CSE 510: Advanced Topics in HCI

Course Overview
HCI History

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Tuesday/Thursday
10:30 to 12:00
CSE 403
Today

Introductions

HCI in Computer Science

Course Structure Overview

HCI History

Project Discussions
Brief Research Introduction

You Computing

Computing

You
HCI & Design at UW

University of Washington research in HCI & Design research is centered in DUB

DUB is a grassroots alliance of faculty, students, researchers, and industry partners interested in Human Computer Interaction & Design research and education at the University of Washington. The mission of DUB is to bring together an interdisciplinary group of experts to shape ideas, collaborate, and create better user experiences through technology.
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Consider attending the DUB seminar

  Wednesdays @ 12:00
  Food provided
  See calendar and mailing lists
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.
Tacoma Narrows
O-Rings

O-ring damage index, each launch

26°–29° range of forecasted temperatures (as of January 27, 1986) for the launch of space shuttle Challenger on January 28

Temperature (°F) of field joints at time of launch
Tractors
Tractors
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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

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

See Grudin’s “A Moving Target” Optional Reading
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, the 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 *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.
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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.
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Course Website

http://www.cs.washington.edu/510/

Calendar Overview

Workload Overview

Readings
Project
Exam
Statistics Lab
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2.5 Weeks of Context and Methods
   Jan 5: Overview and History
   Jan 7: Visions of HCI
   Jan 12, Jan 14: Contributions
   Jan 28: Experiments and Statistics

5.5 Weeks of Research Topics
   11 Topics

1 Week of Project Presentations
   Jan 26, Feb 23

1 Week of HCI as Design
   Mar 8, Mar 10
Guest Lecturers
Readings *(see course webpage)*

Topic readings will emphasize:

1 framing paper per topic

2 instances of contribution with that topic

Read the framing paper, 1 of the instance papers

Discussion will be expected throughout course

Doing the reading is major component of course

Minimal other assignments
Project (see course webpage)

Expected to be in groups of 2
  ... singles and groups of 3 considered
  ... singles very highly discouraged

Proposal, Two Self-Defined Milestones, Report
  Policy on projects relating to existing research
  Gathered potential project ideas
  Optional meetings on Friday
Exam and Lab (see course webpage)

Exam

Open-note, take-home
Demonstrate substantial understanding
Keeping up with the readings will be critical

Statistics Lab

Intended to be straightforward and instructive
Grading *(see course webpage)*

20% Readings
45% Group Project
15% Exam
10% Statistics Lab
10% Participation

Necessarily subjective, communicate with us if you need guidance or are concerned with this
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Project Discussions
Thursday’s “Visions of HCl” Readings
A History Question

Who invented hypertext? When?
Computing in 1945

Harvard Mark I, 55 feet long, 8 feet high, 5 tons
Computing in 1945

Harvard Mark I, 55 feet long, 8 feet high, 5 tons
Computing in 1945

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
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

http://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse510/videos/history/Apple1984.mp4
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

http://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse510/videos/history/AlanKay1987.m4v
Ivan Sutherland’s Sketchpad

http://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse510/videos/history/AlanKay1987-Sketchpad.m4v
Ivan Sutherland’s Sketchpad

When do we think this was done?
Ivan Sutherland’s Sketchpad

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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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

http://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse510/videos/history/AlanKay1987-GRAIL.m4v
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
Xerox to Apple and Microsoft

XEROX Alto 1973
Xerox Alto
Xerox Alto
Xerox to Apple and Microsoft

XEROX Alto 1973

Steve Jobs visits PARC in 1979
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XEROX STAR 1981
Xerox Star
Xerox Star
Xerox Star

XEROX 8010 Star Information System

Star provides integrated text and graphics. A variety of typesizes and styles may be used.

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Xerox Star

http://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse510/videos/history/Star-Desktop.m4v
Xerox Star

http://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse510/videos/history/Star-SlowScrolling.mp4
Xerox Star

http://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse510/videos/history/Star-ChoiceParameters.mp4
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XEROX STAR 1981
Apple Lisa 1981
Apple Macintosh 1984
Windows 1.0 1985
Windows 1.0
Windows 1.0

floppy drive configuration as it conserves disk space. To use this feature change the "Spooler=yes" in the [windows] section of the WIN.INI file to read "Spooler=no".

Note: Setting Spooler=no will disable printing from Windows Terminal

RUNNING BATCH (.BAT) FILES FROM WINDOWS
If you run a standard application from a batch file you should create a PIF file for the batch file. The PIF file should have the same PIF options set as the application. The Memory Required and Memory Desired options for the batch PIF file should always be set to 32K. This is independent of the memory requirements for the application.

Batch files should be run from the MS-DOS Executive.

RUNNING WINDOWS WRITE ON A TWO FLOPPY SYSTEM
Several precautions should be observed when using Windows
Windows 1.0
Xerox to Apple and Microsoft

XEROX Alto 1973
Steve Jobs visits PARC in 1979
XEROX STAR 1981
Apple Lisa 1981
Apple Macintosh 1984
Windows 1.0 1985
Windows 2.0 1987
Windows 2.0 (1987)
Windows 2.0
Xerox to Apple and Microsoft

XEROX Alto 1973
Steve Jobs visits PARC in 1979
XEROX STAR 1981
Apple Lisa 1981
Apple Macintosh 1984
Windows 1.0 1985
Windows 2.0 1987
Windows 3.0 1990
Windows 3.0
Windows 3.0
Windows 3.0
Xerox to Apple and Microsoft

XEROX Alto 1973
Steve Jobs visits PARC in 1979
XEROX STAR 1981
Apple Lisa 1981
Apple Macintosh 1984
Windows 1.0 1985
Windows 2.0 1987
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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