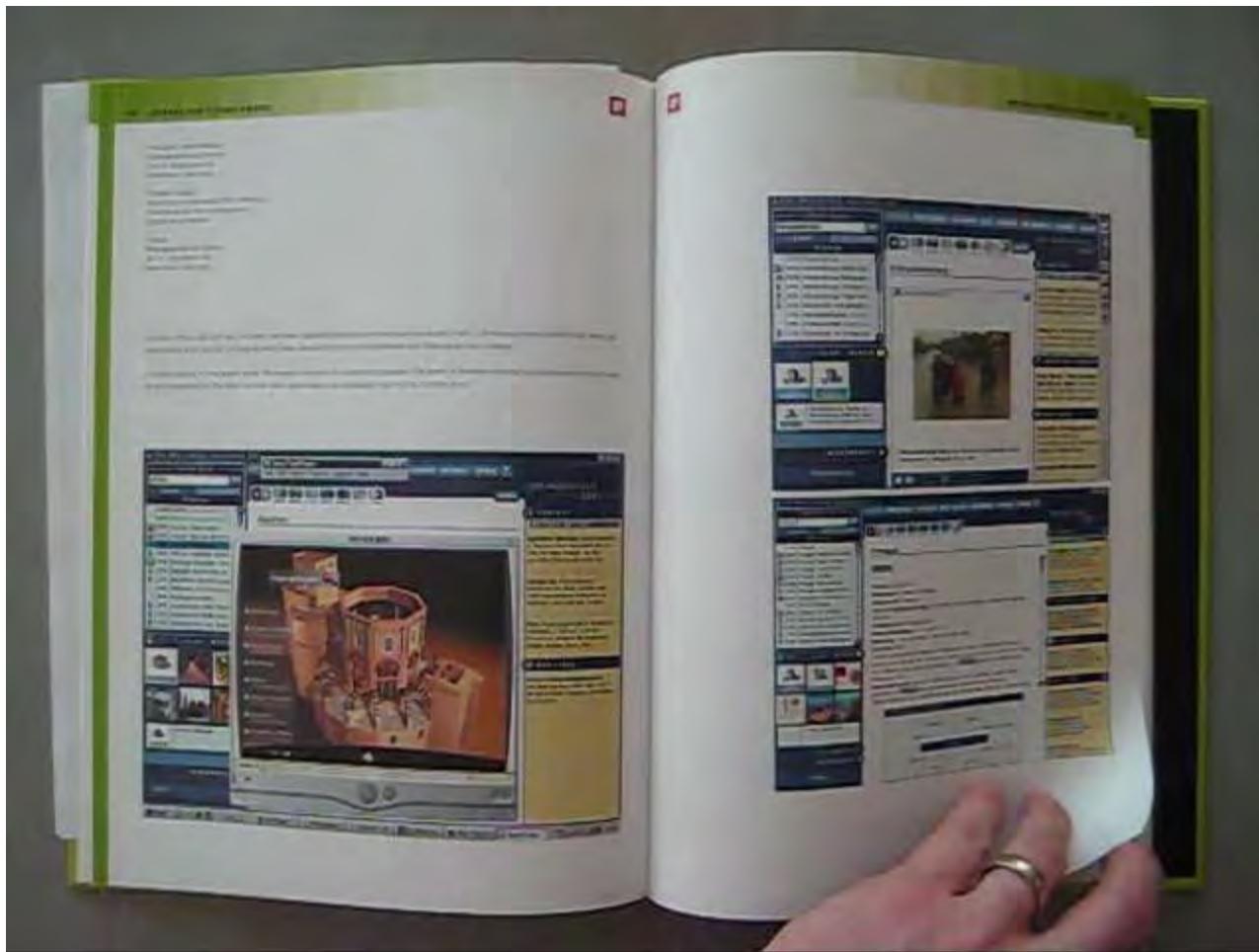
If you make an error, just reshoot it

# Prototyping Microsoft Surface



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# Prototyping Microsoft Surface



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# 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”

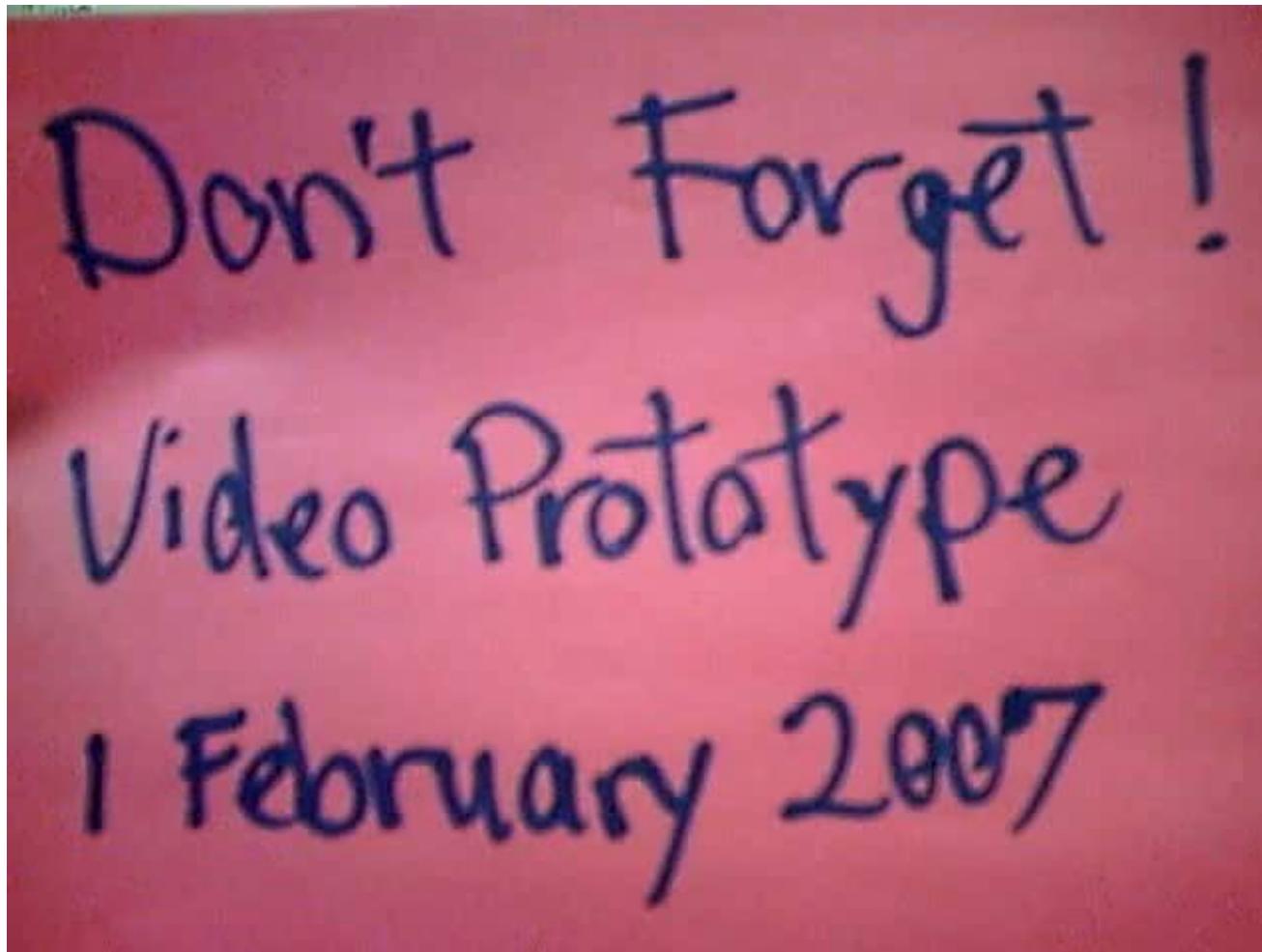
# Narration, Pace, and Flair

**Don't Forget**  
**by Carolyn Holmes and Fred Potter**

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Don't Forget Version 1

# Narration, Pace, and Flair



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Don't Forget Version 2

# 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>

Don't Forget Version 3

# Using Projectors and Simple Props

Team Buddy Map

Backcountry Savior

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

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Buddy Map

# Watch for Pace and Scene Relevance

**Consumester**  
Video Prototype

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Consumester

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Split Presentation, Simple Effects

“PickUp”

Still-Frame, More Effects

“Graffiti Karma”

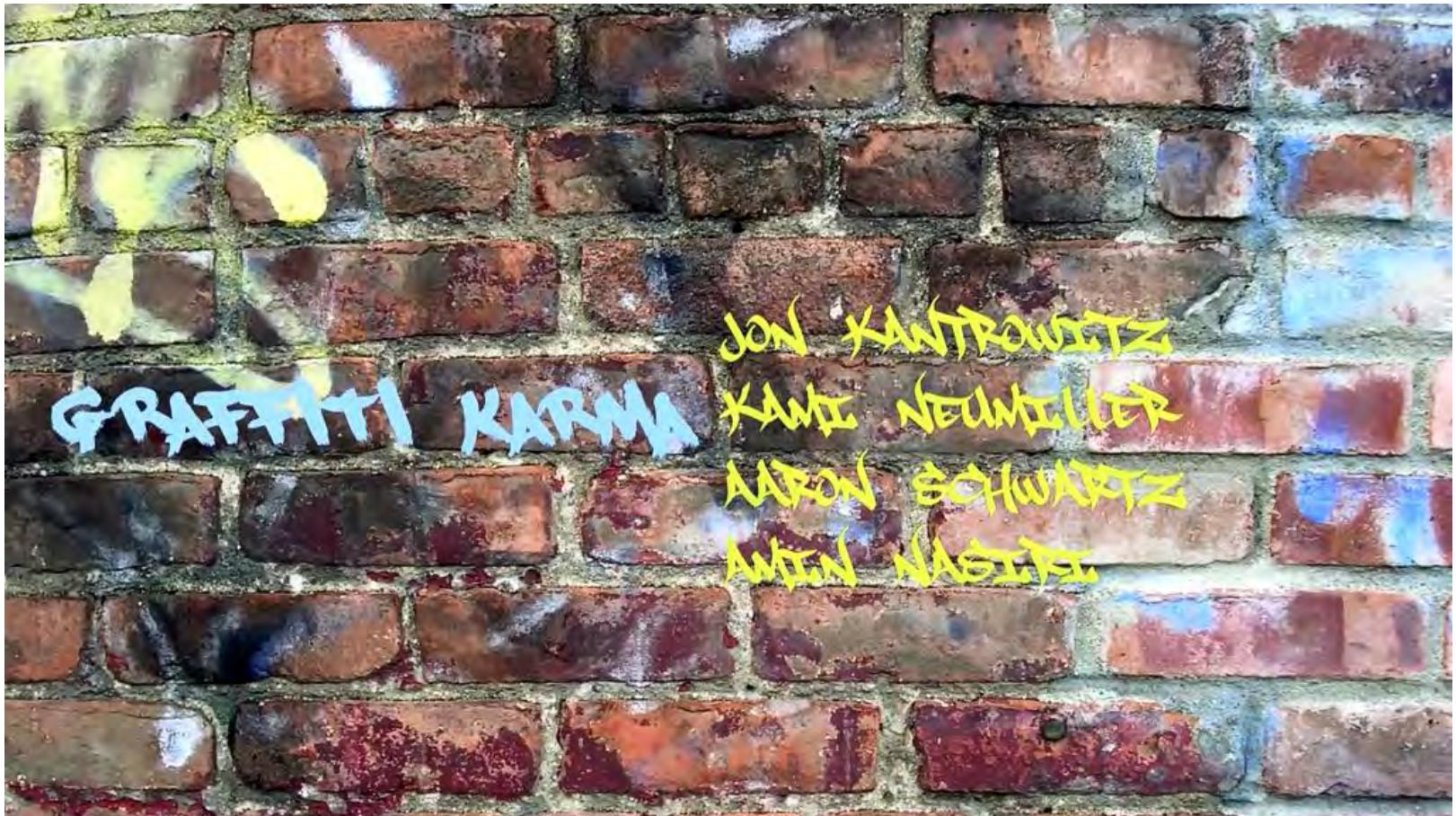
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Pickup

# Still-Frame, More Effects



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Graffiti Karma

# 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



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But watch for pace and scene relevance

ParkSmart

# Playful while Keeping Pace



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# Reminder on Fidelity

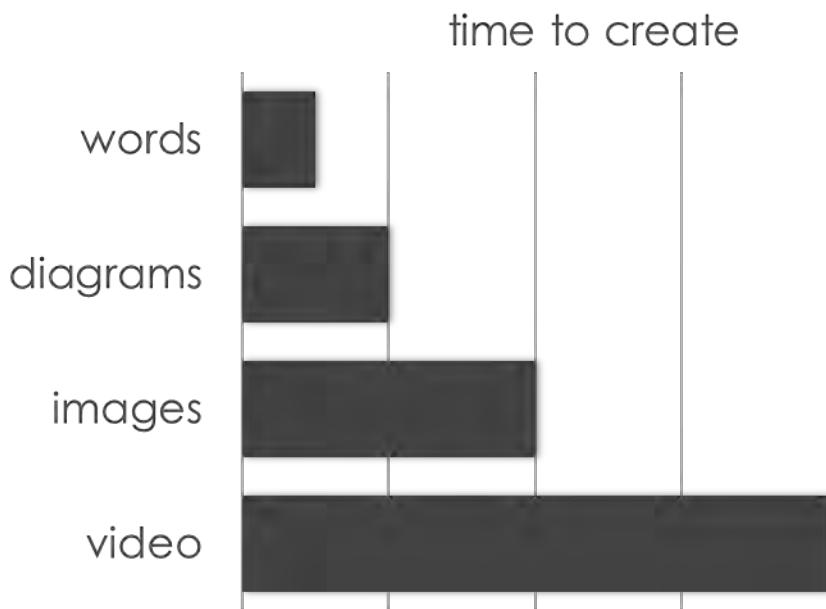


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# Fidelity Takes Time: Stay Low Fidelity



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?

# Range of Purposes

Illustrating Low-Level Techniques

Microsoft Surface examples convey timing

Illustrate Designs

Focus in this course

High-Level Visions

StarFire

Knowledge Navigator

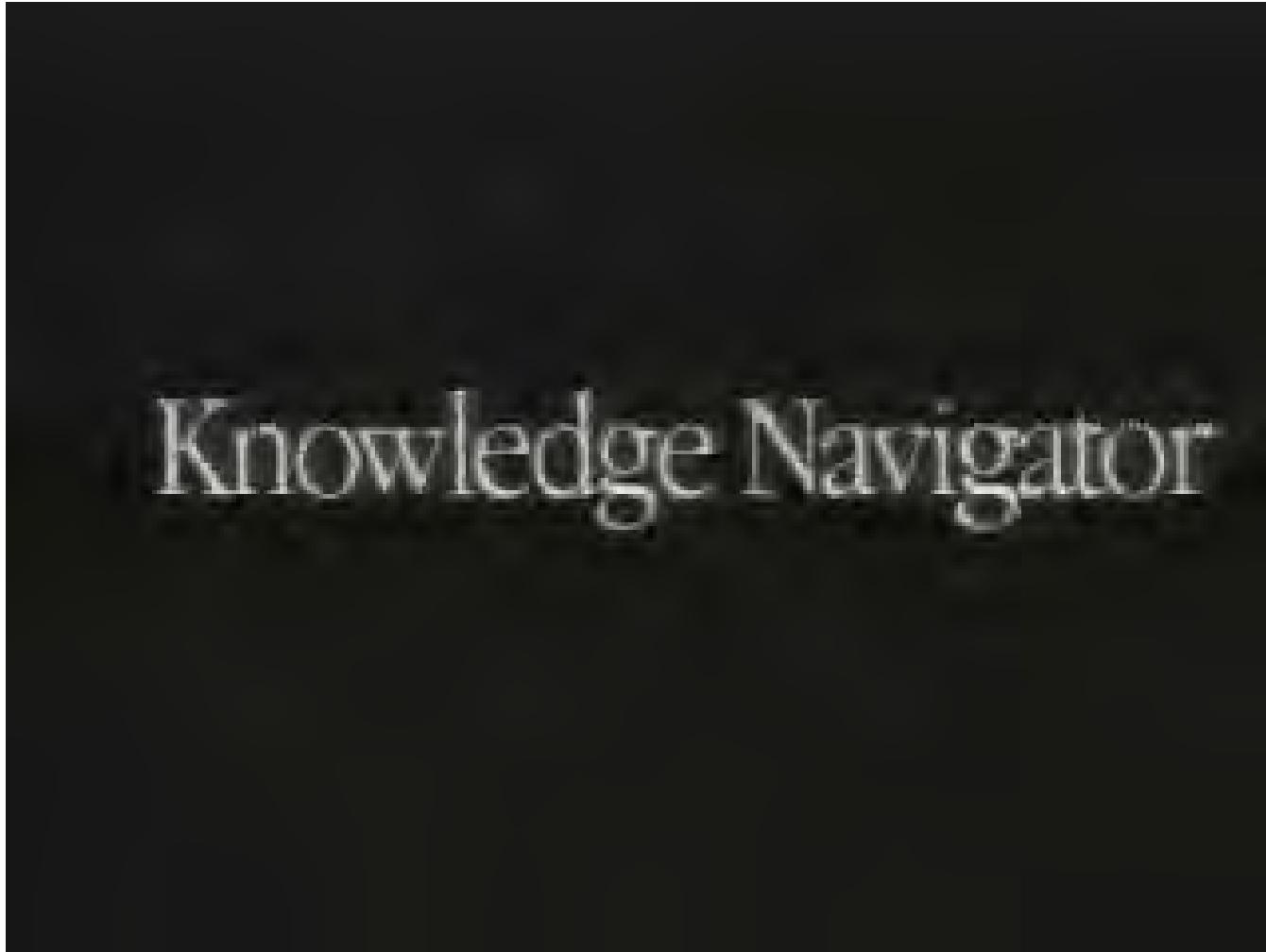
A Day Made of Glass

# 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)



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# Summary

Think about your audience

Think about your time constraints

Think about the purpose of your story

Think about options for effective presentation

# CSE 440: Introduction to HCI

## User Interface Design, Prototyping, and Evaluation

Lecture 07:  
Storyboarding and  
Video Prototyping

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# 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

# Definition of Interaction?

Two-Way

one-way is a reaction

Communicative

information is sent

Receptive

information is received

Effective

the parties are changed as a result

# Definition of 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

Models of interaction allow a closer look

- Define and describe an interaction

- Isolate areas where problems occur

- Design new interaction

Two examples at different scales

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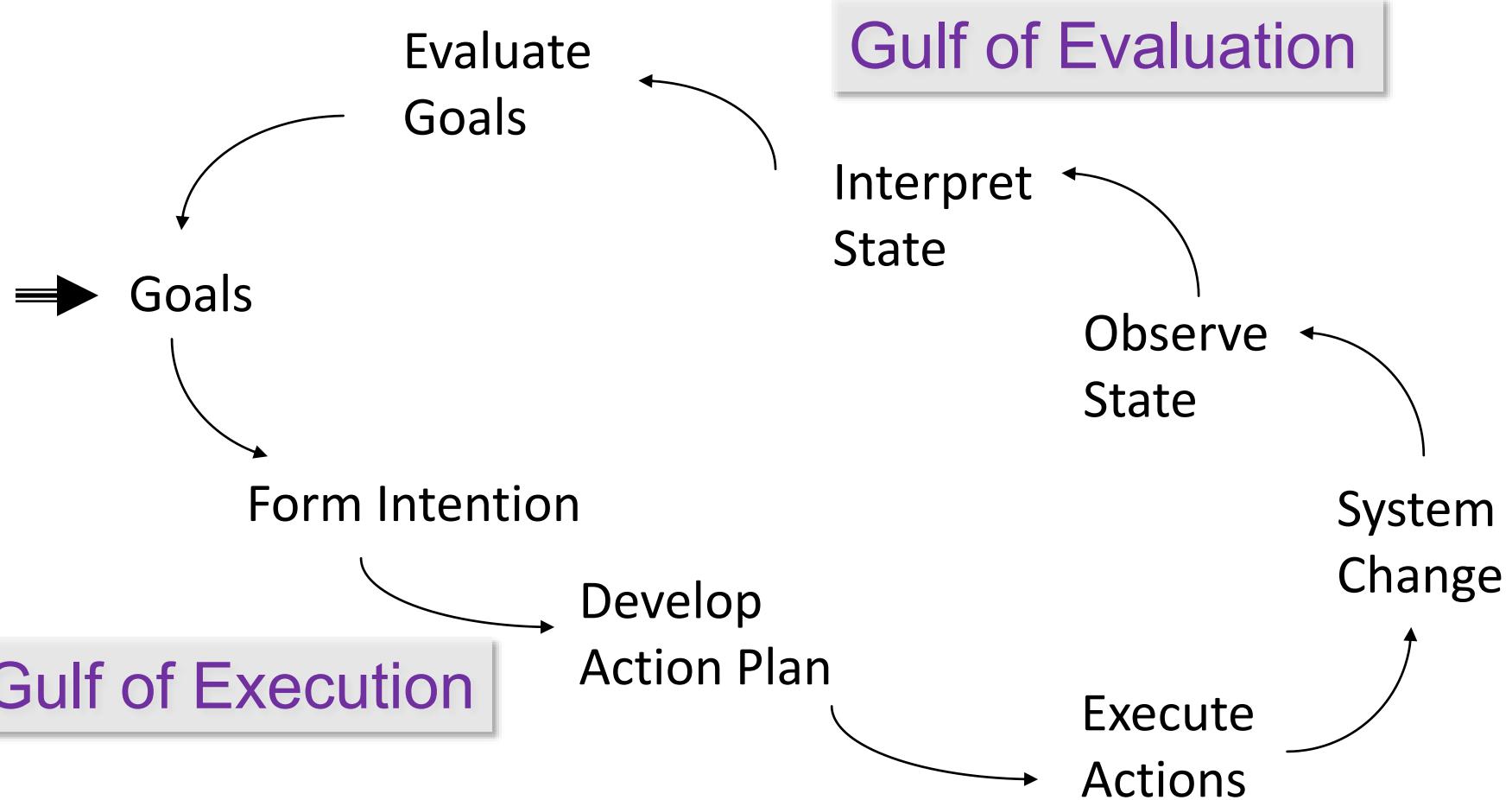
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“All models are wrong, but some are useful”

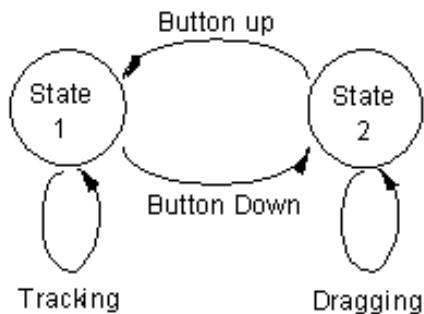
George Box

# Norman's Execution-Evaluation Cycle

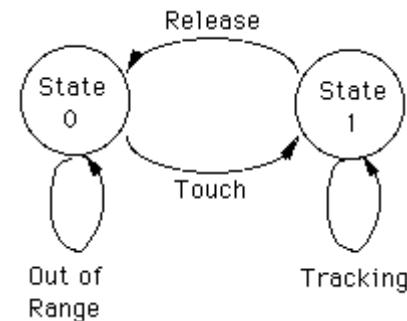


# Buxton's 3-State Model

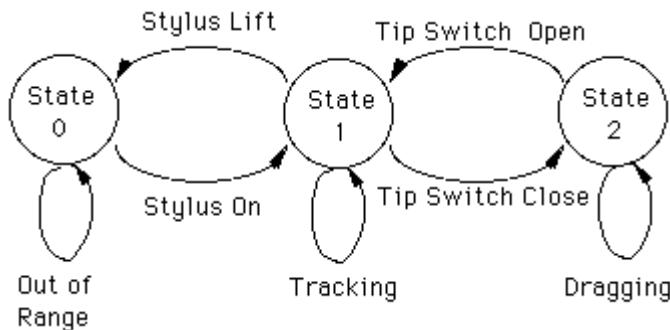
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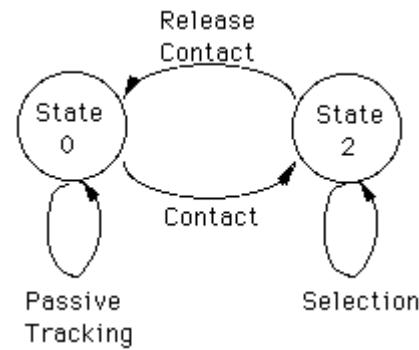
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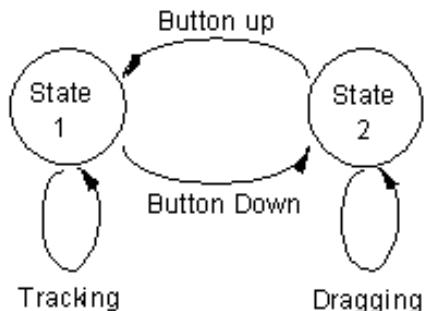


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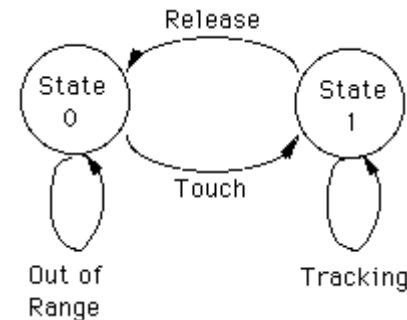


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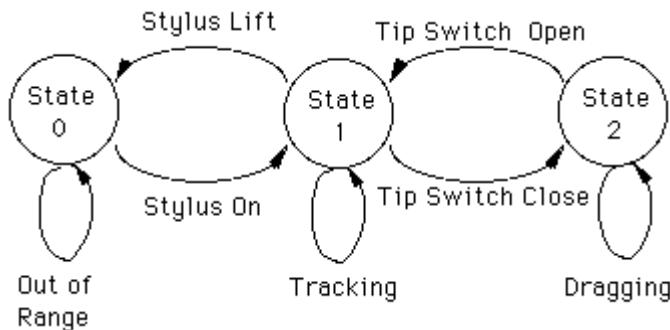
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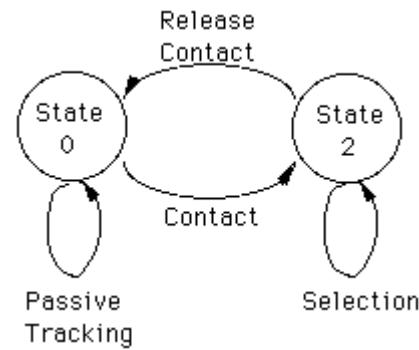
Touchpad



Stylus



Touch Screen



Which can support tooltip previews?

# 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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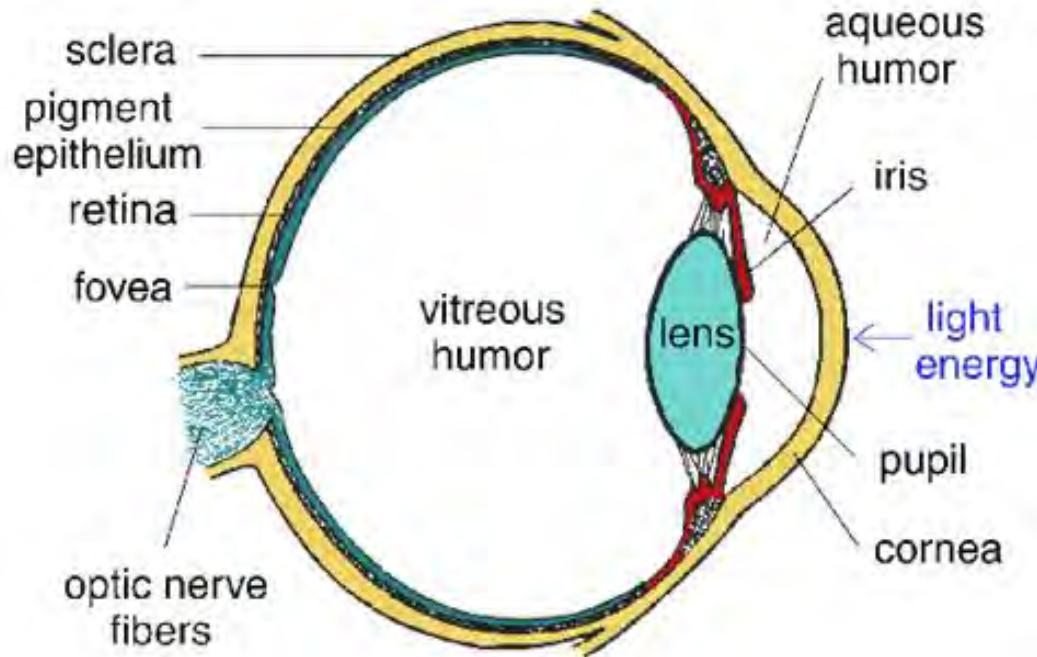
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# Human Visual System



Light passes through lens, focused on retina

Blind Spot?

# Blind Spot

a      b      c      d      e      f      g      h  
i      j      k      l      m      n      o      p  
q      r      s      t      u      v      w      x



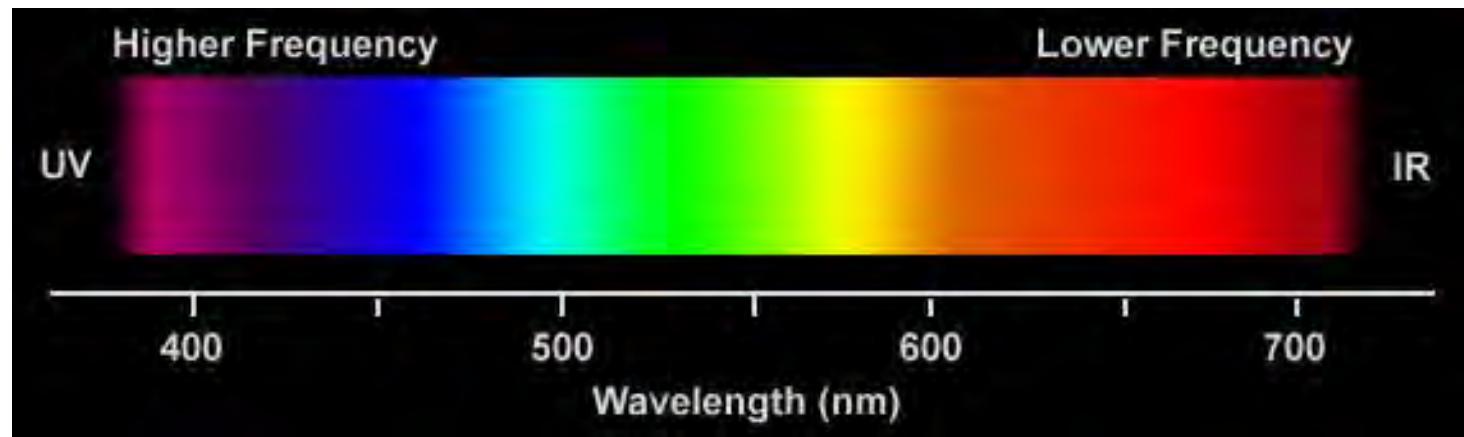
Use right eye, look at letters

# Blind Spot



Use left eye, look at cross

# 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

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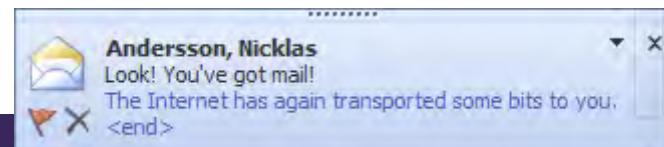
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# Color Perception via Cones

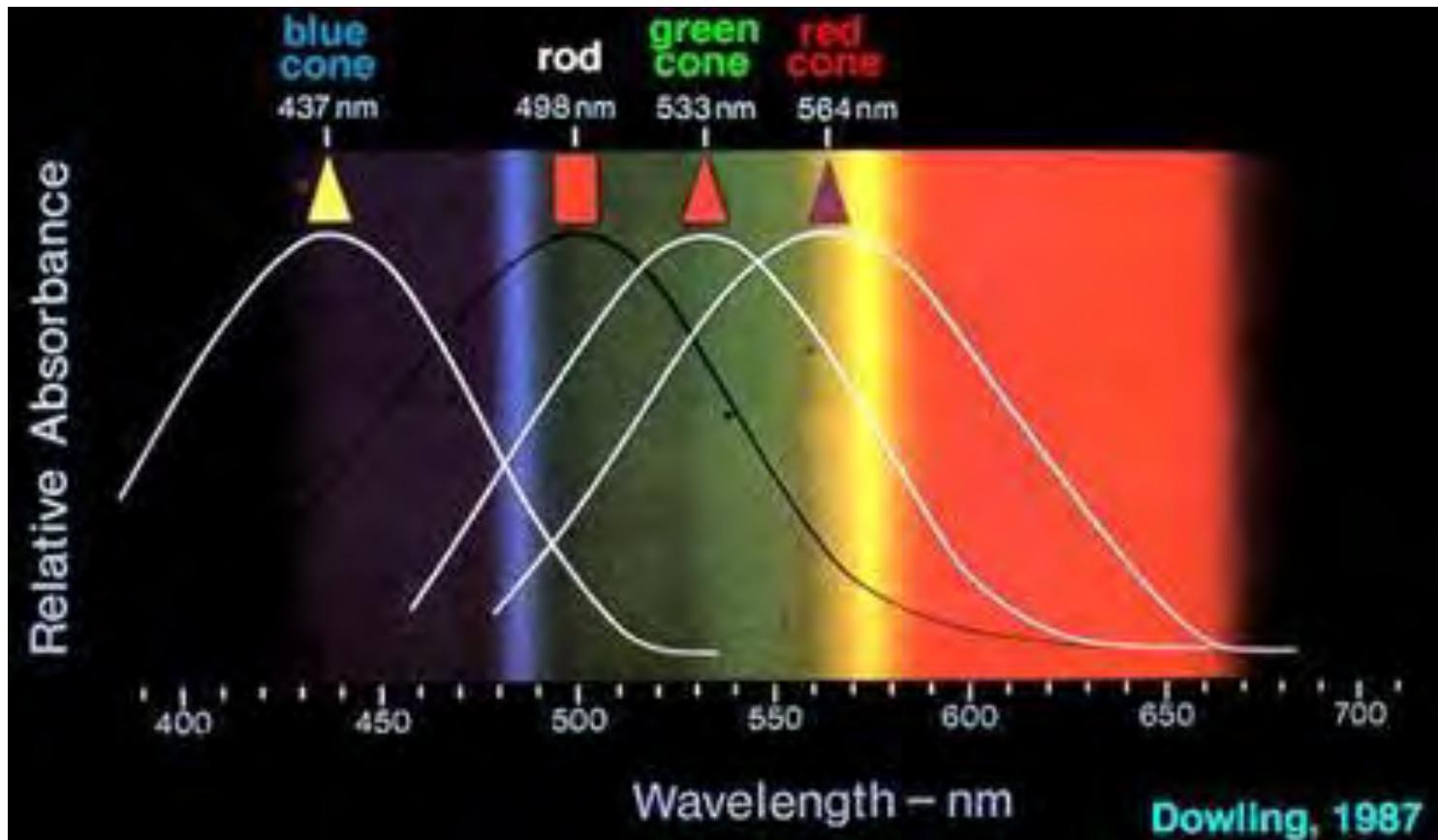
Photopigments used to sense color

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

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The Falklands Society

This hurts, why?

# Color Deficiency

Trouble discriminating colors

Affects about 9% of population

Two main types

Different photopigment response most common

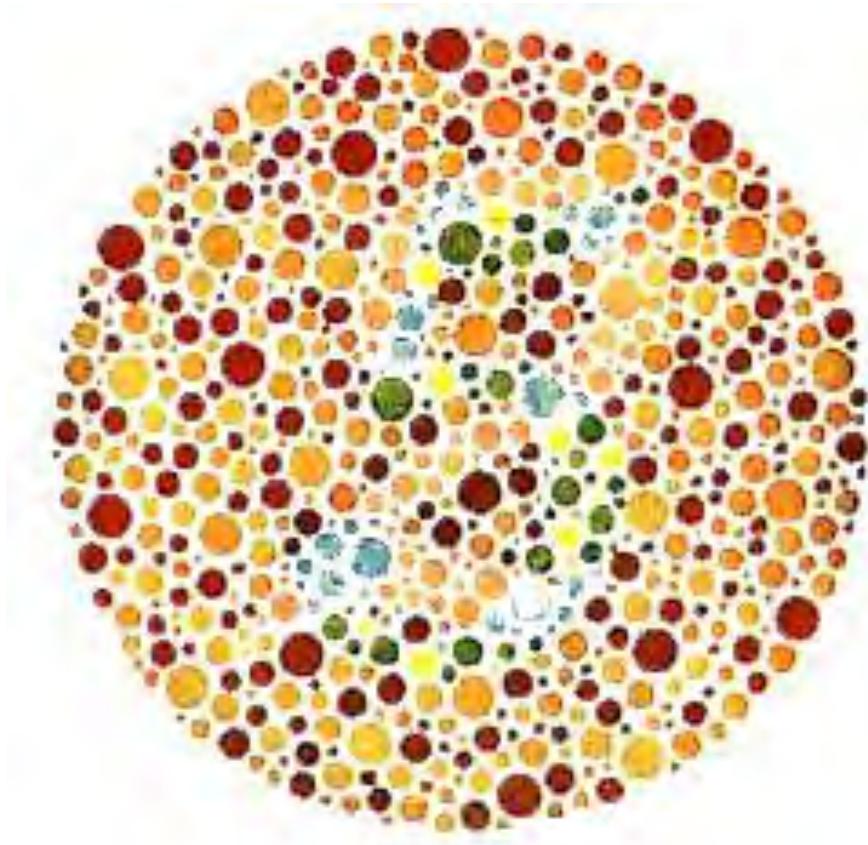
Reduces capability to discern small color differences

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

Add/Update Shipping Information

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.

**FIRST NAME:**  **MIDDLE INITIAL:**

**LAST NAME:**

**ADDRESS:**   
  
  
(International use only)

**CITY:**  **STATE/PROVINCE:**  Includes APO and FPO. Use "Other" if country is not USA or Canada.

**ZIP/POSTAL CODE:**

**COUNTRY:**

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(2 business days plus) International: [HELP](#)  Canada Canada Post  
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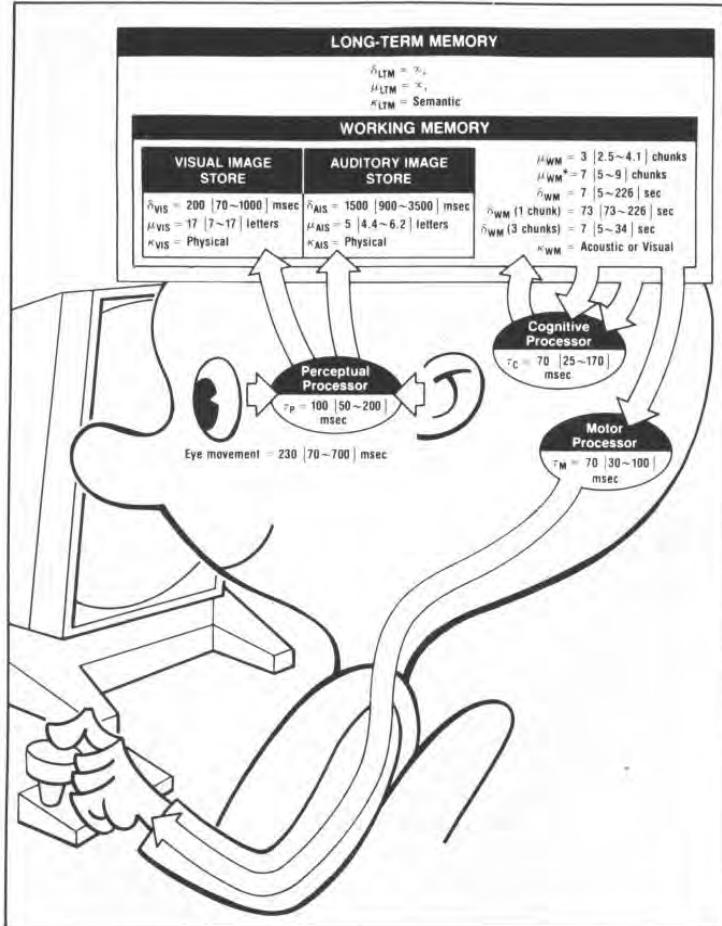
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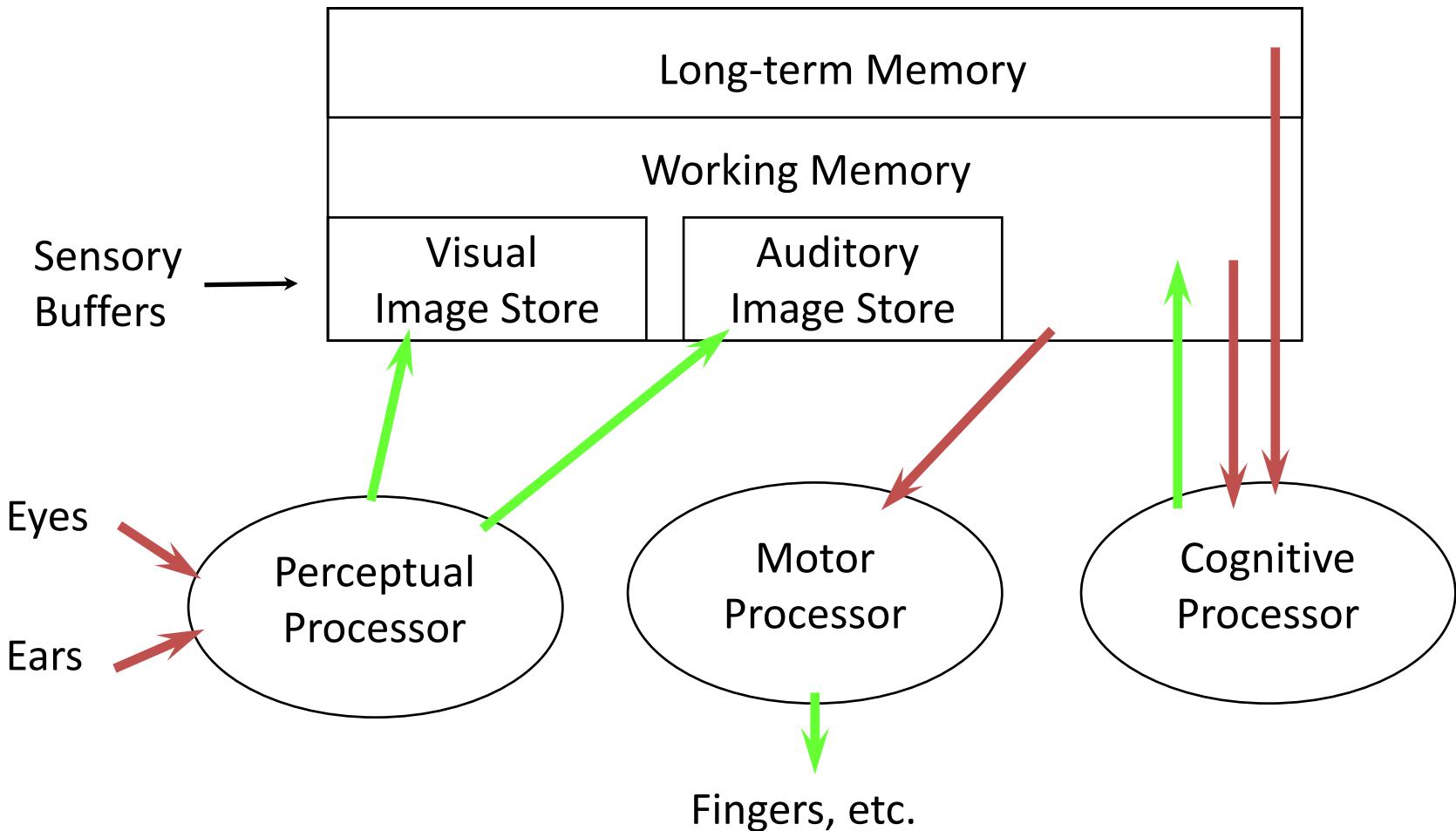
Developed by Card,  
Moran, & Newell (1983)

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, about 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

# Activation Experiment

word

# Activation Experiment

Volunteer

**red**

**yellow**

**blue**

**green**

**red**

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Say “done” when finished

**ivd**

**ncudgt**

**mkbh**

**bhfe**

**cnofgt**

**olftcs**

**zjdcv**

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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

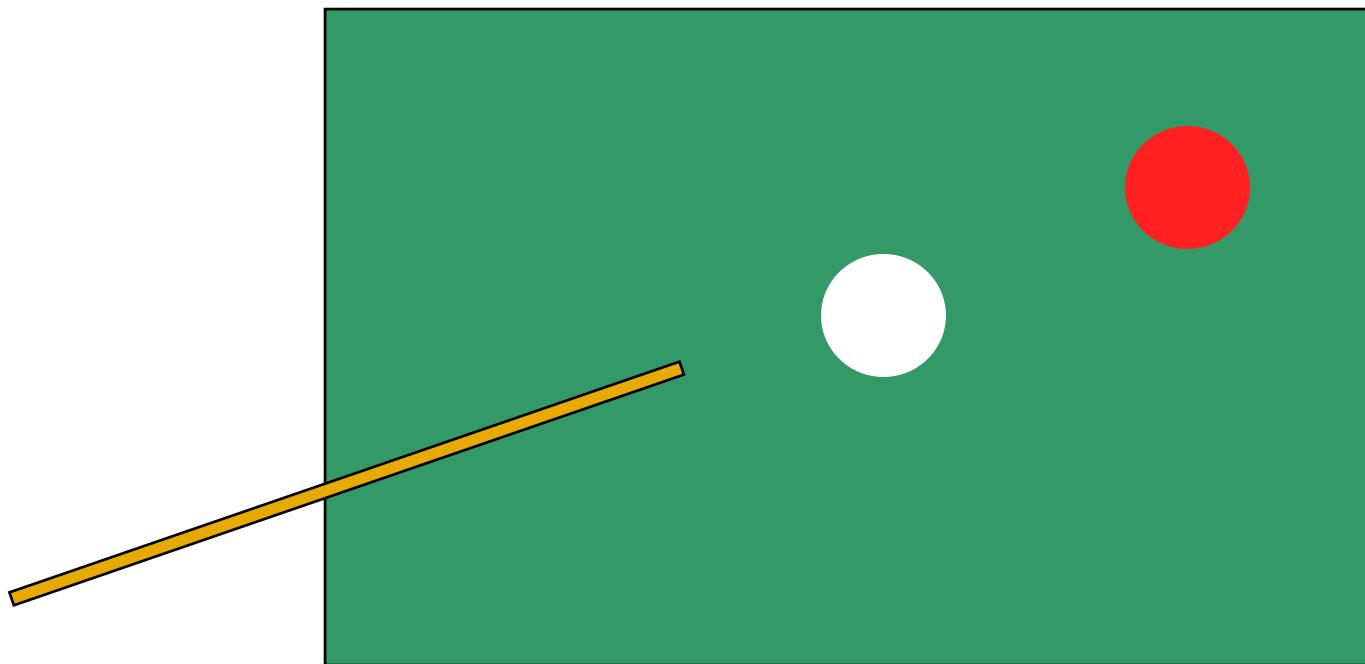
## Discrimination Principle

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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- Moving across a dashboard

- Pulling defective items from a conveyor belt

- Clicking on icons using a mouse

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James's use of 's is correct,  
but most people say Fitts' Law

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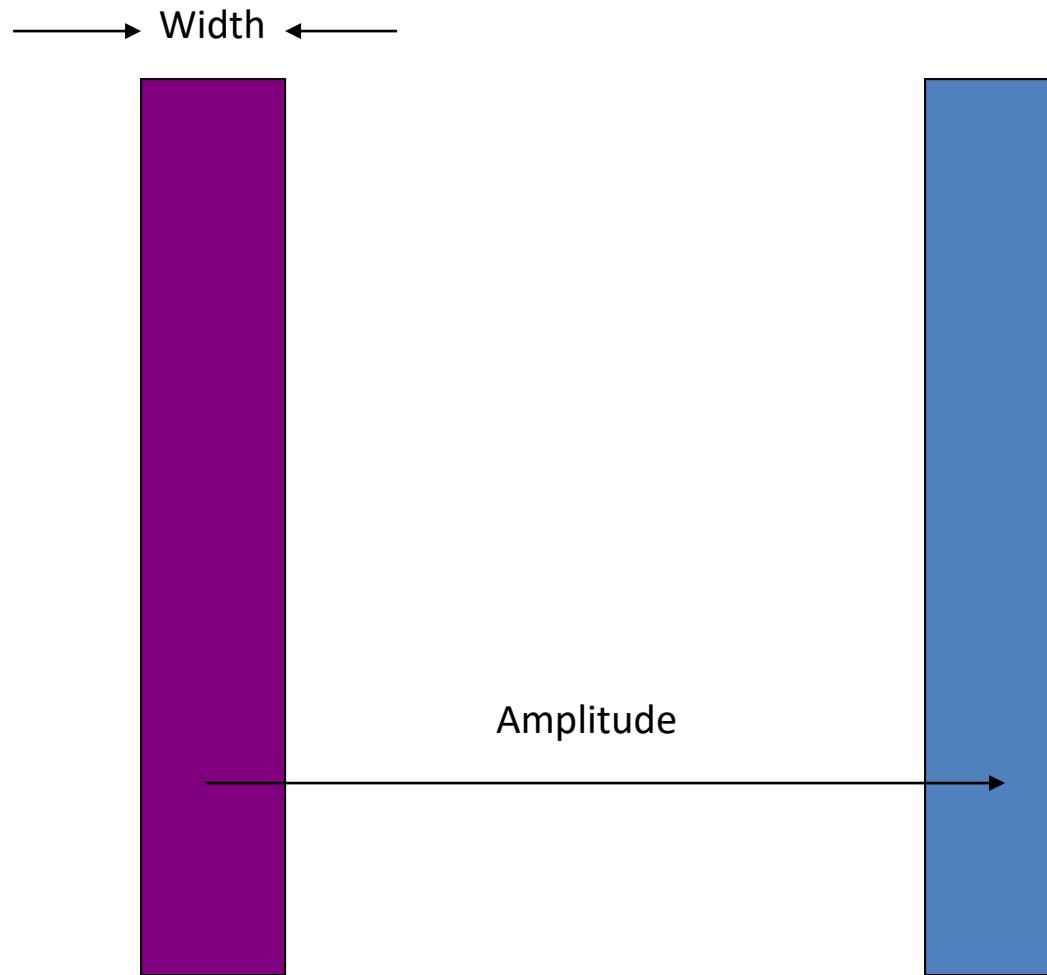
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# Reciprocal Point-Select Task



# Closed Loop versus Open Loop

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Rapid aimed movements with feedback correction

Fitts's law models this

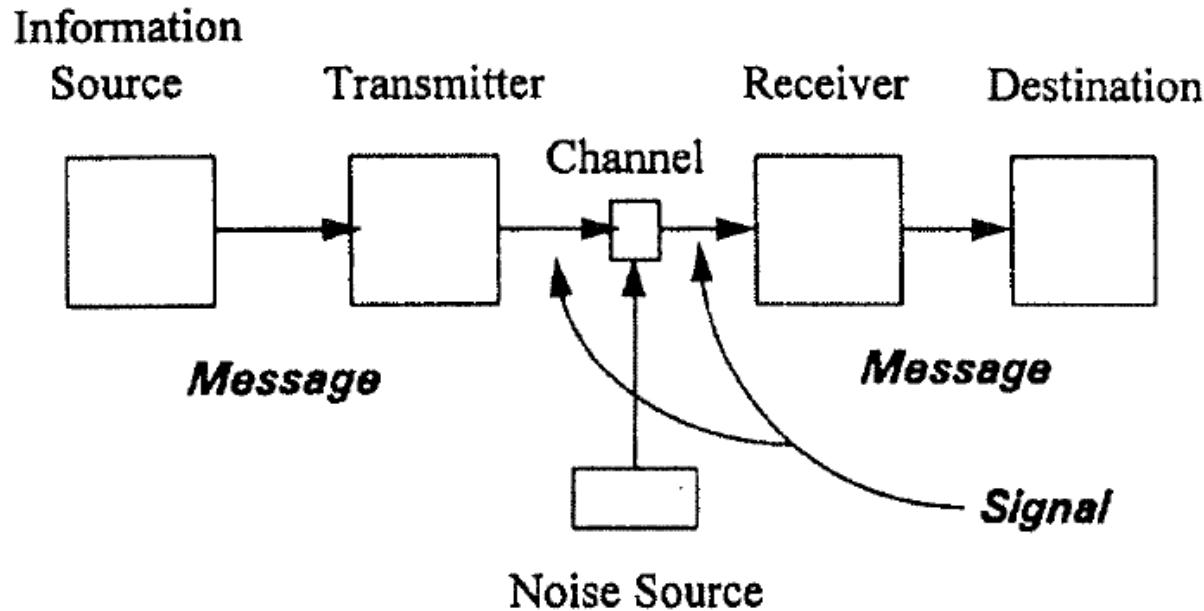
What is open loop motion?

Ballistic movements without feedback correction

Example: Throwing a dart

See Schmidt's Law (1979)

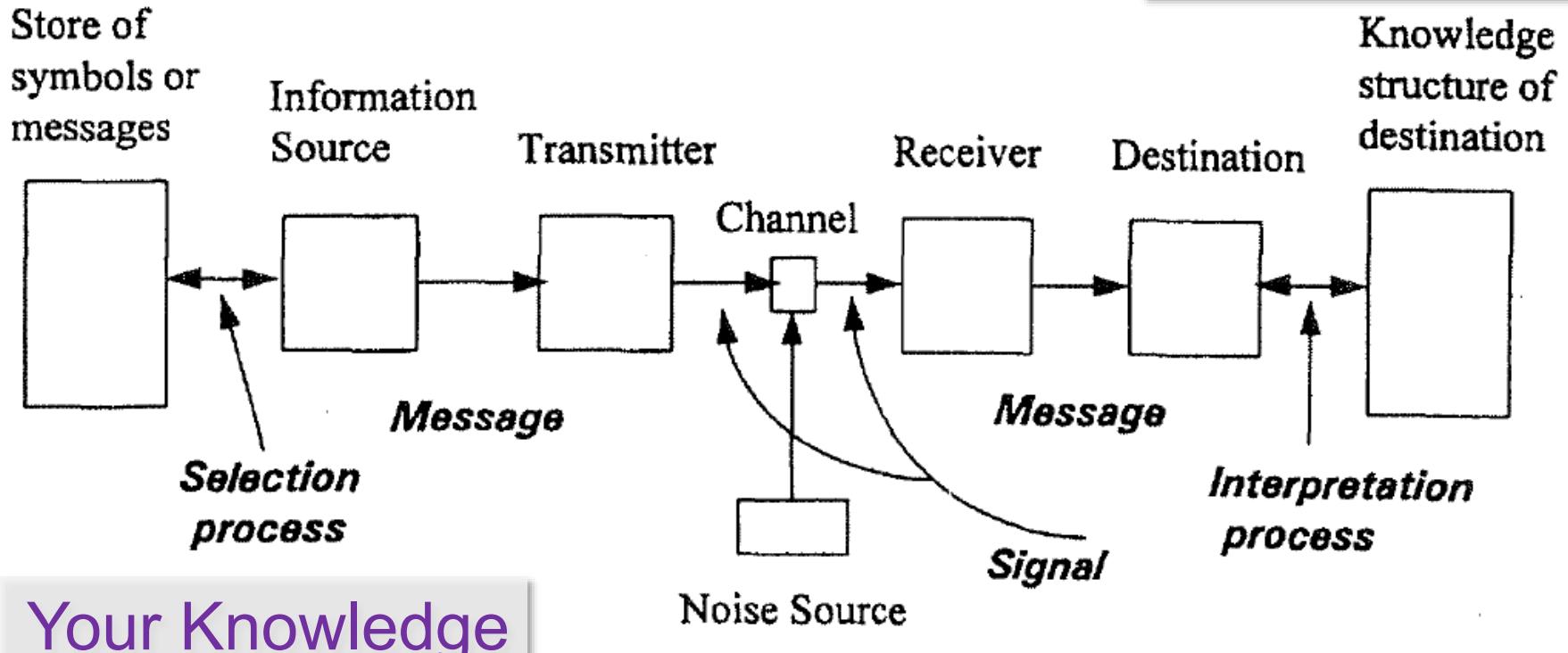
# Model by Analogy



Analogy to Information Transmission  
Shannon and Weaver, 1959

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The Interface



Your Knowledge

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$$y = mx + b$$

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

x is called the Index of Difficulty (ID)

As “A” goes up, ID goes up

As “W” goes up, ID goes down

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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



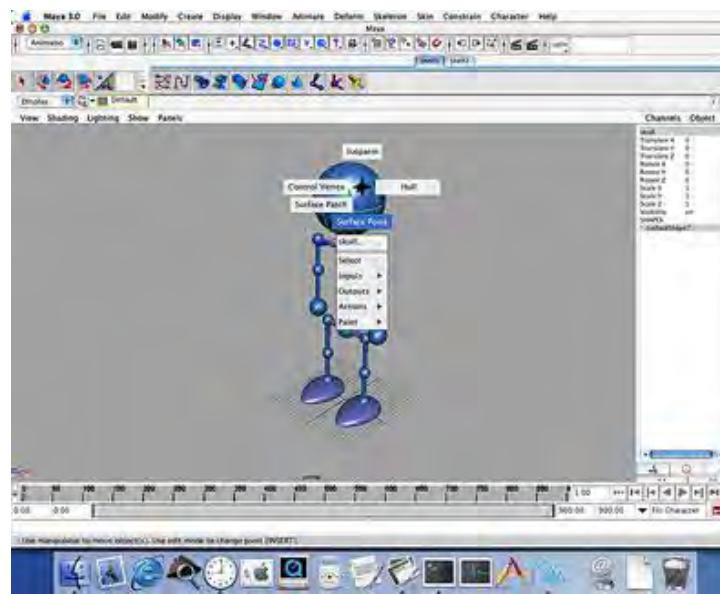
# Pie Menus in Use



The Sims



Rainbow 6



Maya

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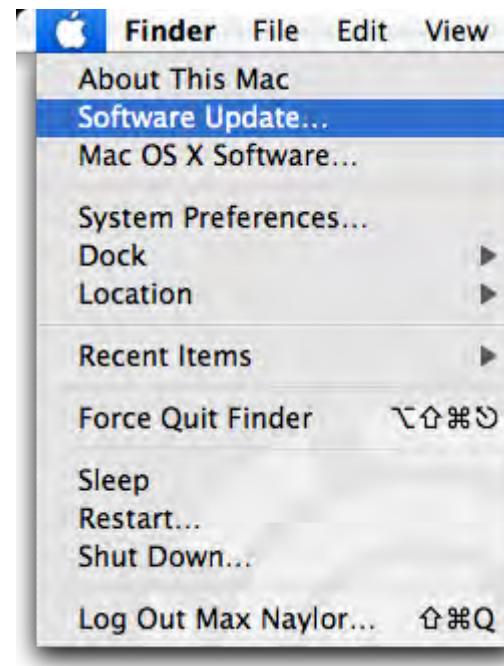
What about adaptive menus?

# Fitts's Law in Windowing



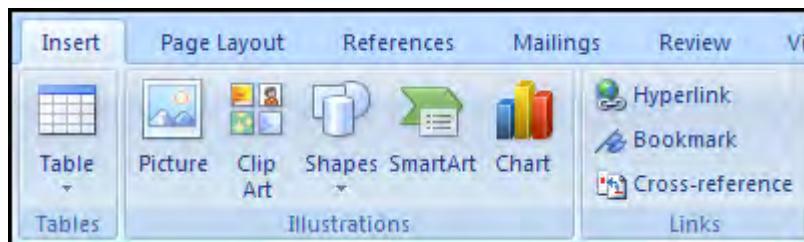
Windows 95: Missed by a pixel

Windows XP: Good to the last drop

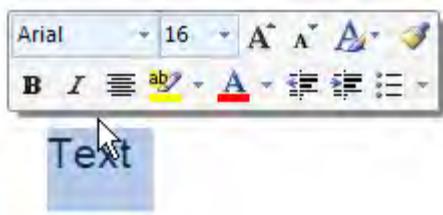


Macintosh Menu

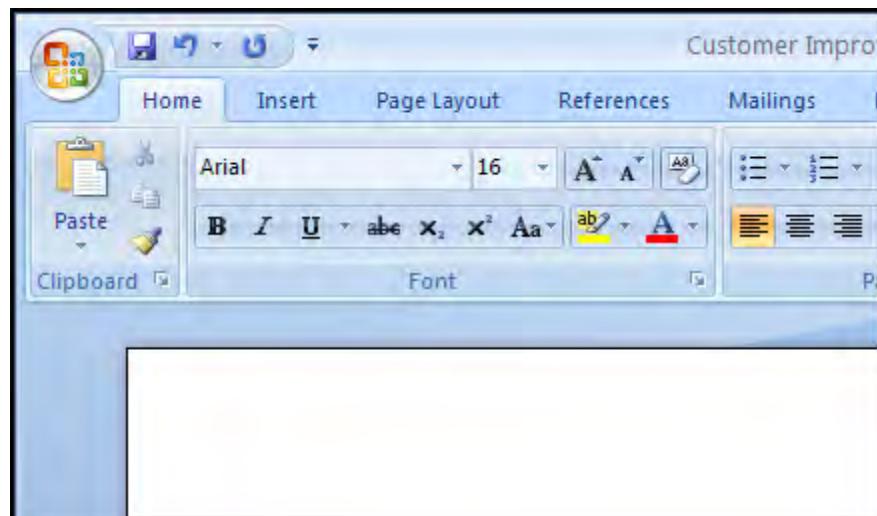
# Fitts's Law in MS Office 2007



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



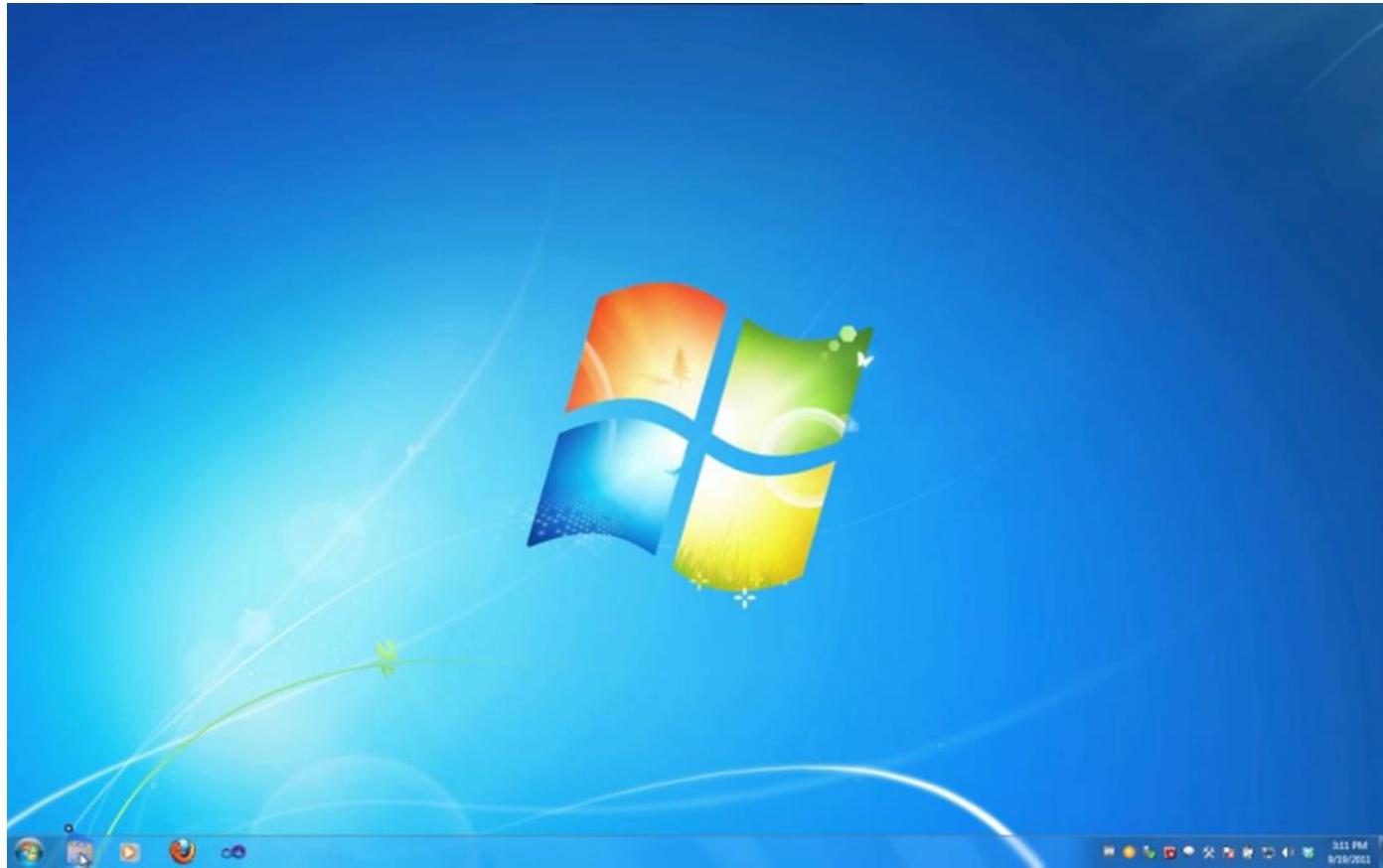
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# Bubble Cursor with Prefab



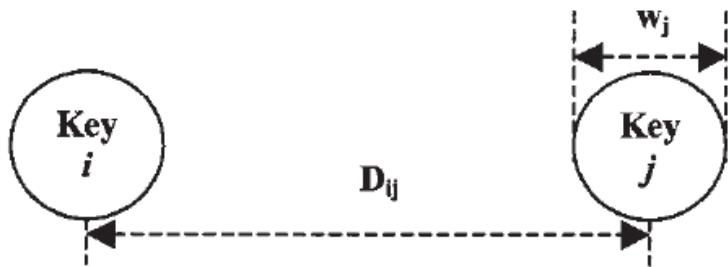
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# Fitts's Law and Keyboard Layout



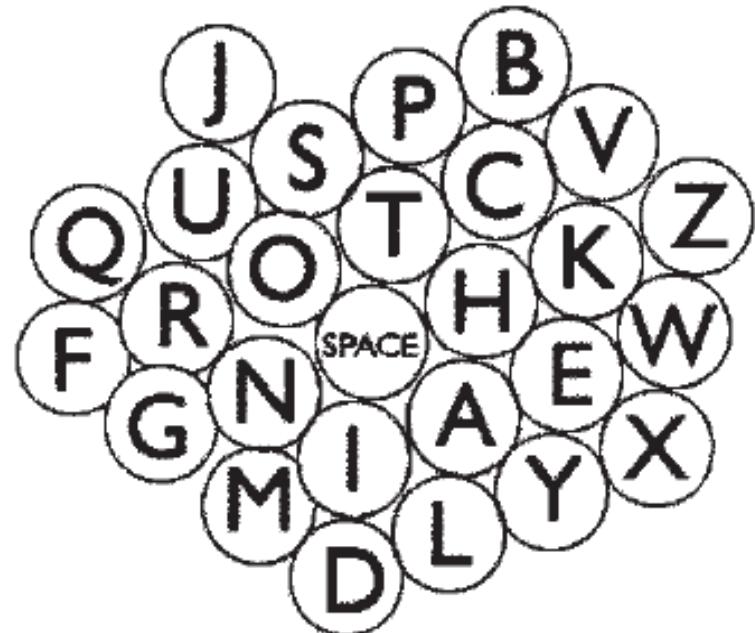
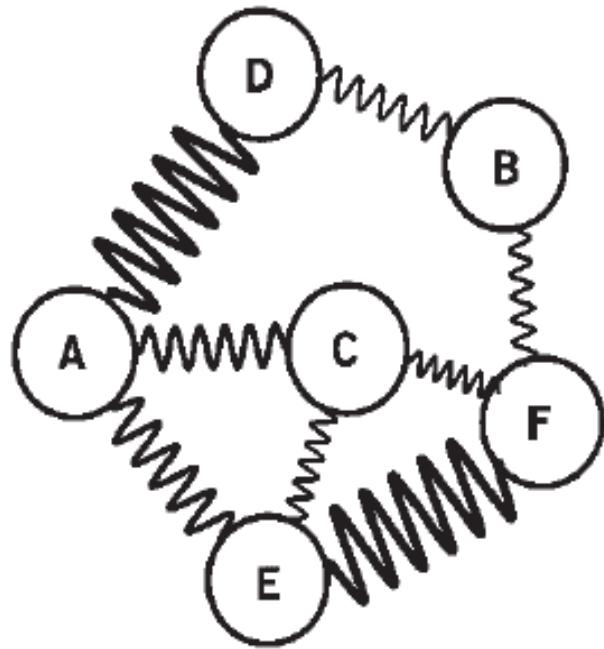
$$MT = a + b \log_2 \left( \frac{D_{ij}}{W_j} + 1 \right),$$

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

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

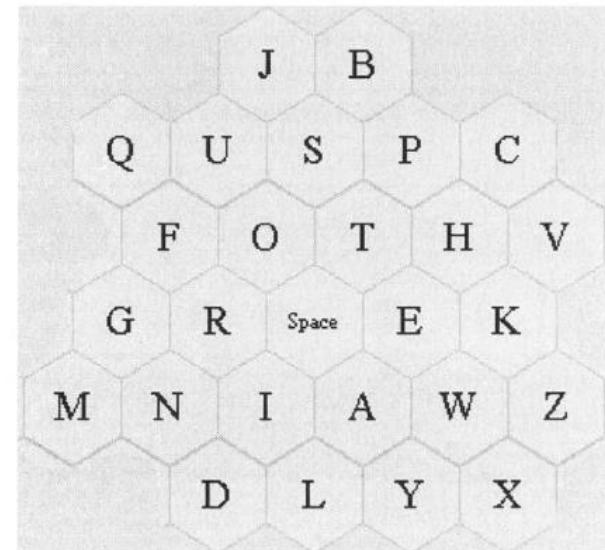
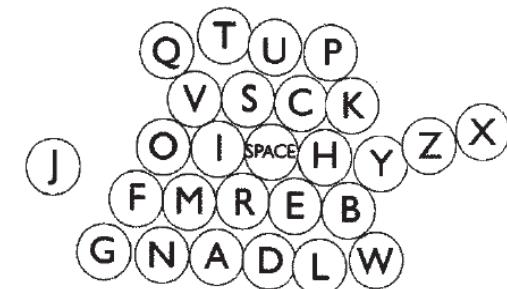
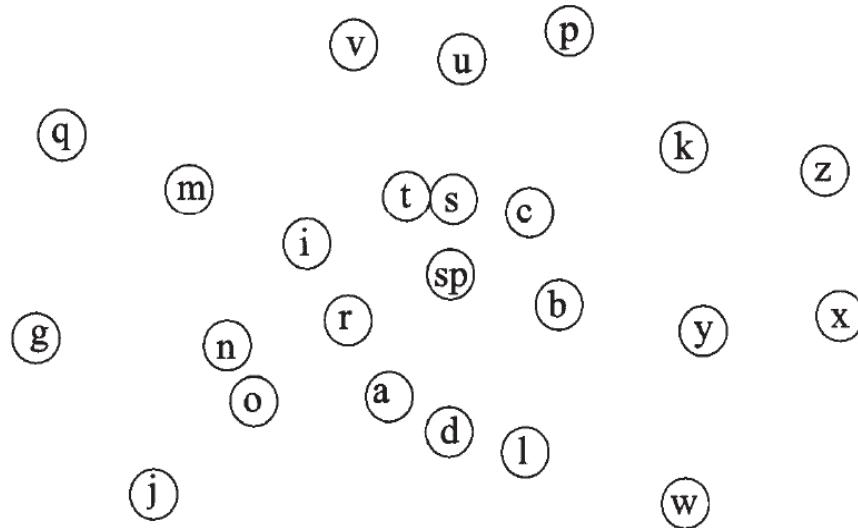
# Hooke's Keyboard

Optimizes a system of springs



# Metropolis Keyboard

Random walk minimizing scoring function



# Considering Multiple Space Keys

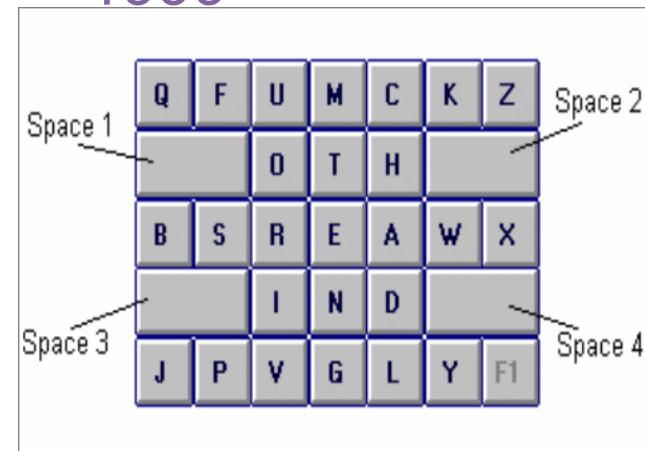
## FITALY Keyboard

Textware Solutions

Z	V	C	H	W	K
F	I	T	A	L	Y
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## OPTI Keyboard

MacKenzie and Zhang  
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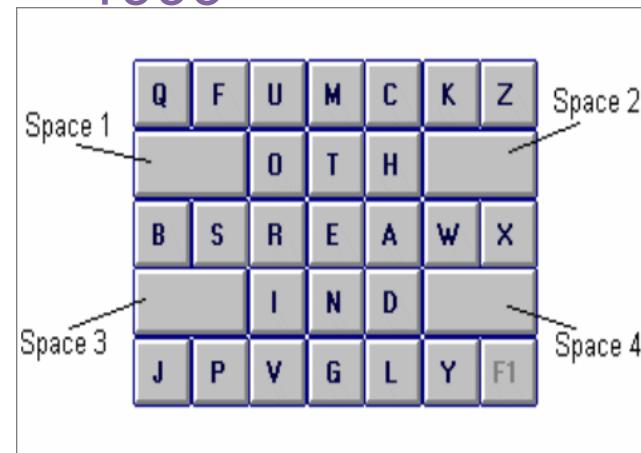
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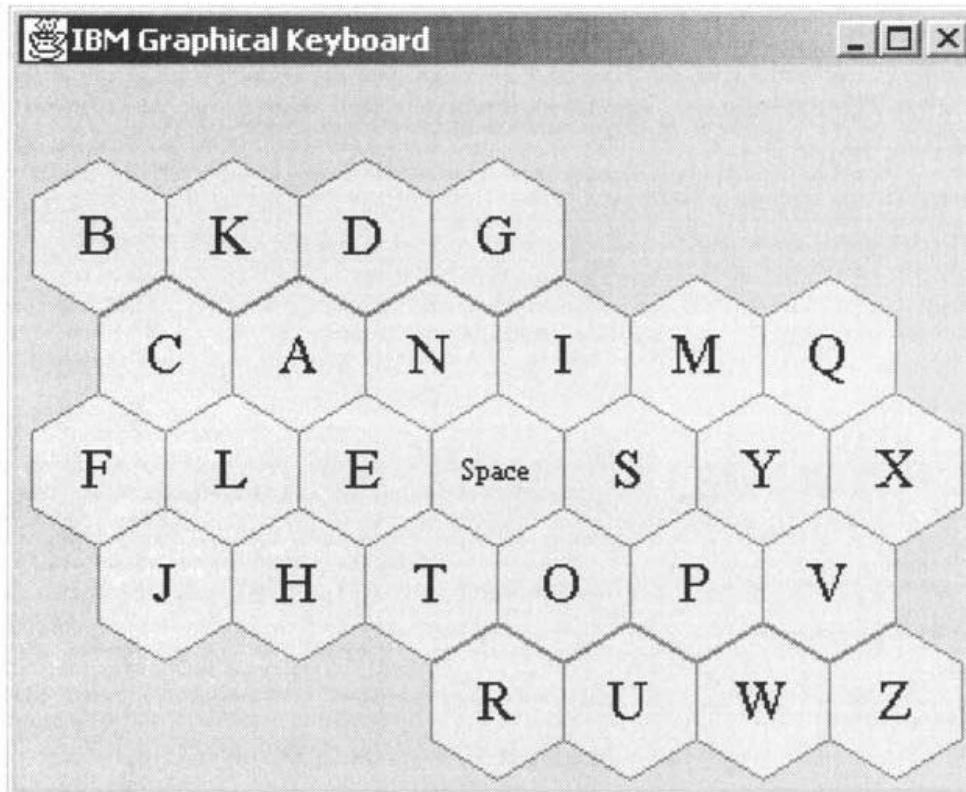


Correct choice of space key becomes important

Requires planning head to be optimal

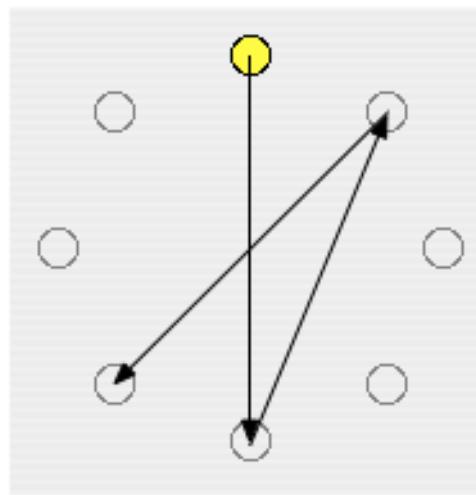
# ATOMIK Keyboard

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

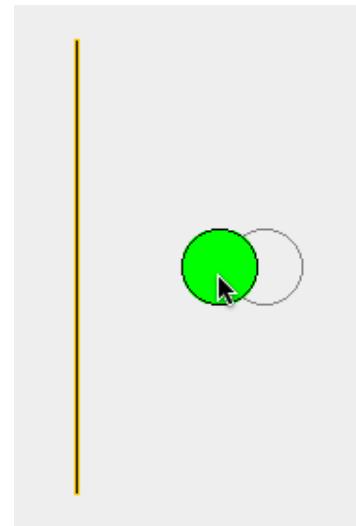


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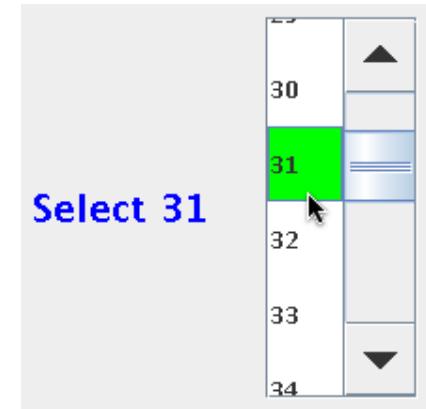
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Dragging

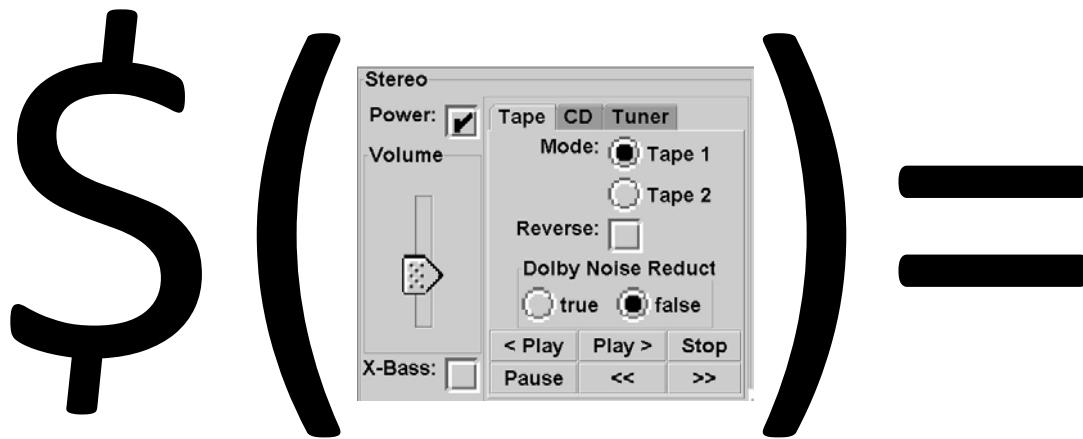


List Selection



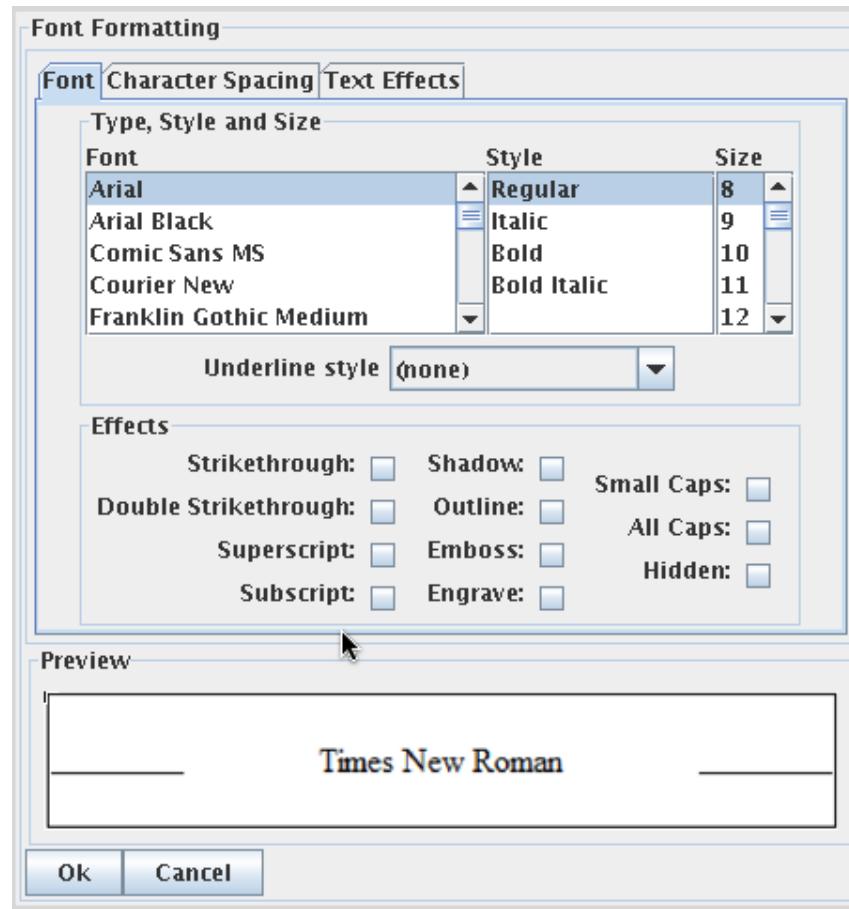
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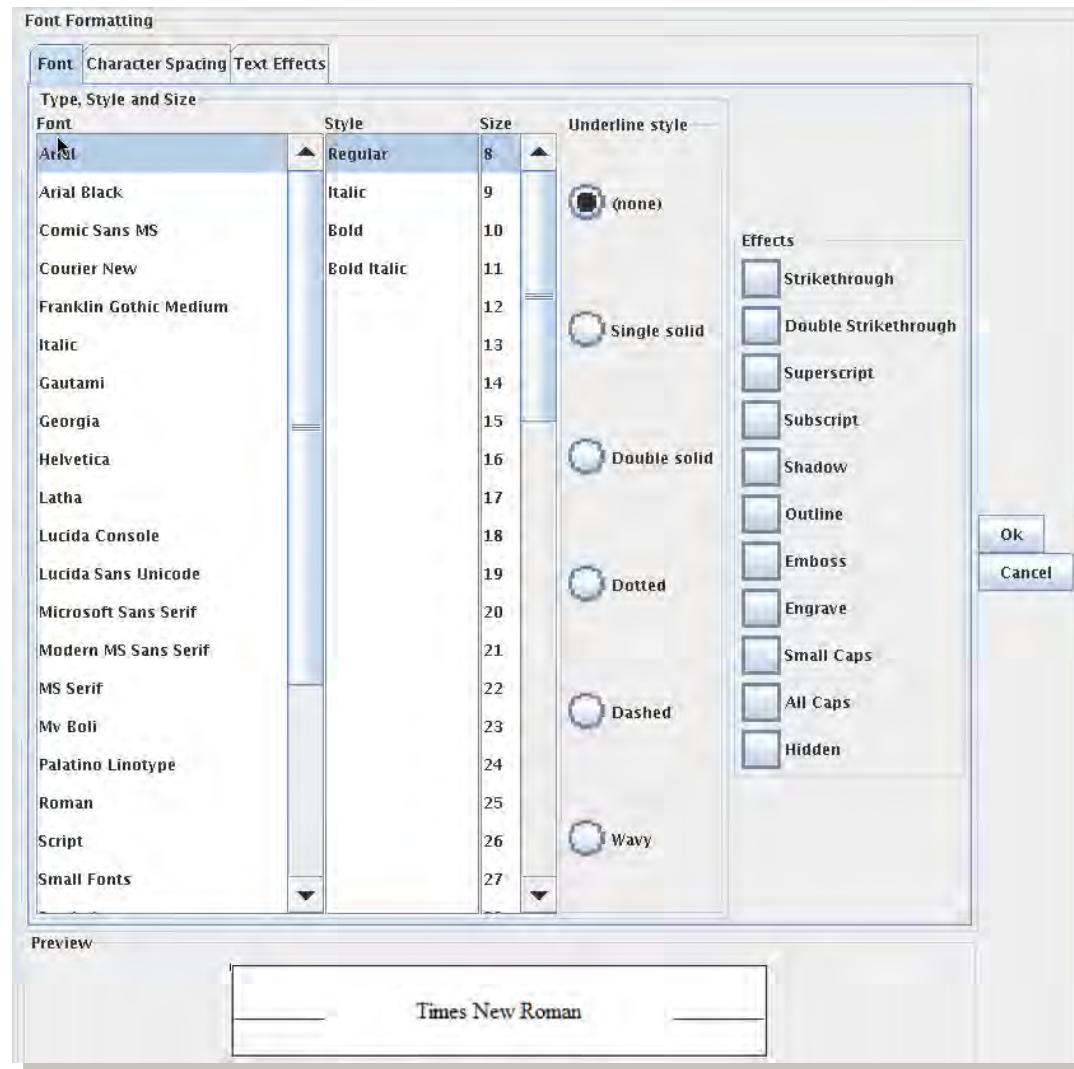


Estimated  
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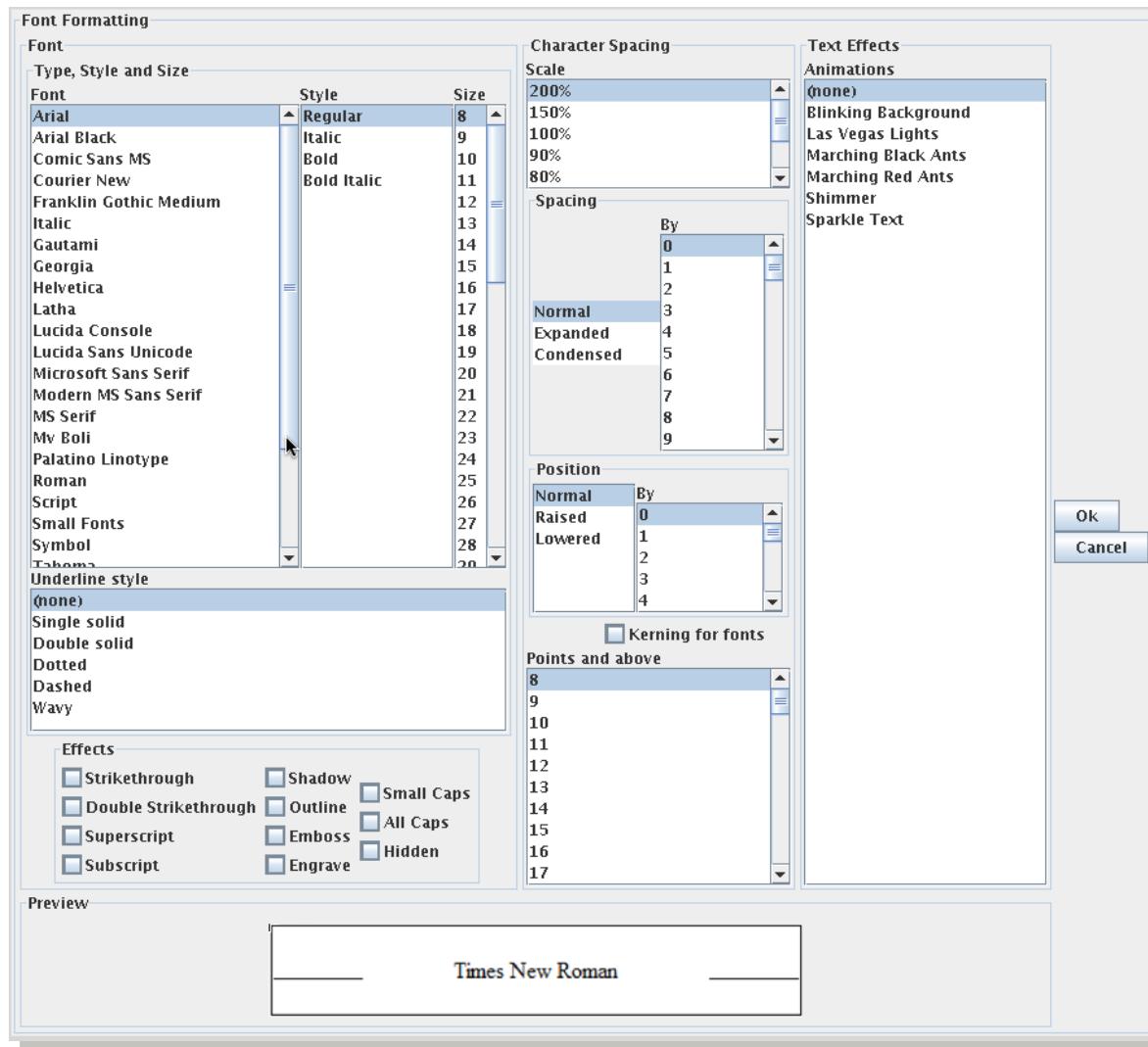
# Manufacturer Interface



# Person with Cerebral Palsy



# Person with Muscular Dystrophy



# Interface Generation As Optimization

In a study with 11 participants with diverse motor impairments:

Consistently faster with generated interfaces (26%)

Fewer errors with 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”

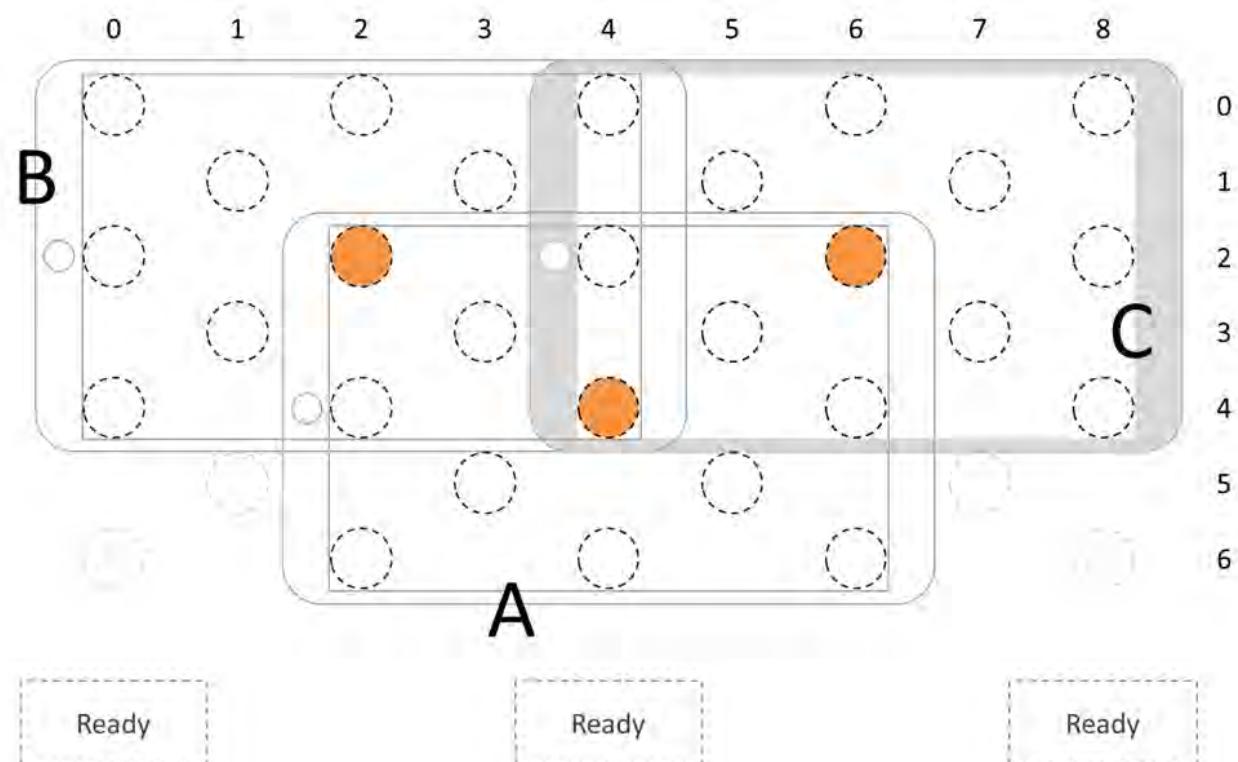
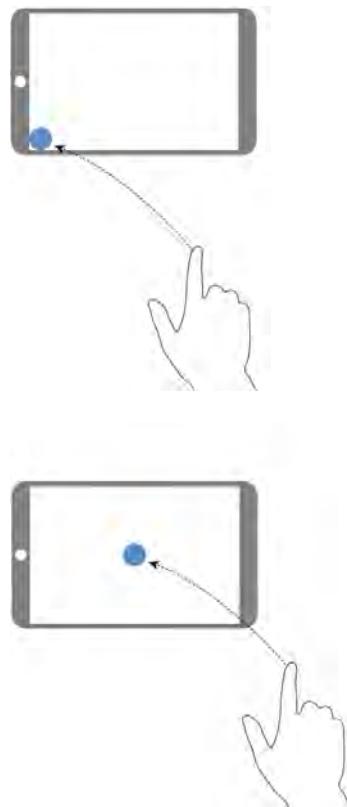
## Constrained Motion

Snapping,  
holding Shift to limit degrees of movement

## Target Prediction

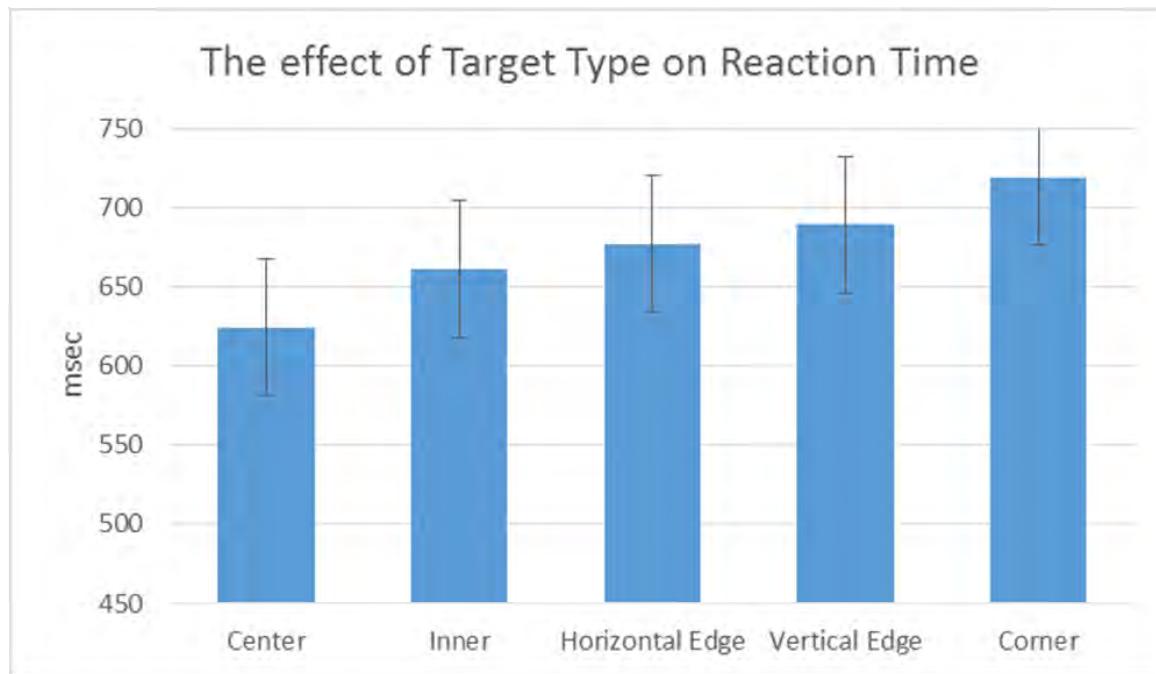
Determine likely target,  
move it nearer or expand it

# Fitts's Law, Edge Targets, and Touch



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



Are people border cautious?

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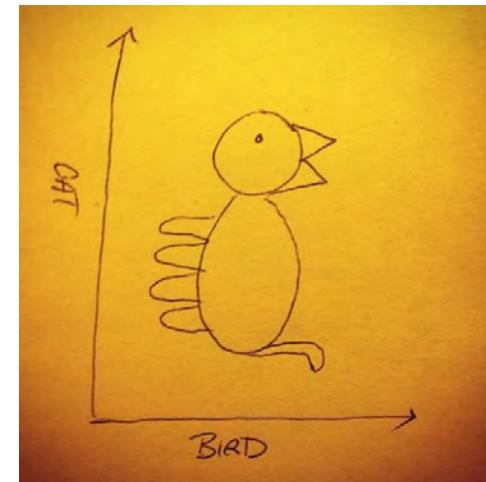
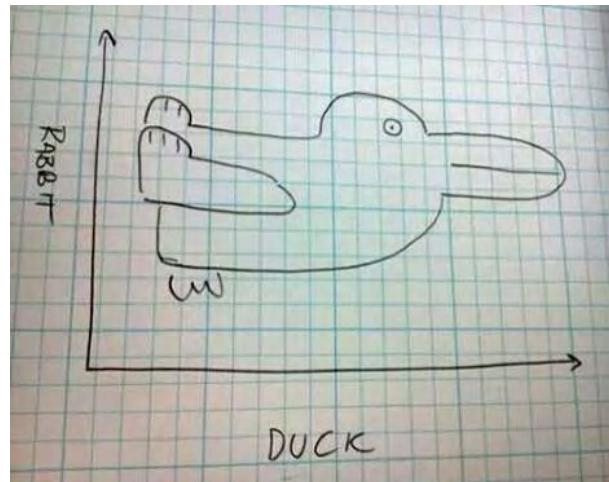
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# Gestalt Psychology

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...

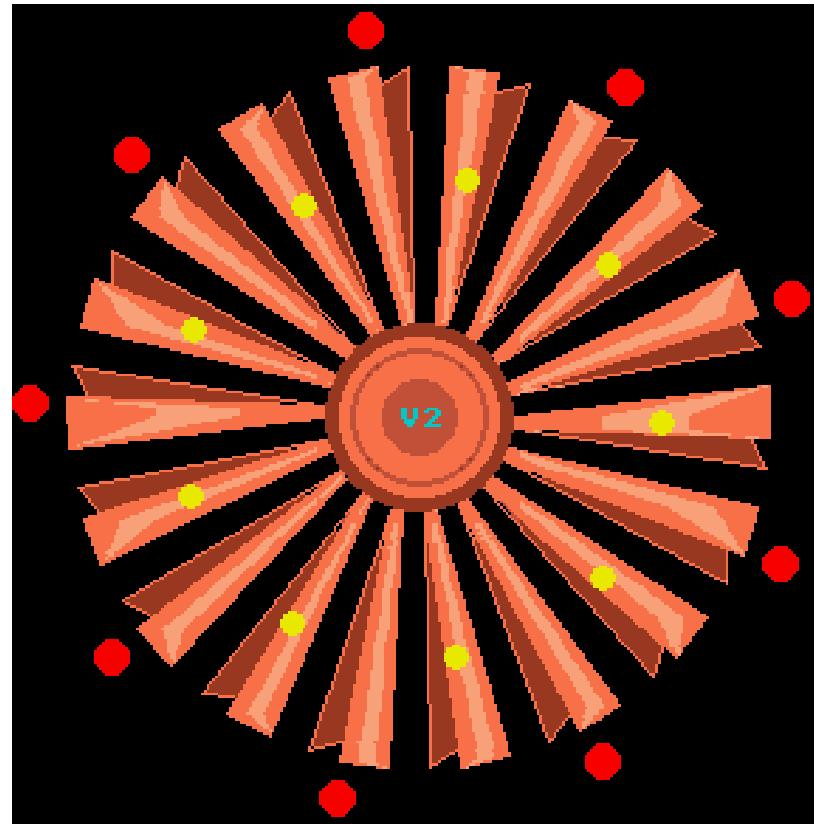


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# Spinning Wheel



Follow the red dots vs  
follow the yellow dots

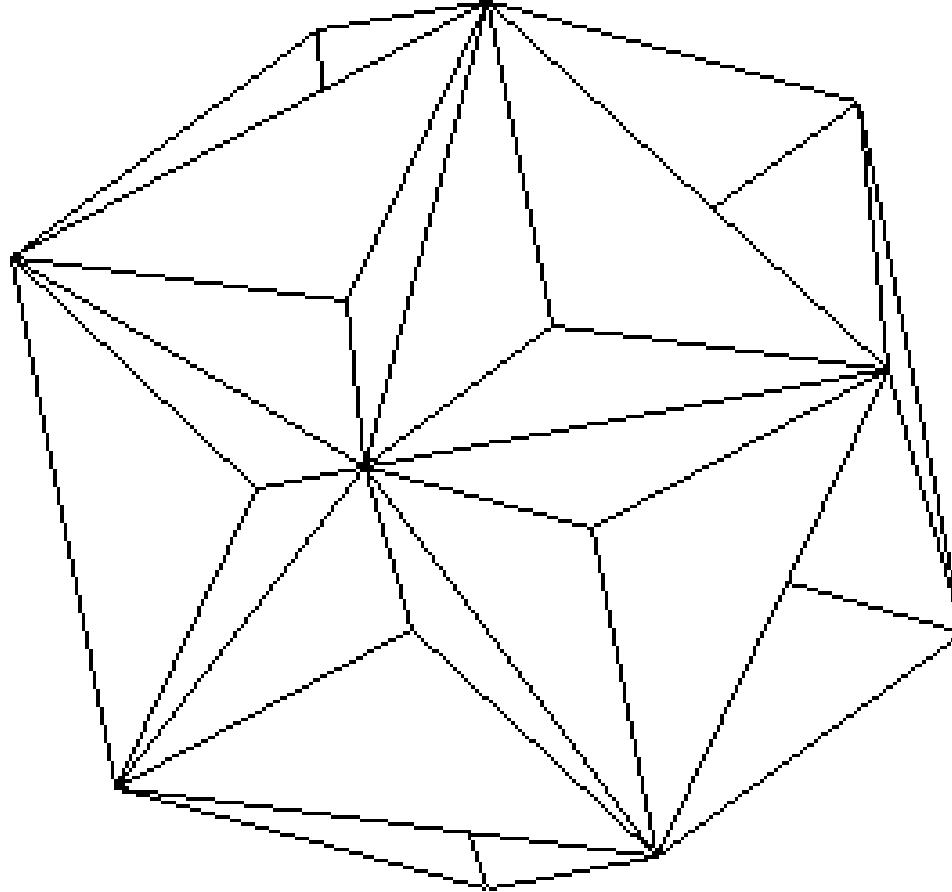
# Blind Spot Interpolation



Use right eye, look at letters

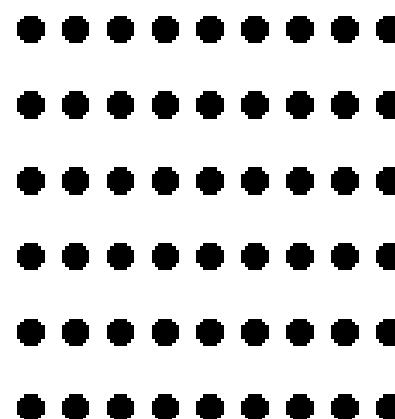
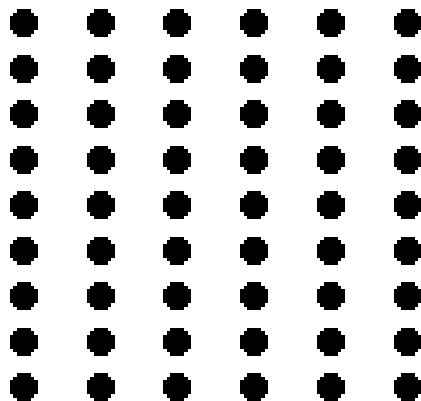
# Painful Image Warning

# 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

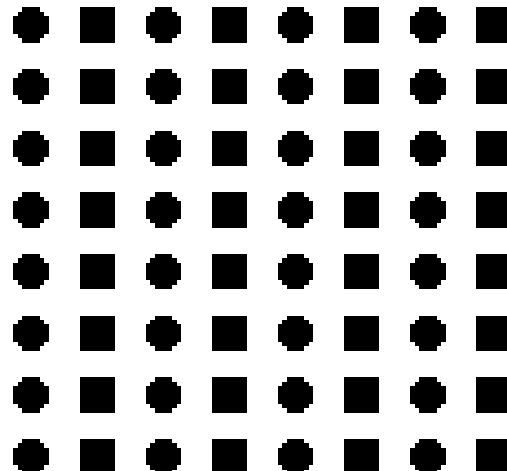
Your Answer

2. Security Question

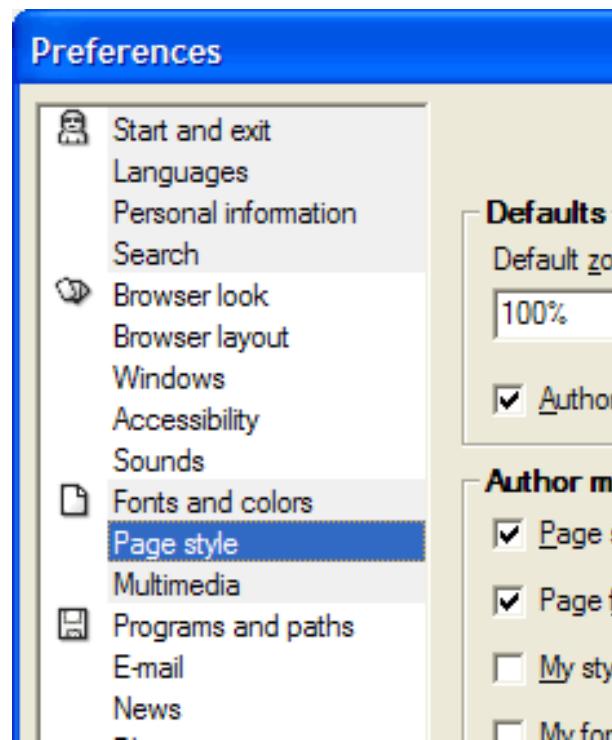
Your Answer

# Similarity

Objects that are similar form a group



# Similarity



# Proximity and Similarity



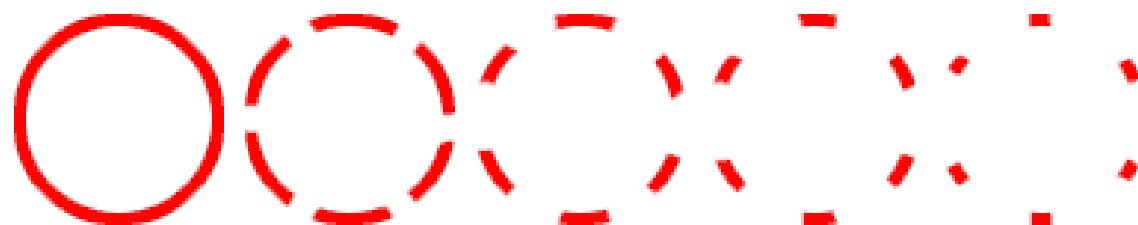
# Proximity and Similarity



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

# Closure

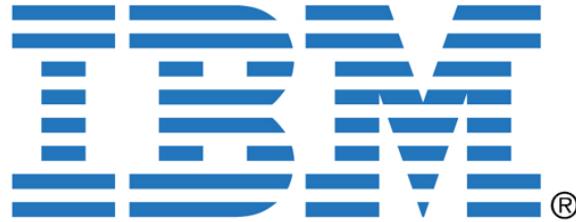
Even incomplete objects are perceived as whole  
Increases regularity of stimuli



# Closure



The Sims



Rainbow 6

# Symmetry

Objects are perceived as symmetrical and forming around a center point



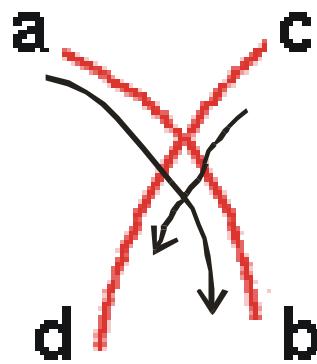
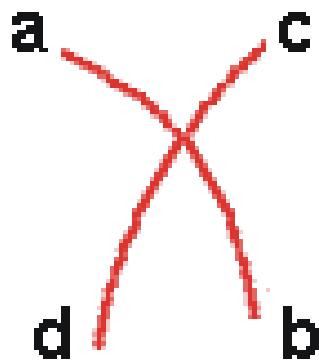
If you fight  
symmetry,  
be sure you  
have a reason

# Continuity

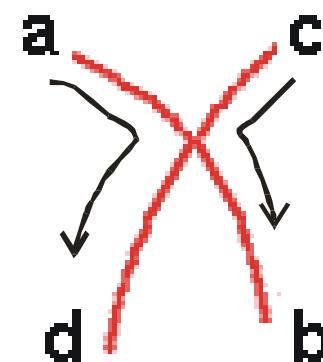
Objects perceived as grouped when they align

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

Biological Model

Model Human Processor

Higher-Level Model

Fitts's Law

Model by Analogy

Gestalt Principles

Predict Interpretation

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# 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

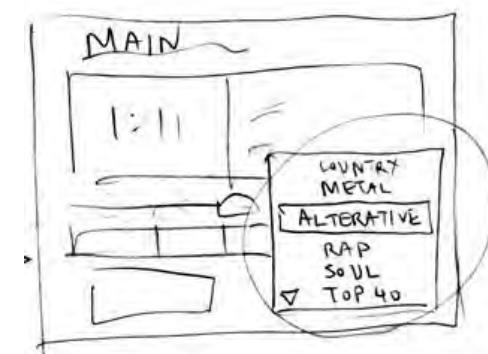
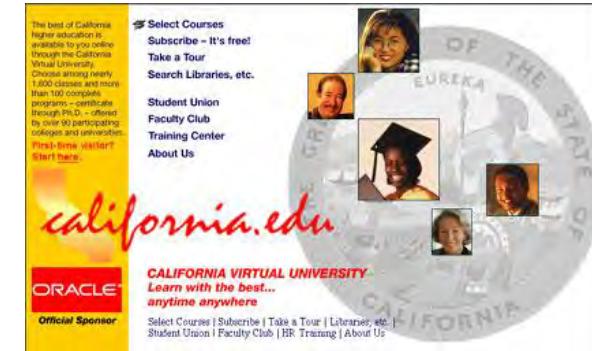
# Fidelity in Prototyping

## 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

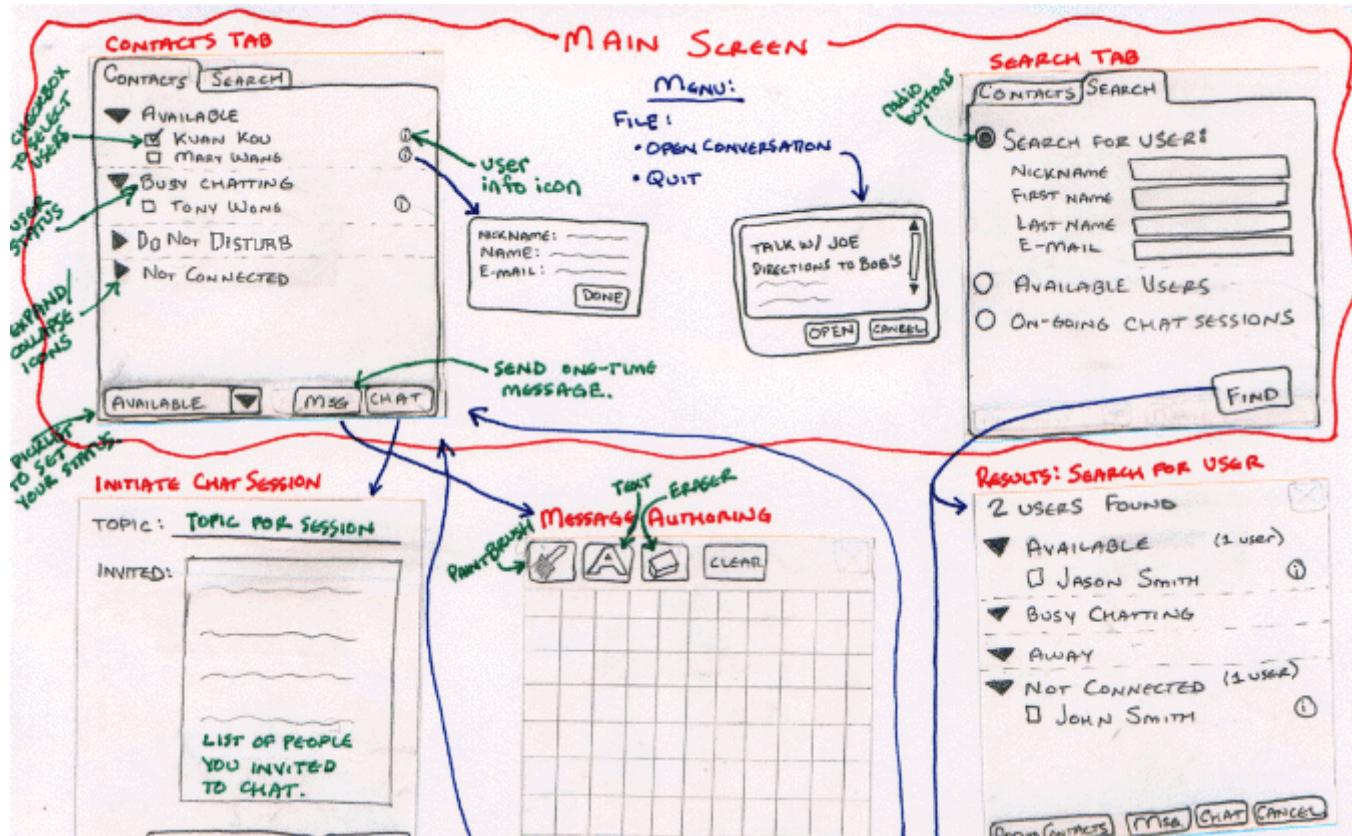
Sketches act as prototypes

A designer “plays computer”

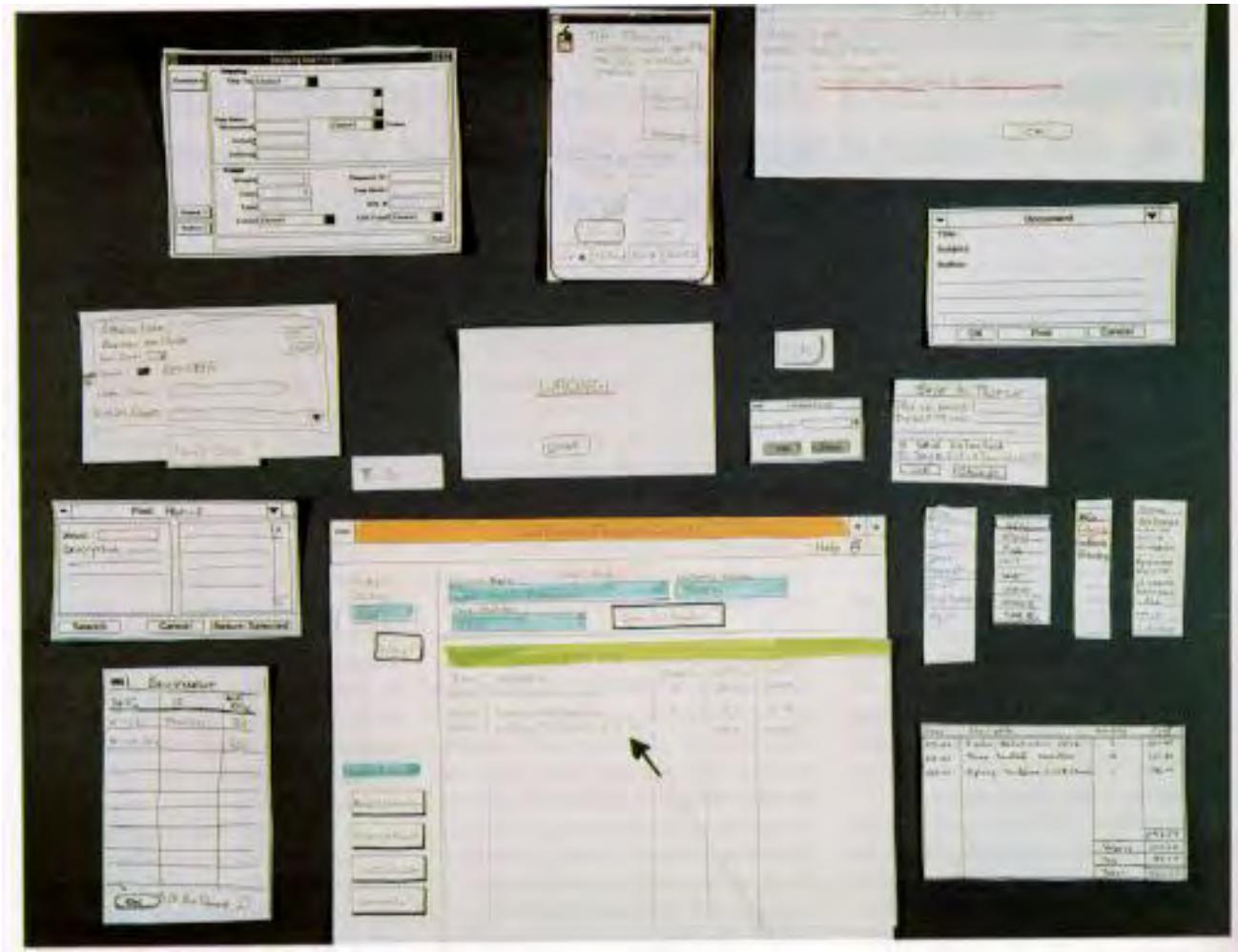
Other design team members observe & record

Kindergarten implementation skills reduce barriers to participation in design and testing

# Sketches



# Paper Prototype



# Basic Materials

Heavy, white paper

Index cards

Post-its

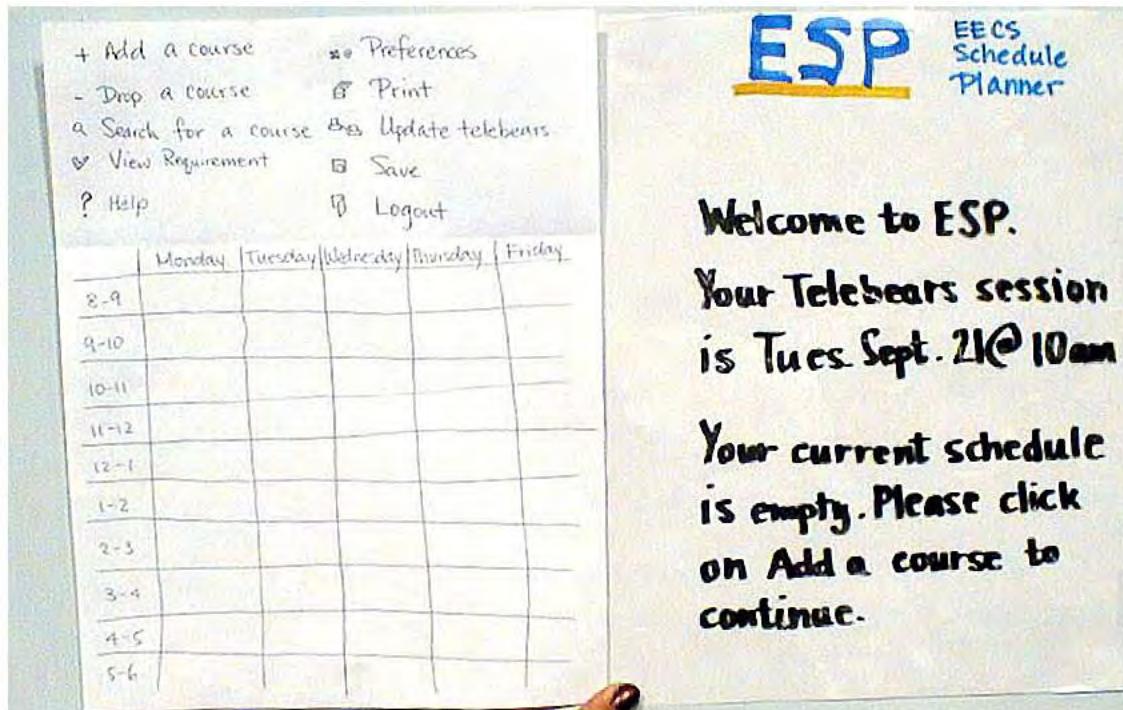
Tape, stick glue, correction tape

Pens and markers in many colors and sizes

Overhead transparencies

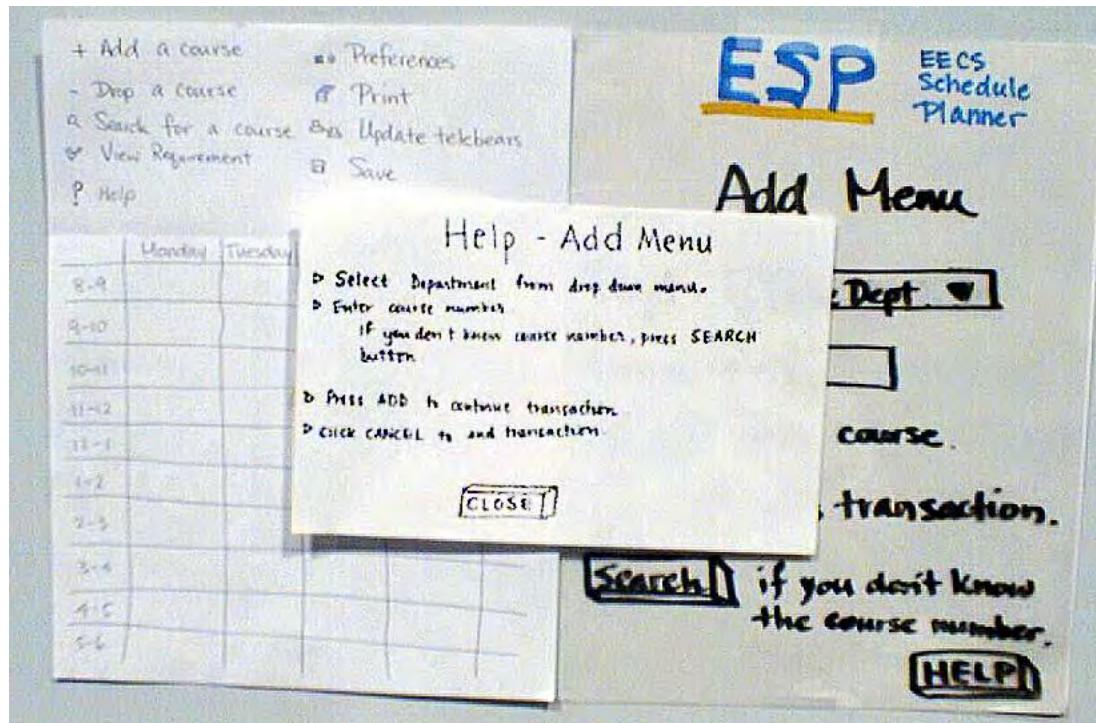
Scissors, X-Acto knife

# Paper Prototype



"Screen" faked with  
pre-constructed pieces

# Paper Prototype



New pieces added in response to interaction

# Paper Prototype

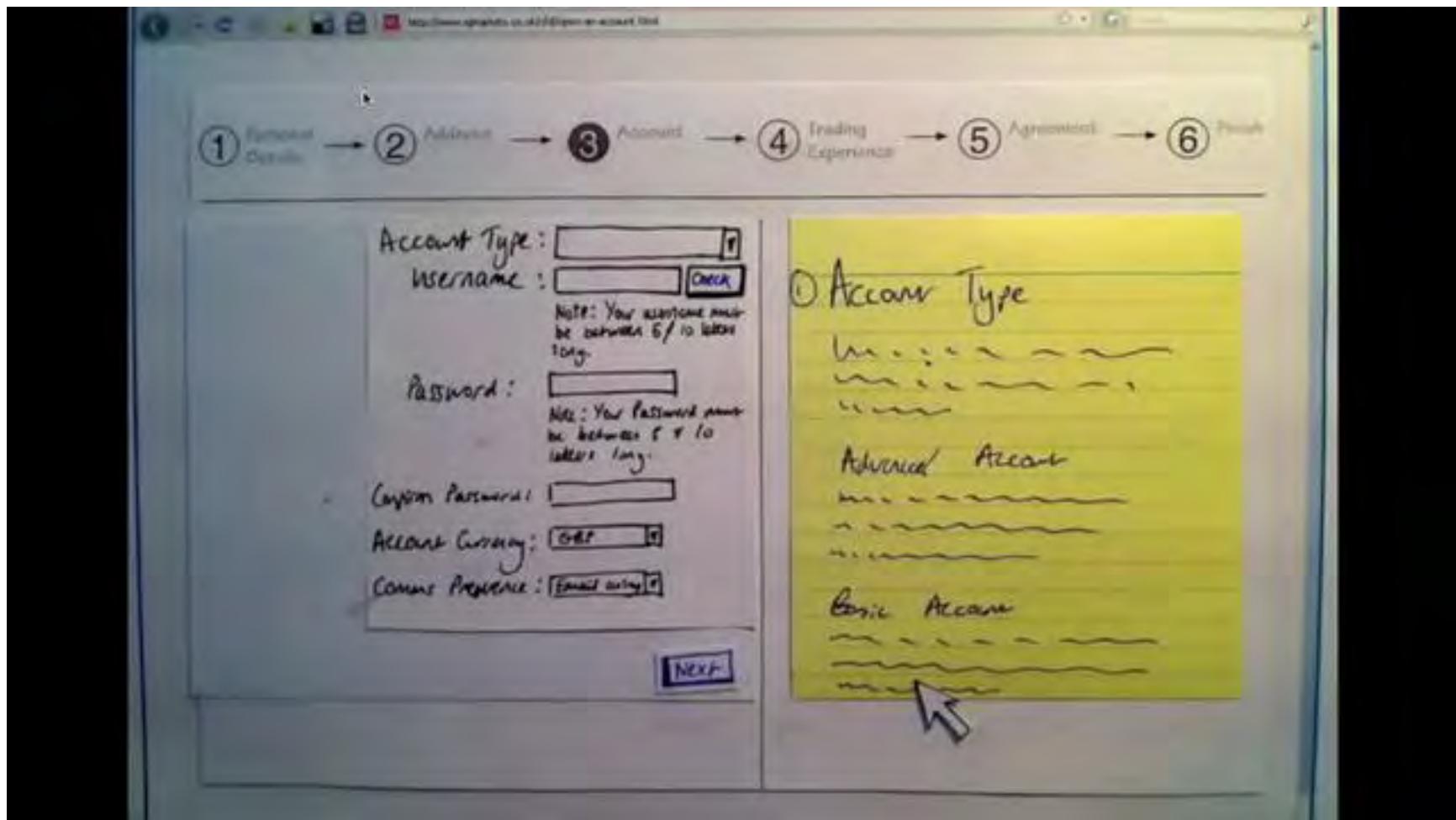
The image shows a hand-drawn paper prototype of a website interface for 'Kool Clothes'. At the top, there is a navigation bar with buttons labeled 'Back', 'Forward', 'Stop', 'Home', 'Search', and 'Print'. Below the navigation bar, the 'Kool Clothes' logo is on the left, followed by menu links 'Guys', 'Gals', 'Kids', and 'Customer Service'. A 'Shopping Cart' section is centered, showing a table of items:

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

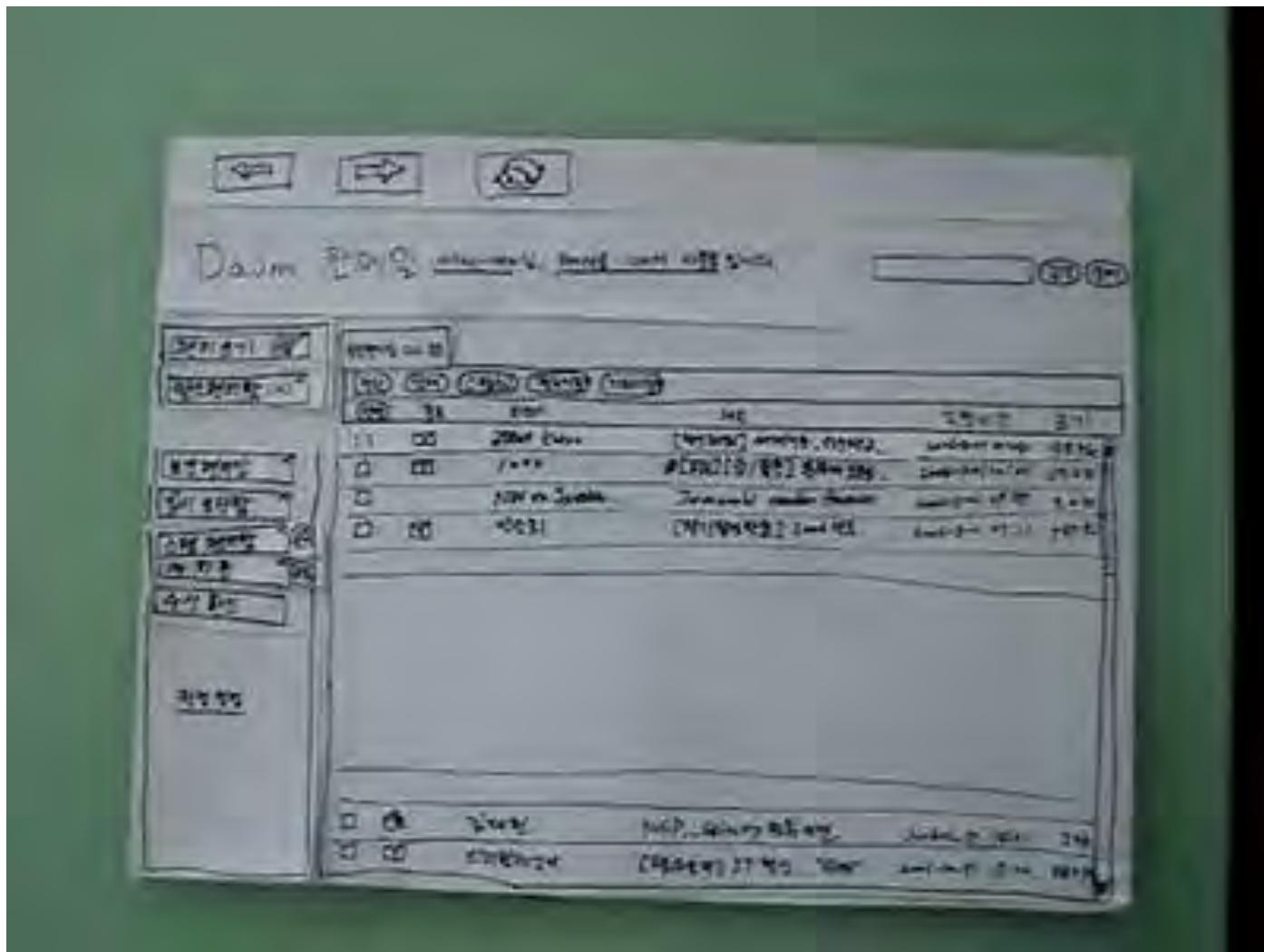
To the left of the cart, there is a note: 'Check out our no-hassle Return Policy'. To the right, there is a breakdown of costs: Subtotal \$207.99, S+H \$12.95, Tax \$0.00, and Total \$220.84. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Continue Shopping' and 'Checkout'.

Transparencies allow  
flexible use of text

# Paper Prototype as Communication



# 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

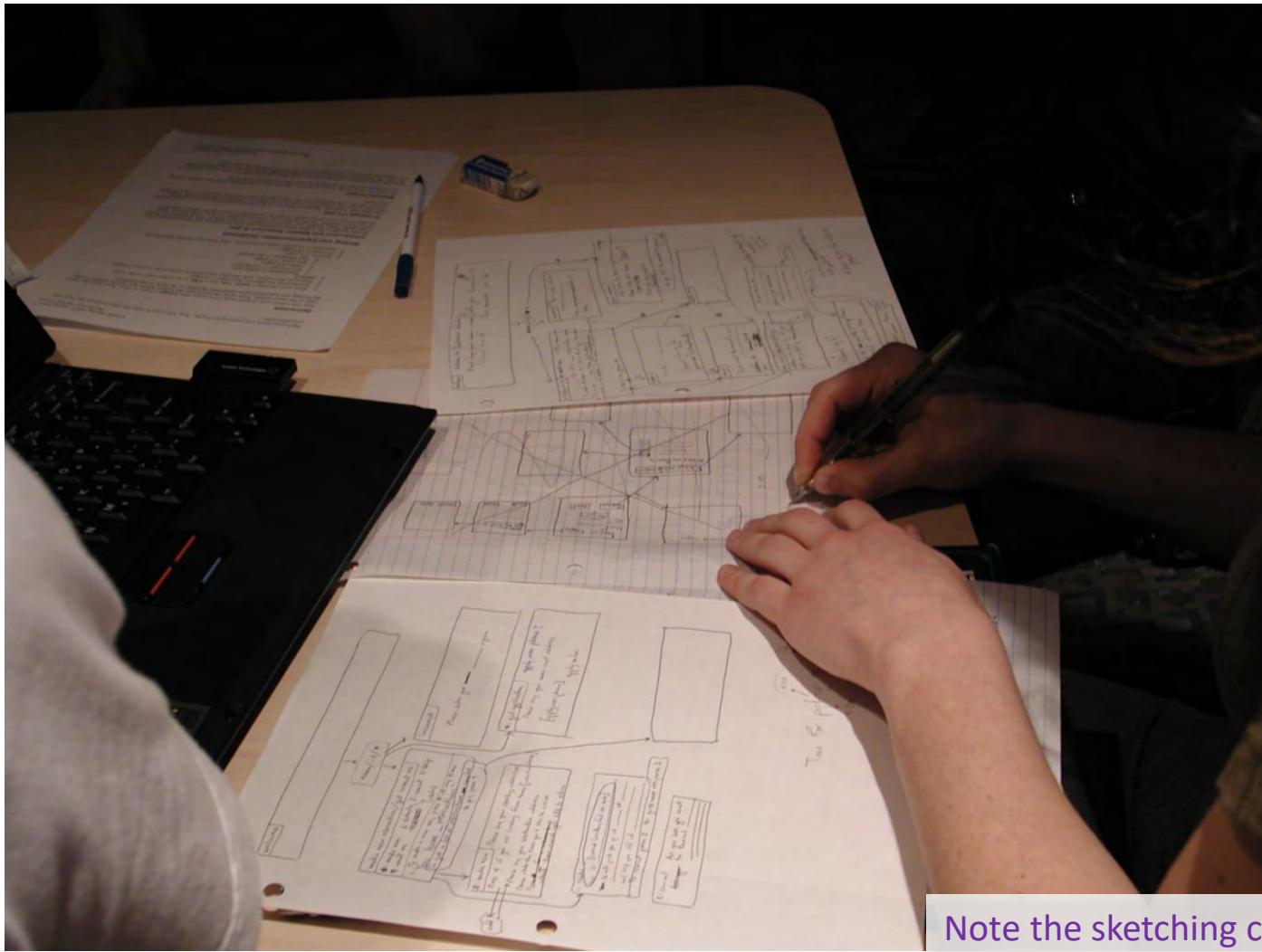
Ready responses for actions

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

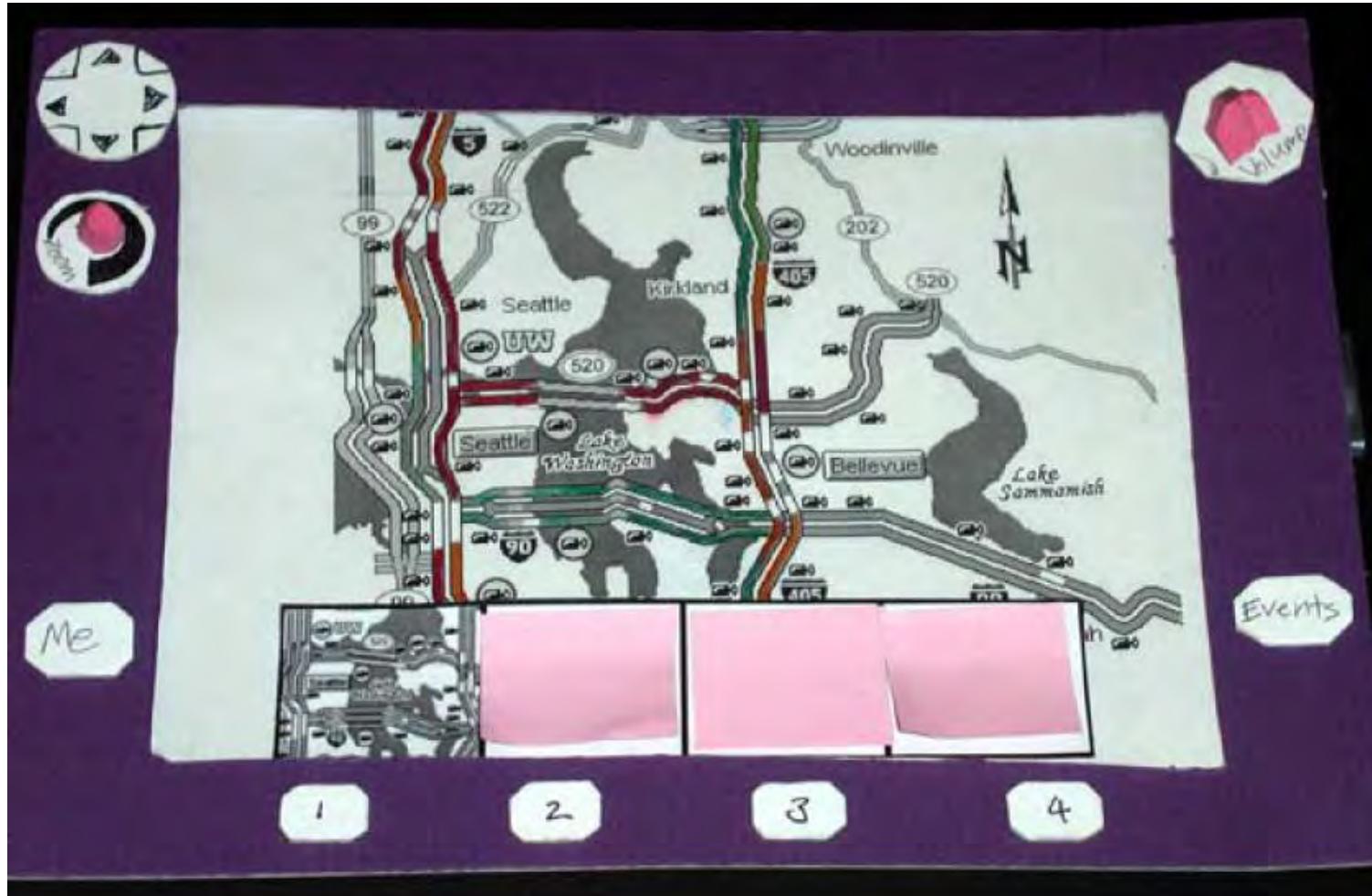


Planning what is needed given tasks

# Constructing the Prototype



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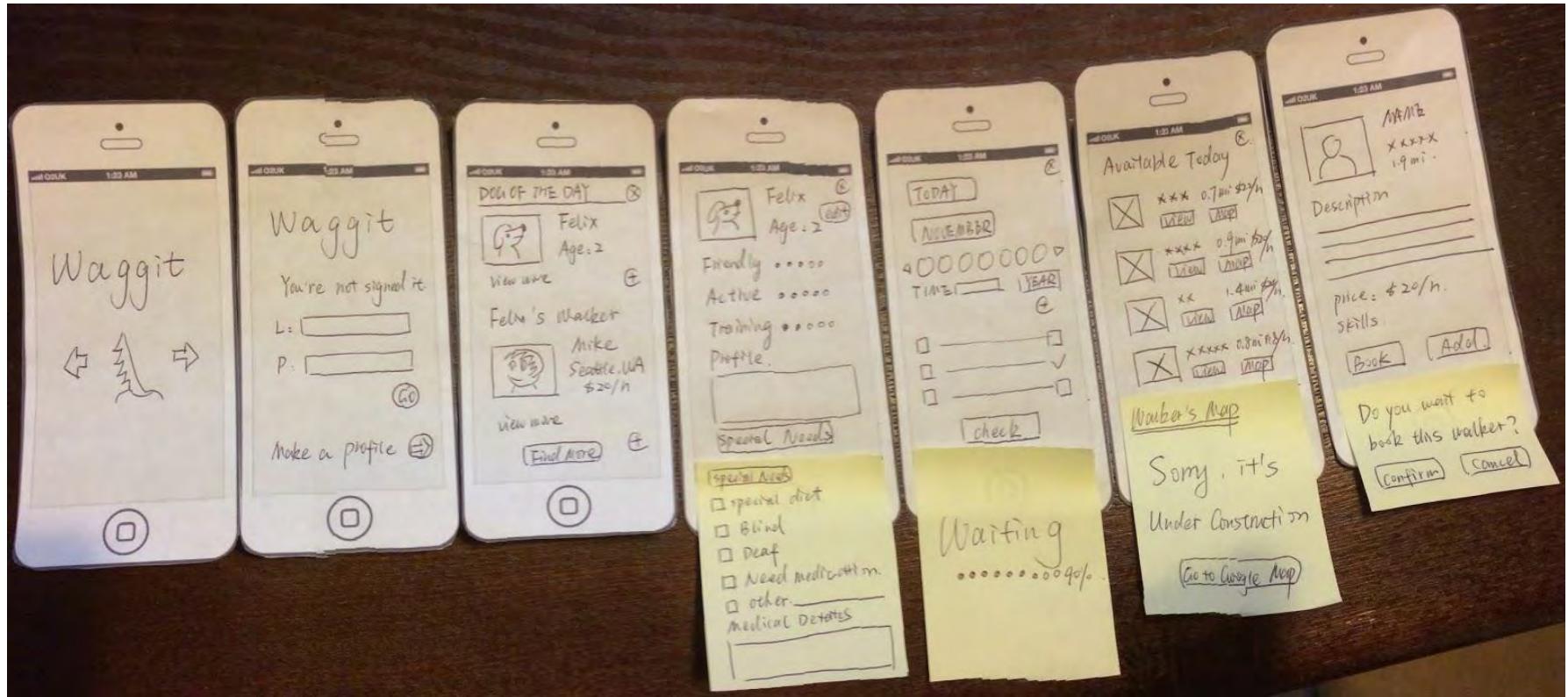
Prototyping physical form

# Constructing the Prototype



Remember your target platform constraints

# 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 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 555-555-5555

Tasks can be chained to naturally lead to 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

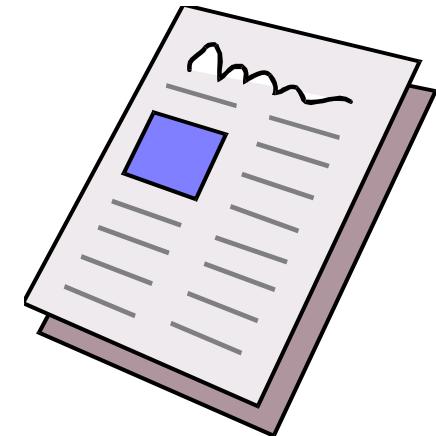
Prepare tasks and paper prototype

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 report of testing results

# 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.”

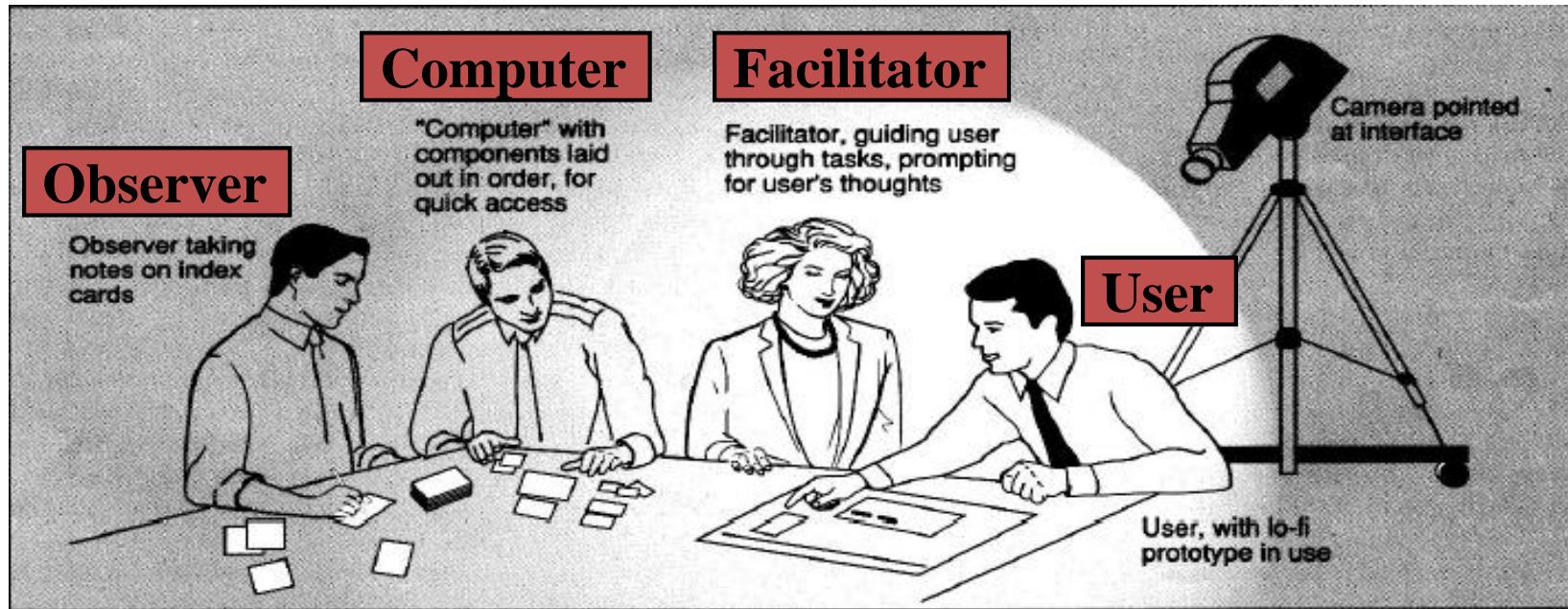
# Introducing the Test

## 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

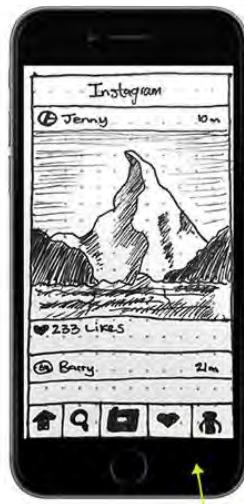
# Careful Certain Temptations



Take a photo of  
your wireframe sketch



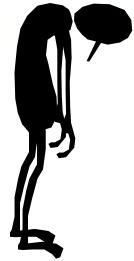
Add clickable areas and  
transitions between screens



"Use" the prototype  
on your own device



# 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:

Factory workers	Businessmen	Construction workers
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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NAME (Please Print). . . . .

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TELEPHONE NO. . . . . Best time to call you . . . . .

AGE . . . . . OCCUPATION . . . . . SEX . . . . .

CAN YOU COME:

WEEKDAYS . . . . . EVENINGS . . . . . WEEKENDS . . . . .

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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

Case Study in Self-Tracking

# 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 0CE2-D369

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 VServer.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

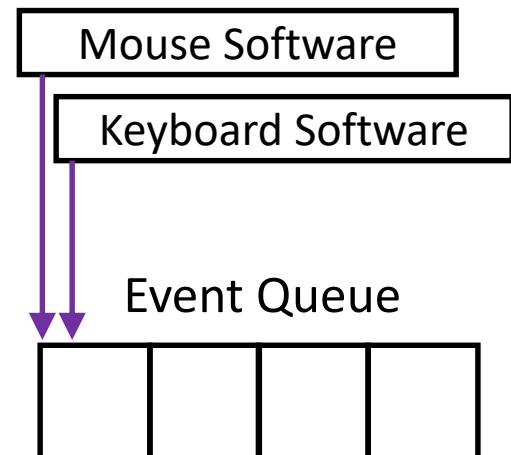
All communication done via events

“mouse down”, “item drag”, “key up”

All events go to a queue

Ensures events handled in order

Hides specifics from applications



How many of these queues? How can you tell?

# Basic Interactive Software Loop

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

The code is annotated with purple braces on the right side to group it into three phases:

- A brace spanning `e = read_event();` is labeled "input".
- A brace spanning `dispatch_event(e);` is labeled "processing".
- A brace spanning `update_display();` is labeled "output".

All interactive software has this somewhere

# Basic Interactive Software Loop

Have you ever written this loop?

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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

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Package those practices in a framework

Make it easy to follow those practices

Make it easier to focus on our application

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What are the benefits of this?

- 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

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# Model-View-Controller

How to organize the code of an interface?

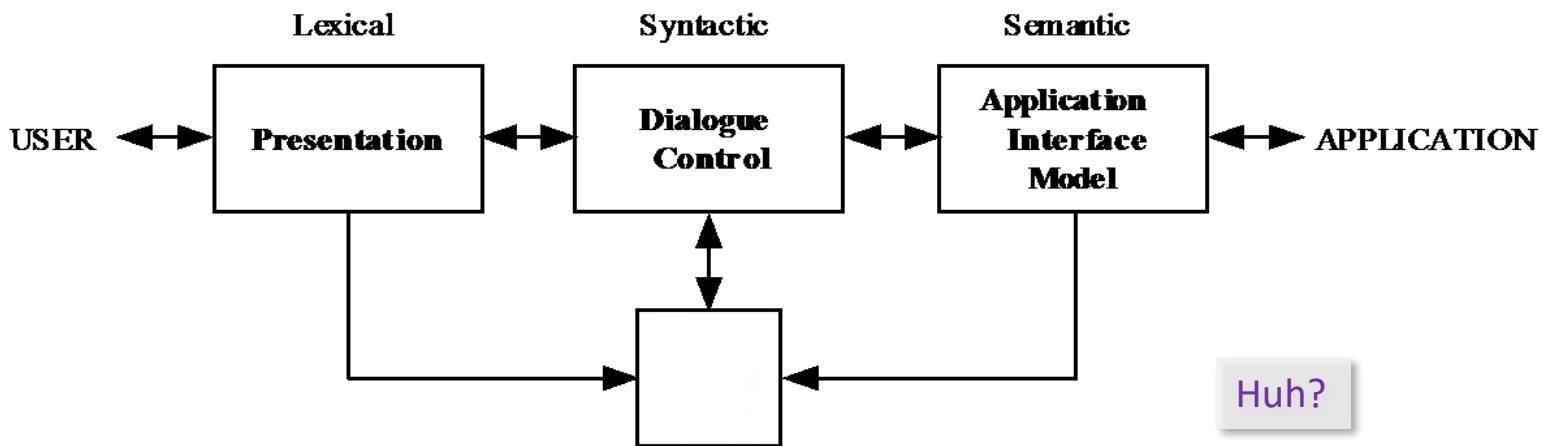
This is a surprisingly complicated question, with unstated assumptions requiring significant background to understand and resolve

# 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



# 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., three-state model, interface modes

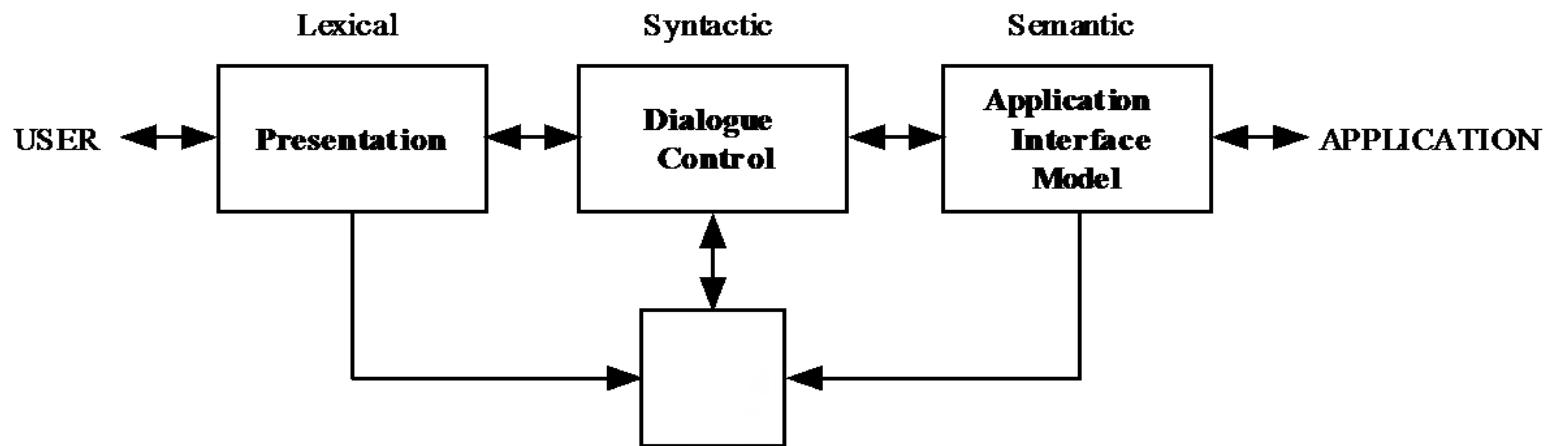
Maintain state

## Semantic - Application Interface Model

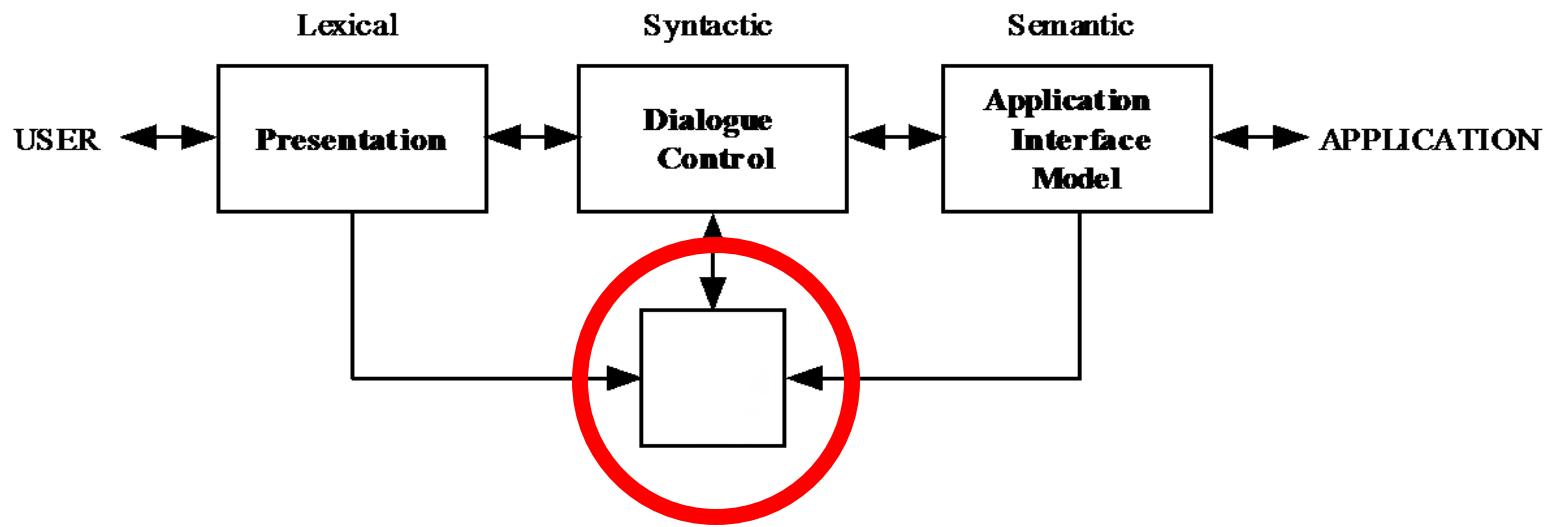
Defines interaction between  
interface and rest of software

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

# Seeheim Model

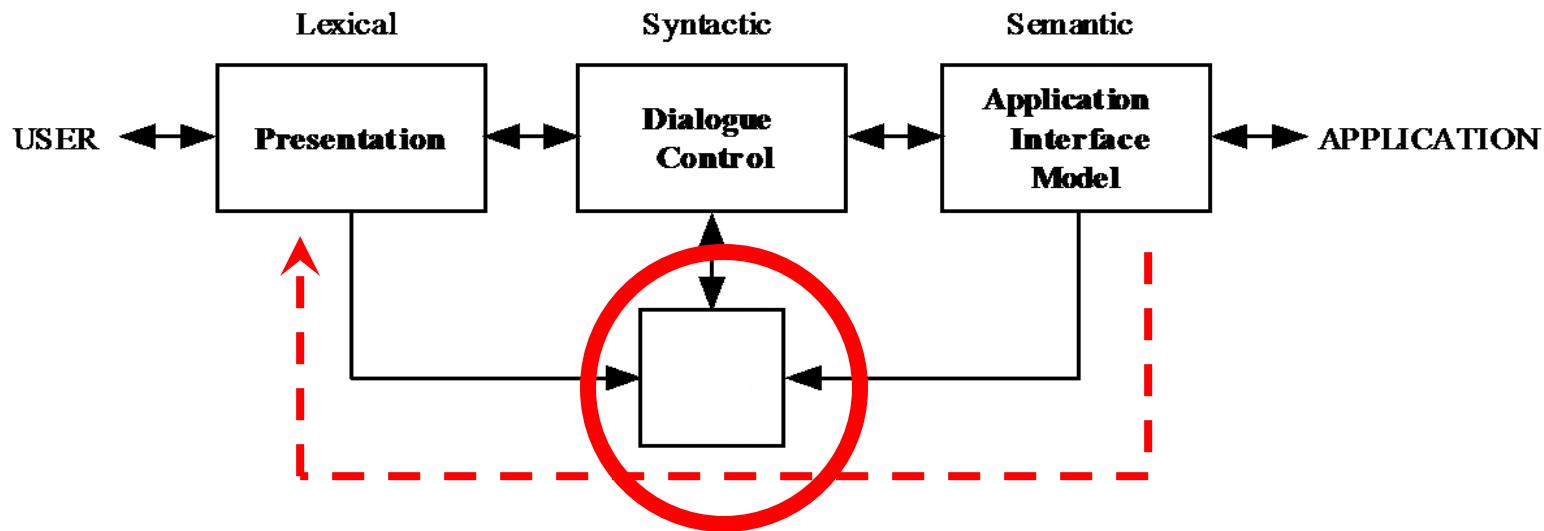


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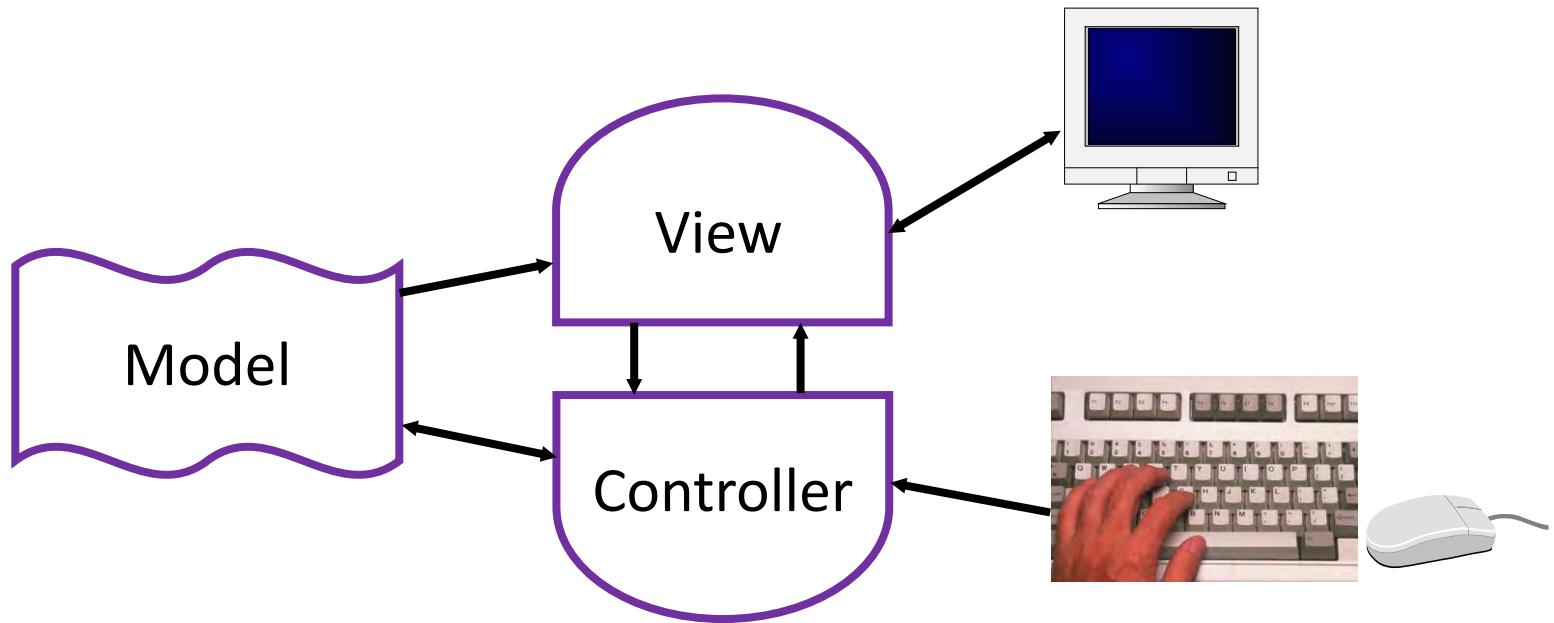


Rapid Semantic Feedback

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)

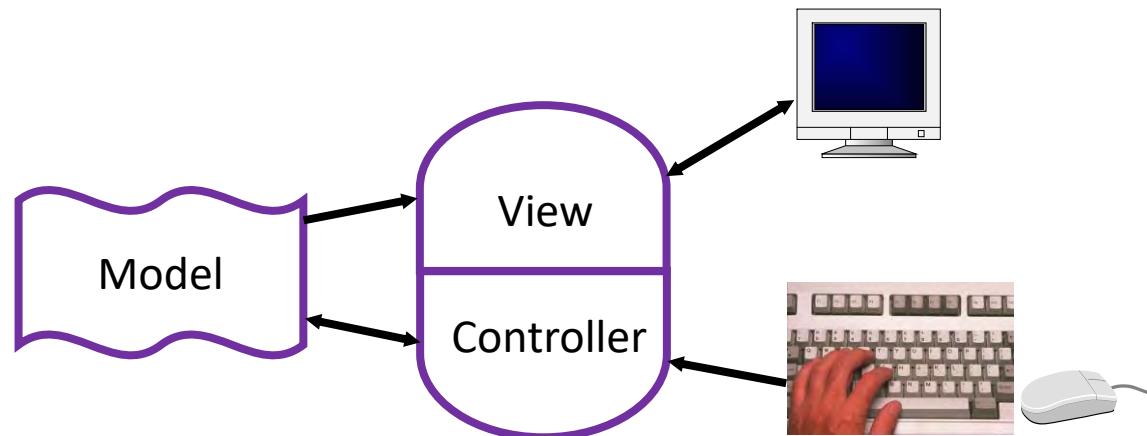
Controller contacts view to interpret what input events mean in context of a view (e.g., selection)

# 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

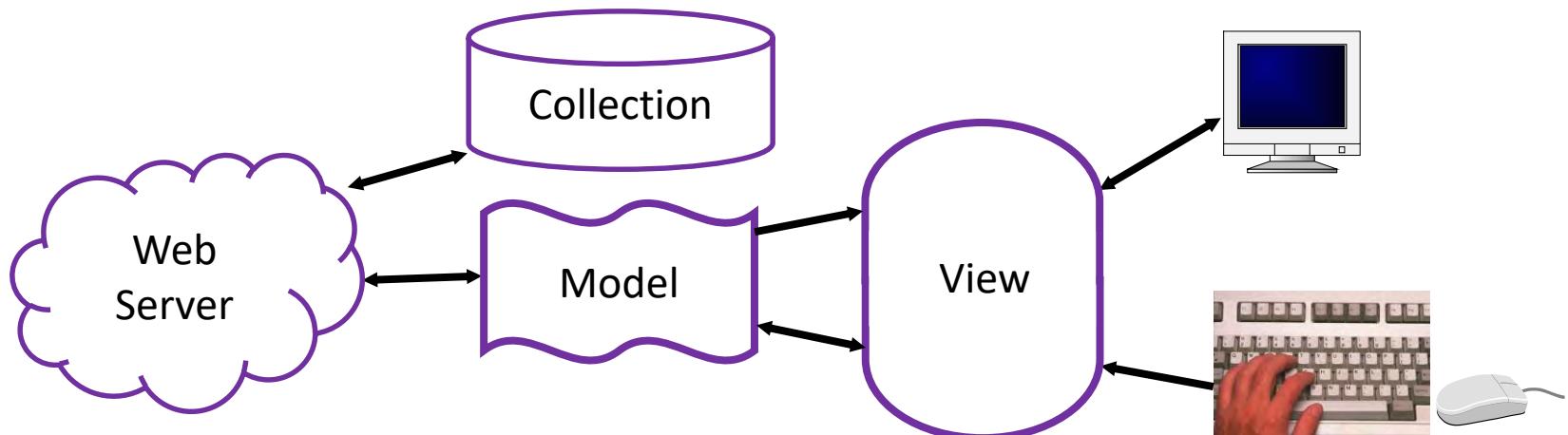
- May help to think of model as the client model

# 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

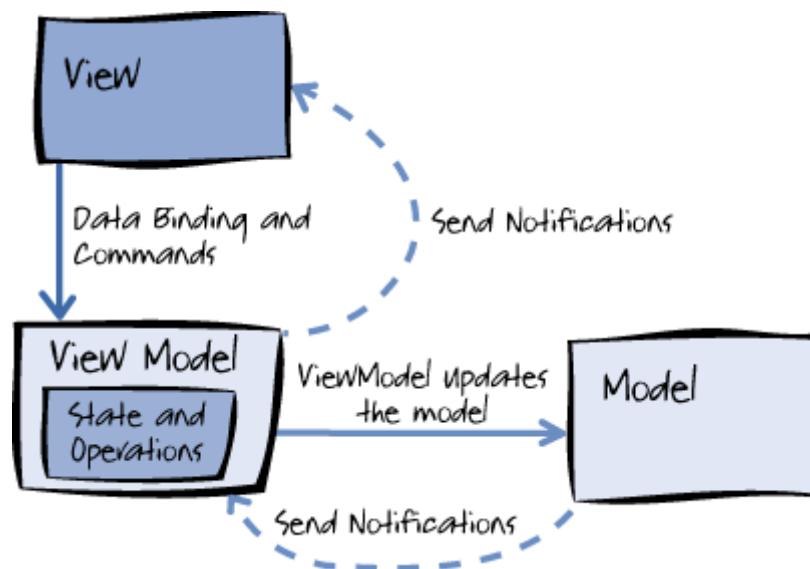
Web tools often implement views as templates



# 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?

Case Study of Model-View-Controller

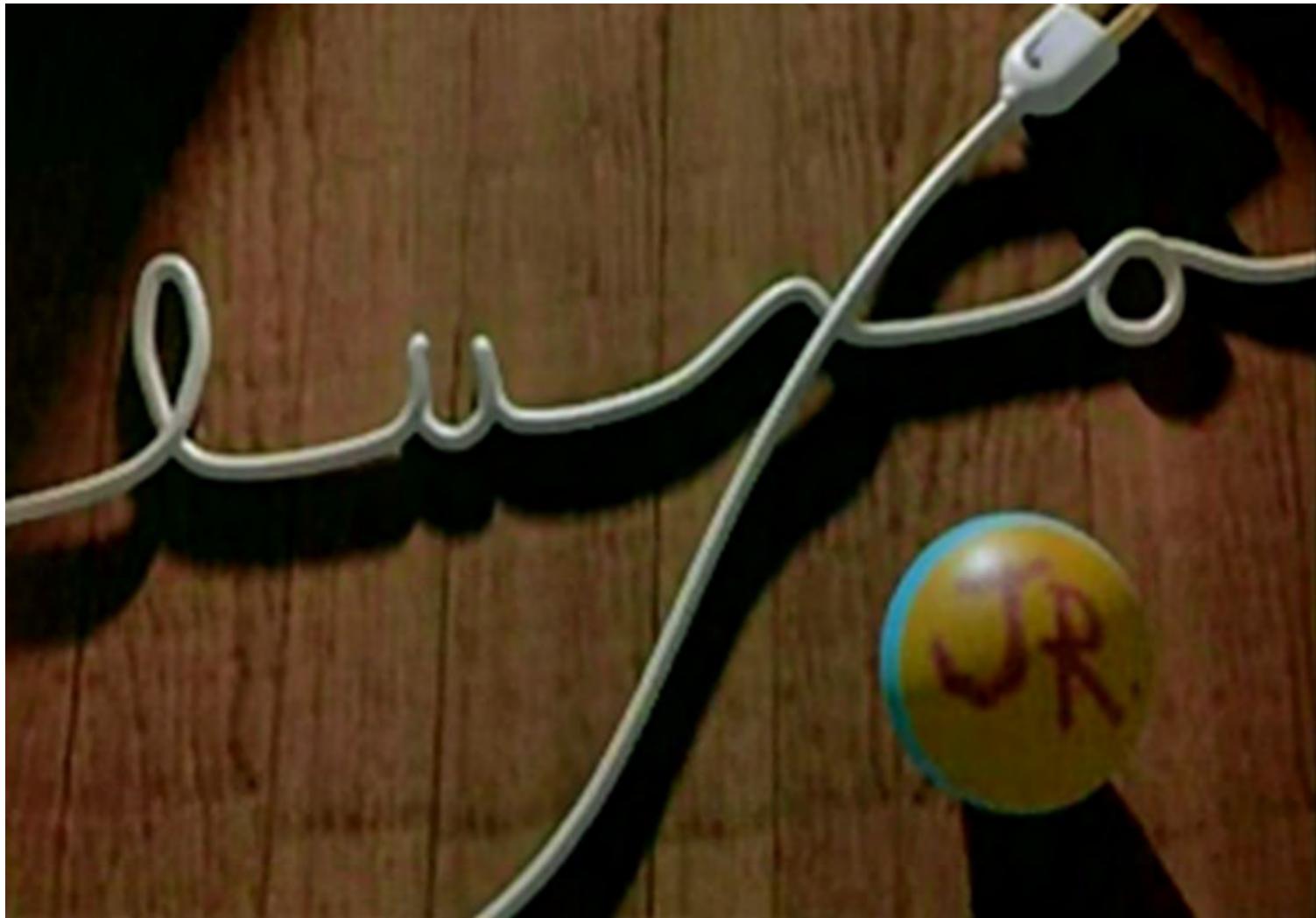
Case Study of Animation

Sapir-Whorf Hypothesis

Thoughtfulness in Tools

Case Study in Self-Tracking

# Luxor Jr.



# 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 Tytla 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 them first in 2D hand drawn animation and then their application to 3D computer animation. This will demonstrate the importance of these principles to qualify 3D computer animation.

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Additional Keywords and Phrases: Animation Principles, Keyframe Animation, Squash and Stretch, Luxo Jr.

#### 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] frame sequencing, [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 script based [6], followed by a few systems designed for film animators [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 of people used 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

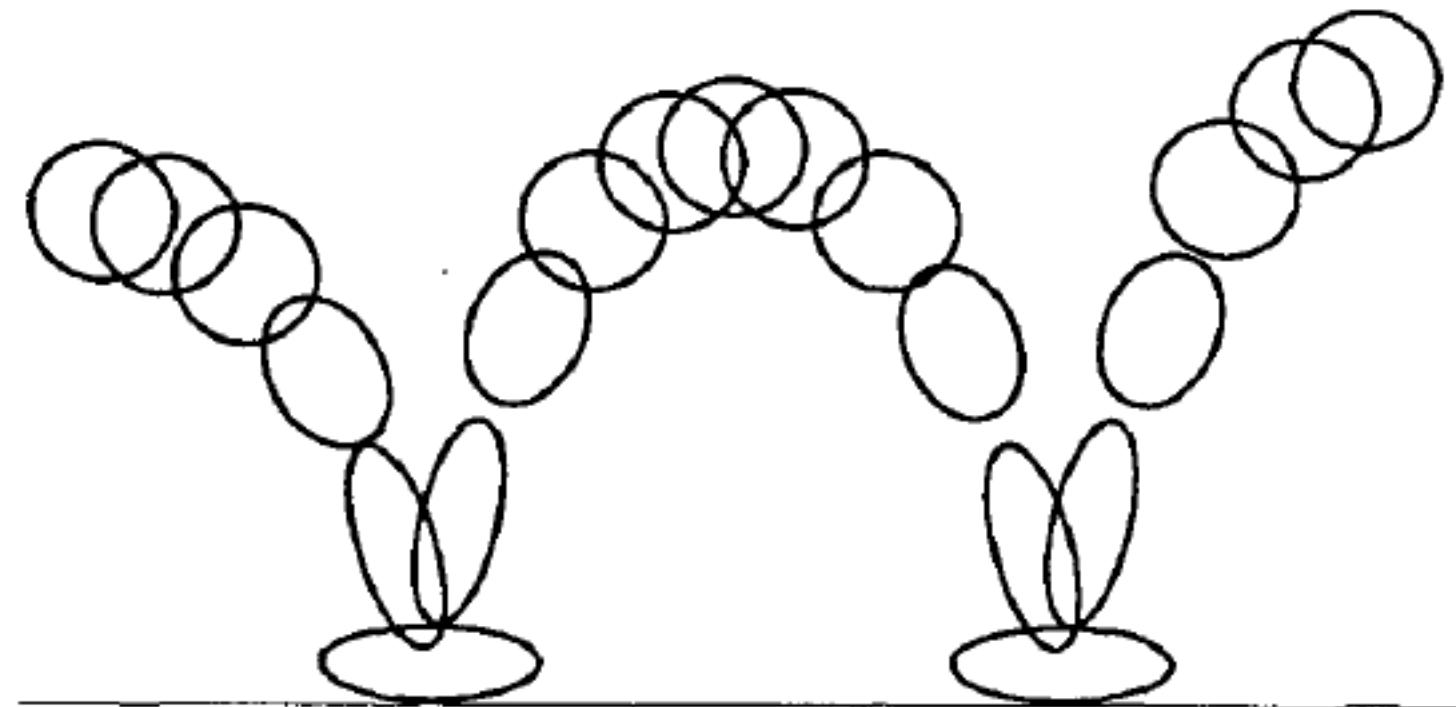
Between the late 1920's and the late 1930's animation grew from a novelty to an art form at the Walt Disney Studio. With every picture, actions became more complex and the stories more meaningful as the perception of audiences were enhanced and more of the audience was satisfied; however it was clear 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 have Disney hire one of the best character modelers in the business, Ub Iwerks. 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.

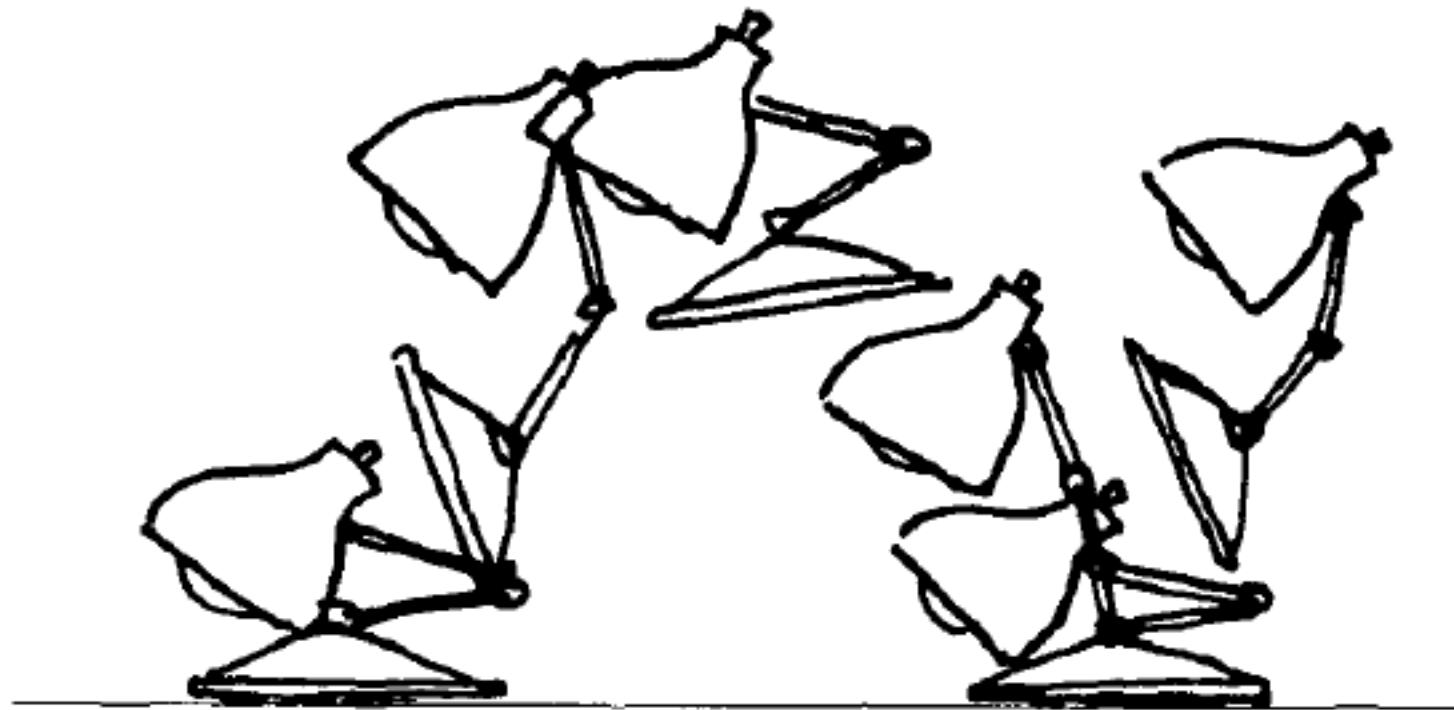


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# Squash and Stretch



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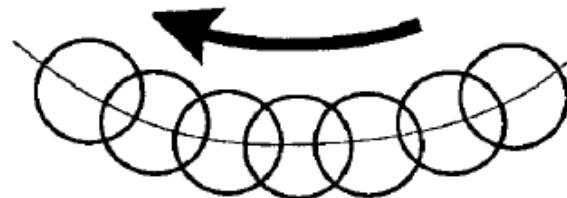


FIGURE 4a. In slow action, an object's position overlaps from frame to frame which gives the action a smooth appearance to the eye.

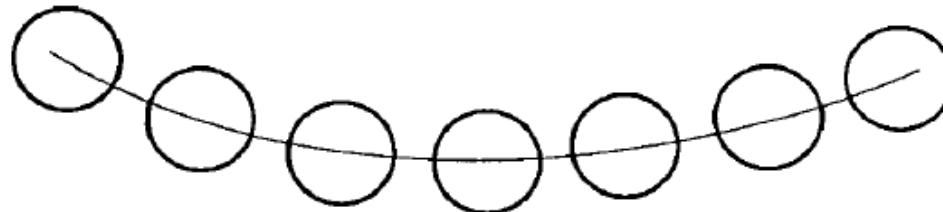


FIGURE 4b. Strobing occurs in a faster action when the object's positions do not overlap and the eye perceives separate images.

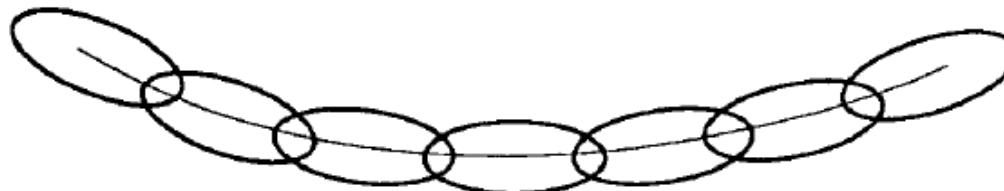


FIGURE 4c. Stretching the object so that it's positions overlap again will relieve the strobing effect.

# 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.*

# 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-hurty!"*

*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.*

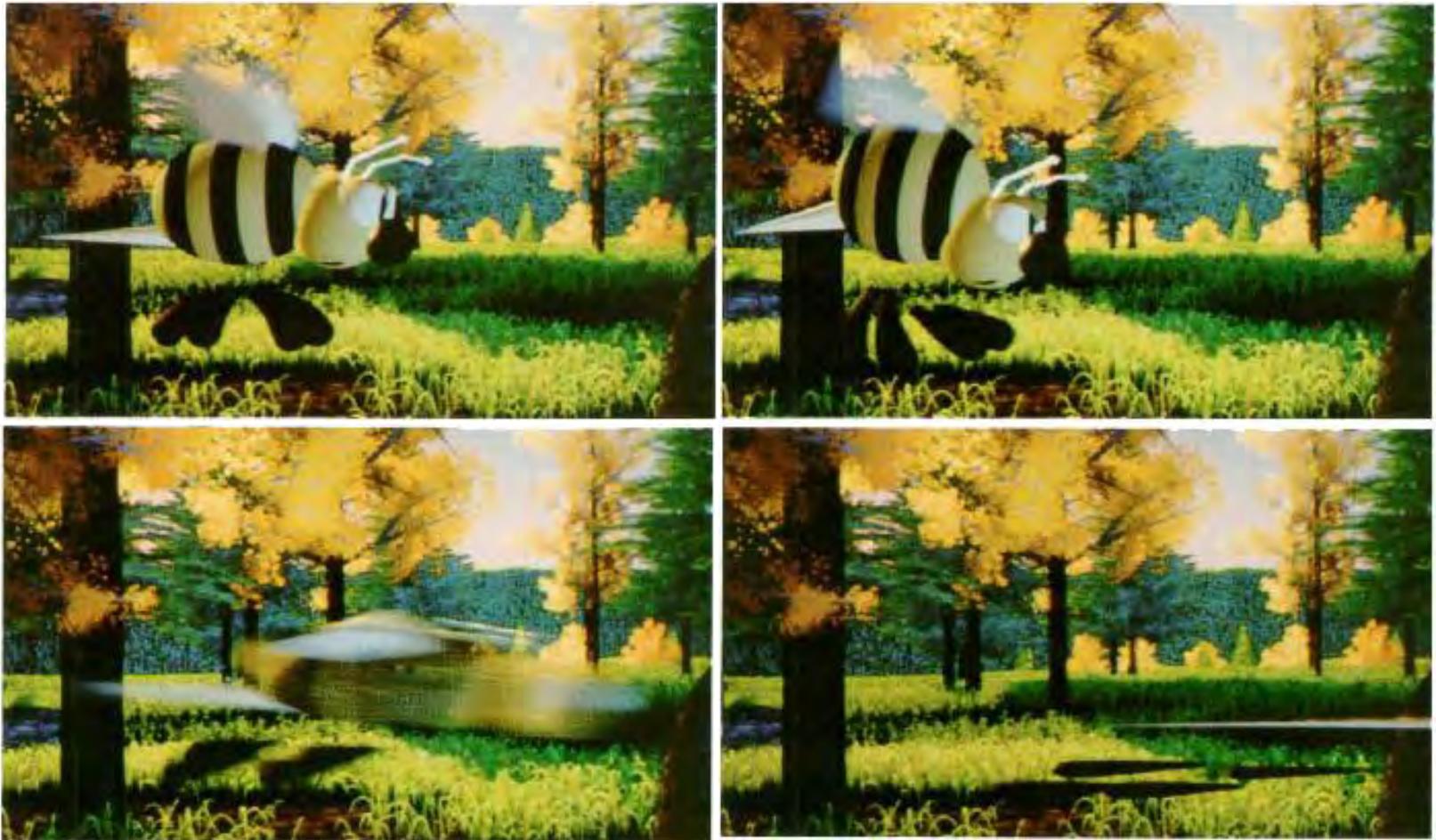
# Timing

*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

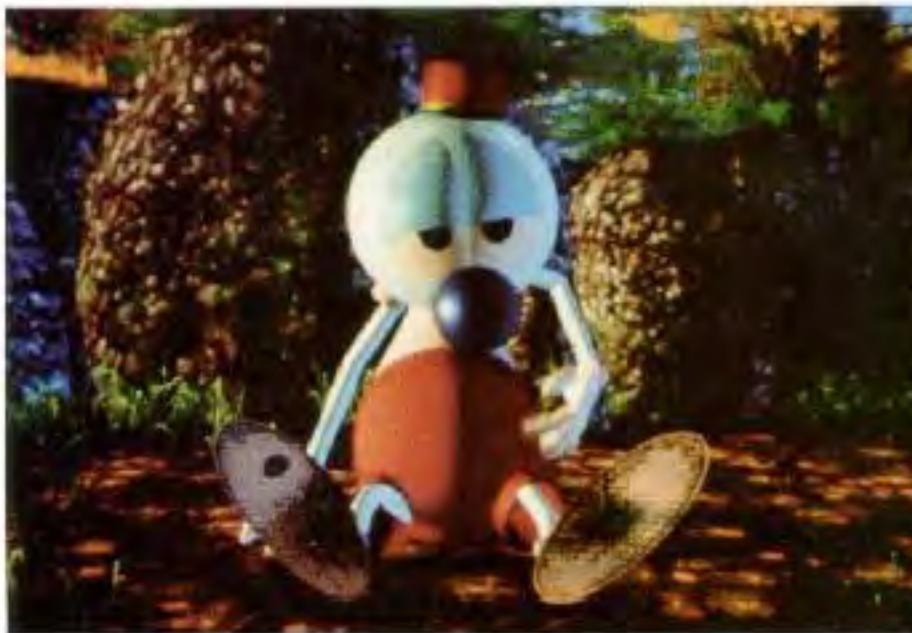


FIGURE 6. Andre's scratch was staged to the side (in "silhouette") for clarity and because that is where his itch was.

# 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

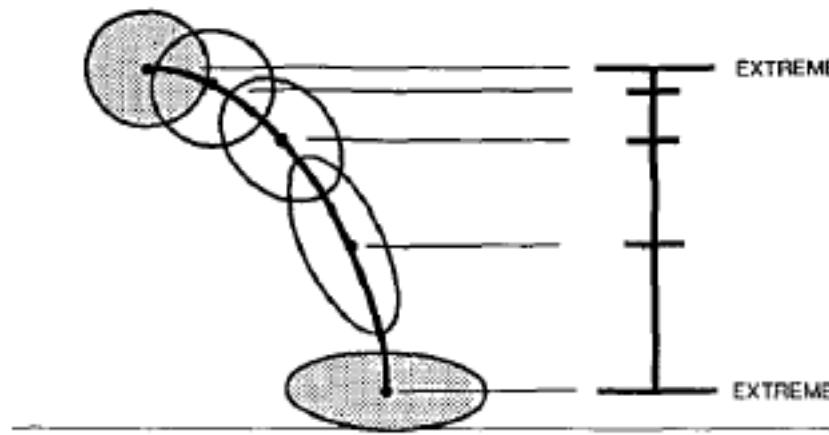
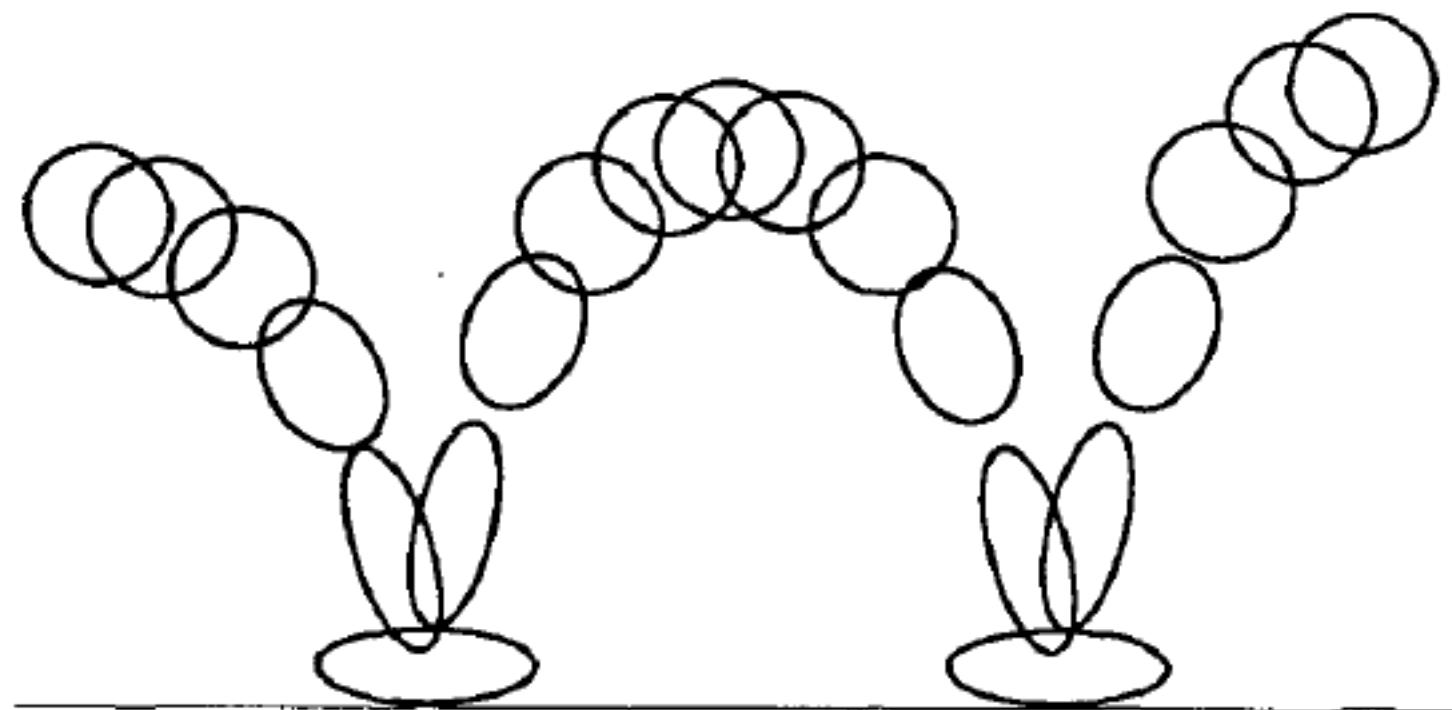


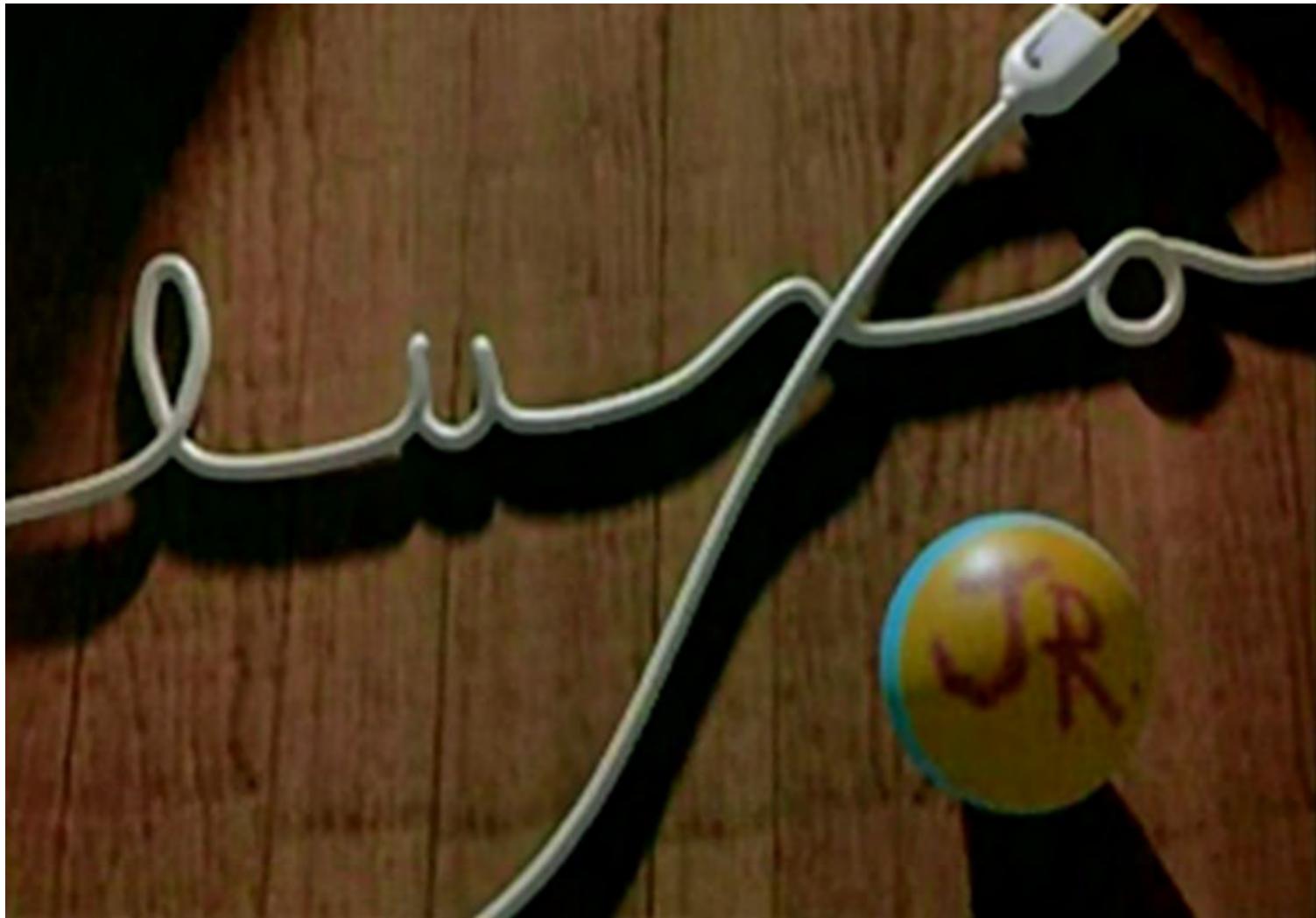
FIGURE 9. Timing chart for ball bounce.

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

# Arches



# 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. This research demonstrates that applying animation techniques to user interfaces can produce a dynamic, interesting motion with a small contrary motion and pausing 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 provided that the copier pay the per-copy fee directly to the copyright owner. The ACM copyright notice and the title of the publication and its date appear, and notice is given that copying is permitted by 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 animated 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 in 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 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

# Frames Three Principles

## Solidity

Desktop objects should appear to be solid objects

## Exaggeration

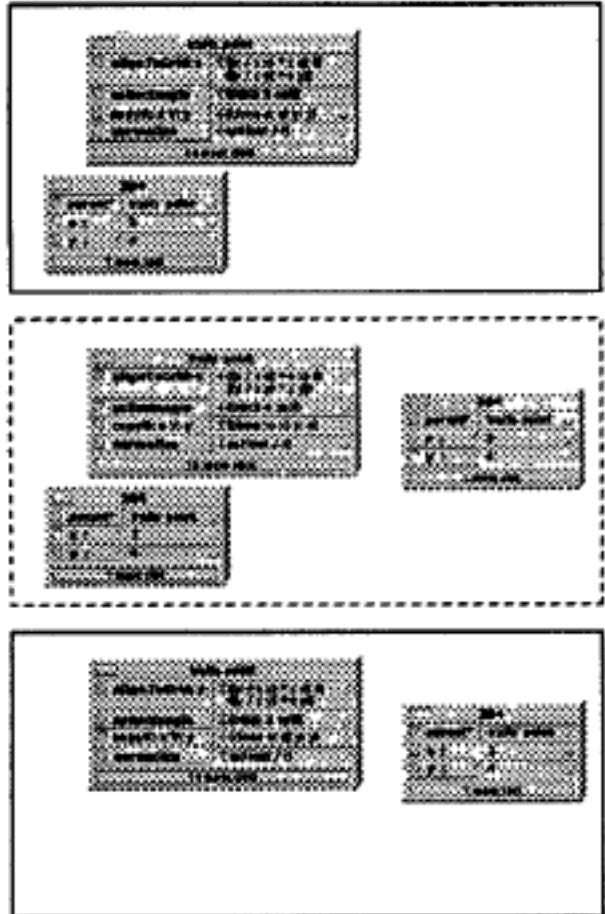
Exaggerate physical actions to enhance perception

## Reinforcement

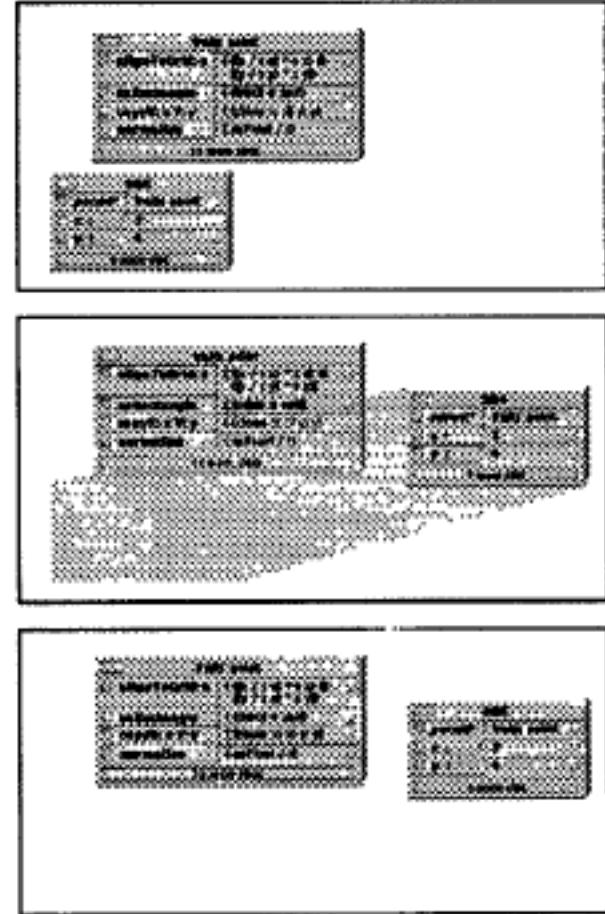
Use effects to drive home feeling of reality

# Solidity: Motion Blur

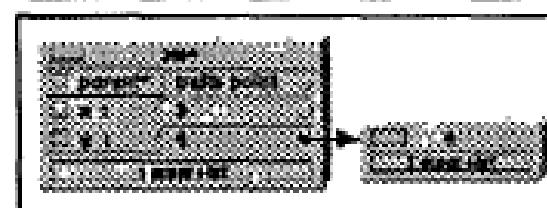
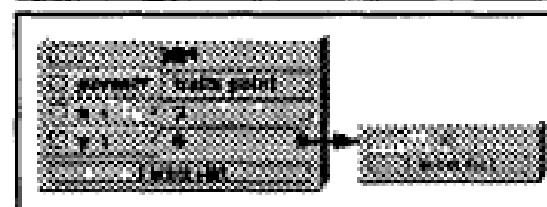
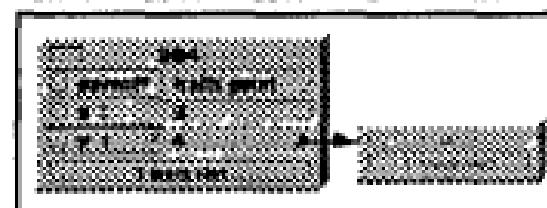
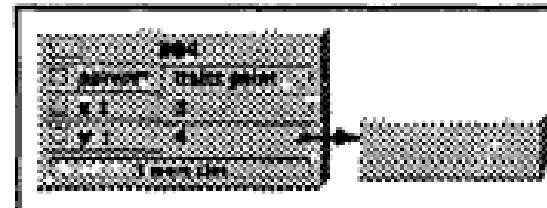
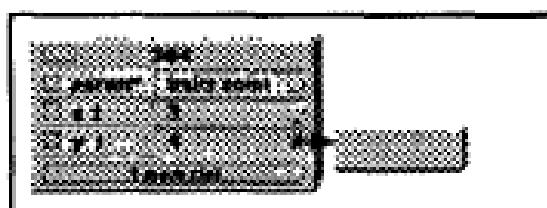
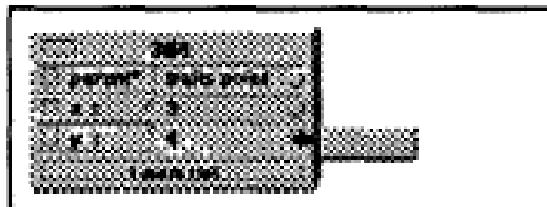
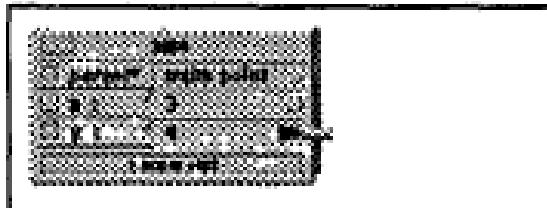
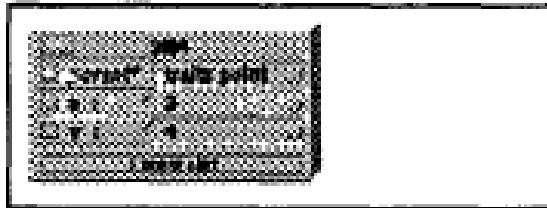
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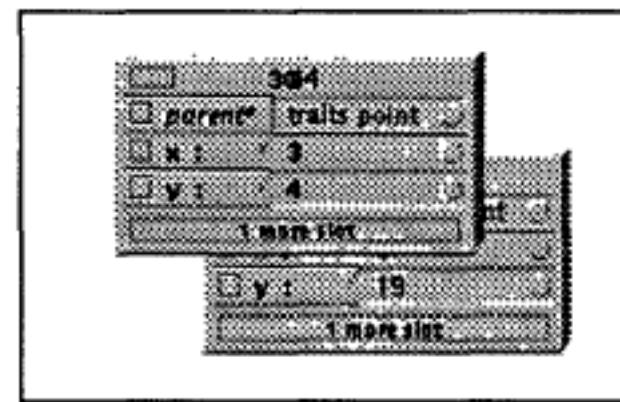
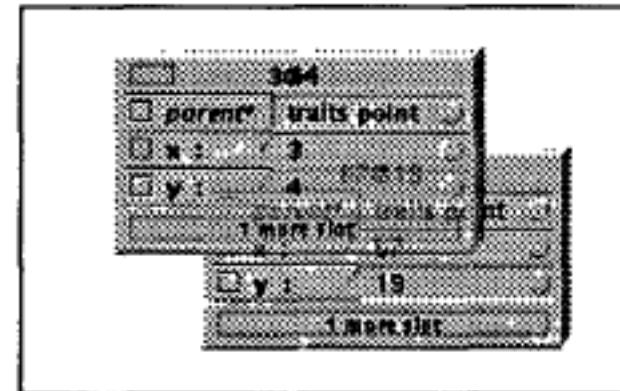
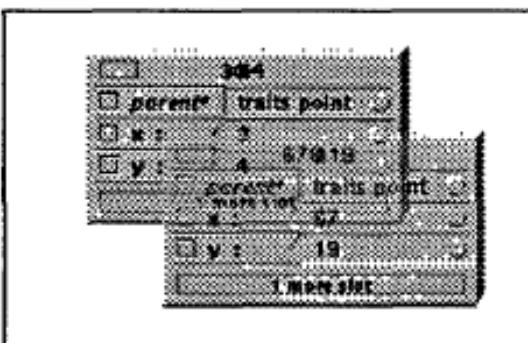
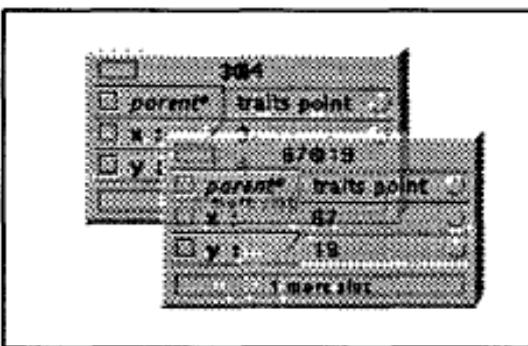
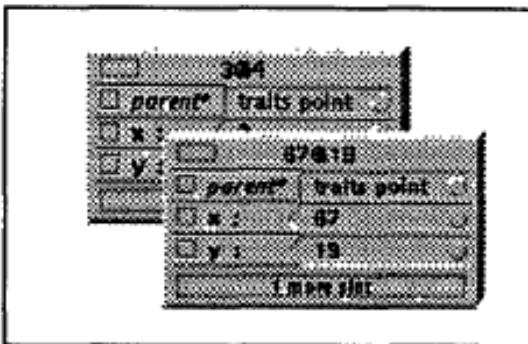
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# Solidity: Arrival and Departure



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# Exaggeration: Anticipation

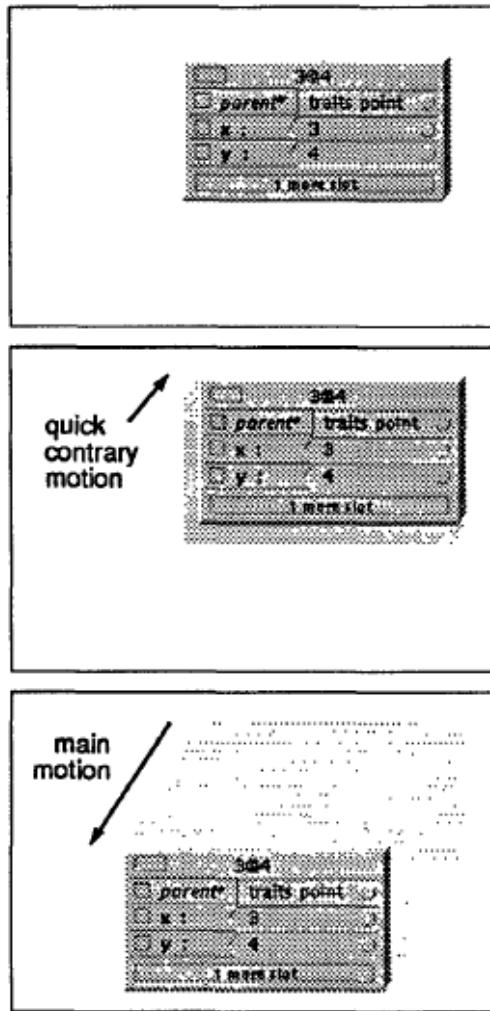


Figure 7. Objects anticipate major actions with a quick contrary motion that draws the user eye to the object in preparation for the main motion to come.

# Reinforcement: Slow In Slow Out

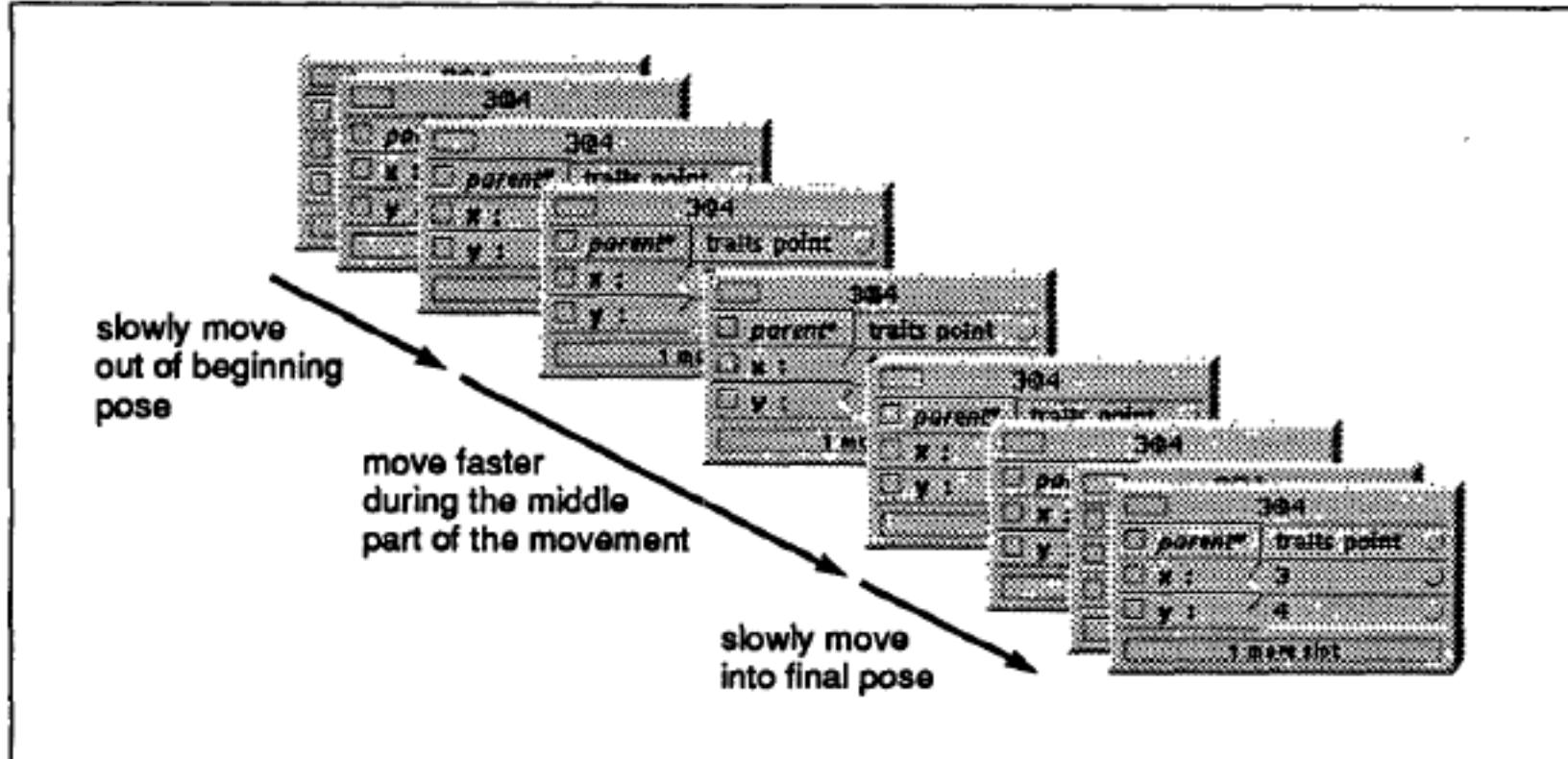
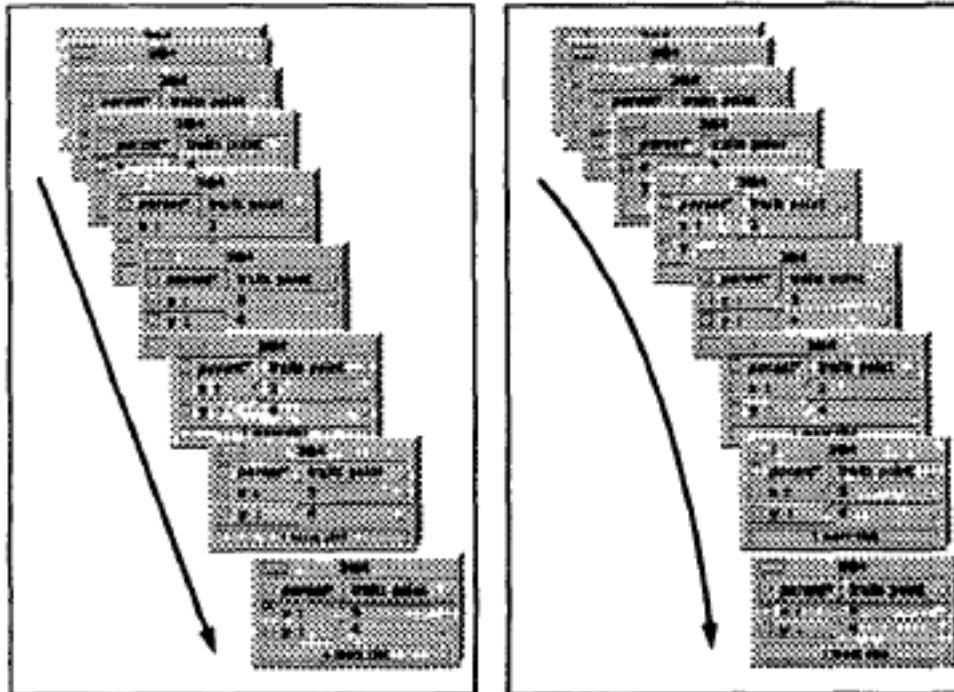


Figure 8. Objects ease out of their beginning poses and ease into their final poses. Although these motions are slower than that during the main portion of the movement, they are still quite fast.

# Reinforcement: Arcs



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

# Reinforcement: Follow Through

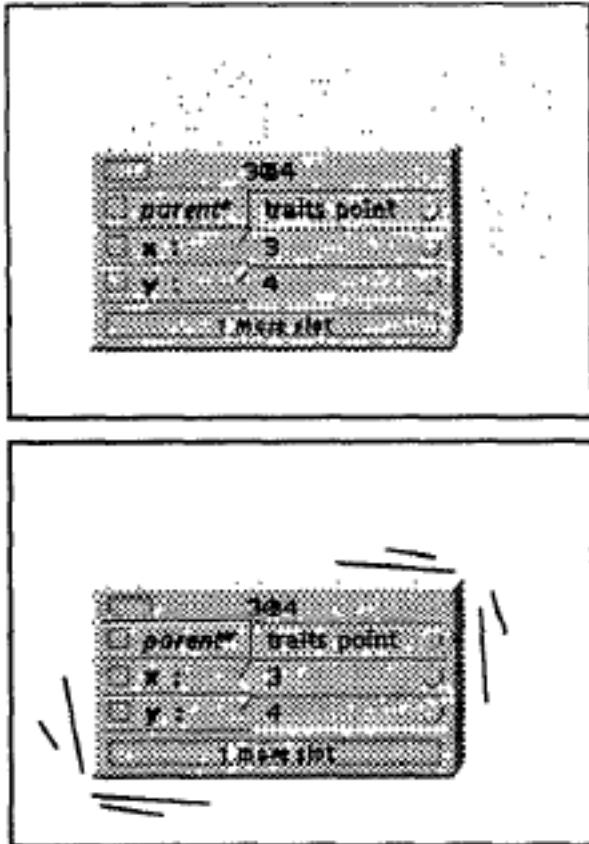


Figure 10. When objects come to a stop after moving on their own, they exhibit follow through in the form of wiggling back and forth quickly. This is just suggested by the "wiggle lines" in the figure—in actuality, the object moves back and forth, with motion blur.

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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 ([Baez-90] 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

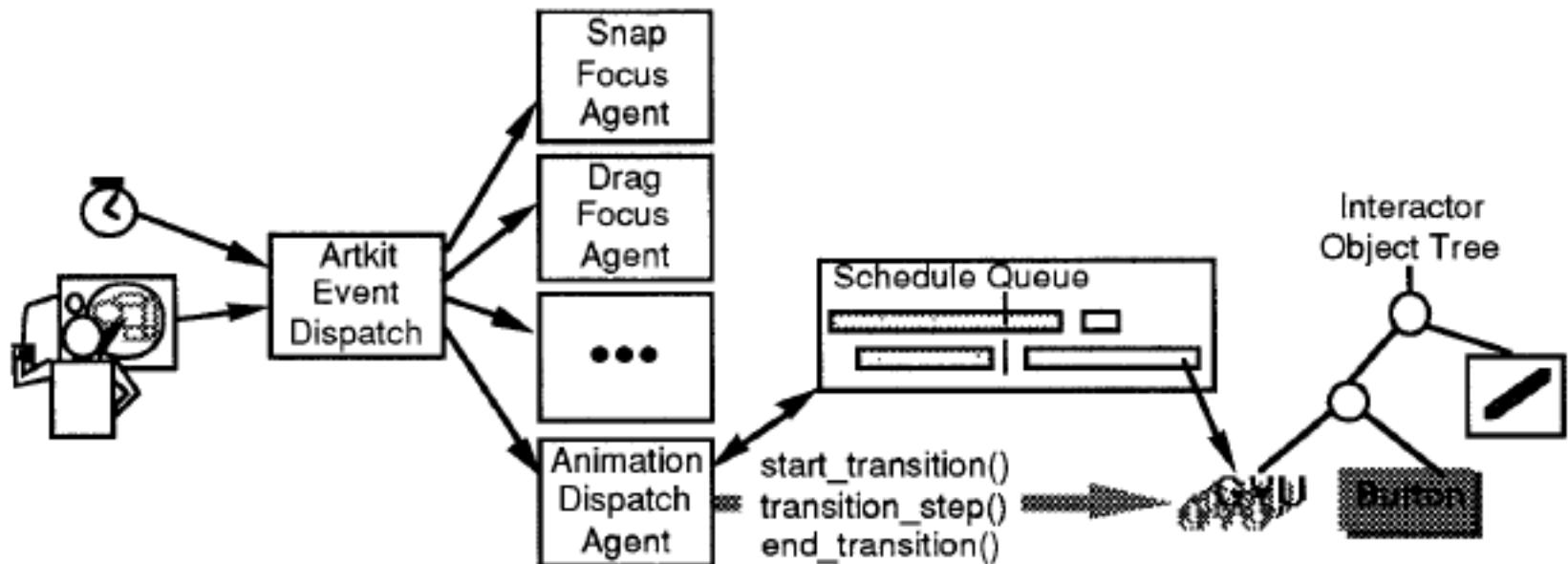


Figure 5. Animation Event Translation and Dispatch

# 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

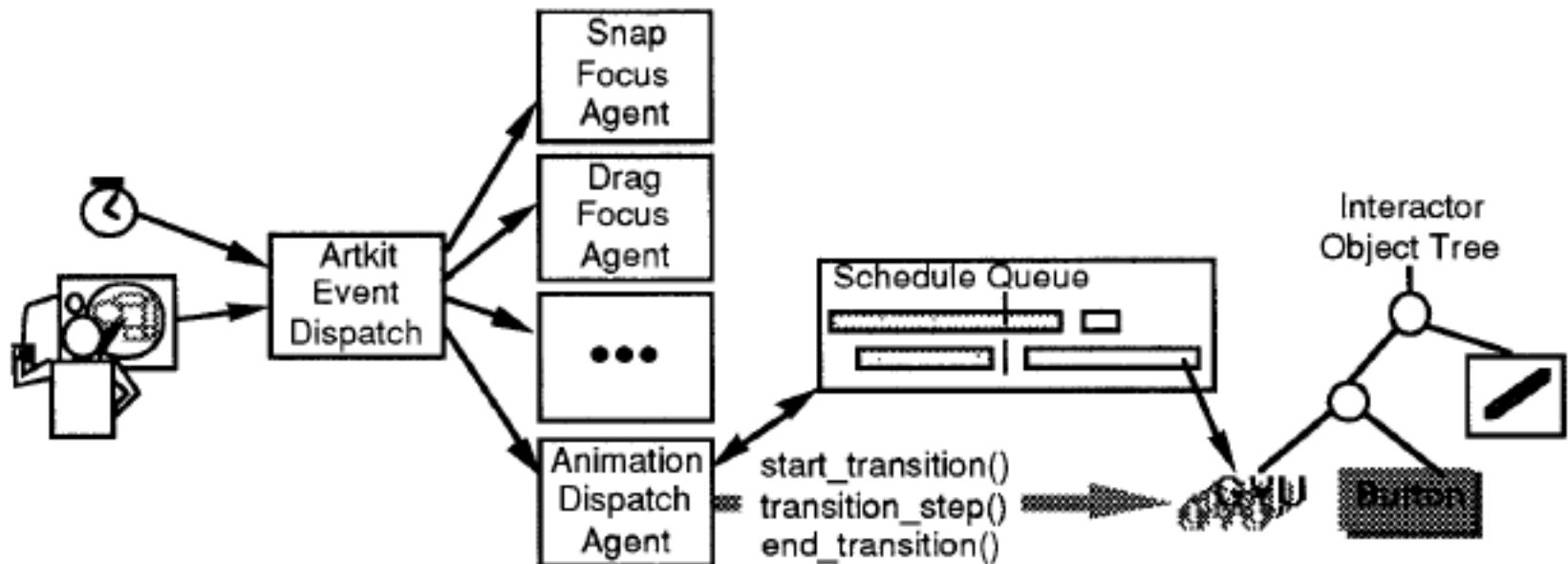


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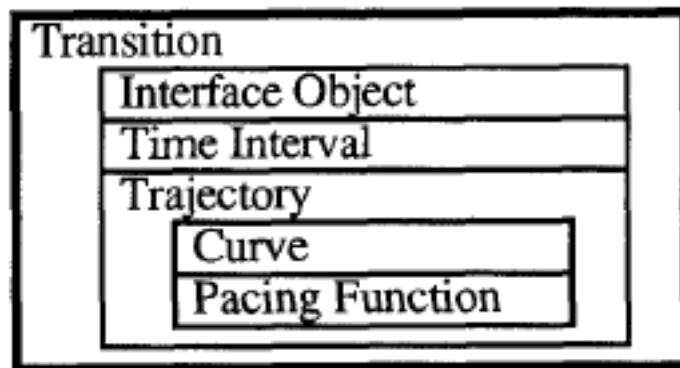


Figure 3. Parts of a Transition Object

# Pacing Function

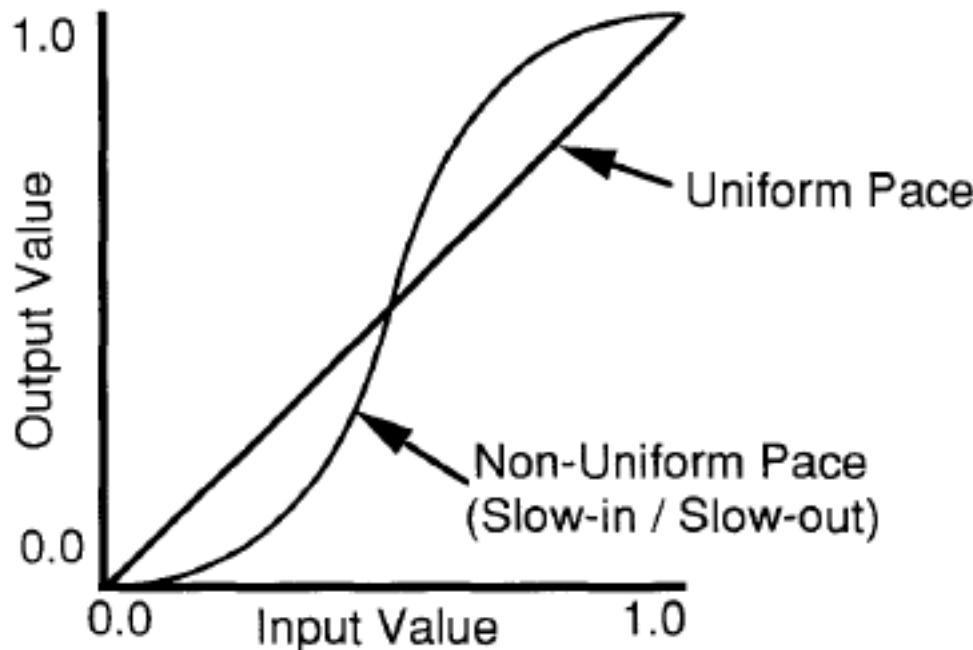


Figure 4. Two Example Pacing Functions

# Computing a Frame

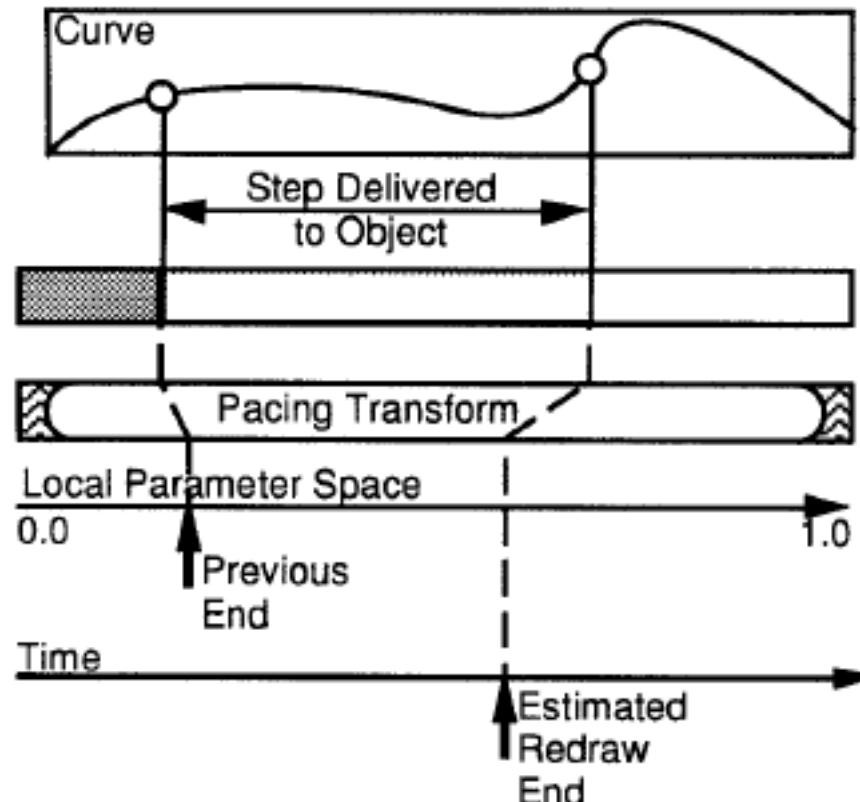


Figure 8. Translation from Time to Space

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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

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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 widely 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 [Poth84]. 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

## Animation Composition

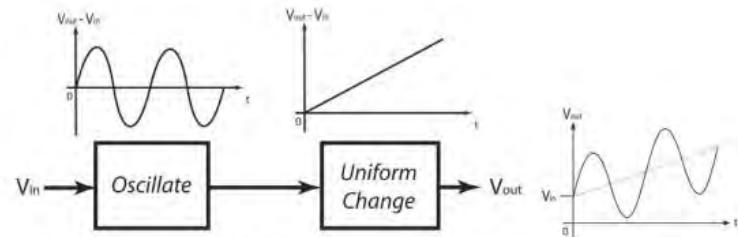


Figure 6. Waveform addition by chaining"

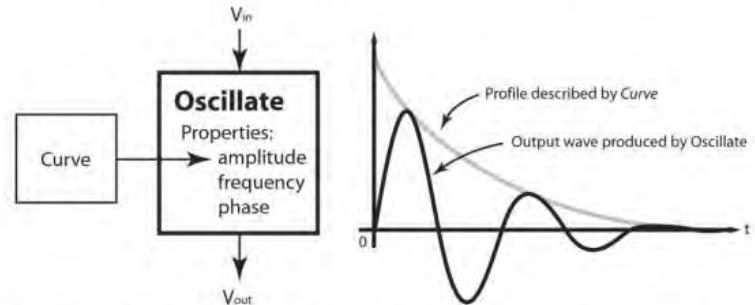


Figure 7. Waveform scaling by functional composition with amplitude

# Tools and Interfaces

Why Interface Tools?

Case Study of Model-View-Controller

Case Study of Animation

Sapir-Whorf Hypothesis

Thoughtfulness in Tools

Case Study in Self-Tracking

# Sapir-Whorf Hypothesis

Roughly, some thoughts in one language cannot be stated or understood in another language

Language is not simply a way of voicing ideas, but is the very thing which shapes those ideas

Our tools define the language of interaction

Beyond the simple matter of code

Frame how we think about possibilities

You must be aware of this when choosing tools, designing applications, and creating new tools

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## 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 confused 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.

ACM Classification: H.5.2 [Information interfaces and presentation]. User Interfaces - Graphical user interfaces.

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 challenges 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

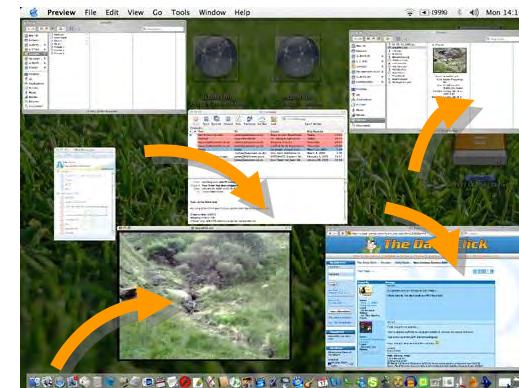
The right speed depends on familiarity, distraction, etc.

It cannot be determined

Windows Media Player

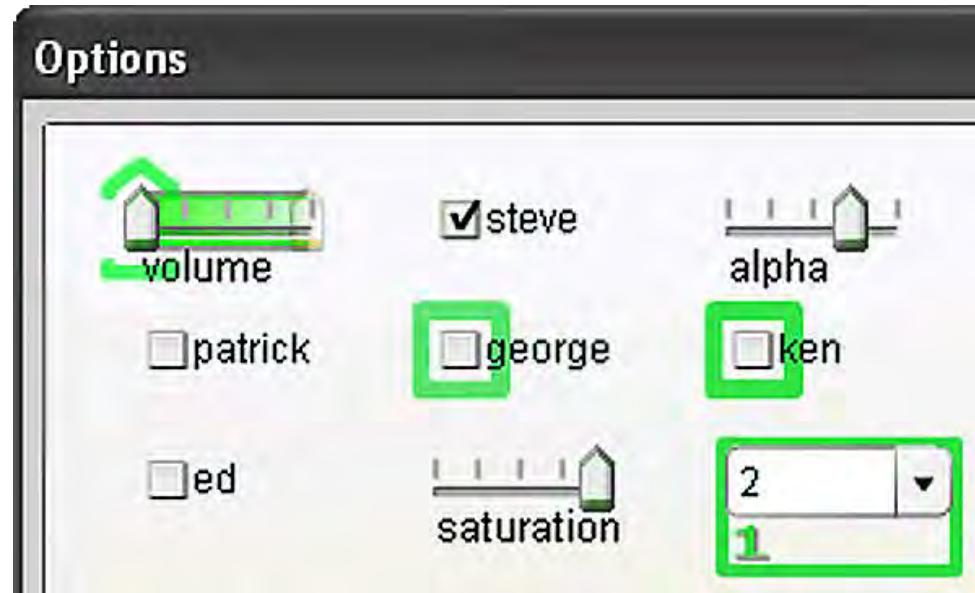


Apple Expose



# Phosphor

Phosphor shows the outcome immediately, then explains change in retrospect using a diagrammatic depiction



# Phosphor

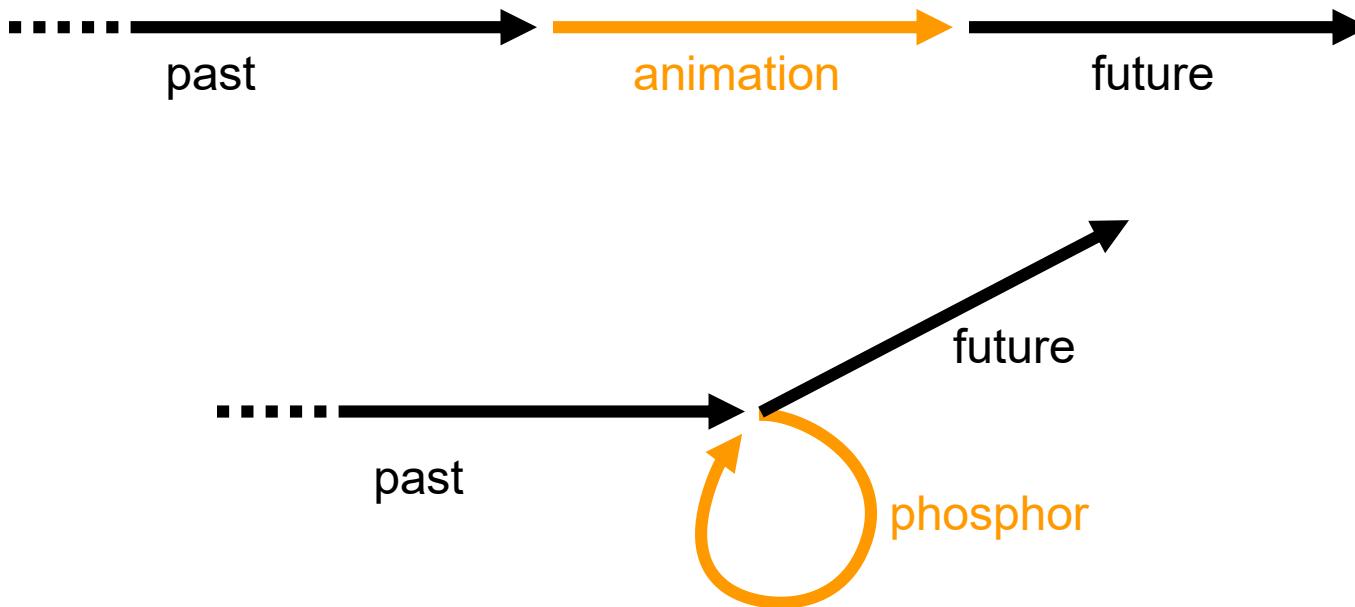
phosphor

# Phosphor

phosphor

# 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

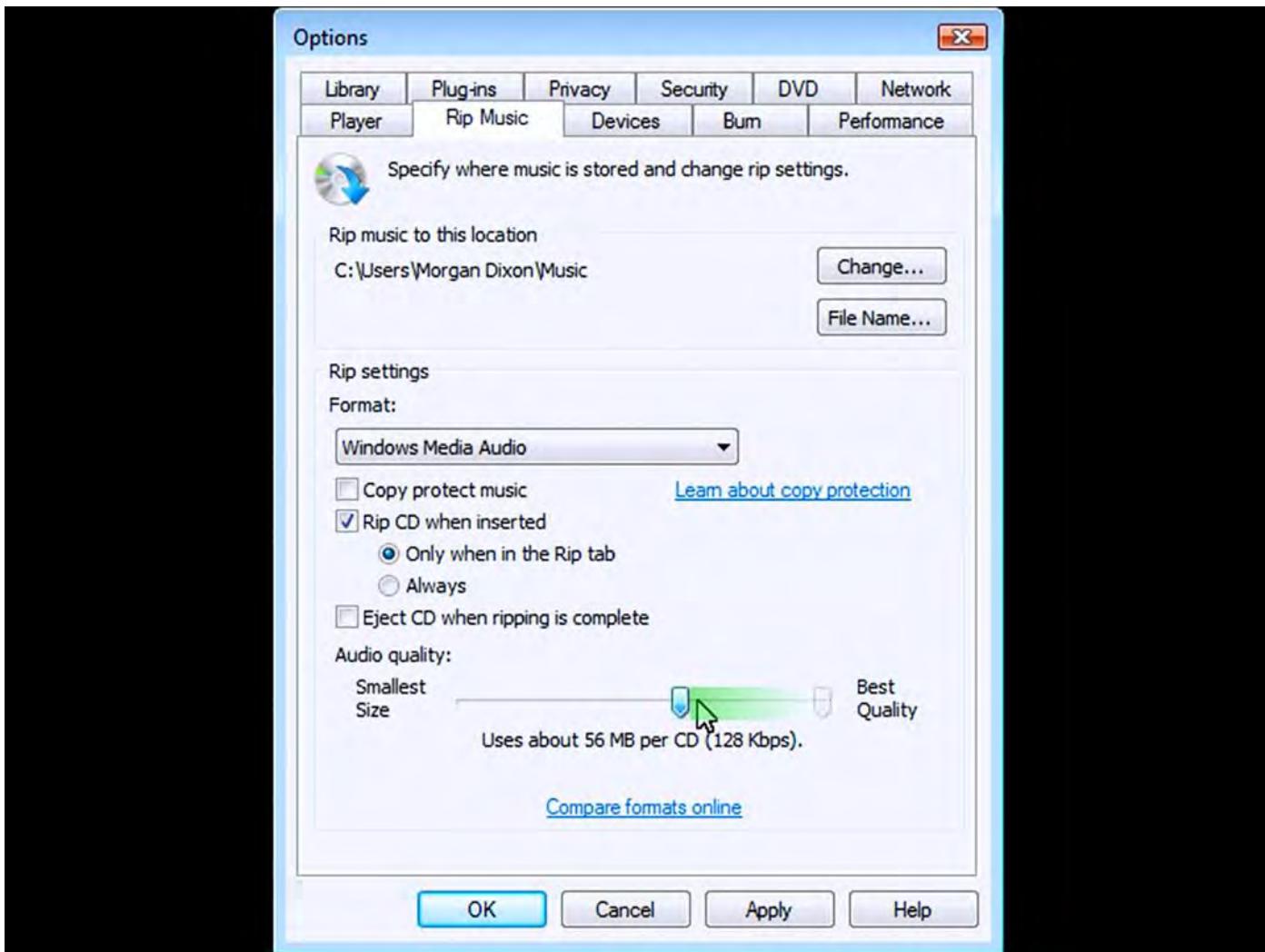
# Prefab

Prefab uses pixel 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

# Prefab



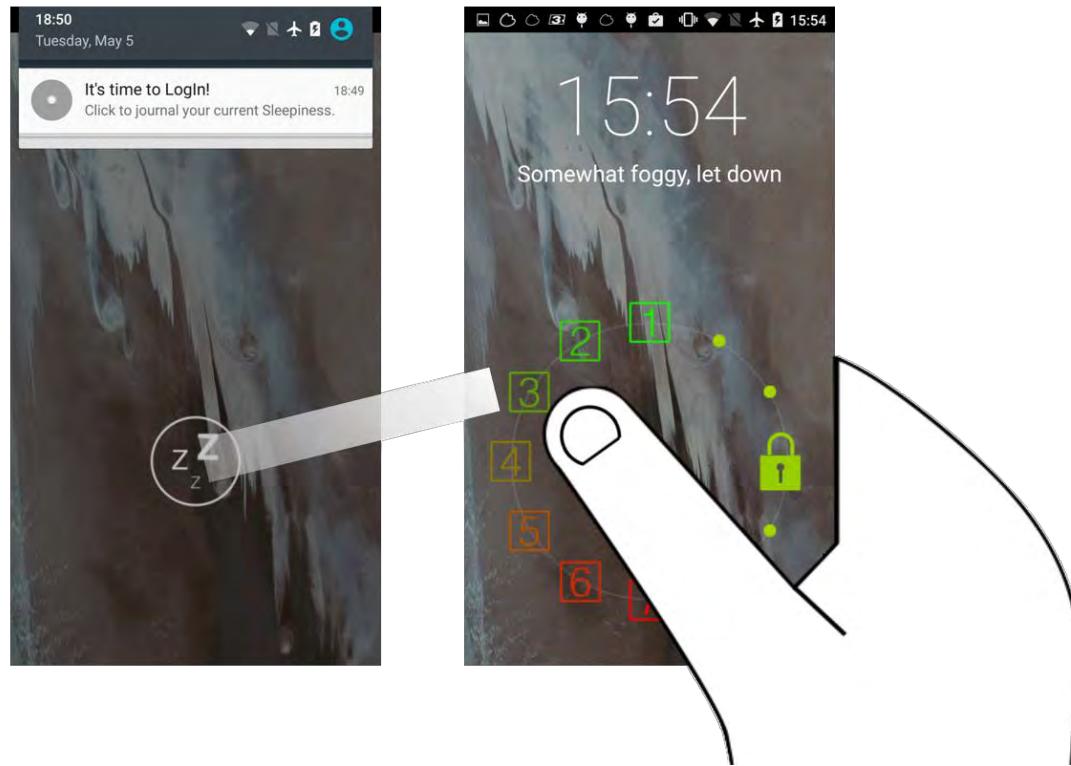
# Mobile Phones as Pagers

Our notion of technology design for journals / ESM / EMA has been anchored by paper journals and pager-based reminders



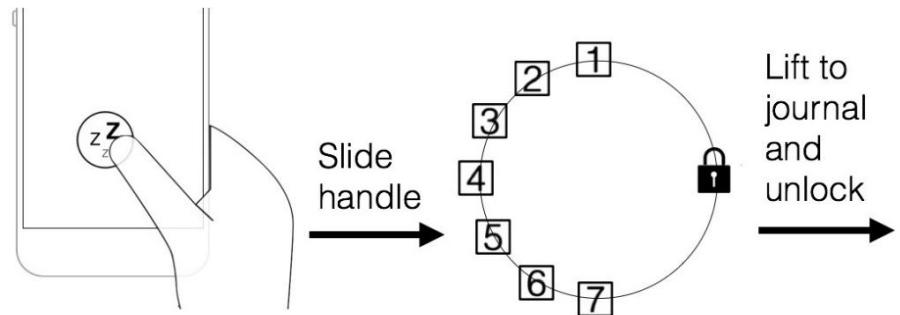
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# Unlock Journaling for Self-Report



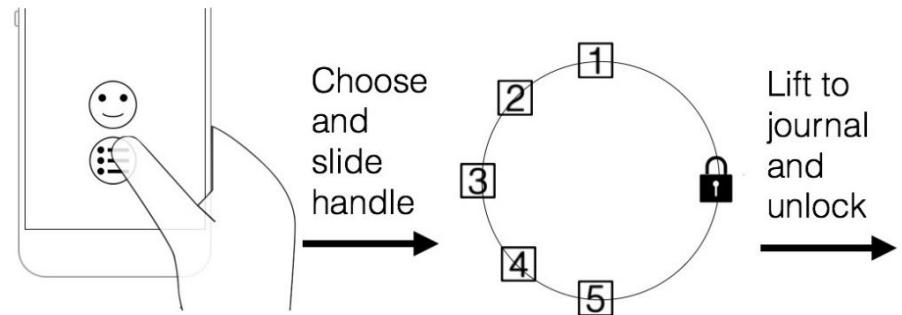
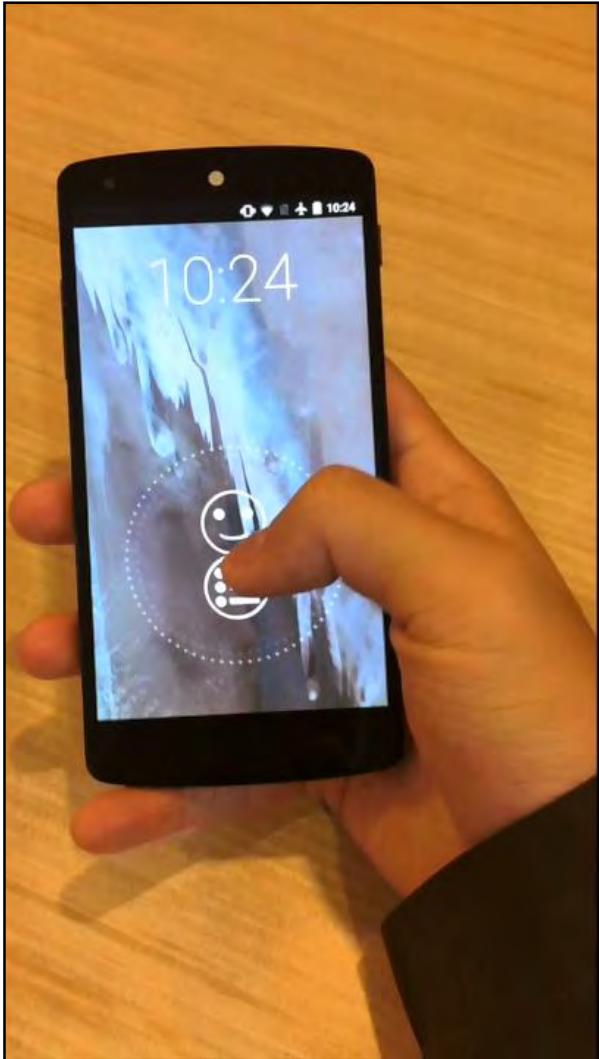
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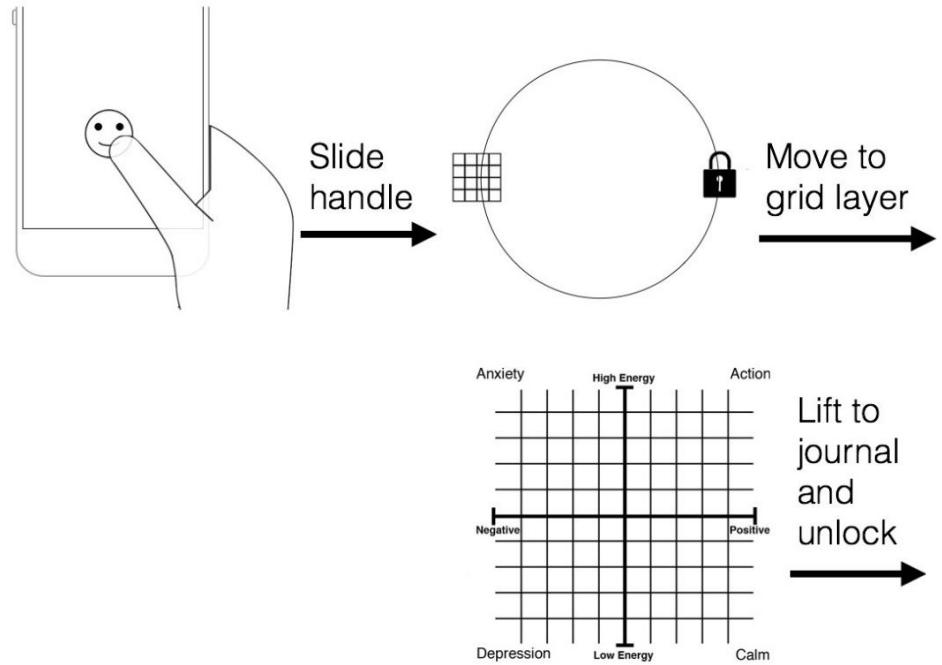
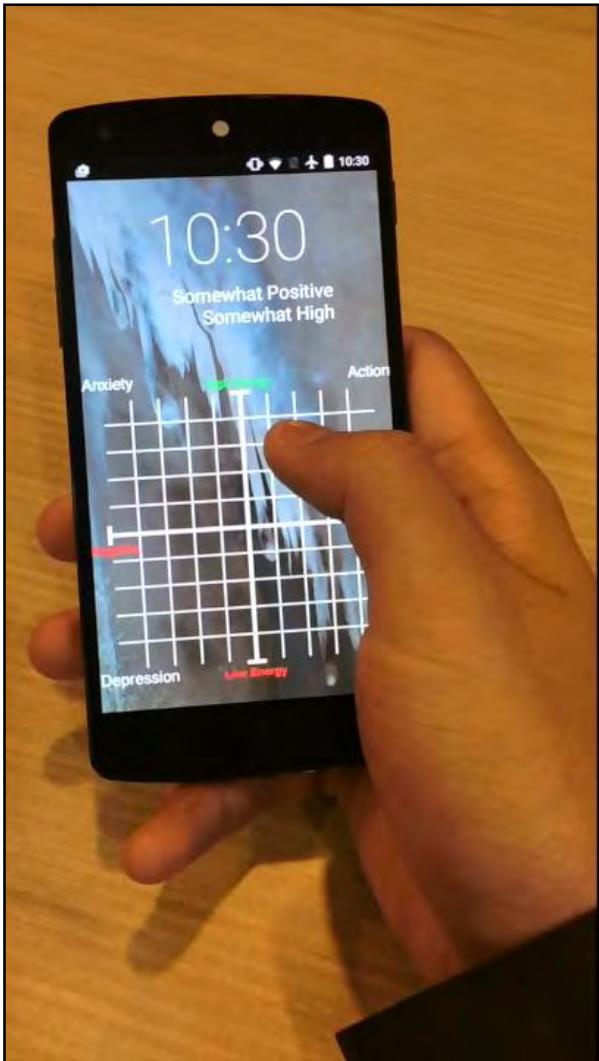
Stanford Sleepiness Scale

# Unlock Journaling for Self-Report



Pleasure and Accomplishment  
(e.g., self-monitoring depressive symptoms)

# Unlock Journaling for Self-Report



Russell's Affect Grid

Russell, Weiss, Mendelsohn. Affect Grid: A Single-Item Scale of Pleasure and Arousal. *J Pers Soc Psychol* 1989.

# Unlock Journaling vs. Notifications

Unlock journaling is:

rated less intrusive

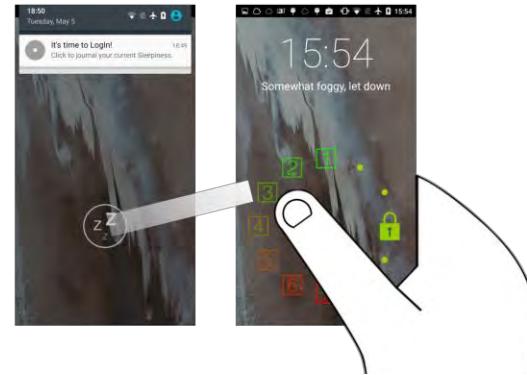
(1.77 vs. 2.22 on a 5-point scale)

yields greater frequency

(15.0 vs. 9.8 per 12-hour day)

comparable timeliness

(8.6 vs. 9.3 minutes)



Instead of reminders to journal, unlock journaling makes the opportunity visible, easy, and optional

It should not have taken 10 years to get here

# Mobile Food Journals

Origins in daily recall

Self-monitoring of food  
can support many goals

Weight Loss

Diabetes Management

Trigger Identification

High burdens detract  
from potential benefit,  
data is often wrong

Stanford Hospital and Clinics  
Digestive Health  
Food/GI Symptoms Record

Instructions: Please record everything you eat and drink (including ice and water taken with your medications). Circle your symptoms if any as they occur after meals and snacks.

Date: 6/22 "Atypical" Joe Kelly 11

Food & Beverages and Amount	Symptoms if any (circle):
Breakfast Time: 1/4 c oatmeal w/ 2T rice syrup eggsfried 1/4 sugar	Nausea Vomiting Heartburn Stomach Pain <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea Constipation Sense of Urgency Gas Cramping Bloating Other: <i>doctor breakast</i>
water, tea 1/2 Tbs wheat-free waffle	
water, tea 100z. peppermint tea	
Snack Time: 11:40 - 1.5 slice French toast w/ white, silk	
water, tea 12:30 3 oz Fresh cold broiled salmon	
water 4oz blueberry juice	
water flour tortilla, sauteed avocados, olives	
calcium chew	
cheese 1/4 cup orange juice w/ whole breads	
Snack Time: 3:30 Rice Cakes, rice milk, blueberries	
water, tea 4:30 1C chicken broth, 1 rice	
water, tea 4oz organic braised chicken breast	
turkey 1/2 cup yogurt, 1/2 bell pepper, 1/2	
lettuce, 1/2 cup carrots, 1/2 cup broccoli, 1/2	
water, tea 5:30 1/2 cup homemade cake	
water, tea 8:30 crackers, 1/2 cup sugar, jam	

Date: 6/25

Food & Beverages and Amount	Symptoms if any (circle):
Breakfast Time: 7:30 1/4 c oatmeal w/ 1T rice cereal,	Nausea Vomiting Heartburn Stomach Pain <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea Constipation Sense of Urgency Gas Cramping Bloating Other:
water 3T rice milk - CA enriched - Trident	
water 3 wheat-free waffle, maple syrup, grit	
water, tea 1/4 cup yogurt, 1/2 bell pepper, 1/2	
lettuce, 1/2 avocado, mustard, romaine	
water, tea 1/2 cup hard-boiled egg whites, sauteed potato	
water, tea 2oz cranberry juice	
Snack Time: 1:30 pretzels, 1/2 peanut butter, crackers	
Dinner Time: 6:30 flour tortillas - 4oz Tilapia, ham	
water, tea 1/2 cup green beans, fresh, carrots, 1/2	
water, tea 1/2 cup pear, apple sauce, 1/2 cup blt berries	
water 1/2 cup raspberry sorbet, small piece y/ blueberry (if liked)	
Bedtime - water 600mg gabapentin - every night	
align probiotic 4-6 times a week after lunch	

Burke. The Dietary History as a Tool in Research. *J Am Diet Assoc* 1947.  
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# Mobile Food Journals

Mobile devices provide real-time feedback

Search for each food in a large database, often breaking into components

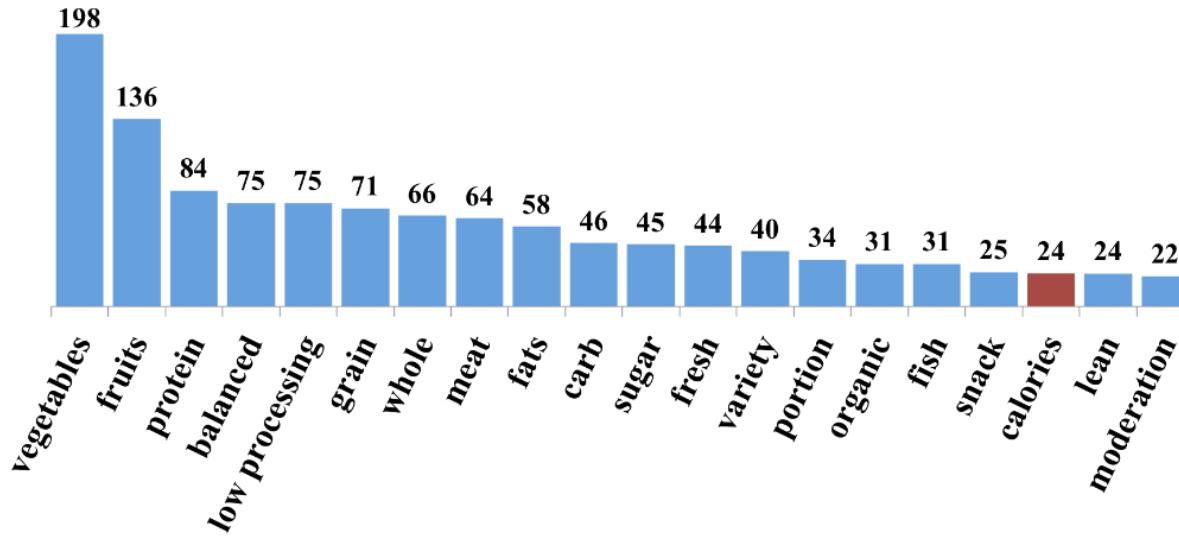
Typically provide calorie-based feedback

High burdens detract from potential benefit, data is often wrong

The screenshot shows a mobile application interface for a food journal. At the top, there's a header with the date "Friday, Oct 5, 2012". Below the header, the main area displays a list of meals and snacks with their respective calorie counts. The meals include "Homestyle Breakfast Potatoes" (340 cal), "Breakfast Sausage Links - Original" (167 cal), and "No Pulp Orange Juice" (88 cal). The snacks listed are "Homemade Turkey Sandwich(3 Slices)" (250 cal), "Garden Veggie Crisps - All Natural..." (110 cal), "Lowfat 1% Milkfat" (28 cal), "Sugar" (15 cal), and "Coffee - Brewed from grounds" (4 cal). At the bottom of the screen, there are navigation icons for "Home", "My Diary", "Progress", "Friends", and "More".

# Perceptions of Healthy Eating

“What does healthy eating look like to you?”



Food types:

“vegetables”  
“fruits”  
“protein”

Food qualities:

“low processed”  
“organic”  
“fresh”

Diet qualities:

“balanced”  
“variety”  
“portion”

# Difficulty as a Negative Nudge

“I just avoided eating things that were hard to log” – SP132

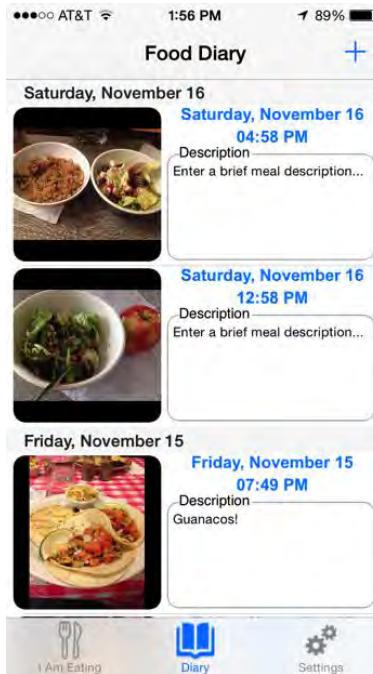
“Prepackaged meals were the easiest because of bar codes but those aren’t healthy” – SP123

“I could make life easier by eating the same things regularly” – SP97

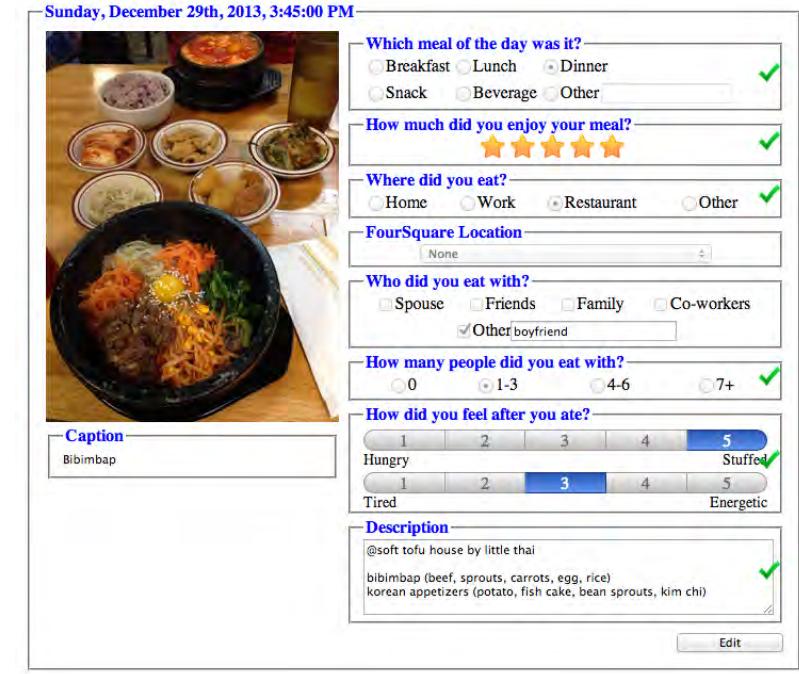
“It discourages you from eating out or at a friend’s, even if it is healthy” – SP42



# Deploying a Photo-Based Journal



Mobile capture and review



Web review and annotation

# Leveling the Difficulty of Journaling

With prior techniques:

60% report not journaling because it was too difficult

65% report not journaling because they did not know

With photo-based capture:

22% report not journaling because it was too difficult

None report not journaling due to food knowledge



“For some meals, it’s just really easy to take a picture ... than sit there and type in every ingredient” – FP20

# Journaling without Judgment

With prior journals, participants report choosing not to journal because they would exceed a calorie budget or because a food was unhealthy

13% of survey participants

45% of field participants

Photos enable mindfulness while avoiding judgment

“[it was] easier because there were no calorie counts, no judgments, but still makes you aware” – FP14

“Do I really want to eat this? I’m capturing this” – FP17

# Triggers and Trends

“I eat too much pizza” – FP10



“I’m surprised at how many times I’m seeing things that I consider an exception to my diet!” – FP4

“I don’t branch out as much as I thought I did, even when I go somewhere new, I kind of get what I always get somewhere else” – FP10



# Food Journals as Daily Recall

“it should be noted that much of the use of food journaling is in a more clinical setting with the purpose being sharing and evaluating the journal with nutritionists and care providers ...”

“it’s not relevant if photos are more or less easily understood by the user if a nutritionist is the eventual consumer of the data”

– Actual Anonymous Grumpy R3

# CSE 440: Introduction to HCI

## User Interface Design, Prototyping, and Evaluation

Lecture 10:  
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Implementation

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# In-Class Design, Prototype, Test

Design and prototype a 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 design 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 the alarm via 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

Without 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

Have others help you “debug” them before testing

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Today

Project Status

Exam Discussion

Inspection-Based Methods

Time for Heuristic Evaluation of Paper Prototypes

# Exam

In-Class  
Next Tuesday 2/21

Mostly short answer,  
some long answer

Content drawn from  
lecture and readings

Will post a compilation of the lecture slides

Schedule a time for Q&A?

A screenshot of a Facebook post from Don Patterson. The post shows a comment from a student asking if there will be a study guide for the exam. Don Patterson responds that there will be a study guide, including his lectures and any supplemental information from the Internet. The post has received 3 likes and 4 comments. Below the post is a text input field for a reply.

Don Patterson 21 hrs ·

Student: "Will there be a study guide for the exam?"  
Me: "Yes, the textbook, my lectures and any supplemental information from the Internet that you find helpful!"

Like Comment Share

You, John Krumm, Stephen Voids and 44 others

James Fogarty I'll point my students at your guide.  
Like · Reply · 3 · 21 hrs

Don Patterson It's actually quite a robust study guide.  
Like · Reply · 4 · 21 hrs

Write a reply...

# 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

Can become relatively slow and expensive

Study participants can be scarce

Can waste participants on obvious problems

# Inspection-Based Methods

Simulate study participants

Instead of actual 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

Not a method for “coming up with” 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

# 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 heuristics explain problems  
Factor analysis to identify key heuristics

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Visibility of system status

Match between system and the real world

User control and freedom

Consistency and standards

Error prevention

Recognition rather than recall

Flexibility and efficiency of use

Aesthetic and minimalist design

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Refers to both visibility of system status and providing appropriate feedback

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

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

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

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People should never carry a memory load

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Addresses visibility of features and information  
where to find things

Visibility addresses system status and feedback  
what is going on

Problems with affordances may go here  
hidden affordance: remember where to act  
false affordance: remember it is a fake

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

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About clutter, overload of visual field, visual noise, distracting animations.

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This does not mean that a person 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



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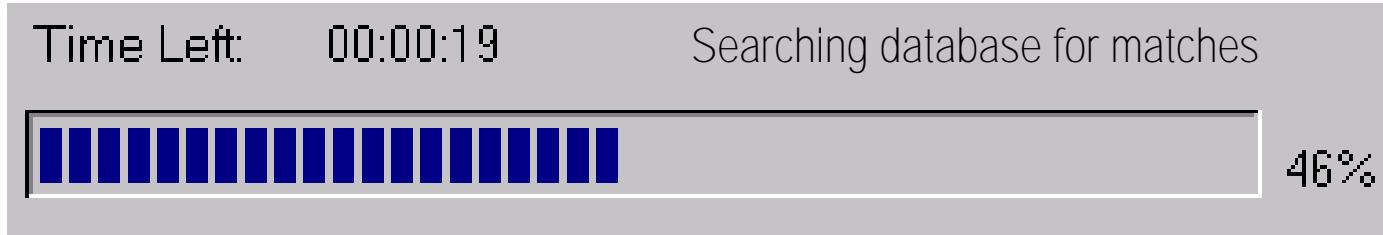
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Searching database for matches



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# Heuristics



## Visibility of system status

pay attention to response time

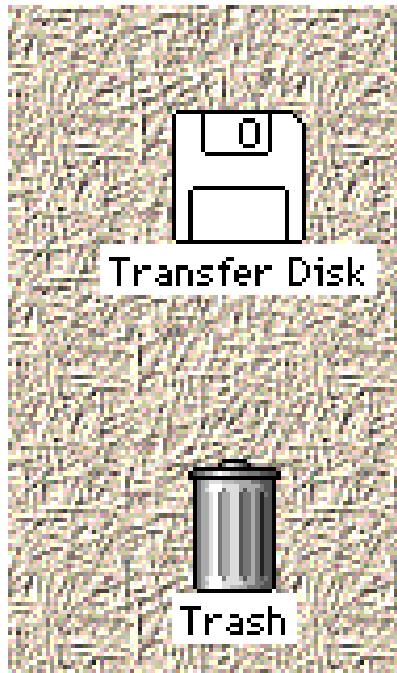
0.1 sec: no special indicators needed ([why?](#))

1.0 sec: user tends to lose track of data

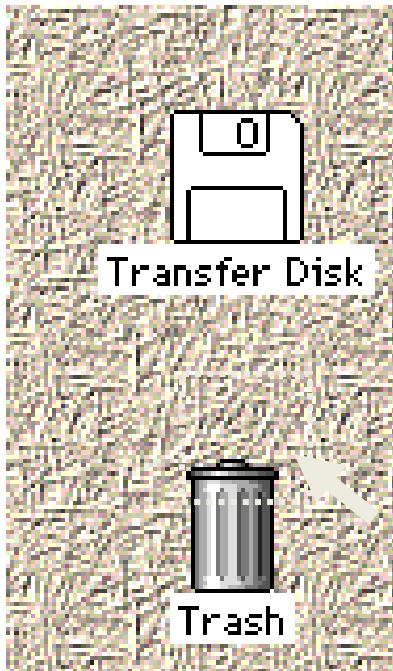
10 sec: maximum duration if user to stay focused on action

longer delays require percent-done progress bars

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Mac desktop

Dragging disk to trash  
should delete, not eject it

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

# Heuristics



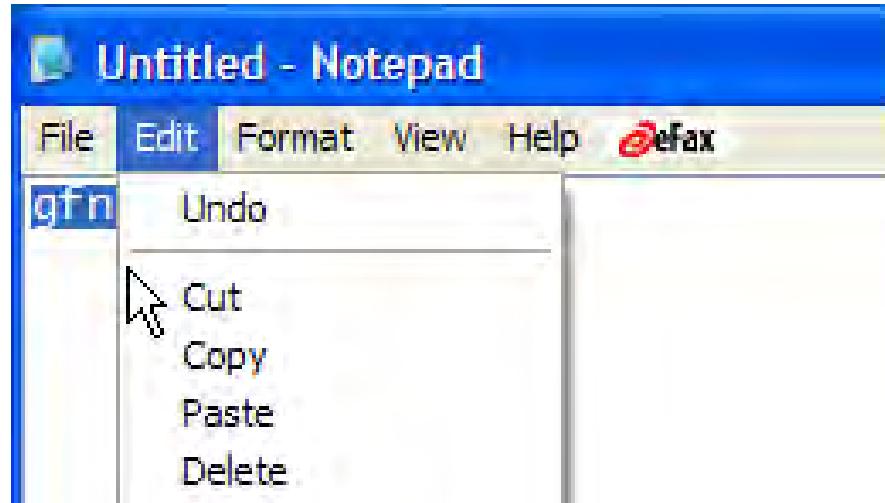
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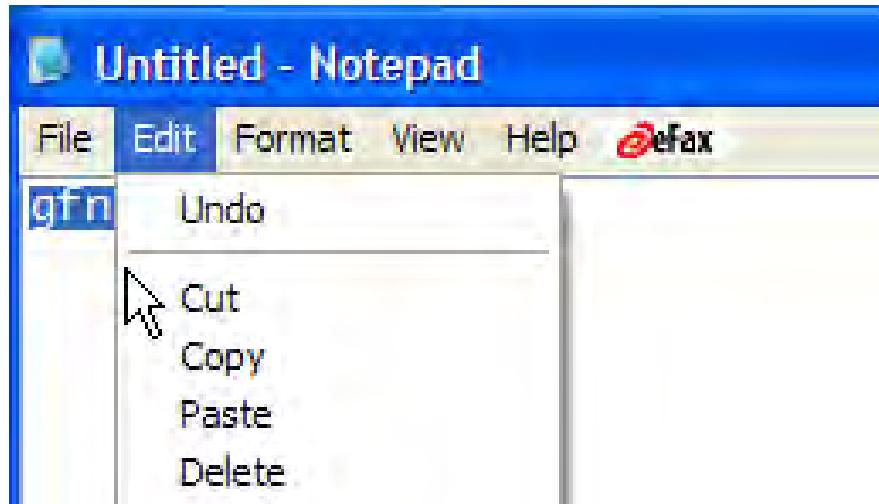
“Mailto”, “protocol”?

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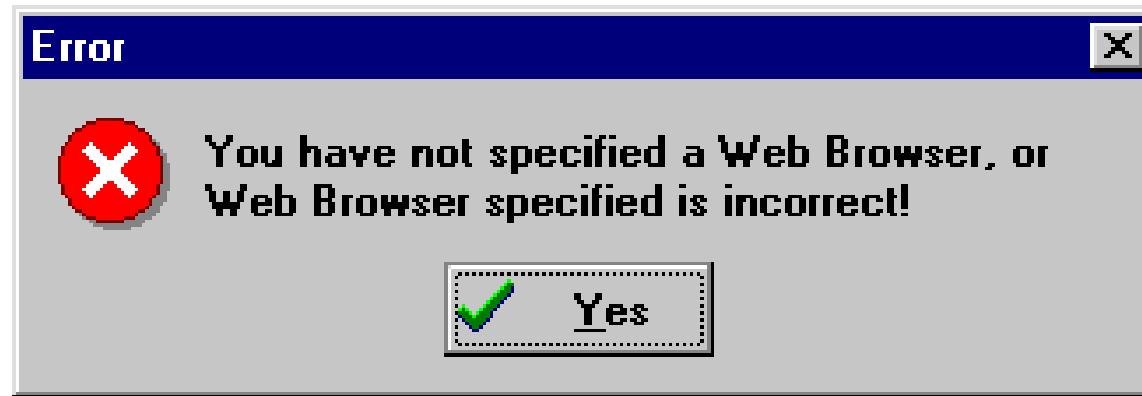
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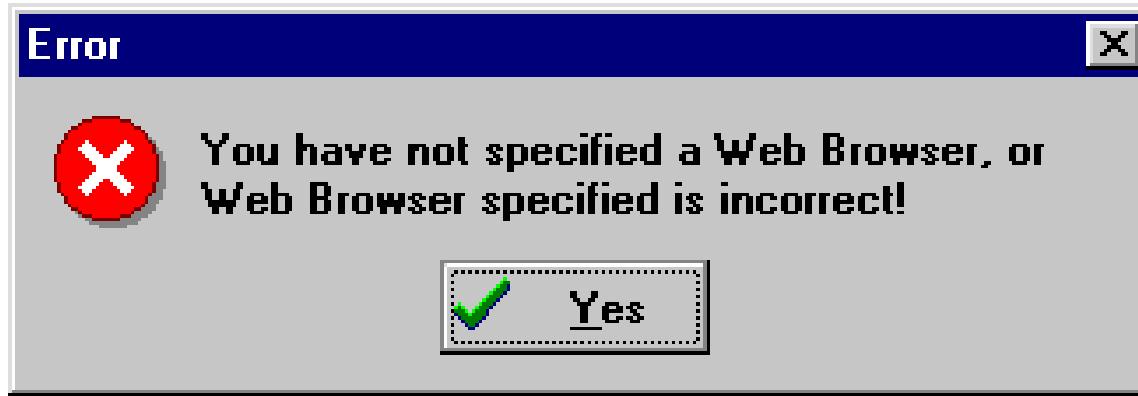
## Flexibility and Efficiency of Use

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

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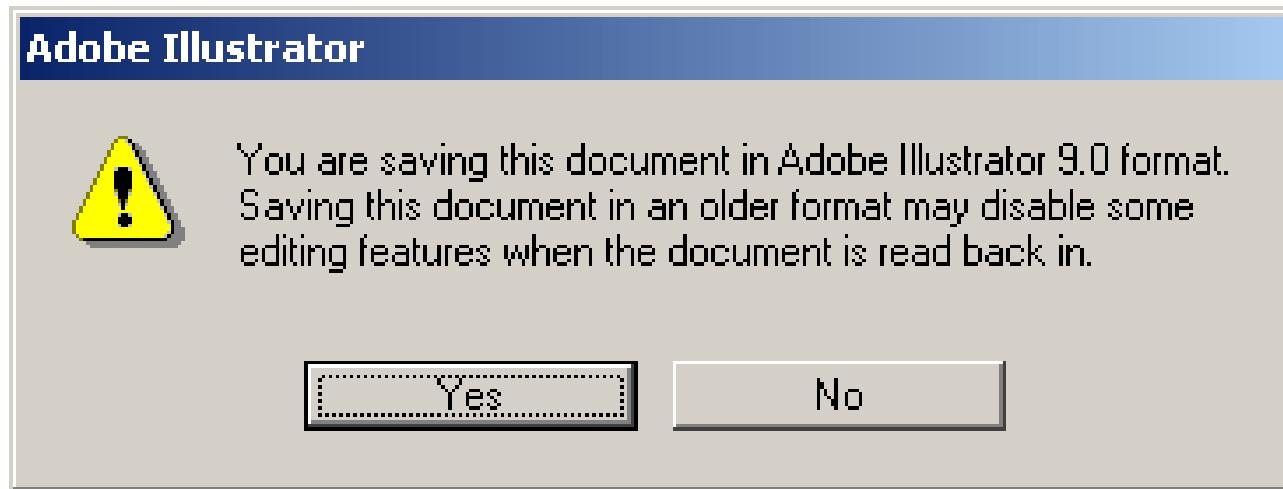


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User Control and Freedom  
Prevent Errors

# Heuristics

## The Radiation Dosimetry Program

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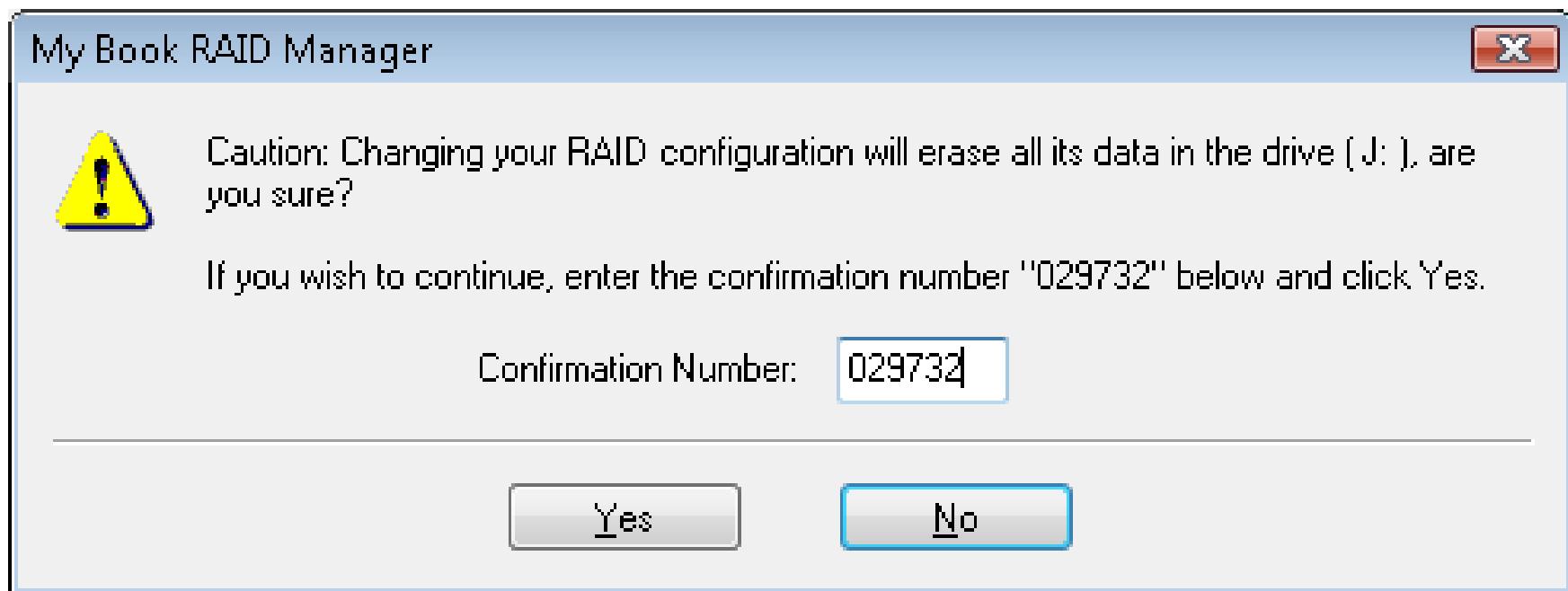
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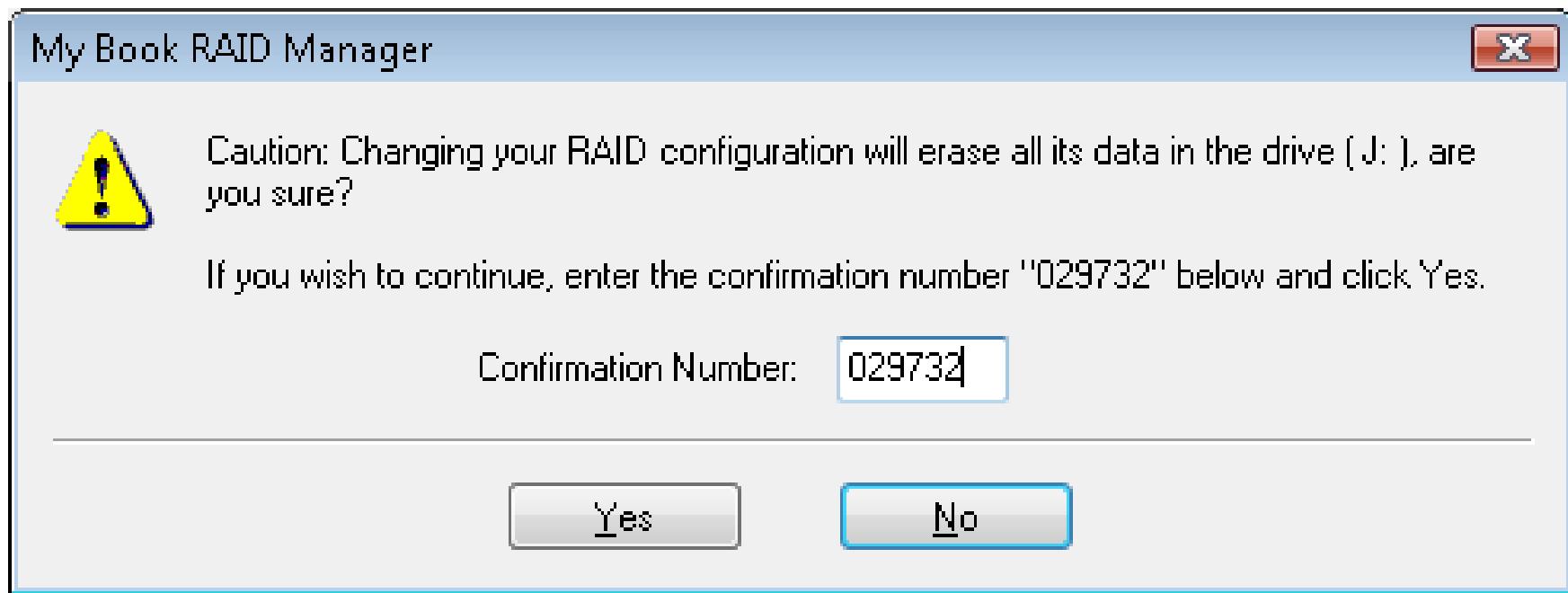
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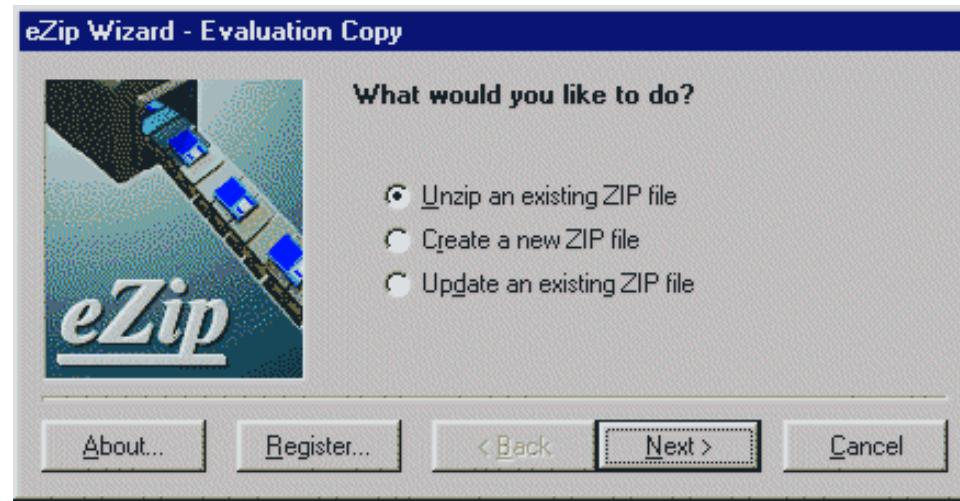


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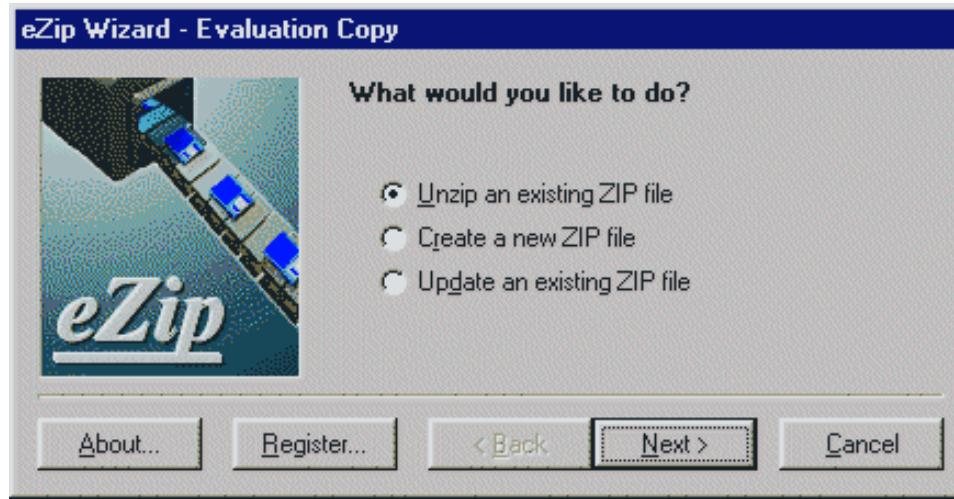


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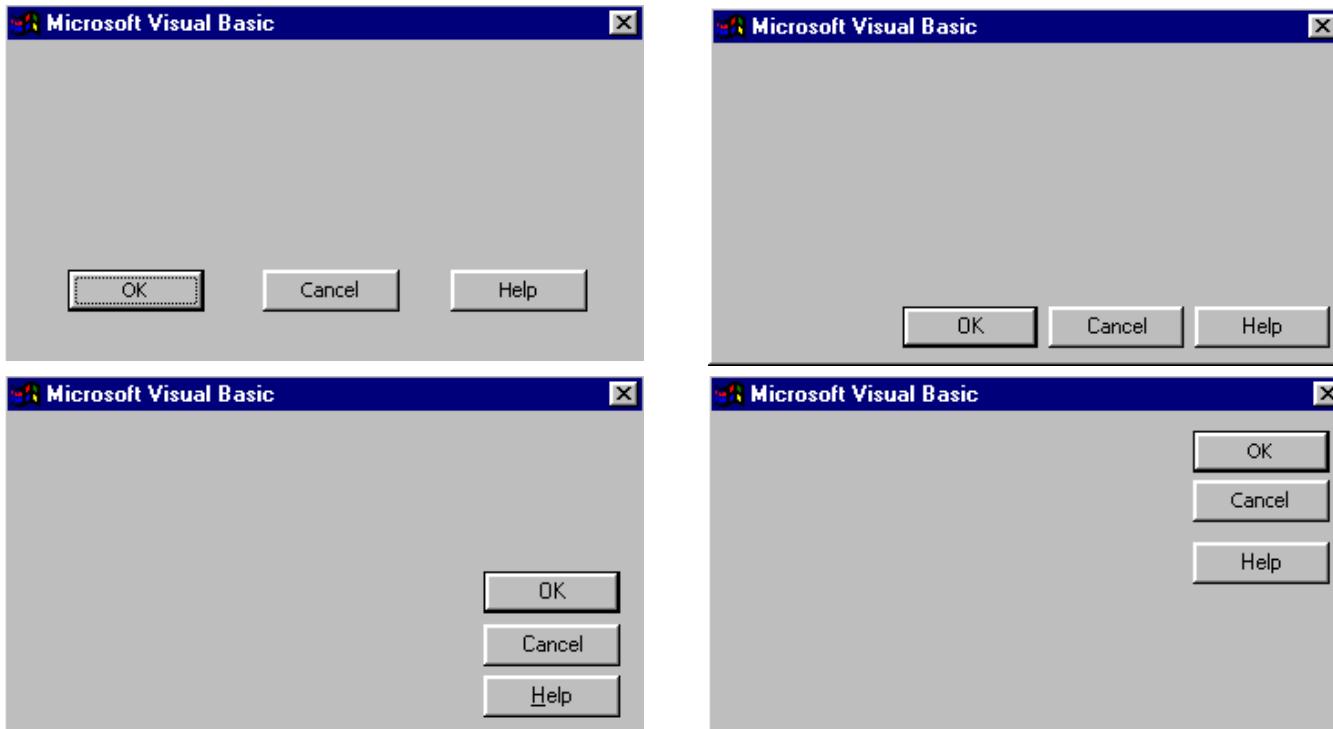
## User control & freedom

provide “exits” for mistaken choices, undo, redo  
don’t force down fixed paths

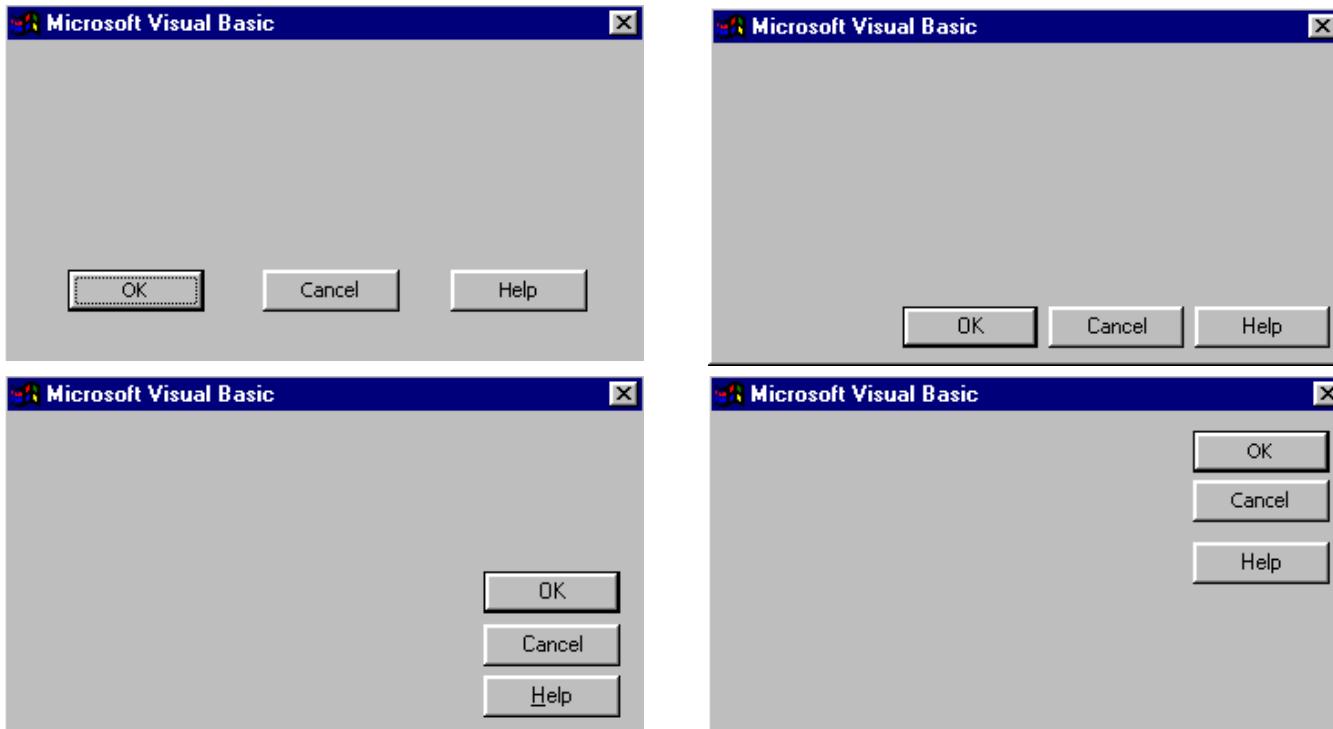
## Wizards

must respond to question before going to next  
good for beginners, infrequent tasks  
not for common tasks  
consider having 2 versions (WinZip)

# Heuristics



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Consistency & Standards

# Heuristics

% rm cse440\*

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Error prevention

Recognition rather than recall

Visibility

# Heuristics

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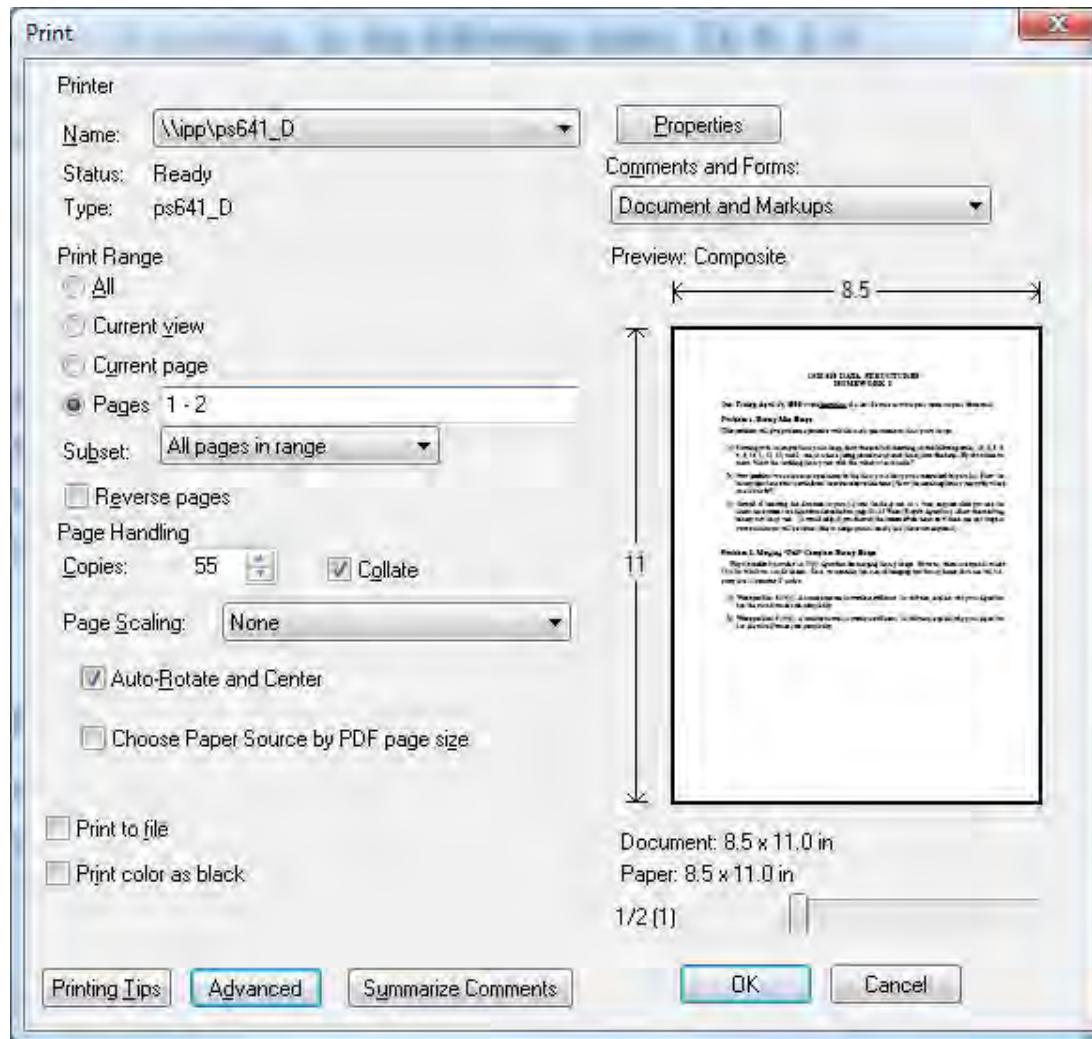
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Aesthetic & Minimalist design  
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UR Rewarding Experiences - Mozilla Firefox

File Edit View History Bookmarks Tools Help

chase.com https://ultimaterewards.chase.com/edelain/servlet/ExecMacro?ctl\_nbr=10630&nurl=control%2FS☆ ~ Google

Most Visited Getting Started Latest Headlines

UR Rewarding Experiences

My Chase Accounts Manage Ultimate Rewards Help Log Off

**CHASE**

Rewards Home Travel Experiences Merchandise Gift Cards Cash Back Earn Faster Spotlight

Your rewards balance is **25,601 Points**

All Rewards Search GO

**Featured Experiences & Auctions**

**Rewarding Experiences**

Your Chase card with Ultimate Rewards gives you access to great entertainment including concerts, sporting events, chef dinners and more.

Use your points or your Chase card to redeem for most items, or just your points to bid on the auctions.

**Quick Search**

City: All Cities Category: All Categories From To Search

**Five-Night Vacation to Rome for Two**

Auction

Rome, Italy

Opening Bid: 128,575 points

[View Details](#) | [View More Like This](#)

**Culinary & Wine**

Cook up Sweet Chocolate Creations  
43,400 points or \$434 on your Chase Card

Private Photography Lesson  
Current Bid: 12,519 points

DJ Delights  
14,400 points or

**Sports & Leisure**

Ride shotgun in a dragster at Brainerd International Raceway.  
\$184 or 18400 points.

Dance and dine on a Washington, D.C. dinner cruise for two.  
\$249 or 24900 points.

**Art & Entertainment**

More Art & Entertainment (4)

Museums (1)

Music (1)

See All Art & Entertainment

**Gift Ideas**

**Featured Experiences**

These new Experiences offer excitement on land, on sea and in the air!

**How It Works**

There are two types of rewards:  
**Auctions**  
For some items, you can bid on rewards using your points. If you are the top bidder when the auction expires, you win.  
**Redeem Now**  
For everything else, you can redeem now using your points or your Chase card with Ultimate Rewards.

[FAQs](#)

Transferring data from ultimaterewards.chase.com...

# Phases of Heuristic Evaluation

- 1) Pre-evaluation training
  - give expert evaluators needed domain knowledge & information on the scenario
- 2) Evaluation
  - individuals evaluate interface and make lists of problems
- 3) Severity rating
  - determine how severe each problem is
- 4) Aggregation
  - group meets and 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

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# 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 people from completing tasks. Highly confusing or unclear. Difficult to avoid. Likely to occur more than once.

4 - Critical usability problem.

People will not be able to accomplish their goals.

People may quit using system all together.

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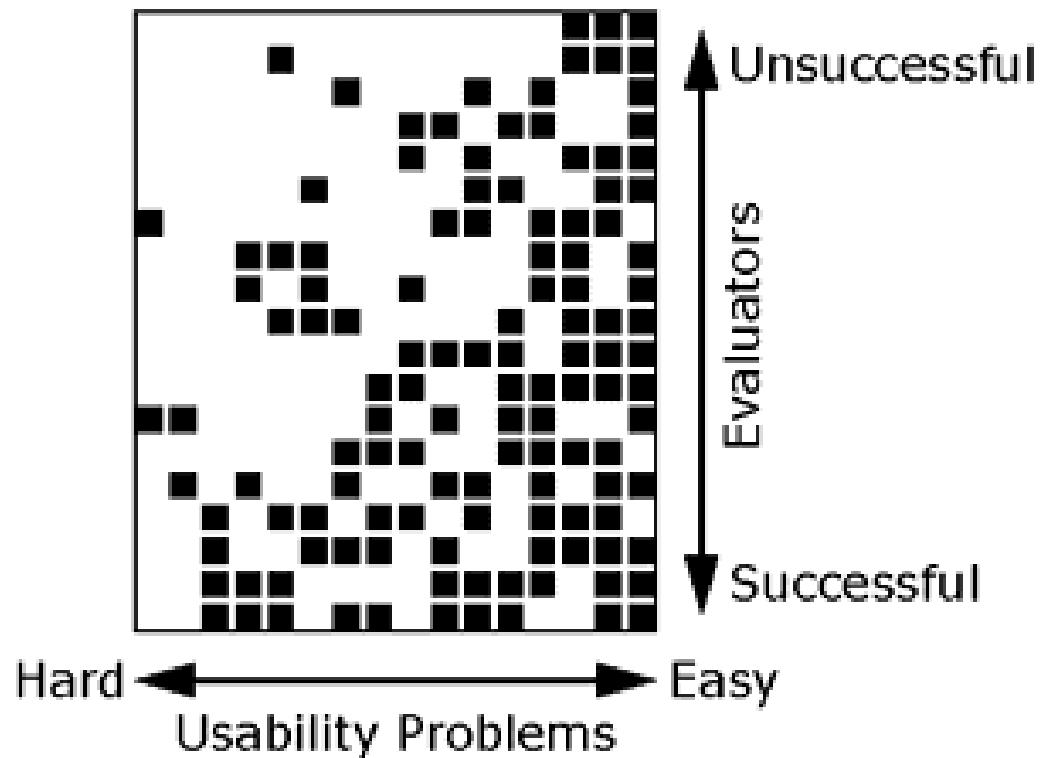
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# Why Multiple Evaluators?

Every evaluator  
does not find  
every problem

Good evaluators  
find both easy &  
hard ones



# 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".

# 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

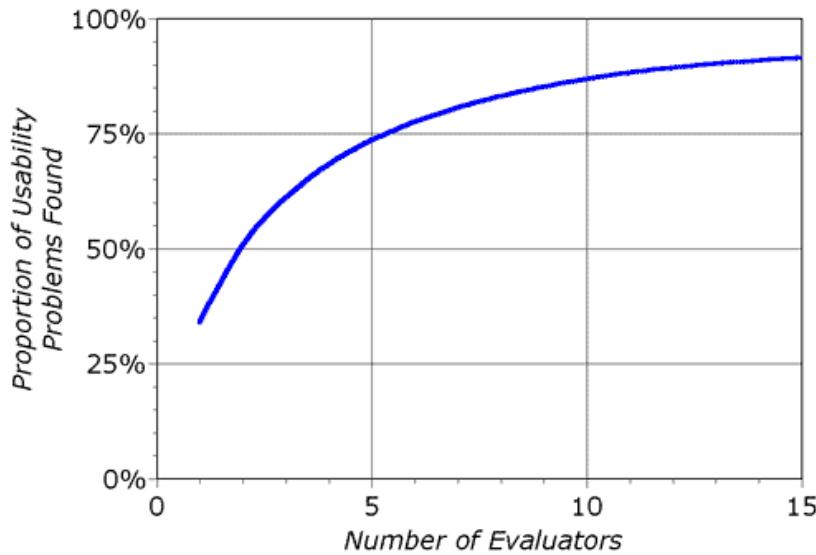
only finds 35% of usability problems

5 evaluators find ~ 75% of usability problems

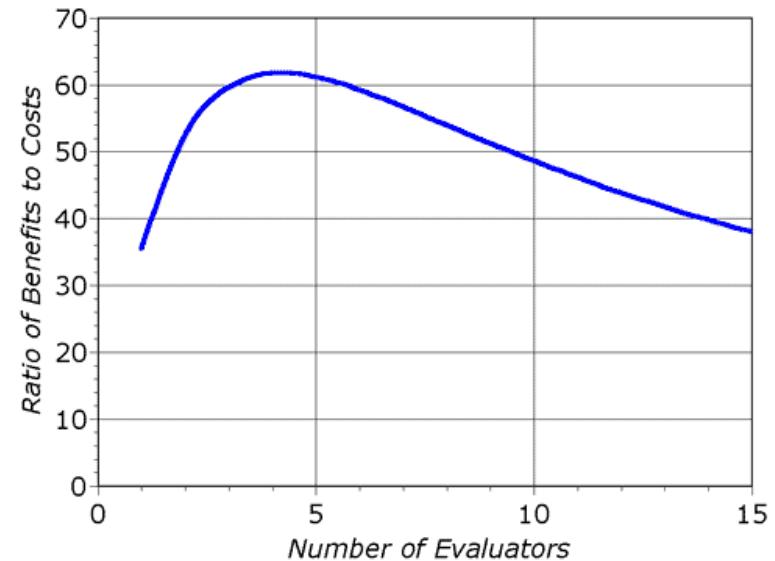
why not more evaluators?

# Decreasing Returns

problems found



benefits / cost



# Alternative Inspection-Based Methods

## Cognitive Walkthrough

Surfaces different types of usability problems

Consider as a complement to heuristic evaluation

## Action Analysis

Low-level modeling of expert performance

Be aware of GOMS, but 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) Person description, including level of experience and 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 person's point of view
- 4) Action sequence describing the system display and the actions needed to complete the task. One system display and one action together are one step.

# Cognitive Walkthrough Process

Designer/Developer prepares the required documents described on previous slide

Gives these documents to the usability expert

Expert reads the 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 person be trying to produce whatever effect the action has?
- 2) Will the person be able to notice that the correct action is available?
- 3) Once the person 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 person 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 participant actions

- May miss problems or find false positives

Usability testing is

- More accurate, by definition

- Account for actual people and tasks

One approach is to alternate between them

- Find different problems, conserve participants

# CSE 440: Introduction to HCI

## User Interface Design, Prototyping, and Evaluation

Lecture 13:  
Inspection-Based Methods

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