

CSE 440: Introduction to HCI

User Interface Design, Prototyping, and Evaluation

Lecture 01:
Introduction and
Personal Informatics

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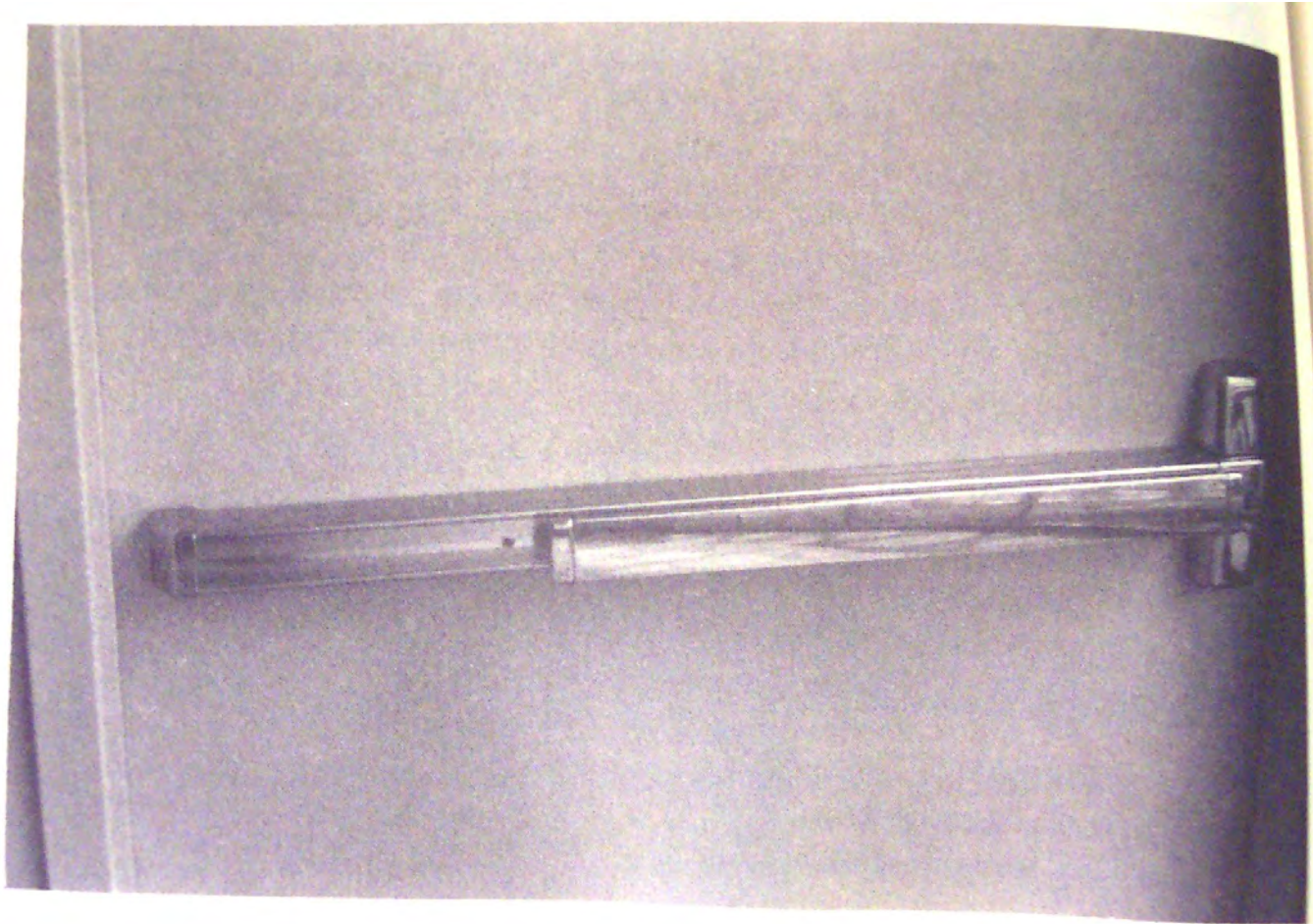
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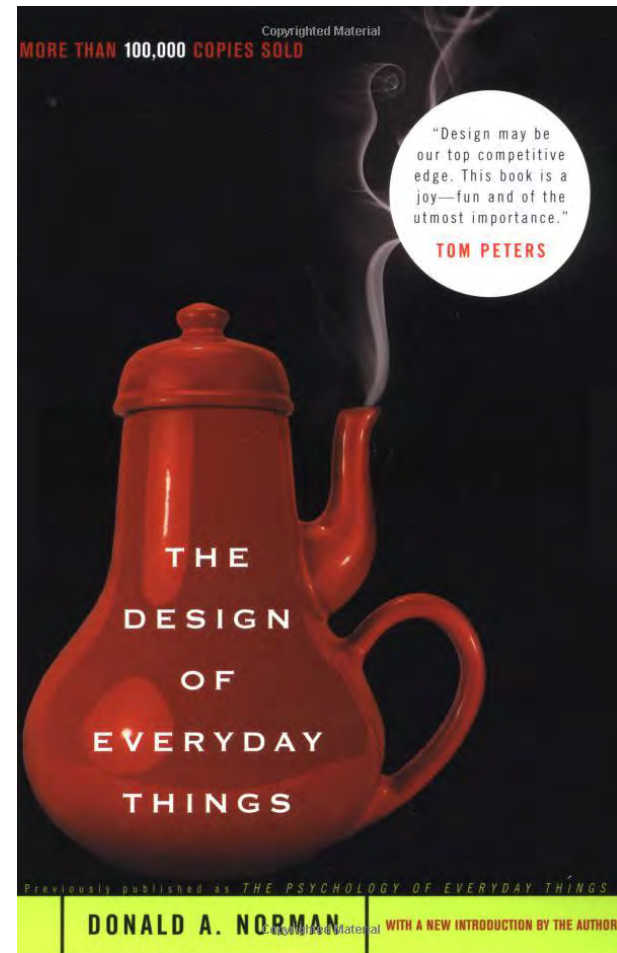
What is so Special about Computers?

Nothing! It is about good designs and bad designs

We all make push/pull decisions many times per day

We all encounter doors that do this badly

We all see signs that do not change what we do



What is so Special about Computers?

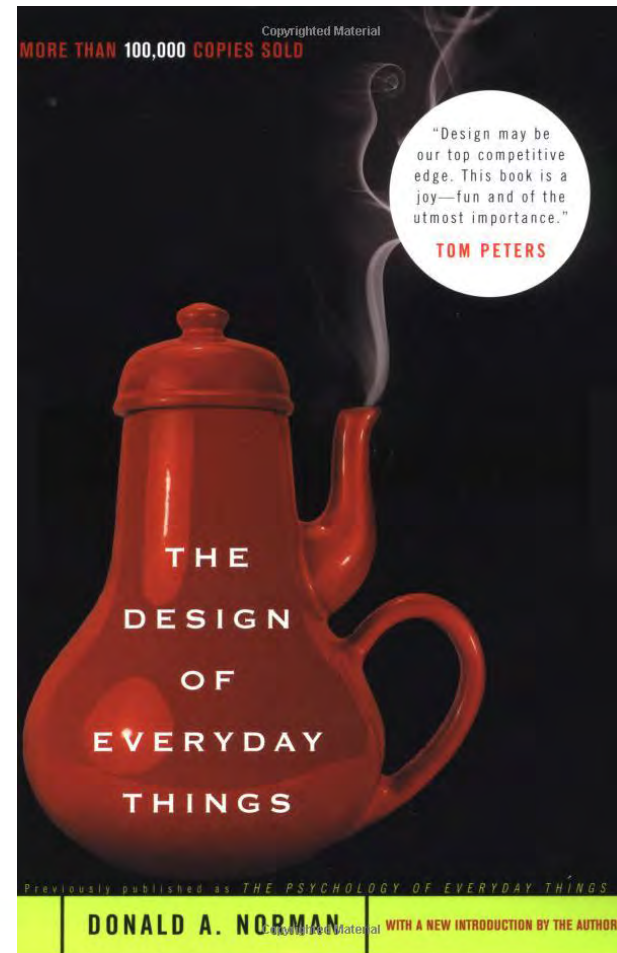
Yet we blame ourselves

Absolutely everything we encounter in the made world was designed

Too often poorly designed

Read this book

Be warned you cannot unread it, you become angry



Iterative Human-Centered Design

This is a course about process

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

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

A Whole Lot of Administrivia

Today we have a lot to cover

Course Mechanics and Project Overview

Some Perspectives

Assignment 1: Project Proposal

Background in Personal Informatics

GitHub Repository

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

<https://github.com/uwcse440/web-cse440-au14>

You will contribute when posting your projects

You can and should contribute when you see the opportunity



Project Overview

The core of this course is a group project

Propose and do an intense end-to-end design

Getting the Right Design

Getting the Design Right

Communicating the Design

Not an implementation course



StoneSoup

Contextual Inquiry & Task Analysis

Observe practices and understand needs



Consumester

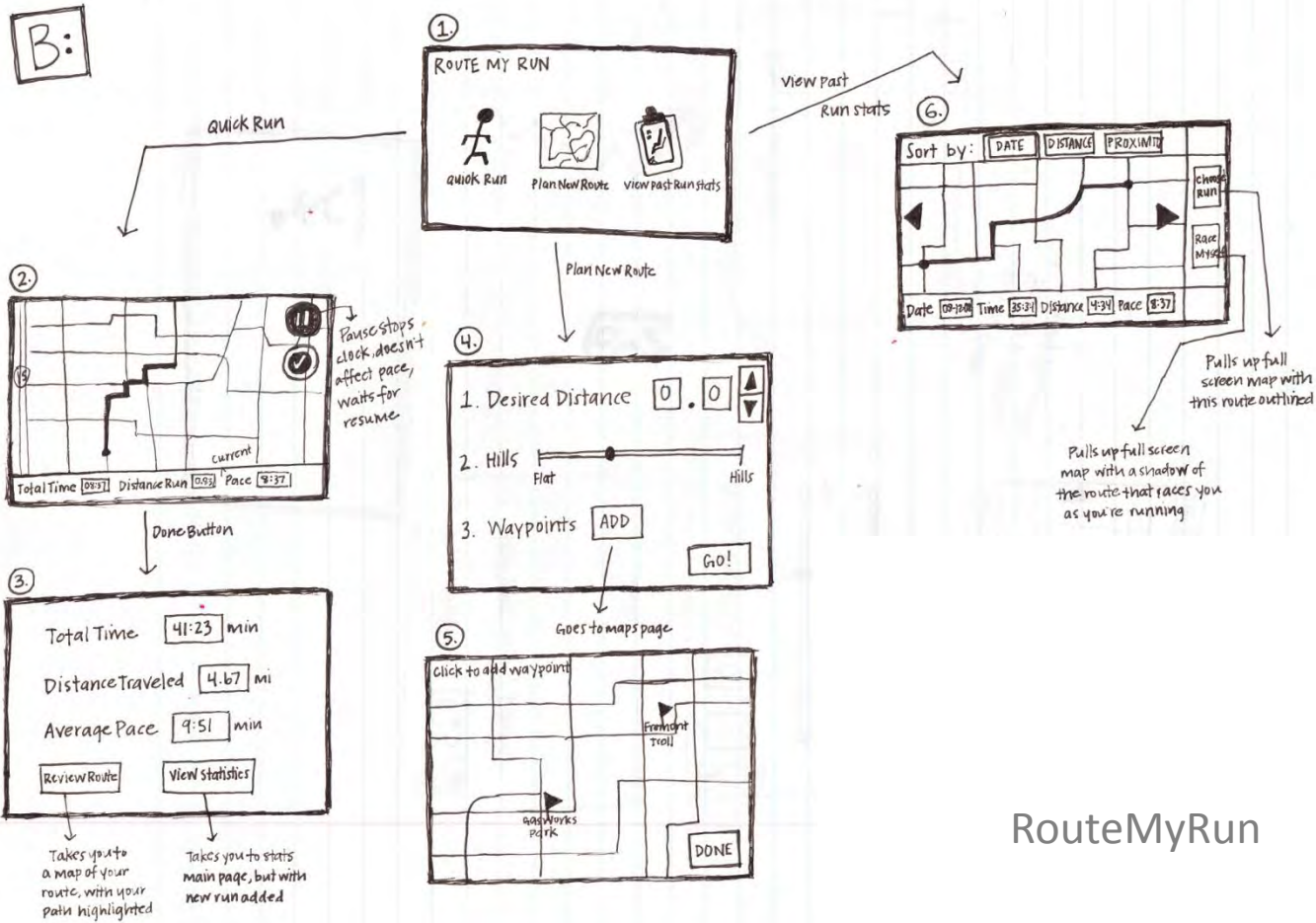


FoodWatch

Sketching & Storyboarding

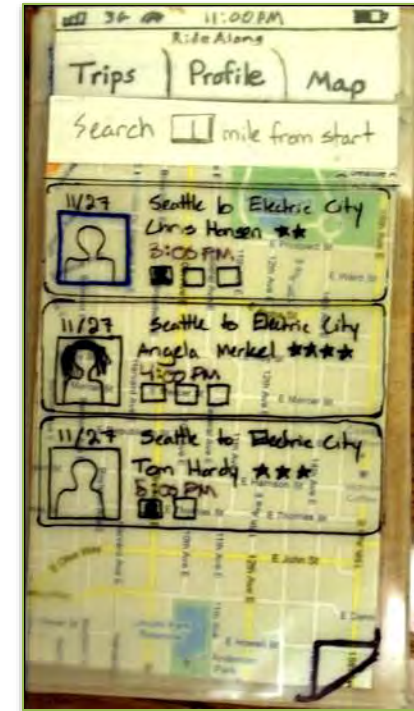


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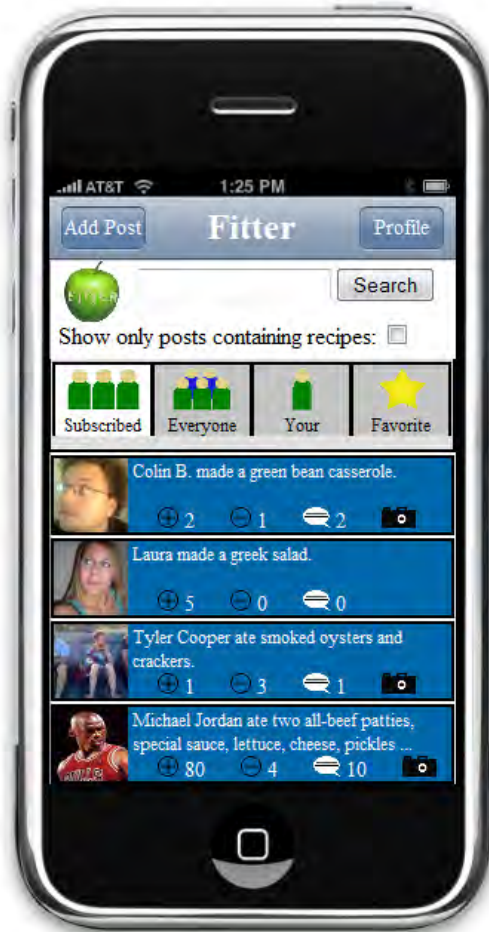
RouteMyRun

Low-Fidelity Prototyping & Testing



RideAlong

Digital Mockup



Fitter

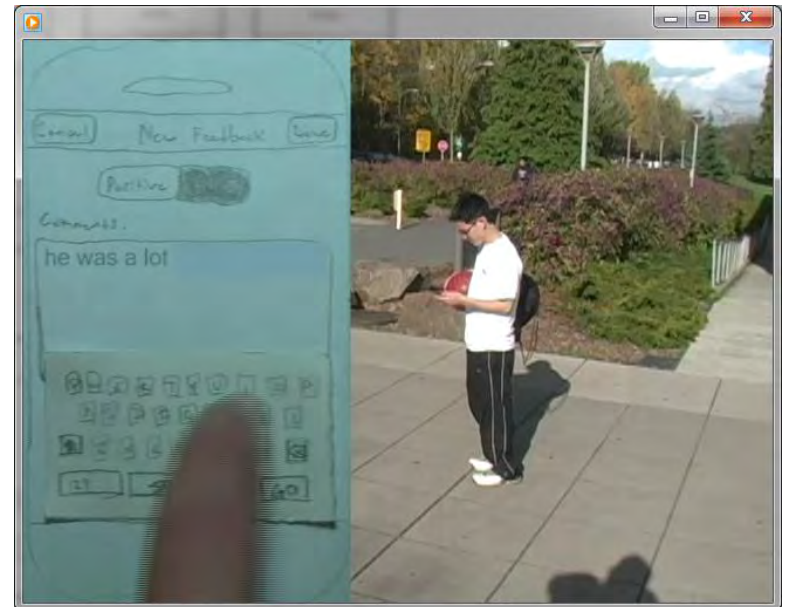


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Video Prototypes



GetOut



PickUp

“Now” vs “When You Need It” Content

This course has both, we will try to distinguish

Several assigned readings will be posted

- Intentionally minimal but critical

- May be on exam

- Small reading report required

Additional resources will be made available

- If you find others you want to share, GitHub!

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 aspects of what
the CSE curriculum has taught you is important

It will be what you make it

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**.”

What is Quantified Self

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

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

“Self knowledge through numbers.”

What is the Point?



Gnothi seauton
“Know thyself”

Leonardo da Vinci

Leonardo da Vinci

Odometers on the left

Pedometer on the right

To track troop activities



Benjamin Franklin



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

Benjamin Franklin



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



交通巡査
11260歩=6.7^キ (8時間)



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満員になれば、ちよつと立まる程もない

ビヤホールのウェイトレス
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物のサービスで機内を動き回る
乗客は少なく楽なつたという

エアホステス
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万歩計

Thousands of Health Monitoring Apps



Activity and Medical Sensing Devices



Blood glucose meter

Thermometer

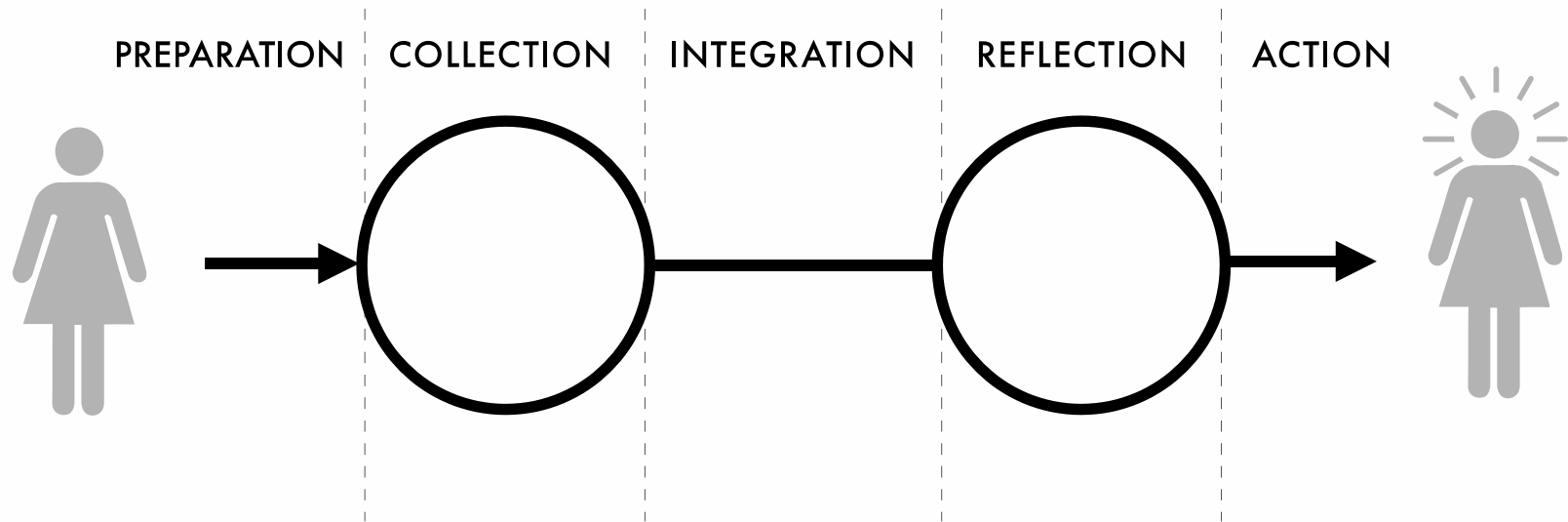


Blood pressure monitor

Heart rate monitor



Five-Stage Model of Personal Informatics



Five-Stage Model of Personal Informatics

Alice



20 years old

Has a family history
of heart disease

Wants to be more active

Does not know how,
because she is busy

Preparation



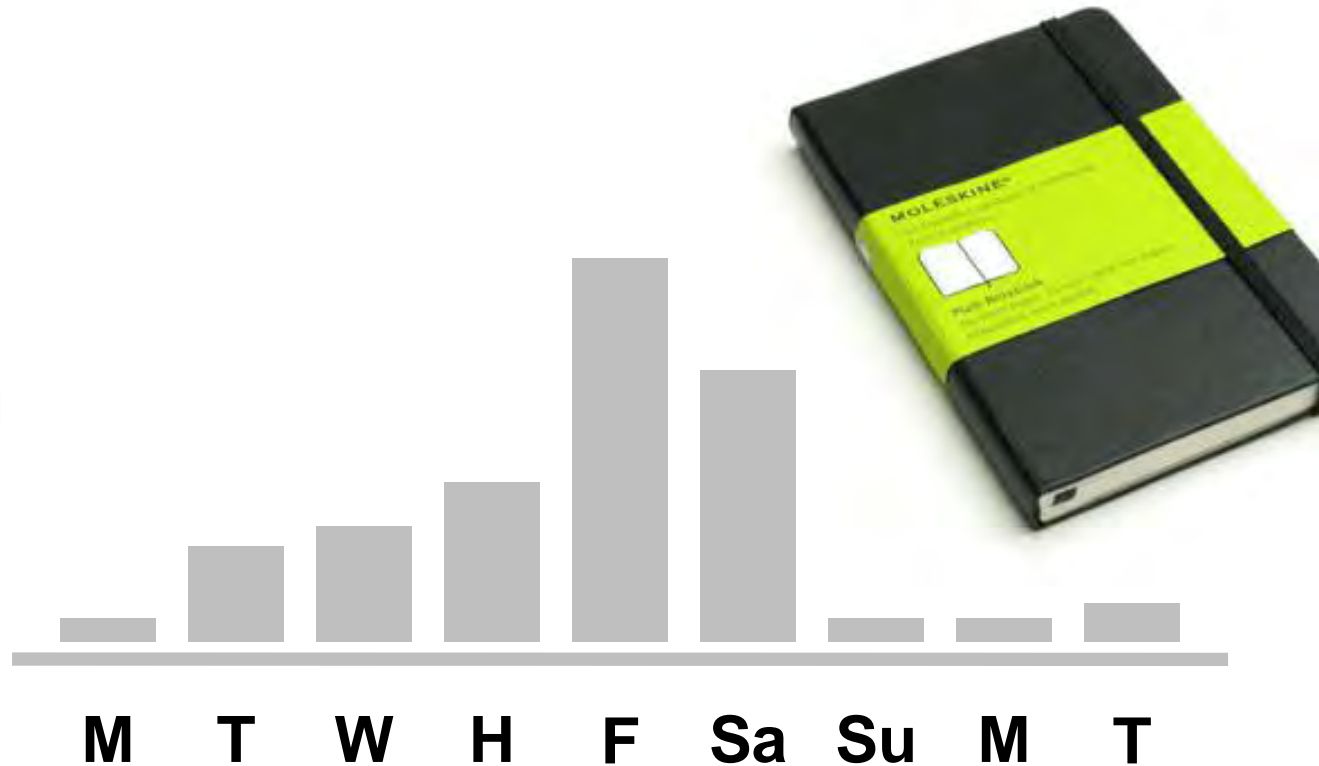
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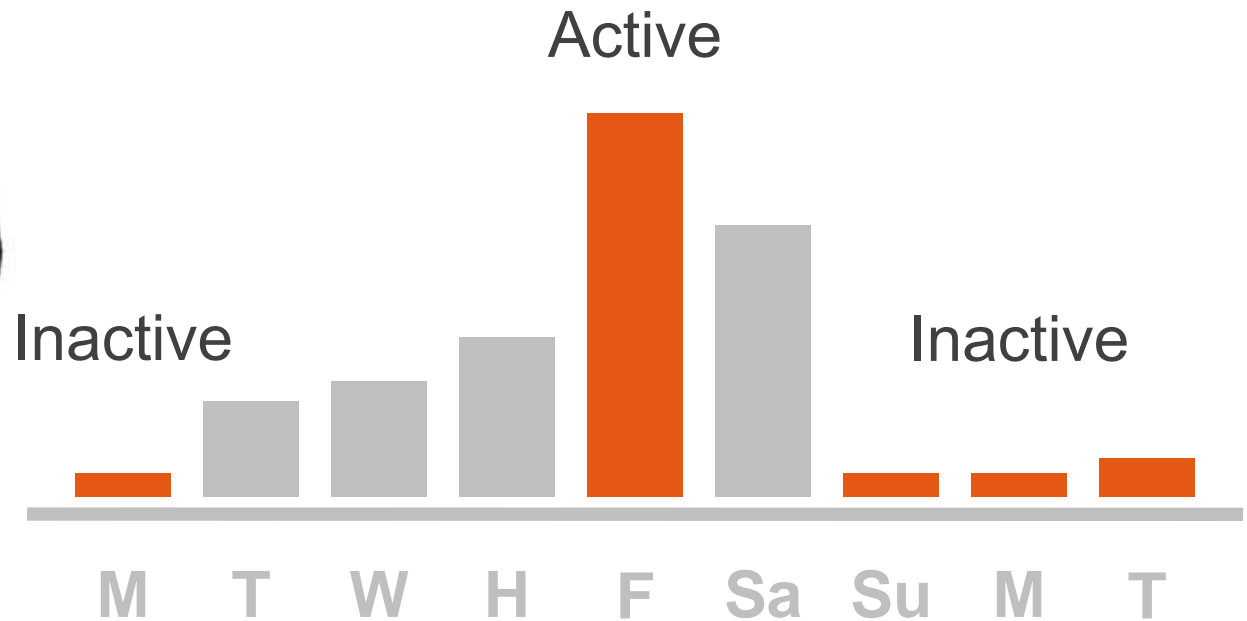
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Integration



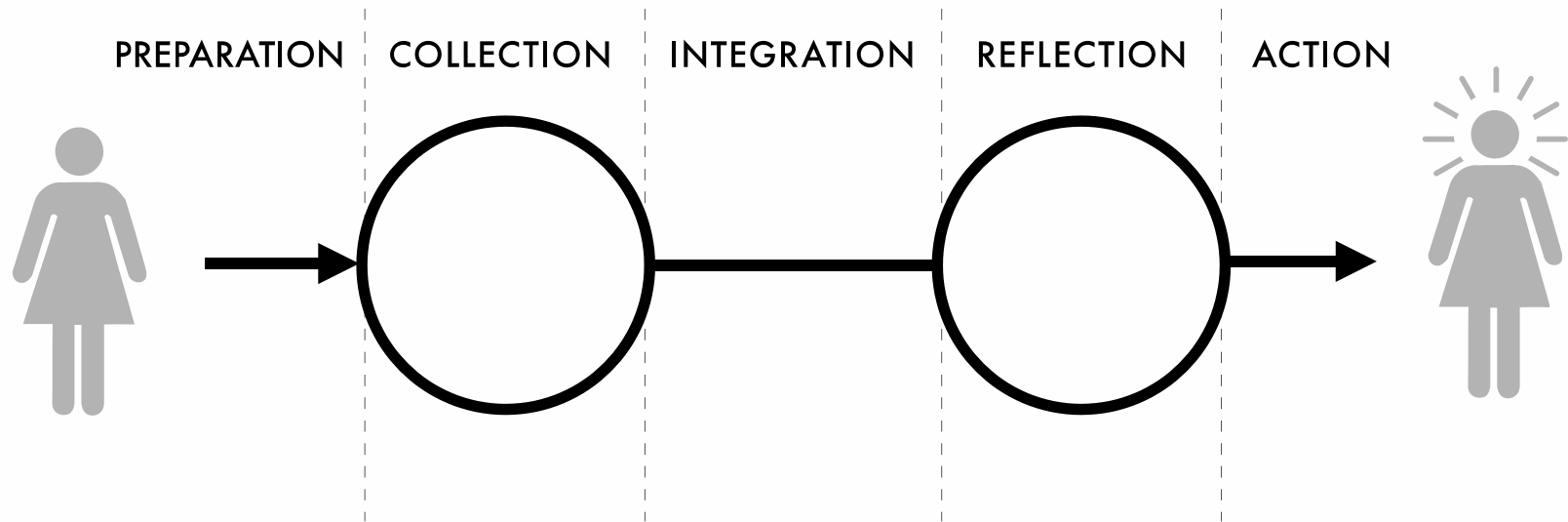
Reflection



Action

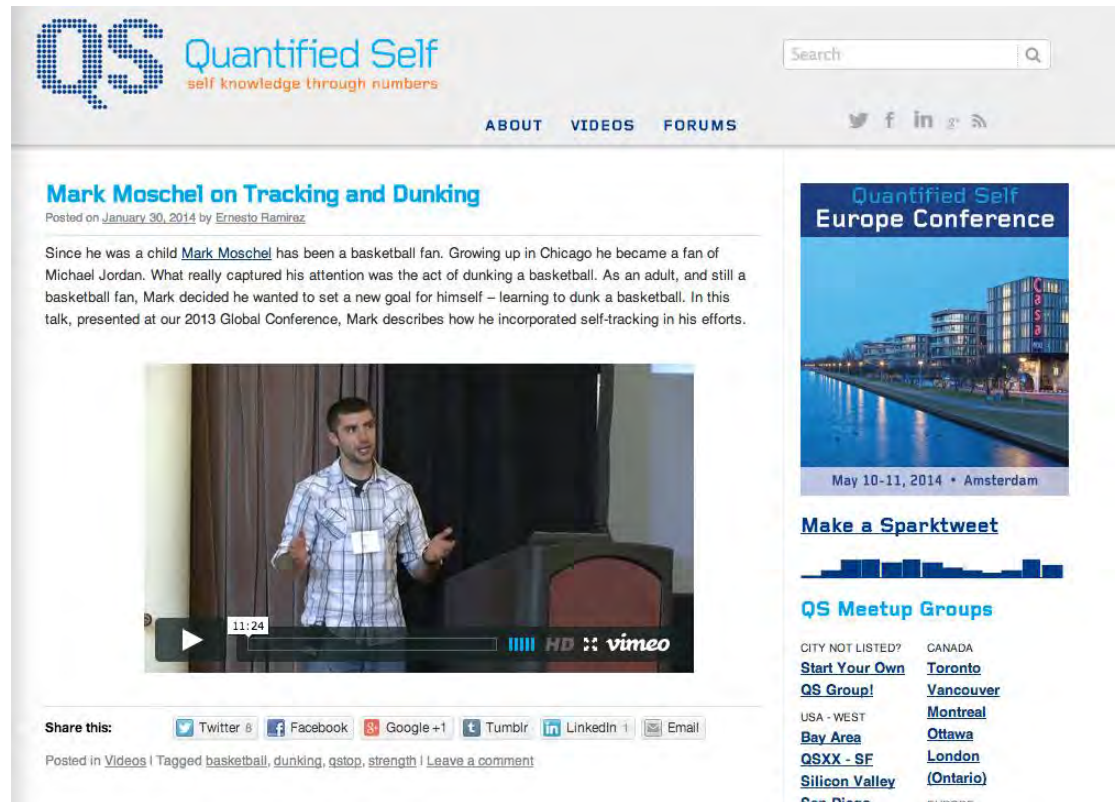


Five-Stage Model of Personal Informatics



What is the Problem?

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



The screenshot shows the Quantified Self website. The header includes the logo "QS Quantified Self" with the tagline "self knowledge through numbers", a search bar, and navigation links for "ABOUT", "VIDEOS", and "FORUMS". The main content area features a video titled "Mark Moschel on Tracking and Dunking" posted on January 30, 2014, by Ernesto Ramirez. The video description states: "Since he was a child Mark Moschel has been a basketball fan. Growing up in Chicago he became a fan of Michael Jordan. What really captured his attention was the act of dunking a basketball. As an adult, and still a basketball fan, Mark decided he wanted to set a new goal for himself – learning to dunk a basketball. In this talk, presented at our 2013 Global Conference, Mark describes how he incorporated self-tracking in his efforts." The video player shows a man in a plaid shirt speaking at a podium. Below the video are social sharing options for Twitter, Facebook, Google+, Tumblr, LinkedIn, and Email. The right sidebar contains a banner for the "Quantified Self Europe Conference" (May 10-11, 2014, Amsterdam), a "Make a Sparktweet" section with a bar chart, and a "QS Meetup Groups" section listing various cities like Toronto, Vancouver, Montreal, Bay Area, Ottawa, London, San Diego, and San Francisco.

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

YOUR SLEEP EFFICIENCY
97%

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

Time to fall asleep
Actual sleep

Times awakened
5

You were in bed for
8hrs 27min

Your sleep pattern ■ asleep ■ active

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

Time to fall asleep
Actual sleep

Times awakened
10

You were in bed for
9hrs 5min

Actual sleep time
8hrs 1min

VS.

1. What I did

2. How I did it

3. What I learned

Analyzed 52 videos

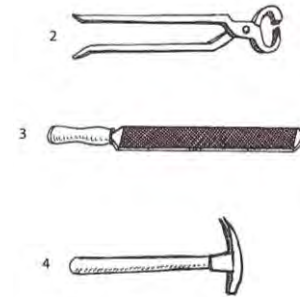
Questions about the Quantified Self



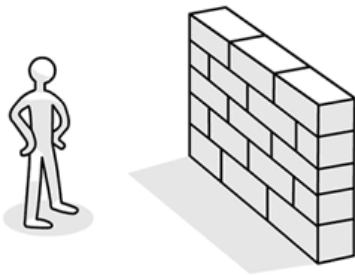
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Motivation



Tools



Challenges



Workarounds



Visualizations

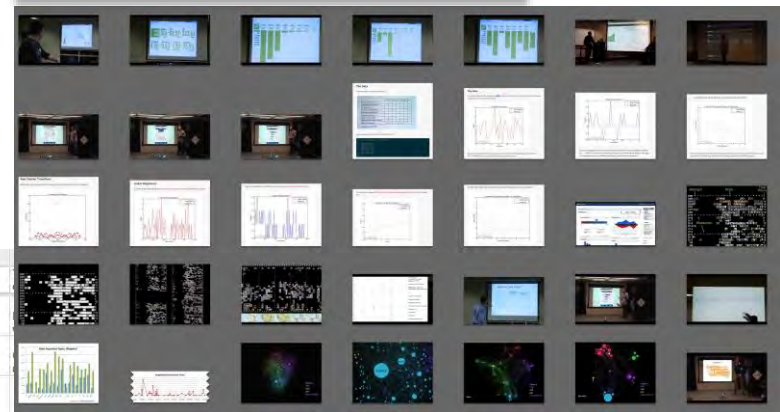
Analysis



Themes

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

Visualizations



Profiles

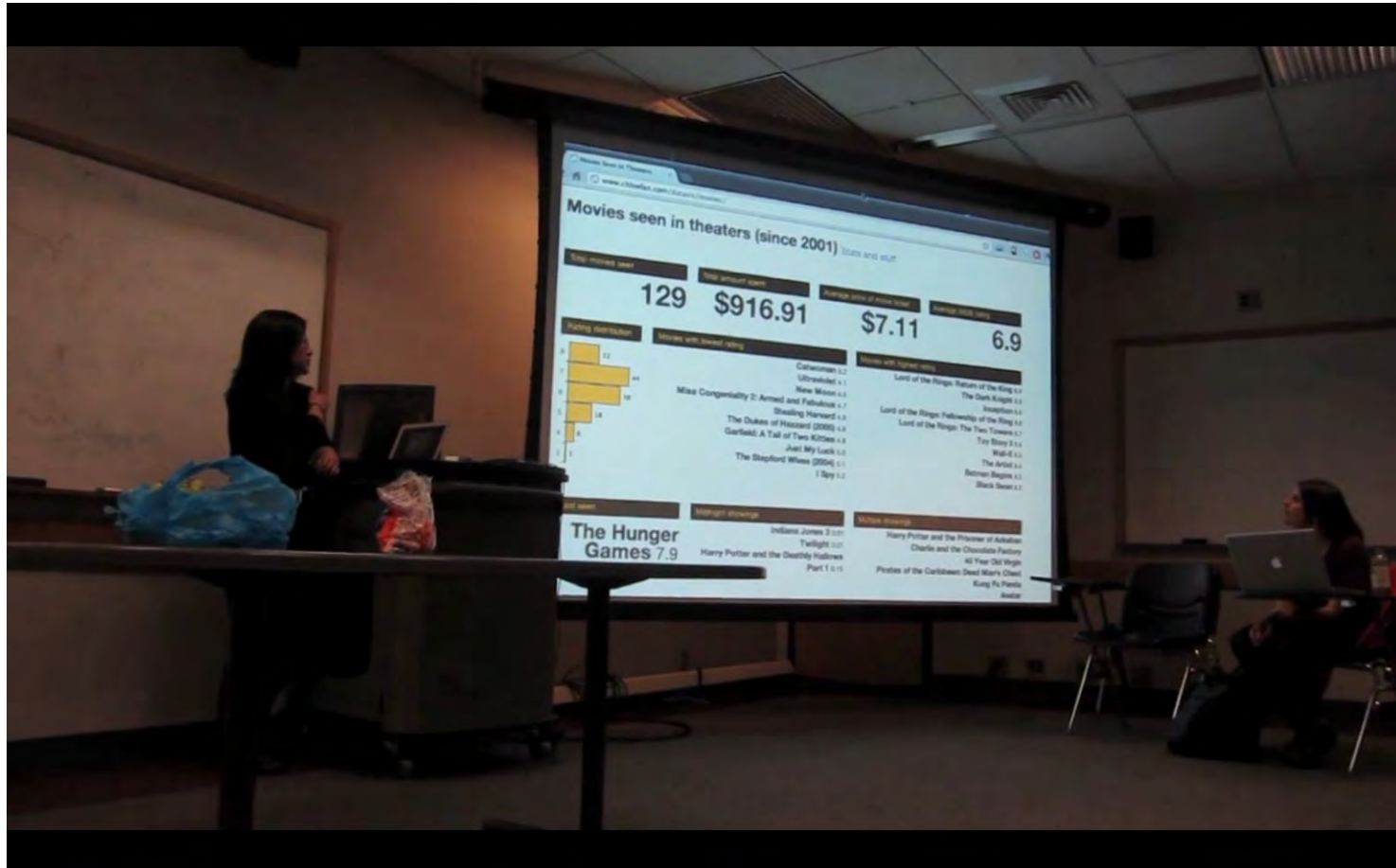
What do they track?

Number
of People
Who Tracked
an Item



Other items: cognitive performance, blood glucose, location, heart rate, knowledge, stress, body fat, productivity, snoring, movies, posture, medicine, skin condition, home energy usage, clothes, and public transit usage

Movies Seen in Theatres Since 2001



Clothing Log

Clothing Logs Analysis Missing information

Clothing logs

Clothing 2012-07-06 1 Save

2012-07-06 2012-07-05 2012-07-04 2012-07-03

2012-07-02 2012-07-01 2012-06-30 2012-06-29 2012-06-28

2012-06-27 2012-06-26 2012-06-25 2012-06-24 2012-06-23 2012-06-22

2012-06-21 2012-06-20 2012-06-19 2012-06-18 2012-06-17

2012-06-16 2012-06-15 2012-06-14 2012-06-13 2012-06-12 2012-06-11

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

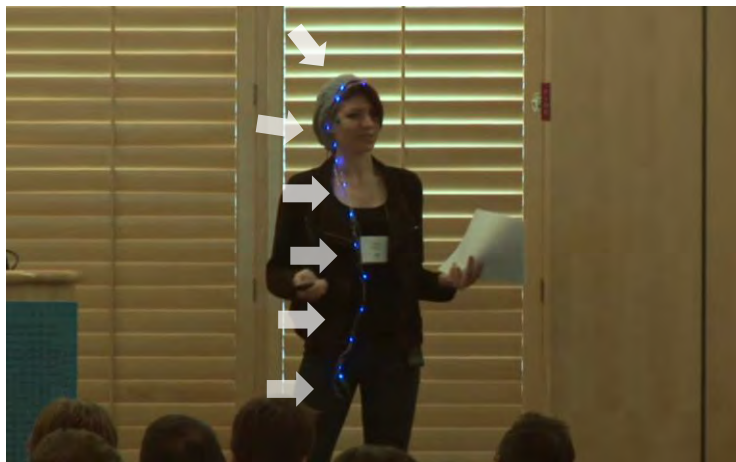
Motivations	Sub-categories
To improve health	To cure or manage a condition
	To achieve a goal
	To find triggers
	To answer a specific question
	To identify relationships
	To execute a treatment plan
	To make better health decisions
	To find balance
To improve other aspects of life	To maximize work performance
	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)
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Open-source platform	8% (4)
Statistical software	4% (2)
Pen and paper	2% (1)

Building Custom Tools

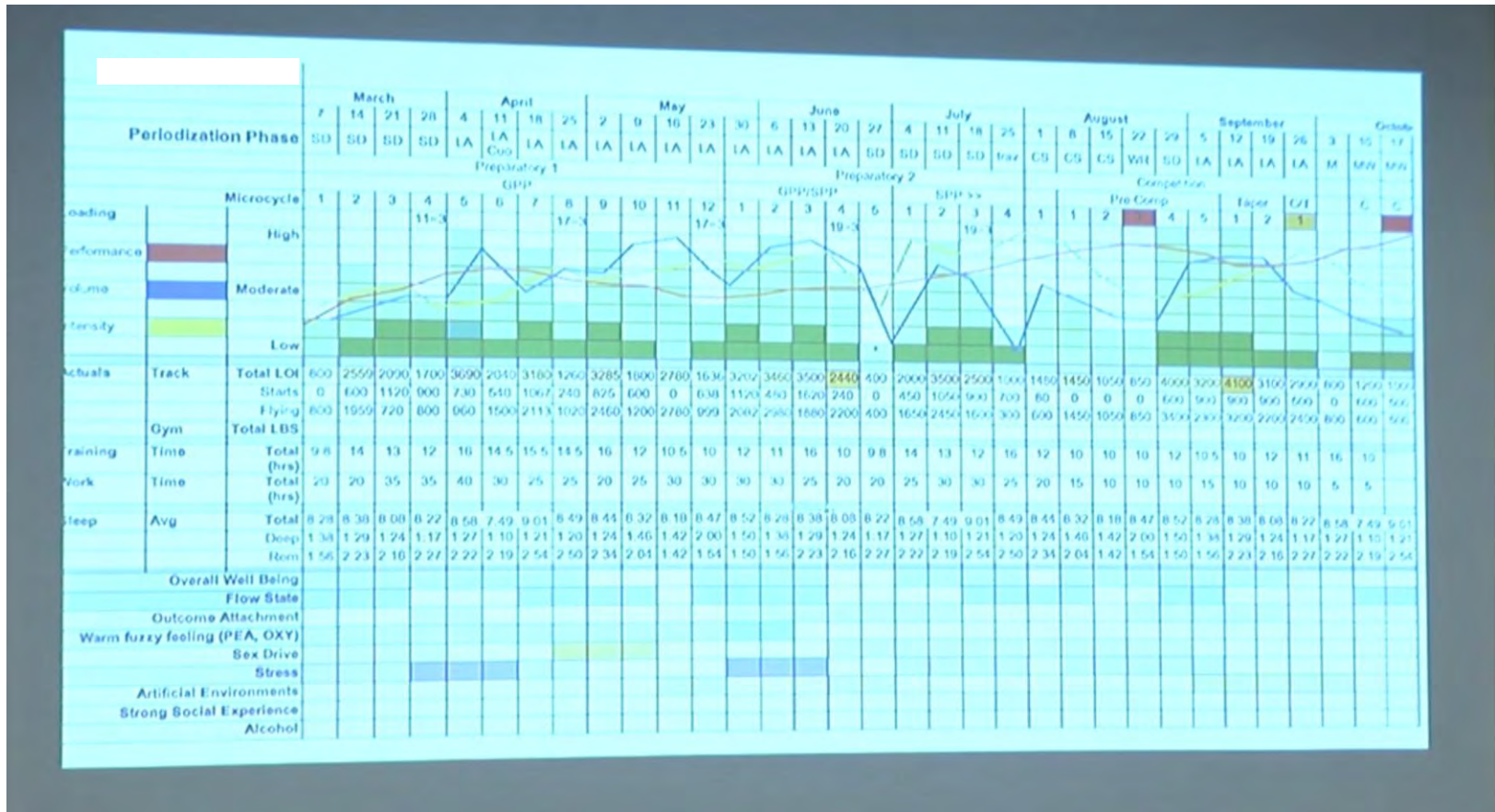


Captures smile via wearable sensing
Provides real-time feedback

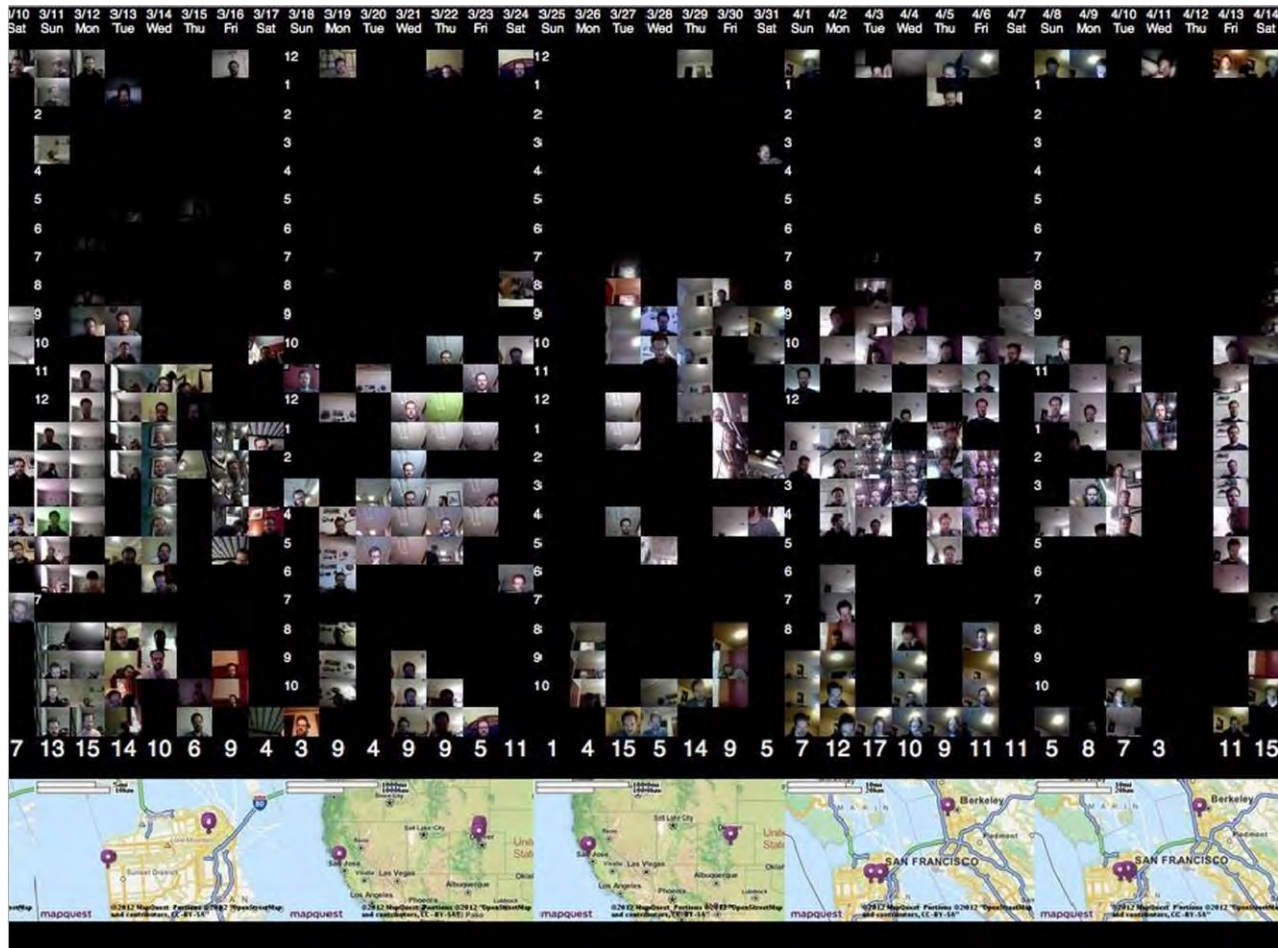


Captures snoring via mobile app
Provides data visualization

Custom Visualizations



Custom Visualizations



Why are they Building Custom Tools?

Desirable features are not supported

Collect and reflect on the data using a single tool

Perform self-experimentation

Barriers to success

Tracking too many things

Not tracking triggers and context

Lacking scientific rigor

Tracking Too Many Things

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

People burn out on self-tracking

Not Tracking Triggers and Context

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

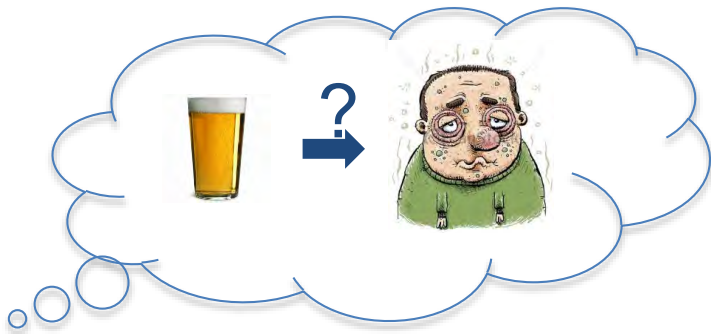
People lack clues on what to track

Miss information on how to improve outcome

They track the wrong information

Lacking Scientific Rigor

Conduct self-experimentations without control or without addressing confounding factors



And they conduct flawed experiments

Your Challenge

People invest tremendous effort for little value

Do better, help people achieve their goals

These are smart people, these are hard problems

Think big about the opportunities

Get past the technology fetish

Understand the problems people face

Find the role for interactive technology

Some Reflection

We have high expectations

We want you to do cool stuff

But we are also enthusiastic and we listen

Email us, point out opportunities, ask questions

If you are not onboard, please drop now

Please email us so that we know a spot opened

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What is Interaction?

Two-Way

one-way is a reaction

Communicative

information is sent

Receptive

information is received

Effective

the parties are changed as a result

What is Interaction?

Two-Way
Communicative
Receptive
Effective

Knocking over a chair

Clicking a Submit button on a web page

Two televisions, turned on, facing each other

A computer sending data to another via a network

Typing on a computer that is turned off

Picking up a telephone and putting it to your ear

Typing ESC on a screen that does not allow it

Models of Interaction

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

- Buxton's 3-State Model

- Norman's Execution-Evaluation Cycle

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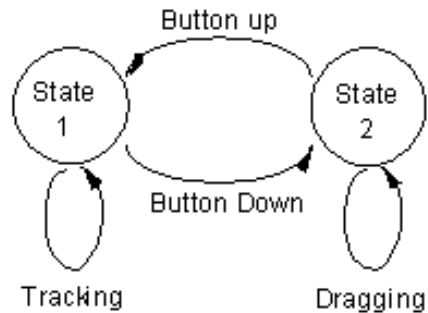
Norman's Execution-Evaluation Cycle

“All models are wrong, but some are useful”

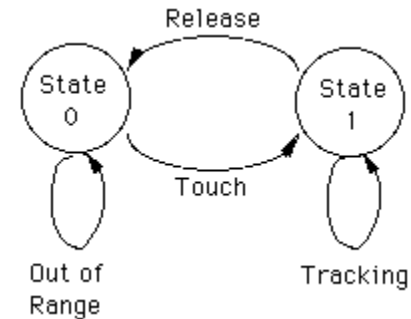
George Box

Buxton's 3-State Model

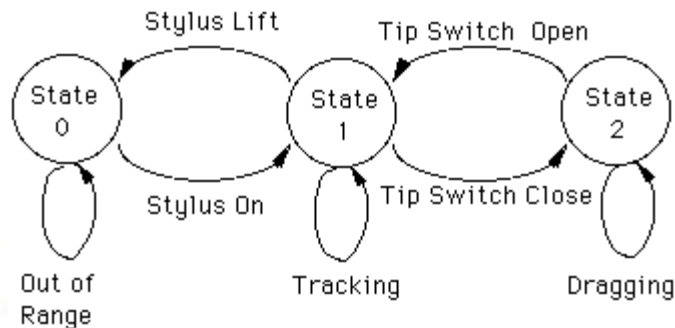
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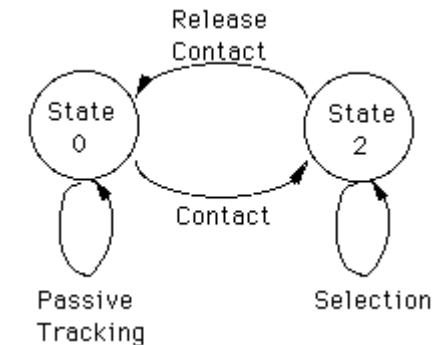
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Stylus

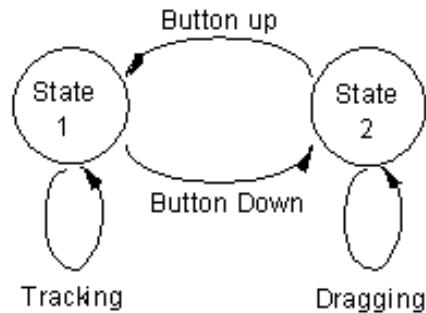


Touch Screen

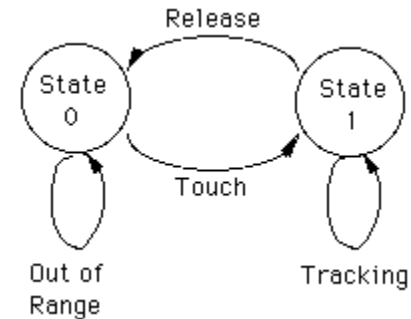


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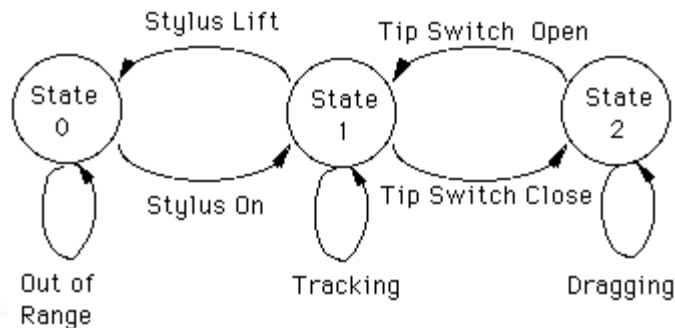
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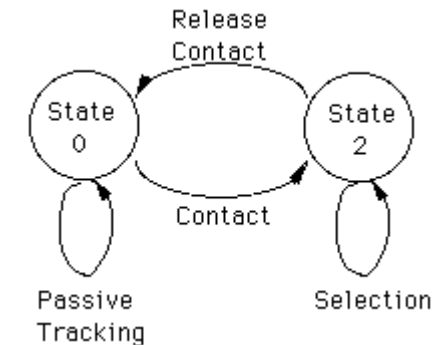
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Which can support tooltip previews?

Norman's Execution-Evaluation Cycle

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



Revise
Goals

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]

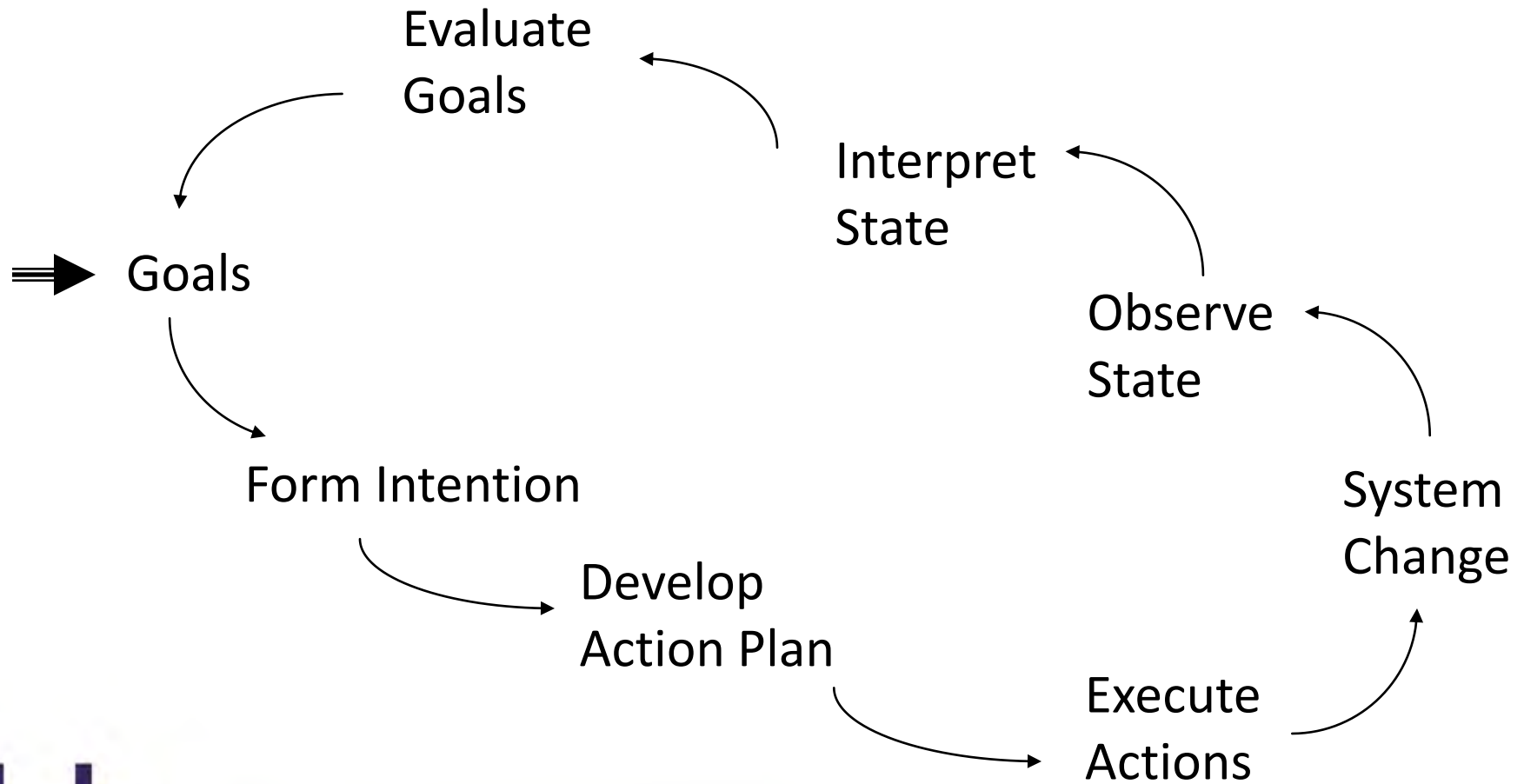
6. Interpret the system state

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

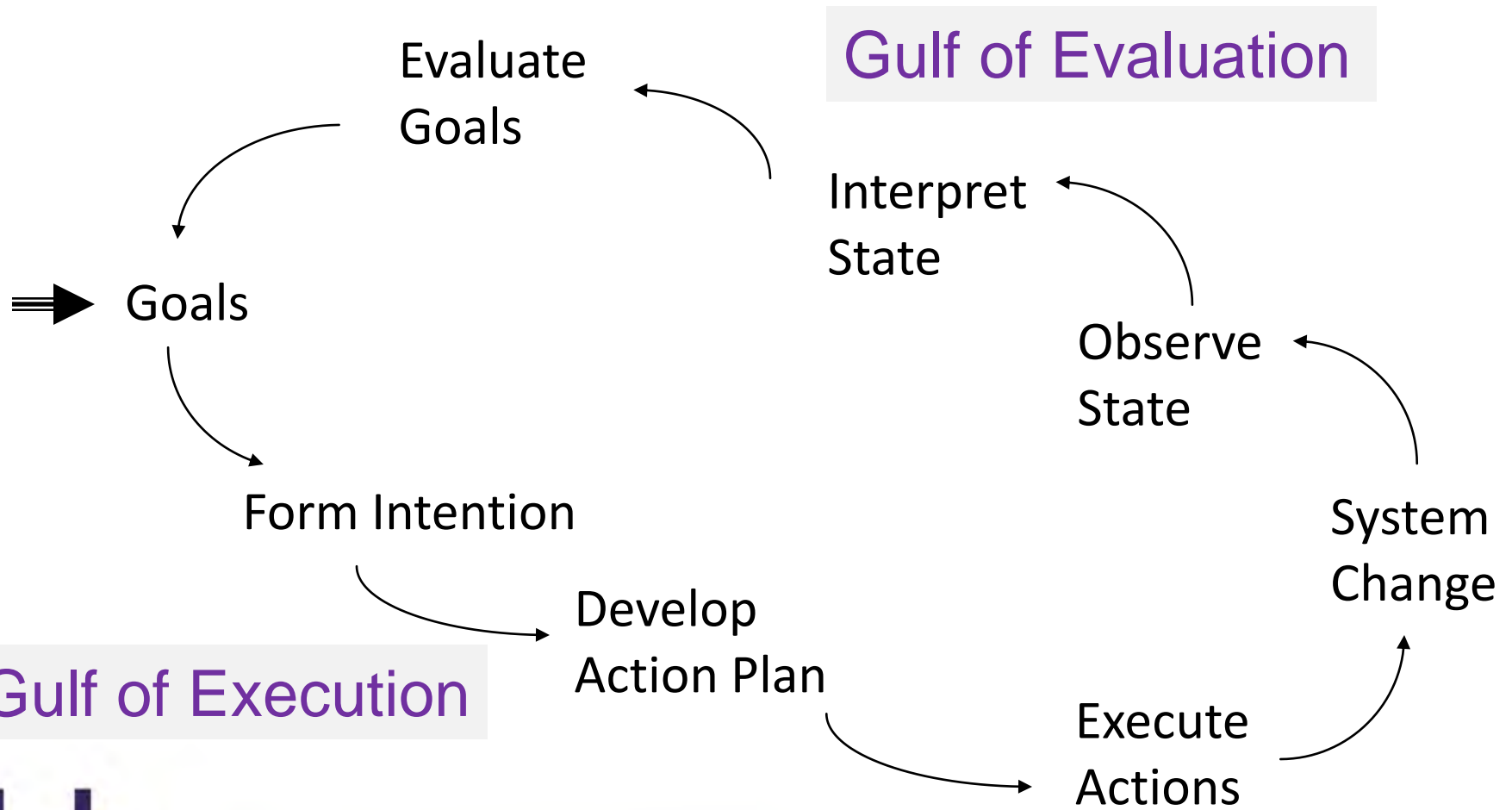
7. Evaluate the system state with respect to the goals and intentions

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

Norman's Execution-Evaluation Cycle



Norman's Execution-Evaluation Cycle



Bridging the Gulfs

Gulf of Execution: “How do I do it?”

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

Gulf of Evaluation: “What does it mean?”

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

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

What can I do?

How do I do it?

What result will it have?

What is it telling me?

Cooper's Mental Model Terminology



Implementation Model

How it works

(aka Design Model, Designer's Conceptual Model)



Manifest Model

How it presents itself

(aka System Image)



Mental Model

How a person thinks it works

(aka User Model, User's Conceptual Model)

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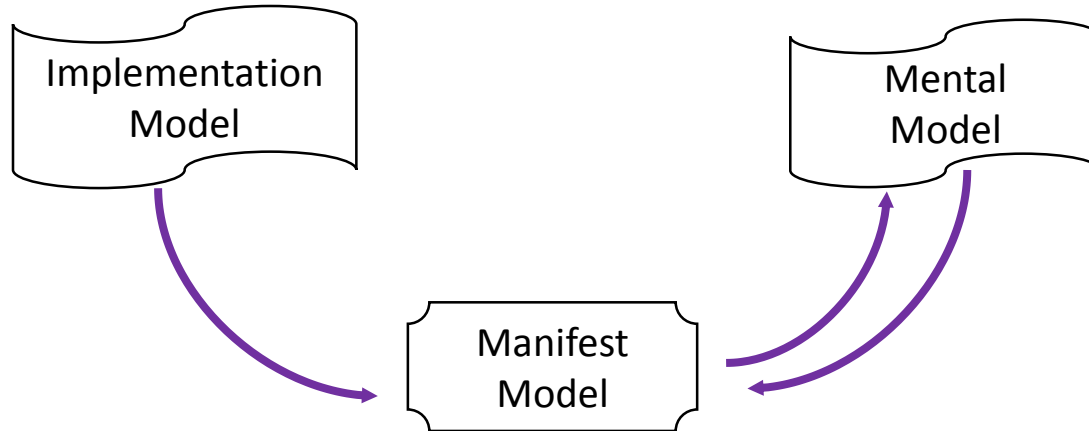
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These terms
are sloppy and
ambiguous out
in the world

Manifest and Mental Models



Designer projects their model into an artifact

Person forms their model based on interaction

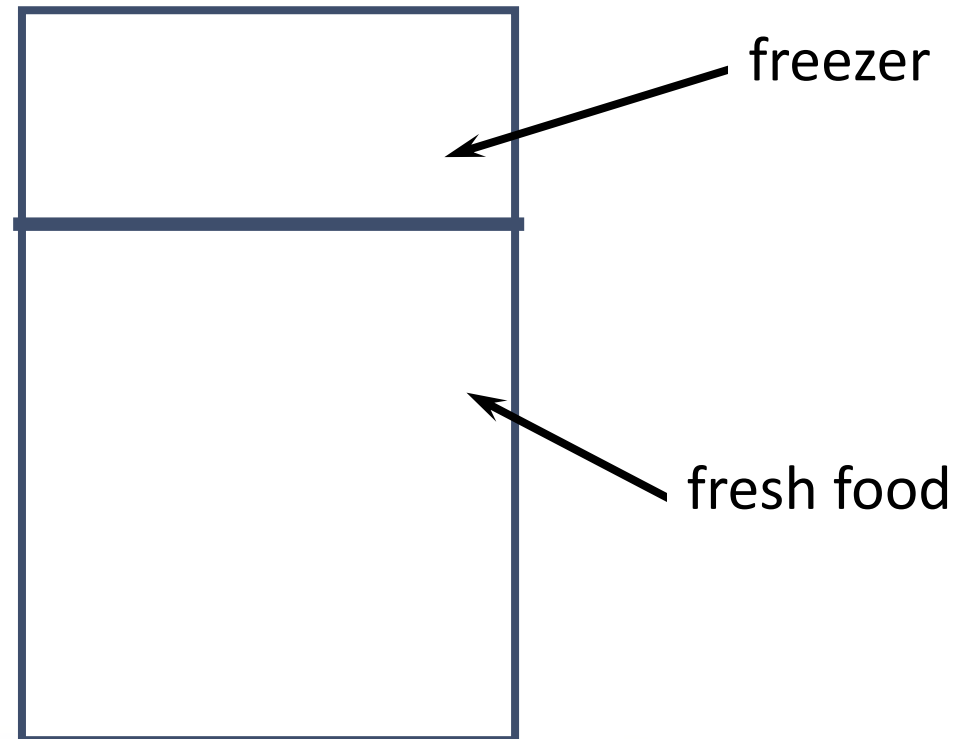
People struggle until model matches manifest model

Update mental model in response to breakdowns

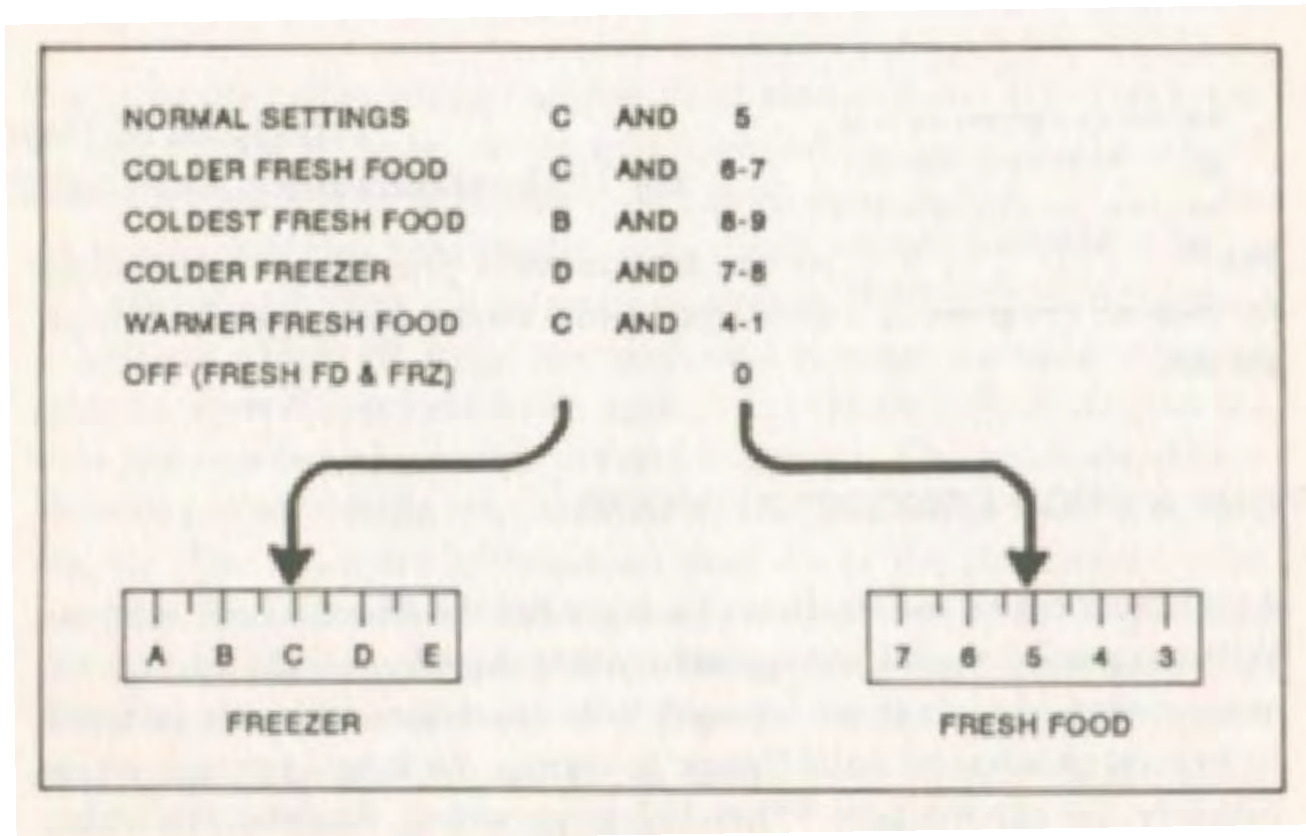
Not necessarily matching the implementation model

Mental Models

Problem: freezer too cold, fresh food just right

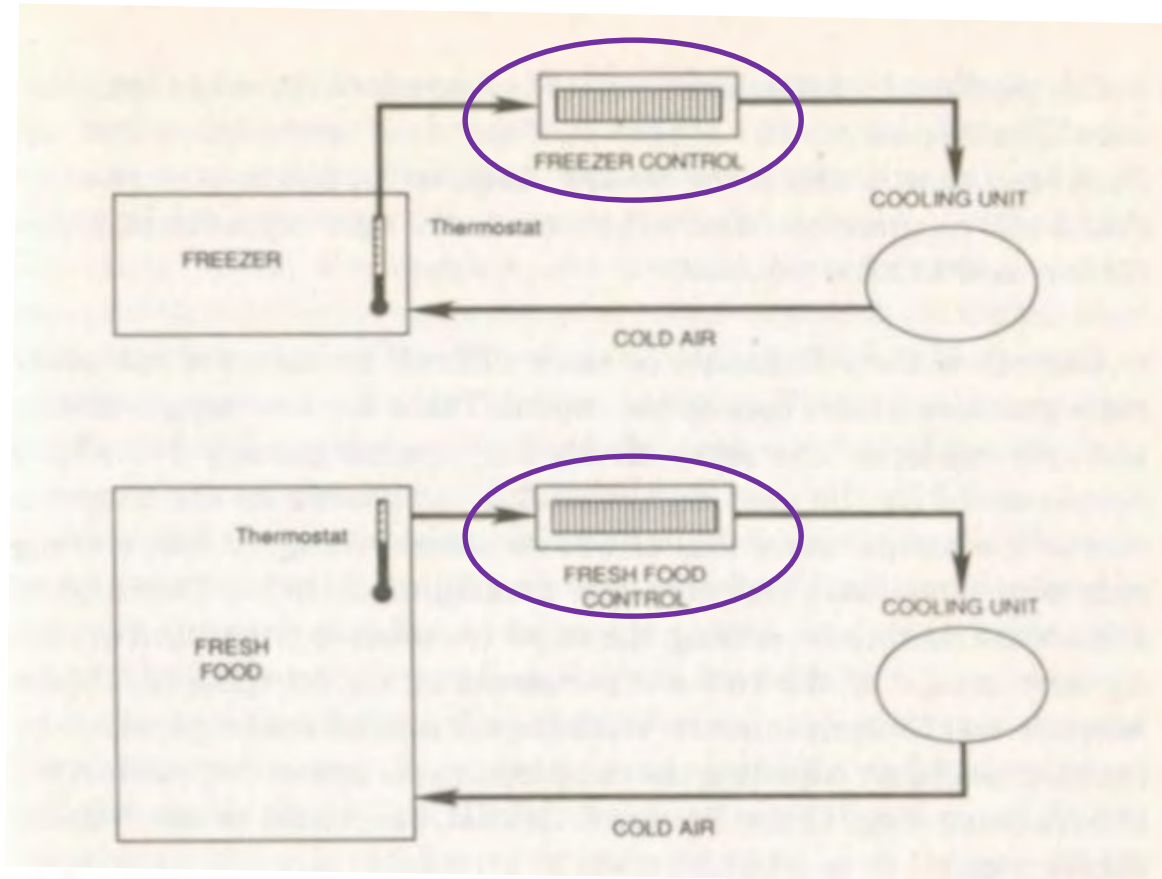


Manifest Model



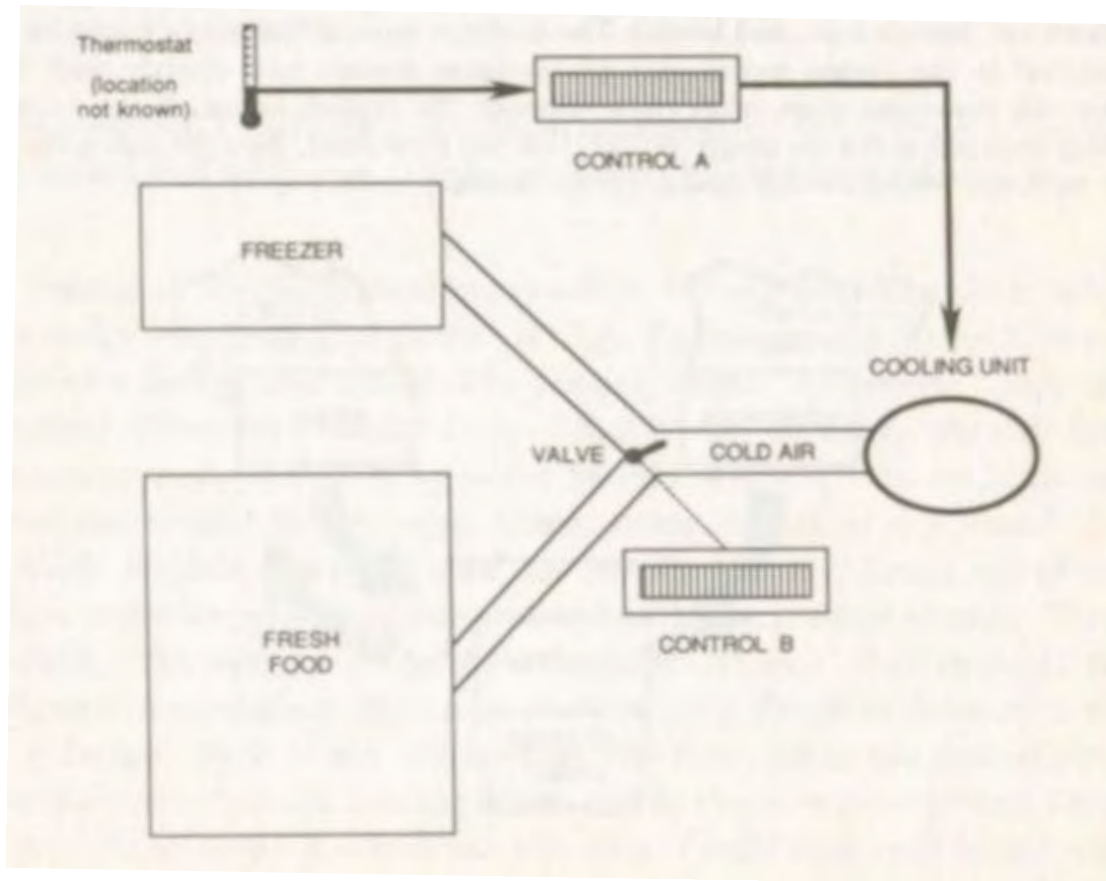
What if I want to make just the freezer warmer?

A Sensible Mental Model

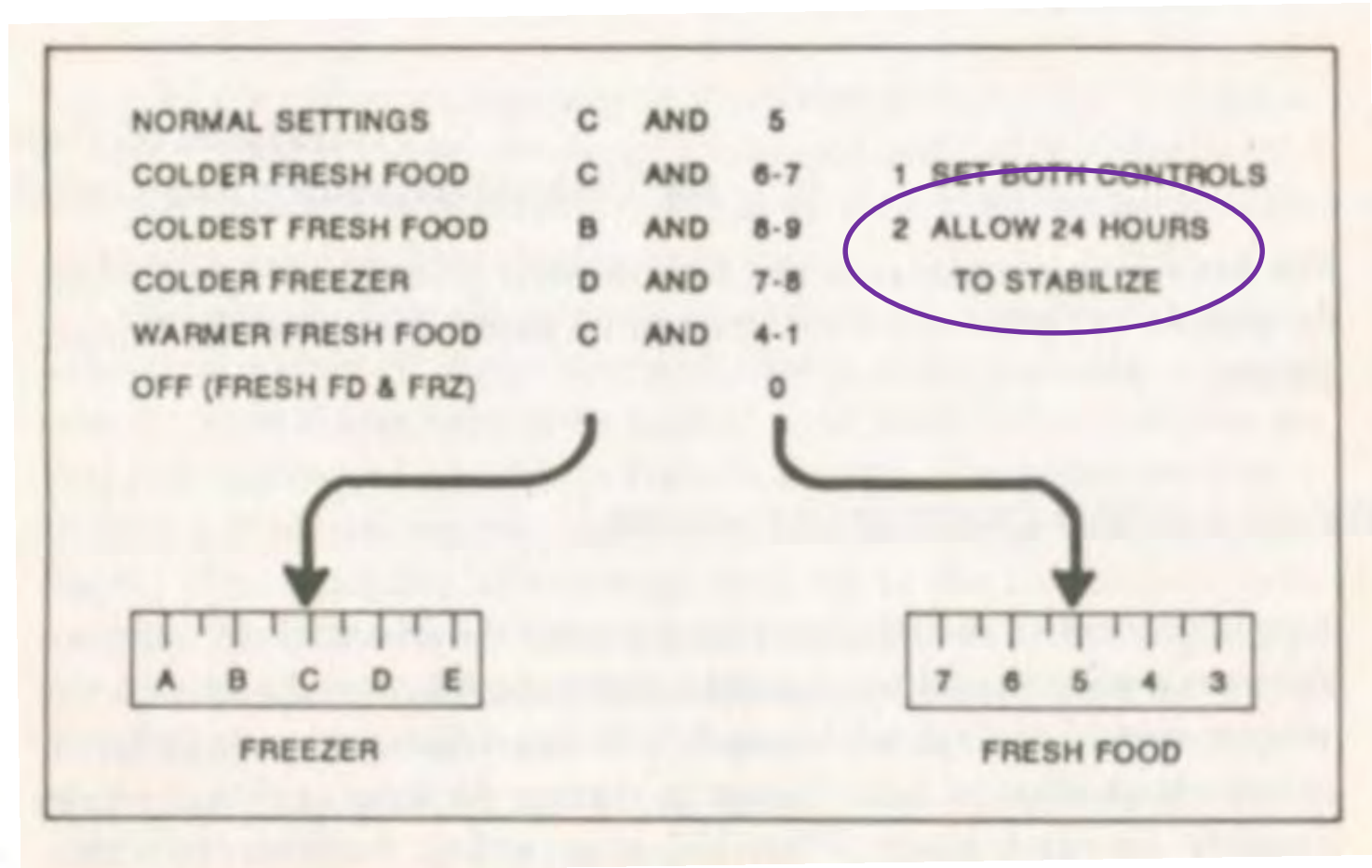


“The Freezer Control controls the freezer temperature and the Fresh Food Control controls the fresh food temperature”

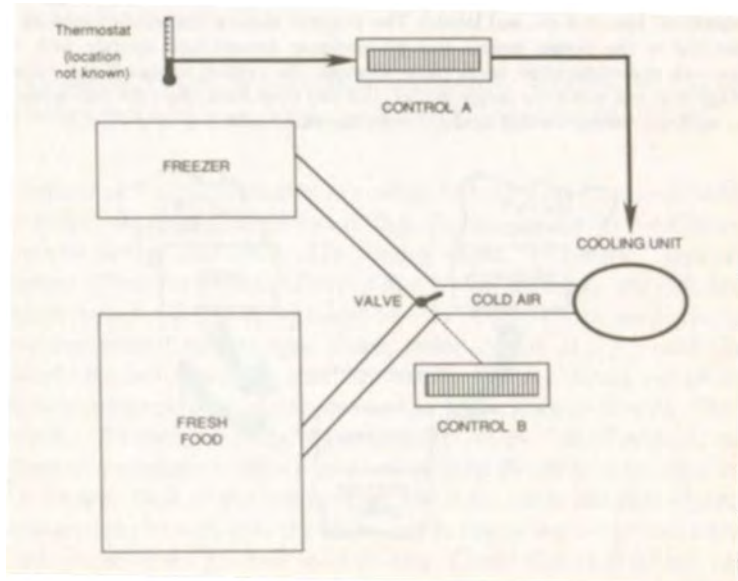
The Implementation Model



A Problem with Feedback



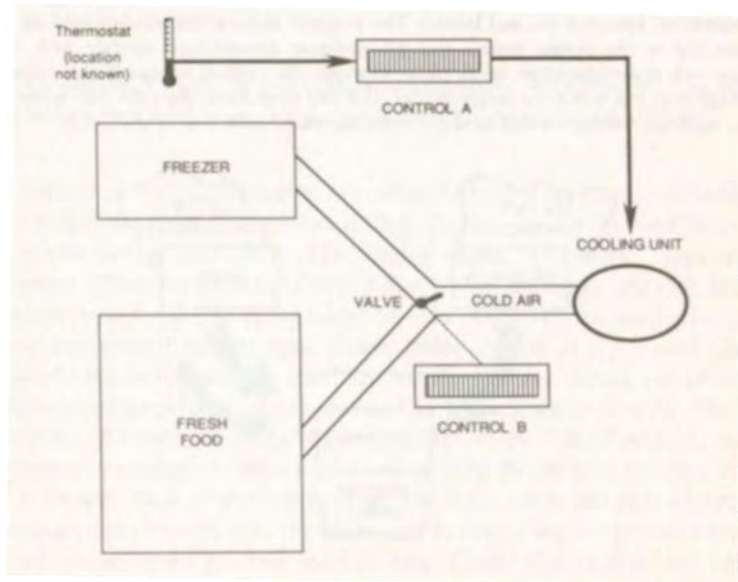
The Implementation Model



Why do we have a problem?

Can you fix the problem?

The Implementation Model



Why do we have a problem?

Cost constraints

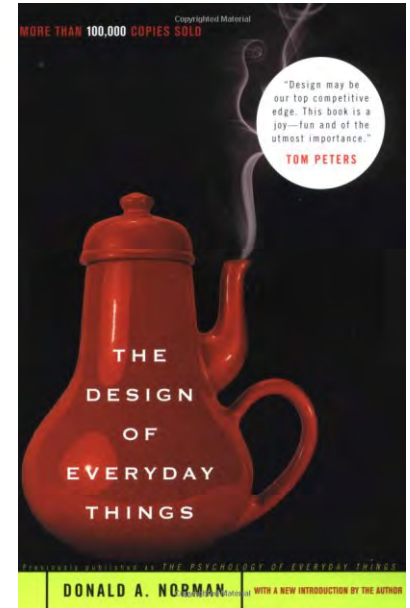
Can you fix the problem?

Make controls correspond to a person's mental model

Make controls correspond to the implementation model

Building the Right Model

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



How can we help people build the right models:

Affordances

Visibility

Constraints

Consistency

Metaphors

Knowledge in the World

Mapping

Modes

Affordances

Visual clue to interaction

knobs afford turning

levers afford moving

buttons afford pushing



Affordances

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

Gibson, part of an ecological approach to psychology

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

Norman

What's the Affordance?

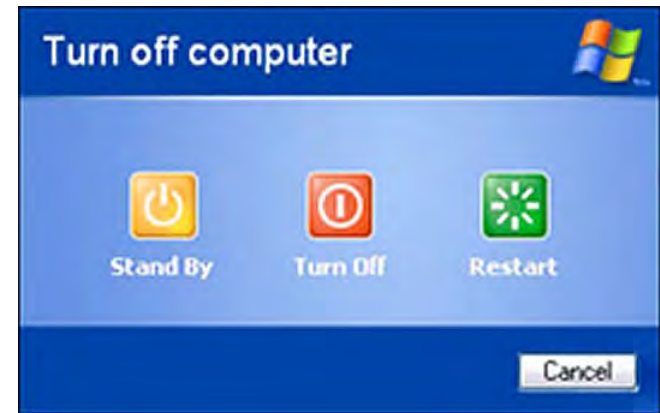


Affordances



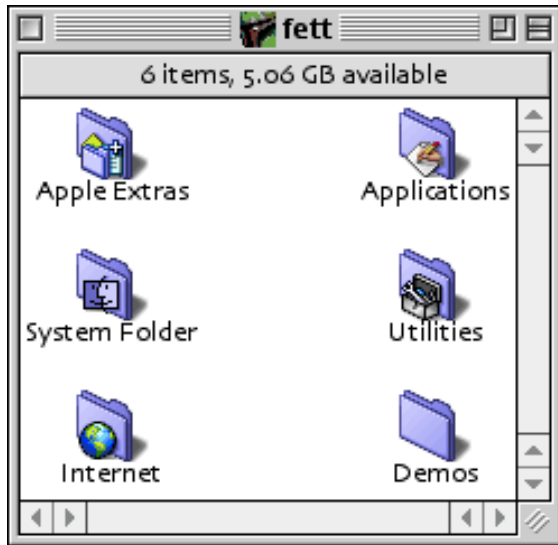
Affordances

Technology affordances are often based in affordances from the physical world



Affordances

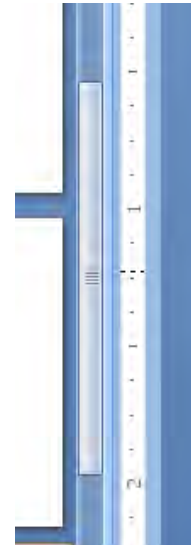
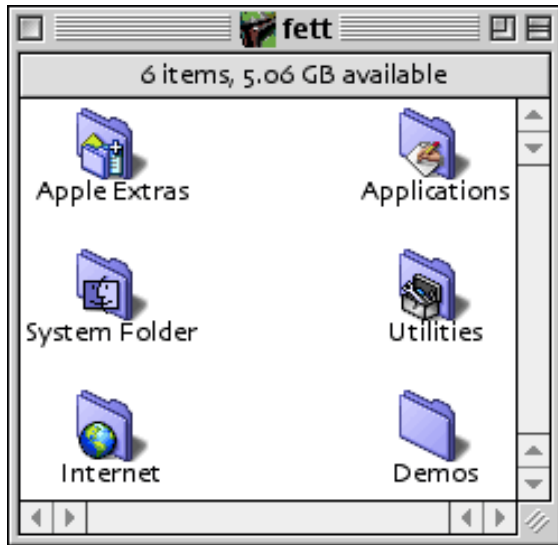
What is the affordance here?



Where does it come from?

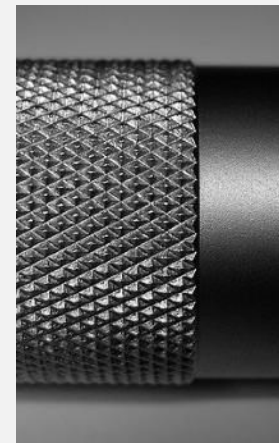
Affordances

What is the affordance here?



Where does it come from?

Knurling



Sequential Affordance

Acting on a perceptible affordance leads to information indicating new affordances

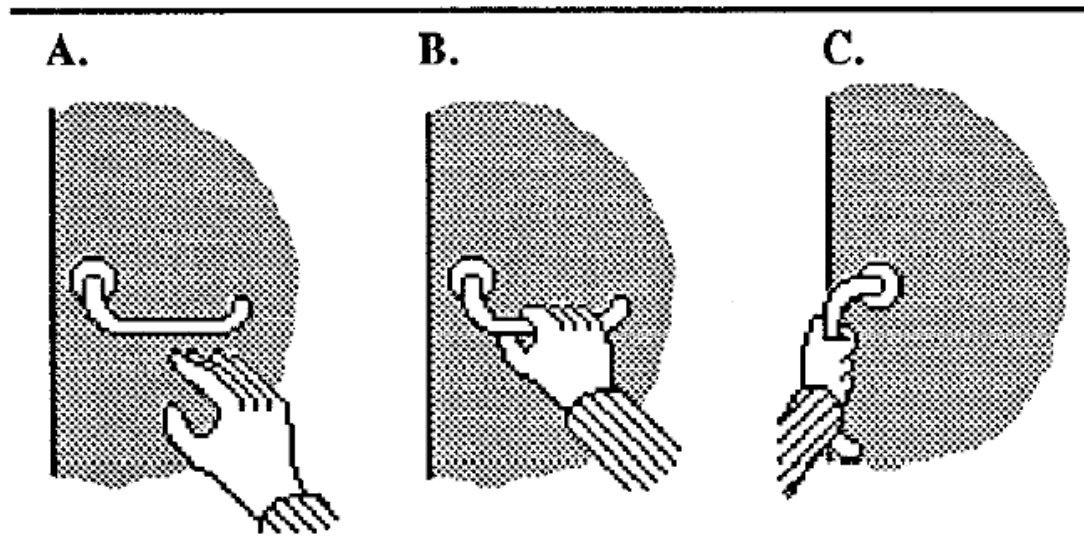


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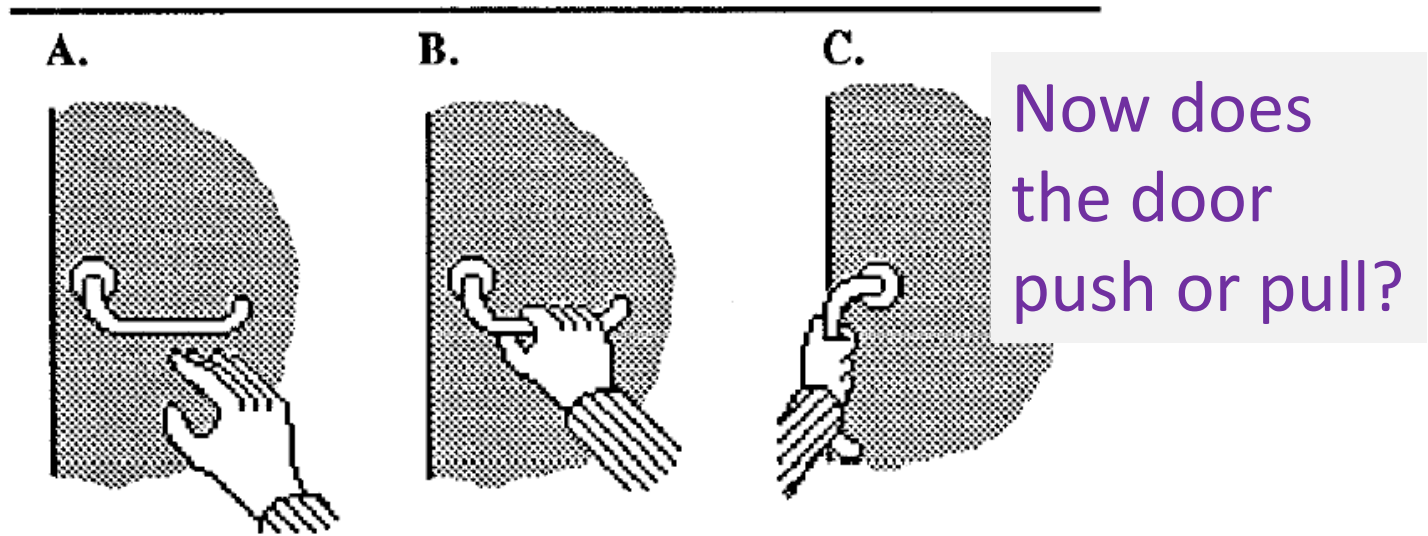
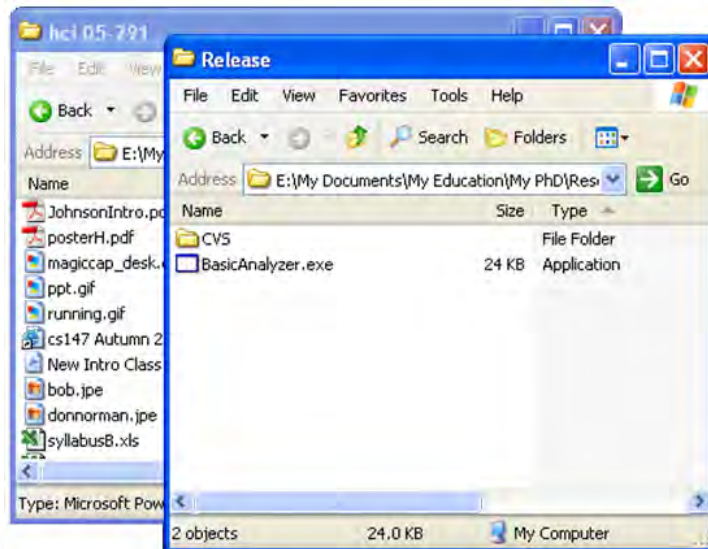


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Nested Affordances

Affordances due to spatial relationships revealing what actions can be done

Proximate to, contained in, part of



Copies:

In Other Words

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

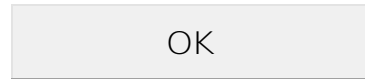
“In general, when the apparent affordances of an artifact matches its intended use, the artifact is easy to operate. When apparent affordances suggest different actions than those for which the object is designed, errors are common.”

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



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

False Affordances



False Affordances



False Affordances

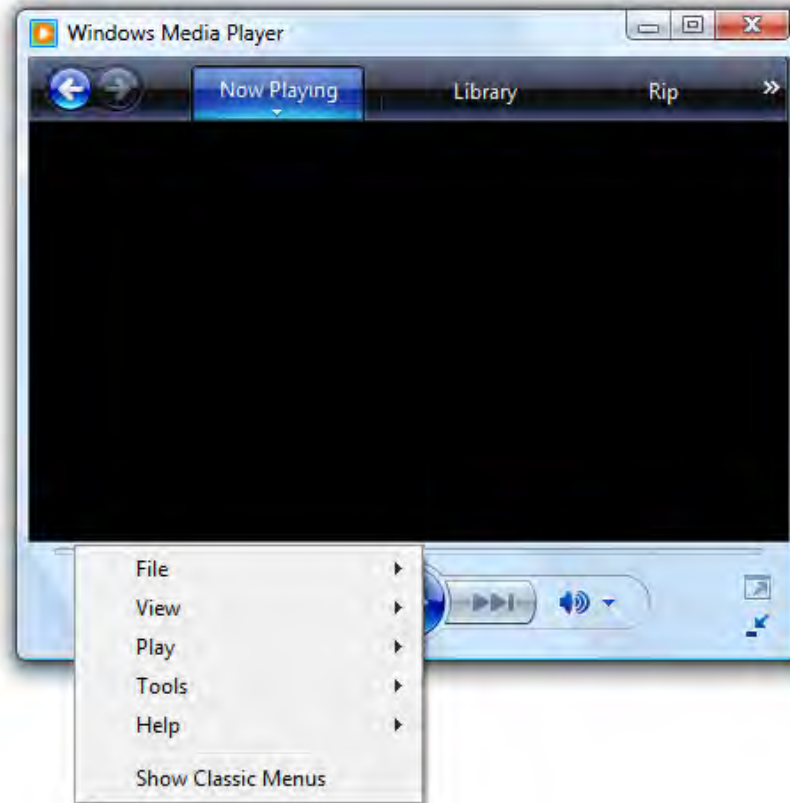


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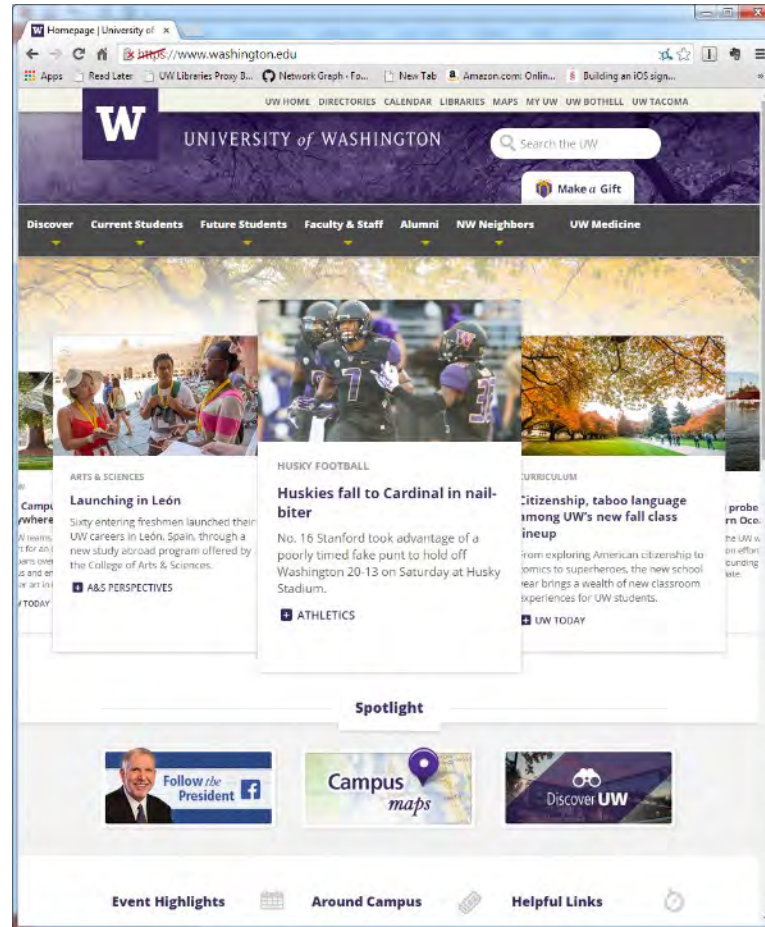


Hidden Affordances

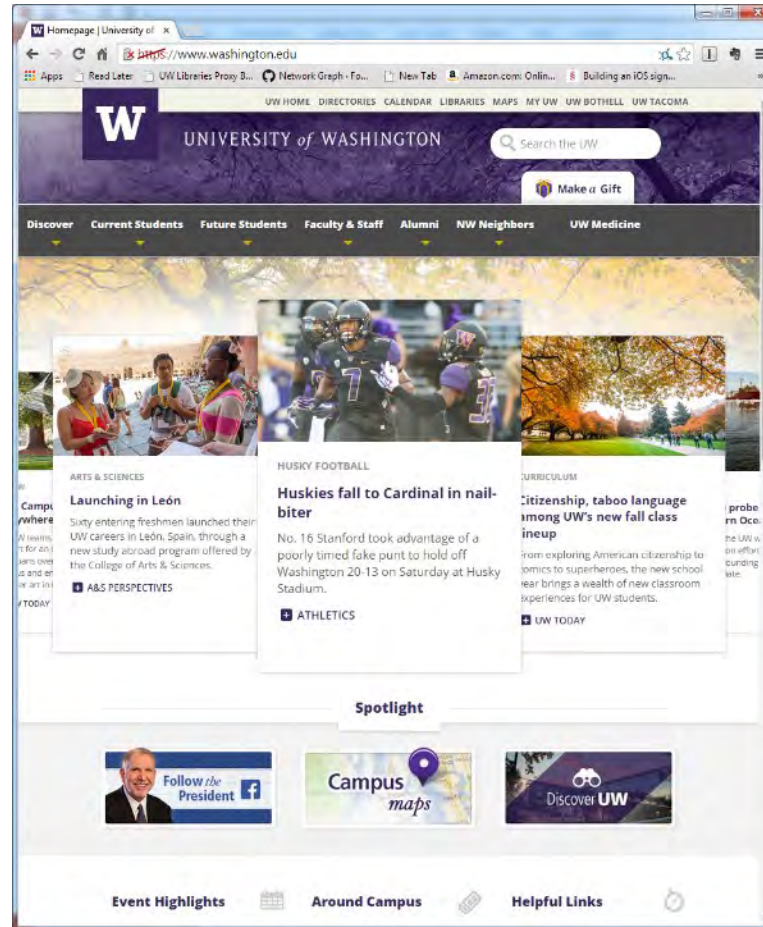
When there is no perceptual information suggesting an actual intended use



Hidden Affordances



Hidden Affordances



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

Confusion of the Term

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

Dix

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

Clarification on Convention

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

Norman

Metaphors

Suggest an existing conceptual 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

Metaphors

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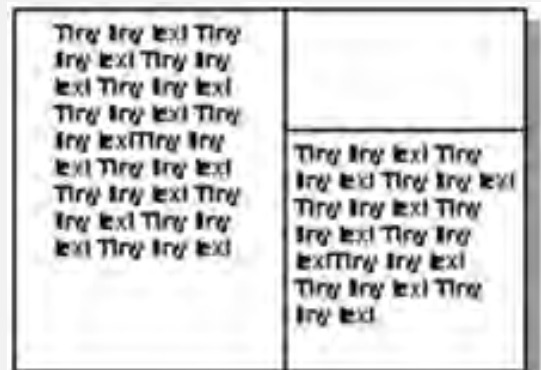
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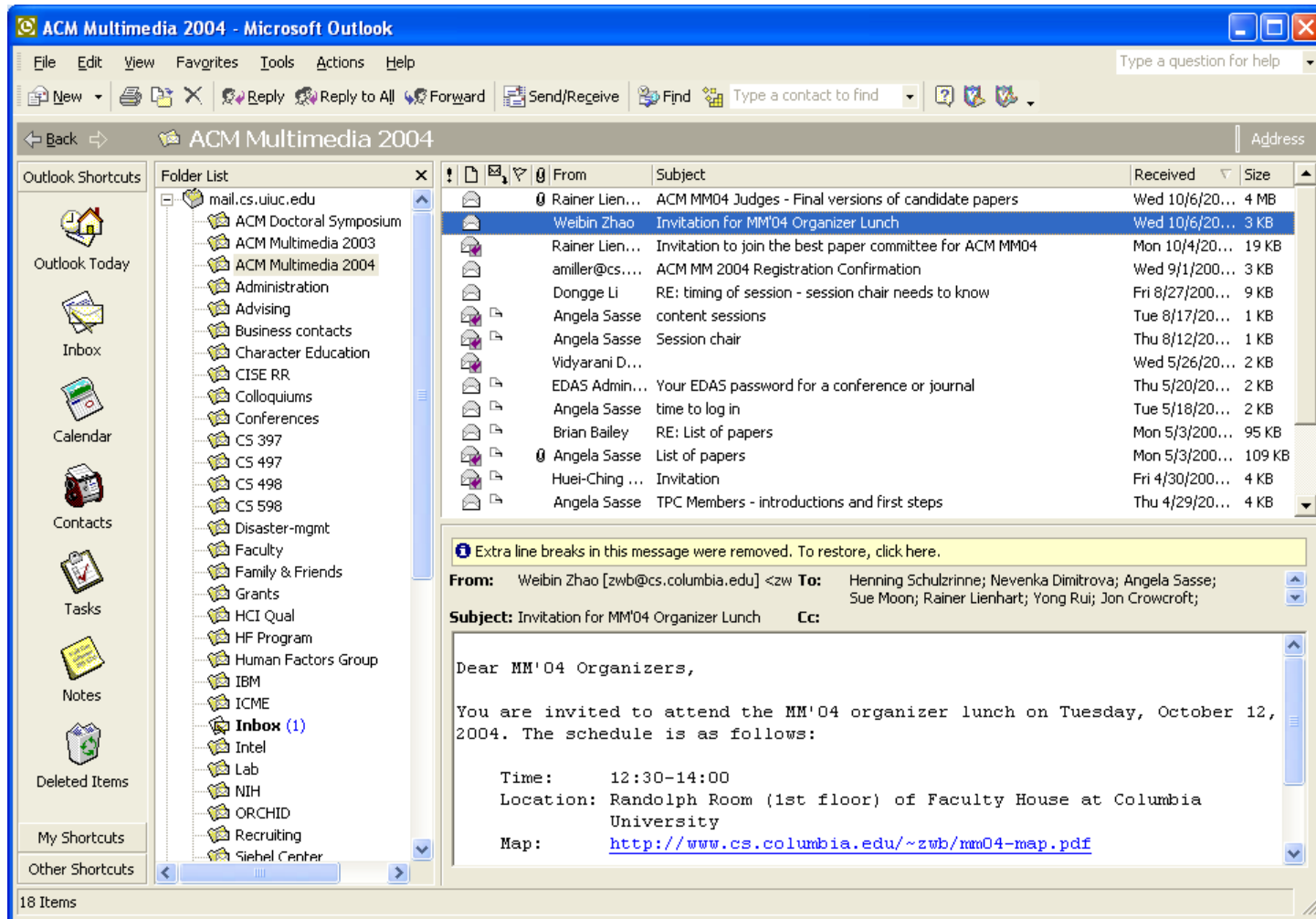
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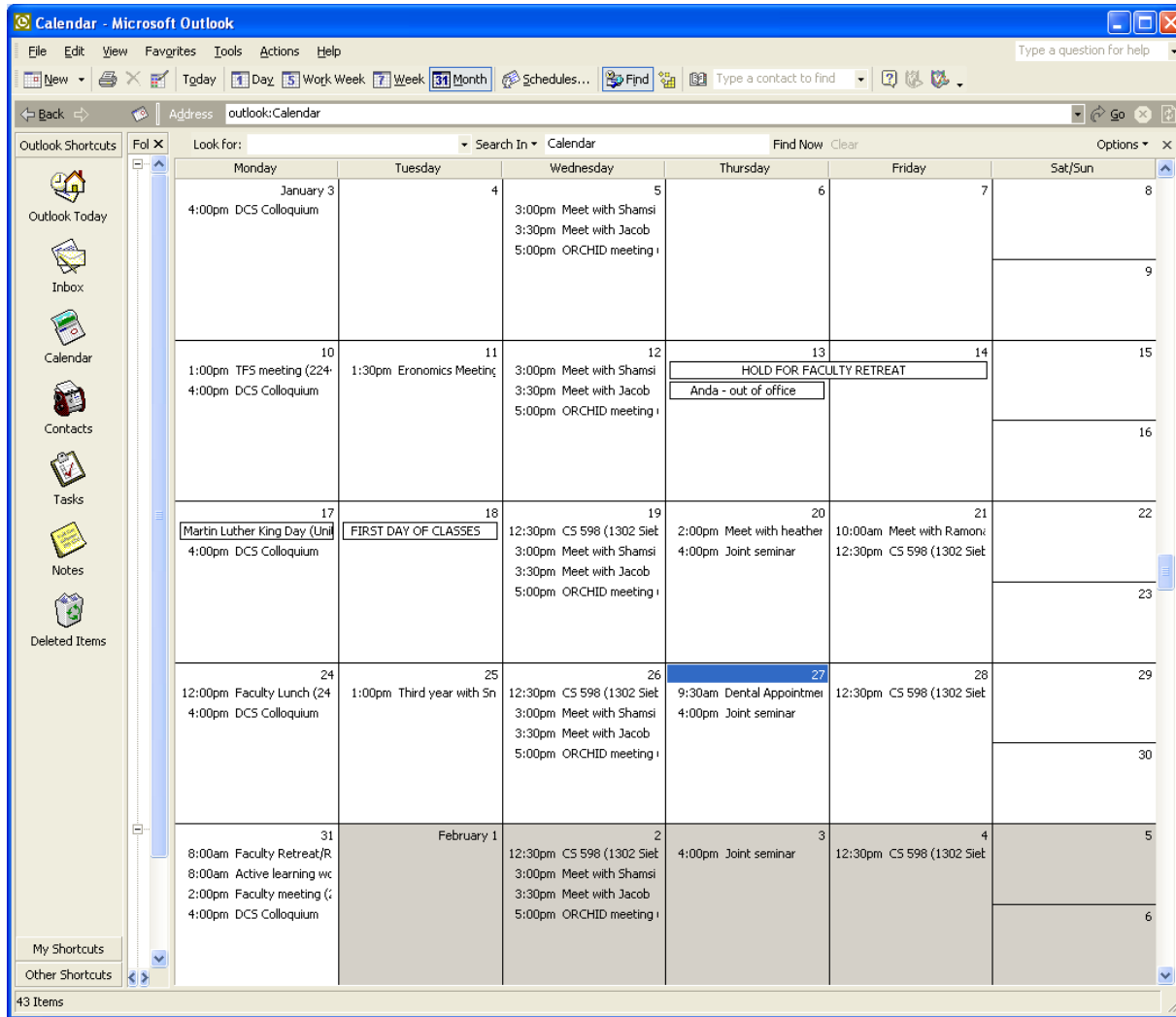
Explains



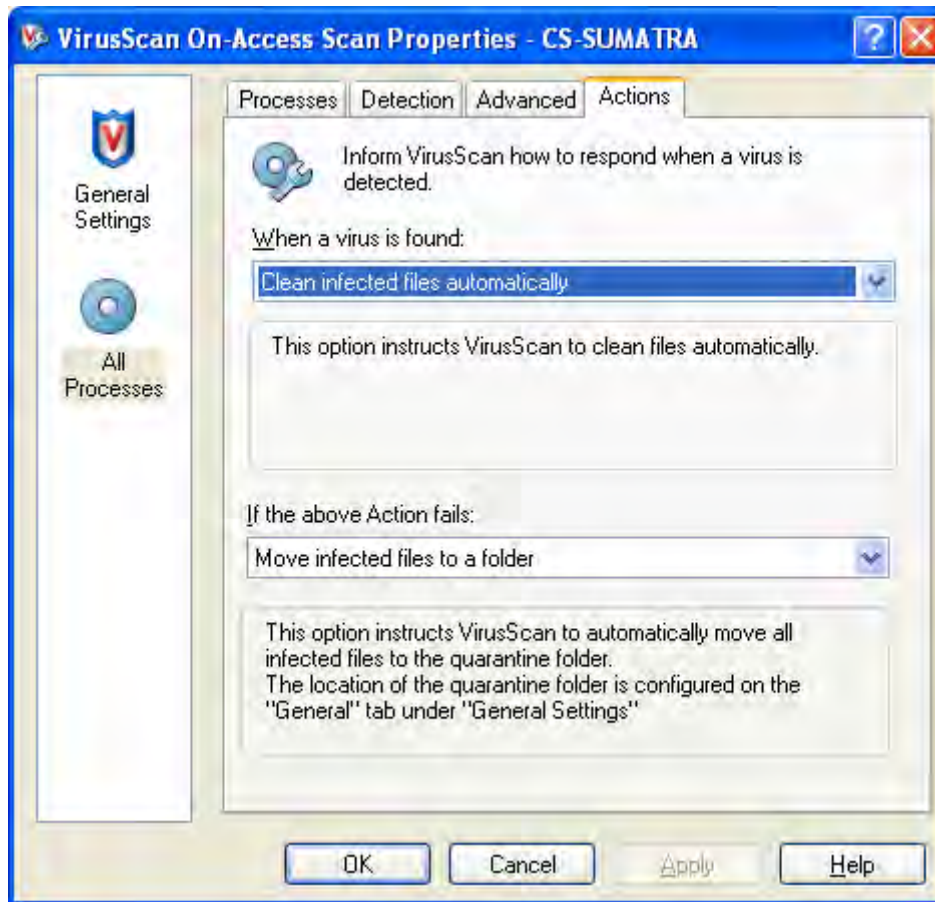
Mail Metaphor



Calendar Metaphor

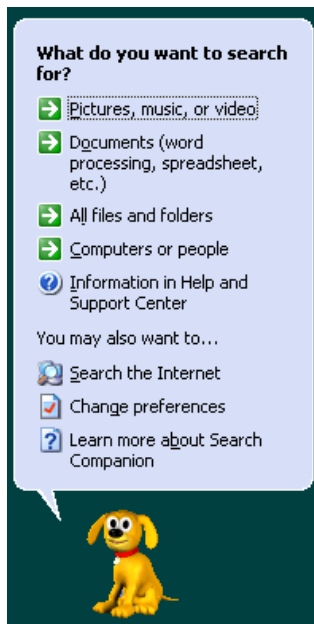


Health Metaphor



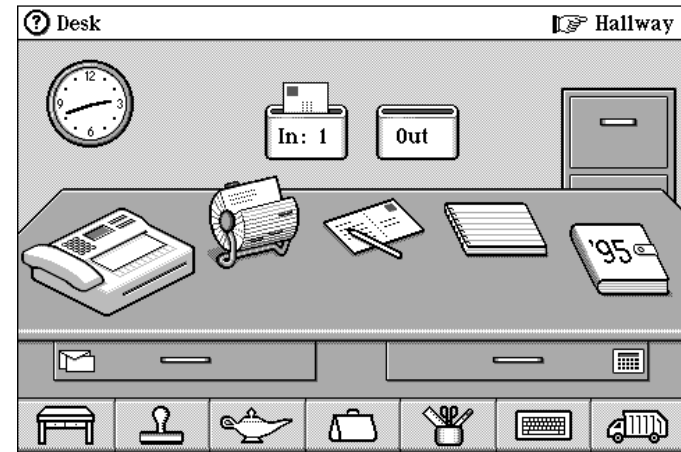
Shallow or Inappropriate Metaphors

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

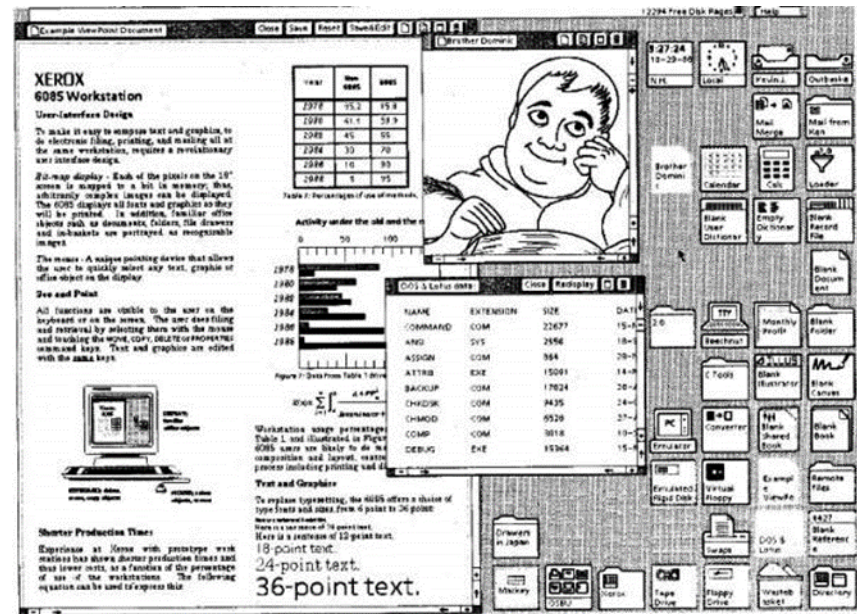
Mixed Metaphors

Two or more different metaphors coexist with some supposed relation

The desktop metaphor
Windows into content

Good? Bad?

Neither? Both?

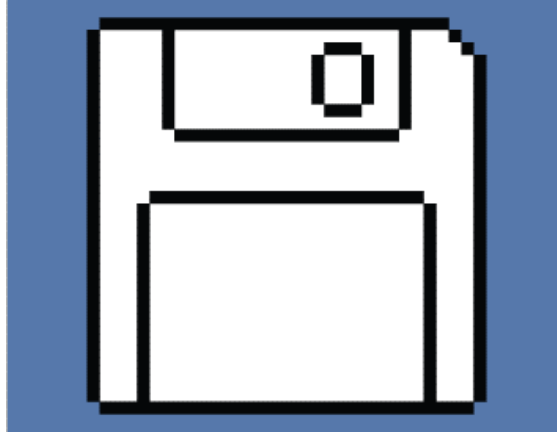


Windows are views into larger content regions

No desktop has windows

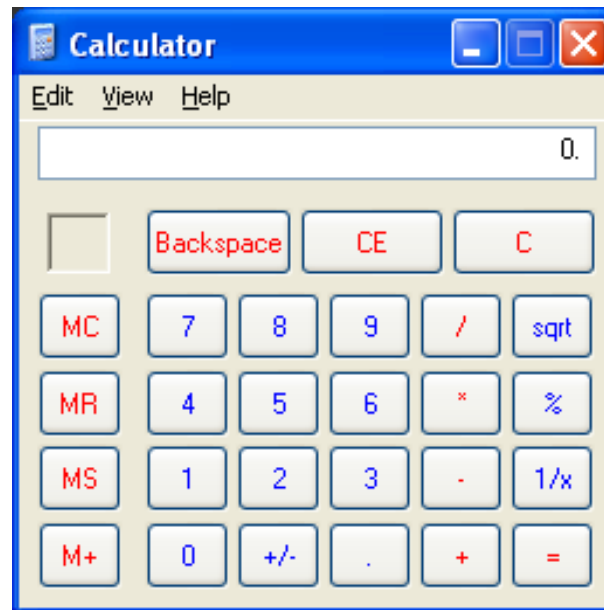
Broken Metaphors

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
-
- 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,
dragable title bar)

Single click
to select,
double click
to open

Hyperlinks

Idioms

Star Trek IV: Scotty Uses a Mouse



Metaphors and Affordances

Affordances “jump start” a model for interaction

Metaphors “jump start” a model of a system

But if designed poorly, both can be damaging

- Lead to an incorrect model, undermining interaction

- Can limit designer creativity

- Can reduce the advantages of software

- Can be “cute” at the expense of functional

Visibility

Phones

How do you

put somebody on hold
change volume



Visibility

Location of Controls



Display



(This display shows all of the possible configurations.)

- 0 15-30 During a conversation, the call duration is displayed. (Example: 15 minutes, 30 seconds)
- The unit is in the programming mode (p. 9, 16, 20).
 - * The AUTO button was pressed while dialing or storing phone numbers for the Speed Dialer (p. 16, 19).
 - ↵ The LOWER button was pressed (p. 21, 23).
 - ⊗ The ringer is set to OFF (p. 10).
 - ⊗ The MUTE button was pressed during a conversation (p. 24).
 - ⊖ The dial lock mode is set. To cancel the mode, see page 27.
 - F The FLASH button was pressed while storing phone numbers.
 - P The PAUSE button was pressed while dialing or storing phone numbers.
 - ⌂ You pressed [*] while dialing or storing phone numbers in the TONE mode.
 - # You pressed [#] while dialing or storing phone numbers in the TONE mode.
 - While storing a phone number in an UPPER memory location for the One-Touch Dialer, "U" 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, "L" will appear when you press a one-touch auto dial button (p. 21).
 - [] The MUTE button was pressed as a secret button while storing phone numbers (p. 18, 22).
 - ⌂ While programming function items, such as the dialing mode, "⌂" will flash as a cursor.

Visibility

Changing Ringer Volume

Press “Program”

Press “6”

Set Volume

Low - Press “1”

Medium - Press “2”

High - Press “3”

Press “Program”

Visibility

Controls available on watch with 3 buttons?

Too many and they are not visible

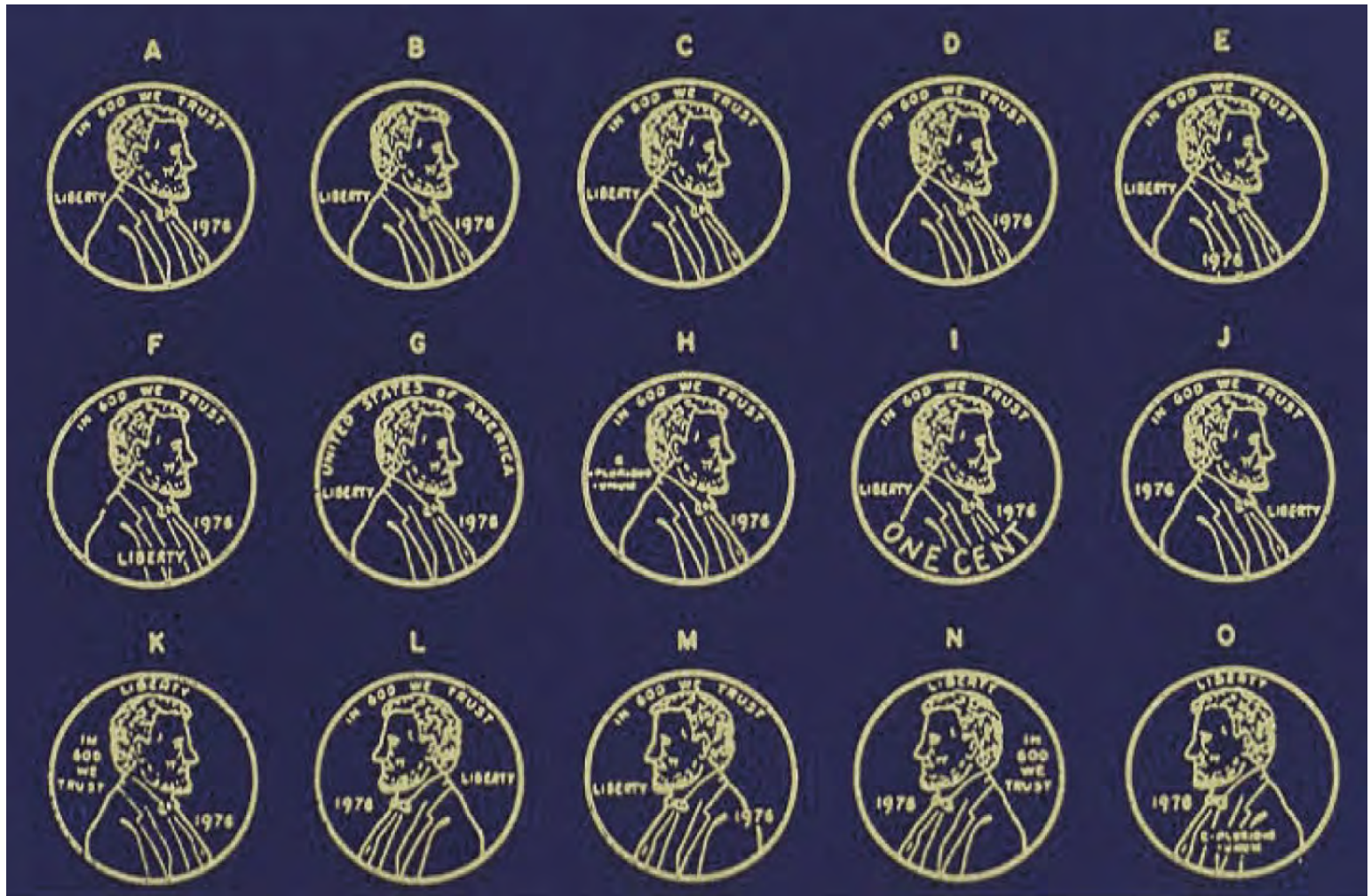
Compare to controls on simple car radio

Number of controls \approx Number of functions

Controls are labeled and grouped together



Knowledge in the World



Constraints

Prevent some actions while allowing others

Form1

Date:

Month Day Year

May 22 1997

Month Day Year

May 22 1997

Appointment

General Attendees Notes Planner

When

Start: 8:30AM Wed 5 /14 /97

End: 4:30PM Wed 5 /14 /97 All day

Description:

Smart Technology Sen

Where:

May 1997

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Prevent errors before they can happen

Disruptive error messages are a last resort

Constraints



Constraints



Constraints



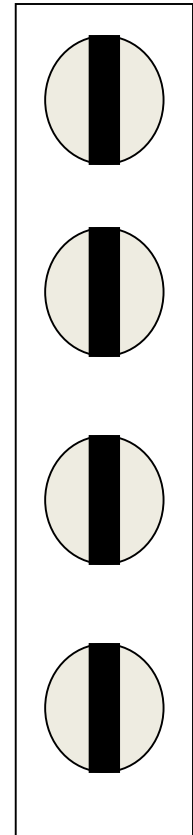
Mapping

Correspondence between an interface and the corresponding action in 'the world'

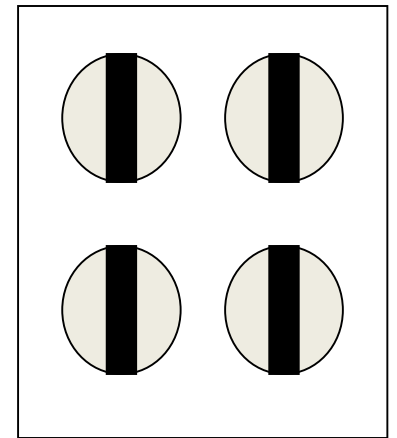
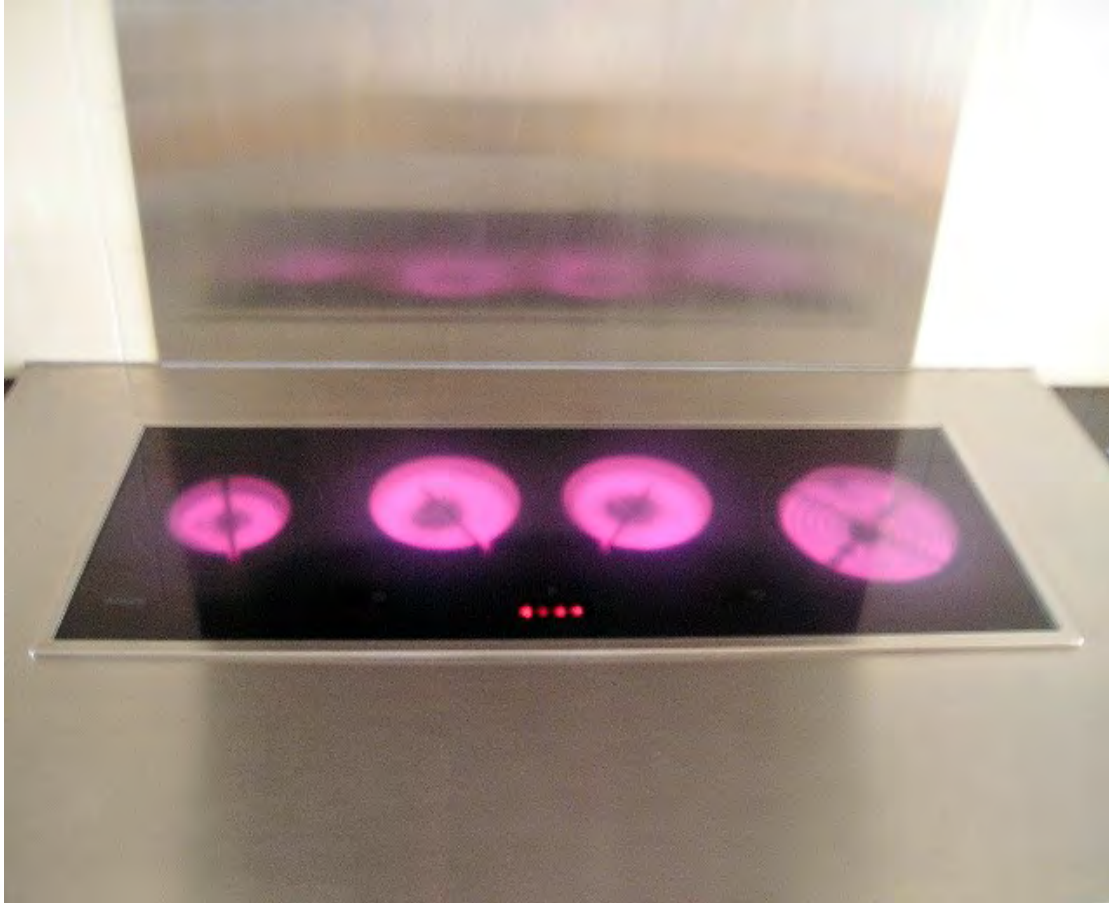
Minimize cognitive steps to transform action into effect, or perception into comprehension (i.e., execution and evaluation)



Very Bad Mapping



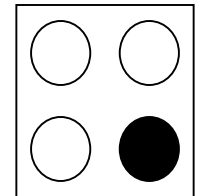
Slightly Better Mapping



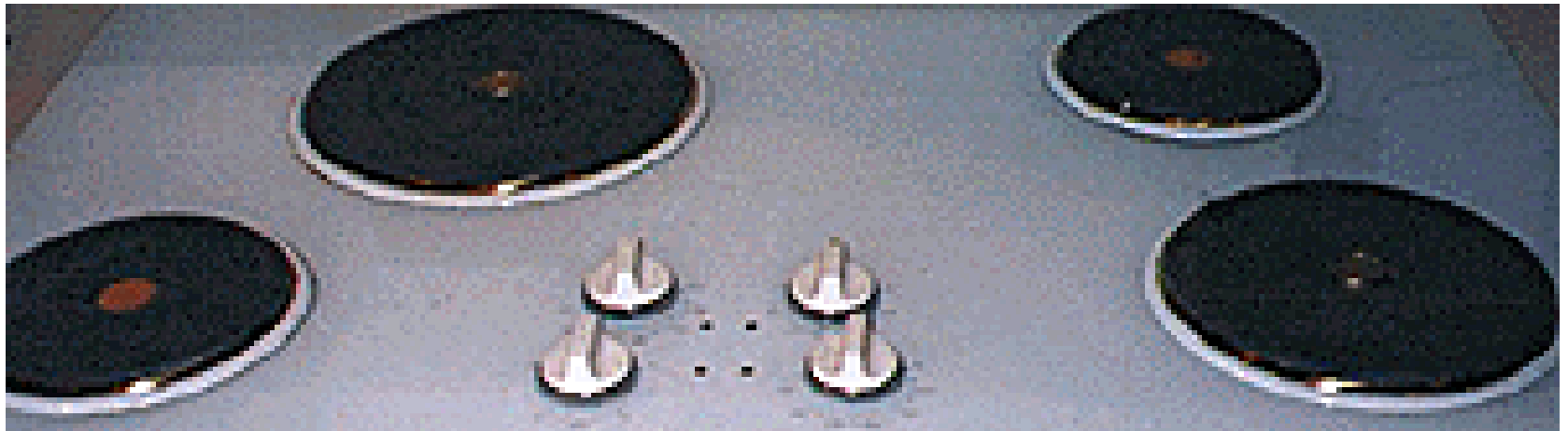
Good Mapping



Not this Stove



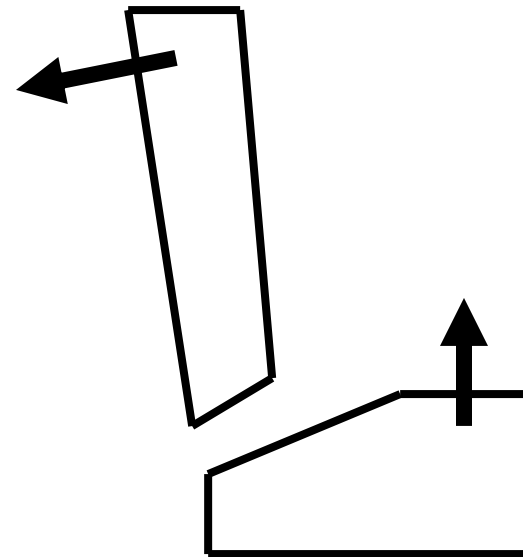
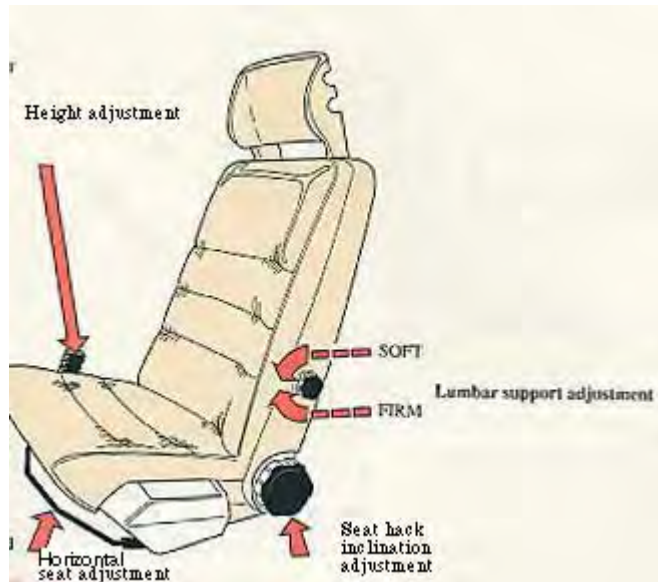
Great Mapping



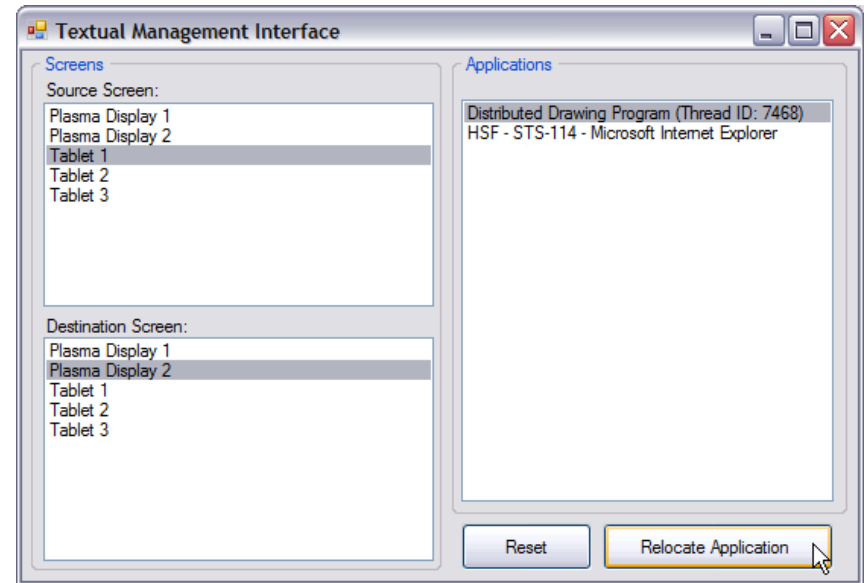
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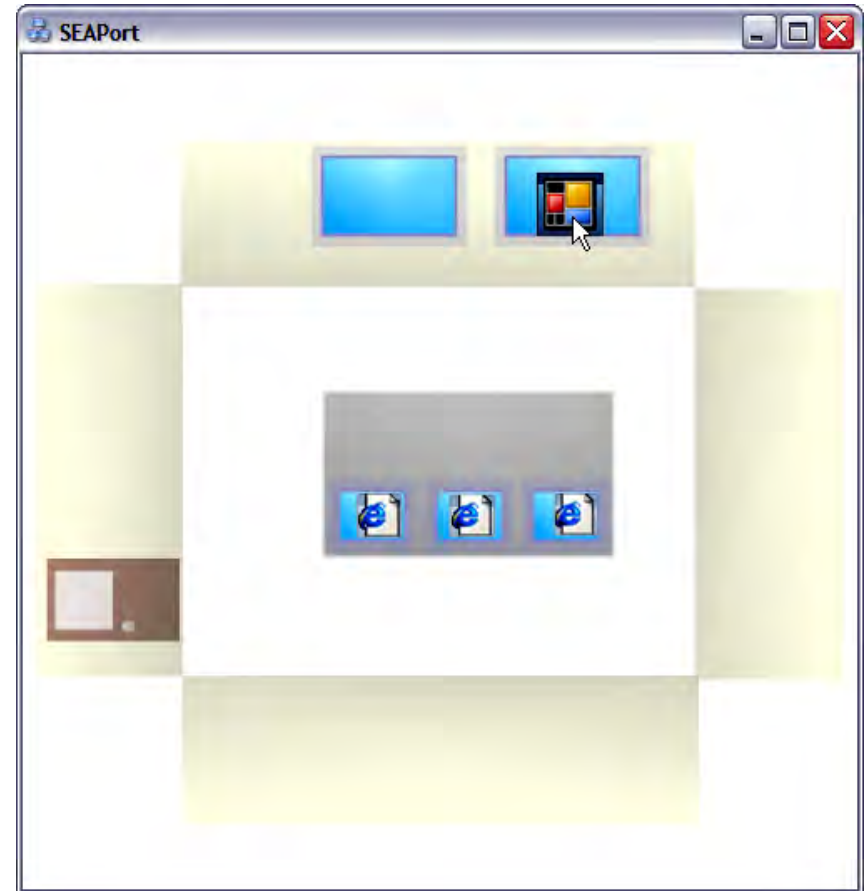
Mapping



Mapping



Mapping



Consistency

Interfaces should be consistent in meaningful ways

Ubiquitous use of same keys for cut/copy/ paste

Types of consistency

Internal (i.e., within itself)

e.g., same terminology and layout throughout

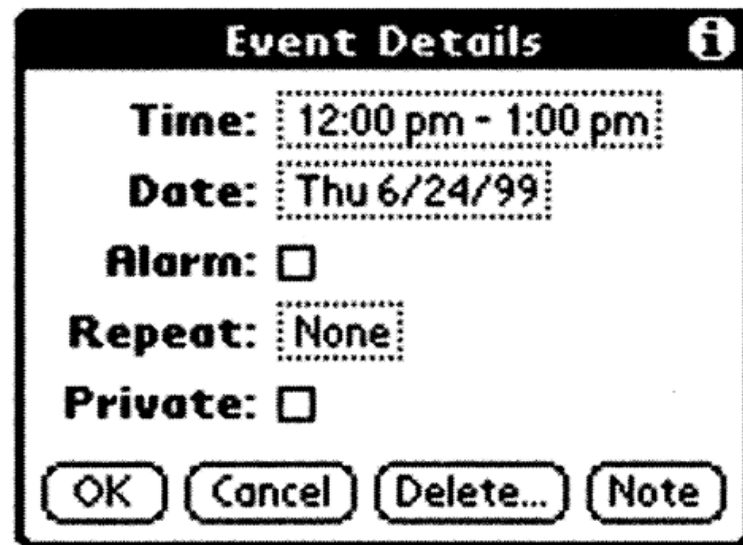
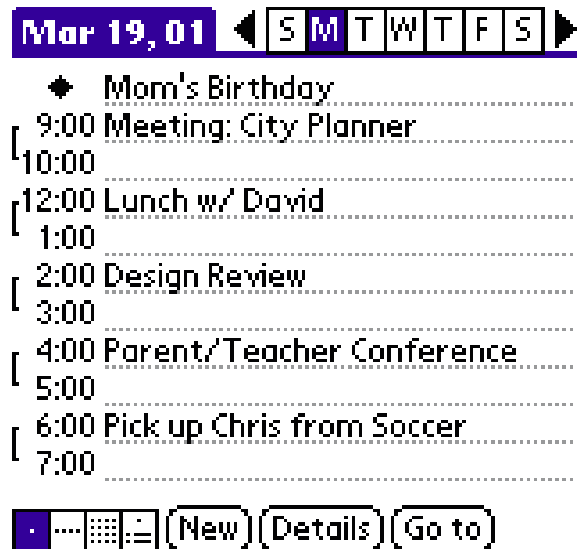
External (i.e., with other applications)

e.g., common widget appearance

e.g., design patterns common across applications

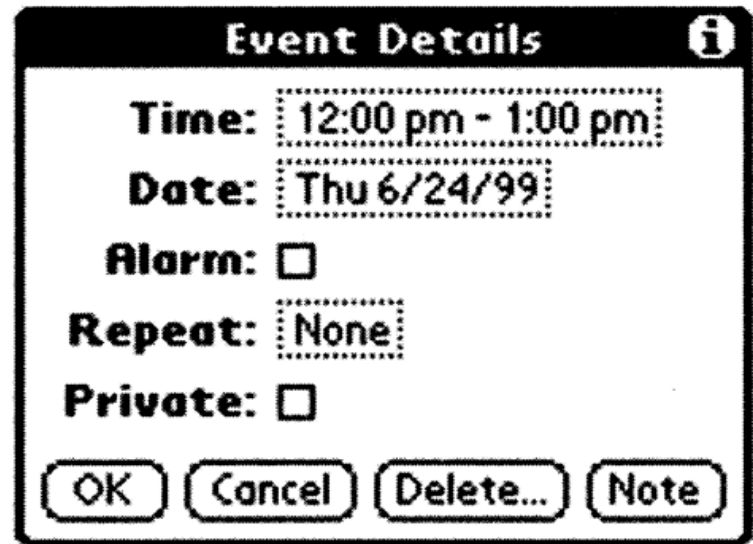
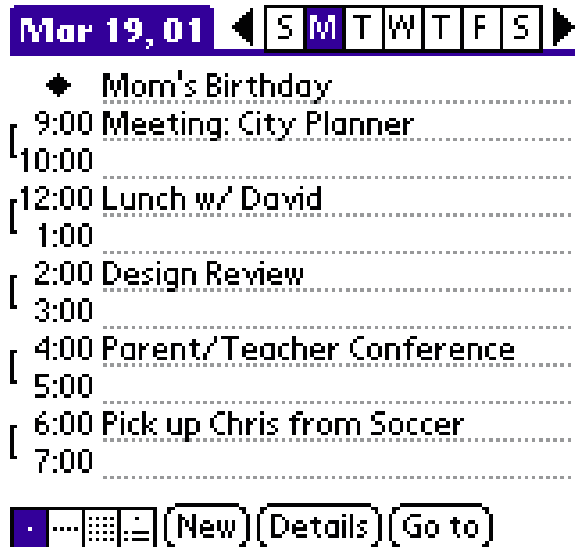
Is Consistent Always Better?

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



Is Consistent Always Better?

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



New is common, delete is not

Is Consistent Always Better?

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Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Date: Thu 6/24/99

Alarm:

Repeat:

None Day **Week** Month Year

Every: ... 1 week(s)

End on: ▼ No End Date

Repeat on: S M T W **T** F S

Private:

OK Cancel Delete... Note

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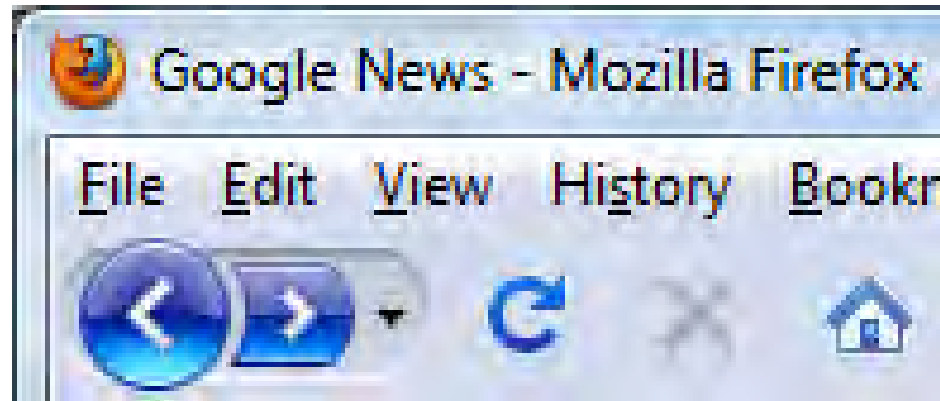
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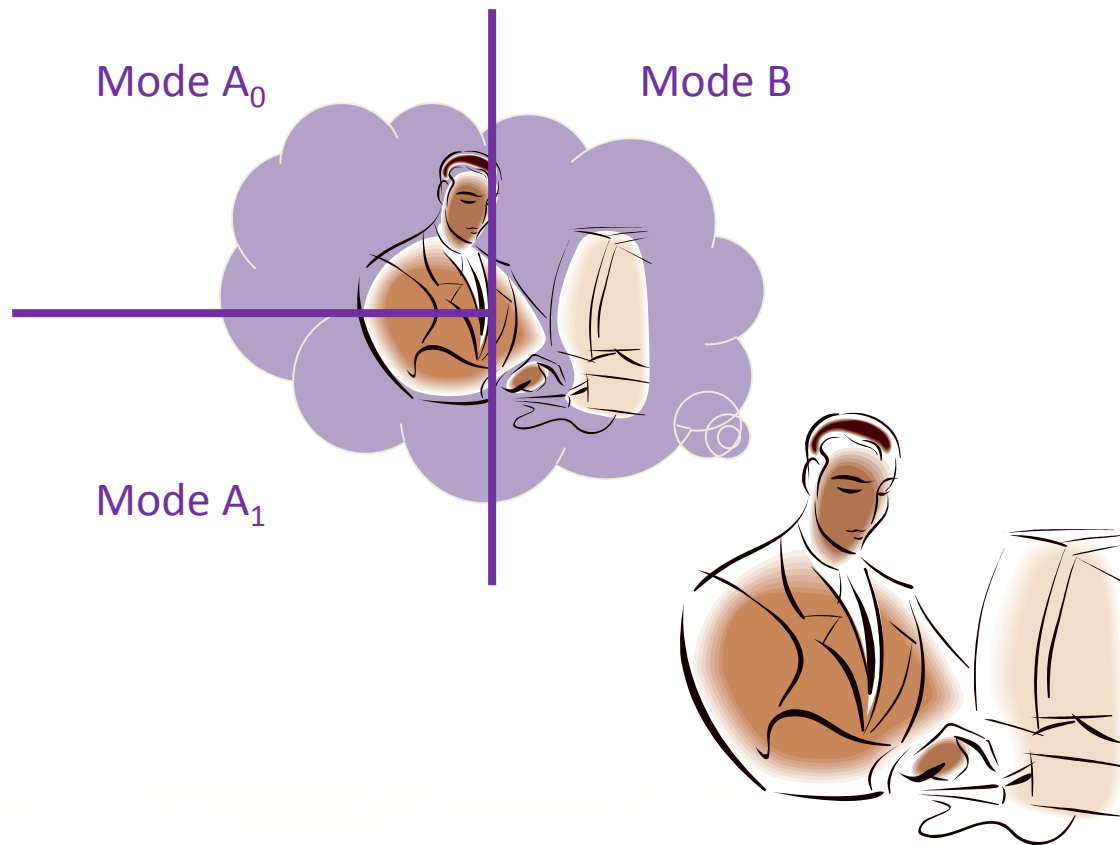


Is Consistency Always Better?



Modes

Modes force people to divide their model



Active versus Passive Modes

Active modes require constant action to maintain

Once that action has retired, so does the mode

e.g., Shift

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

e.g., CAPS LOCK

Active modes are generally preferred

Standardization

If all else fails, standardize

Fewer things to memorize

Reduced learning time

Adapt to new situations faster

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

Norman's Seven Principles for Design

Use knowledge in the head and in the world

Simplify the structure of tasks

Making things visible

Get the mappings right

Exploit the power of constraints

Design for error

When all else fails, standardize

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Amazing Color Changing Card Trick

The colour
changing
card trick

Why did I show you that?

If we're 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 customer

Easy to make mistaken assumptions

Ethnography

Traditional science attempts to understand a group or individual objectively

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

Ethnography attempts to understand a group or individual phenomenologically

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

Ethnography

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

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

You will likely never perform an ethnography

Four ethnographic principles

Natural settings

Holism

Descriptive

Member point-of-view

Four ethnographic principles

Natural Settings

Conducted in the setting of the participant

Focus on naturally occurring, everyday action

Cannot use laboratory or experimental settings to gather this type of data

You really do have to go out there and see it

Four ethnographic principles

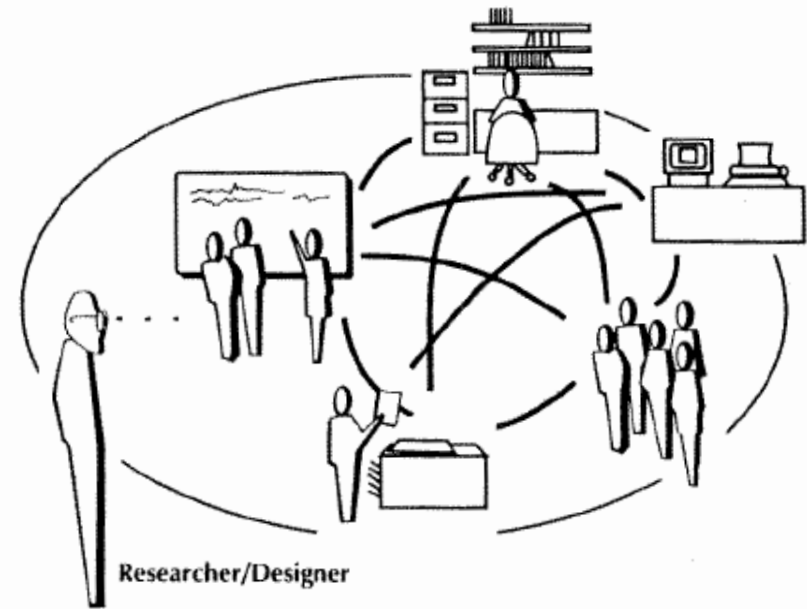
Holism

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

HOLISTIC

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

Focus on relationship between the parts



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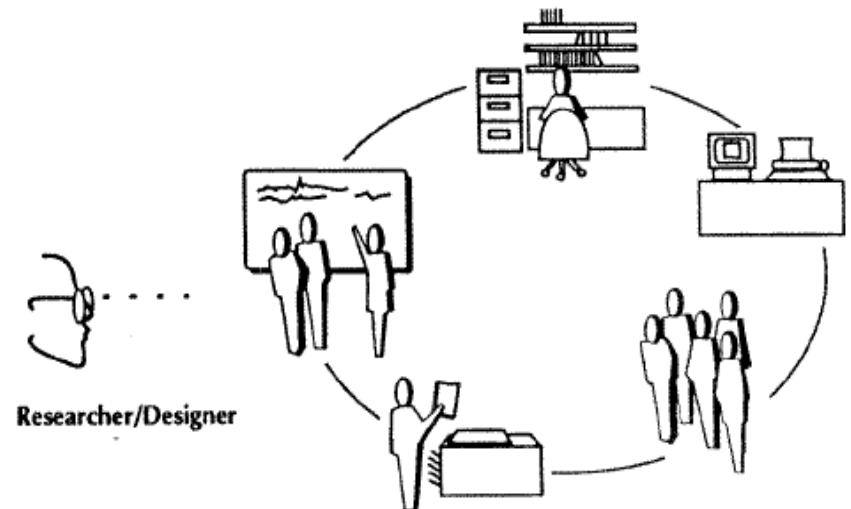
Descriptive

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

Defer judgment.

DESCRIPTIVE

Judgements of the efficacy of behaviors observed are withheld



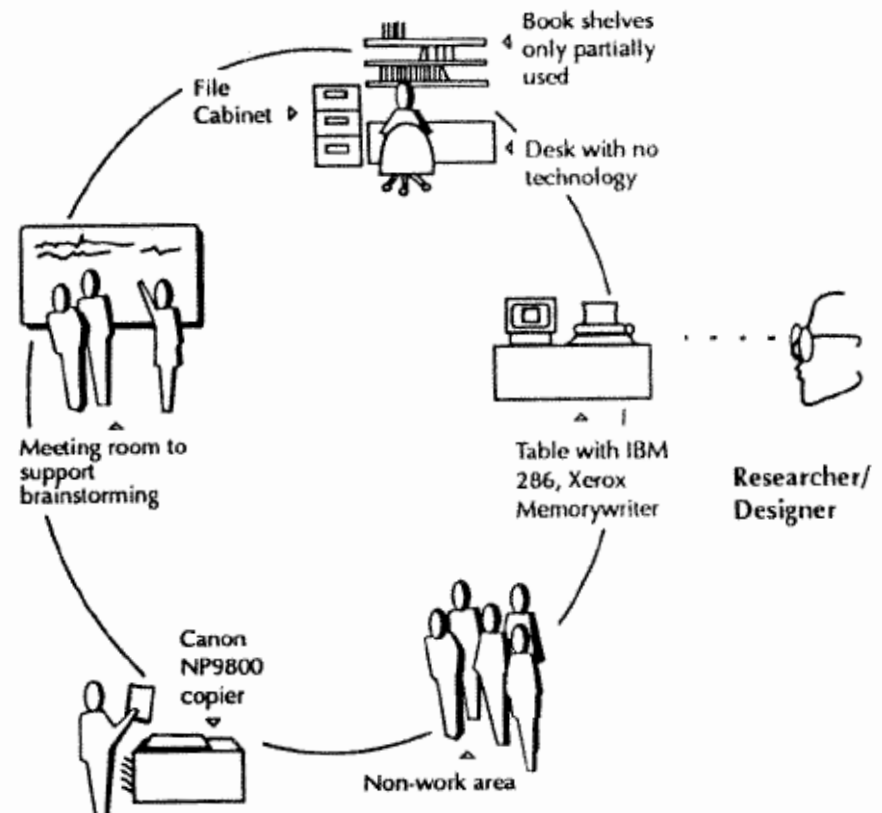
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Contrasted With _____

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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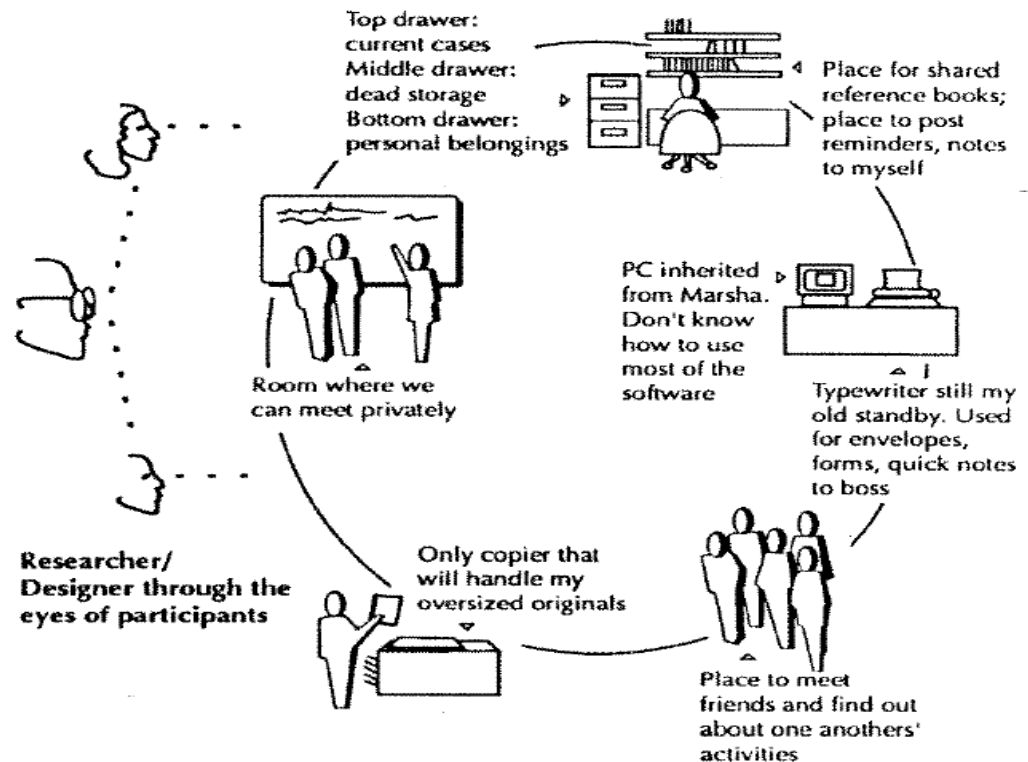
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MEMBERS' POINT OF VIEW

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

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

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 a researcher develops understanding

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

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

What is your relationship?

In 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 another question from a list

When all the questions are answered, the interview is over

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

Implying you have phenomenological understanding

What is your relationship?

In a master/apprentice relationship:

The master is doing stuff

The master explains what they're doing

The apprentice asks clarification questions

The master answers

This relationship is at the heart of contextual inquiry



Master/Apprentice Relationship

Seeing the work reveals structure

Many instances and many interviews reveal the picture

Every current activity recalls past instances

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

Unique or One of Many?

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

(p. 63, Contextual Design)

It's 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

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

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

Ground in an instance

Span time by replaying past events in detail

Look for holes

Ask questions to fill them

Use artifacts for context

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I: *Who put on the green sticker?*

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

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

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

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

Partnership

Traditionally, interviewer has too much power

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

Apprenticeship model tilts power back too far

You aren't there to learn the skill

Interviewer should create a partnership

Alternate between watching and probing

Partnership

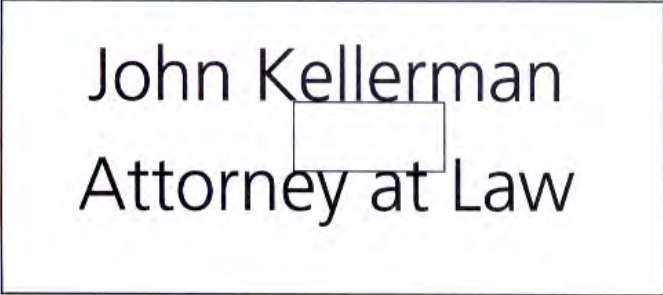
Withdrawal and return

Researcher observes action that indicates something meaningful

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

Discuss the question

Then return to the task



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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

Don't squash design ideas if they arise

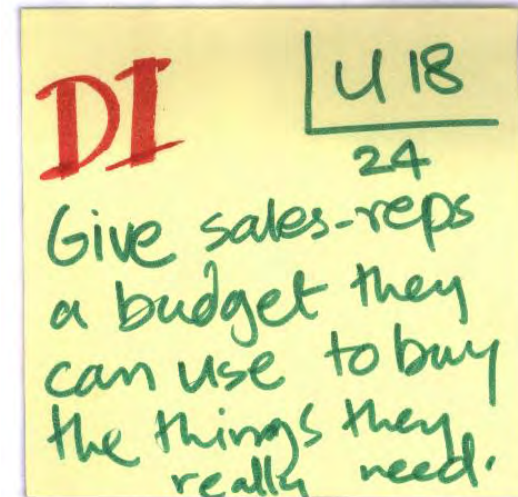
This is design, not dispassionate science

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 aren't there to get a list of questions answered

Expert / Novice

You aren't there to answer questions

Guest / Host

Move closer, ask questions, be nosy

Interpretation

Chain of Reasoning

Fact, Hypothesis, Implication for Design, Design Idea

Design is built upon interpretation of facts

Design ideas are end products of a chain of reasoning

So interpretation had better be right

Share interpretations with users to validate

Will not bias the data

Teaches participant to see structure in the work

Interpretation

Instead of asking open ended questions...

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

“Not particularly.”

... give participants a starting point

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

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

Participants fine-tune interpretations

Probe contradictions until assumptions fit

Interpretation

Non-verbal cues can confirm or negate

Yes and Nos

“Huh?” – way off

“Umm, could be” – usually means no

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

Commit to hearing what people actually say

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

Focus

Everybody has a focus, you cannot prevent it

Entering focus

Project focus

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

Focus

Focus defines the point of view

Clear focus steers the conversation

Everyone in the team should have an entering focus

Focus lets the interviewer see more

Focus reveals detail

Focus conceals the unexpected

Focus on one, and lose the other

Start with a focus and then expand

Focus

Opportunities to expand focus

Surprises, contradictions, idiosyncrasies

Nothing any person does is for no reason

Nods

Question assumptions even if they match

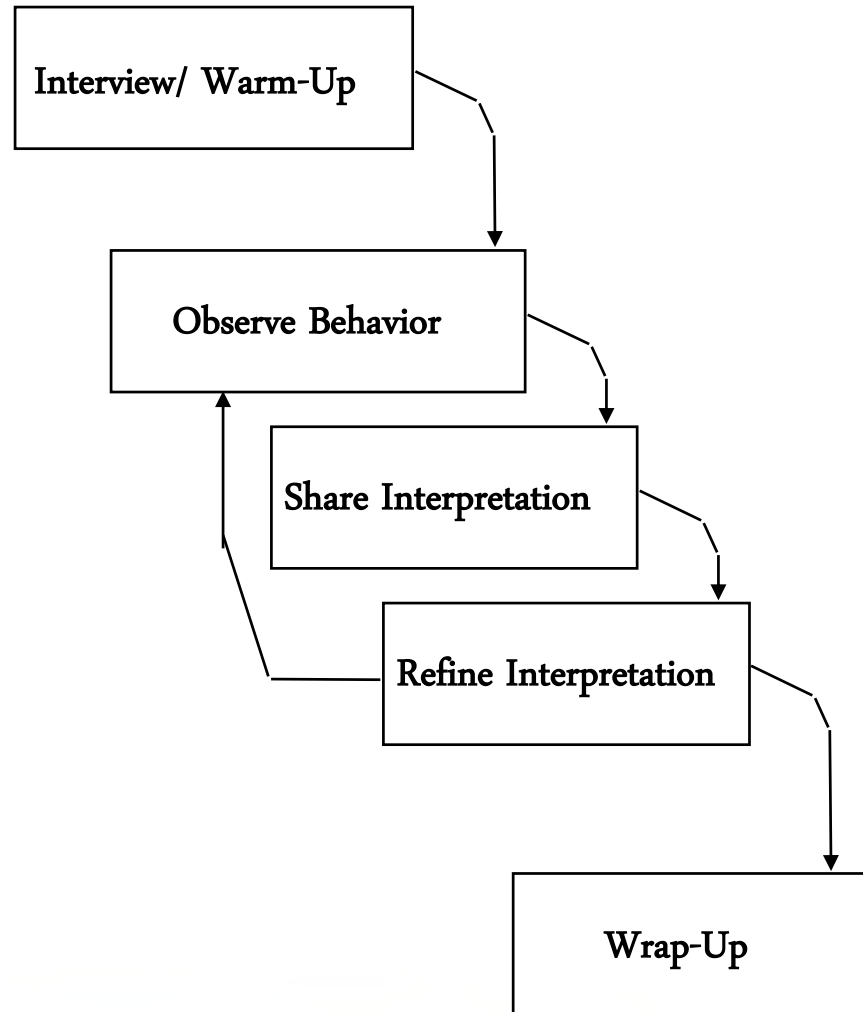
“Do they really do that? Why would they do that?”

What you don't know

Treat the interview as an opportunity to learn new stuff

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

The Stages of a Contextual Inquiry



Explain the Rules

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

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

How to Screw it Up

Slipping into abstraction

Keep it concrete, in the work, in the details

Not being inquisitive or nosy enough

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

Overly disrupting the task

Questions are great, but do not ask so many so fast that the participant stops doing their tasks

Turning it into a regular interview

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

When All Else Fails

Remember Master/Apprentice

Remember Context

Remember Withdraw & Return

Developing Models

Contextual inquiry yields a lot of data

Does not reduce to a statistical test

Use it to distill models

Help to understand the workflow

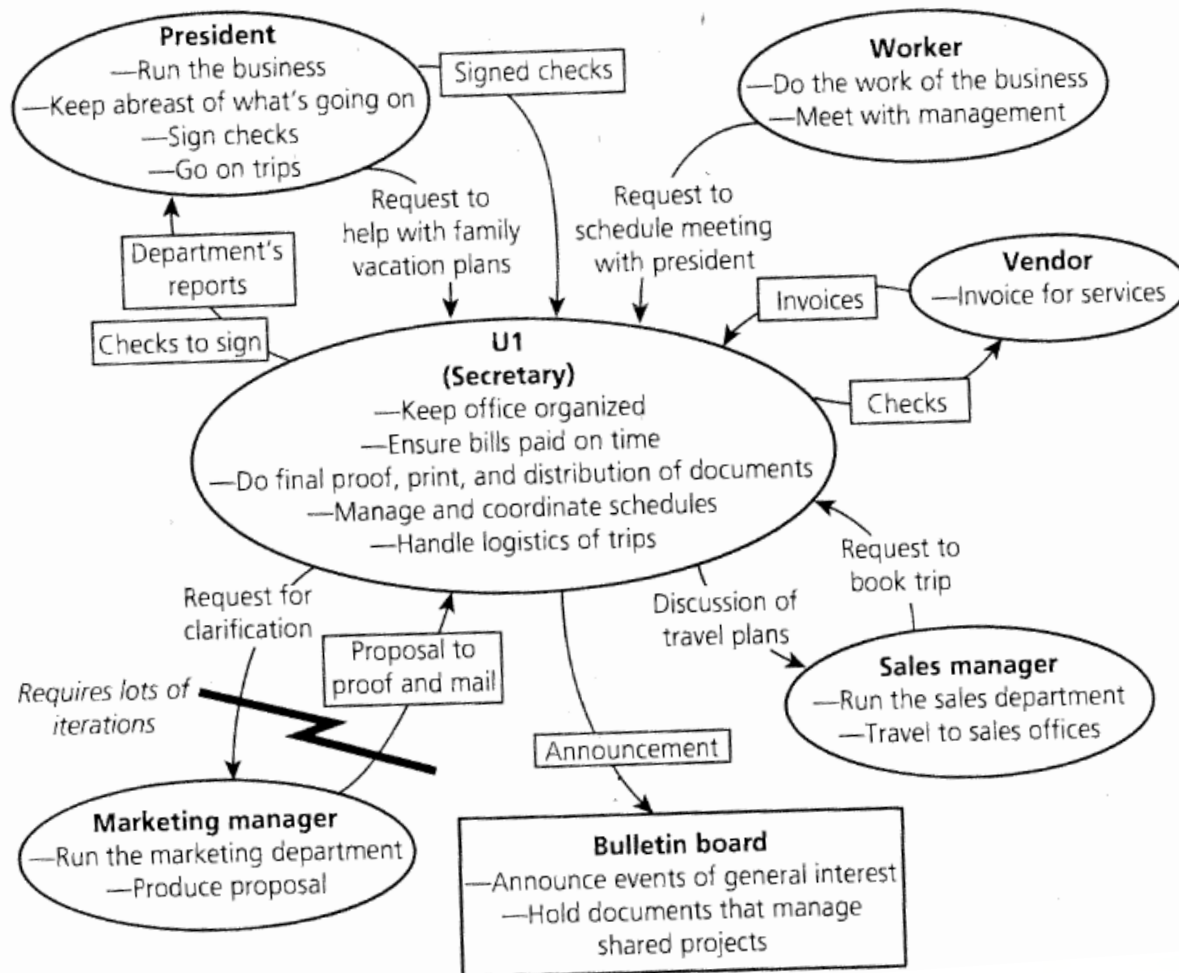
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Identify breakdowns and workarounds

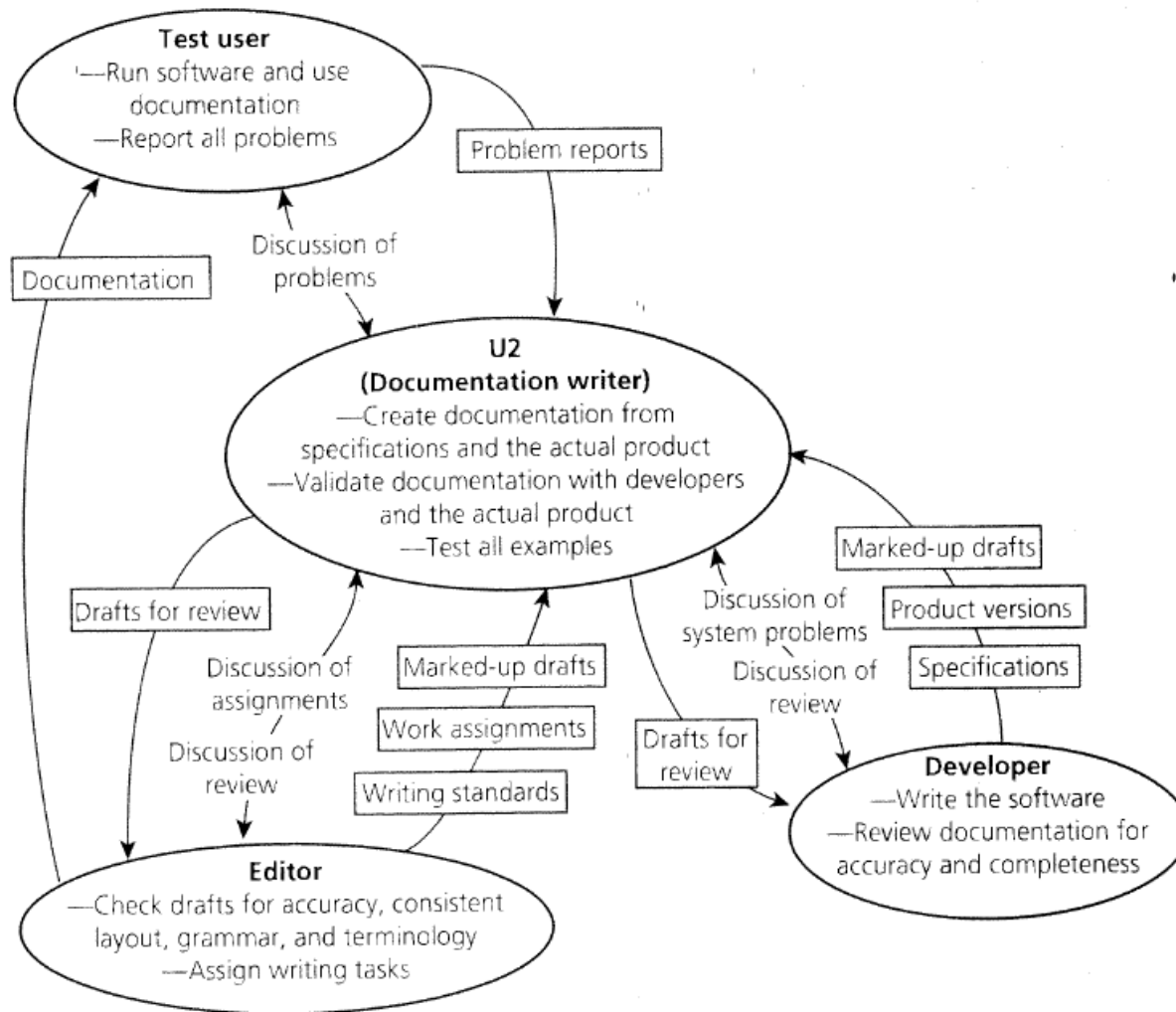
Many types of models

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

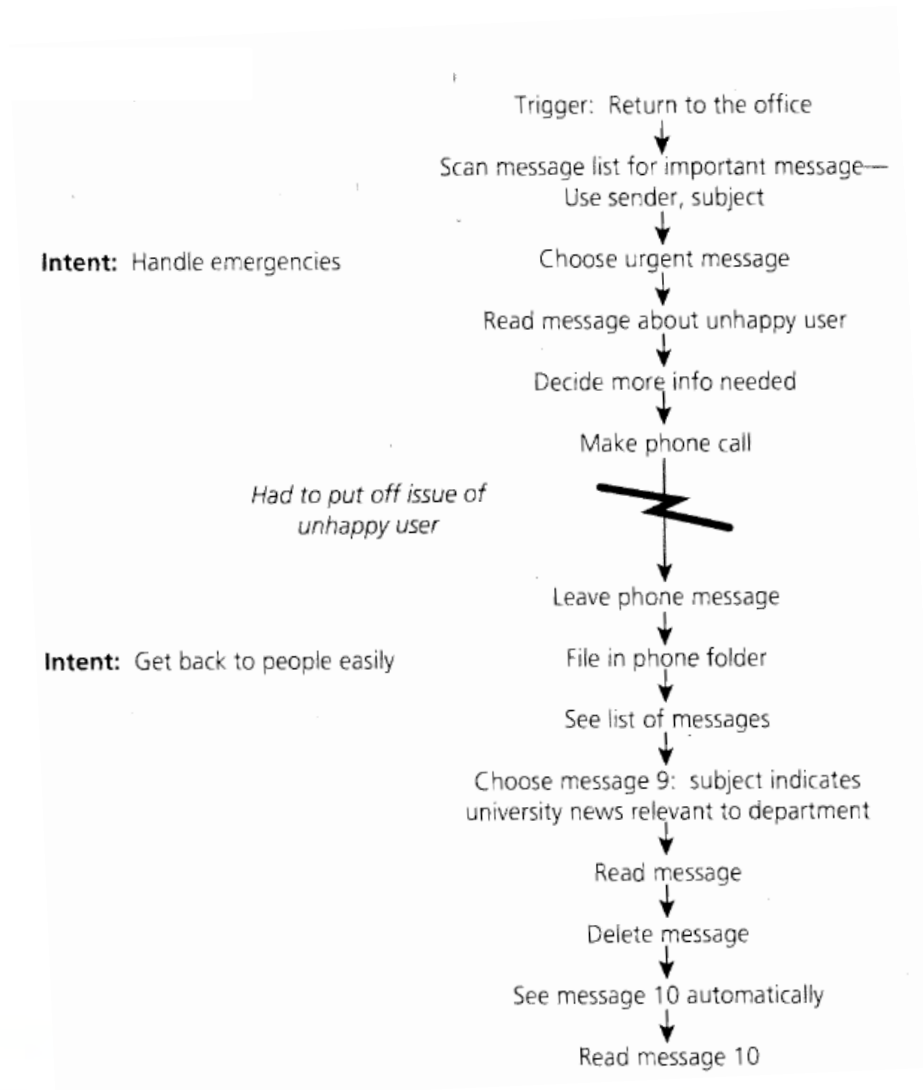
Flow Model: Secretarial Hub



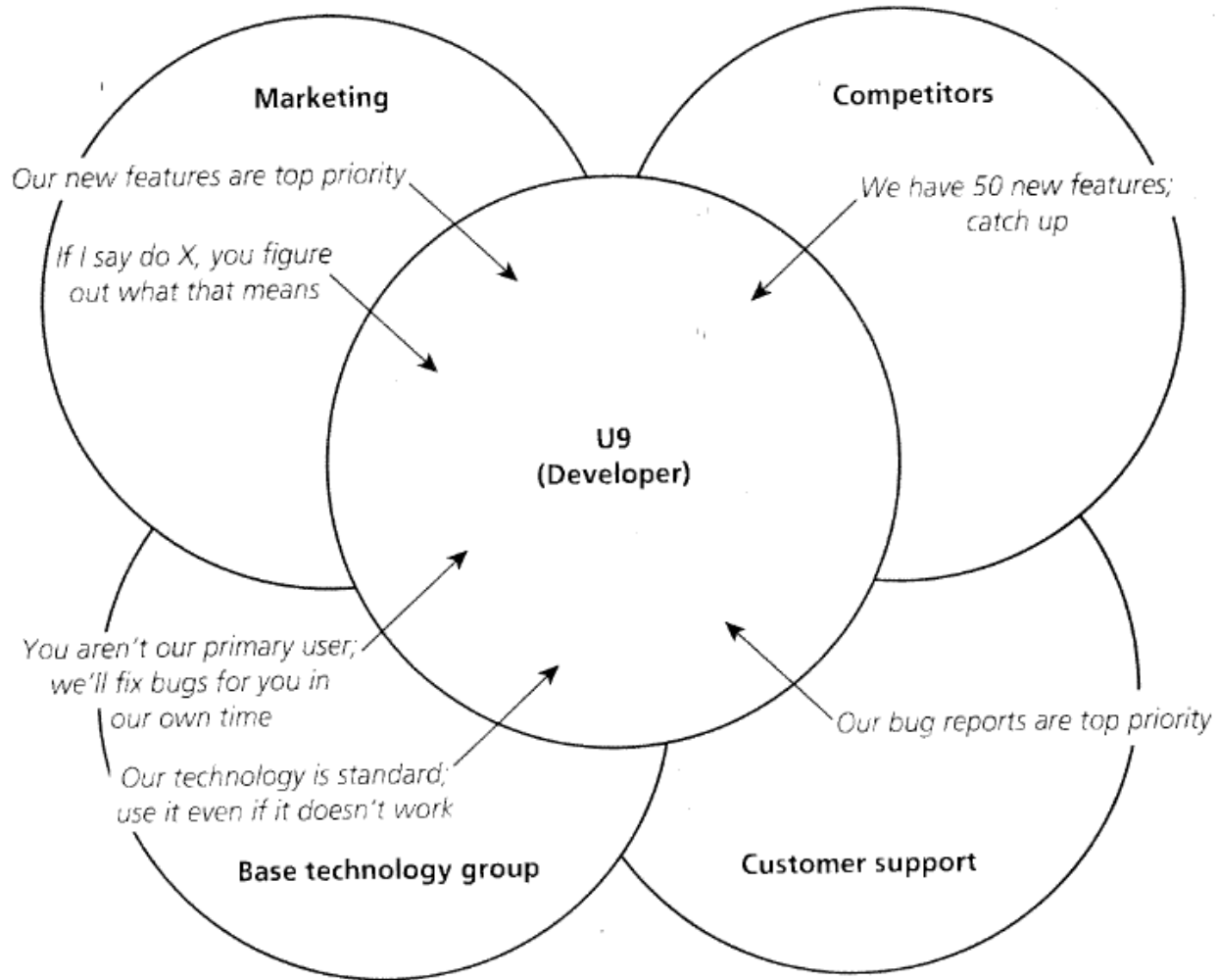
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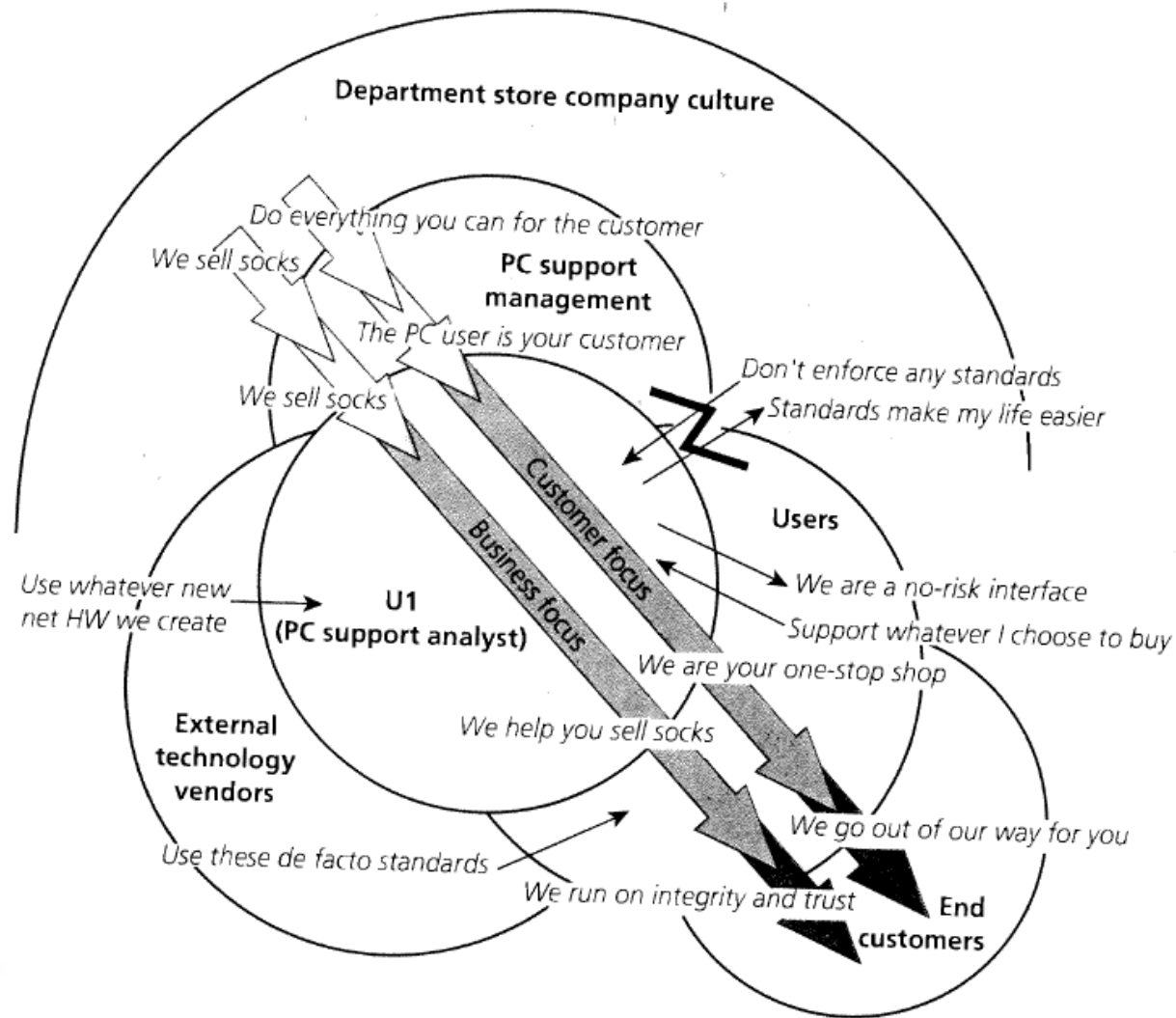
Sequence Model: Doing Email



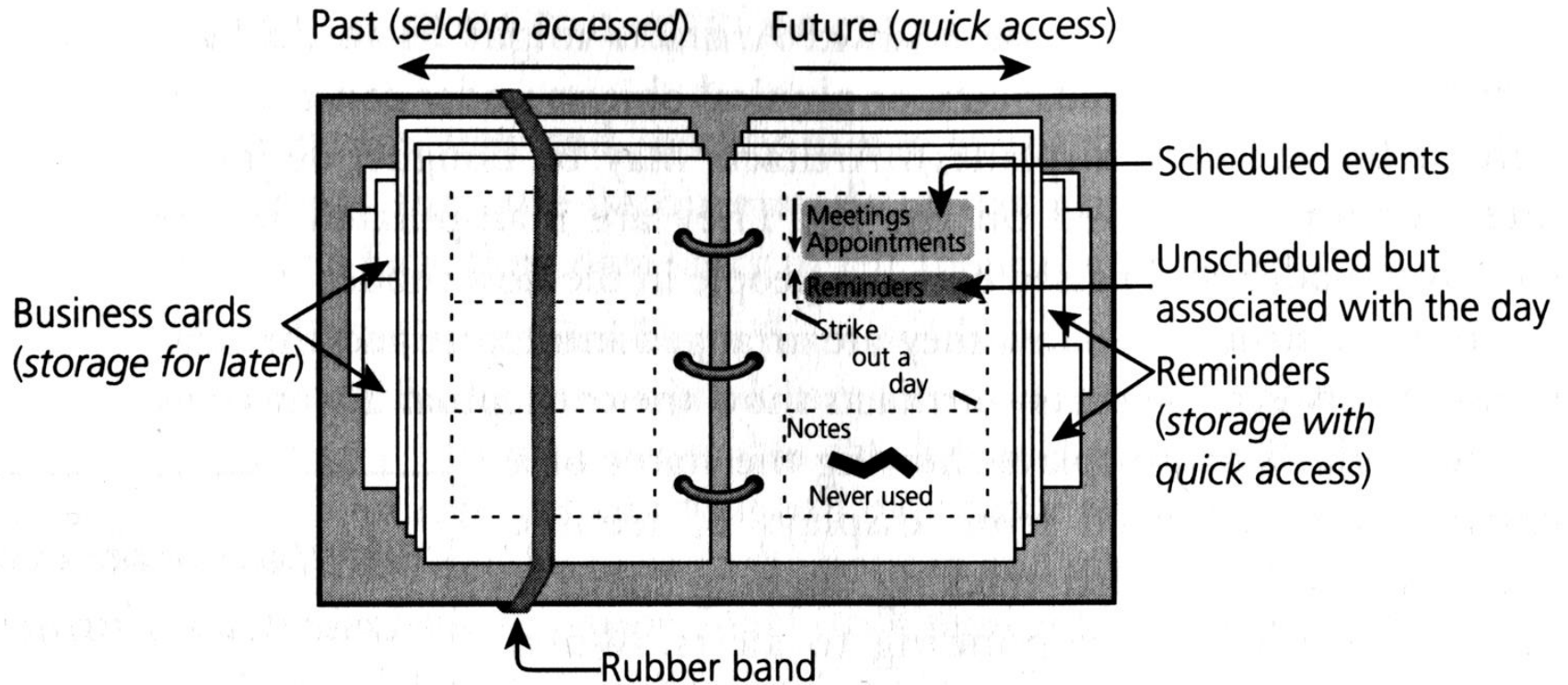
Cultural Model: Developer



Cultural Model: Department Store

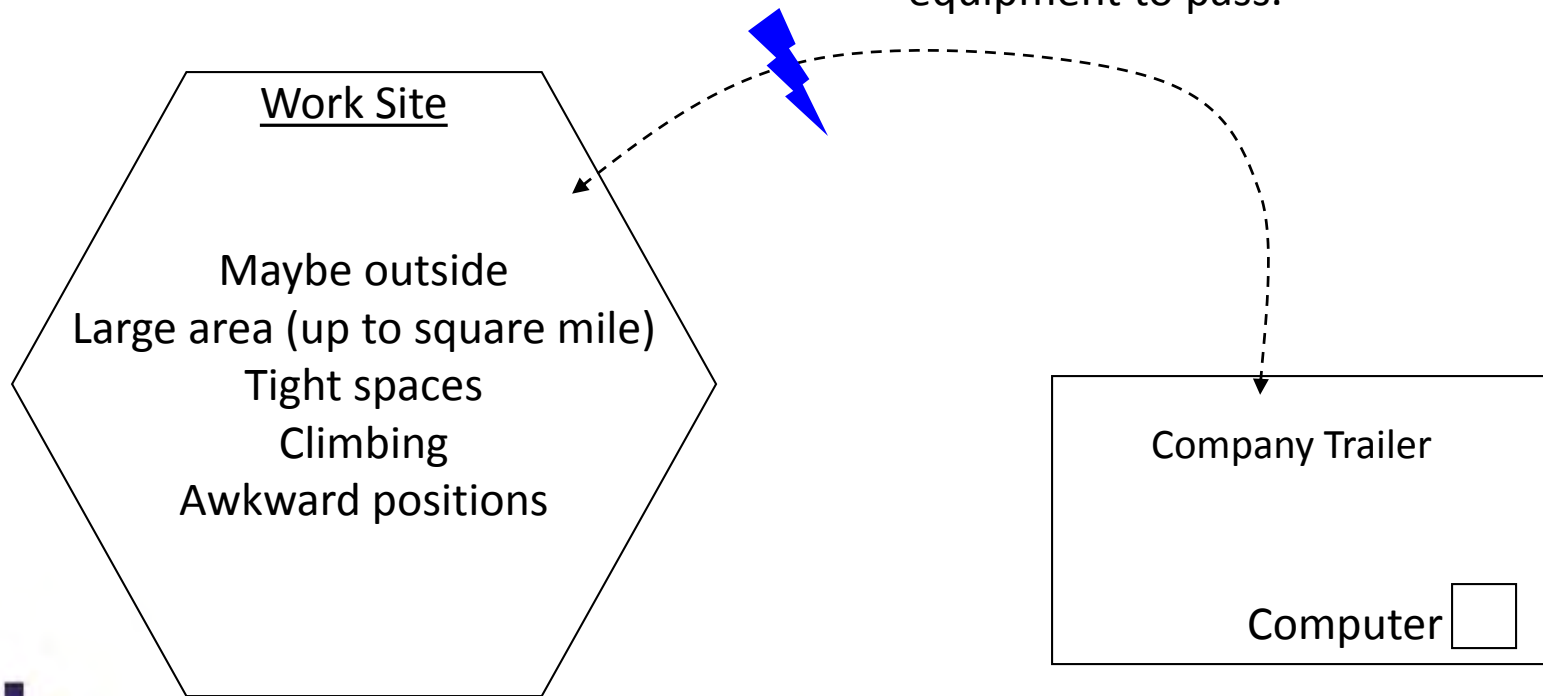


Artifact Model: Calendar

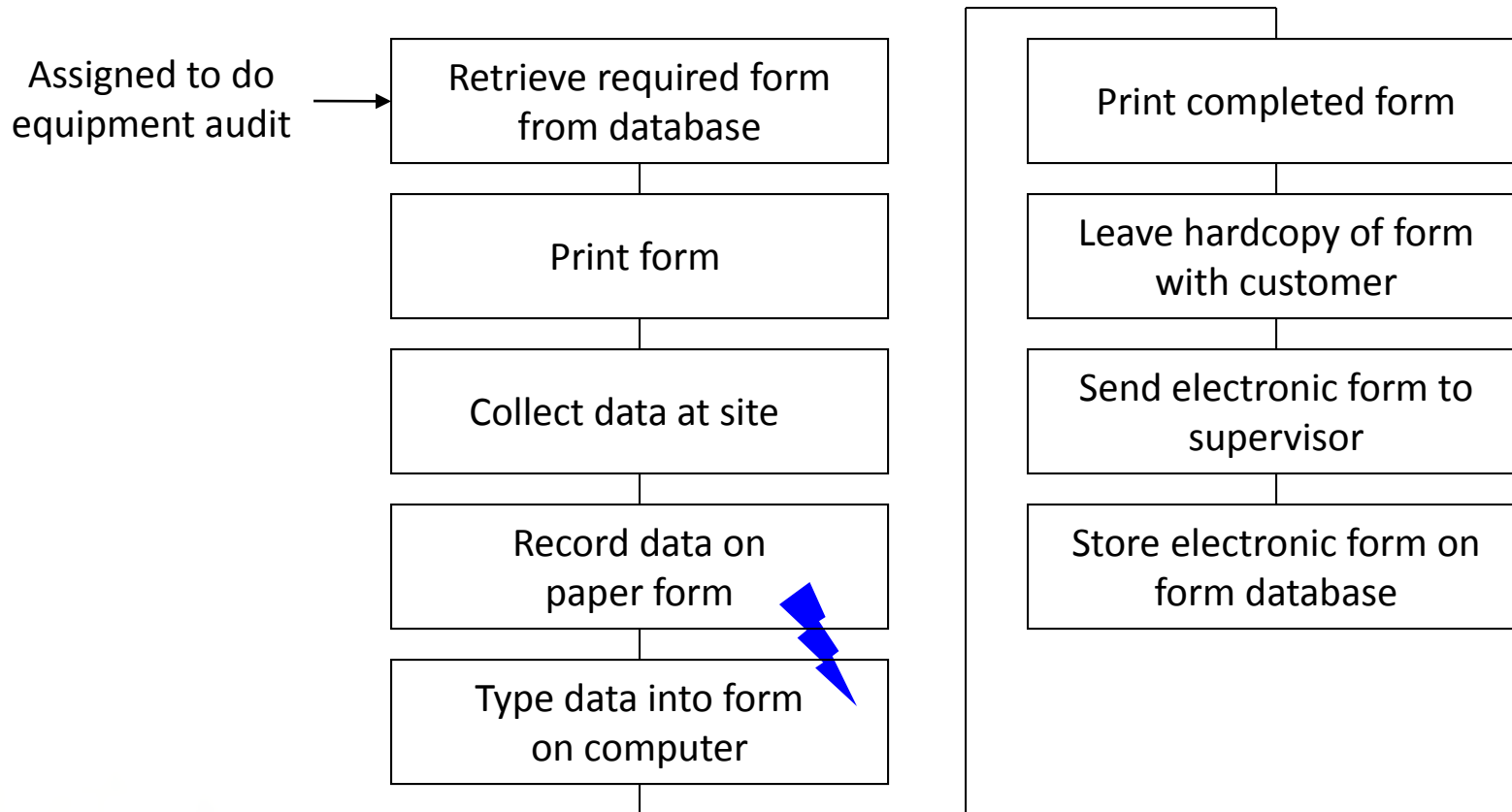


Physical Model: Work Site

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.



Sequence Model: Equipment Audit



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Guest lecture

Hi, I'm Matt

I'm a PhD student in Computer Science & Engineering. I do research in personal informatics.

But! I also have some background in visual art.

This Quarter

You will learn how to both give and receive critique

Each skill is important and takes practice

Many sections will consist of group critiques

Each group will present an artifact

Other class members and TA will offer critique

Starting today!

Critique of CI Plan

Why do Critique?

Critique helps us evaluate early, often, and cheaply

Applicable to artifacts of many types

Compare to other expert methods covered later, like heuristic evaluation

You are not your own worst critic!

The room has more collective knowledge than any one of us

It is *very* hard to see past your own decisions (see also: mental models, etc)

See past your infatuation

Why do Critique?

Critique is not just for design

It applies to many artifacts and domains: visual art, writing, design, code (i.e. code review), ...

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

You may meet some of those people in this class

What is Critique?

Critique is a method of peer & expert feedback

It is not just a list of complaints

1. **Presenters** sit down with peers/experts (the **critics**)
2. Quickly explain their artifacts (< 2 min)
3. Critics ask questions
4. Presenters respond, also write down everything that is discussed

Critique is not Criticism

Again, it is not just a list of complaints!

Critics offer honest feedback

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

Both positive and negative

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

It is the presenter's responsibility to sort through feedback and decide what is important

Take notes!

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 (or you should)

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

The artifact you show invites different forms of feedback

Indicate what kind of feedback you want verbally, but also in form (this course will guide you heavily here)

Tips for Presenters

Keep an eye out for design rationale

You probably made some decisions without good reasons at the time

Critique can help give a rationalization for past decisions in explaining to others

Exploit failure!

A “failed” artifact (plan, design, ...) should teach you a lot about the design space: what won't work, and *why*

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 help the conversation go smoothly

They may sound silly, but they can give you a question to ask when you don't have one and a way to ask it that doesn't hurt others' feelings

Tips for Critics: Hamburger method

“Bun, meat, bun”

Bun:

Something fluffy and nice

Meat:

The real criticism

Bun:

Something fluffy and nice

Tips for Critics: I like, I wish, what if

I like:

Lead with something nice

I wish:

Some criticism (often leading off what you like)

What if:

An idea to spark further conversation

Better than “I think you should have done ...” or “Why didn’t you ...”: gives the presenter benefit of the doubt if they *did* already think of your idea

Tips for Critics: Socratic method

When all else fails, point to something and ask “why?”

Good when you don't know what to say

Forces presenter to give (or make up) explanations for things, which can help build design rationale

Not fundamentally negative and hard to get defensive about

Summary

Fall *out* of love with the things you build

Let us help you see past the infatuation

Get quick, cheap feedback from experts

Refine ideas

In brainstorming, we were not *criticizing*

In critique, we are not *defending*

You will learn to both give and receive critique

Each are skills that take practice. If you are having difficulty, please come talk to us

Let's do it!

In sets of 2-3 groups

15 minutes per group

1-2 minutes: present your plan

The rest of the time: critique

Remember hamburger method, I like/I wish/what if, Socratic method

Try not to get defensive

Take notes!

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Where we came from

System will fail if:

It is inappropriate for the customer

It does not meet customer needs

Your contextual inquiries have emphasized getting to know your customers and their needs

... So we know what to
build now, right?

Can't we now just make 'good' interfaces?

Why Task Analysis?

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

Might be acceptable for office work, but not for play

Infinite variety of tasks and customers

Guidelines are too vague to be generative

e.g., “give adequate feedback”

Design is often about tradeoffs

Examples?

Why Task Analysis?

Task analysis complements the information you obtain through methods like contextual inquiry

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

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

11 Task Analysis Questions

Who is going to use the system?

What tasks do they now perform?

What tasks are desired?

How are the tasks learned?

Where are the tasks performed?

What is the relationship between customers & data?

What other tools does the customer have?

How do customers 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 easy

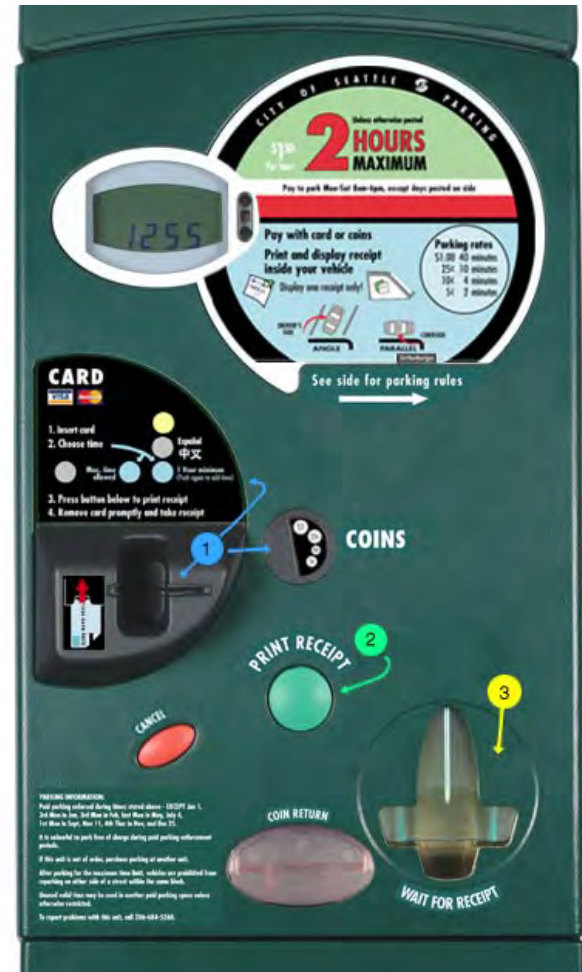
Broad products need several typical consumers

Background

Skills

Work habits and preferences

Physical characteristics



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

Skills?

may know how to put cards into ATM

Seattle Parking Meter

Who is going to use the system?

Work habits and preferences?

Park several times a week, a month, a year?

Physical characteristics?

Varying heights, don't 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

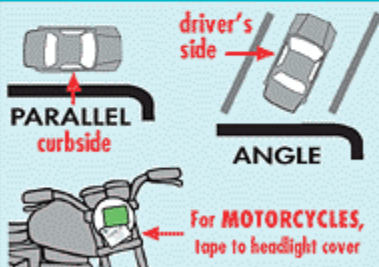


Remove card quickly wait for receipt and display properly



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

Use the removable backing to tape receipt to **INSIDE** of a front-seat side window



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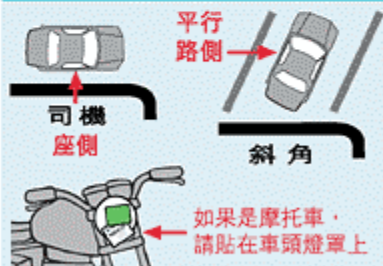


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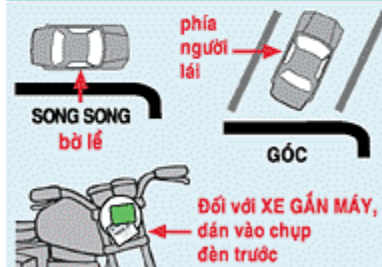


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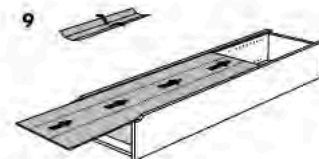
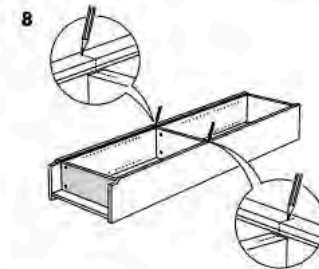
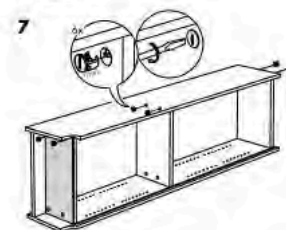
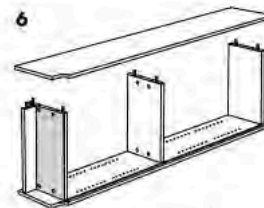
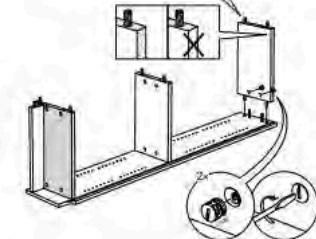
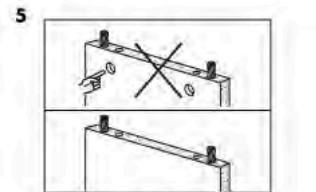
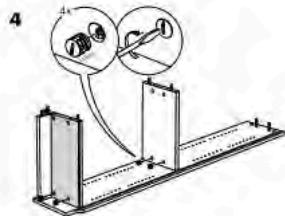
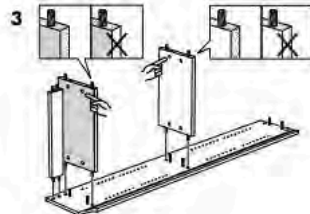
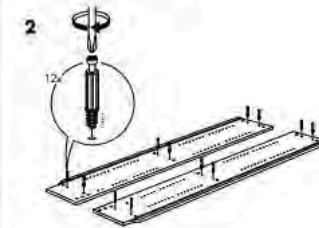
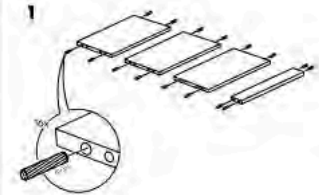
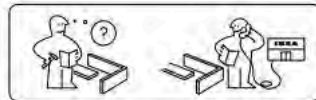
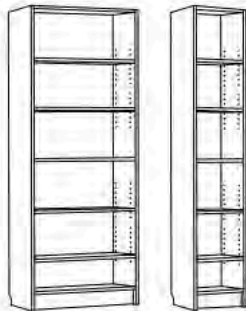
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✗

Illustration showing the correct assembly of the house (marked with a checkmark) and an incorrect assembly where the house is tilted (marked with an X).

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 customers, 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 A's insurance takes longer than most

Yorkshire Pudding
Individual

POPOVERS

beat well
1/2 cup
↓

3 egg recipe
makes
12

- 2 cupfuls flour
- 2 eggs
- 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, 2/3 full of popover batter. Place immediately in a hot oven of 450° F. and bake for 30 min. Then lower temperature to 350° F. and bake for 15 min. longer. Makes 9 popovers.

CORNBREAD

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

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

GRIDDLE CAKES

Question 4

How are the tasks learned?

What does the customer need to know?

Do they need training?

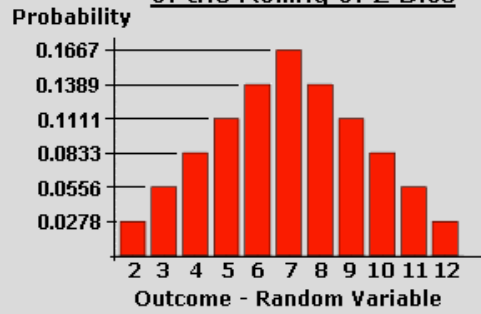
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general knowledge / skills

special instruction / training



Probability Distribution
of the Rolling of 2 Dice



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 customers & 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?

Question 7

What other tools does the customer have?

More than just compatibility

How customer works with collection of tools

Automating lab data collection example:

how is data collected now?

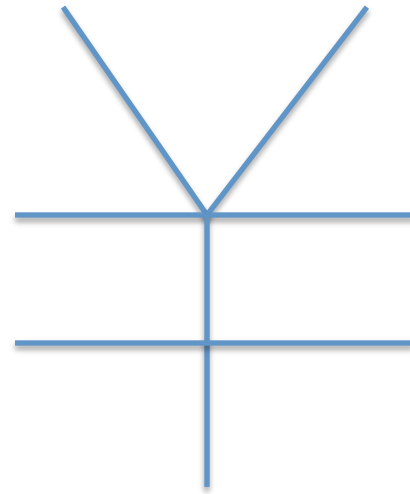
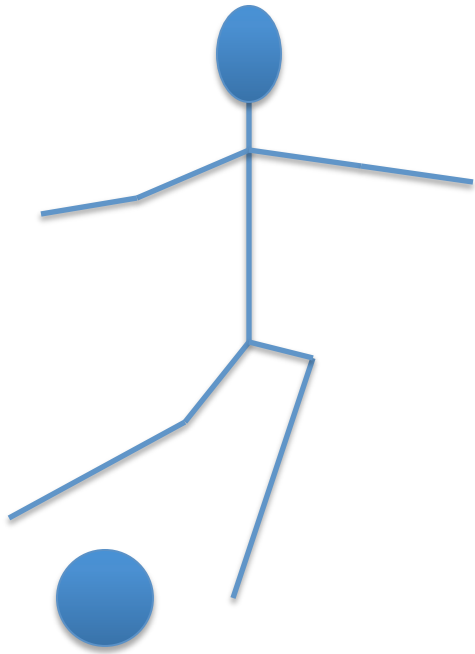
by what instruments and manual procedures?

how is the information analyzed?

are the results transcribed for records or publication?

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









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Question 8

How do customers 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 customers likely remember more details

Infrequent customers may need more help

Even for simple operations

Make these tasks possible to accomplish

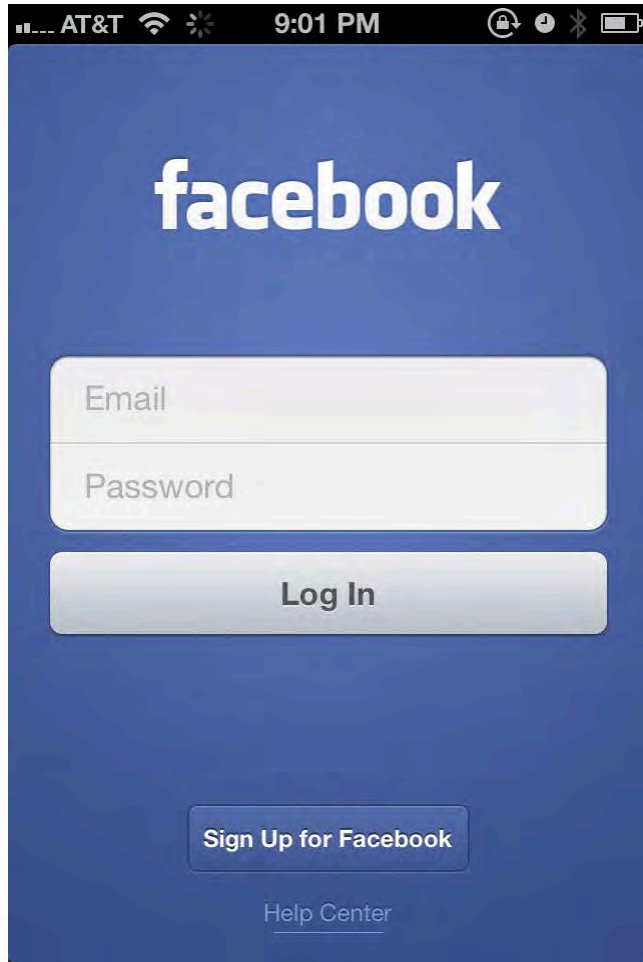
Which function is performed

Most frequently?

By which customers?

Optimizing for these will improve perception of performance

Careful about initial use though



Question 10

What are the time constraints on the tasks?

What functions will customers be in a hurry for?

Which can wait?

Is there a timing relationship between tasks?

Question 11

What happens when things go wrong?

How do people deal with

task-related errors?

practical difficulties?

catastrophes?

Is there a backup strategy?

What are the consequences?

Selecting Tasks

Real tasks customers have faced or requested

collect any necessary materials

Should provide reasonable coverage

compare check list of functions to tasks

Mixture of simple & complex tasks

easy task (common or introductory)

moderate task

difficult task (infrequent or for power customers)

What Should Tasks Look Like?

Say what customer wants to do, but not how

allows comparing different design alternatives

Be very specific – stories based on facts!

say who customers are (use personas or profiles)

design can really differ depending on who

give names (allows referring back with more info later)

characteristics of customers (job, expertise, etc.)

story forces us to fill out description w/ relevant details

Sometimes should describe a complete “job”

forces us to consider how features work together

Using Tasks in Design

Write up a description of tasks

formally or informally

run by customers and rest of the design team

get more information where needed

Manny is in the city at a bar and would like to call his girlfriend, Sherry, to see when she will be arriving at the bar. She called from a friend's house while he in the Paul Allen Center basement, so he missed her call. He would like to check his missed calls and find the number so that he can call her back.

Using Tasks in Design

Rough out an interface design

discard features that don't support your tasks

or add a real task that exercises that feature

major screens & functions (not too detailed)

hand sketched

Produce scenarios for each task

what customer has to do & what they would see

step-by-step performance of task

illustrate using storyboards

Scenarios

Scenarios are design specific, tasks are not

Scenarios force us to

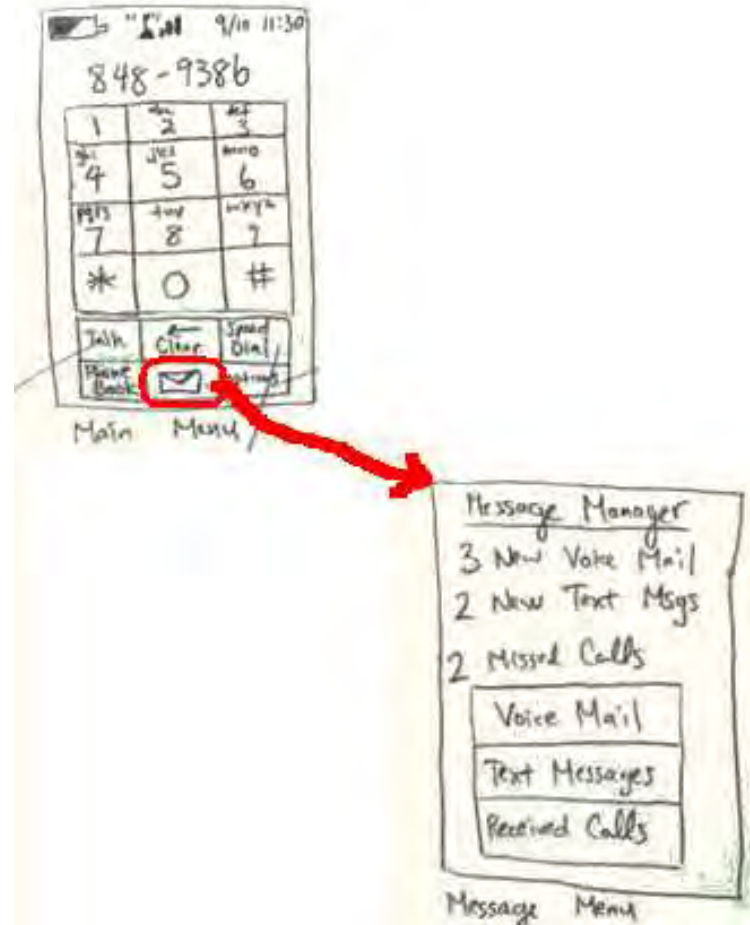
show how features will work together

settle design arguments by seeing examples

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

Show users storyboards

get feedback



Caveats of User-Centered Design

Politics

“agents of change” can cause controversy
get a sense of organization & bond w/ interviewee
important to get buy-in from all those involved

Customers are not always right

cannot anticipate new technology accurately
job is to build system customers will want

not system customers say they want

be very careful about this (you are outsider)

if you can't get customers interested, you're probably missing something

Design/observe forever without prototyping

rapid prototyping, evaluation, & iteration is key

Summary

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's the relationship between customer & data?
- What other tools does the customer have?
- How do users communicate with each other?
- How often are the tasks performed?
- What are the time constraints on the tasks?
- What happens when things go wrong?

Selecting tasks

- Real tasks with reasonable functionality coverage
- Complete, specific tasks of what customer wants to do

Personas



design:
use:
build:

Question 1

Who is going to use the system?

Identity

In-house or specific customer is easy

Broad products need several typical consumers

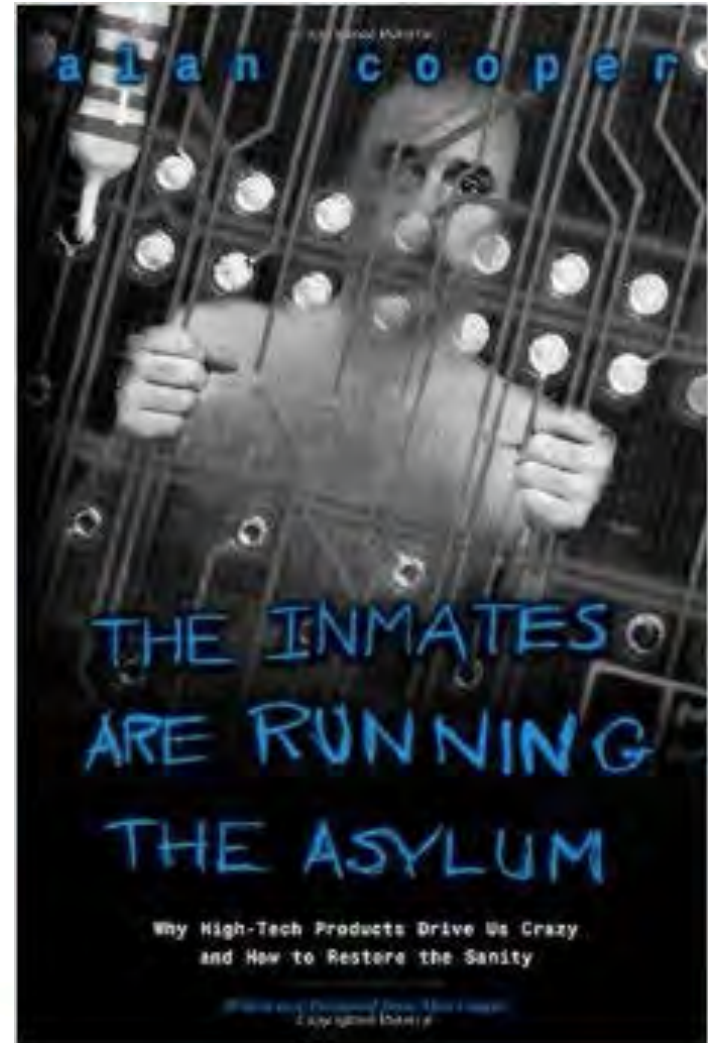
Background

Skills

Work habits and preferences

Physical characteristics

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



3 types of people

- Parent concerned about safety
- Carpenter who needs to transport tools
- Executive looking for a fast & sporty car



Principles of Personas

- More specific, more effective
- Give the person detail
- Give them a name
- Make it believable

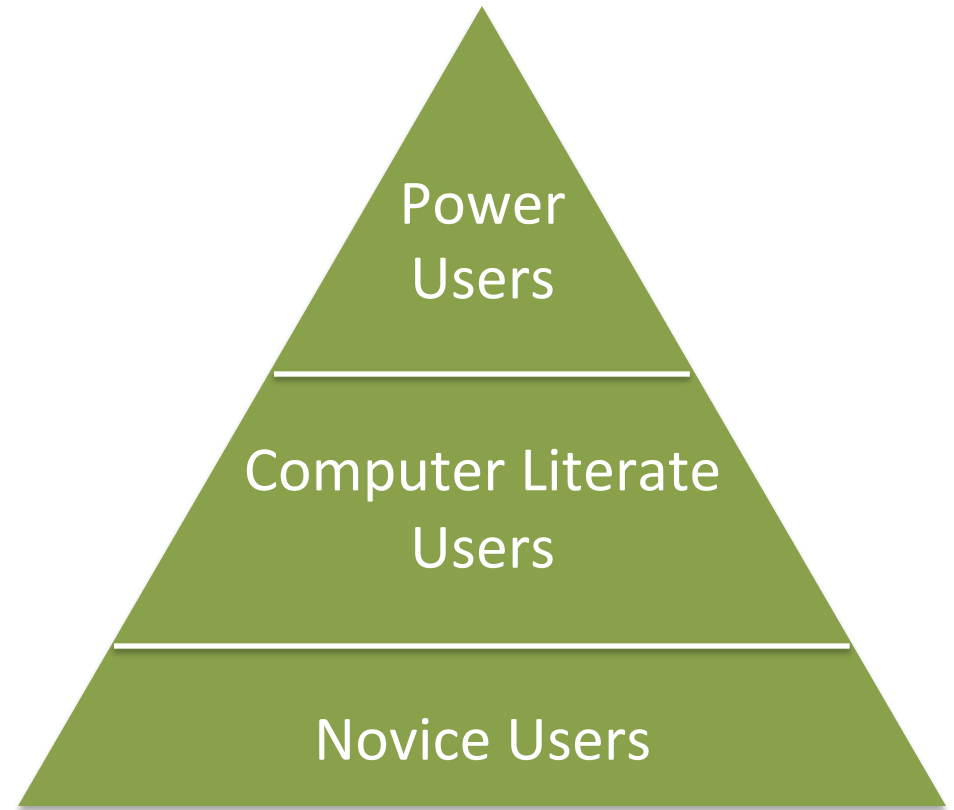
Microsoft Kin

“Tia always wants to know what cool things her friends are up to”

- 16 years old
- From La Jolla, CA
- Loves all things pink
- 2 sisters, Diana & Ashley
- Was Juliet in last year’s school performance of “Romeo & Juliet”

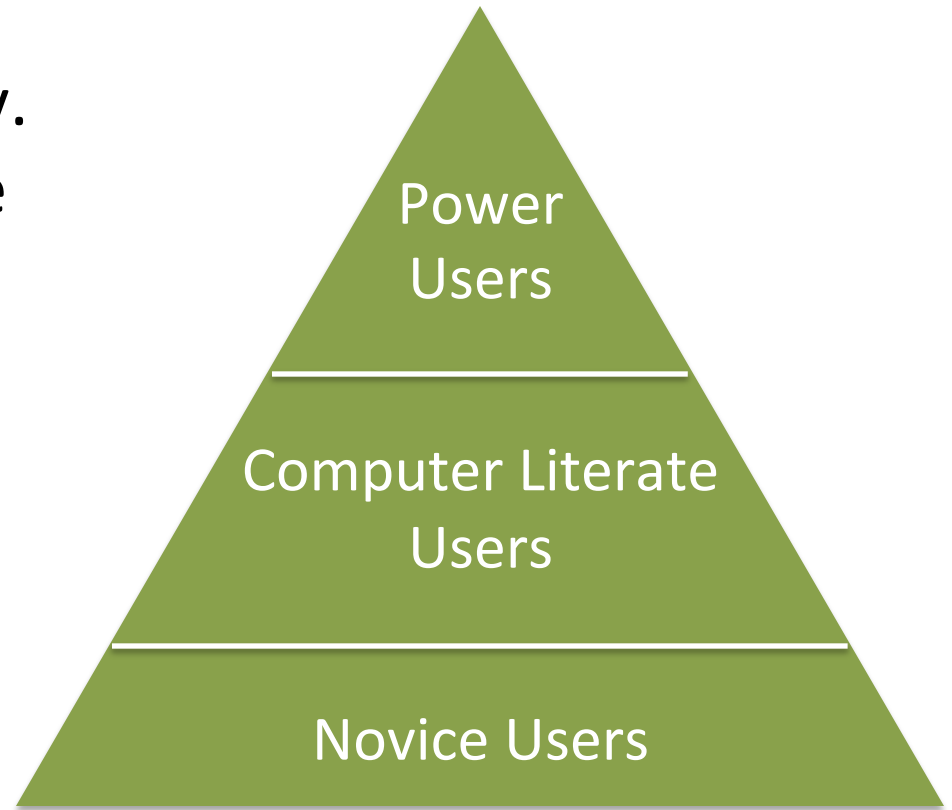


Types of users



Types of users

“Elise is a 33-year-old accountant who uses Microsoft Excel every day. She likes to watch ‘House of Cards’ on her iPhone before bed, but has had trouble connecting her email to her phone. She goes hiking nearly every weekend.”



Designing with Personas

- Design to make the “primary” persona(s) happy
- Avoid design choices that make personas unhappy

Why use Personas?

Thoroughly think about who is using your product

Ensure the design is effective for those people

Make the product and its impacts “real”

Cultural Probes & Diary Studies



design:
use:
build:

Self-Report Data

Minimal influence on actions

Event takes place over a long period of time

Diary Study

6 **FRIDAY EVENING**

Time Quarter-Hours	TV SET		Station or Channel Name	Chan. No.	Name of Program or Movie	Day of Week											
	OFF	ON				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
49	5:00-14	X				M	F										
50	5:15-29					A	E										
51	5:30-44					L	M										
52	5:45-59					E	A										
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54	6:15-29				E	H	E										
55	6:30-44					E											
56	6:45-59				V	A	H										
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58	7:15-29				E	A											
59	7:30-44					D											
60	7:45-59				N	F											
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63	8:30-44					D											
64	8:45-59					J	H										
65	9:00-14	X	N/A	N/A	Purchased DVDs	S	D										
66	9:15-29				Smallville	E	D										
67	9:30-44						S										
68	9:45-59						E										
69	10:00-14																
70	10:15-29																
71	10:30-44																
72	10:45-59		HGTV	39	House Hunters		X										

1 Male Head of House
 2 Female Head of House
 3
 4
 5
 6
 7
 8
 9 TV on but no one Watching/Listening

Cultural Probe



December 2012

Date	Description	Income	Balance	Exp	Bank
12/4	usa Premier		2622.7	25.00	2597.70
12/6	usa Reserve		5054.8	20.30	5034.50
12/6	bt Premier addtn	310.00	240.47	28.50	
	USB Cash Advance	330.00	258.00		
	Taxref	30.00	2	0	7
12/1	Almond Storage			30.00	30.00
12/1	Almond Storage			20.00	20.00
12/7	Citi Card	228.19	102.28	110.00	
12/16	Best Buy	222.18	16.00	49.00	
12/17	JCP	200.00	20.00	67.00	
12/17	Chip 1.00	200.00	200.00	110.00	
12/18	Chip 1.00	30.00	28.00	170.00	
12/19	Orchard Bank	1000.00	977.84	27.00	37.00
12/5	Tx Mace	100.00	100.00	30.00	30.00
	Victoria Secret	20.00	26.28	0	0
12/25	WalMart	200.00	185.14	20.00	30.00
12/6	TransUnion			9.95	9.95



Kaye et al. *Money Talks: Tracking Personal Finances*, CHI 2014

Why use Diary Studies & Cultural Probes?

Learn about your [potential] user's habits

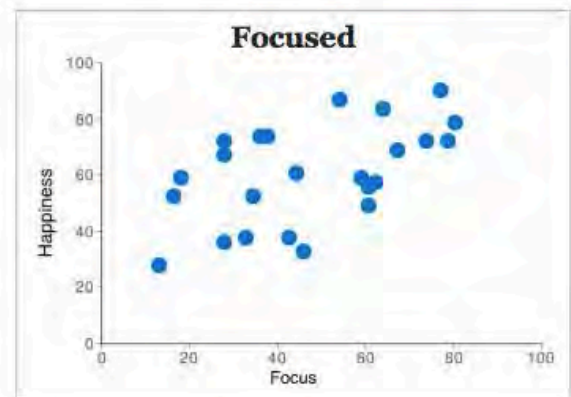
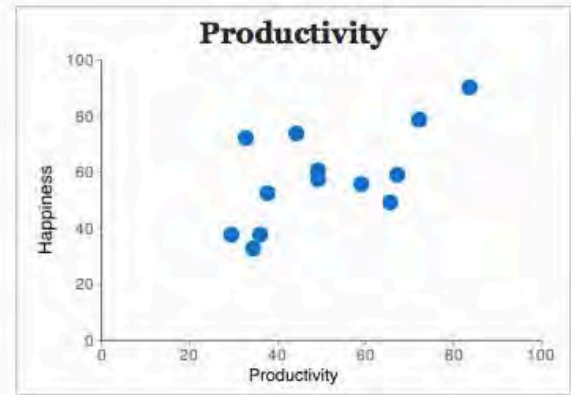
Artifacts reflect how people currently do something

Contextual Inquiry with a record

Experience Sampling Method



design:
use:
build:



Why use Experience Sampling?

Learn about your [potential] user's habits

Learn what influences these habits

Diary studies with prompting

CSE 440: Introduction to HCI

User Interface Design, Prototyping, and Evaluation

Lecture 06:
Human Performance

James Fogarty
Daniel Epstein
Brad Jacobson
King Xia

Tuesday/Thursday
10:30 to 11:50
MOR 234



These are Examples of What?

Popsicle-stick bridge

$$x = x_0 + v_0t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

ACT-R

Goffman's Negotiated Approach

Norman's Execution-Evaluation Cycle

Models

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

Today is a closer look at modeling humans

Capture essential pieces

Model should have what it needs but no more

Thus avoid underfitting or overfitting model

Allow us to measure

Collect data, put in model, compare model terms

Allow us to predict

The better the model, the better the predictions

Creating a Model

How would you go about creating a model?

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One approach:

Observe, Collect Data, Find Patterns,
Draw Analogies, Devise Model,
Test Fit to Data, Test Predictions, Revise

Fundamentally an inductive process

Today

Some example models of human performance

Visual System

Model Human Processor

Fitts's Law

Gestalt Principles

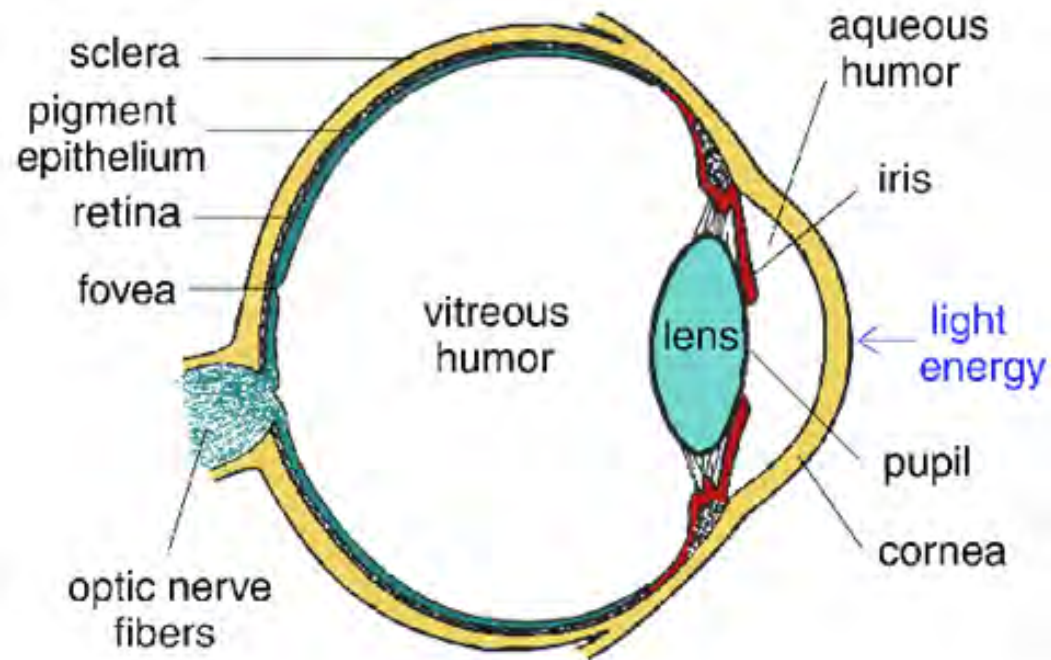
Biological Model

Higher-Level Model

Model by Analogy

Predict Interpretation

Human Visual System



Light passes through lens, focused on retina

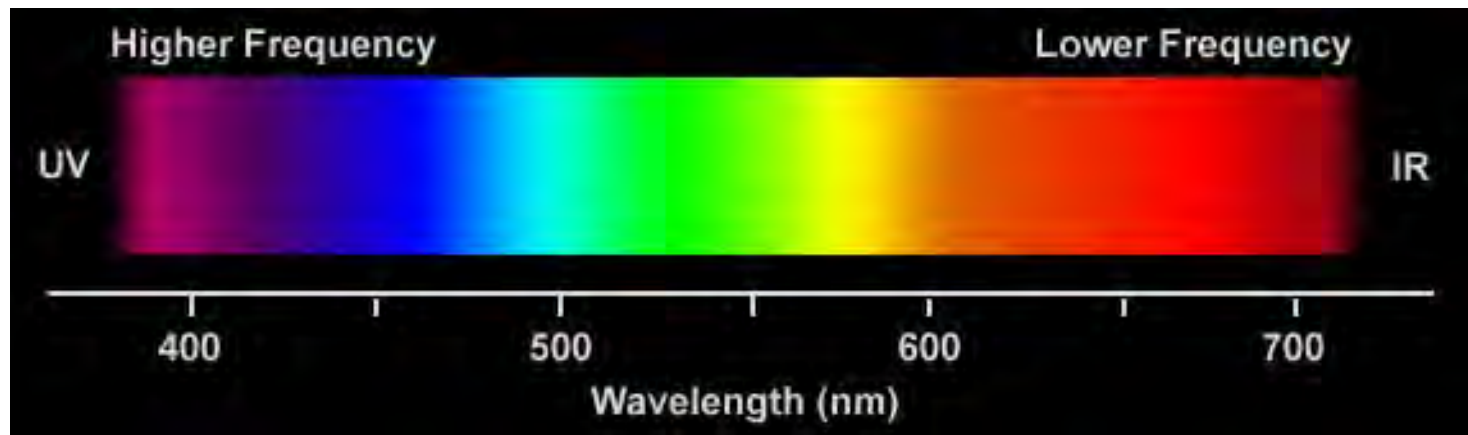
Blind Spot?

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



Visible Spectrum



Retina

Covered with light-sensitive receptors

Rods (120 million)

- Sensitive to broad spectrum of light

- Sensitive to small amounts of light

- Cannot discriminate between colors

- Sense intensity or shades of gray

- Primarily for night vision & perceiving movement

Cones (6 million)

- Used to sense color

Retina

Center of retina has most of the cones

Allows for high acuity of objects focused at center

Edge of retina is dominated by rods

Allows detecting motion of threats in periphery

What does that mean for you?

Peripheral movement is easily distracting

Color Perception via Cones

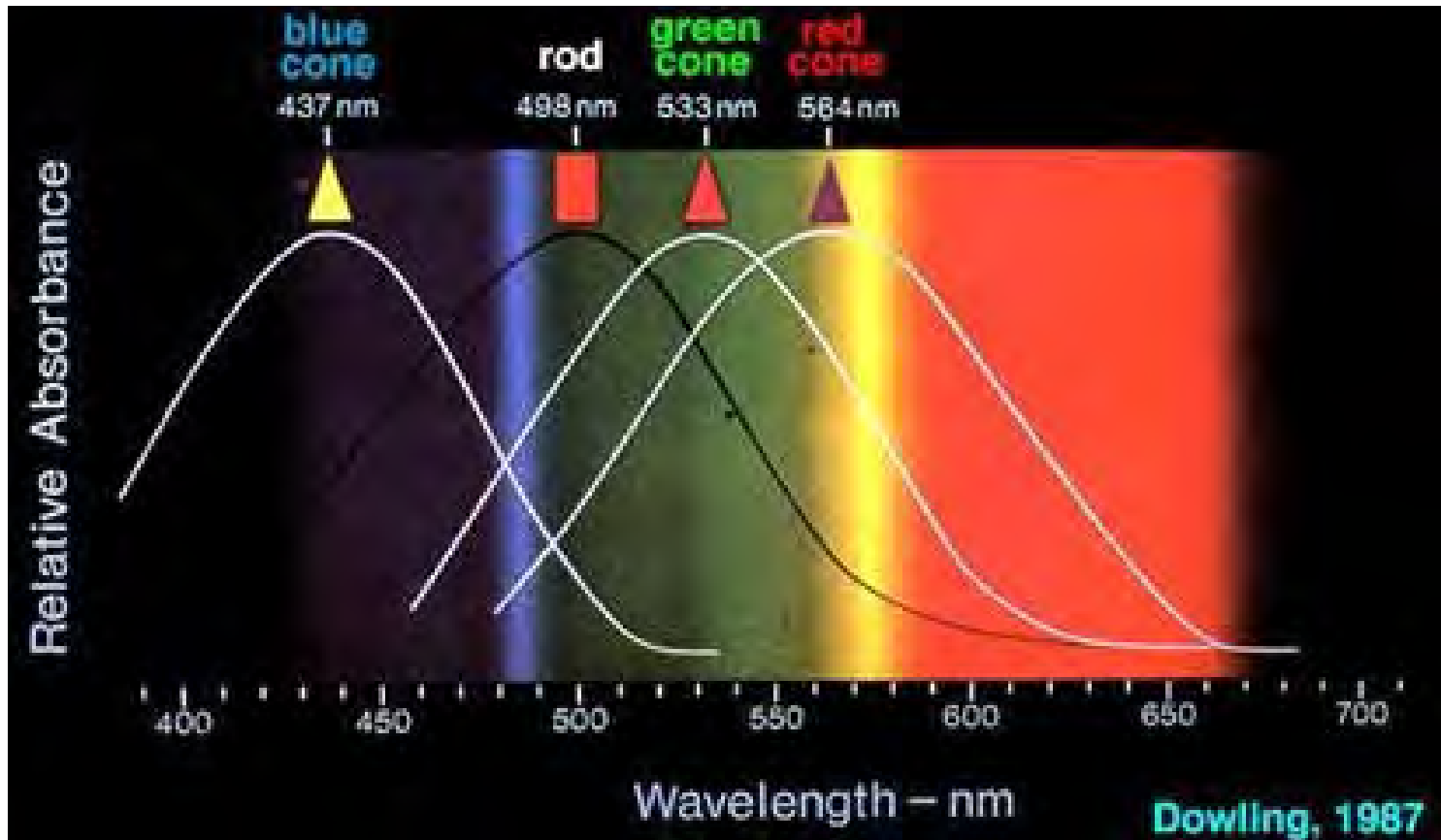
Photopigments used to sense color

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

Each sensitive to different band of spectrum

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

Color Sensitivity



Distribution of Photopigments

Not distributed evenly

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

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

No blue cones in retina center

Fixation on small blue object yields “disappearance”

Lens yellows with age, absorbs short wavelengths

Sensitivity to blue is reduced even further

Color Sensitivity & Image Detection

Most sensitive to center of spectrum

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

Brightness determined mainly by red and green

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

Shapes detected by finding edges

We use brightness and color difference

Implication

Blue edges and shapes are hard



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The Falklands Society

Color Deficiency

Trouble discriminating colors

Affects about 9% of population

Two main types

Different photopigment response most common

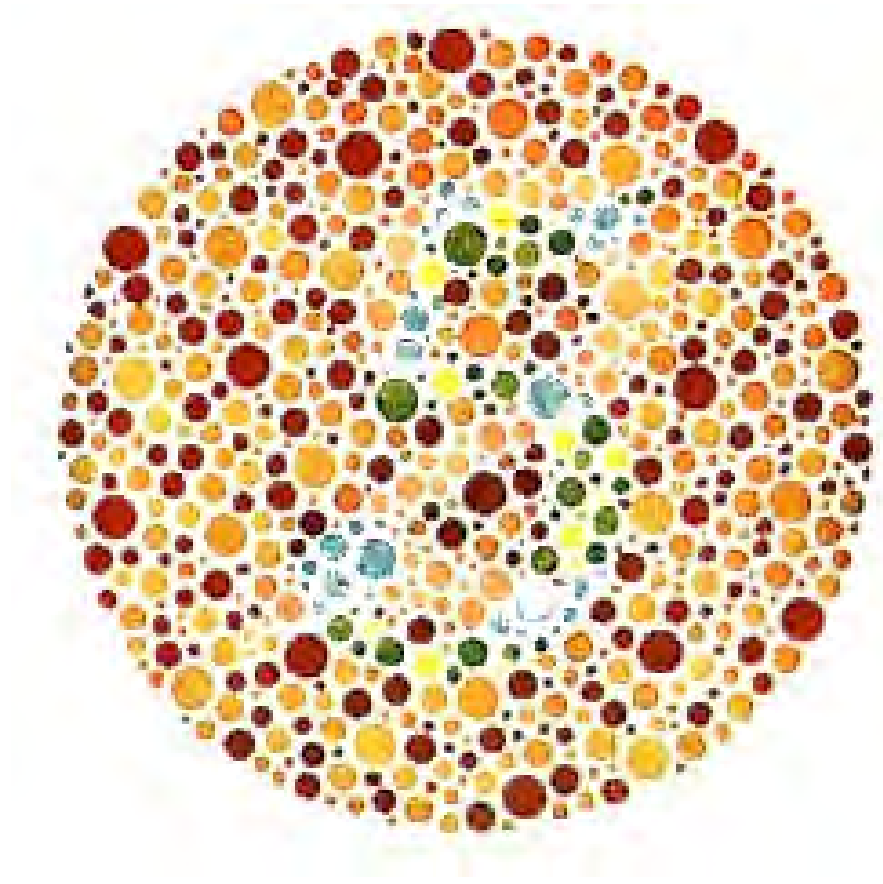
Reduces capability to discern small color differences

Red-Green deficiency is best known

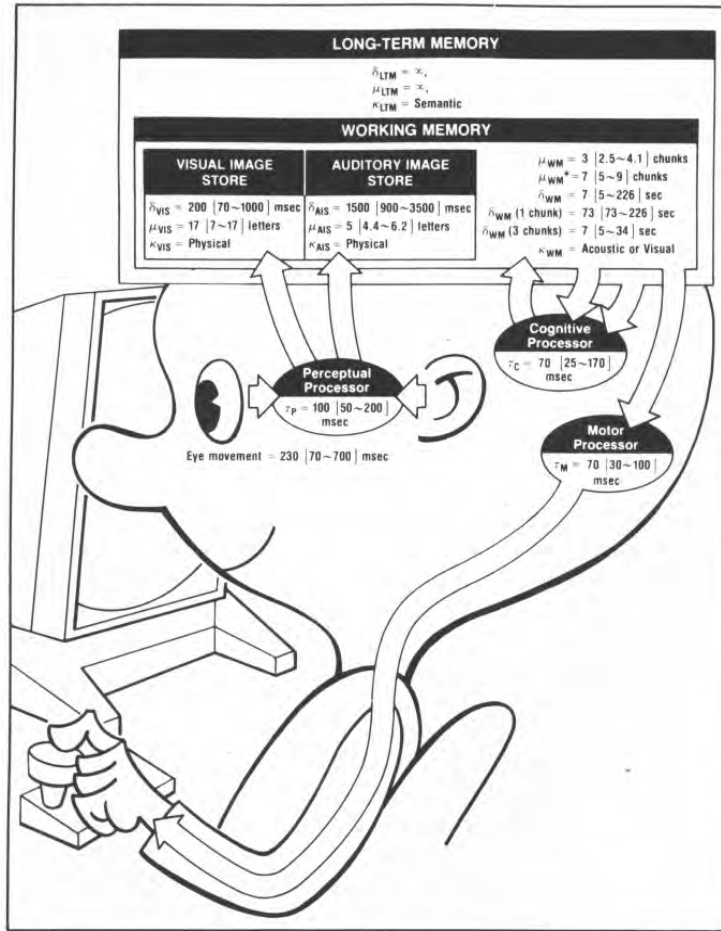
Lack of either green or red photopigment,
cannot discriminate colors dependent on red and green

Also known as color blindness

Red-Green Deficiency Test



The Model Human Processor



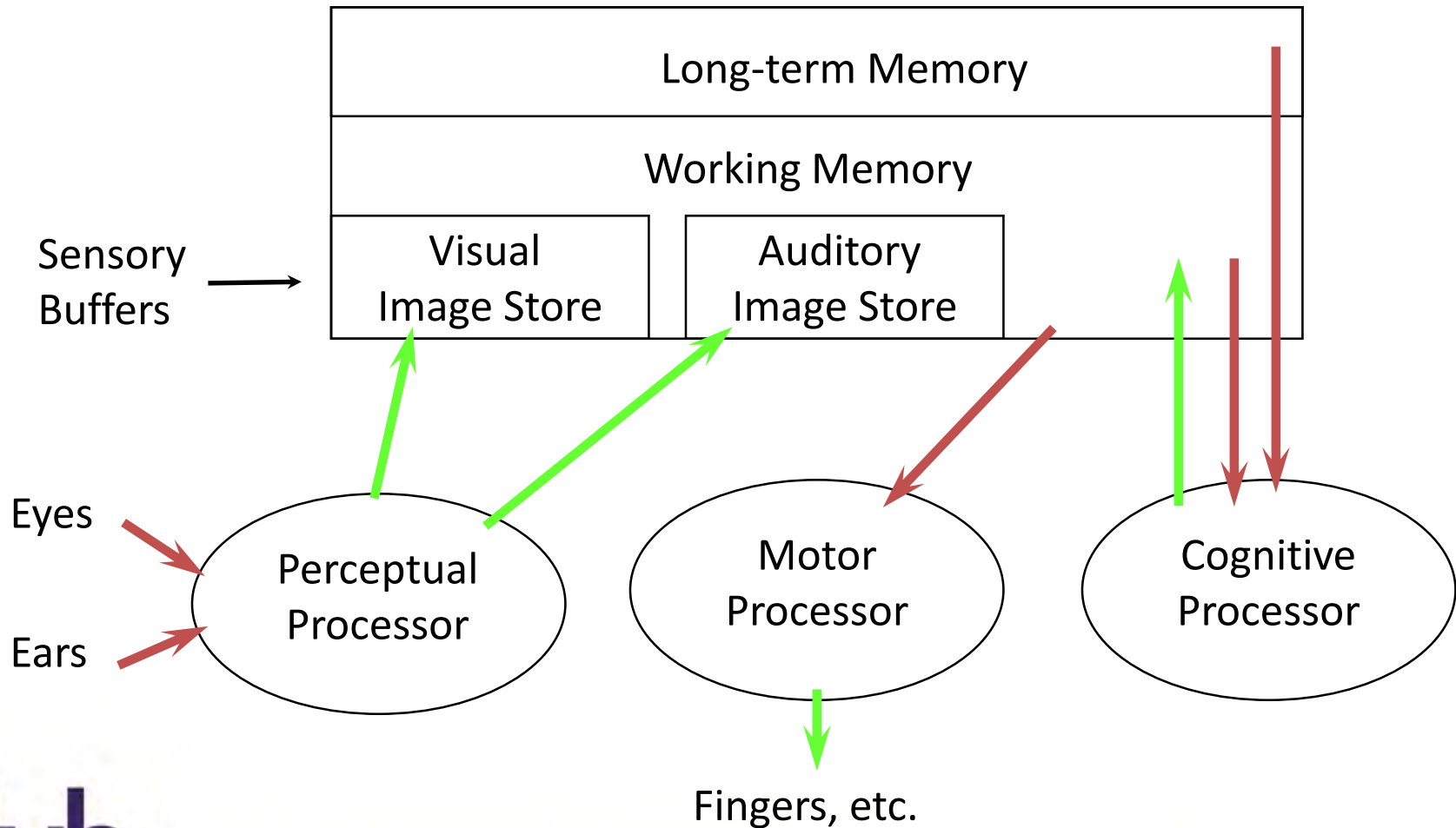
Developed by Card,
Moran, & Newell (1983)

Based on empirical data

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

Same book that named
human computer interaction

The Model Human Processor



Basics of Model Human Processor

Sometimes serial, sometimes parallel

Serial in action and parallel in recognition

Pressing key in response to light

Driving, reading signs, hearing all simultaneously

Parameters

Processors have cycle time, approximately 100-200ms

Memories have capacity, decay time, and type

A Working Memory Experiment

BMCIACSEI

dub

University of
Washington

BM CIA CSE I

dub

University of
Washington

IBM CIA CSE

Memory

Working memory (also known as short-term)

Small capacity (7 ± 2 “chunks”)

6174591765 vs. (617) 459-1765

IBMCIACSE vs. IBM CIA CSE

Rapid access (~ 70 ms) 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

Start saying colors you see in list of words

When slide comes up, as fast as you can

There will be three columns of words

Say “done” when finished

Everyone else time how long it takes

red

yellow

blue

green

red

green

yellow

blue

yellow

green

blue

red

blue

red

green

Activation Experiment

Do it again

Say “done” when finished

ivd

ncudgt

mkbh

bhfe

cnofgt

olftcs

zjdcv

xbts

cnhdes

uhths

fwax

lxngyt

cfto

fwa

dalcrd

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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

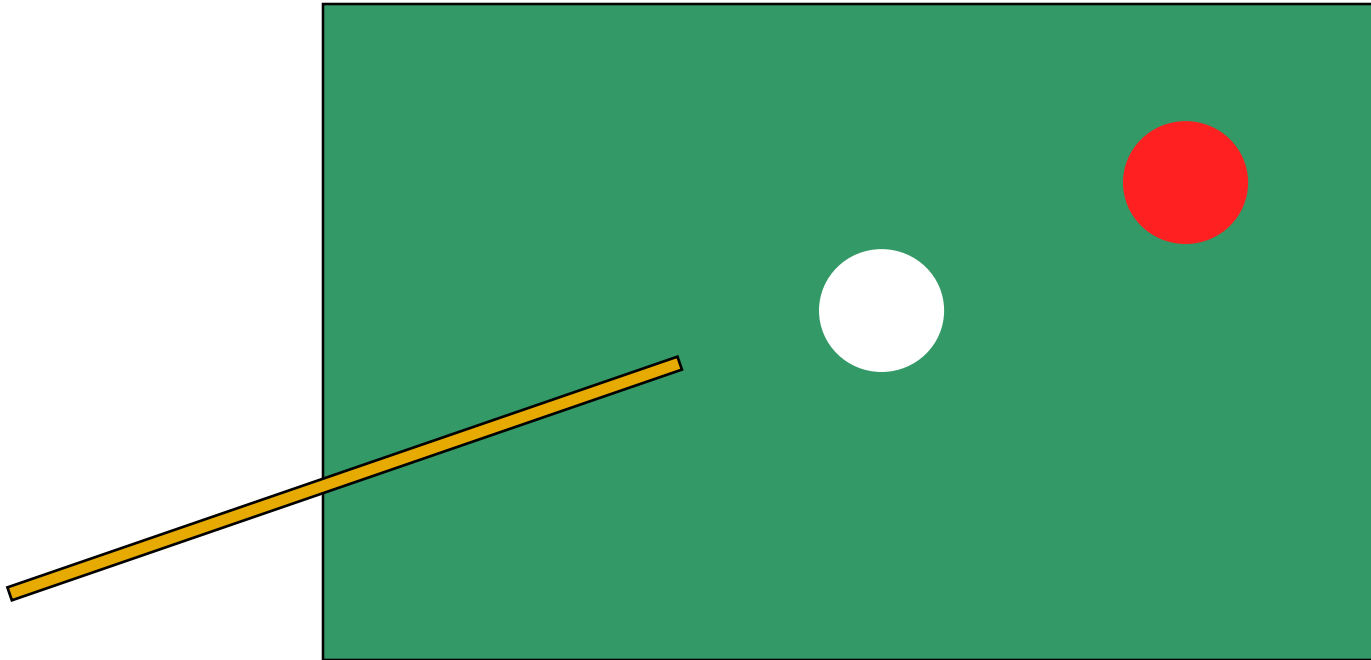
Discrimination Principle

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

Fitts's Law (1954)

Models time to acquire targets in aimed movement

Reaching for a control in a cockpit

Moving across a dashboard

Pulling defective items from a conveyor belt

Clicking on icons using a mouse

Very powerful, widely used

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

Allows for comparison among different experiments

Used both to measure and to predict

Fitts's Law (1954)

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

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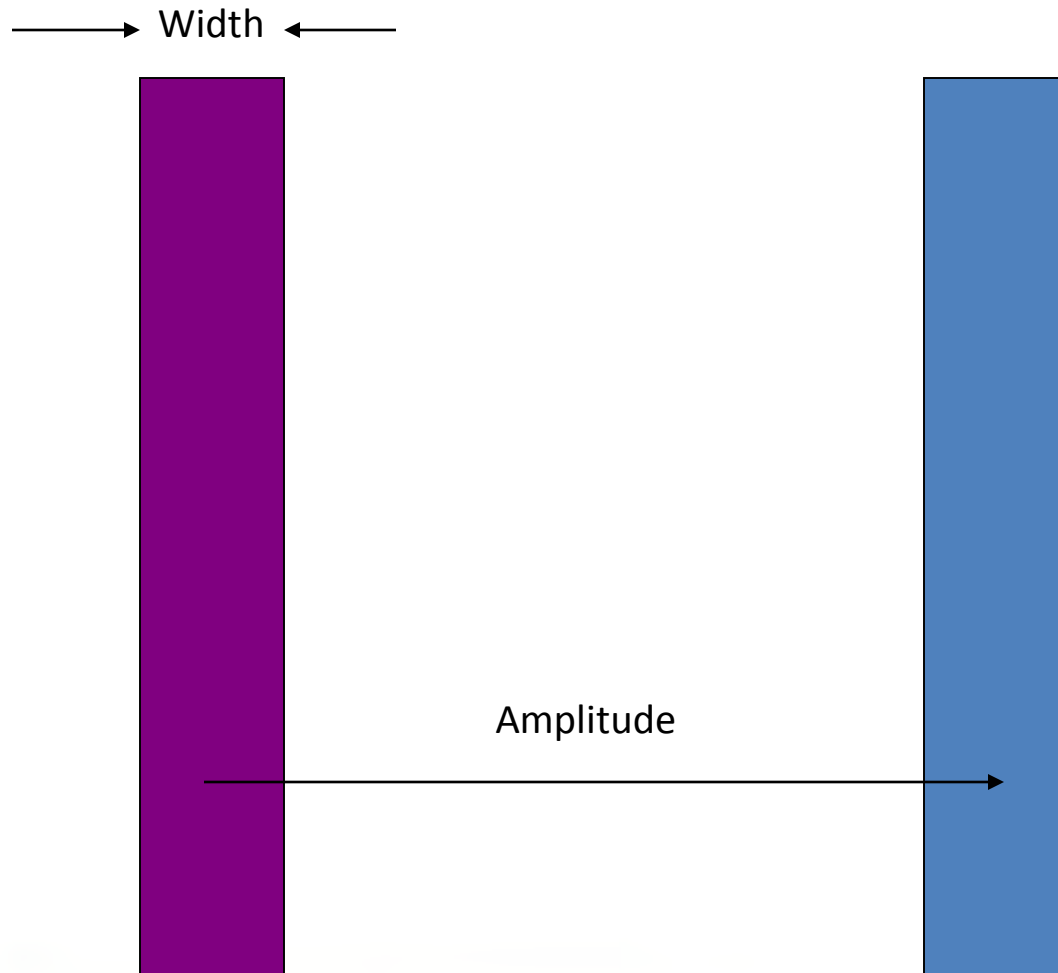
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Reciprocal Point-Select Task



Closed Loop versus Open Loop

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Rapid aimed movements with feedback correction

Fitts's law models this

What is open loop motion?

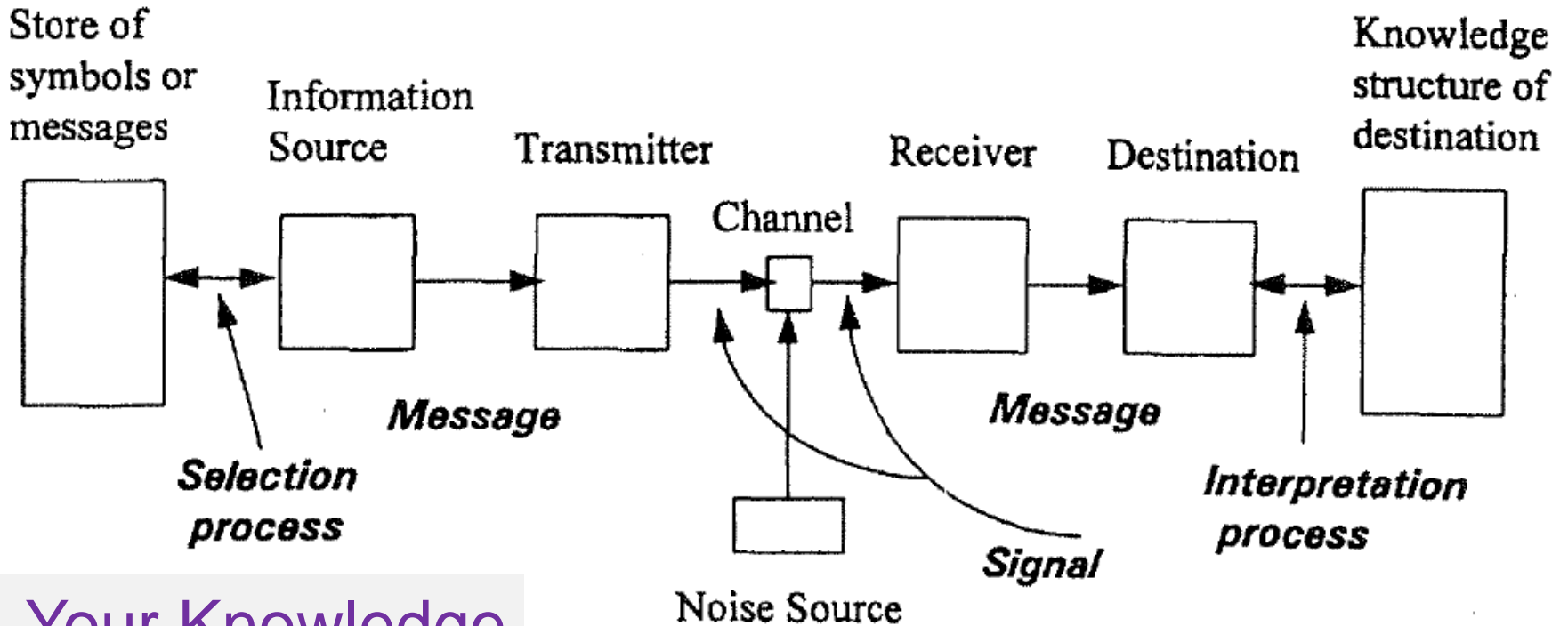
Ballistic movements without feedback correction

Example: Throwing a dart

See Schmidt's Law (1979)

Model by Analogy

The Interface



Your Knowledge

Analogy to Information Transmission
Shannon and Weaver, 1959

Fitts's Law

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

What kind of equation does this remind you of?

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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

Index of Difficulty (ID)

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

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Units of A and W don't matter

Allows comparison across experiments

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

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

“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

Today
Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

Pop-up Pie Menu



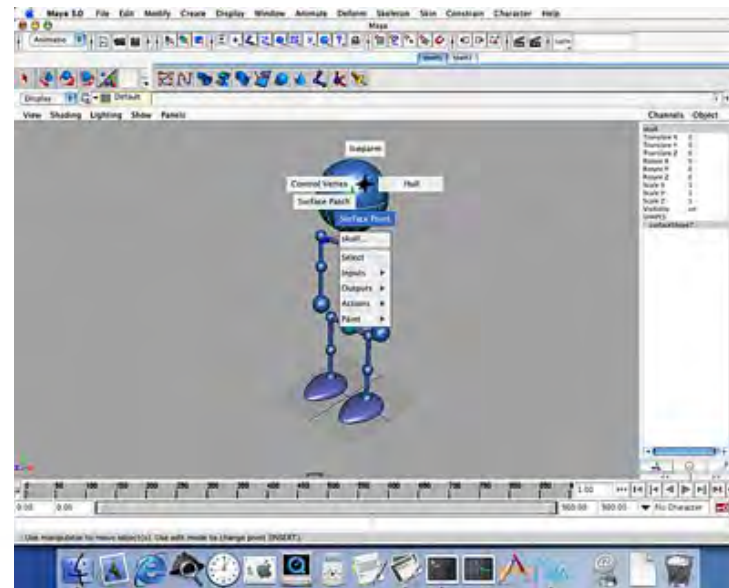
Pie Menus in Use



The Sims



Rainbow 6



Maya

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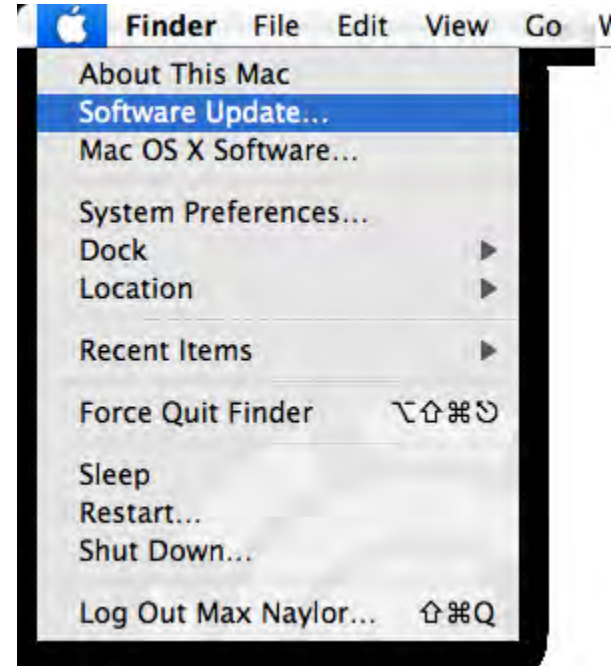
What about adaptive menus?

Fitts's Law in Windowing



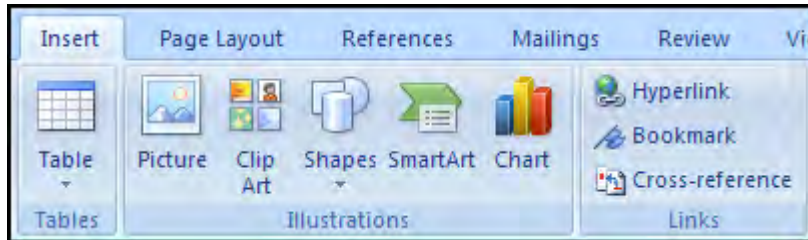
Windows 95: Missed by a pixel

Windows XP: Good to the last drop

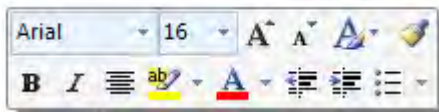


Macintosh Menu

Fitts's Law in MS Office 2007

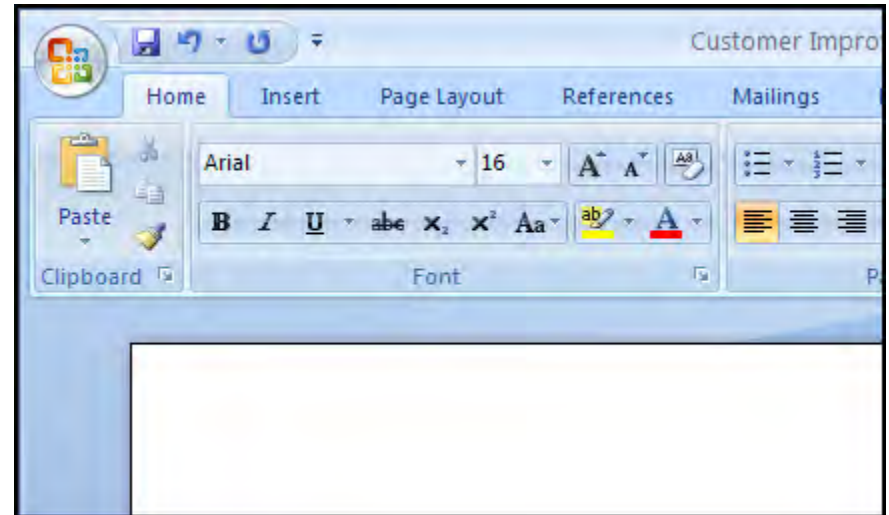


Larger, labeled controls
can be clicked more quickly



Text

Mini toolbar is close to the cursor



Magic Corner:

Office Button in the upper-left corner

Bubble Cursor



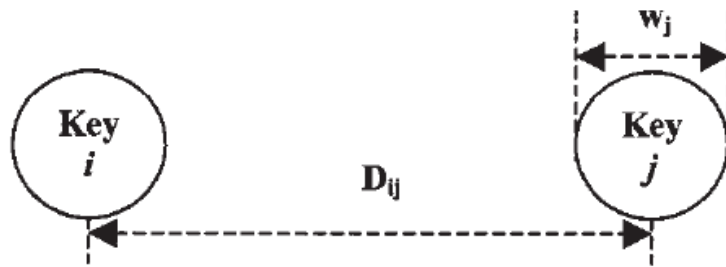
Grossman and Balakrishnan, 2005

Bubble Cursor with Prefab



Dixon et al, 2012

Fitts's Law and Keyboard Layout



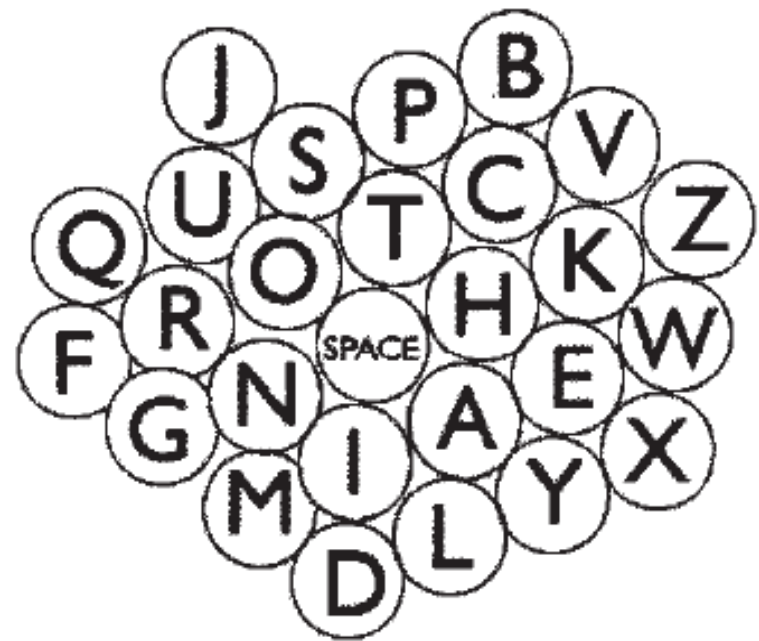
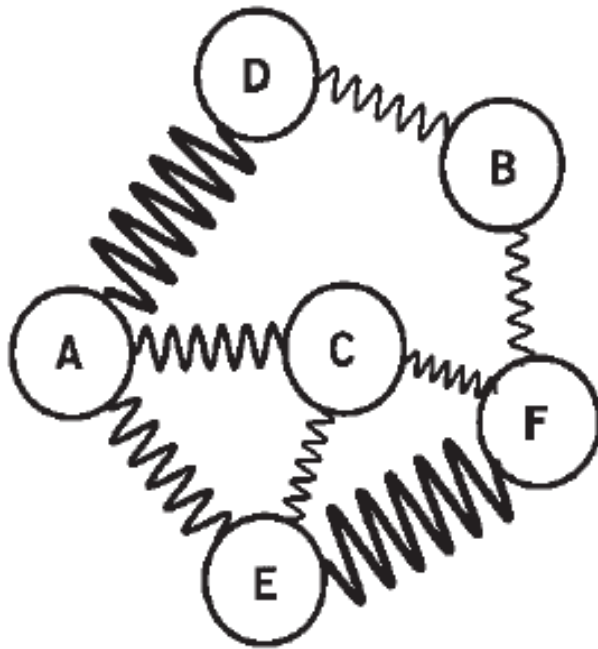
Zhai et. al (2002) pose stylus keyboard layout as an optimization of all key pairs, weighted by language frequency

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

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

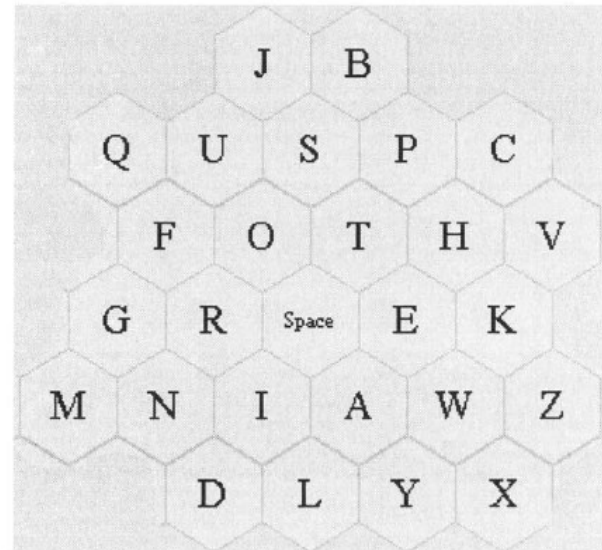
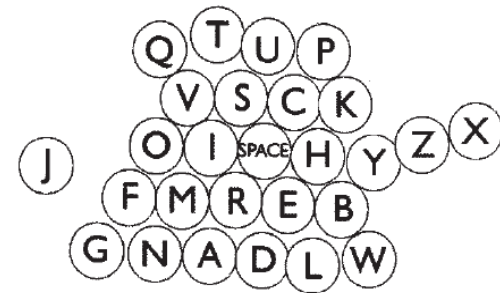
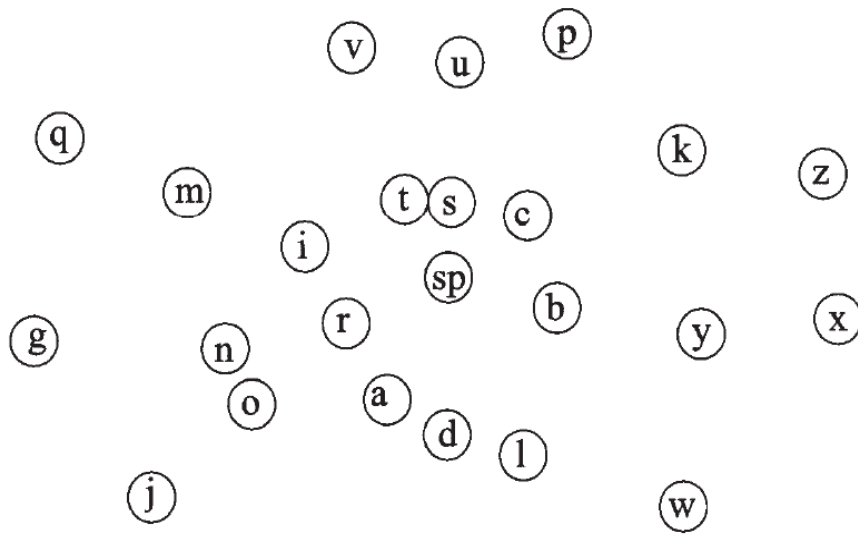
Hooke's Keyboard

Optimizes a system of springs



Metropolis Keyboard

Random walk minimizing scoring function



Considering Multiple Space Keys

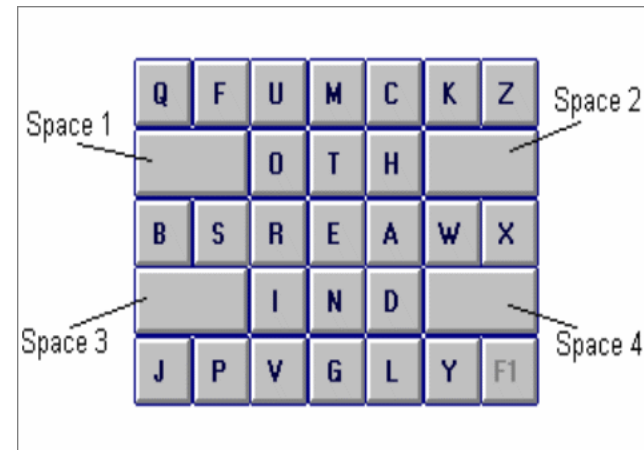
FITALY Keyboard

Textware Solutions

Z	V	C	H	W	K
F	I	T	A	L	Y
		N	E		
G	D	O	R	S	B
Q	J	U	M	P	X

OPTI Keyboard

MacKenzie and Zhang 1999



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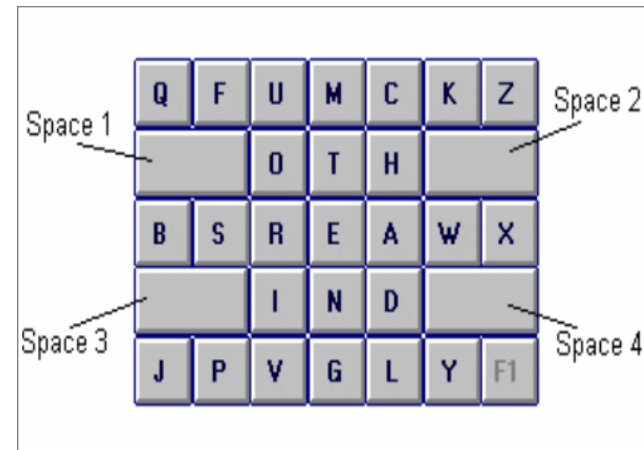
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OPTI Keyboard

MacKenzie and Zhang 1999

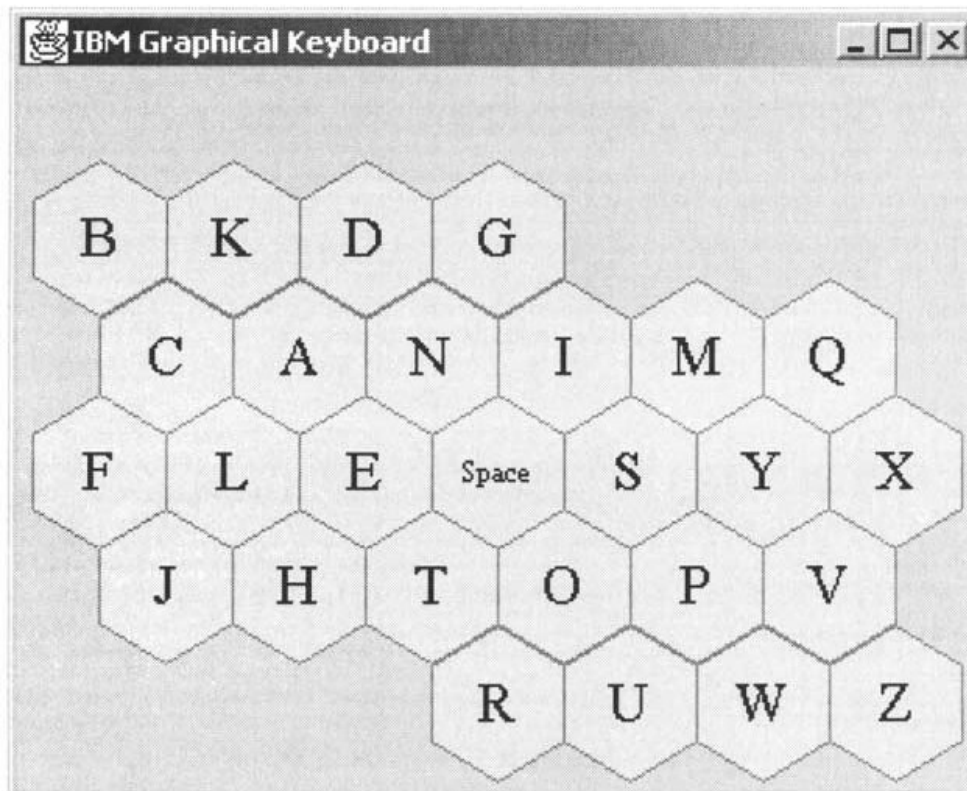


Correct choice of space key becomes important

Requires planning head to be optimal

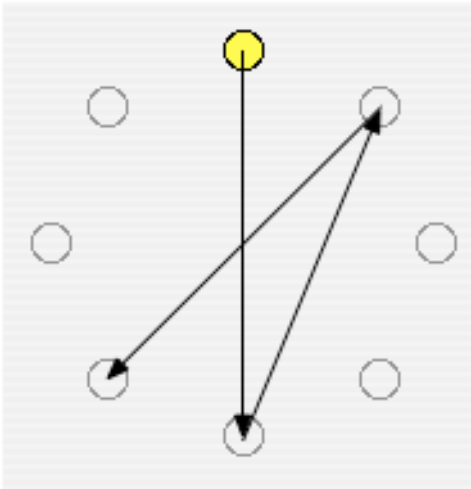
ATOMIK Keyboard

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

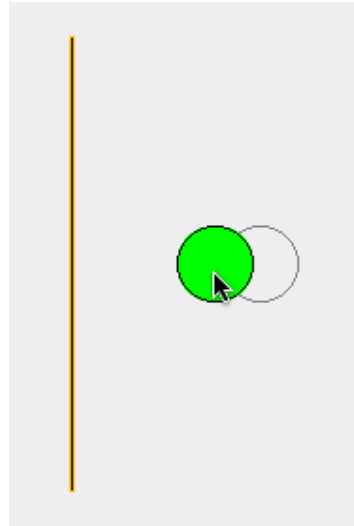


Using Motor Ability in Design

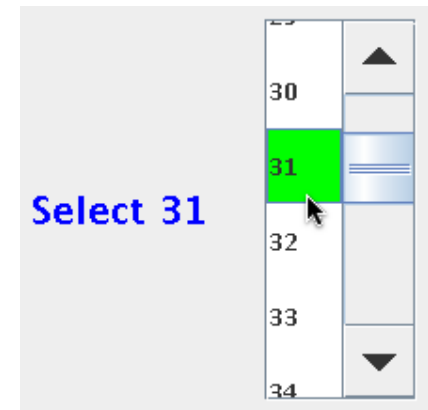
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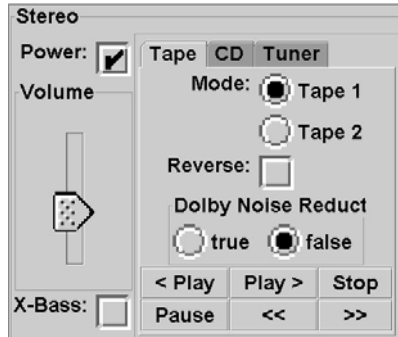
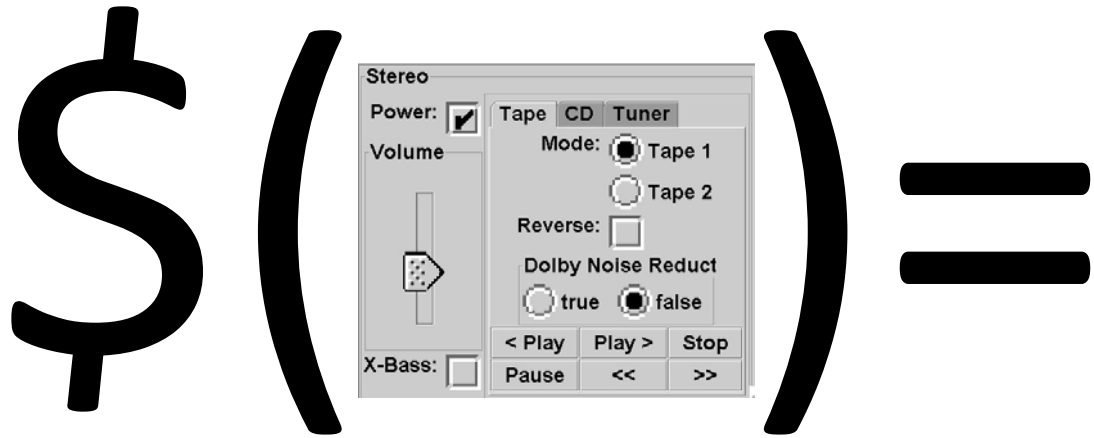
Dragging



List Selection

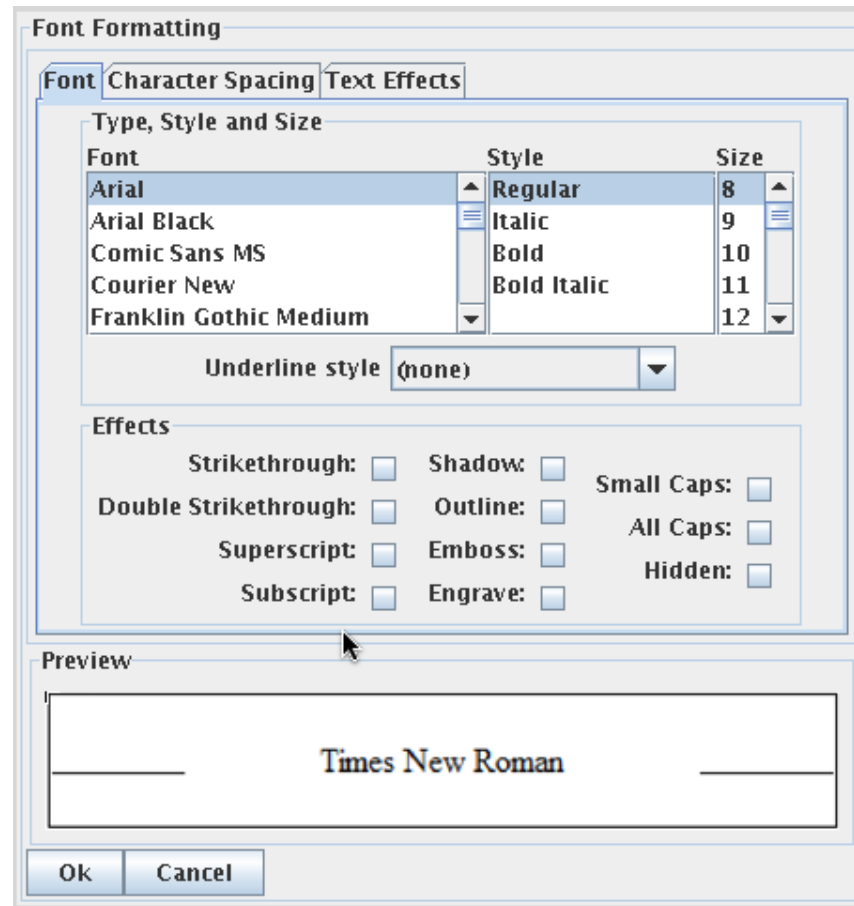


Interface Generation As Optimization

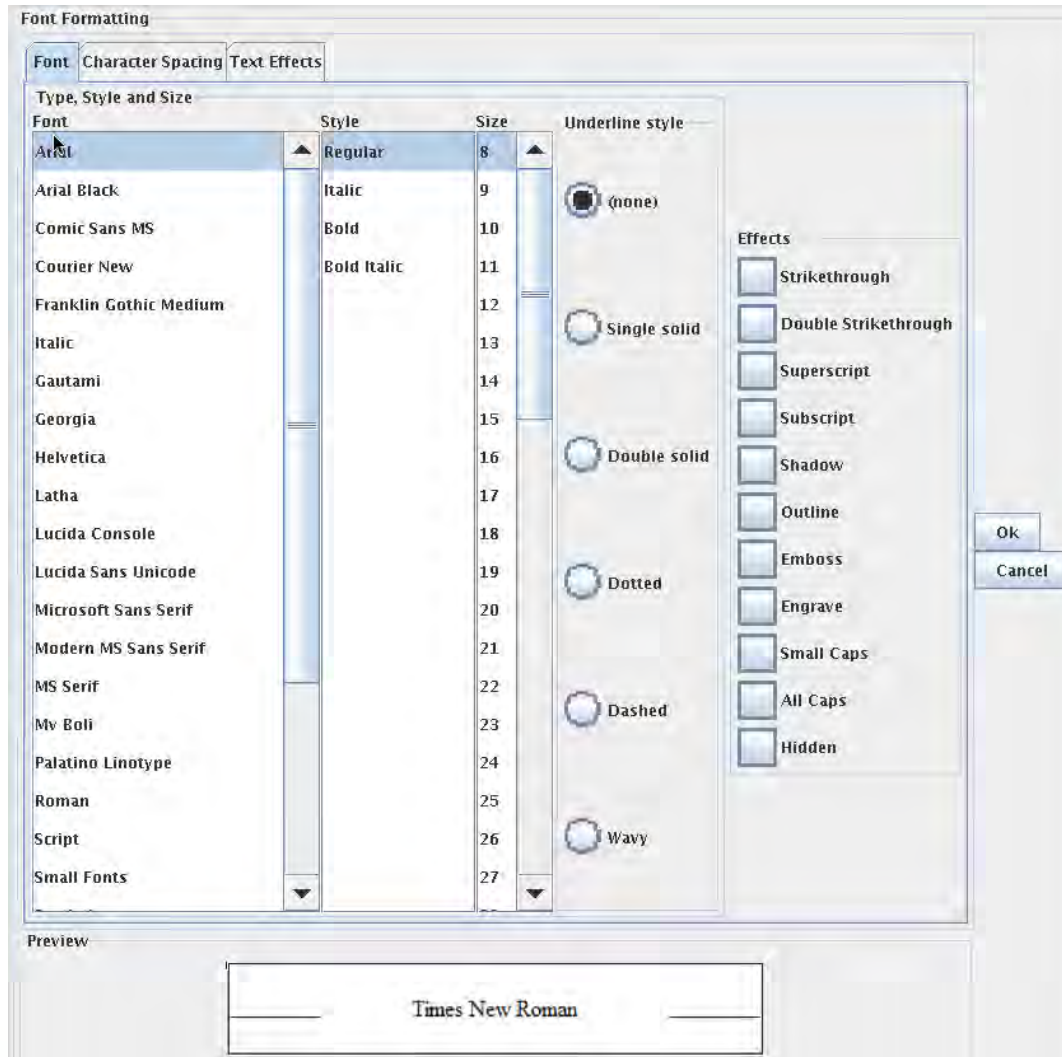


Estimated
task
completion
time

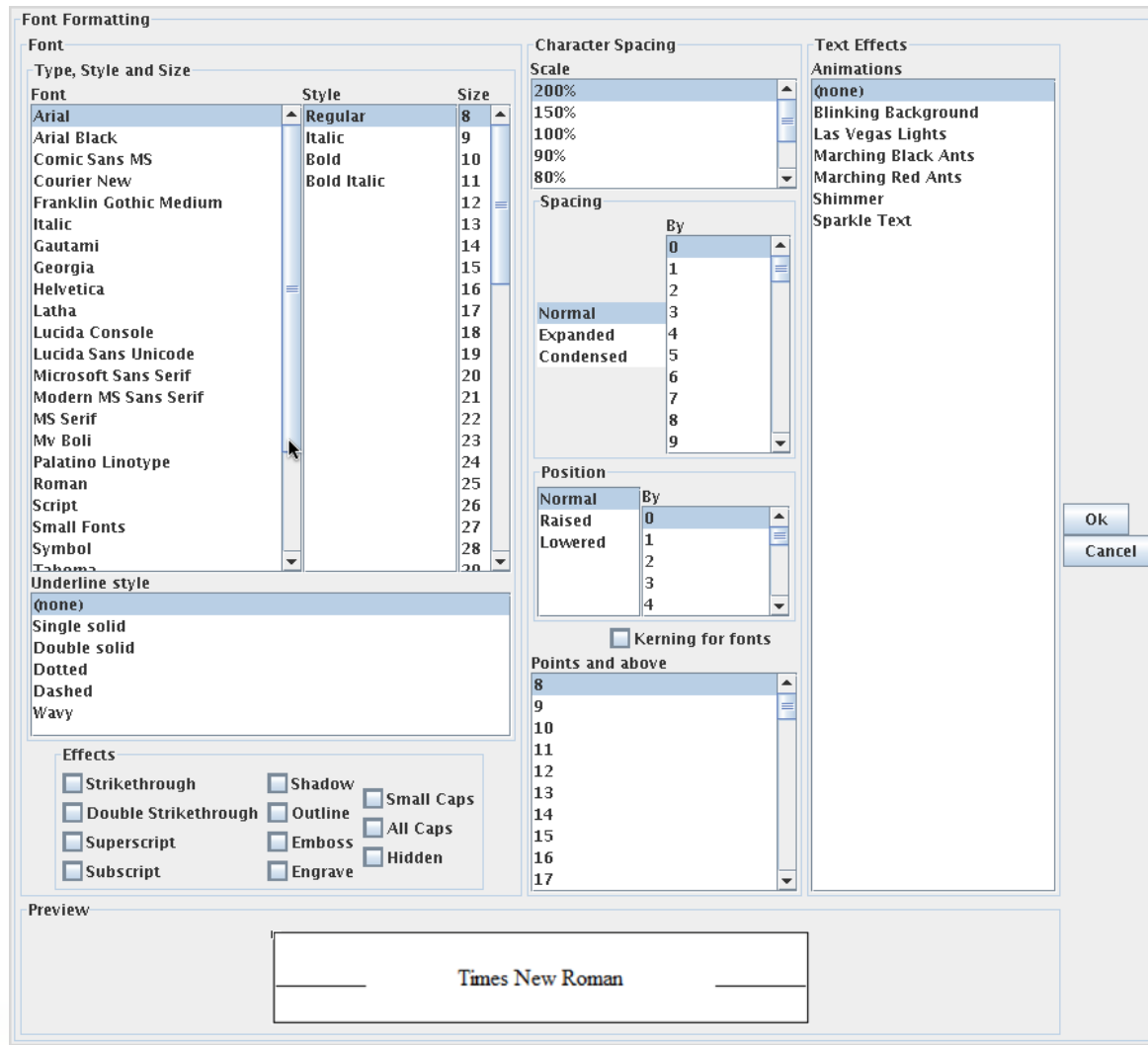
Manufacturer Interface



Person with Cerebral Palsy



Person with Muscular Dystrophy



Interface Generation As Optimization

In a study with 11 participants with diverse motor impairments:

Consistently faster using generated interfaces (26%)

Fewer errors using generated interfaces (73% fewer)

Strongly preferred generated interfaces

Fitts's Law Related Techniques

Gravity Fields

Pointer gets close, gets “sucked in” to target

Sticky Icons

When within target, pointer “sticks”

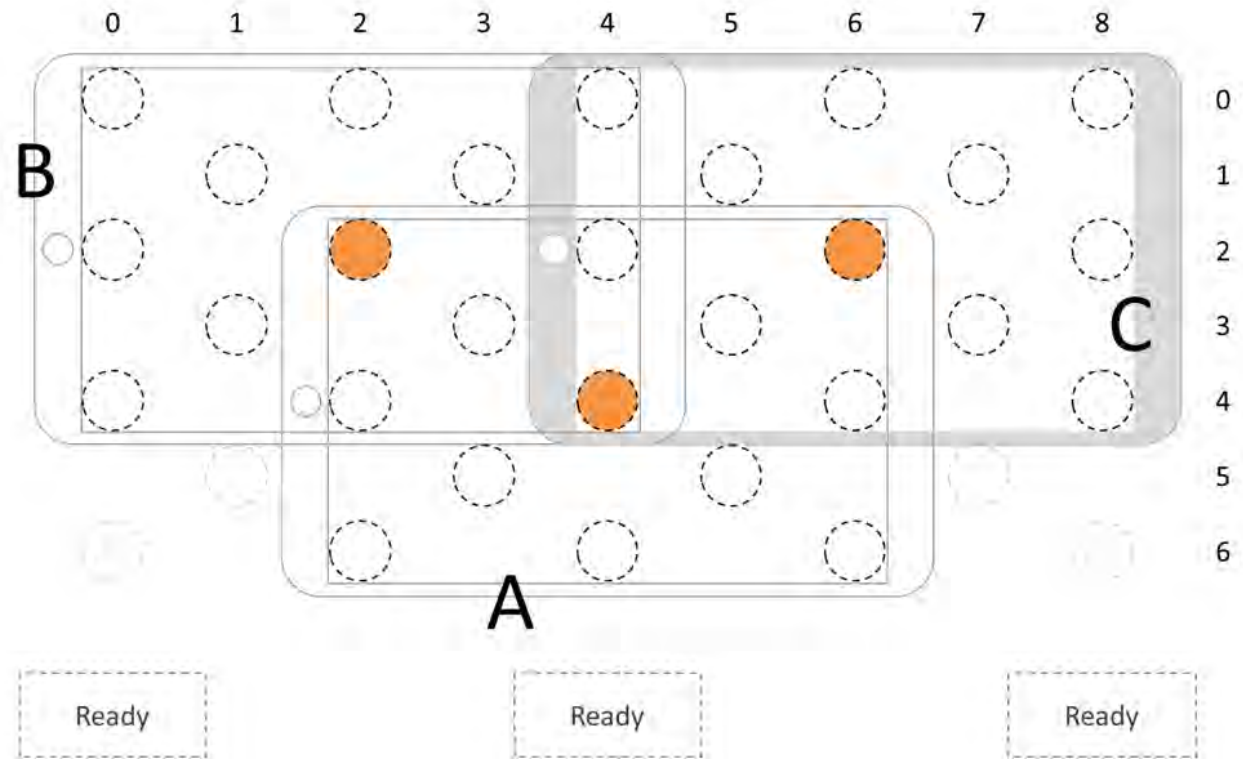
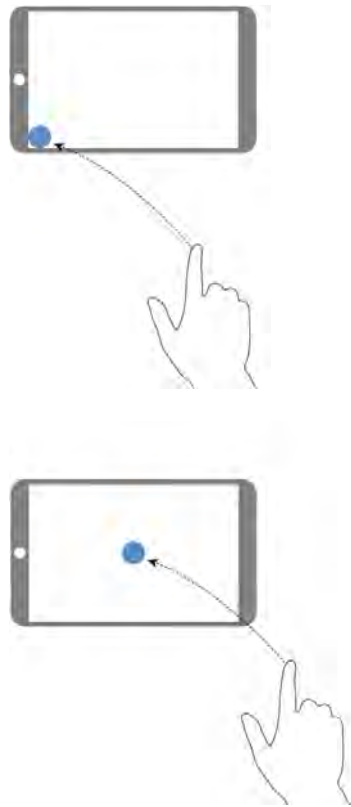
Constrained Motion

Snapping, holding Shift to limit degrees of movement

Target Prediction

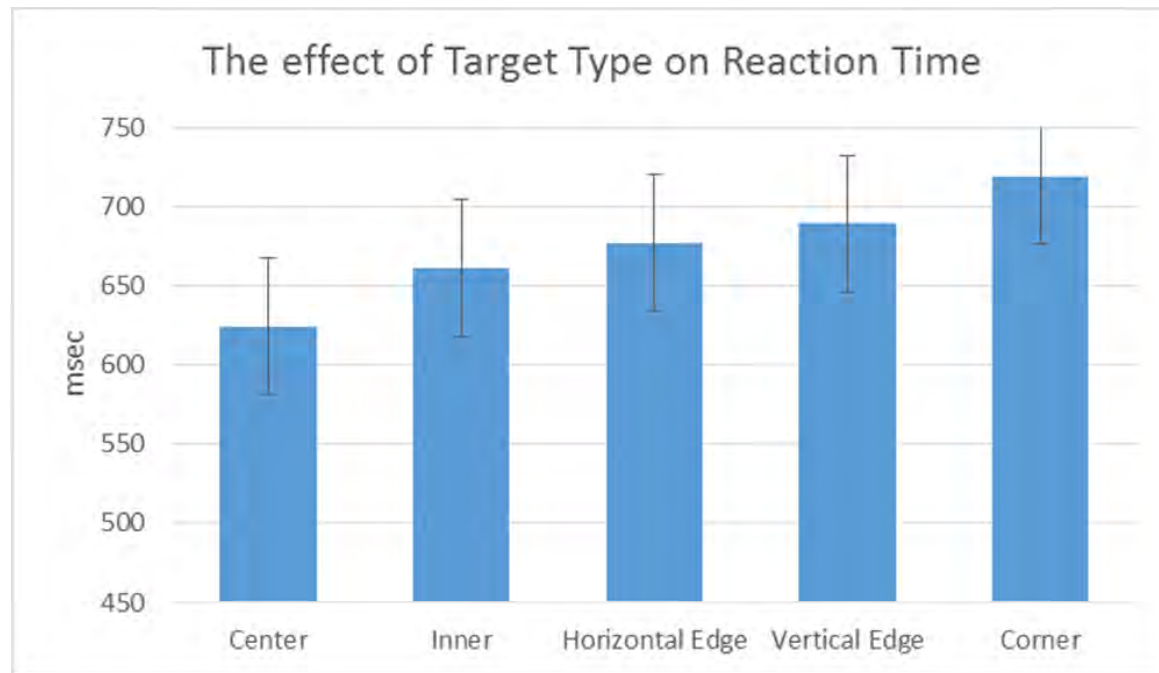
Determine likely target, move it nearer or expand it

Fitts's Law, Edge Targets, and Touch



Fitts's Law, Edge Targets, and Touch

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

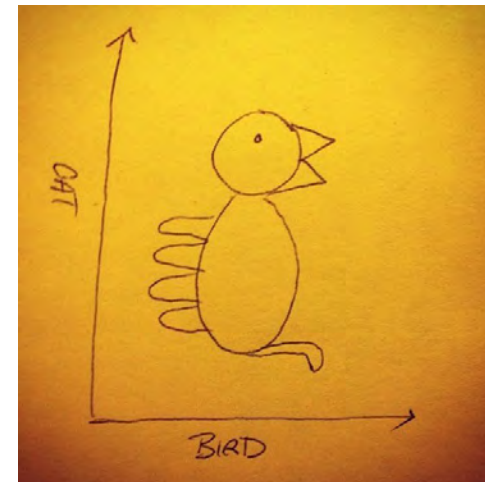
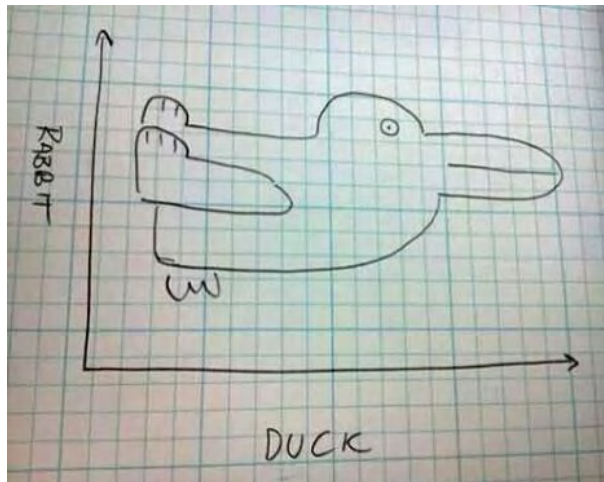


Are people border cautious?

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...

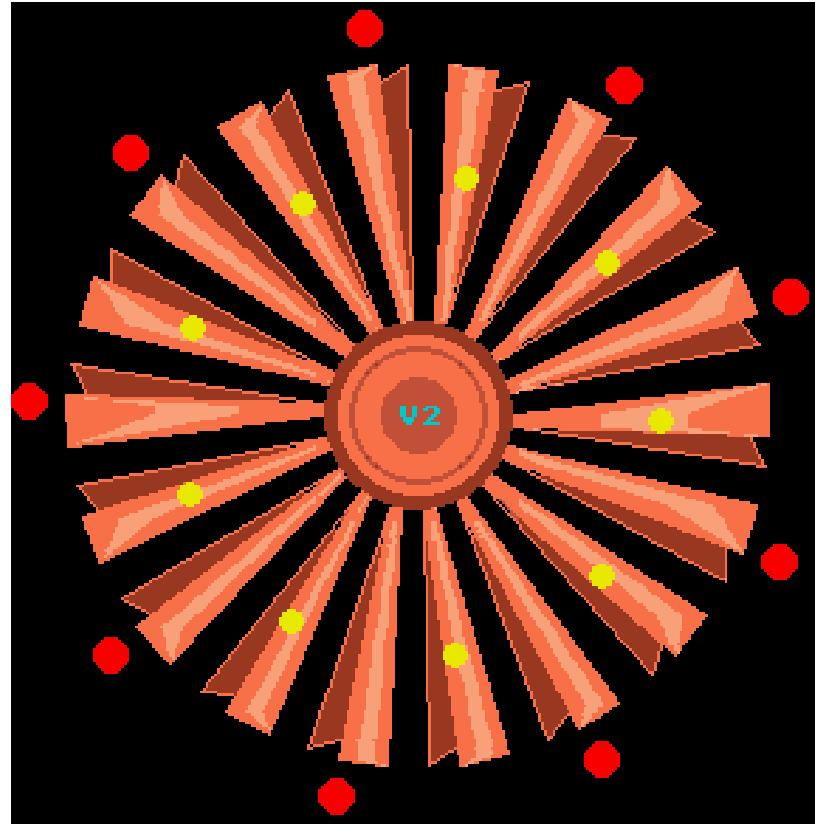


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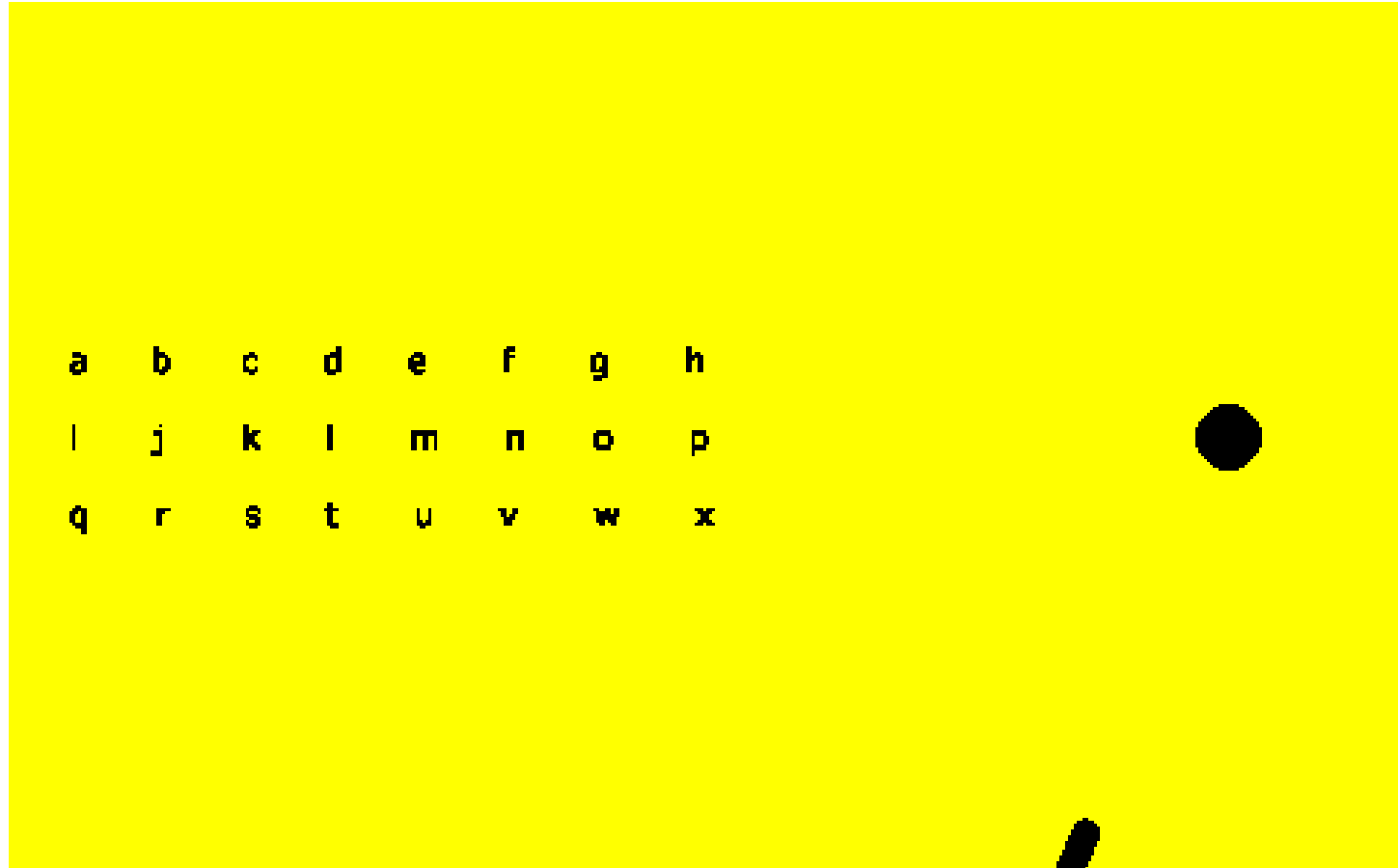


Spinning Wheel



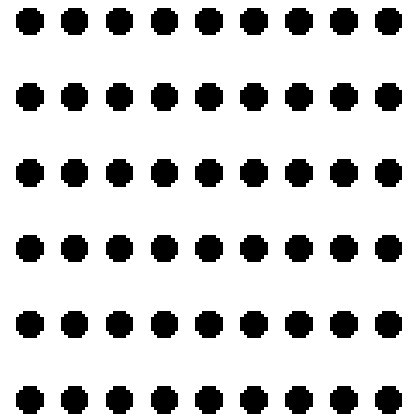
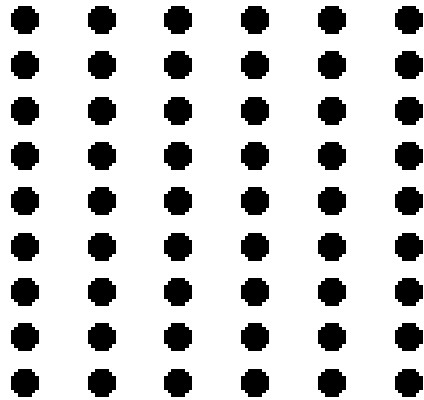
Follow the red dots vs
follow the yellow dots

Blind Spot Interpolation



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

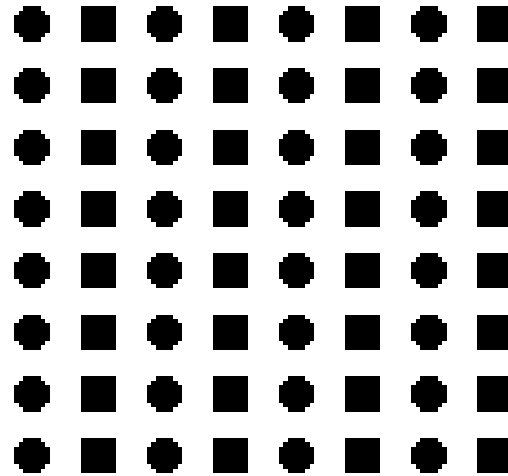
Your Answer

2. Security Question

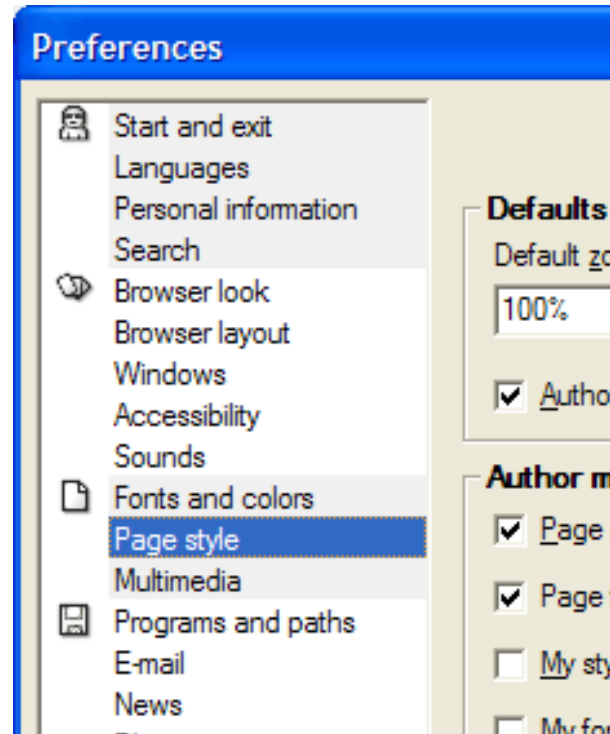
Your Answer

Similarity

Objects that are similar form a group



Similarity



Proximity and Similarity



Proximity and Similarity

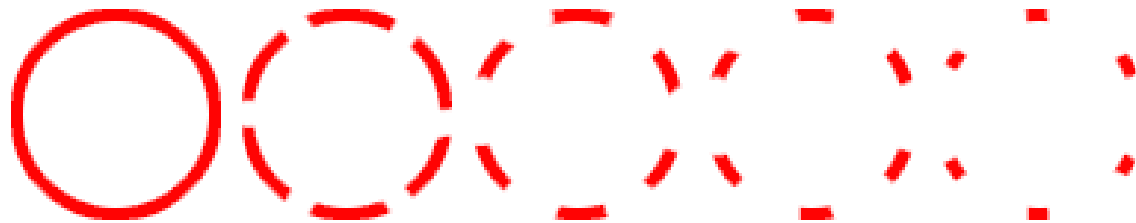


After discovering that one of these accesses a menu, people will expect they all access a menu. They are the same.

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



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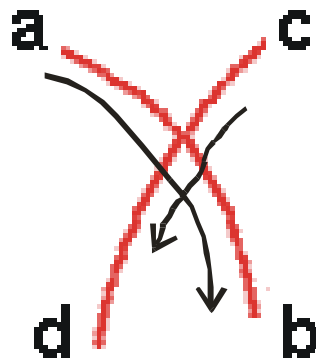
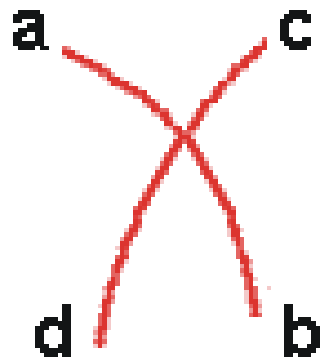
If you fight
symmetry,
be sure you
have a reason

Continuity

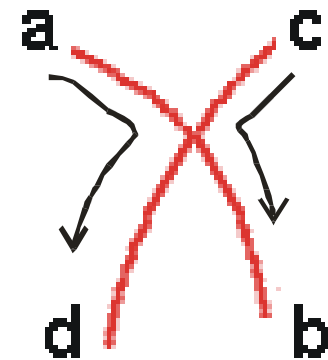
Objects are perceived as grouped when they align

Remain distinct even with overlap

Preferred over abrupt directional changes



what most
people see



not this

Continuity



met uw bezoekers.
nversie!

Direct contact
Tegen het jaar 2015...
[Direct contact](#)

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Het jaar 2015...
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Models from Different Perspectives

Some example models of human performance

Visual System

Model Human Processor

Fitts's Law

Gestalt Principles

Biological Model

Higher-Level Model

Model by Analogy

Predict Interpretation

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Today

Reminder on Tasks

Reminder on Designs and Page Limit

Reminder on Teams

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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

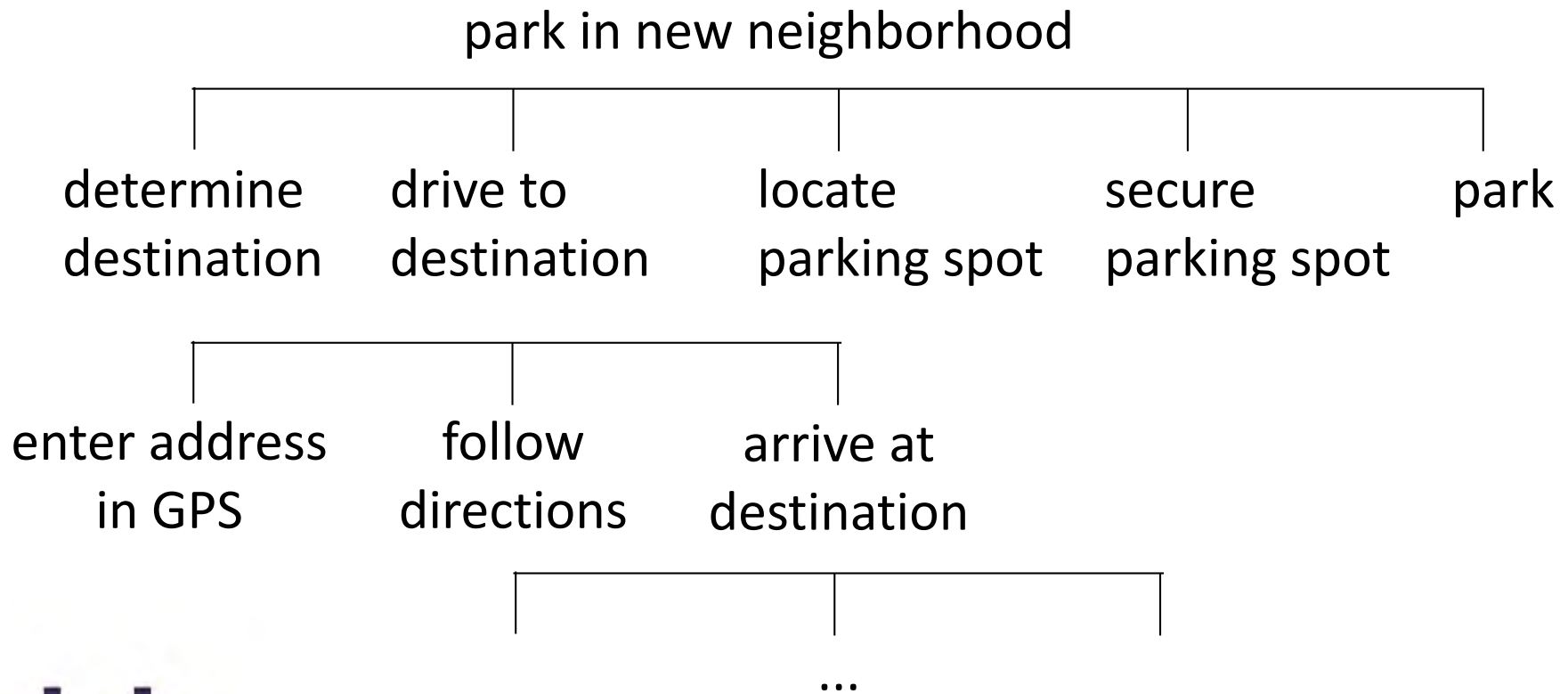
Use Case: in software engineering, describes requirements using one or more scenarios

Task: Park in a New Neighborhood

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

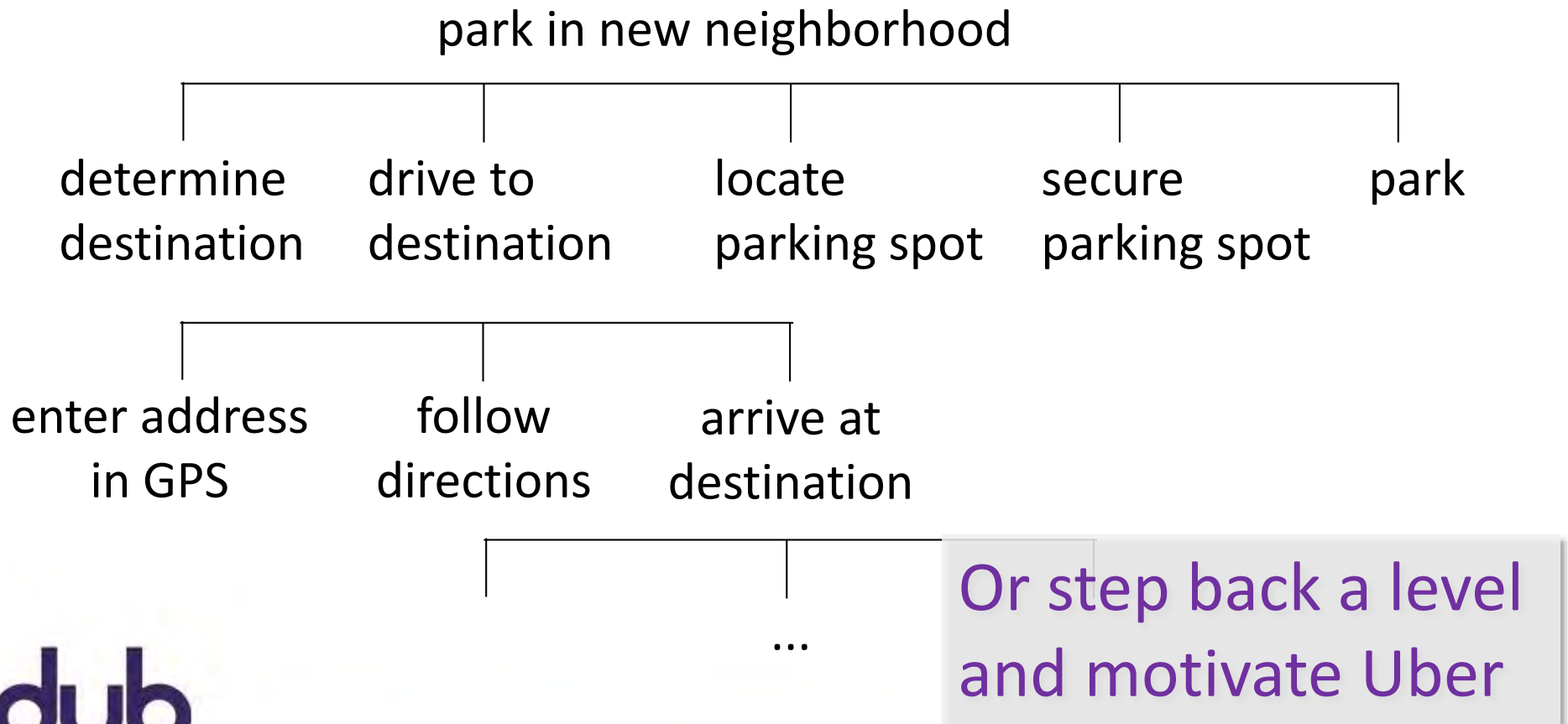
Hierarchical Task Analysis

Steps of the task execution (detailed in a hierarchy)



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Steps of the task execution (detailed in a hierarchy)



Or step back a level and motivate Uber

Tasks in Your Projects

Say what is accomplished, not how

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

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

Range of difficulty and complexity

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

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Working as Teams

We have had some absences in critiques

It is absolutely good to stay home sick

But some have been unexpected by teams

Revealed incomplete project knowledge

Highlights you working as groups instead of teams

Teams vs. Groups

There is a place for groups:

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

Teams vs. Groups

Teams differ fundamentally from working groups

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

A team is more than the sum of its parts.

Teams vs. Groups

Groups

- strong leader
- individual accountability
- organizational purpose
- individual work products
- efficient meetings
- measures performance by influence on others
- delegates work

Teams

- shared leadership
- individual & mutual accountability
- specific team purpose
- collective work products
- open-ended meetings
- measures performance from work products
- does real work together

Keys to Team Success

Common commitment

requires a purpose in which team members believe

Specific performance goals

comes directly from the common purpose

helps maintain focus – start w/ something achievable

A right mix of skills

technical/functional expertise (programming/design/writing)

problem-solving & decision-making skills

interpersonal skills

Agreement and mutual accountability

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

Working as Teams

School has taught you to succeed as an individual

Too many projects are done in groups

Drawing boundaries between code responsibilities

This class requires you to work as teams

You can split up, but you have to come back together

Use complementary skills, be mutually accountable

The “real world” requires this too

Working as Teams

Get to know each other

Figure out strengths of team members

Assign each person a role

responsible for seeing work is organized and done
not responsible for doing it themselves

Names/roles listed on major reports

Group Manager (coordinate team)

Documentation (coordinate writing)

Design (coordinate visual/interaction design)

Fieldwork and Testing (coordinate fieldwork and testing)

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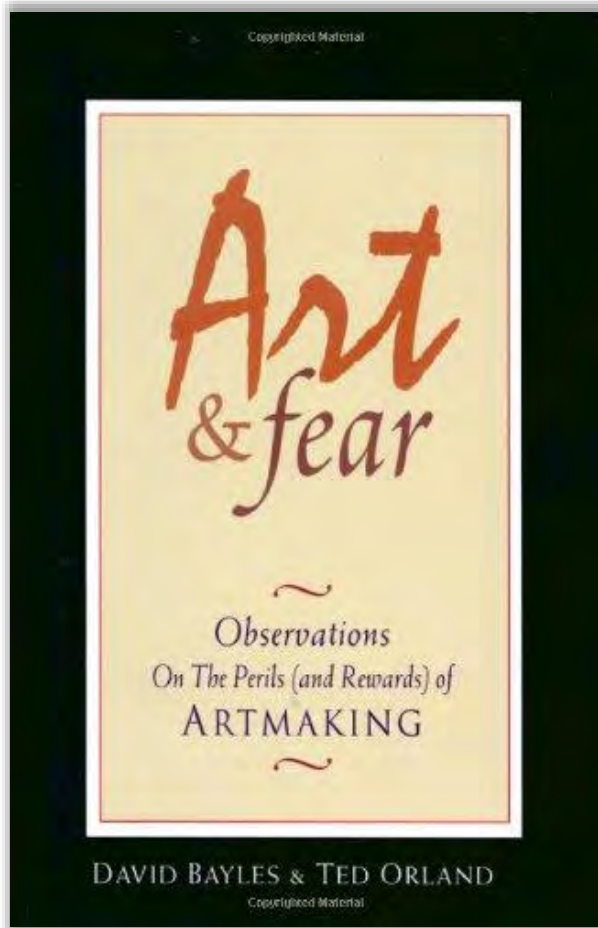
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Quantity over Quality



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



Quantity v. Quality?

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

Sketching User Experiences



Sketching

Movies

Theater: Shattuck Cinemas
Phone: (510) 665-1342 Dist: 1.5 mi
Address: 2122 Shattuck Ave
Berkeley, 94709
Cost: \$8.50 normal, \$6.00 senior, \$4.00 infant

Map-IT

<u>Art of War</u>	☆☆☆
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<u>Bittersweet Motel</u>	☆☆☆☆
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<u>Godzilla</u>	☆☆
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STORE FOR THE STYLE-CHALLENGED

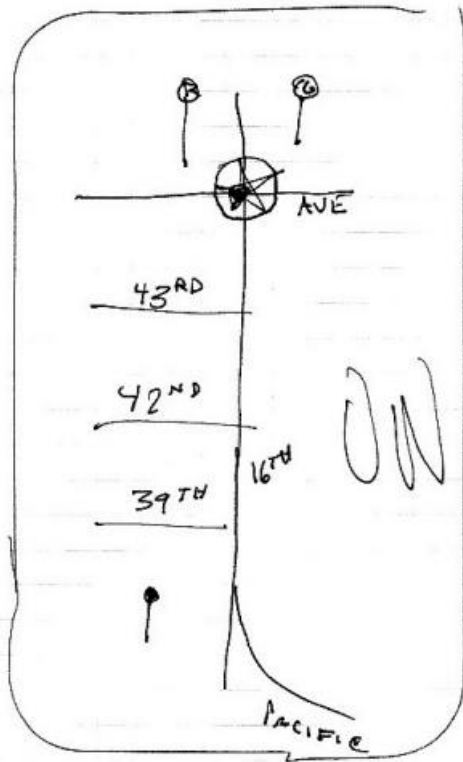


As it should be...

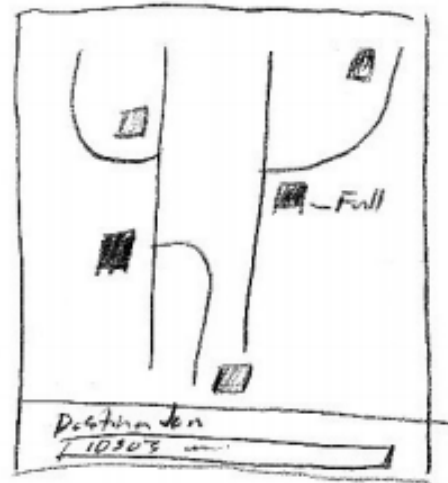


(pre-selected to match so you don't have to choose.)

Sketching

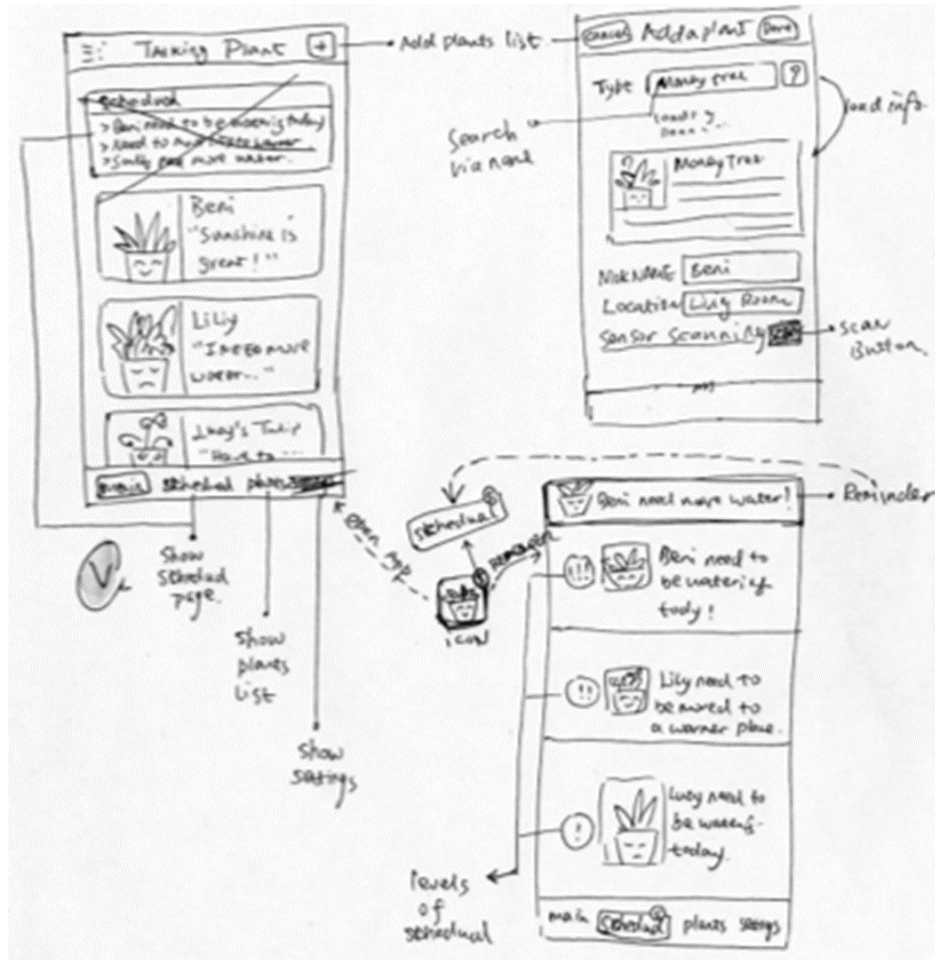


MAP SHOWING PARKING AVAILABILITY BASED ON INPUTTED DATA, INPUTTED ON MAP



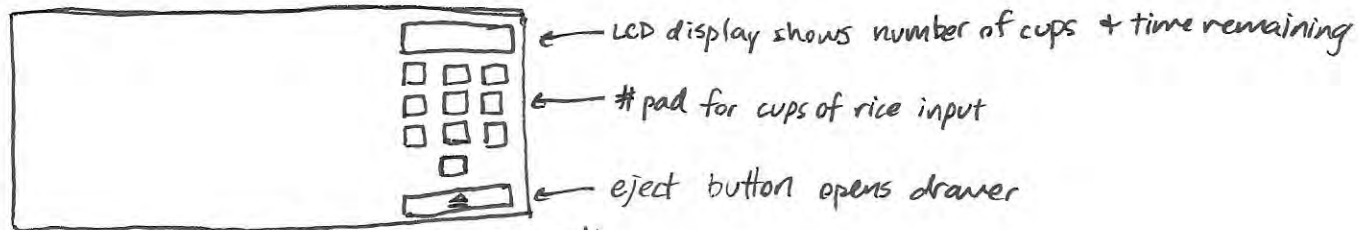
- Different colors
- highlights availability
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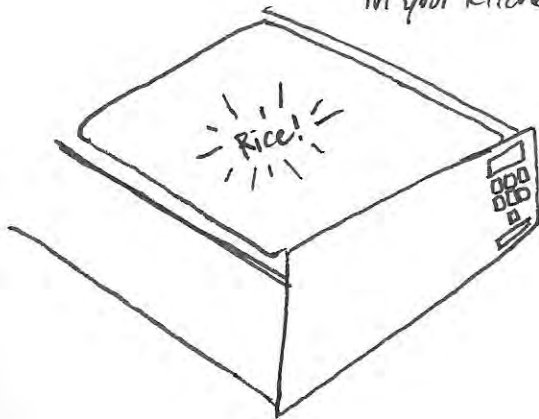


Sketching

UBIQUITOUS RICE COOKER



"Just another drawer"
in your kitchen



The uncooked rice is stored in a hidden reservoir.
Water is acquired through a hose attached to
your water source (similar to an espresso machine).

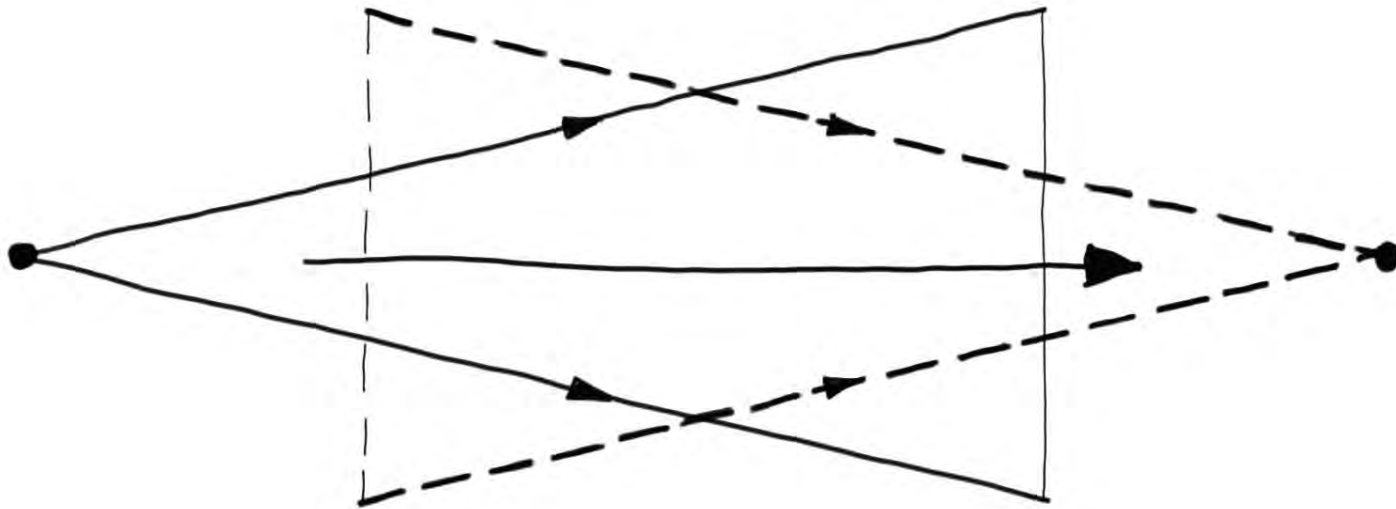
Design as Choice

Elaboration

palette of choices

Reduction

heuristics to choose



Design as Choice

Two openings for creativity

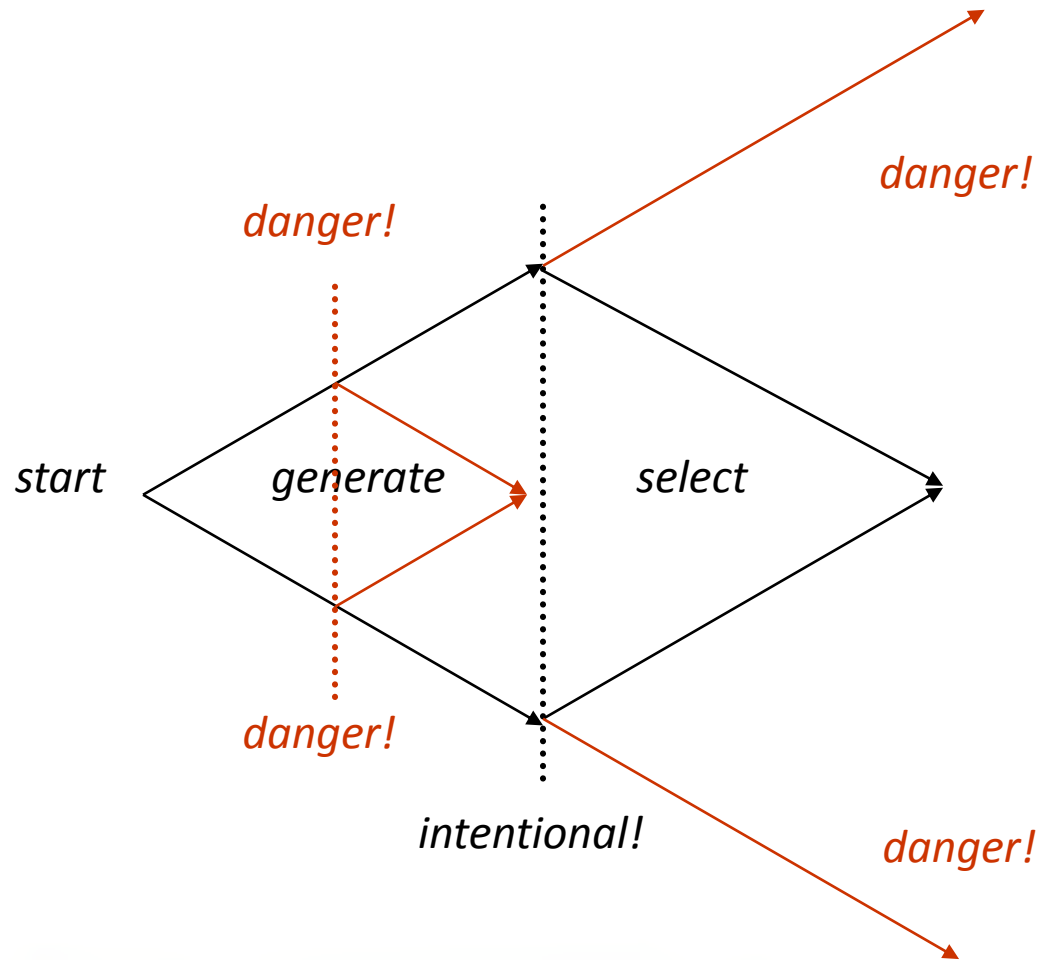
Palette of choices

Heuristics used to choose

Why is your contextual inquiry so important?

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

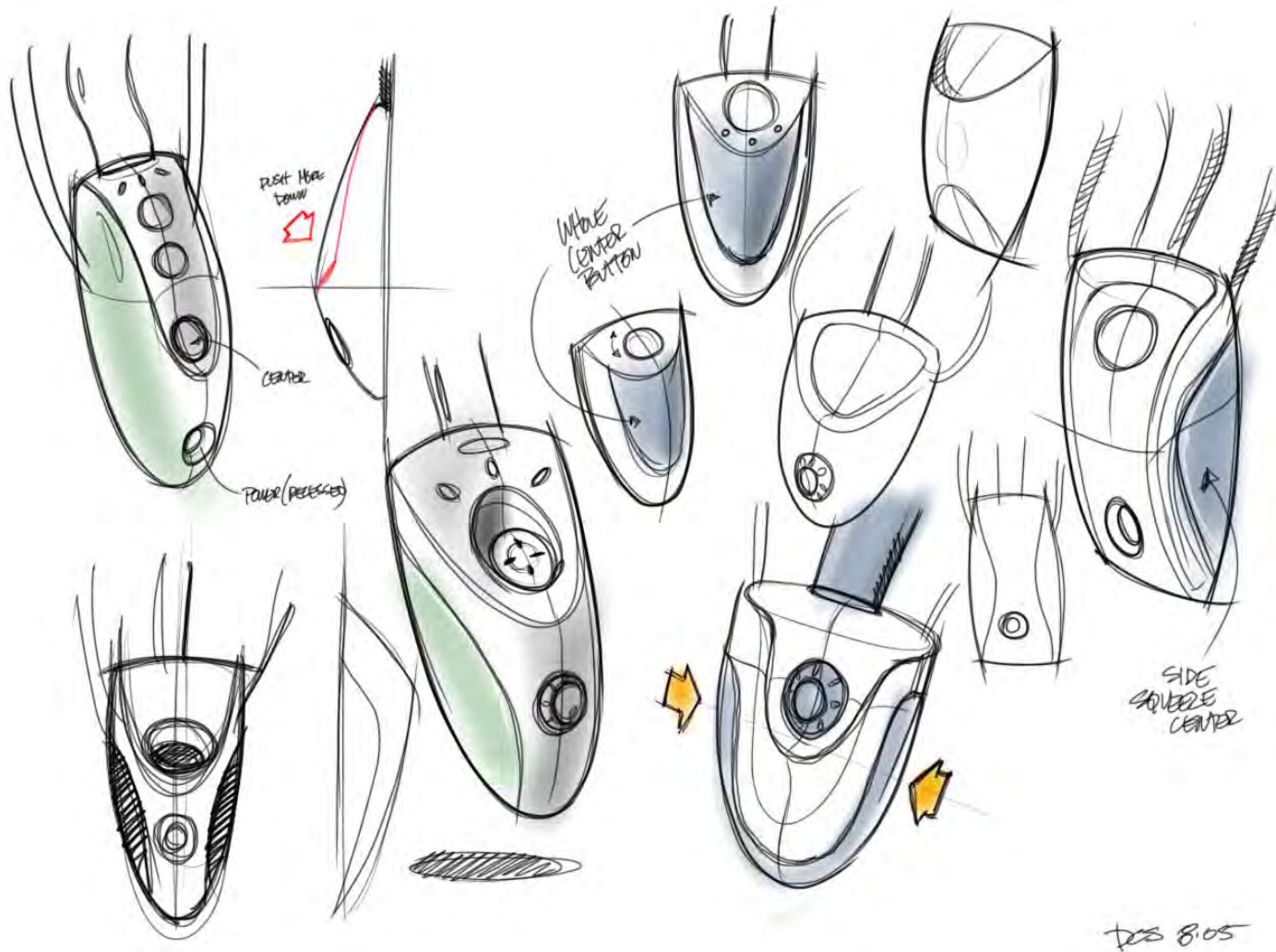
The Design Diamond



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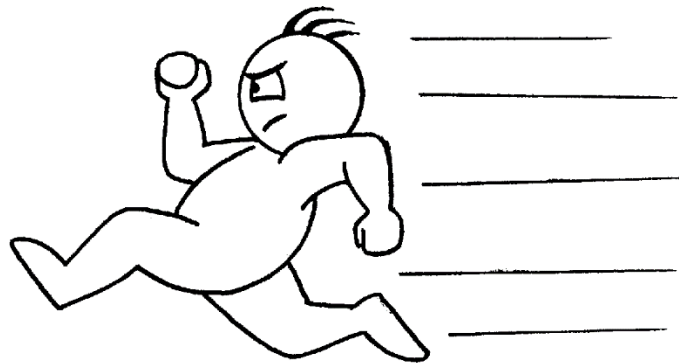
A **process** that enables you to think through ideas and convey design ideas to others very early in the design phase

A Quintessential Activity of Design



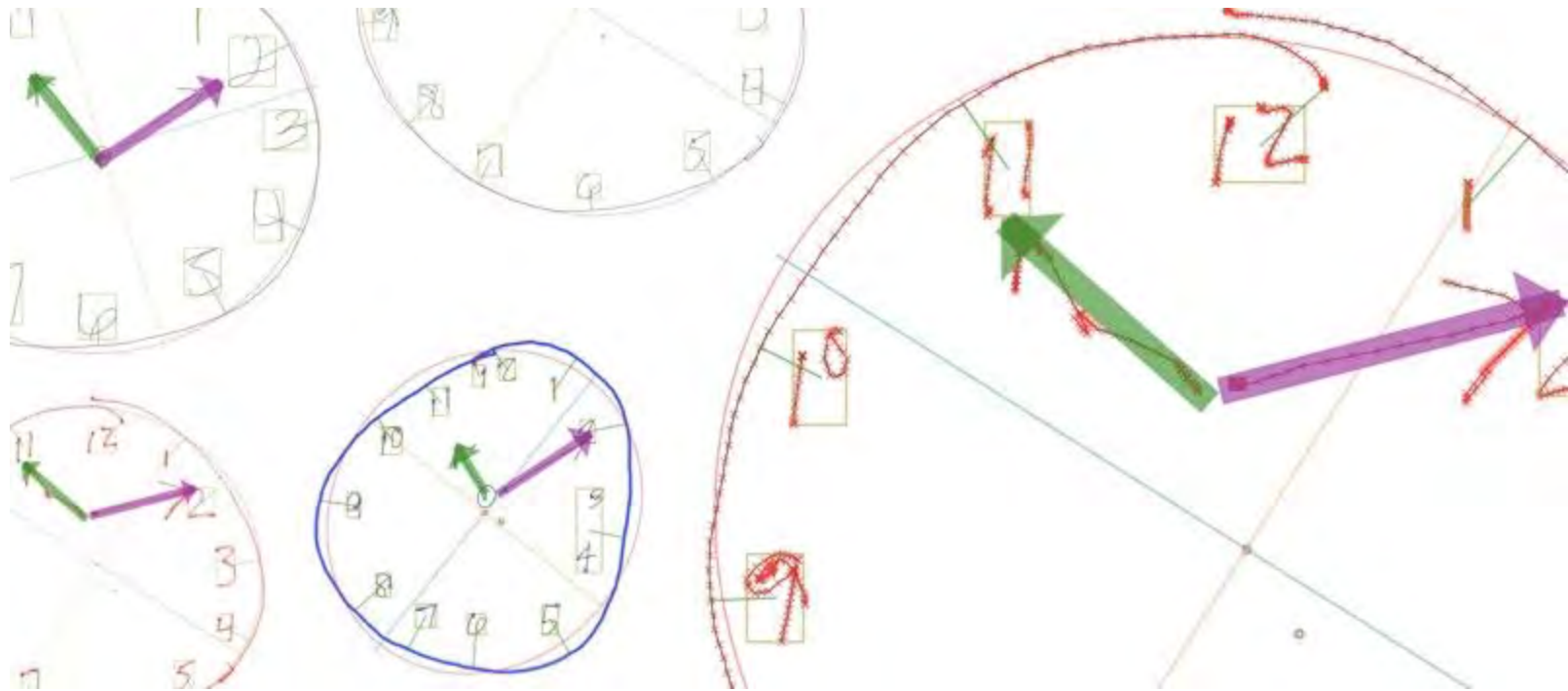
Quick

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

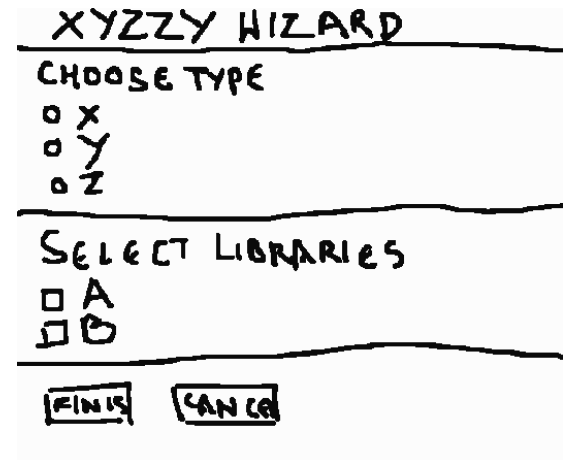
Meaning and relevance
is in the context of a
collection or series



Clear Vocabulary

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

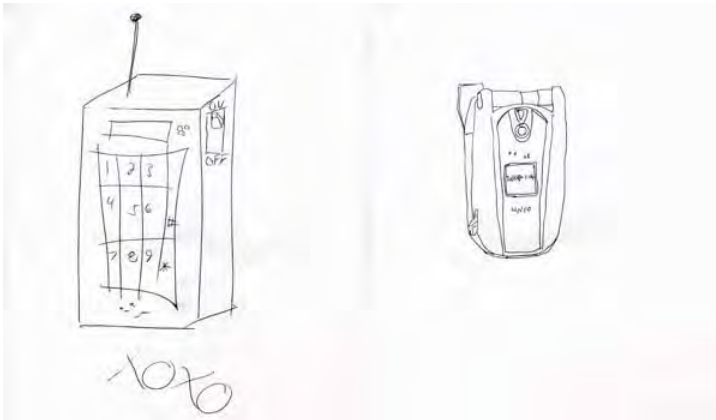
Could be how a line extends through endpoints



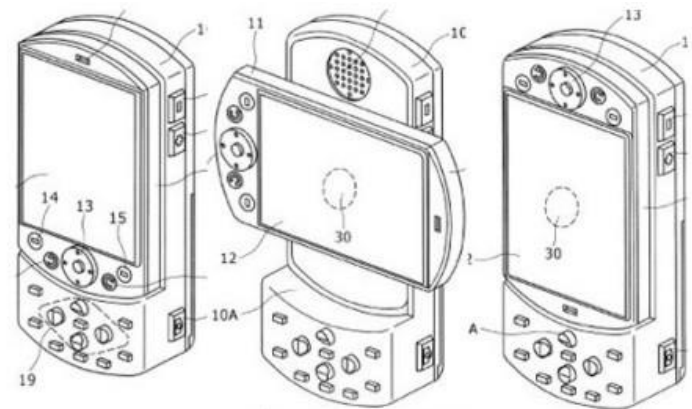
Distinct Gesture

Fluidity of sketches gives them a sense of openness and freedom

Opposite of engineering drawing, which is tight and precise

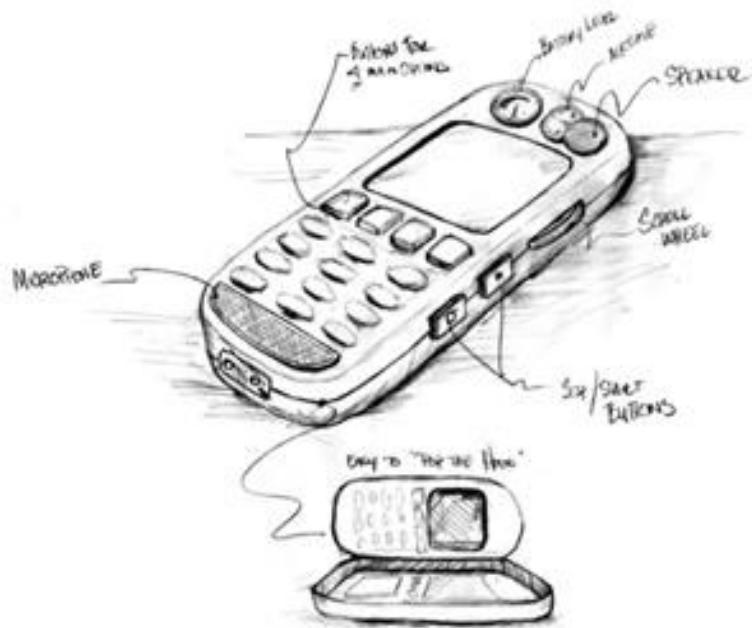


vs.



Minimal Detail

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



Create JSP for this page

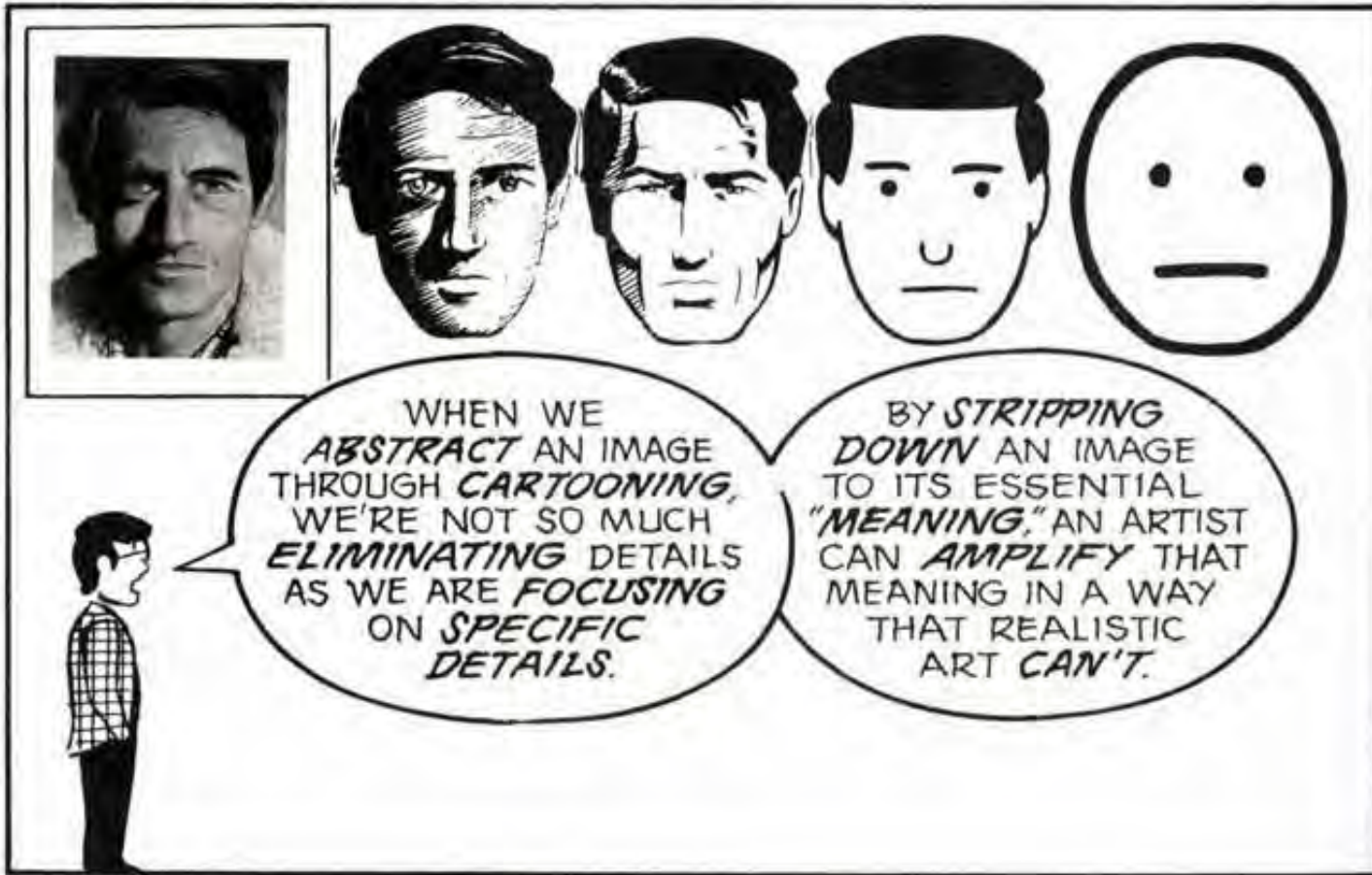
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Category:

Price Range: to

Minimal Detail

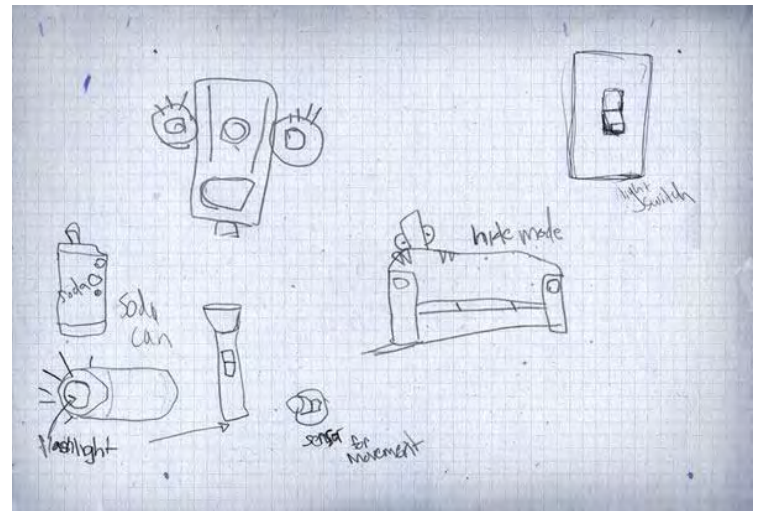


Appropriate Degree of Refinement

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,
the sketch will look much
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

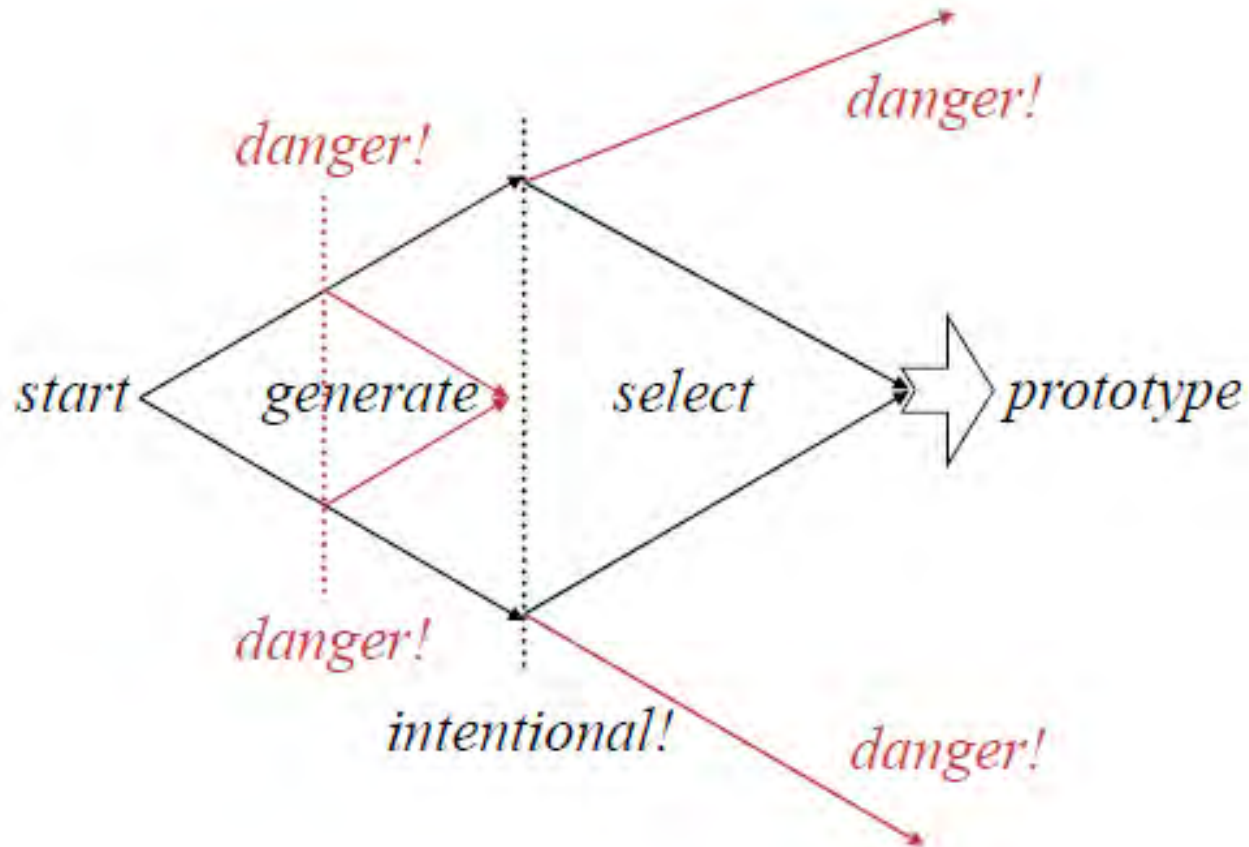


Sketch vs. Prototype

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

Idea Oscillation



Critiquing Sketches is Important

Ideas are both good and bad

Both are useful in design

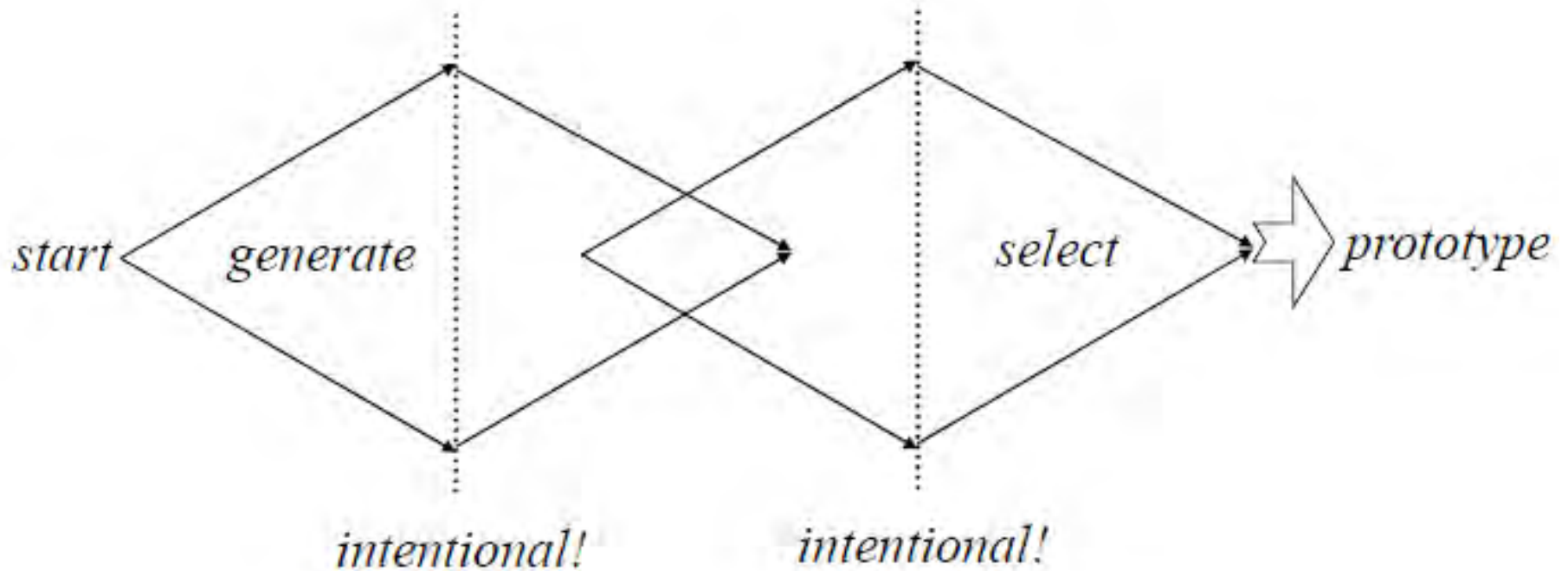
By making clear what is a bad design,
we can avoid actually implementing it

Bad ideas help you justify your good ideas

Feedback can turn a good idea into a great idea

Sketching generates too many ideas to implement

Idea Oscillation



ABC News and IDEO's Deep Dive

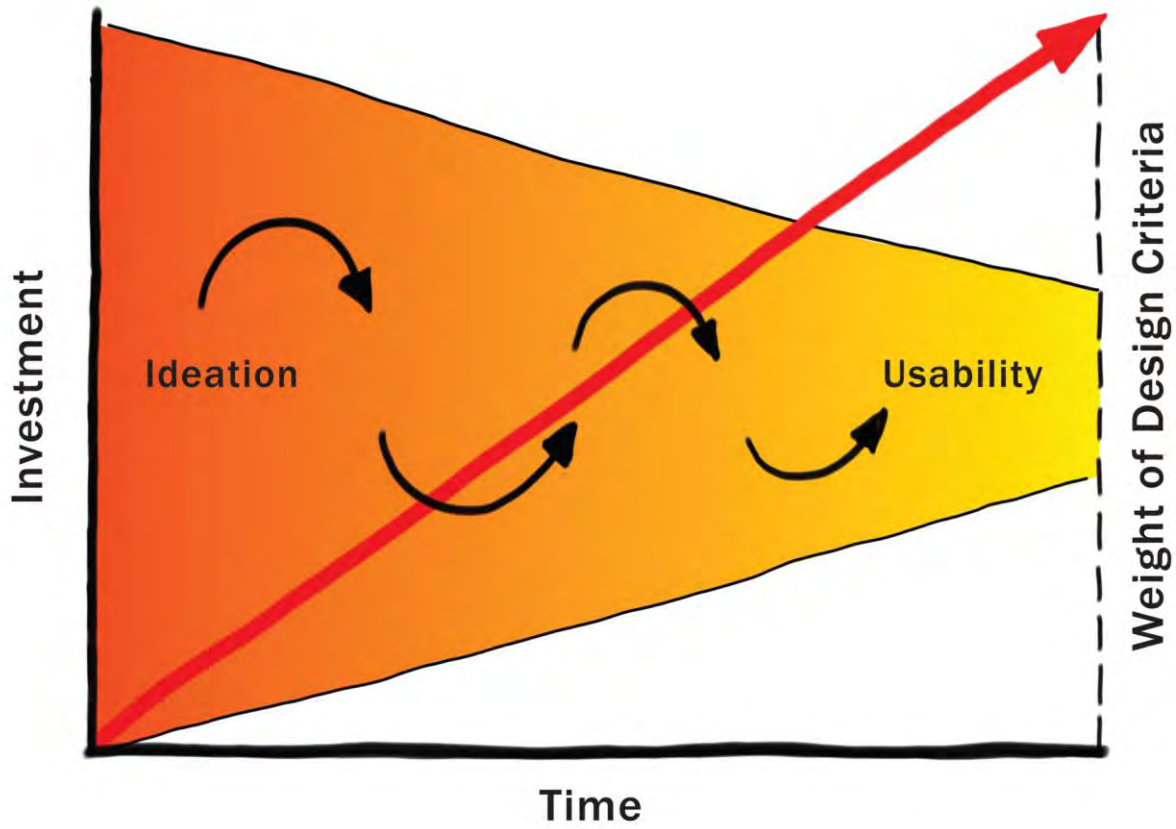


Sketching the Mouse



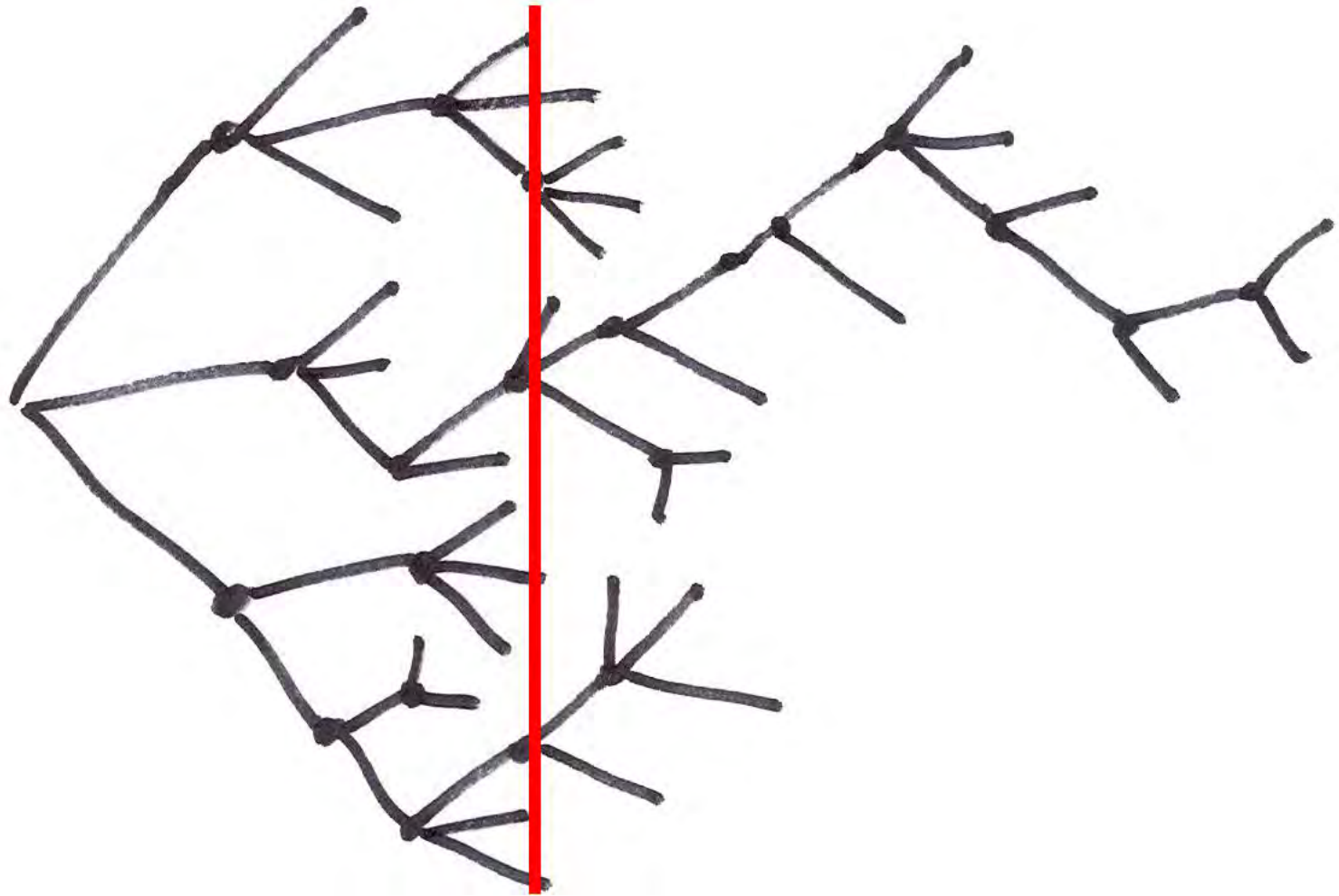
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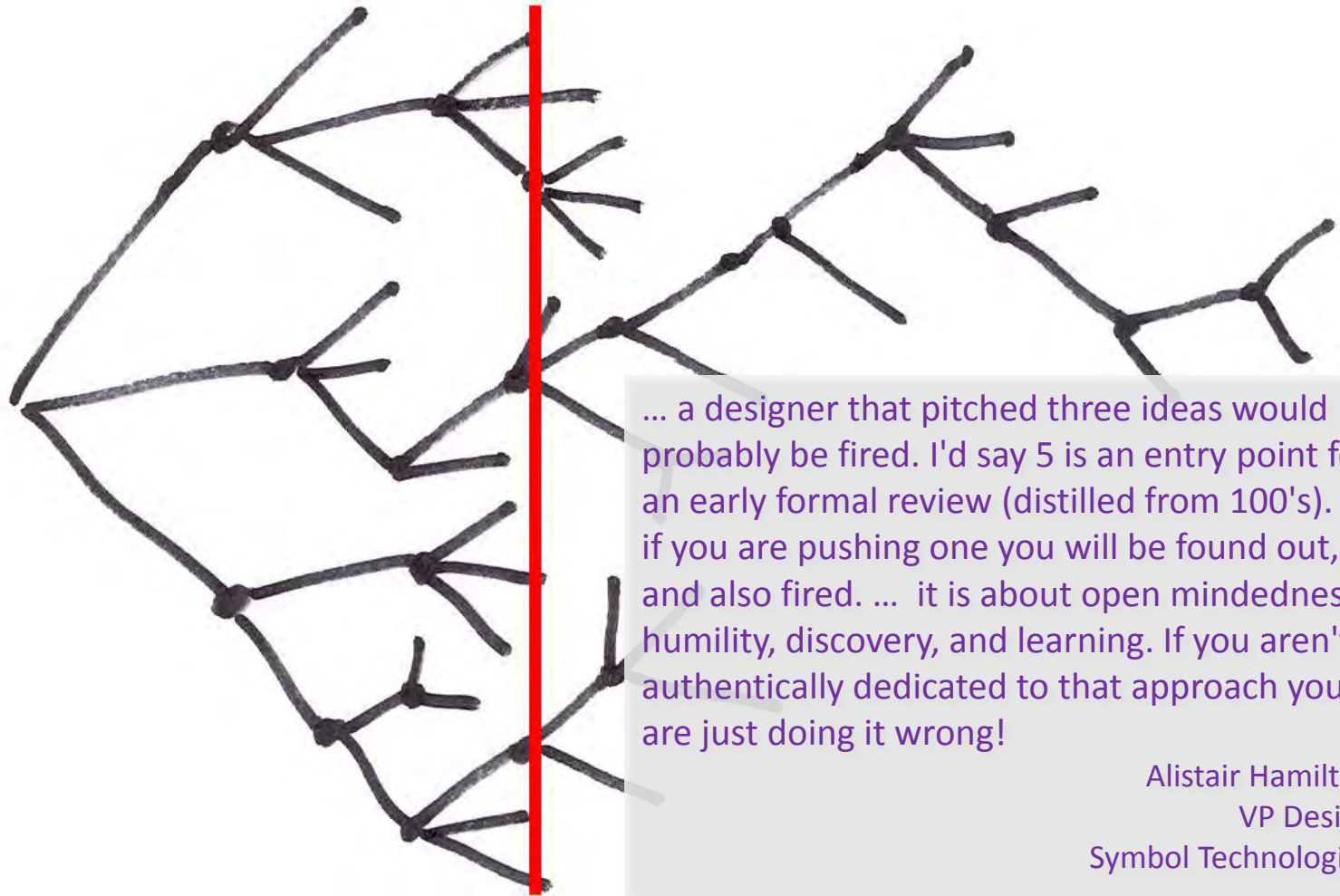


-  Sketch
-  Prototype

Exploration of Alternatives



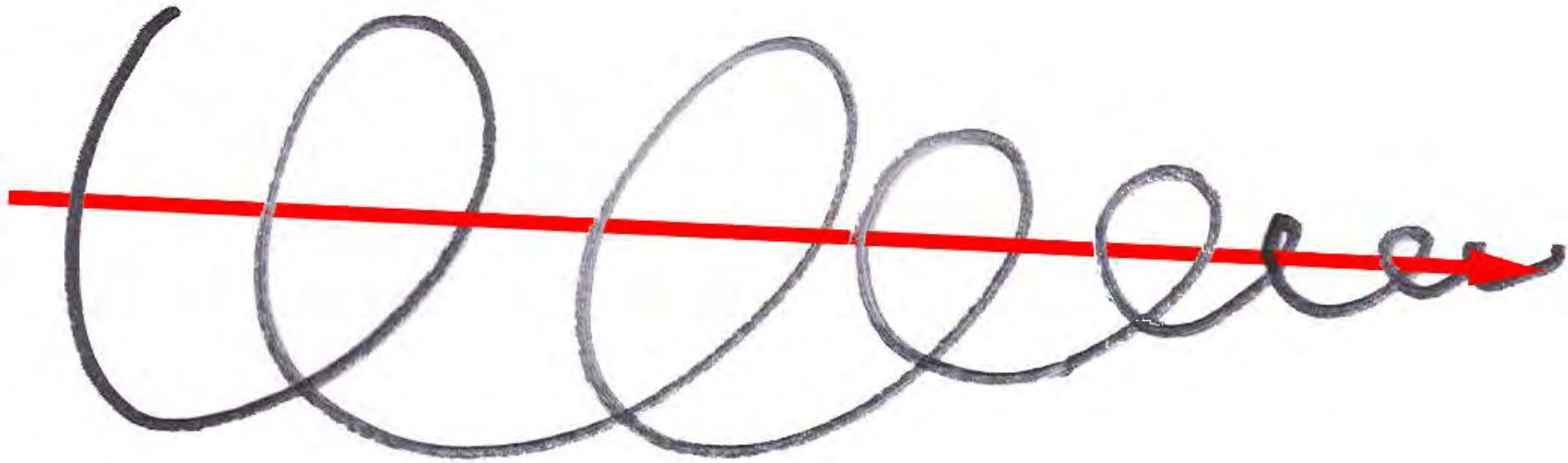
Exploration of Alternatives



... a designer that pitched three 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

The Converging Path



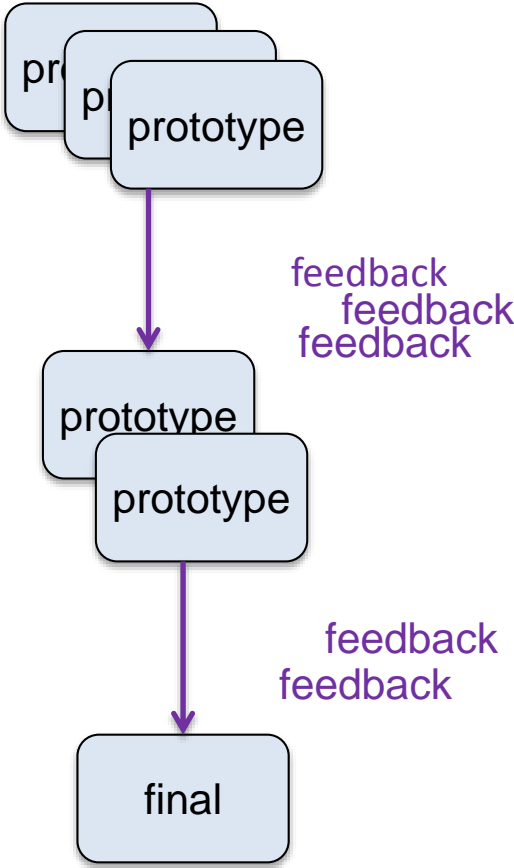
Some Evidence

Task:

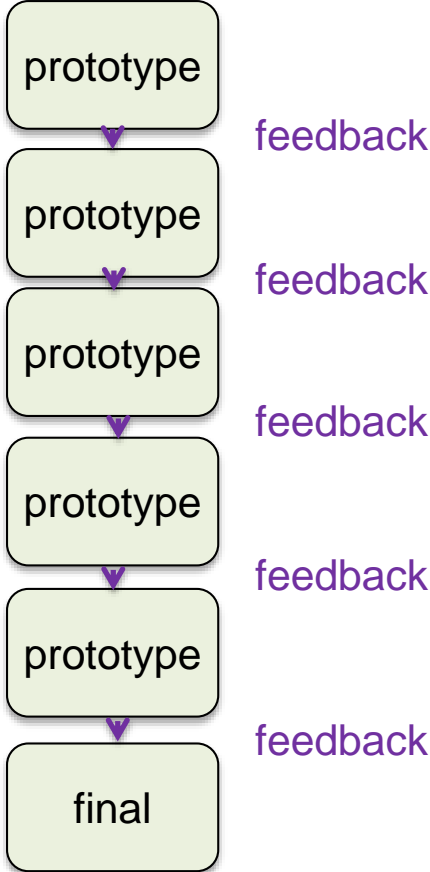
Create a web banner ad for Ambidextrous magazine.



Feedback in Parallel or Serial



Parallel condition



Serial condition

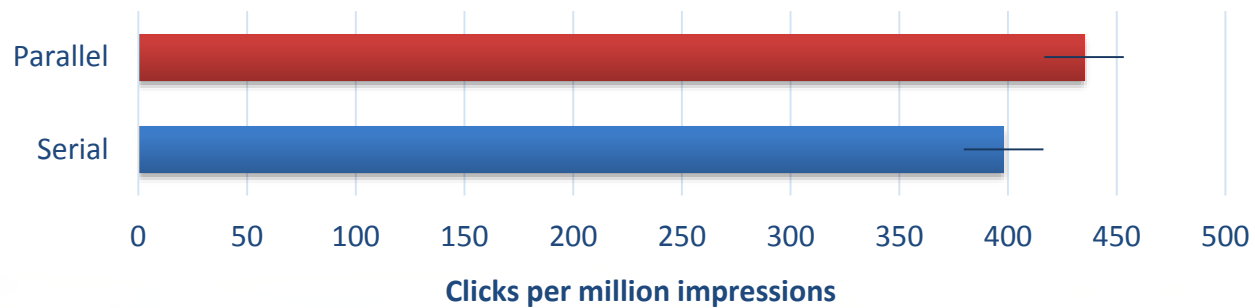
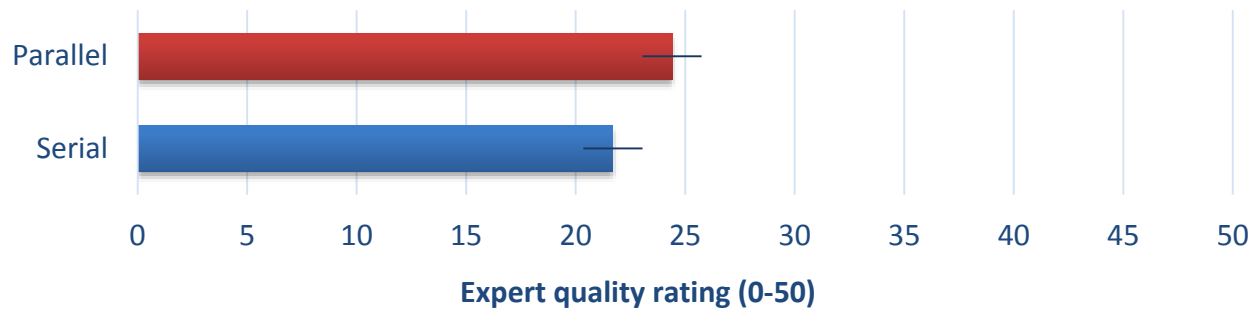
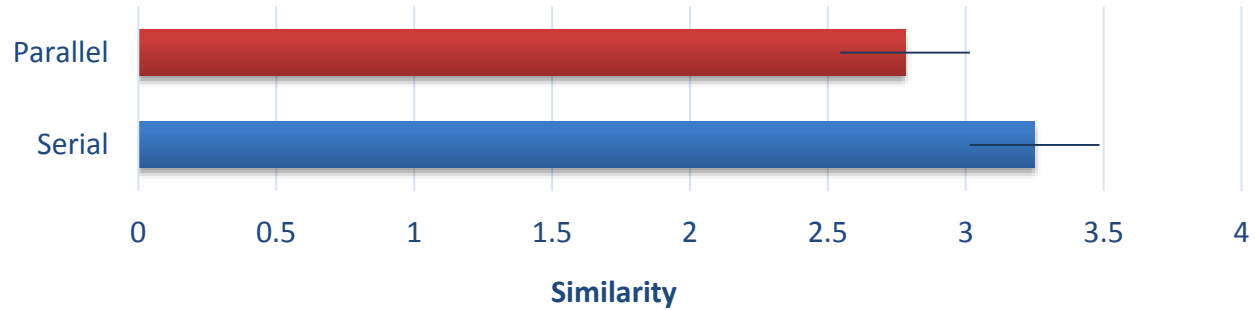
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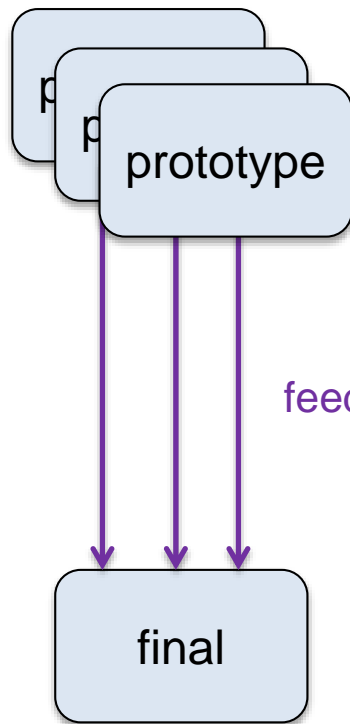
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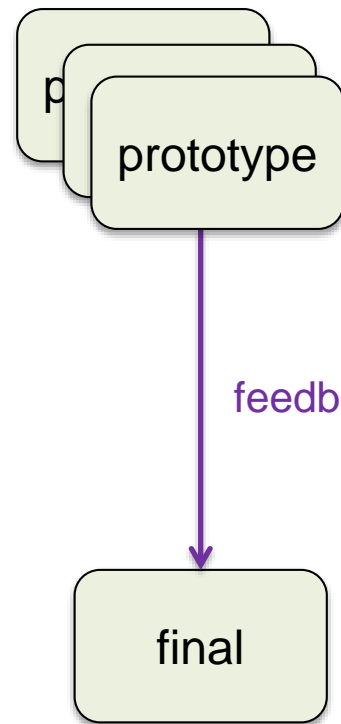
Parallel: more diverse, better, more clicks



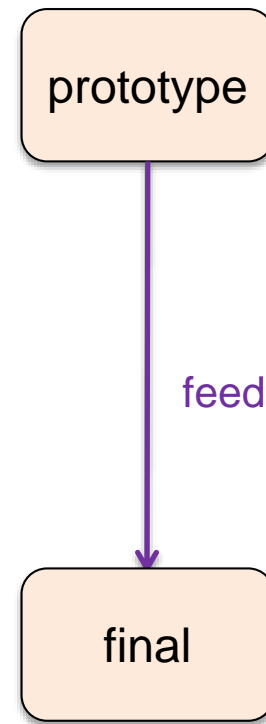
Share one or share your best?



*Share multiple
condition*

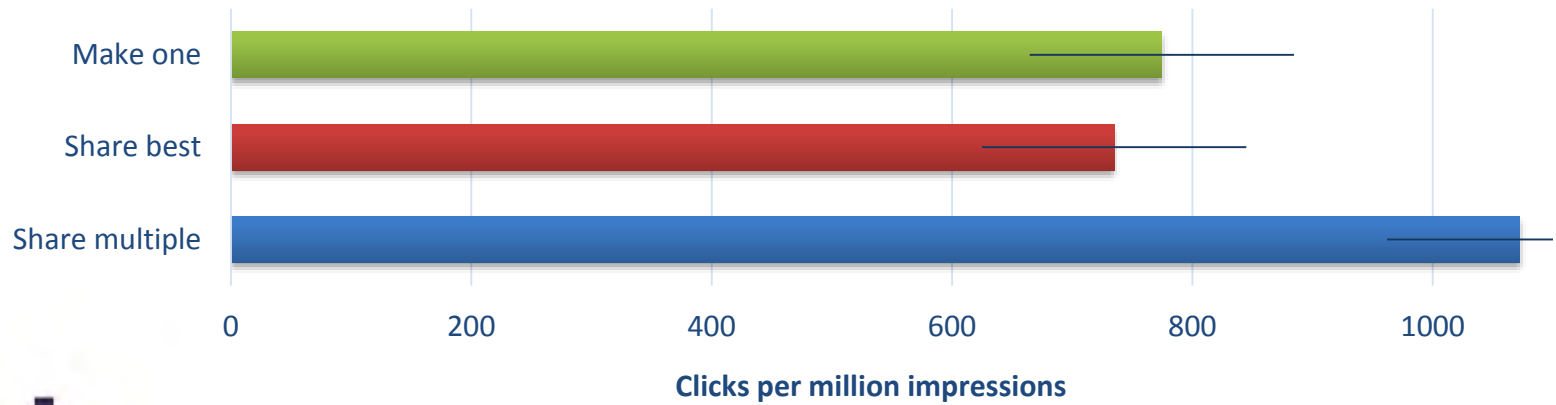
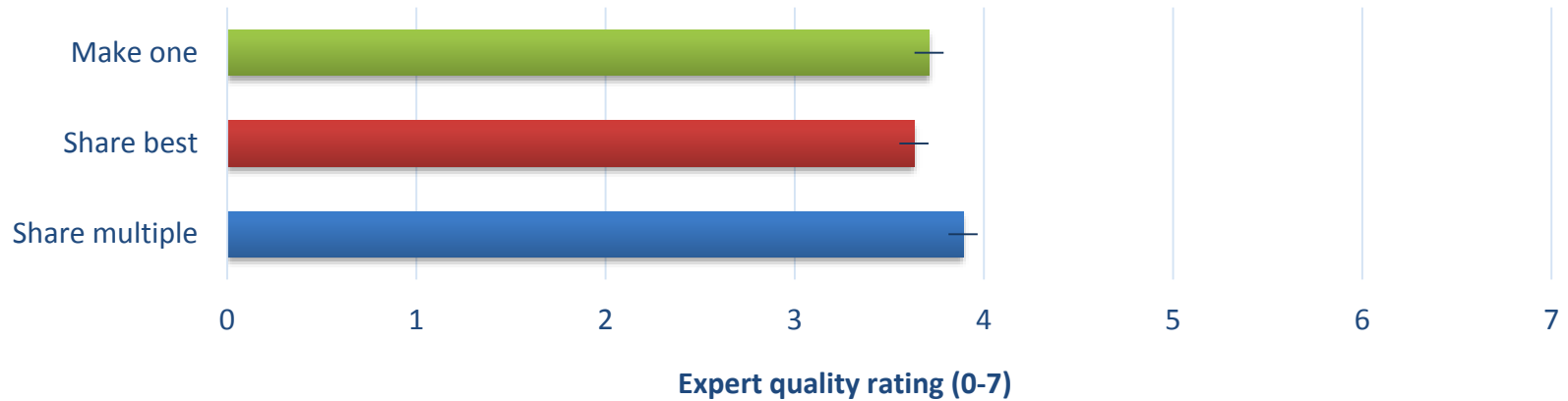


*Share best
condition*

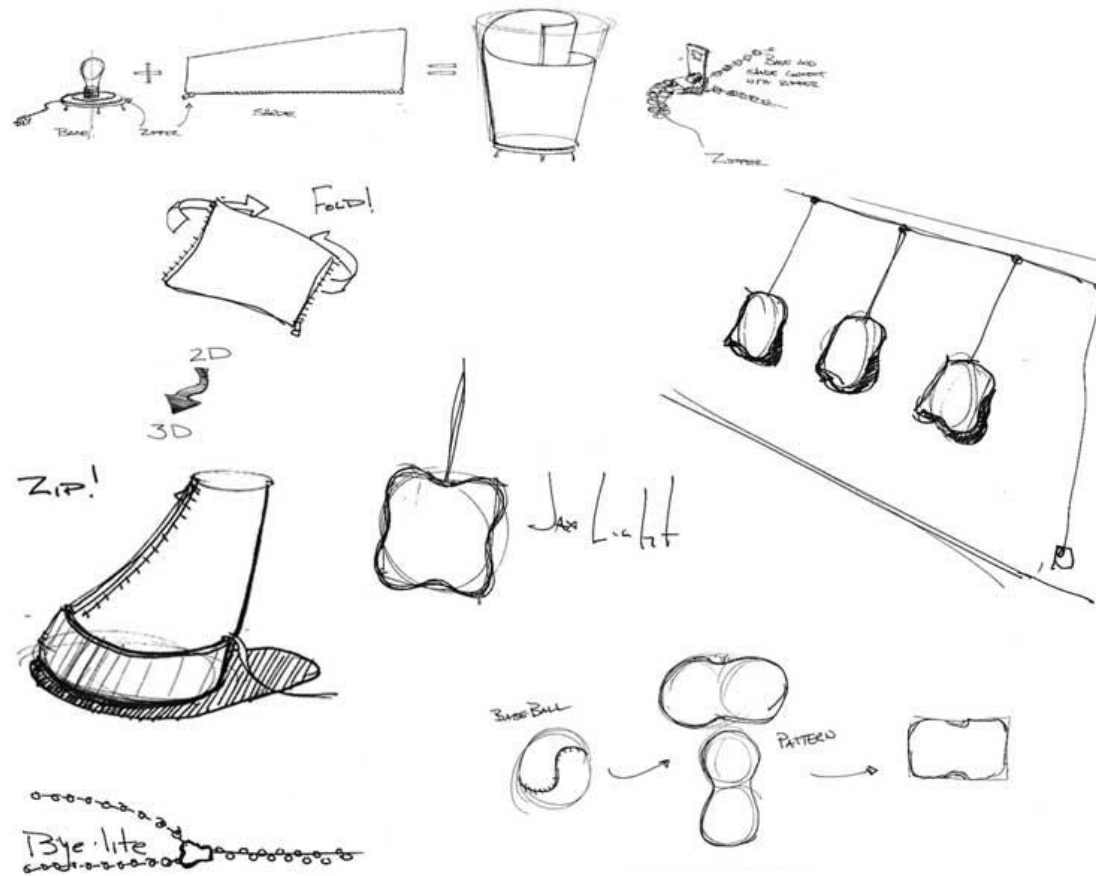


*Make one
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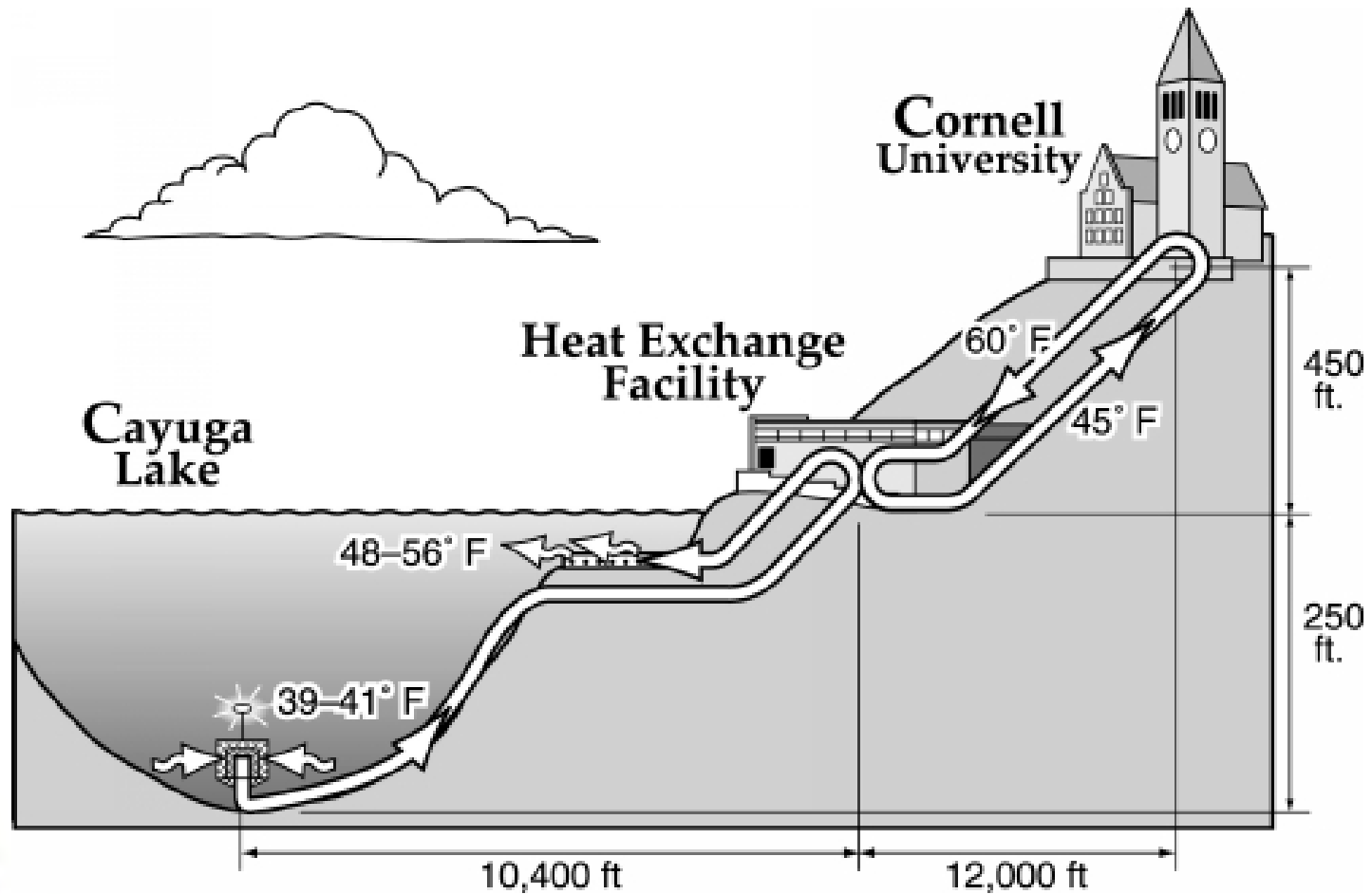
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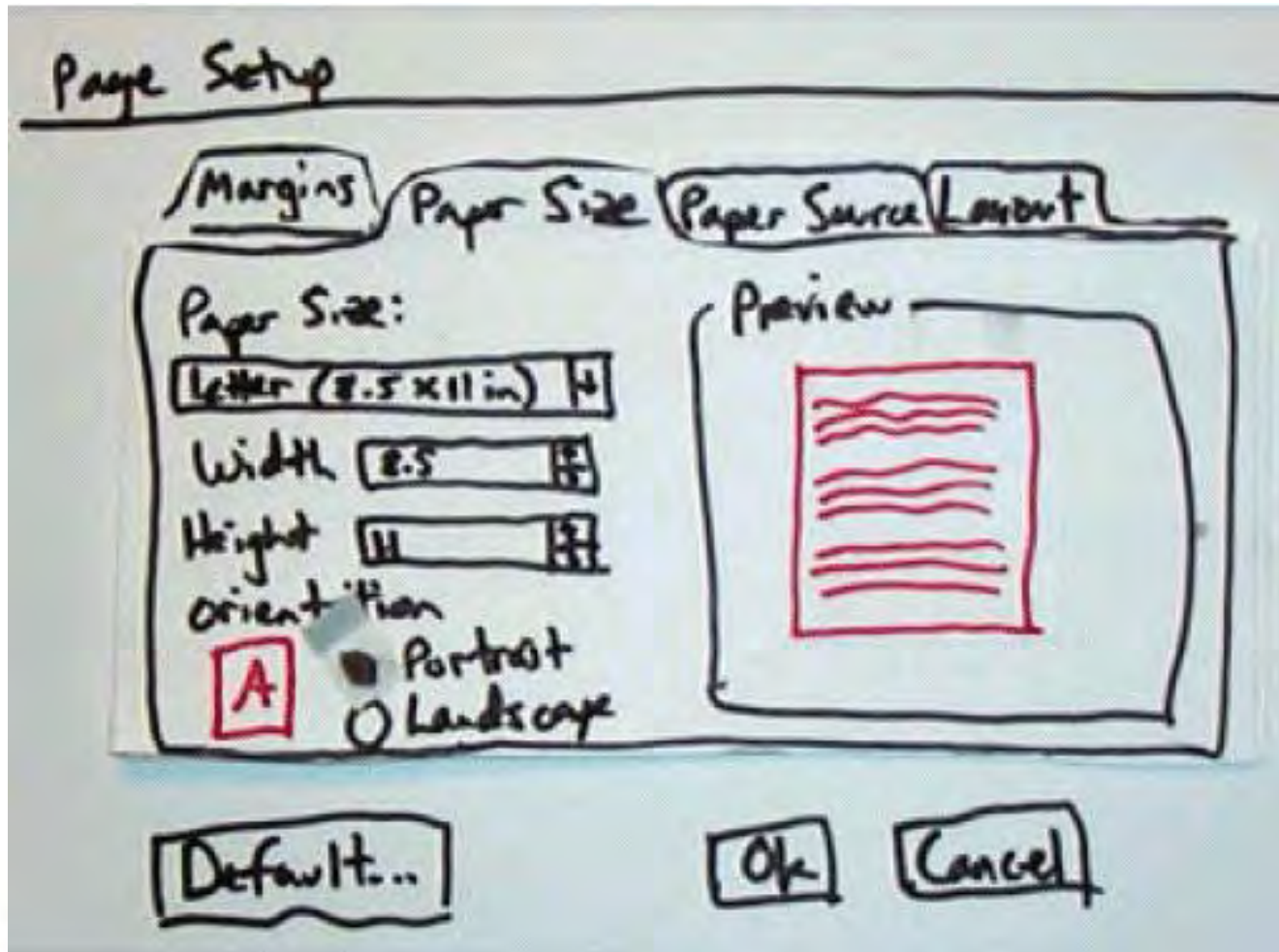
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Is this a sketch? Why or why not?



Learn

Look

Ask

Try

Quick-and-Dirty Prototyping

HOW: Using any materials available, quickly assemble possible forms or interactions for evaluation.

WHY: This is a good way to communicate a concept to the team and evaluate how to refine the design.

IDEO team members designing a shopping device quickly prototyped various concepts to evaluate qualities like weight, size, and orientation.

Is this a sketch? Why or why not?



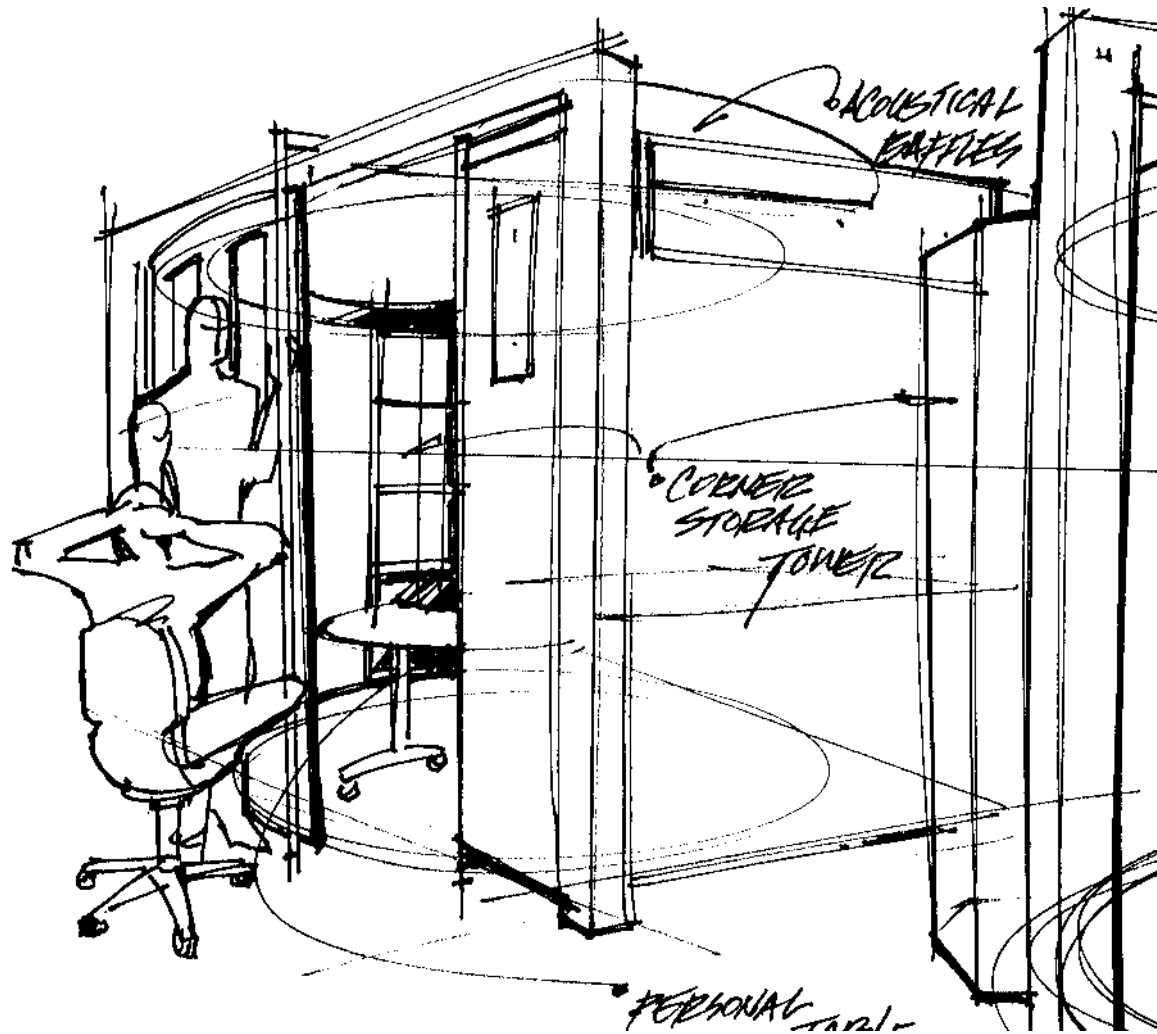
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Sketching and the Design Diamond

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

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

Here it matters what you do long before the end

Most ideas get thrown out, including yours

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

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Today

Milestones

Design Review (“1x2”) Due Friday

Getting the Right Design Due Tuesday

Presentations Start Thursday

Class

Storyboarding

Design Check-In (“3x4”) Critique



Tasks in Design

Tasks guide your exploration of a design

Creating scenarios for each task illustrates

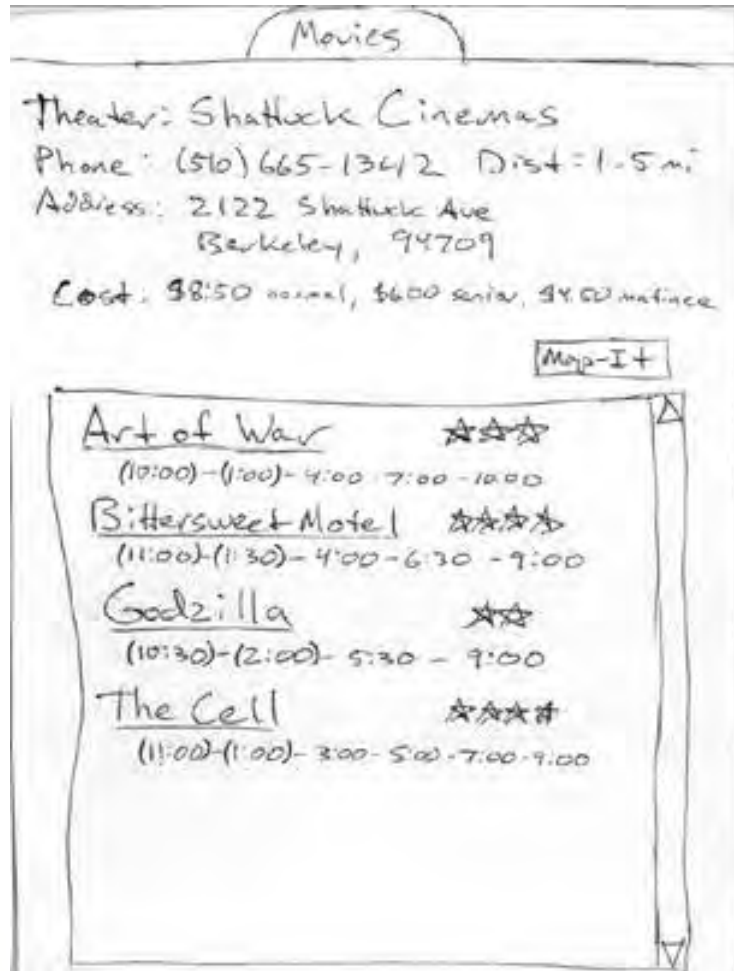
what a person does

what they see

step-by-step performance of task



Sketching



STORE FOR THE STYLE-CHALLENGED



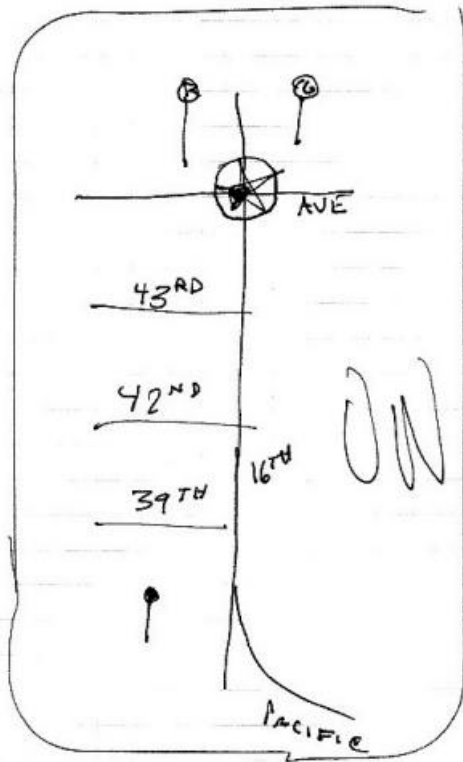
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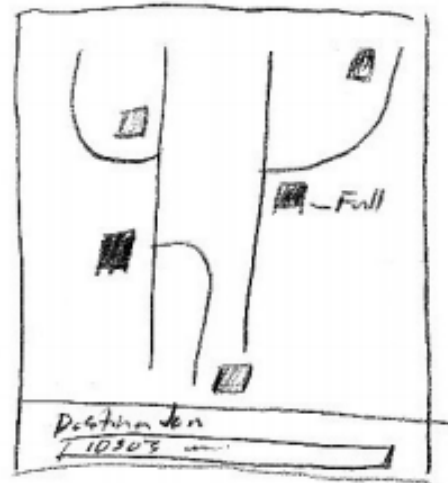
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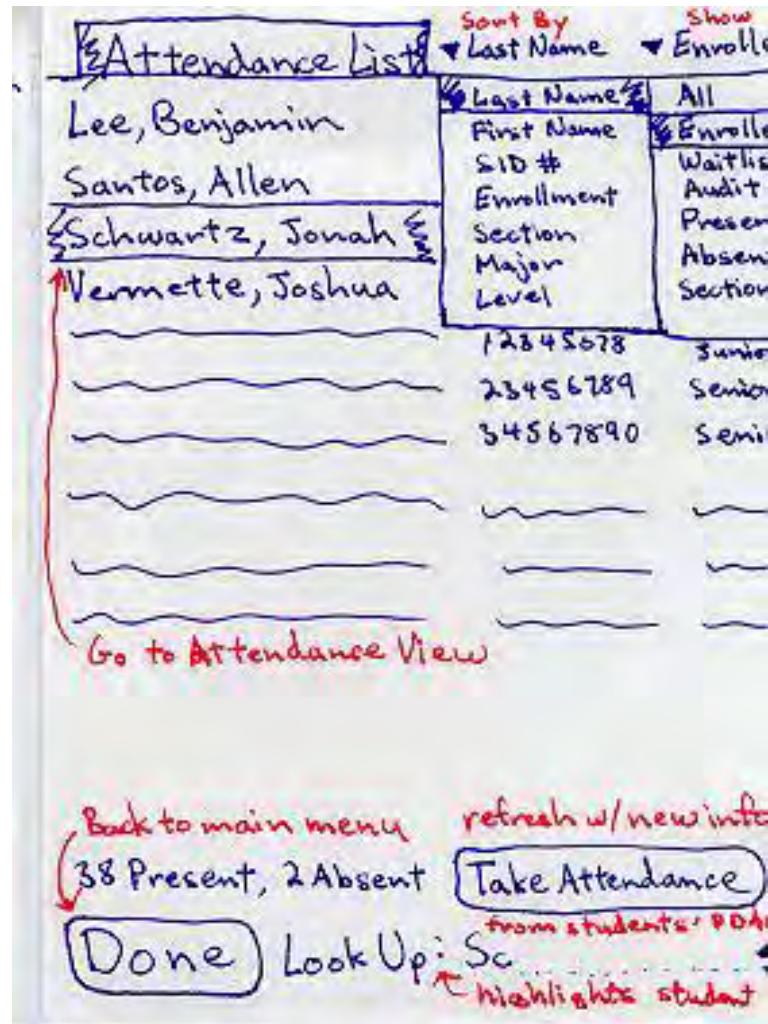
MAP SHOWING PARKING AVAILABILITY BASED ON INPUTTED DATA, INPUTTED ON MAP



- Different colors
- highlights availability
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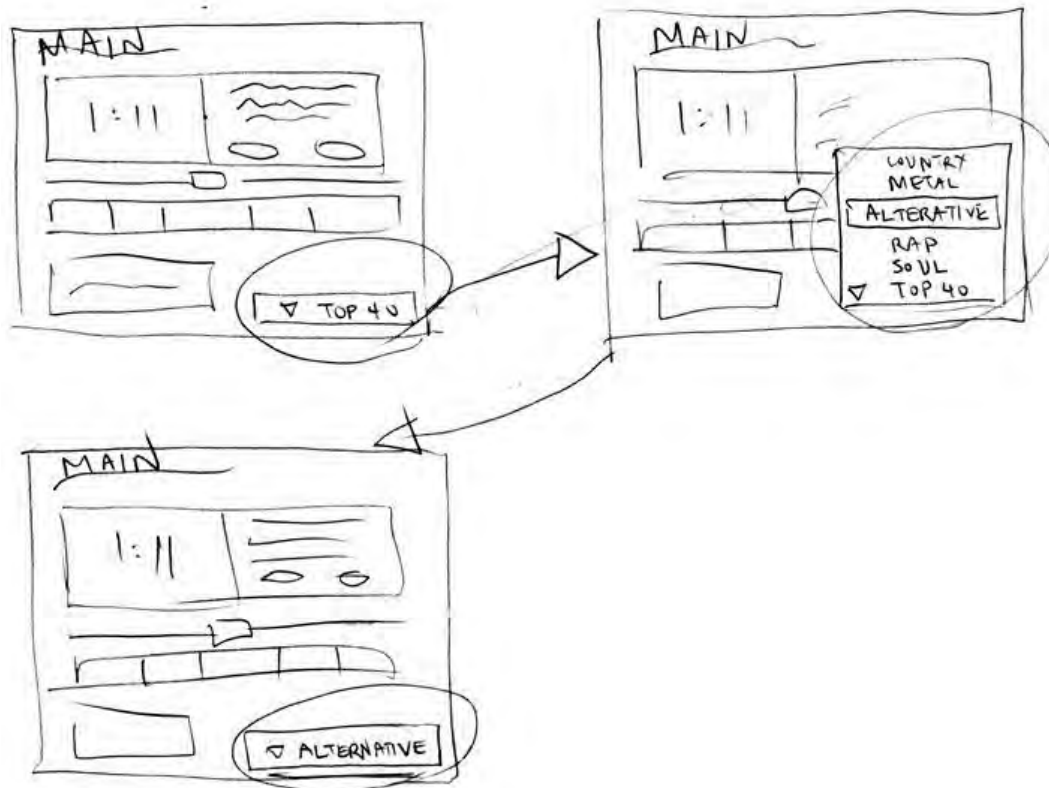


Sketching and Storyboards

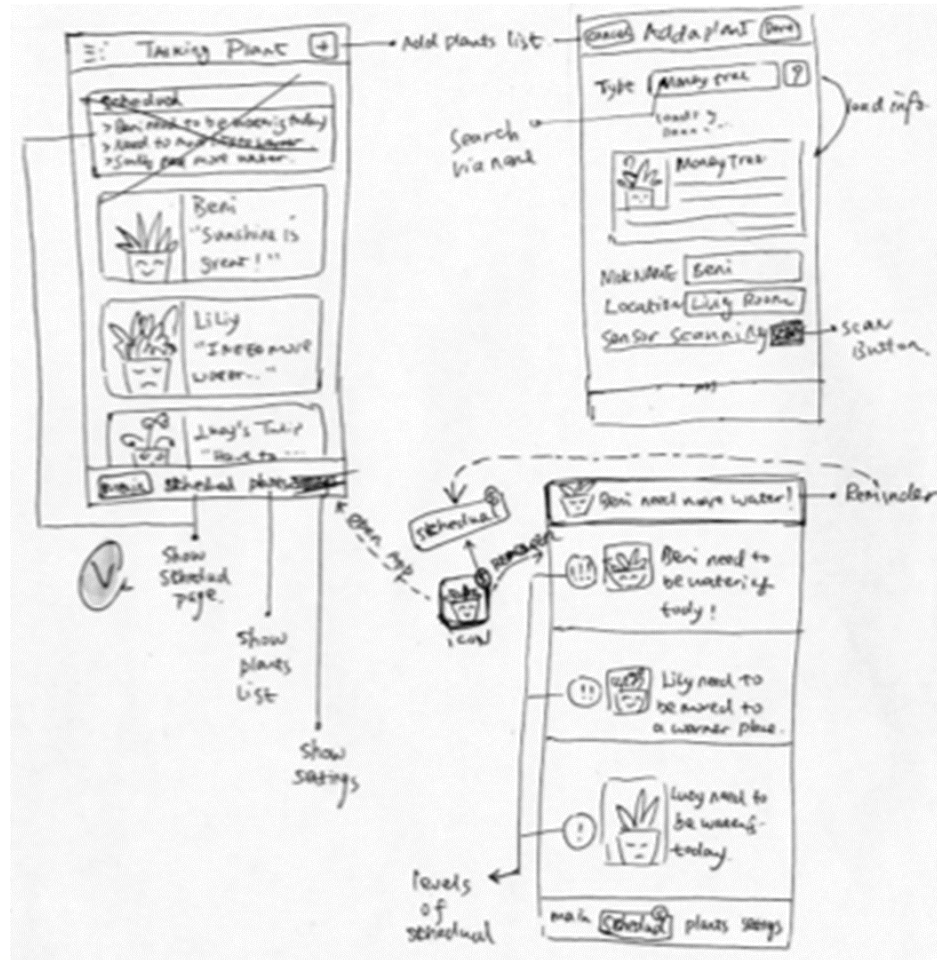


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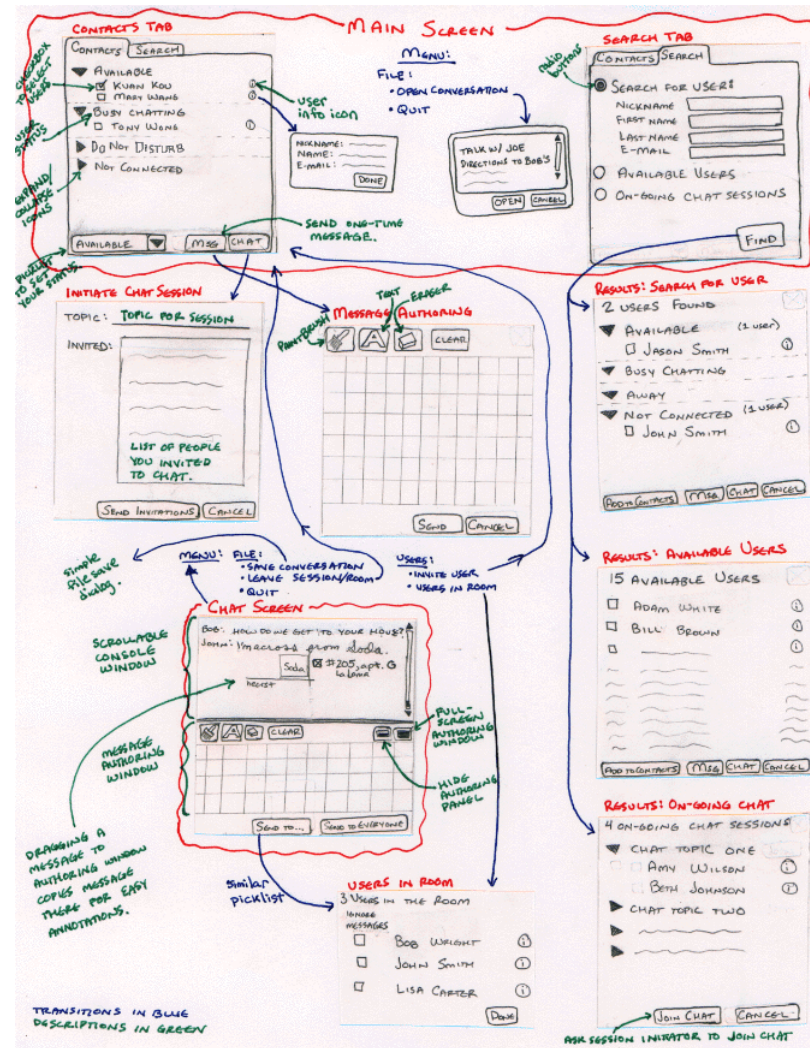
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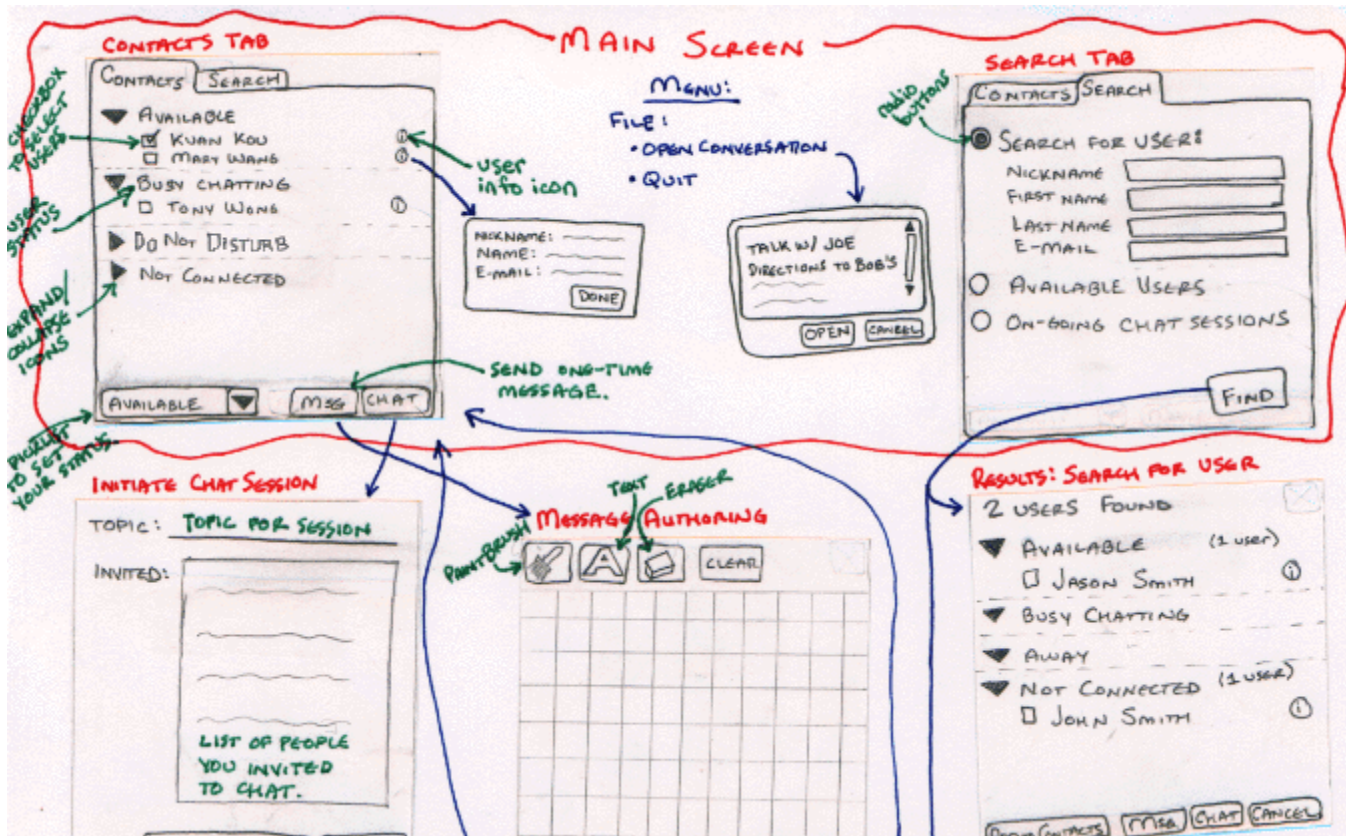
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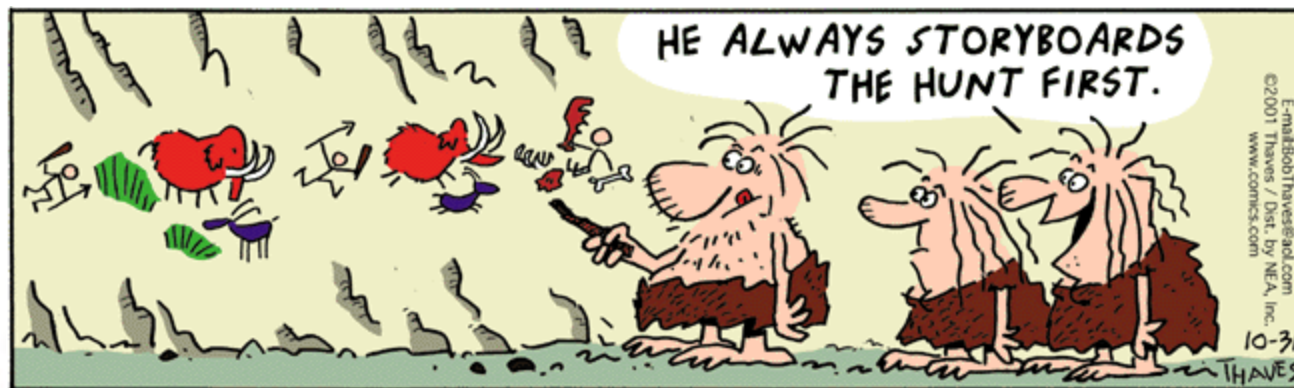
Illustrating Time

Storyboards come from film and animation

Give a “script” of important events

leave out the details

concentrate on the important interactions



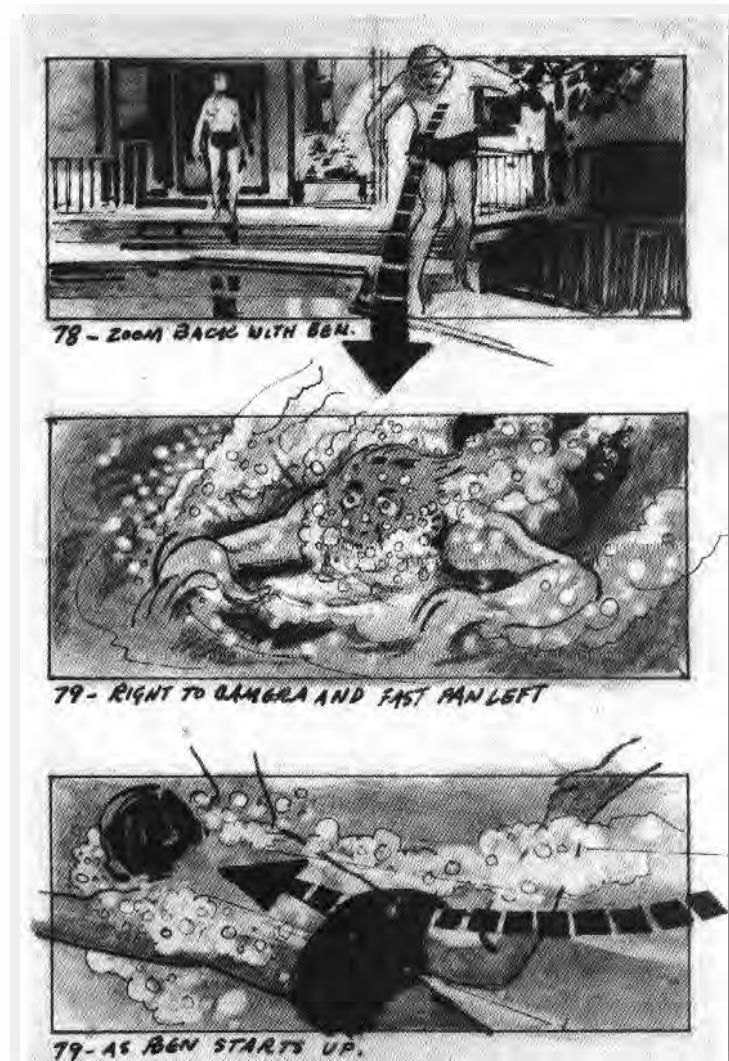
Storyboards

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



Storyboards

Can be used to convey

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

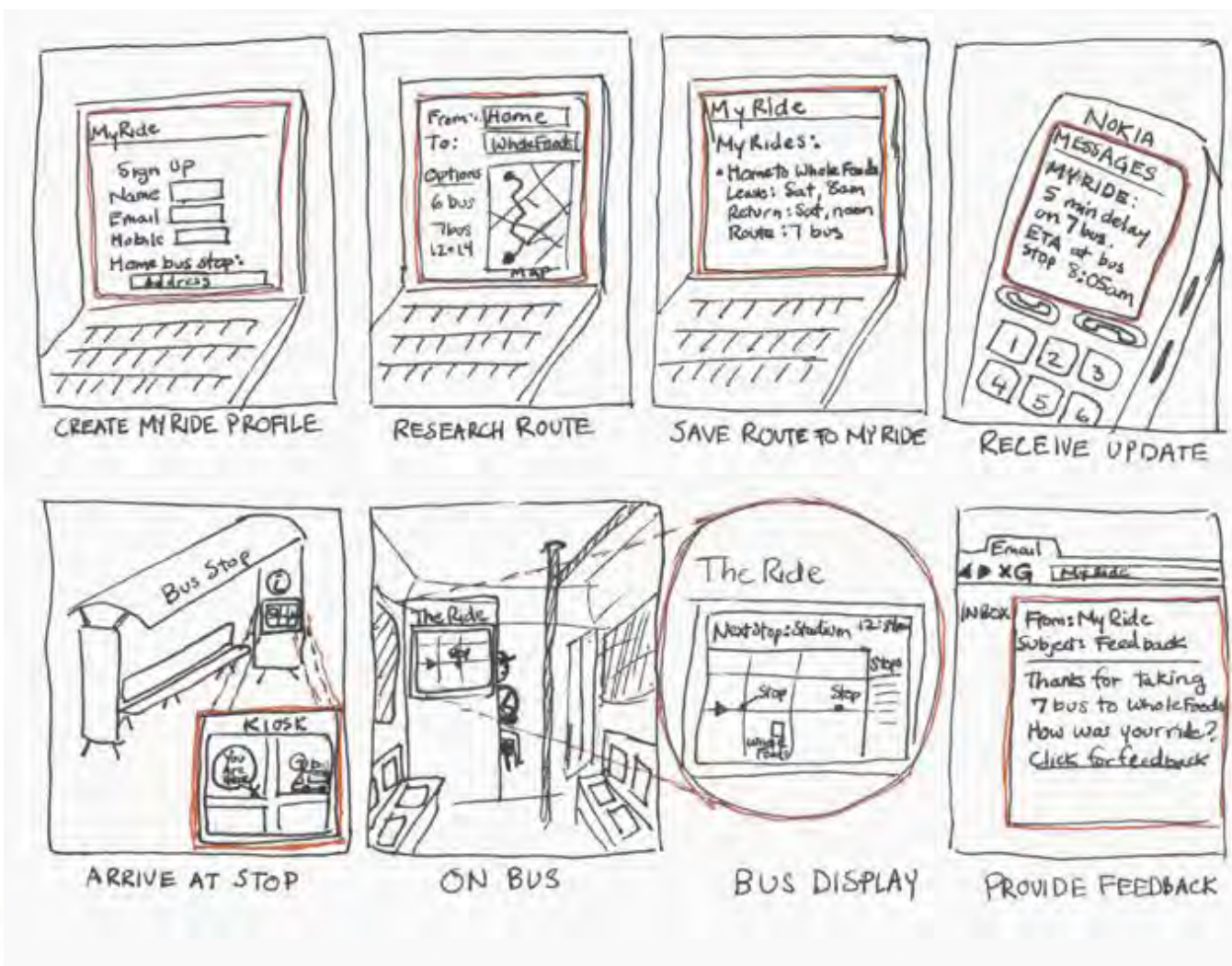


Storyboards

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



Basic Storyboard



Storytelling

Stories have an audience

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

Stories have a purpose

Gather and share information about people, tasks, goals

Put a human face on analytic data

Spark new design concepts and encourage innovation

Share ideas and create a sense of history and purpose

Giving insight into people who are not like us

Persuade others of the value of contribution

Stories Provide Context

Characters

Who is involved

Setting

Environment

Sequence

What task is illustrated

What leads a person to use a design

What steps are involved

Satisfaction

What is the motivation

What is the end result

What need is satisfied

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

Can help surface details that might otherwise be ignored

Grocery store application:

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

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

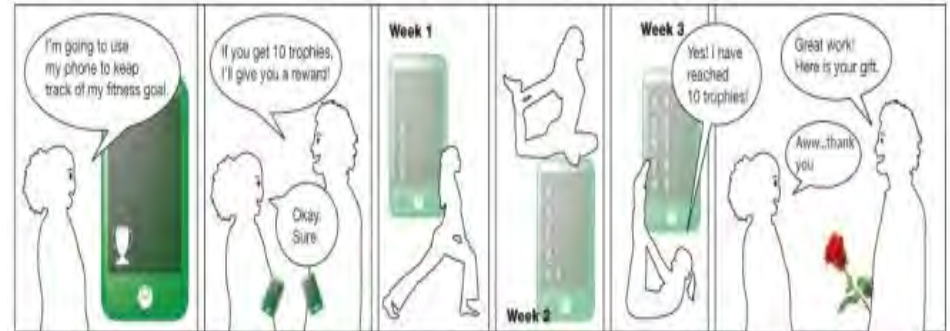
Level of detail

Inclusion of text

Inclusion of people and emotions

Number of frames

Portrayal of time



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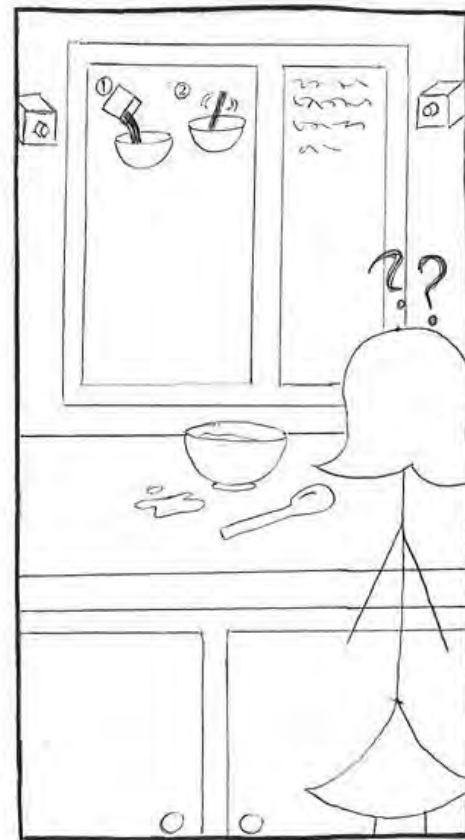
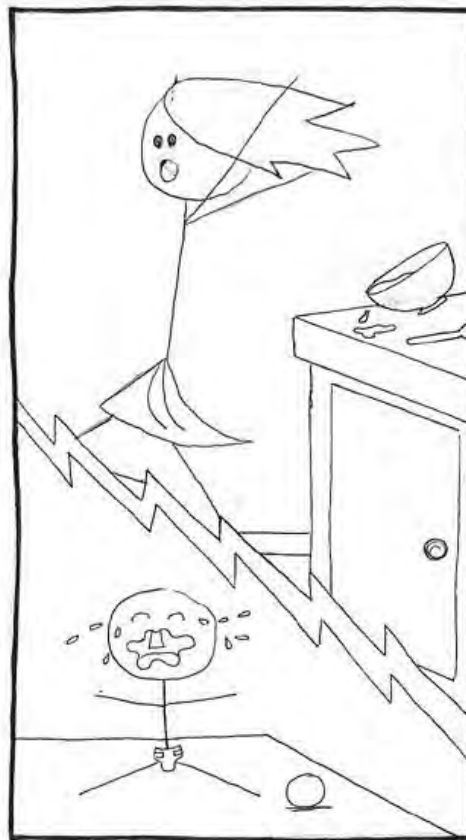
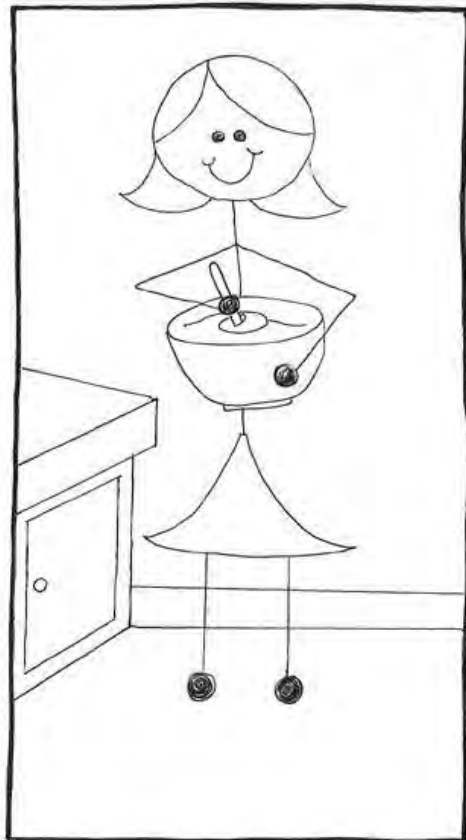
Guideline: too much detail can lose universality



Scott McCloud

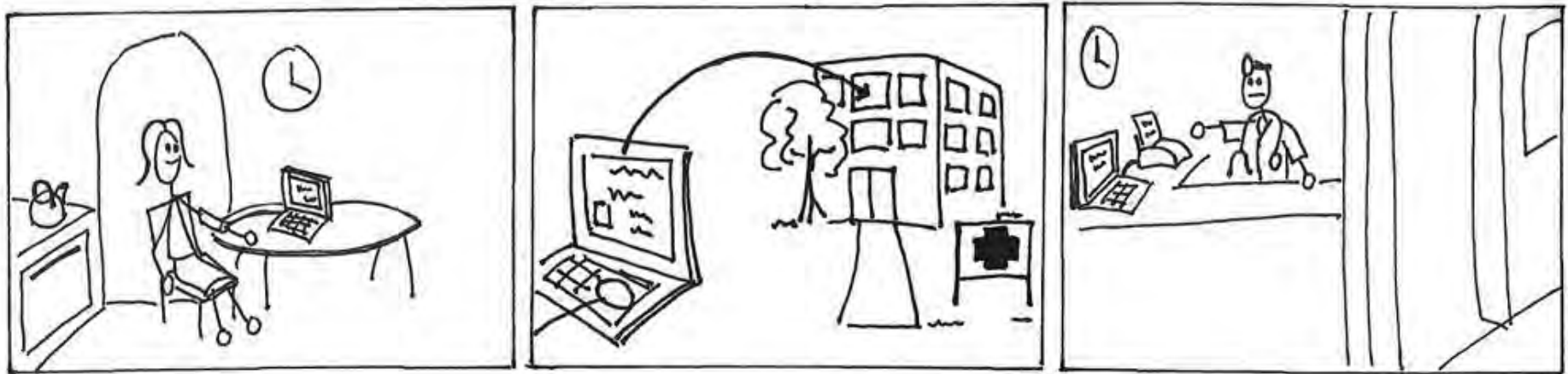


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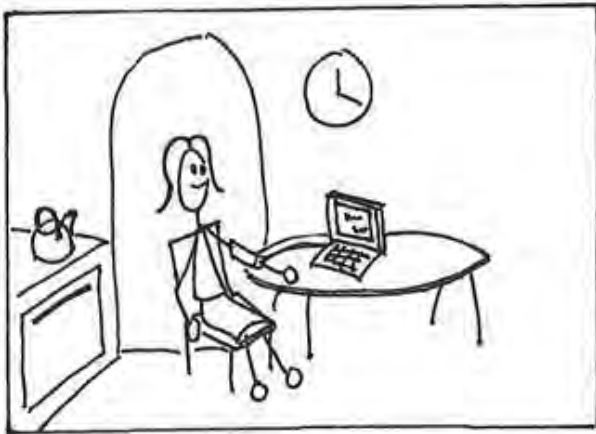
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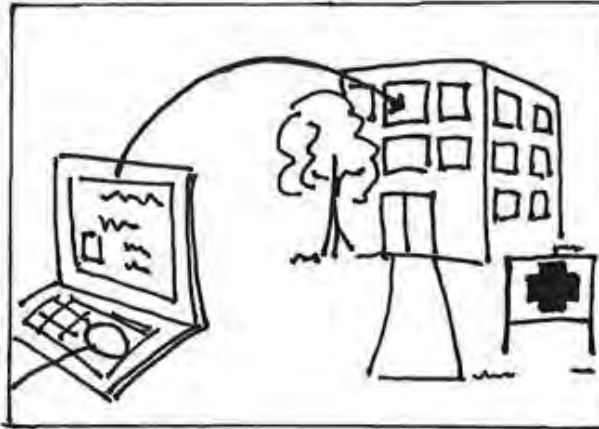


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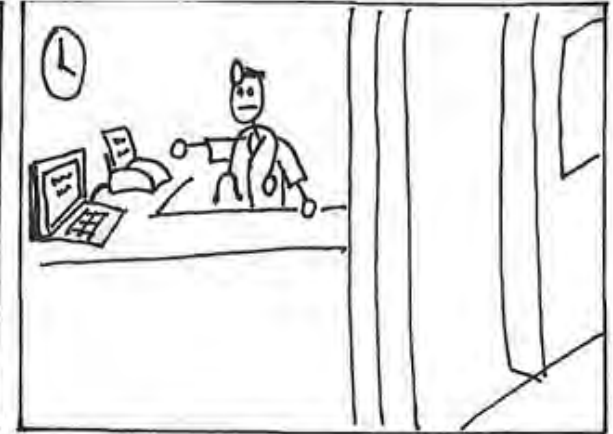
Guideline: It is often necessary, but keep it short



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.



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

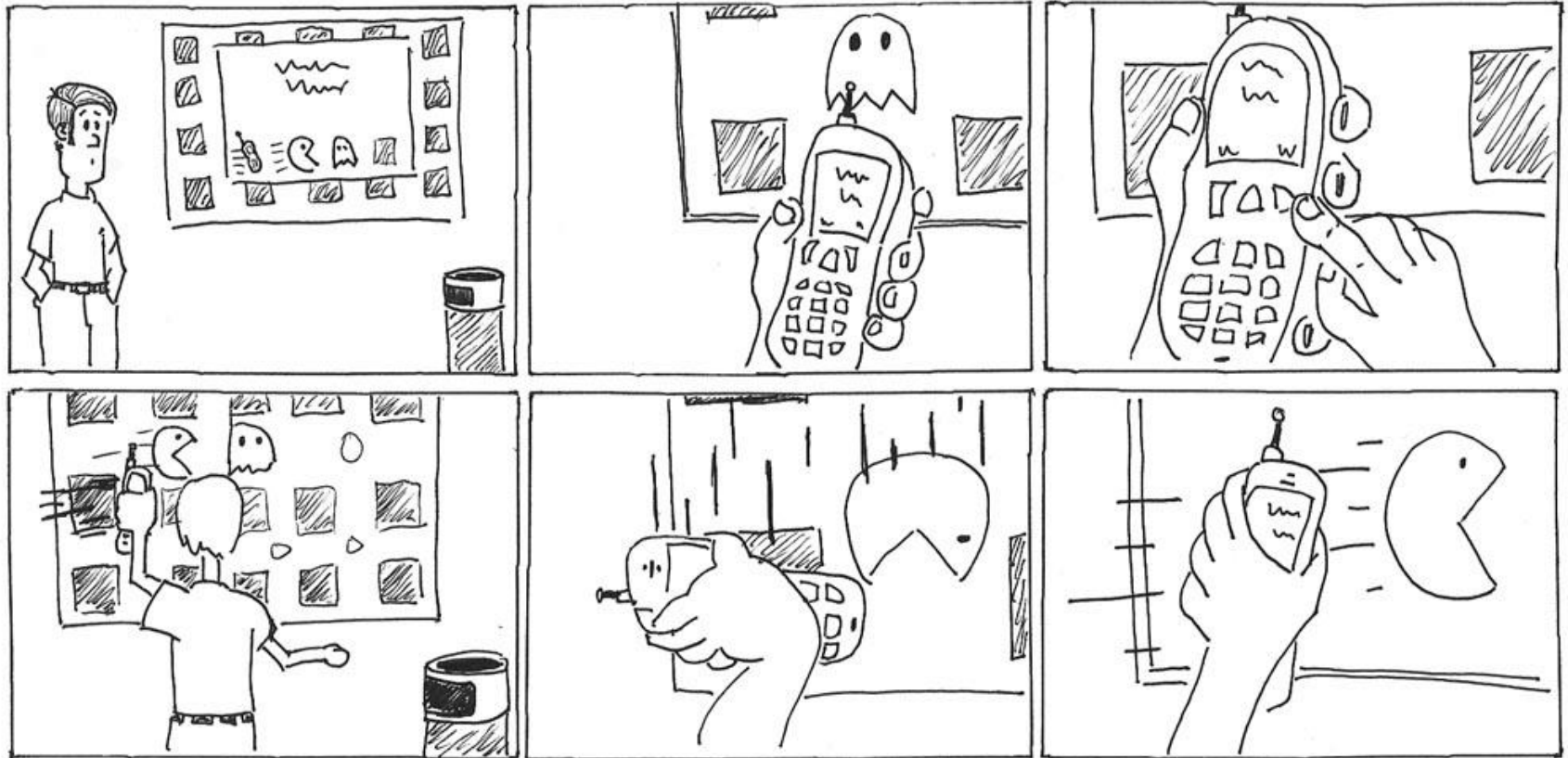
More is not always better

May lose focus of story

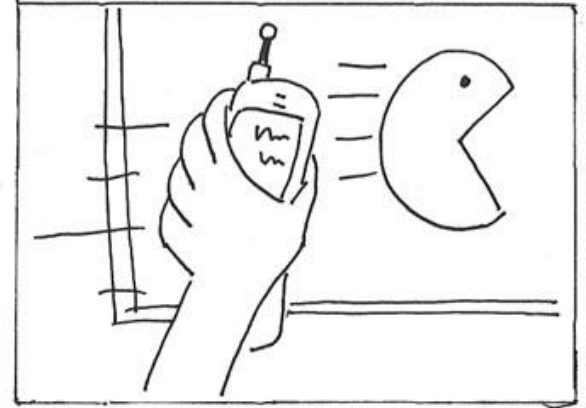
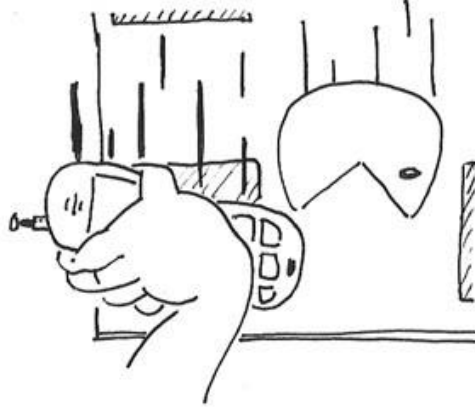
May lose attention



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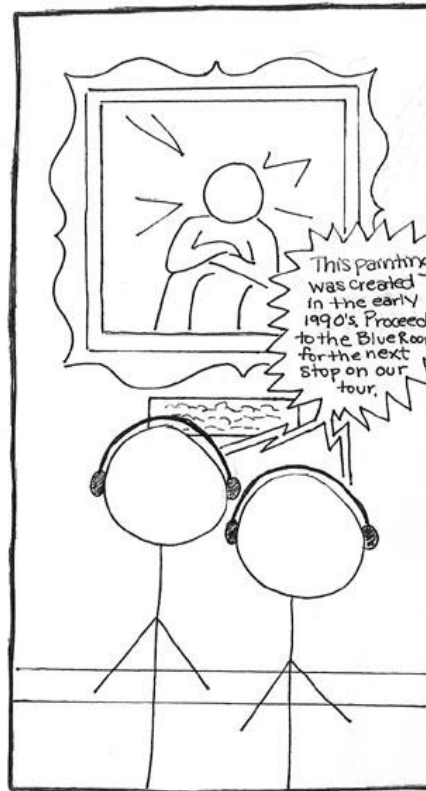
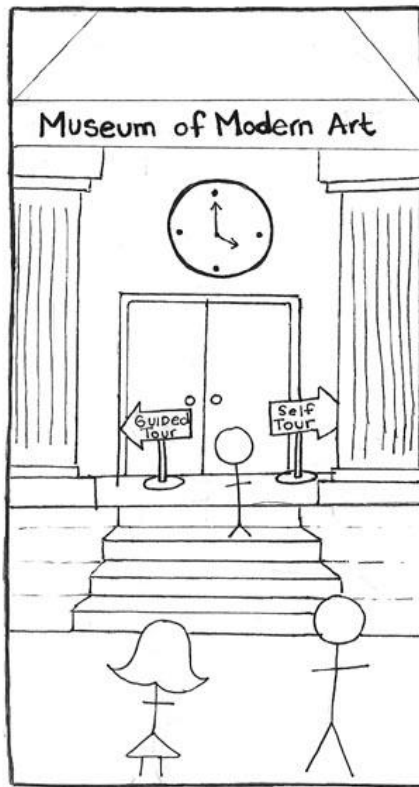


4. How many frames?



5. Passage of Time

Guideline: Only use if necessary to understand



Storyboards for Comparing Ideas

Authoritative



Cell phone is used to keep track of one's fitness goal.

Supportive

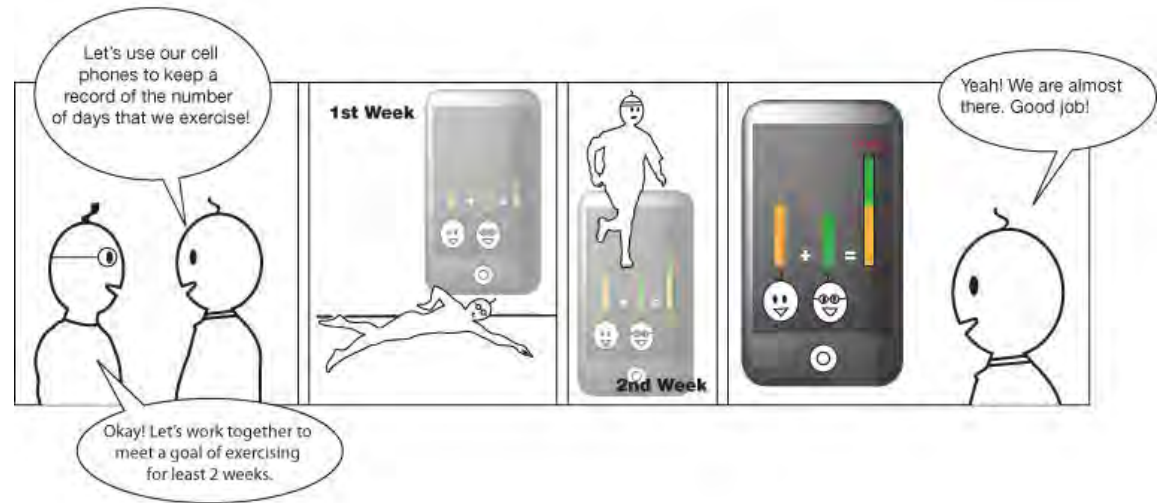


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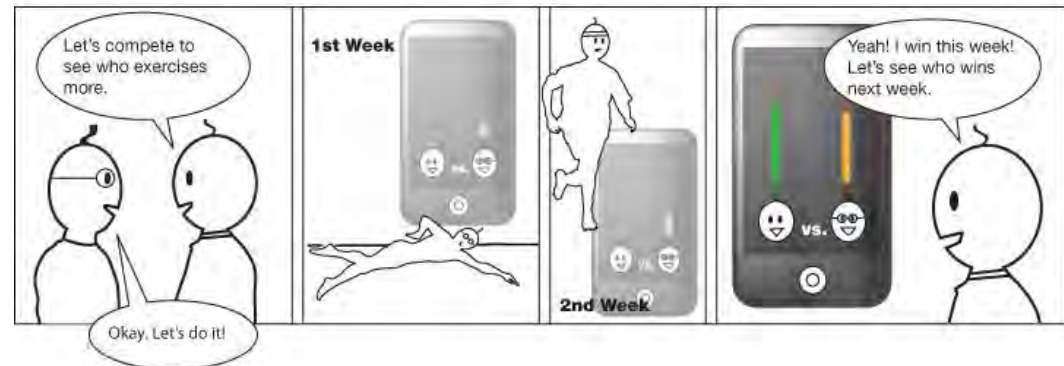


Storyboards for Comparing Ideas

Cooperative

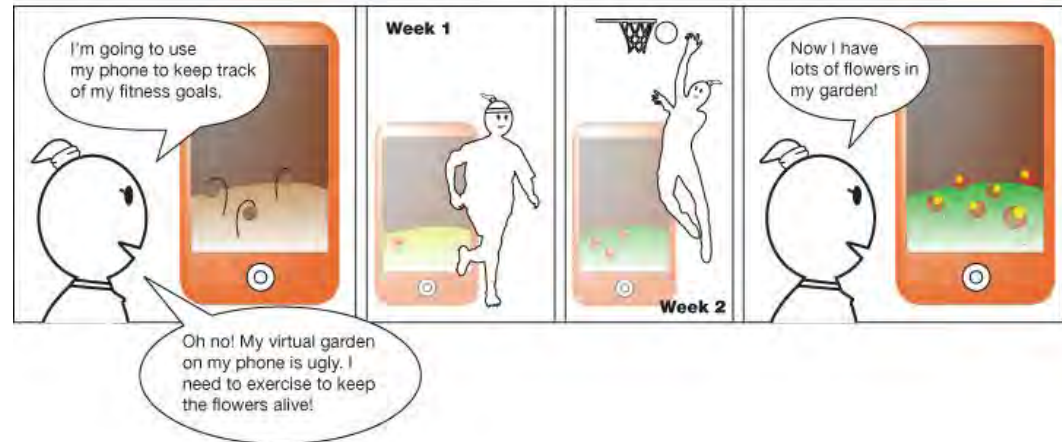


Competitive



Storyboards for Comparing Ideas

Negative Reinforcement



Positive Reinforcement



Examples and Tricks in Storyboarding



Drawing is Hard



IT IS SO DARK JANE CAN
HARDLY READ HER BOOK



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



THE LIGHTS TURN ON!

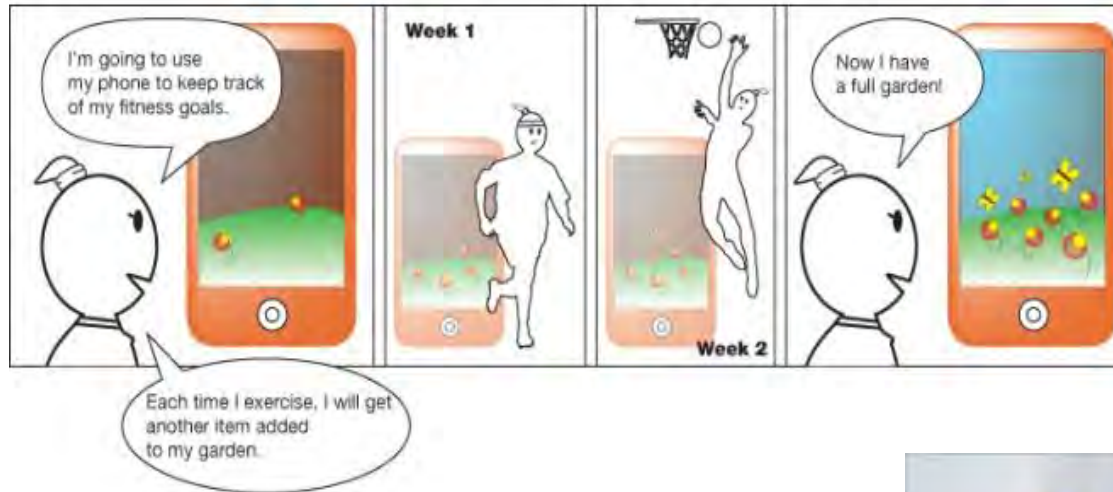


FINALLY, SHE CAN
READ HAPPILY.

Will a picture work instead?



Existing Images from Other Sources



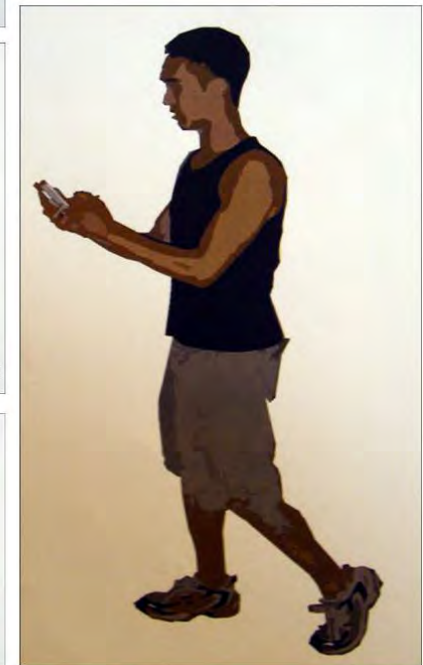
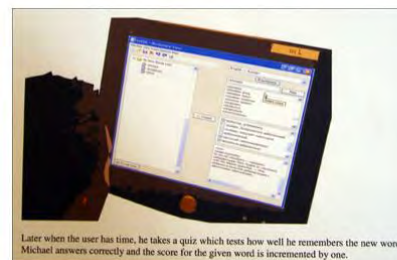
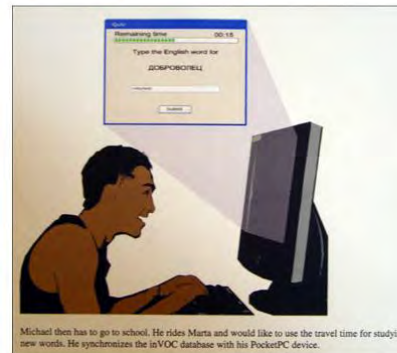
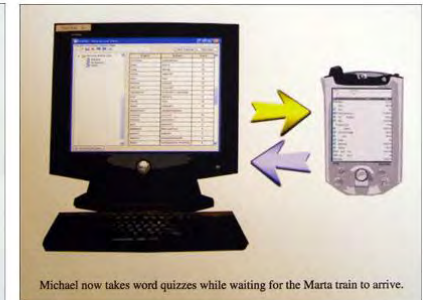
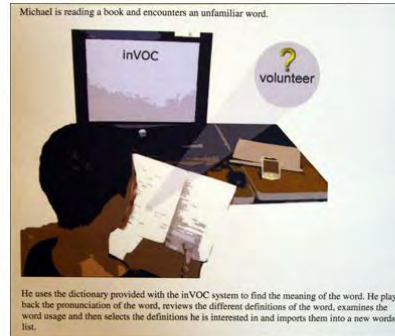
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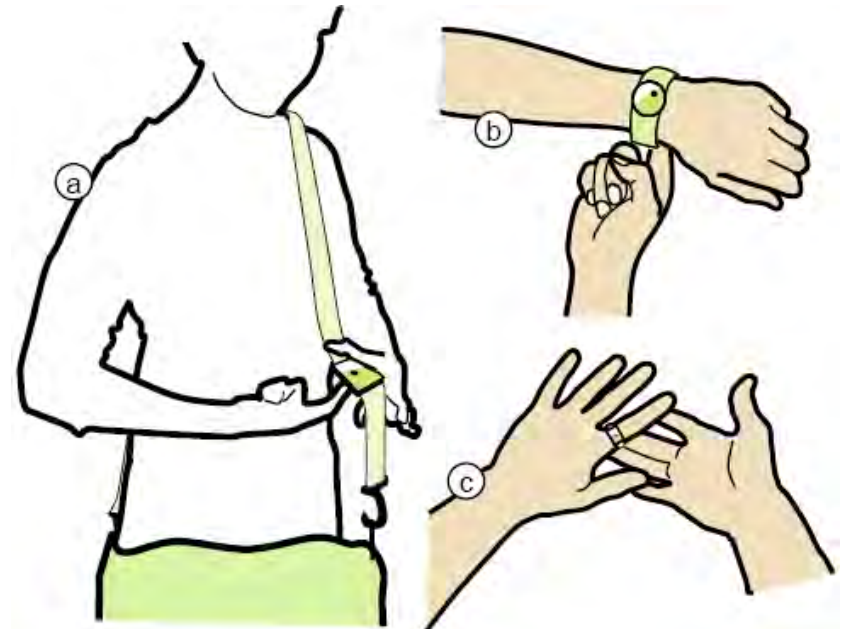
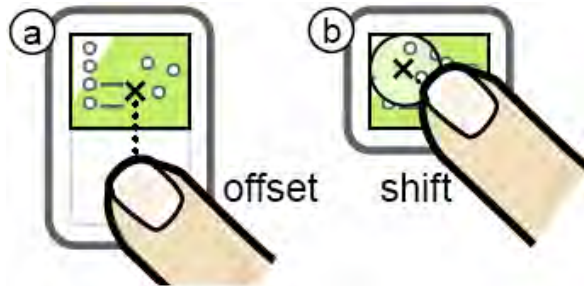


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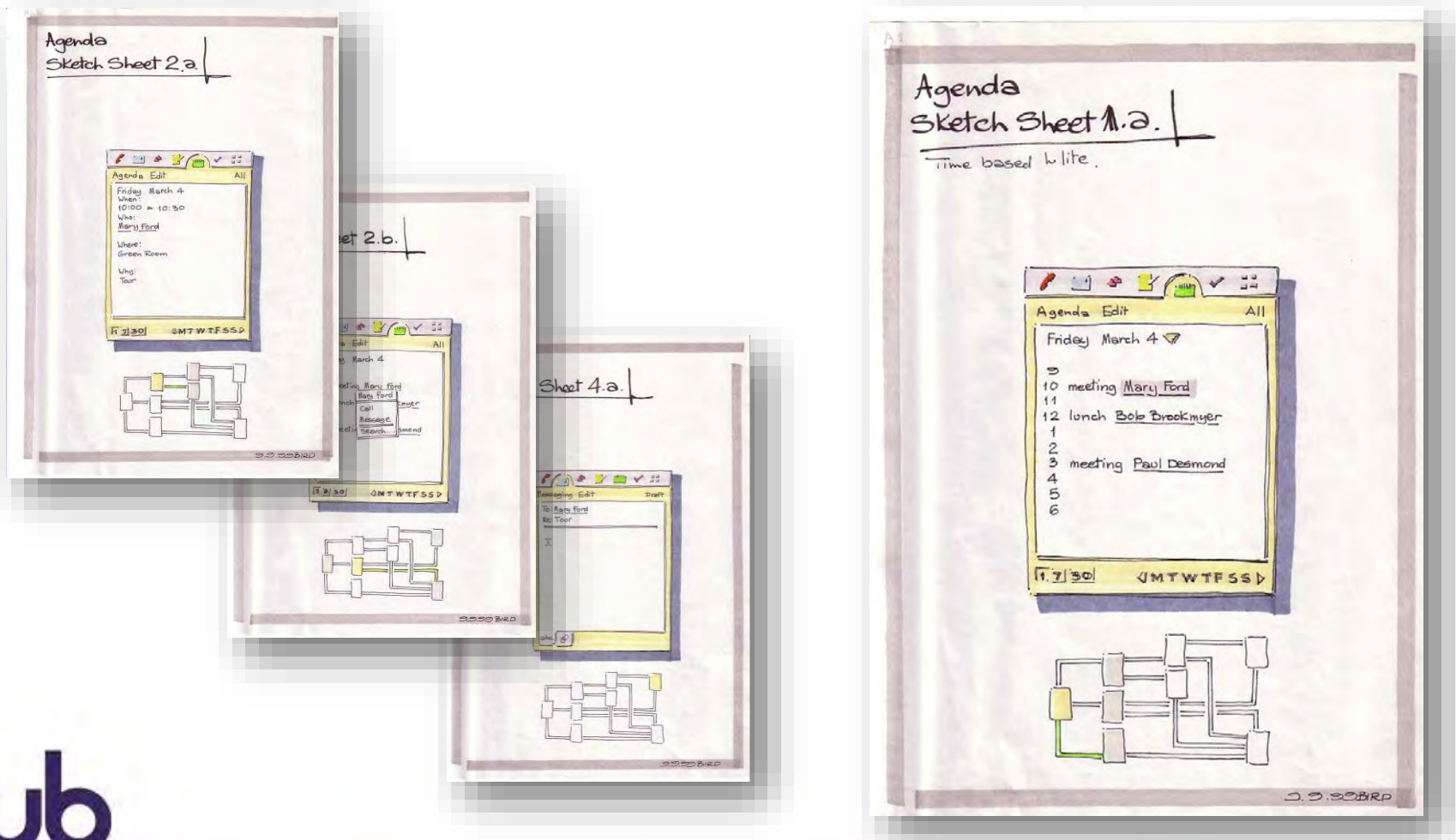
Using image editing software to simplify photos into sketches



Tracing Photos

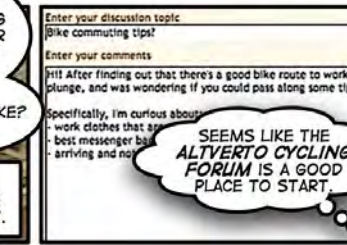


Mapping the Space of Interaction



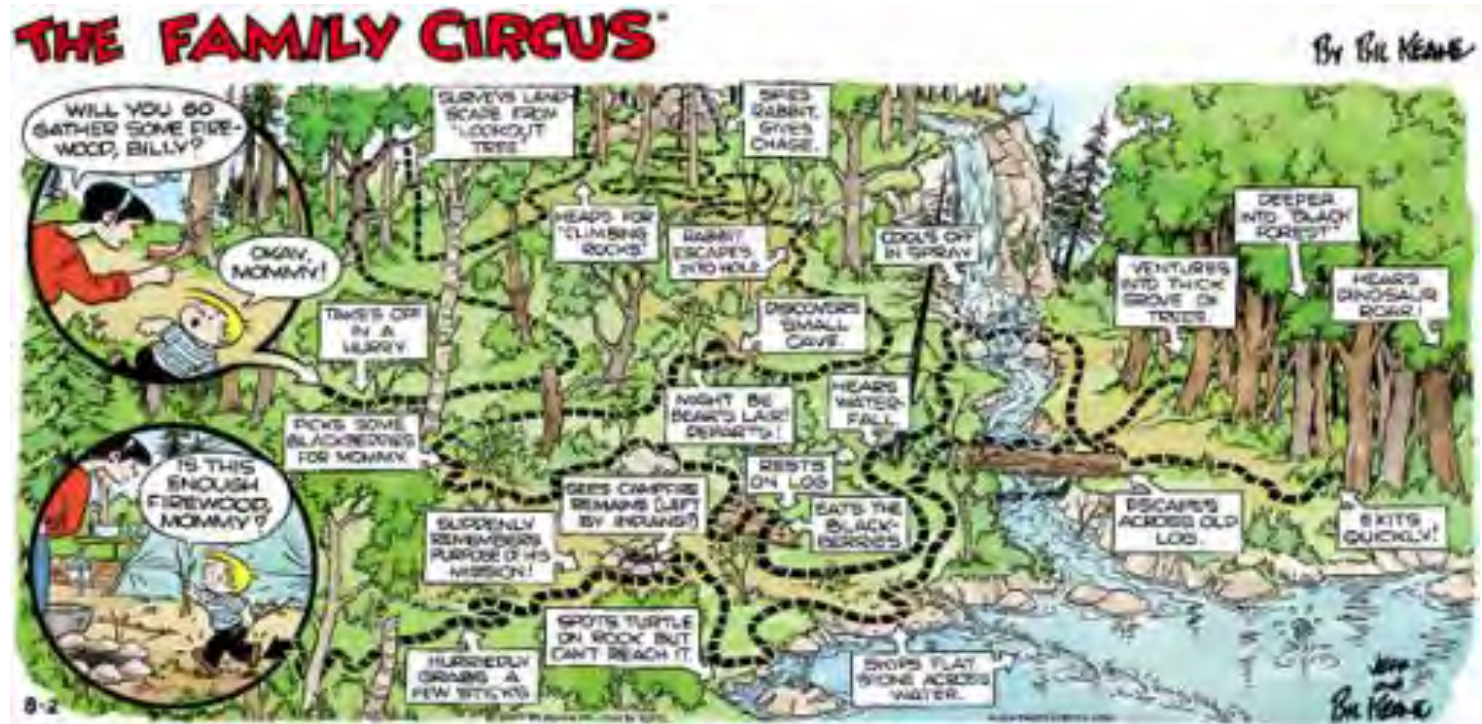
Comic Presentation

Thought bubbles argue for the design

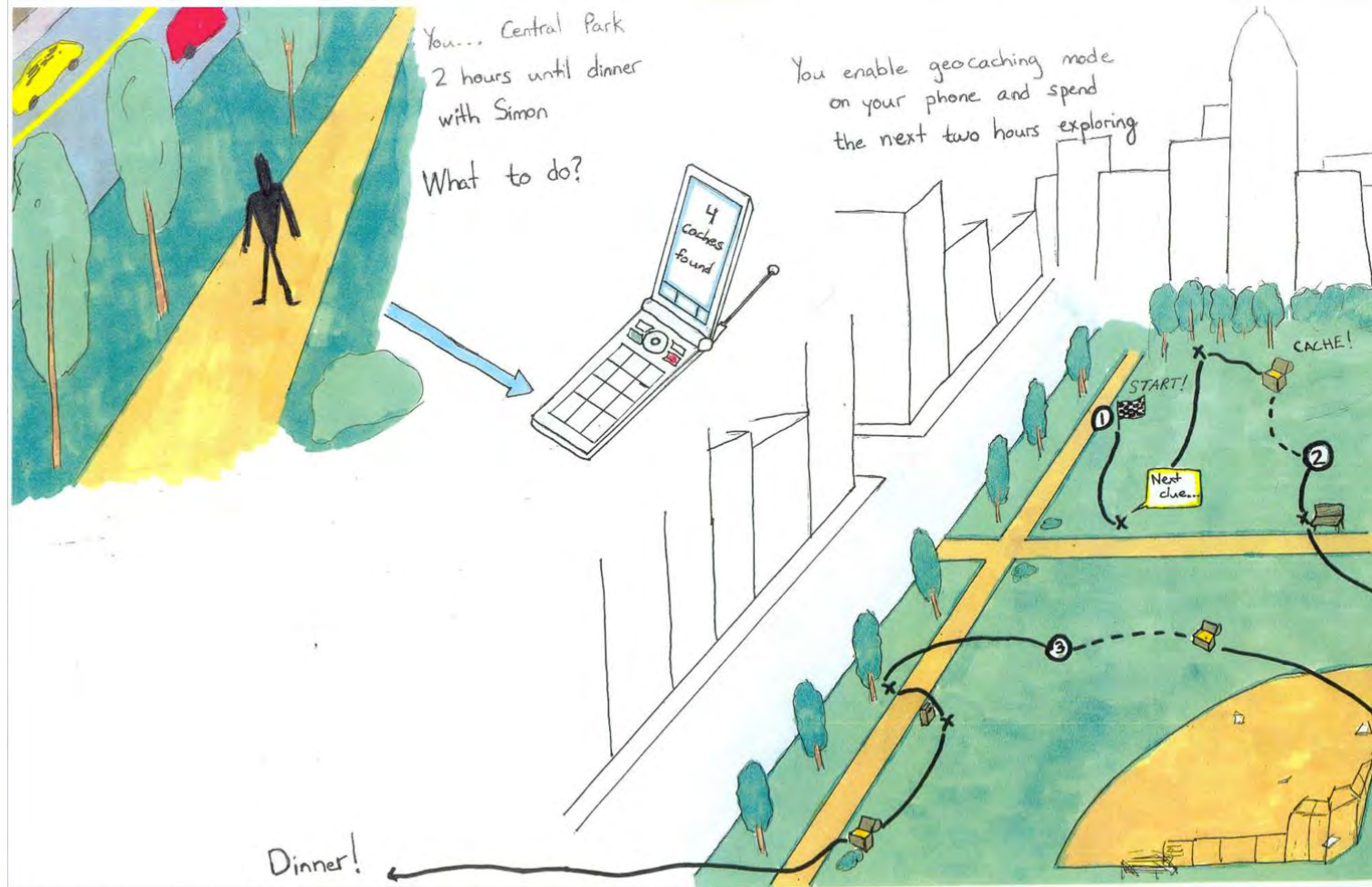


Field trial participants not only reported changing their behavior - reducing single occupant trips by around 10% - but they also told us about encouraging their peers and colleagues to do to same during and after the field trial.

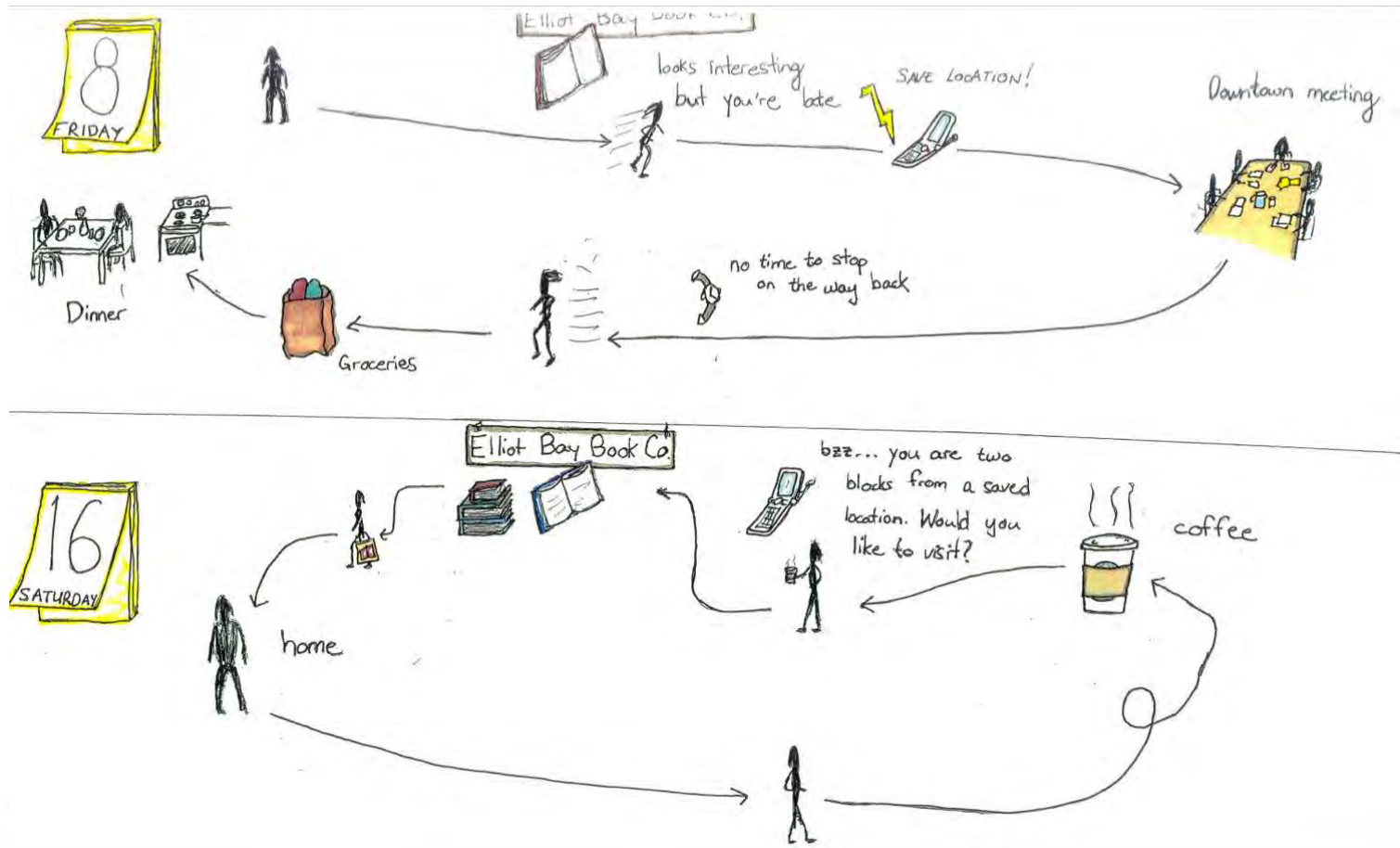
Route Maps



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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 ...



and discuss the
food options with
your friends ...



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



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Value of Animation or Video

Can illustrate critical timing

Can be more engaging than written or storyboard

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

Can show interactive elements more clearly

Can be self-explanatory

If done well, can be an effective pitch



Most Important Trick: Stop Motion



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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

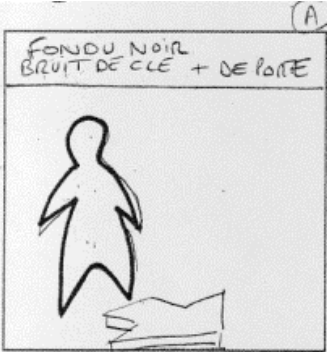
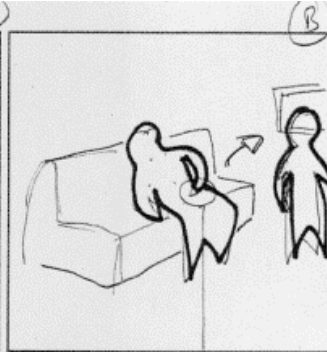
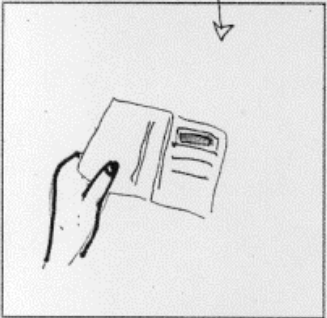
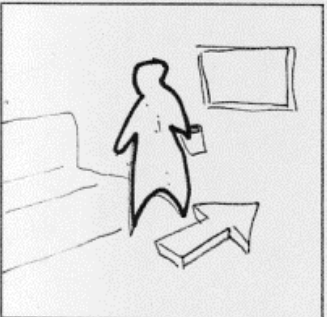
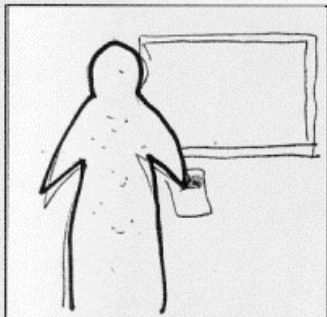
Review ideas from brainstorm

Create text for usage scenarios

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

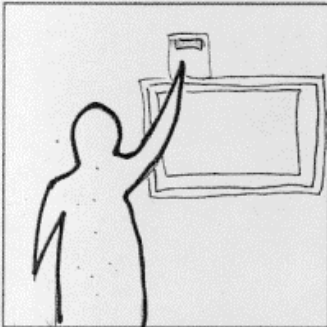
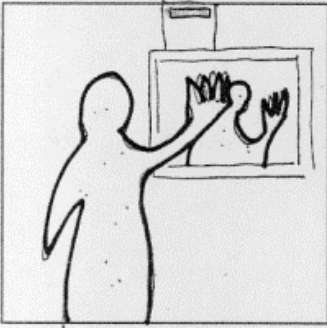




Steps to Create a Video Prototype

<p>(A)</p> <p>FONDU NOIR BRUIT DE CLE + DE PORTE</p> 	<p>(B)</p> 	<p>SCENARIO</p> <p>DECORS MONIQUE'S HOME S'ASSOIE SUR LE CANAPE. CAMERA PORTE FEUILLE DANS LA BUCHE. OBS</p>
		<p>SCENARIO</p> <p>DECORS SORT SON PORTE FEUILLE (...) CAMERA OBS</p>
		<p>SCENARIO</p> <p>DECORS CANAPE → VIDEO PROBE CAMERA OBS</p>



Steps to Create a Video Prototype

	SCENARIO DECORS FEED BACK ECRAN CAMERA OBS
	SCENARIO GRIMACE 1 DECORS CAMERA OBS  VOIR BOUQUIN SHOOTER VUE DE FACE POUR INCRUSTATION
	SCENARIO DECORS GRIMACE 2. CAMERA OBS



Steps to Create a Video Prototype

Shoot a video clip for each storyboard card

Avoid editing in the camera, just shoot your scenes

Use titles to separate clips

Like a silent movie

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

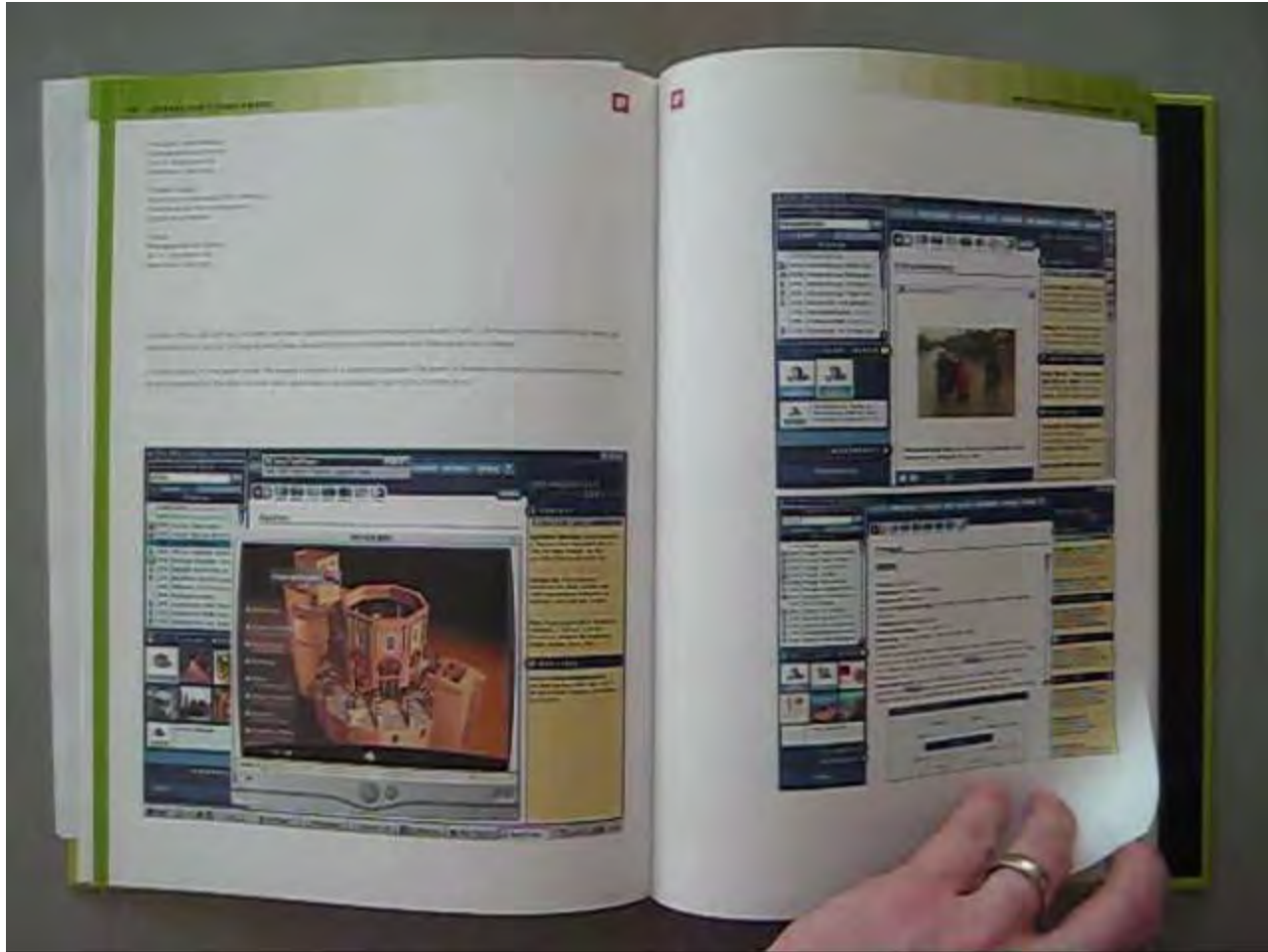
If you make an error, just reshoot it



Prototyping Microsoft Surface



Prototyping Microsoft Surface



Lessons from Prior Video Prototypes

Narration, Pace, and Flair

Three versions of “Don’t Forget”

Using Projectors and Simple Props

“Buddy Map”

Watch for Pace and Scene Relevance

“Consumester”

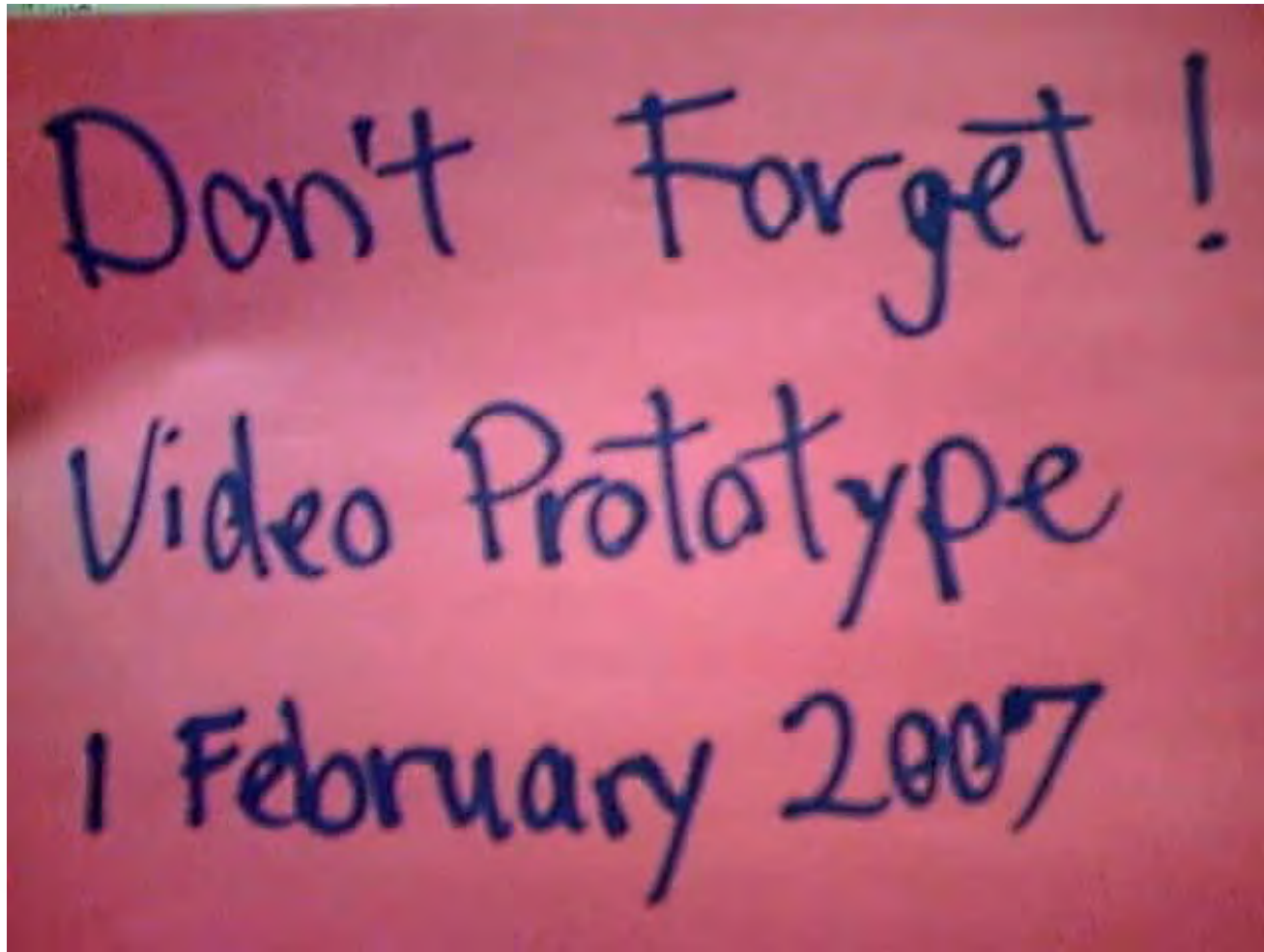


Narration, Pace, and Flair

Don't Forget
by Carolyn Holmes and Fred Potter

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Narration, Pace, and Flair



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

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Using Projectors and Simple Props

Team Buddy Map

Backcountry Savior

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

Watch for Pace and Scene Relevance

Consumester

Video Prototype

Lessons from Prior Video Prototypes

Split Presentation, Simple Effects

“PickUp”

Still-Frame, More Effects

“Graffiti Karma”



Split Presentation, Simple Effects

Daniel Swisher
Ian Crofoot

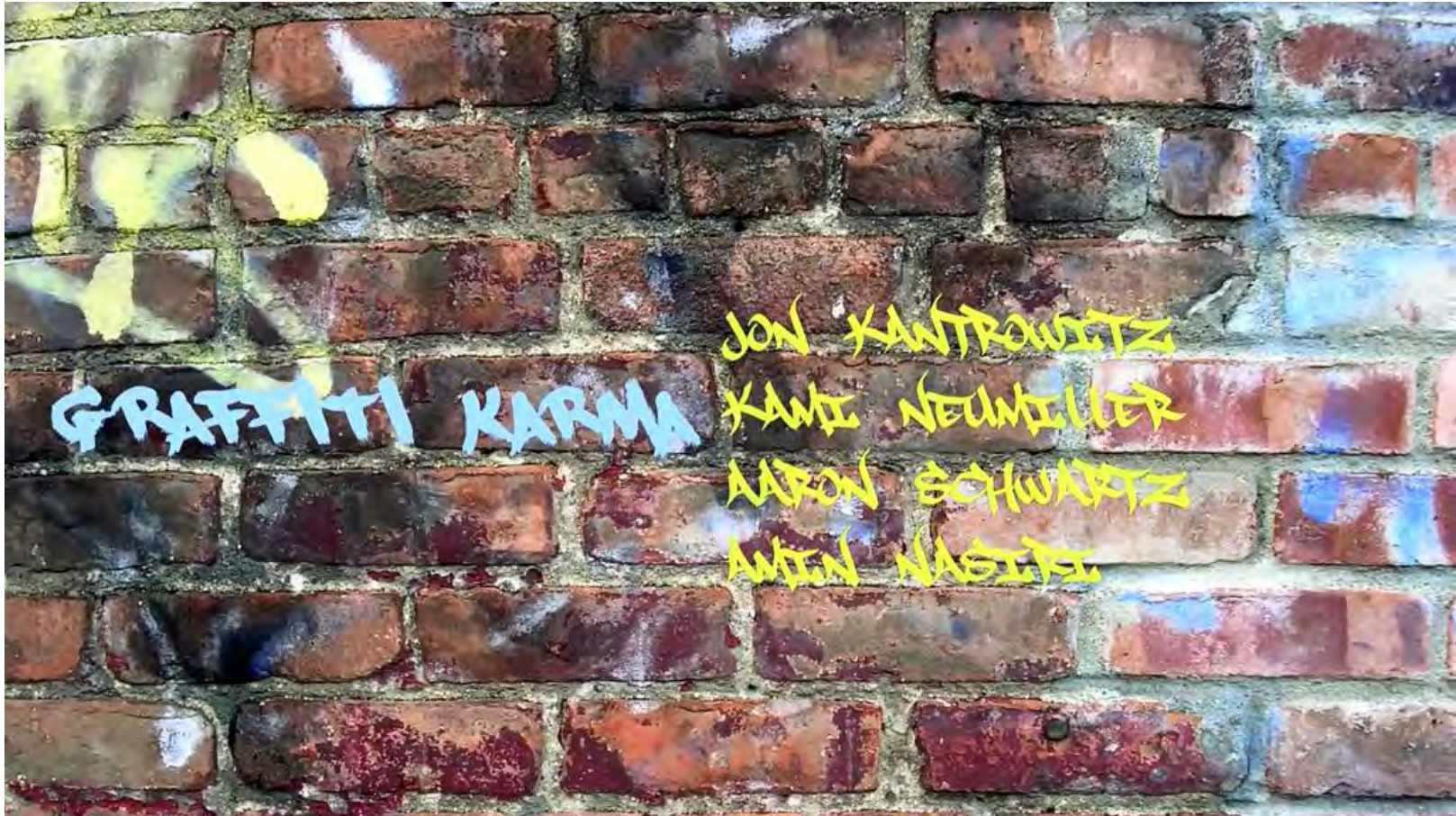
Mitchell Ishimitsu
Sunil Garg

PickUp

It's more than a game It's a community

CSE 440 Video Prototype

Still-Frame, More Effects



Lessons from Prior Video Prototypes

Scenario with a Contrast

“ParkSmart” (note that screens are static images)

Playful while Keeping Pace

“Plantr”



Scenario with a Contrast



ParkSmart
VIDEO PROTOTYPE

Playful while Keeping Pace



Range of Purposes

Illustrating Low-Level Techniques

Microsoft Surface examples convey timing

Illustrate Designs

Focus in this course

High-Level Visions

StarFire, Knowledge Navigator, A Day Made of Glass



Sun's "Starfire" (1994)



Apple's "Knowledge Navigator" (1987)



Knowledge Navigator



Corning's "A Day Made of Glass" (2011)



LuciaMug Sketch: A Contrast



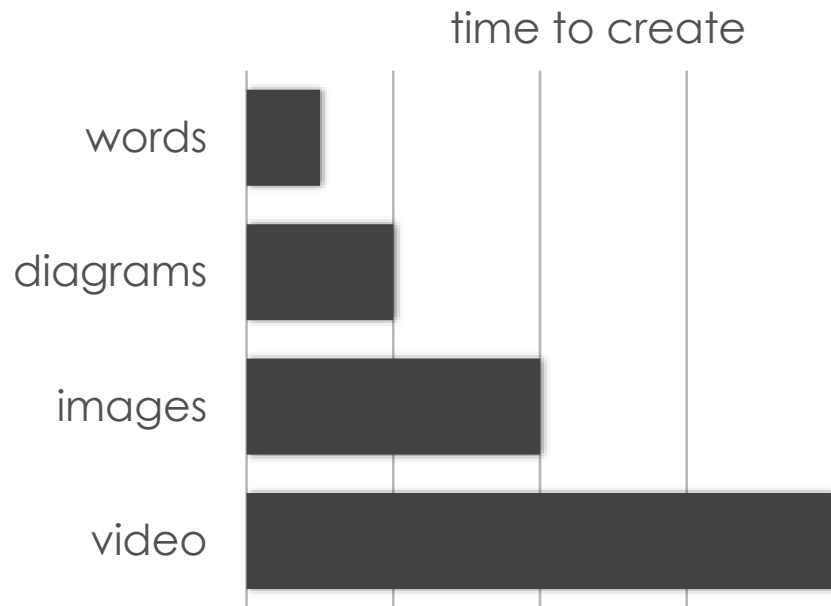
FLUIDUM



FLUIDUM



Fidelity Takes Times: Stay Low Fidelity



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

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

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



Summary

Think about your audience

Think about your time constraints

Think about how much you want to tell

Think about options for presenting your story



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Today

Milestones

Design Review (“1x2”) Due Tonight

Getting the Right Design Due Tuesday

Presentations Start Thursday

Class

HCI History

Design Feedback

Why do we do HCI in CSE?

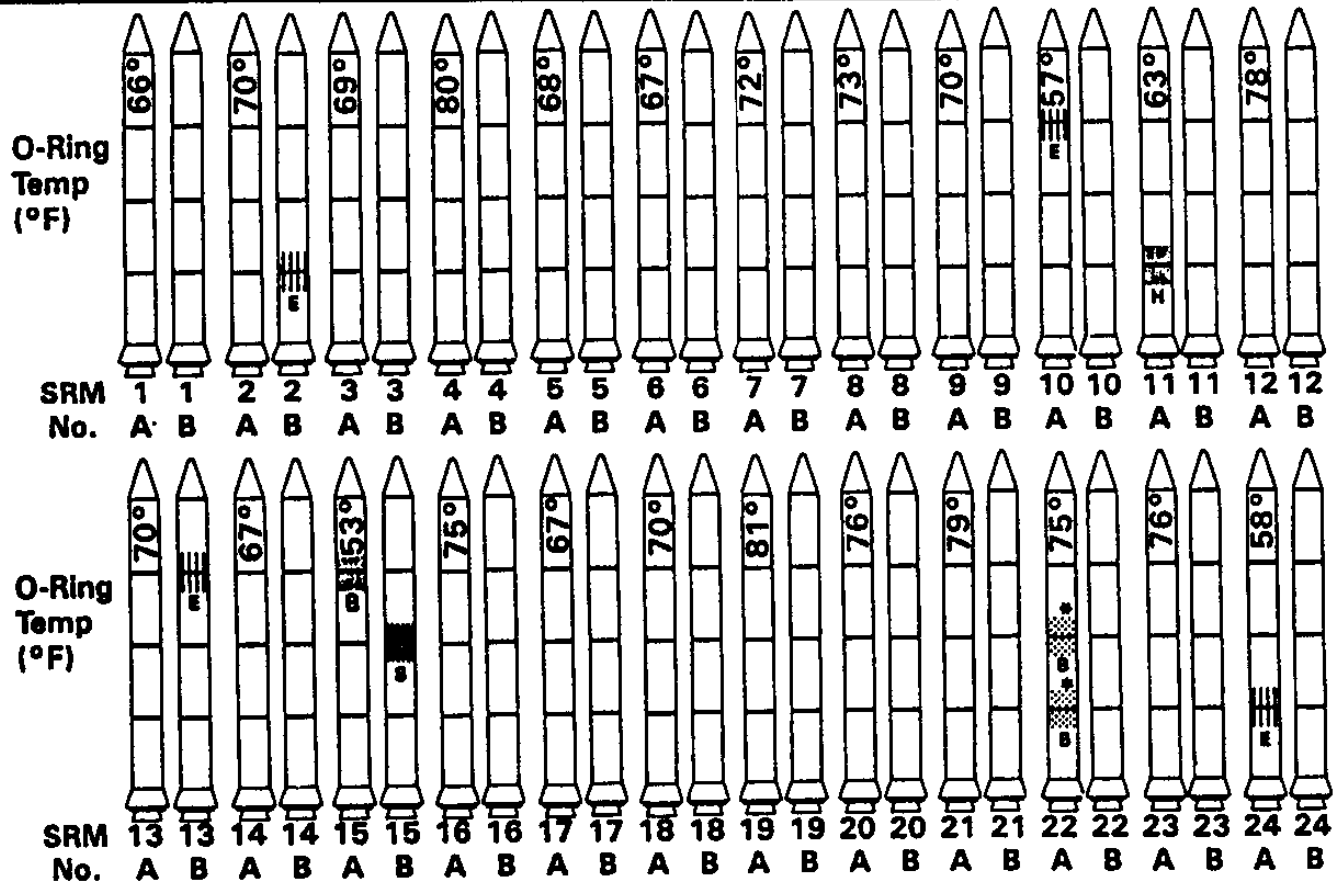
Every engineering discipline includes the study of breakdowns and the design of improved solutions that address those breakdowns

Tacoma Narrows



O-Rings

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



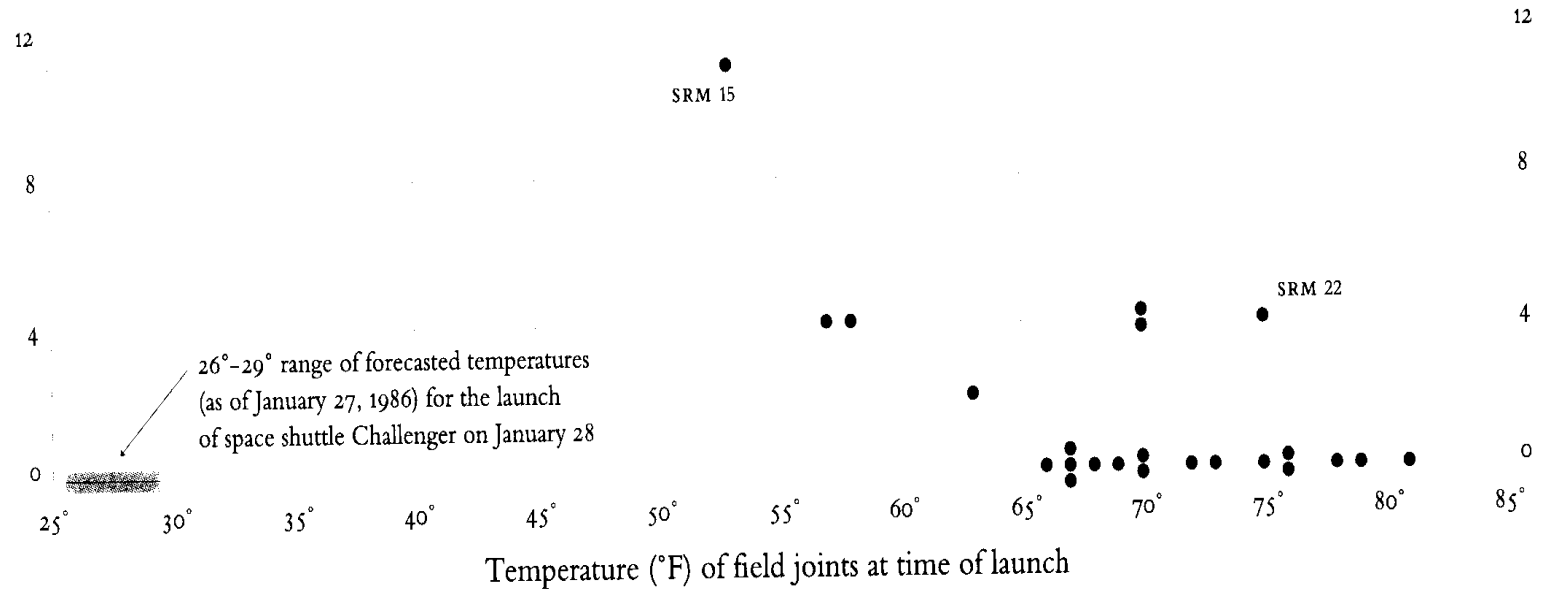
MORTON THIOKOL, INC.
Wasatch Operations

* No Erosion

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AND CANNOT BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE WITHOUT THE ORAL DISCUSSION

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

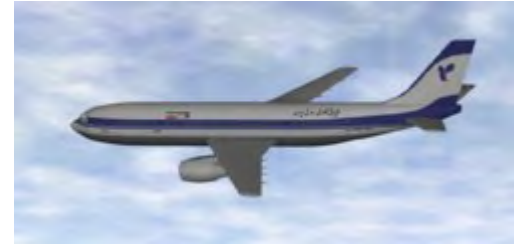
(pilots are crashing planes)

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

(ask me about Grudin article if you're 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.

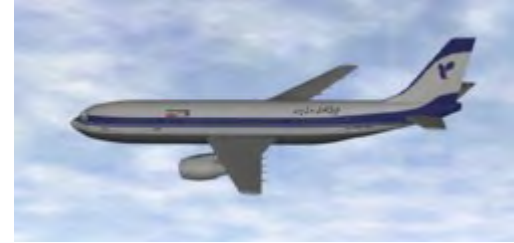


In 1988, the crew of the *USS Vincennes* Combat Information Center confusingly reported the plane as ascending and descending at the same time (there were two "camps").



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.



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

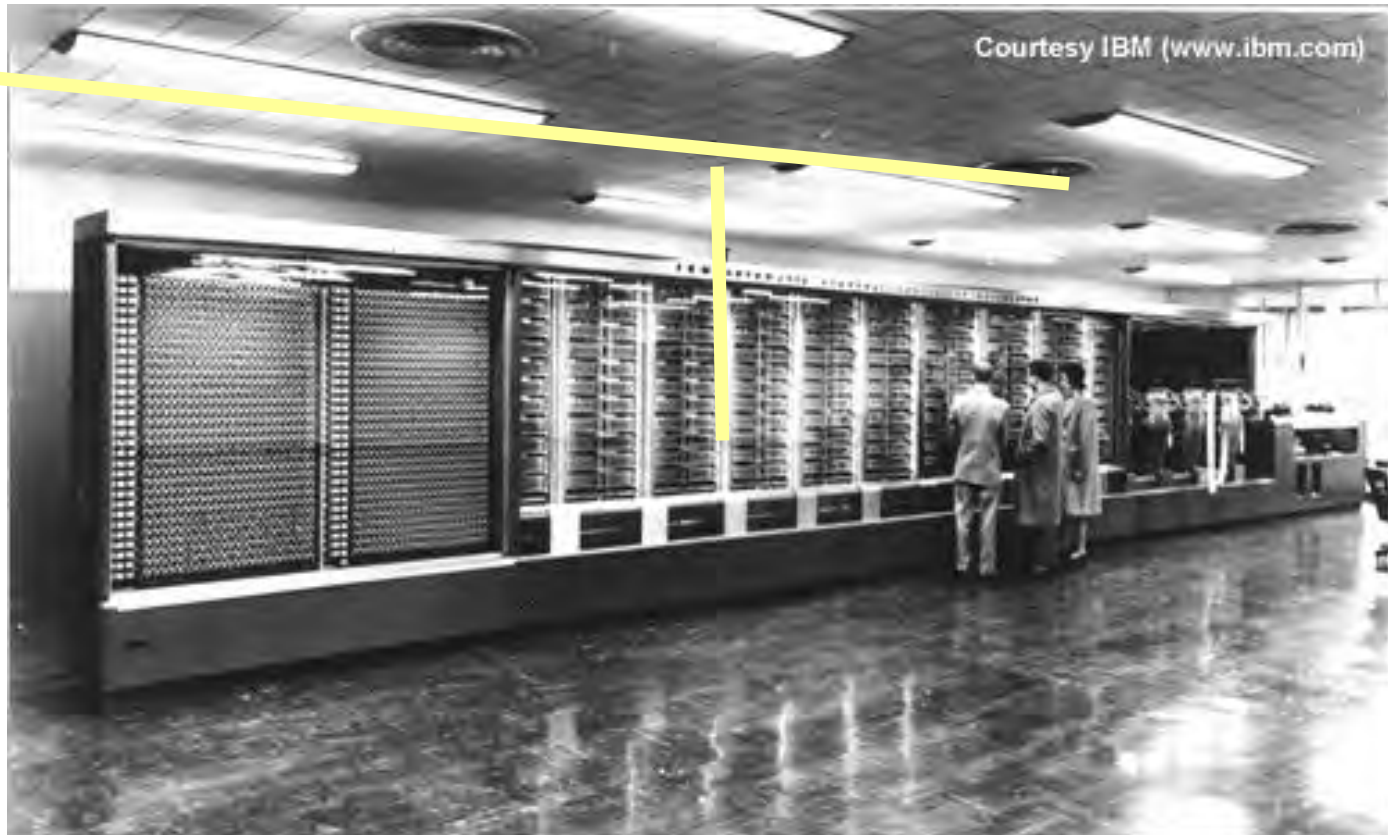
This study must include computer scientists, as we are the ones creating the technology

A History Question

Who invented hypertext? When?

Computing in 1945

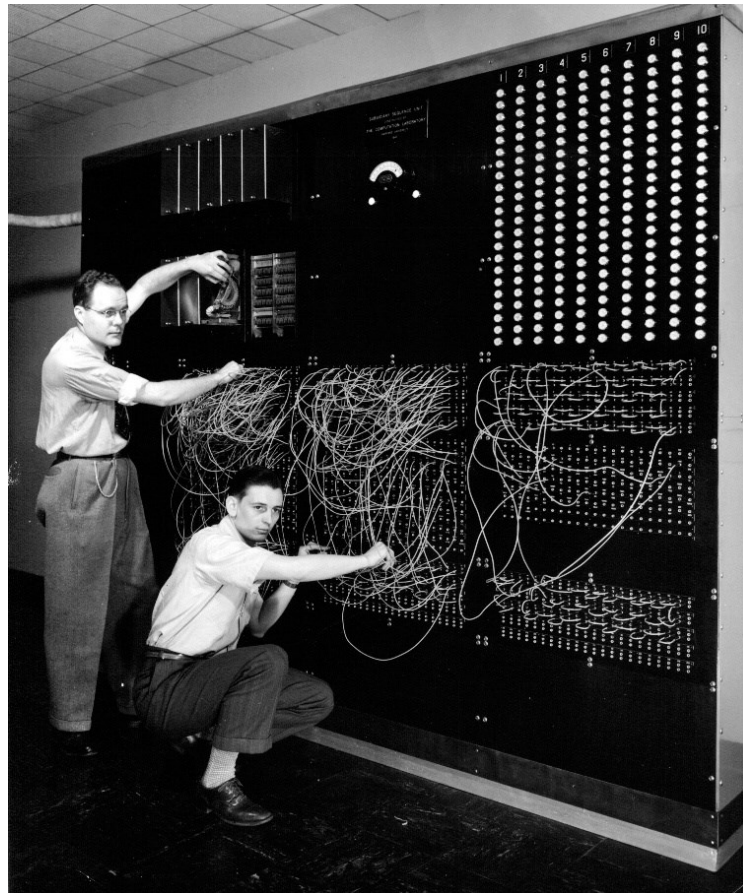
Harvard Mark I, 55 feet long, 8 feet high, 5 tons



The Harvard Mark I

Computing in 1945

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Computing in 1945

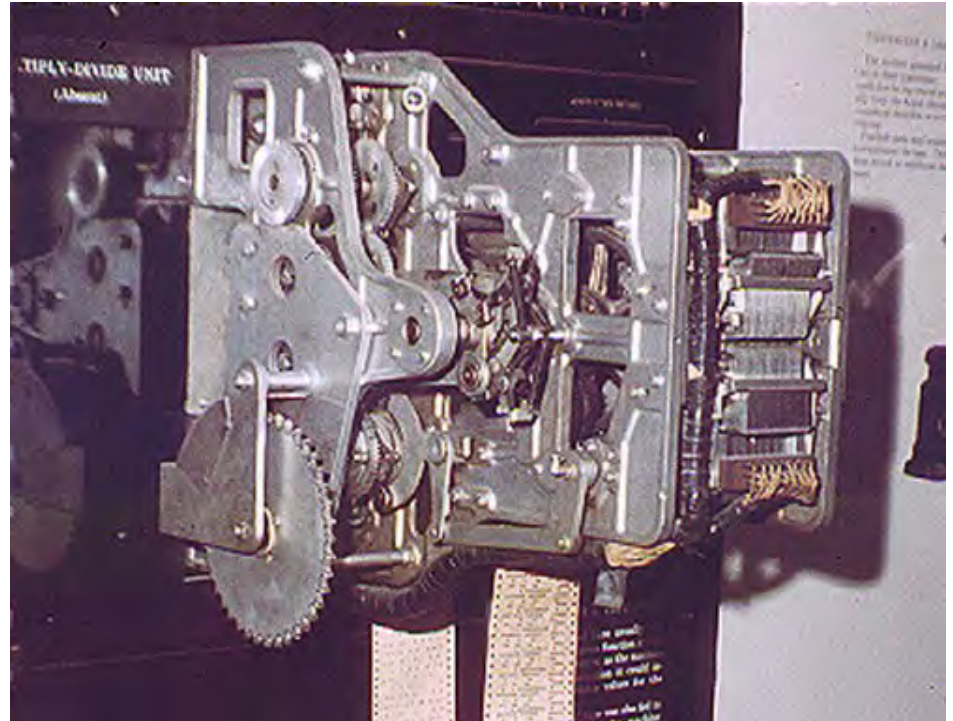
Ballistics calculations

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



1100 Started Cosine Tape (Sine check)
1525 Started Multi-Adder Test.

1545



Relay #70 Panel F
(moth) in relay.

~~1630~~ 1630 exchanger started.
1700 closed down.

A Little About Vannevar Bush

Name rhymes with “Beaver”

Faculty member at MIT

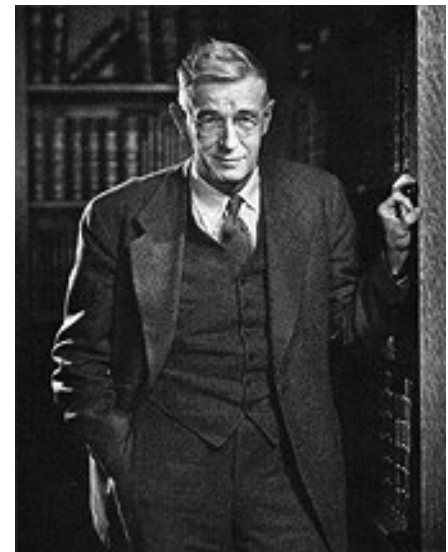
Coordinated WWII effort
with 6000 US scientists

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

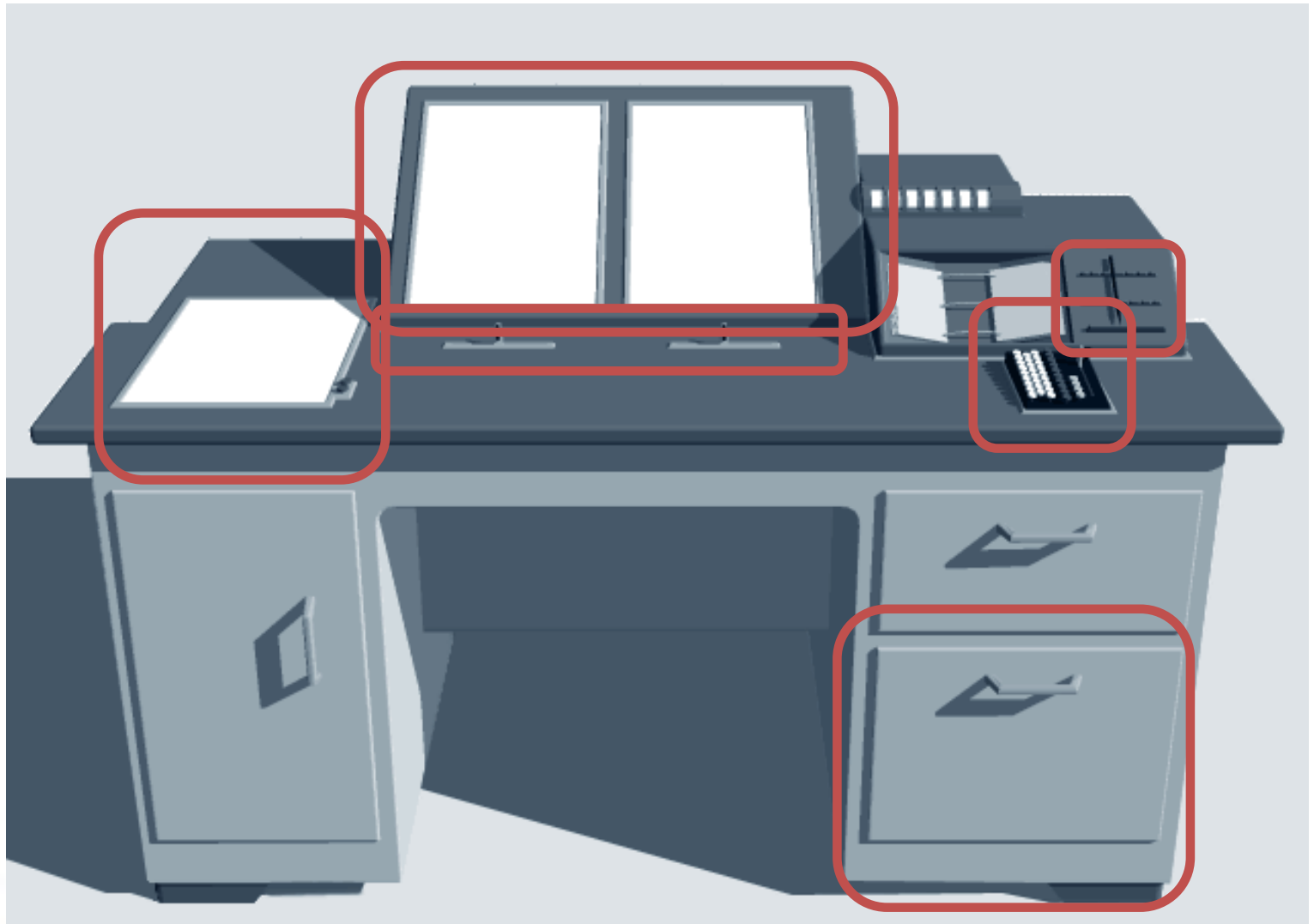
“It would be a brave man who would predict that such a process will always remain clumsy, slow, and faulty in detail.”

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



On January 24th,
Apple Computer will introduce
Macintosh.
And you'll see why 1984
won't be like "1984"

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

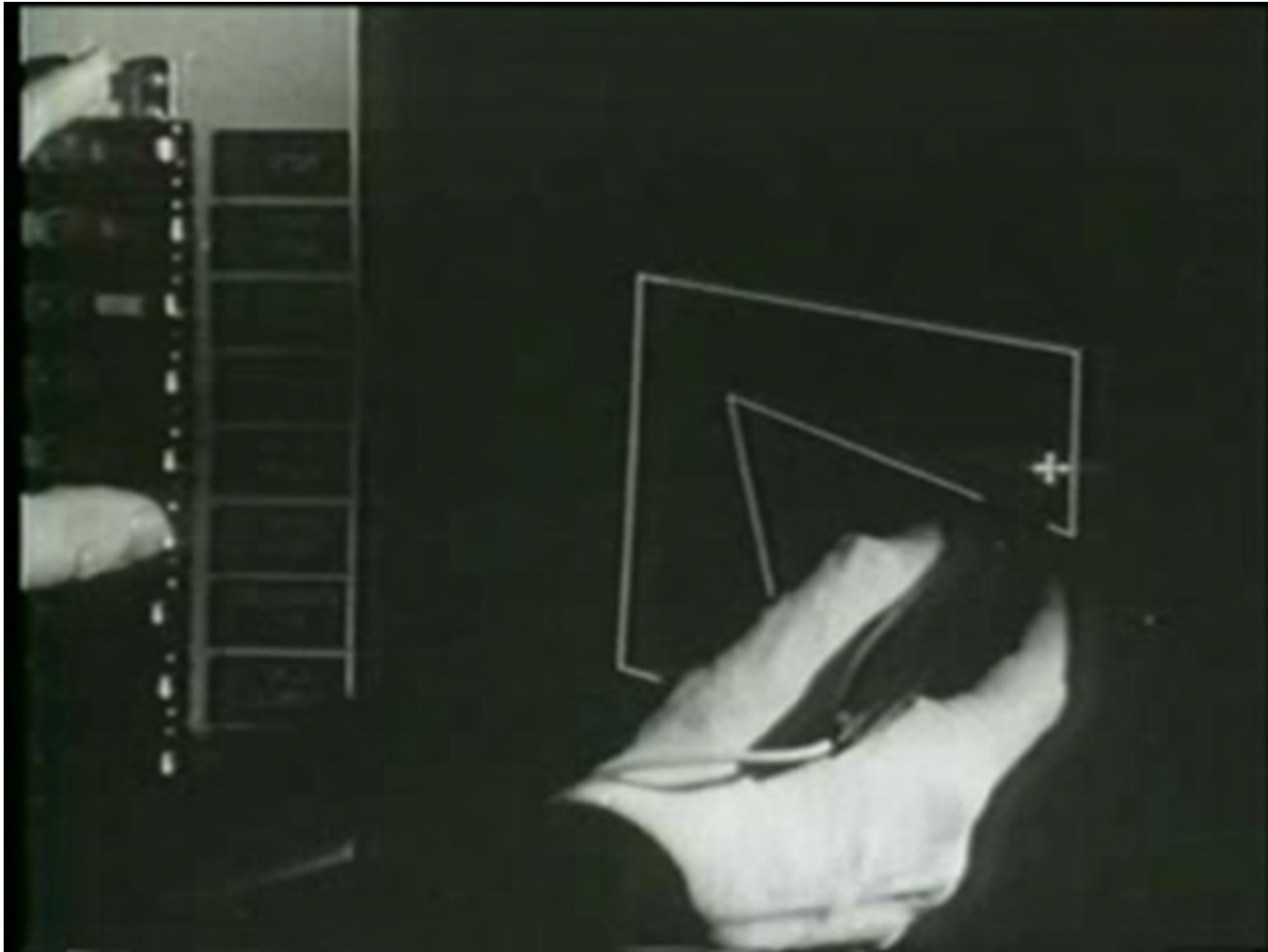
NLS

GRAIL

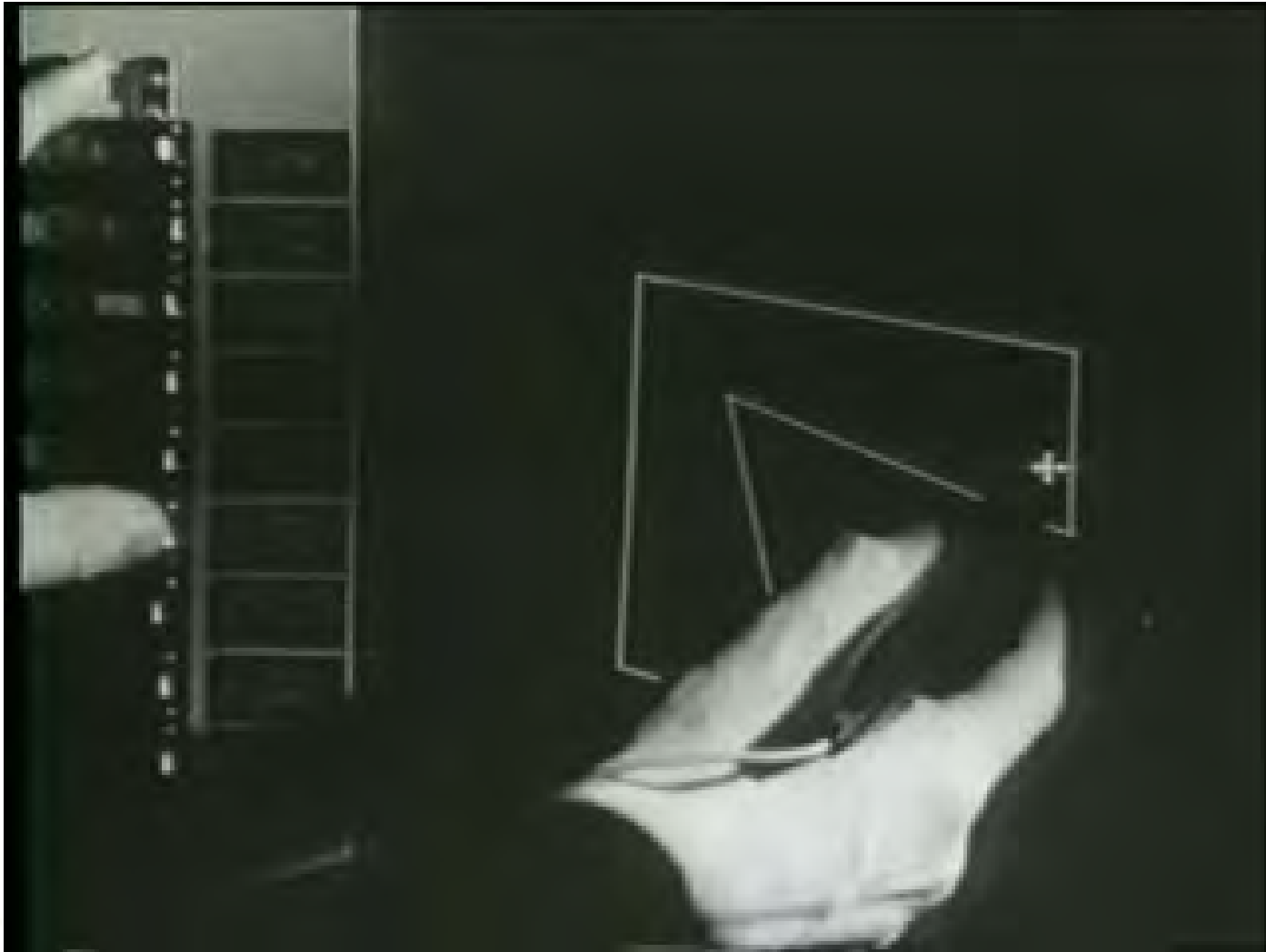
Dynabook

<http://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse440/videos/history/AlanKay1987.m4v>

Ivan Sutherland's Sketchpad



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Ivan Sutherland's Sketchpad

When do we think this was done?



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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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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When do we think this was done?

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When do we think this was done? 1968

Invention of the mouse

First working hypertext system

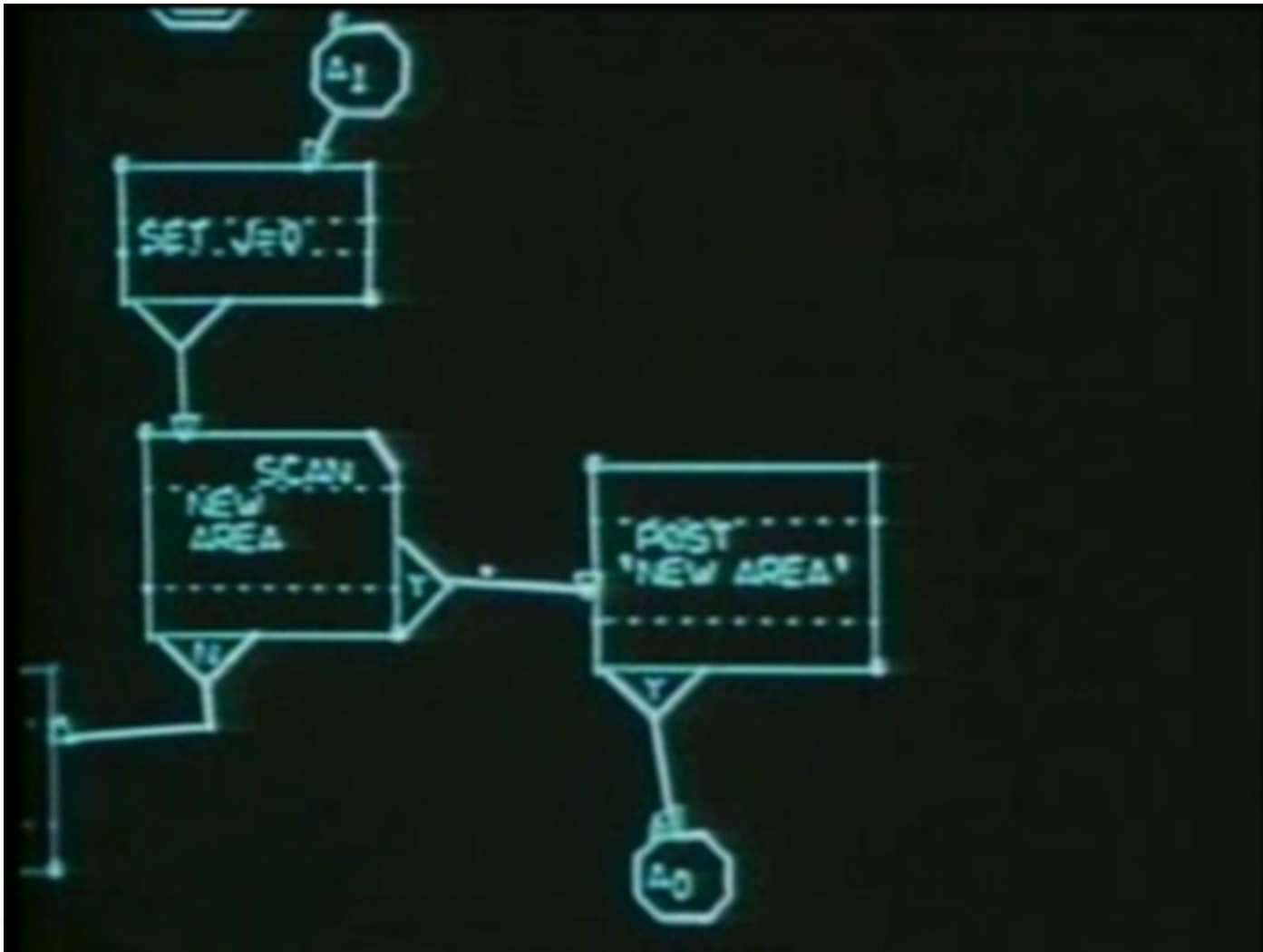
Chording keyboard to reduce hand movement

Remote collaboration

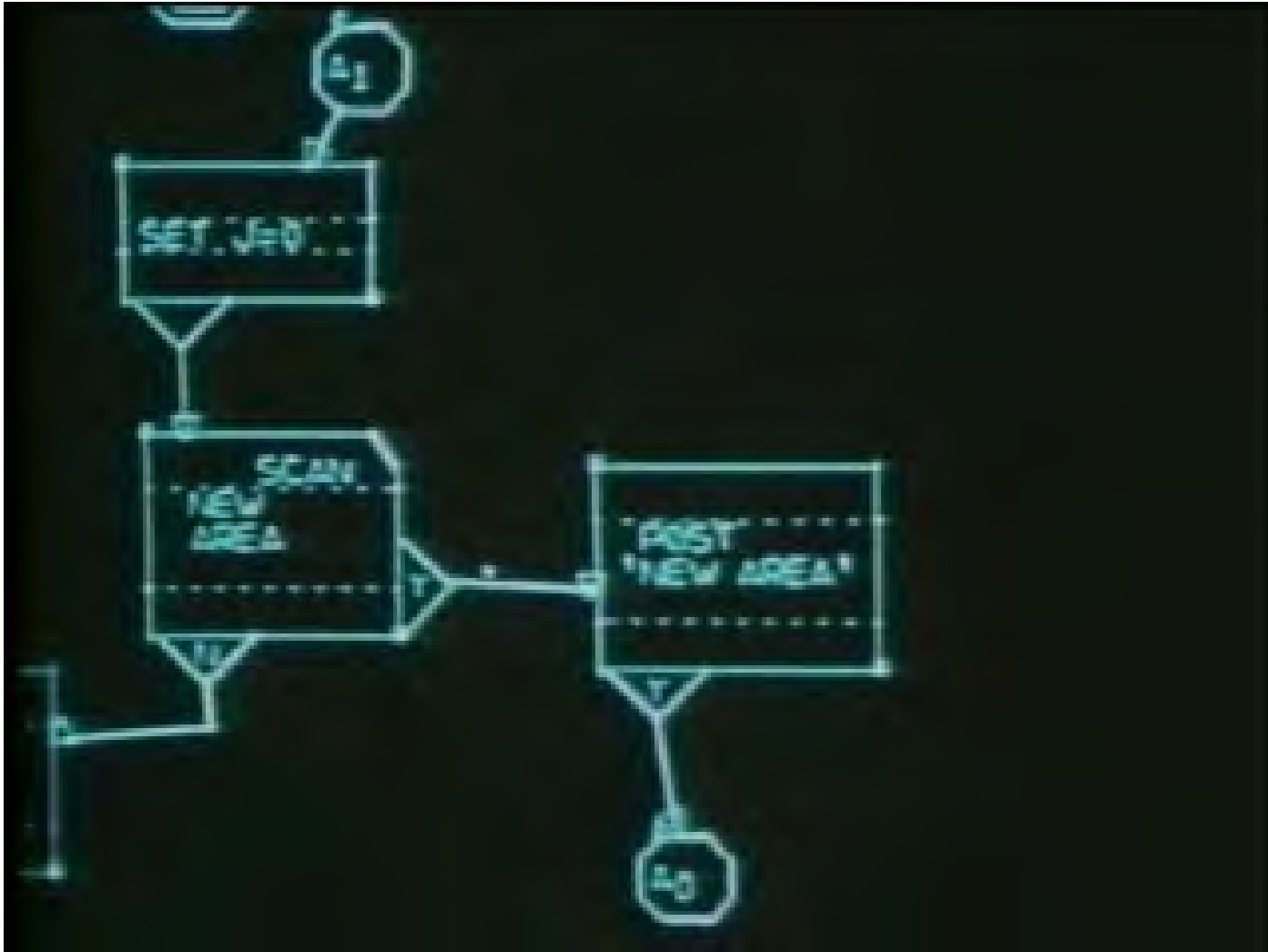
Analog Mouse leads to heavy mousing

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

GRAIL



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



Dynabook



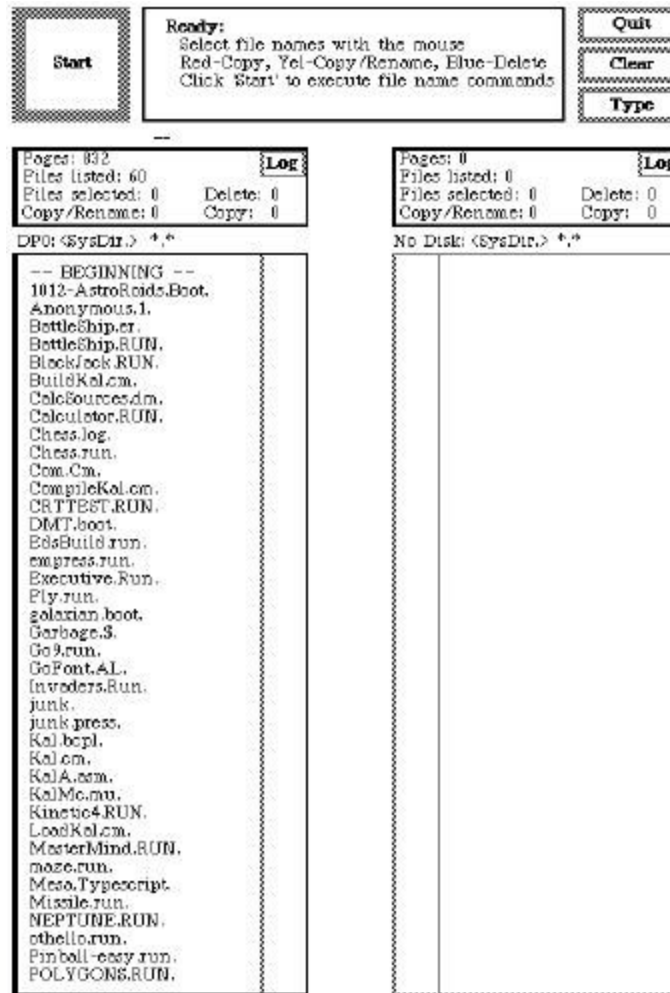
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Xerox Star



Xerox Star

XEROX 5085 Workstation
User-Interface Design

To make it easy to compose text and graphics in an electronic filing, printing, and routing all in the same workstation, requires a consistently user interface design.

Bit-map display. Even if the pixels on the 19" screen is mapped to a bit is necessary, then, semantically complex images can be displayed. The 5085 displays all texts and graphics as they will be printed. In addition, familiar office objects such as documents, folders, file drawers and lockers are portrayed as recognizable images.

The mouse (A unique pointing device that allows the user to quickly select any text, graphic or office object on the display.

See and Point

All functions are visible to the user on the keyboard or on the screen. The user does filing and retrieval by selecting them with the mouse and reading the screen. Data is entered on screen and keys. Text and graphics are edited with the same keys.

Printer Production Time

Experience at Xerox with printings with statistics has shown shorter production times and that fewer errors, as a function of the percentage of use of the workstation. The following equation can be used to approximate this:

Table 1: Percentages of use of methods

Year	See and Point	Other
1978	85.2	14.8
1980	41.1	58.9
1982	85	15
1984	70	30
1985	70	30
1986	5	95

Activity under the old and the new

Figure 1: Data from Table 1

Workstation usage percentage

Table 1 and illustrated in Figure 1 (0% users are likely to do no transcription and layout; most users including printing and editing).

Text and Graphics

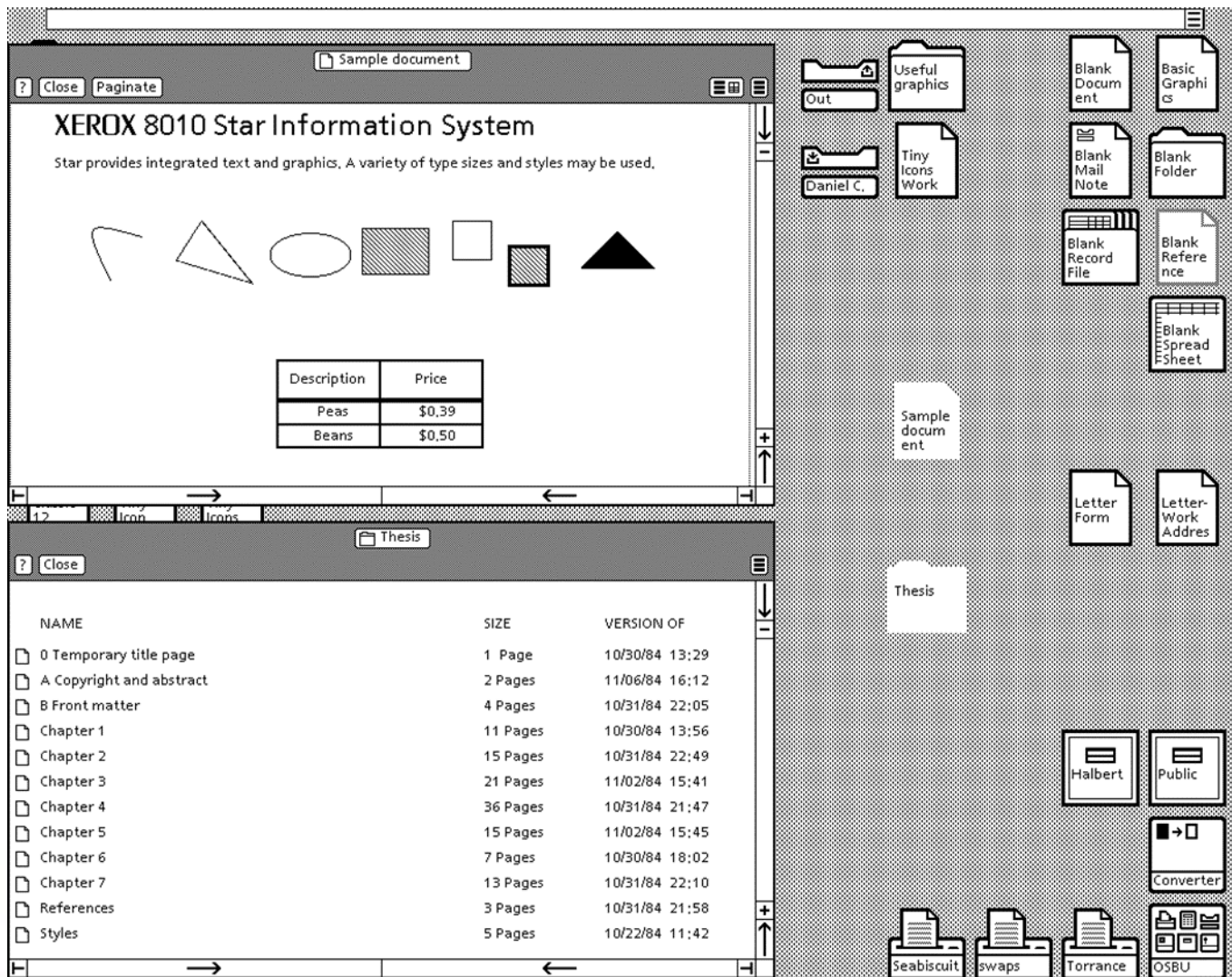
To replicate typesetting, the 5085 offers a choice of type faces and sizes. It is 4 units to 36-point text. It is a feature of 12-point text:

- 18-point text.
- 24-point text.
- 36-point text.

File Manager: DOS & Lotus data, Files, Redisplay

NAME	EXTENSION	SIZE	DATE
COMMAND	COM	22677	15-11-84
APP1	DAT	2656	18-11-84
ASIGN	COM	764	18-11-84
ATTEND	EXE	15661	18-11-84
BACKUP	COM	12024	28-11-84
CHMOD	COM	3470	28-11-84
CHMOD	COM	4520	27-11-84
FOCUS	COM	3618	10-11-84
DEBUG	EXE	15344	19-11-84

Xerox Star



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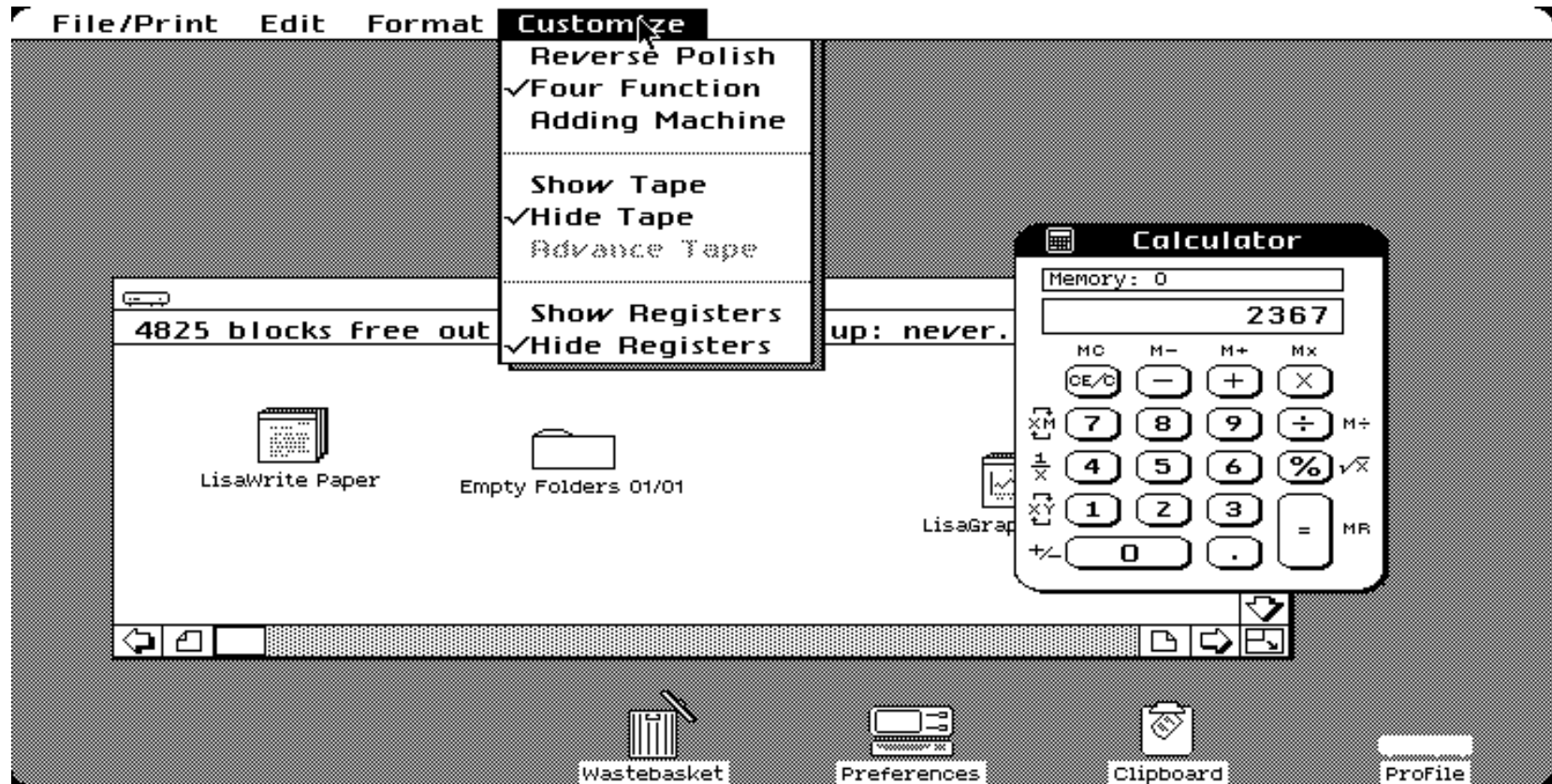
XEROX STAR 1981

Apple Lisa 1981

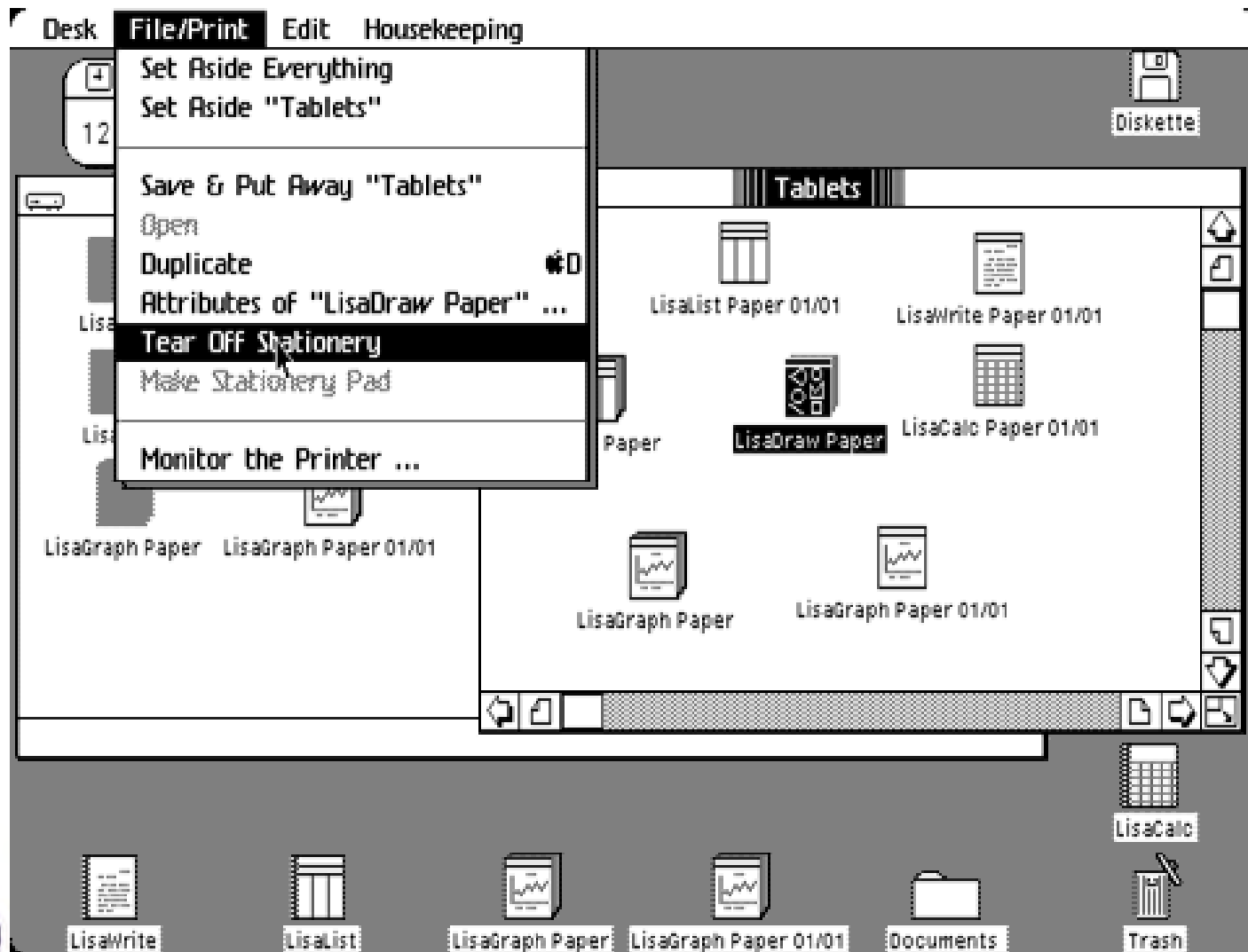
Apple Lisa



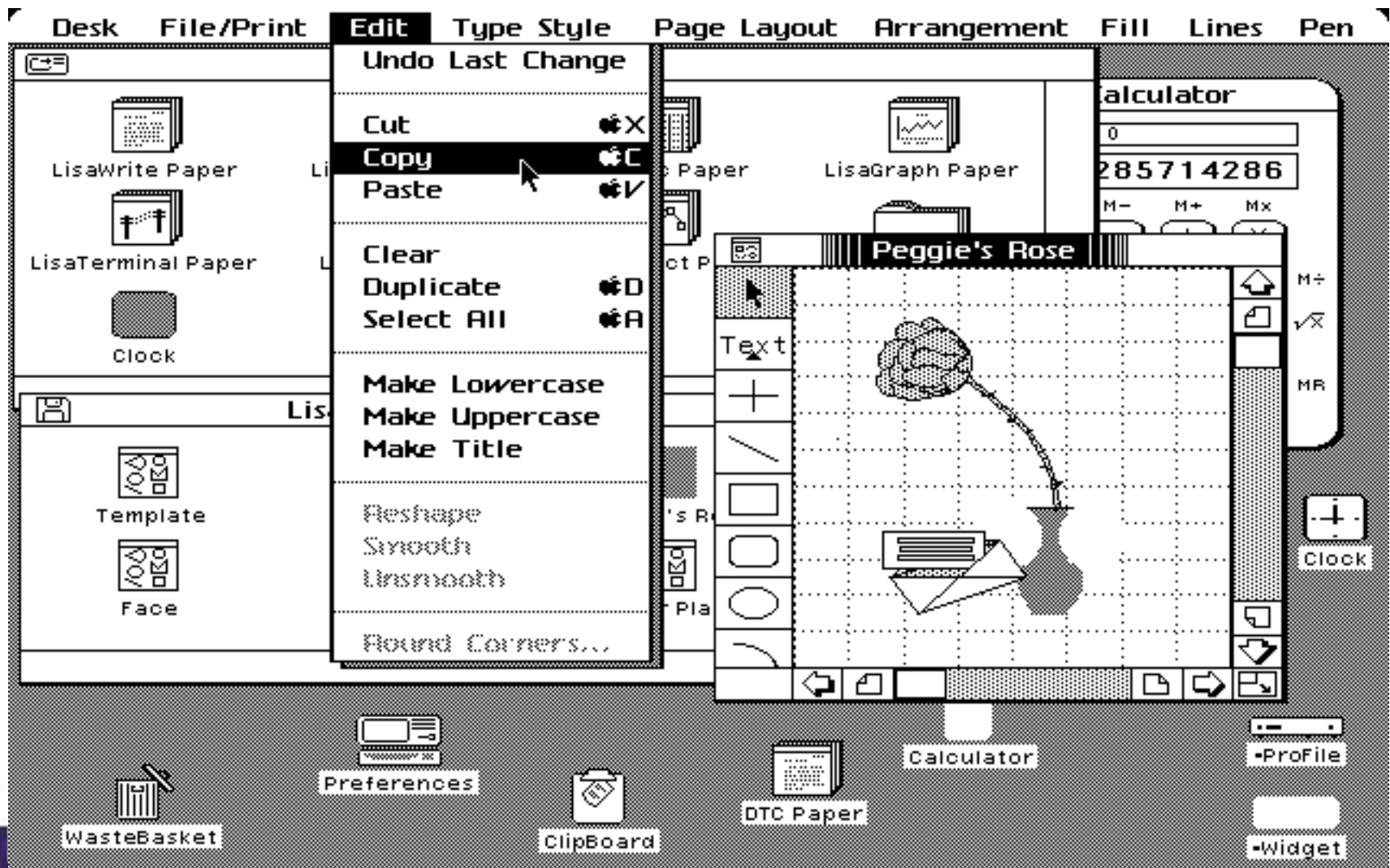
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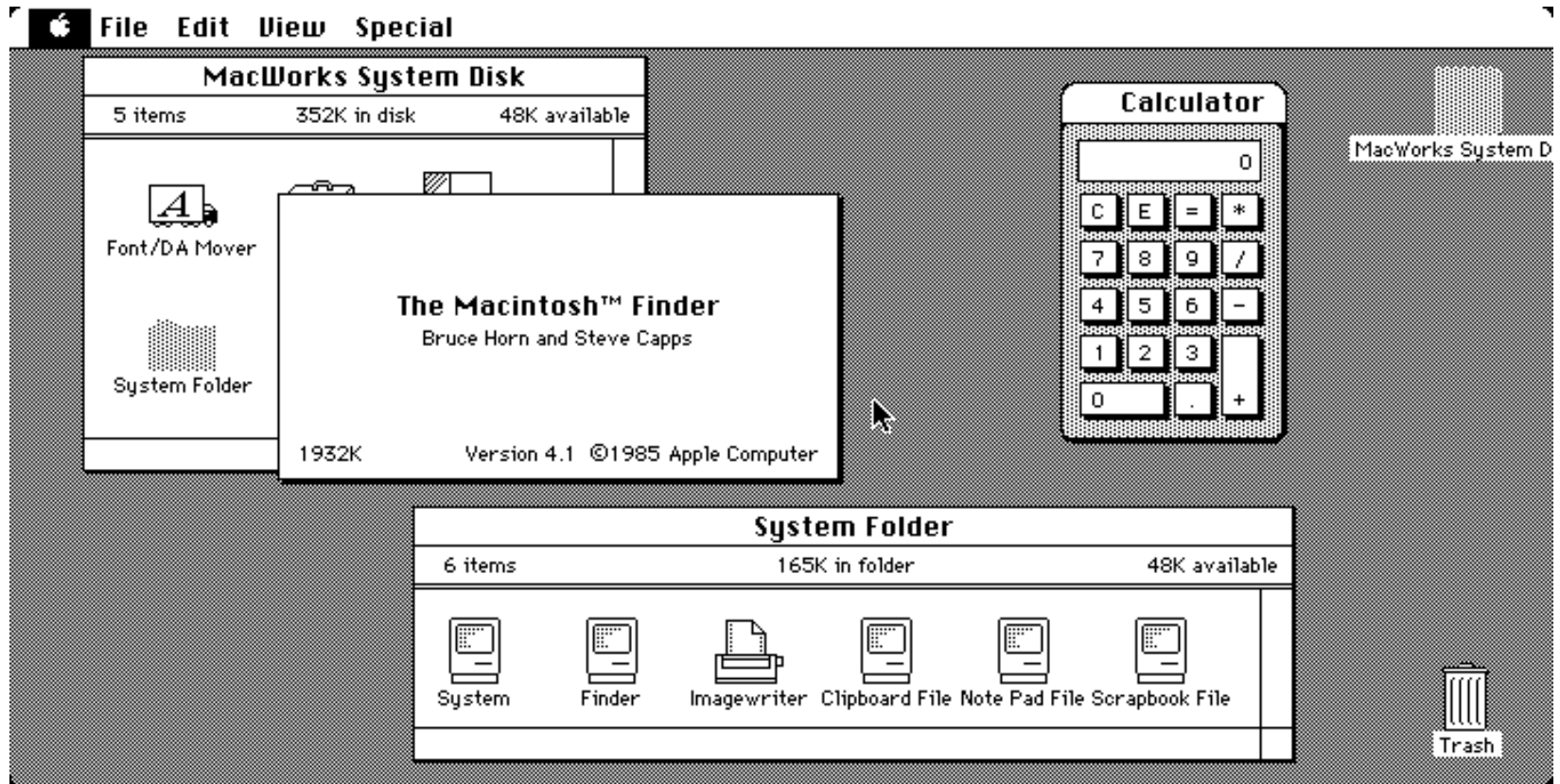
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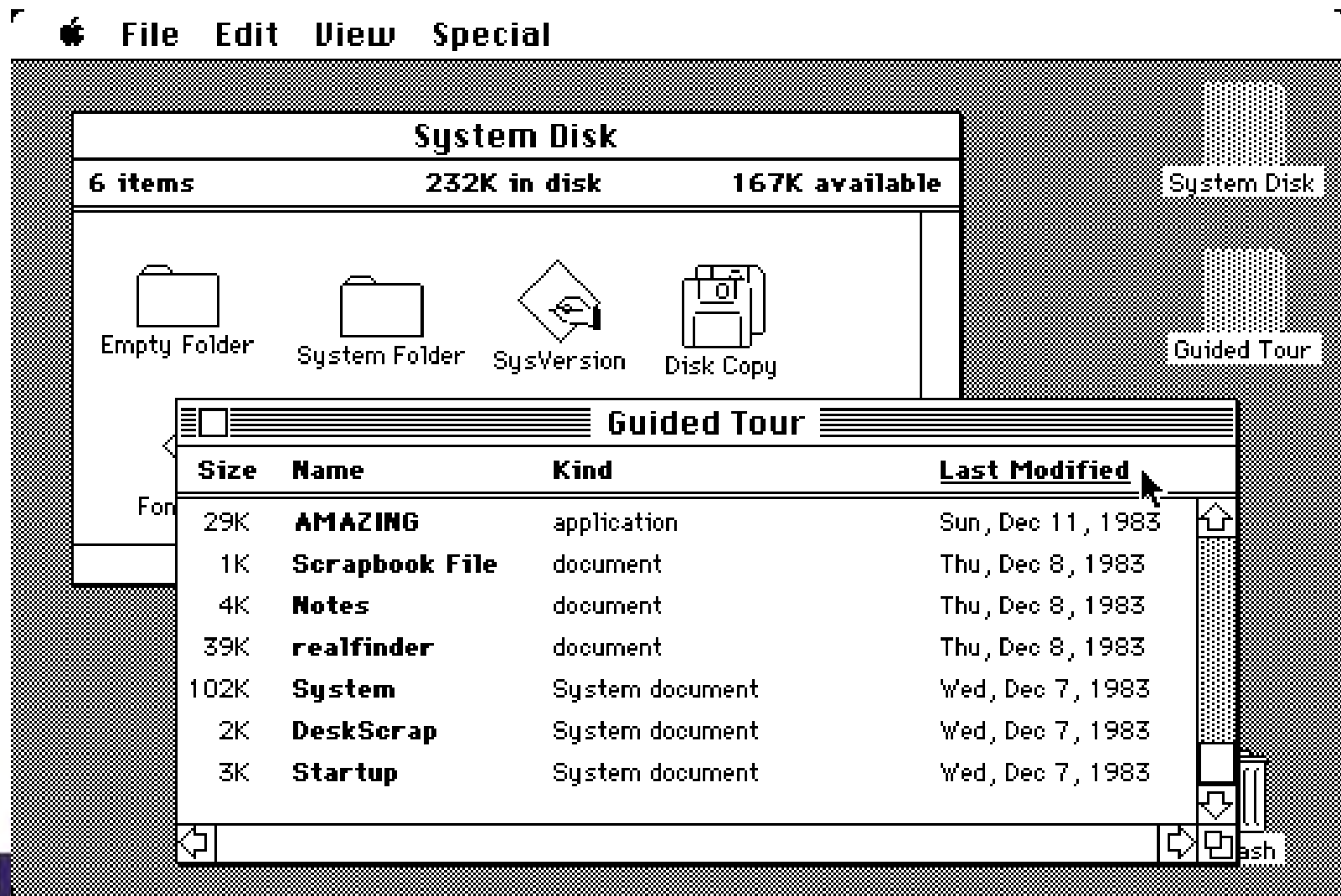
Macintosh



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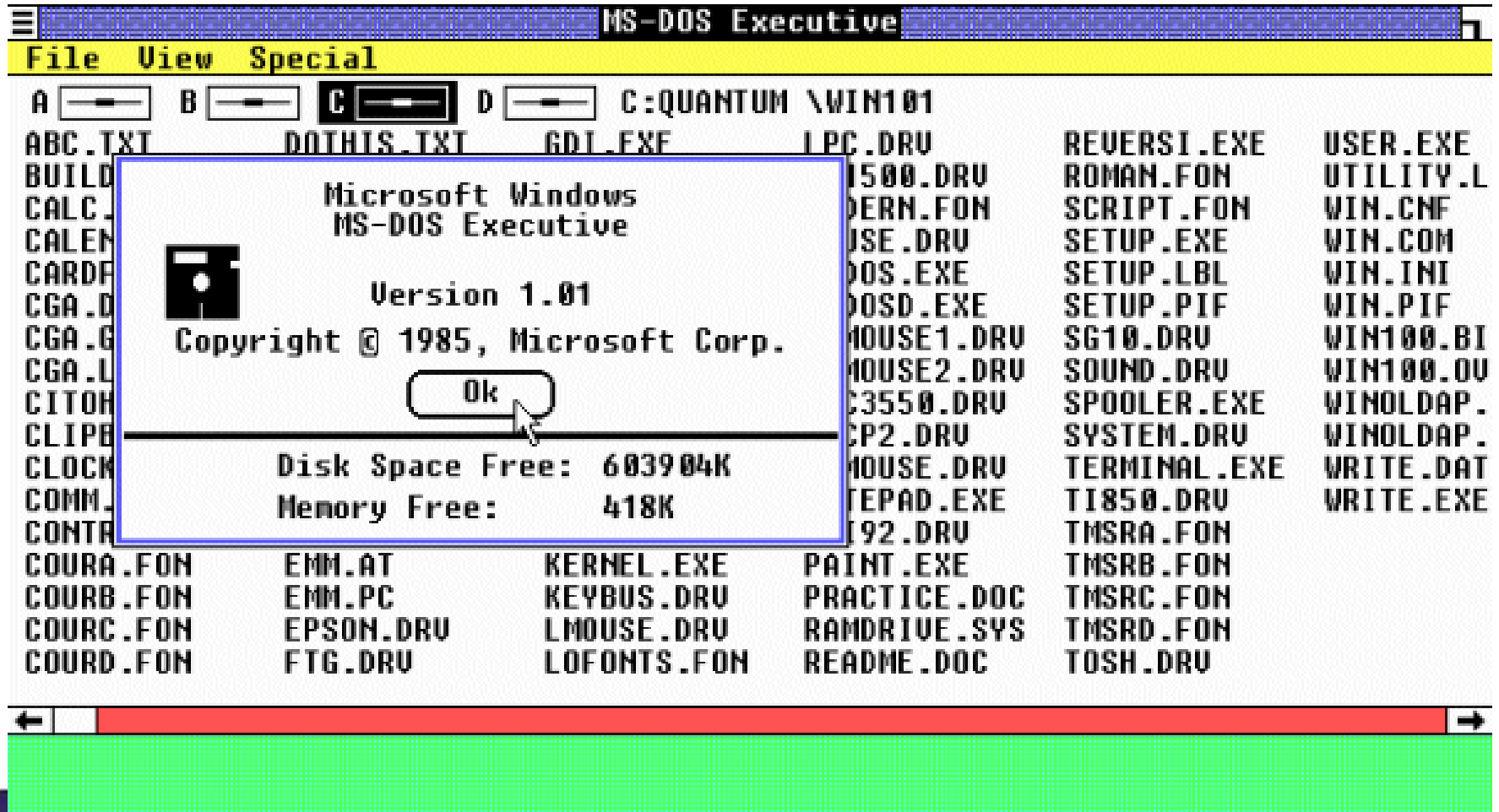
XEROX STAR 1981

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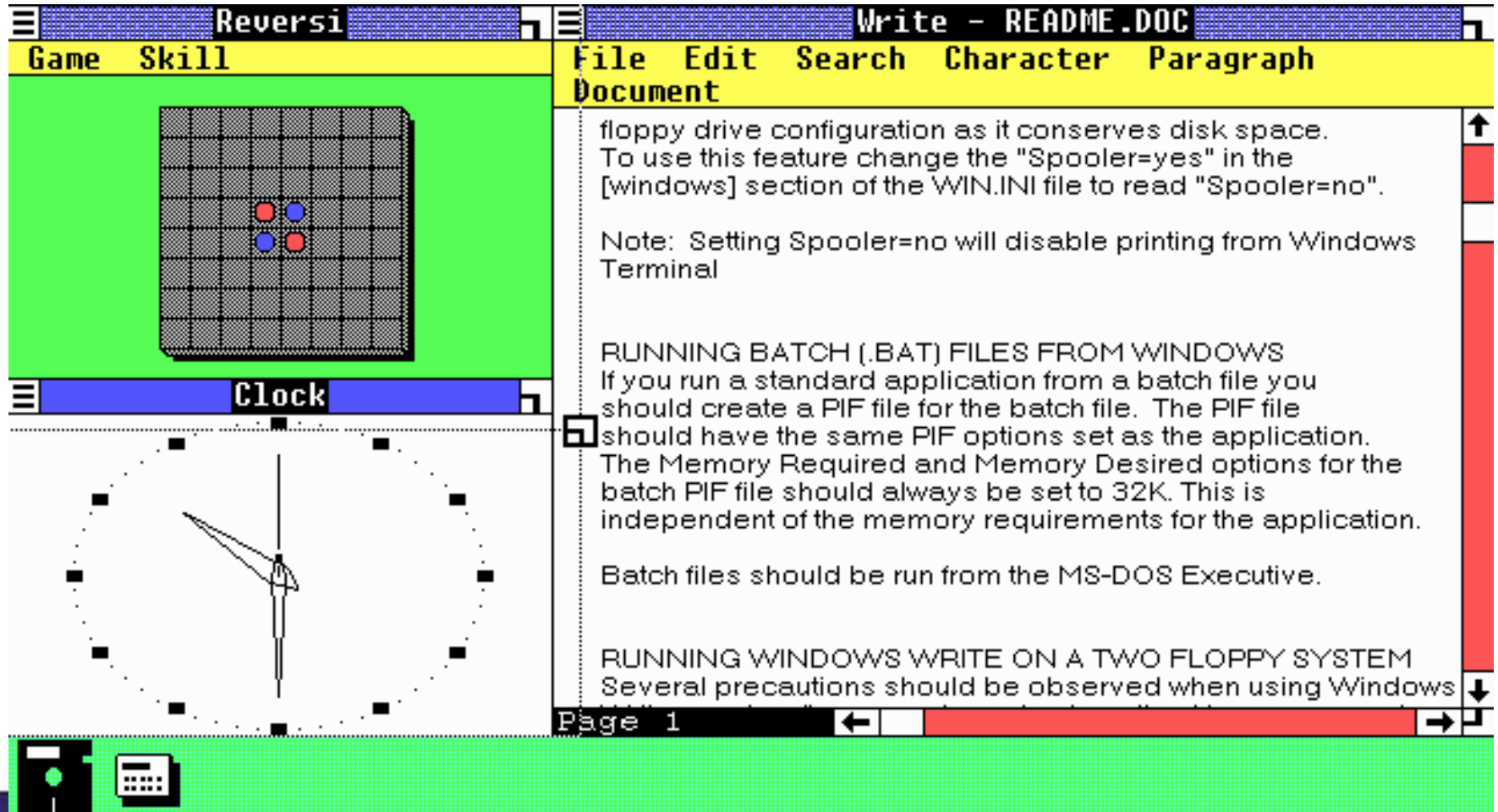
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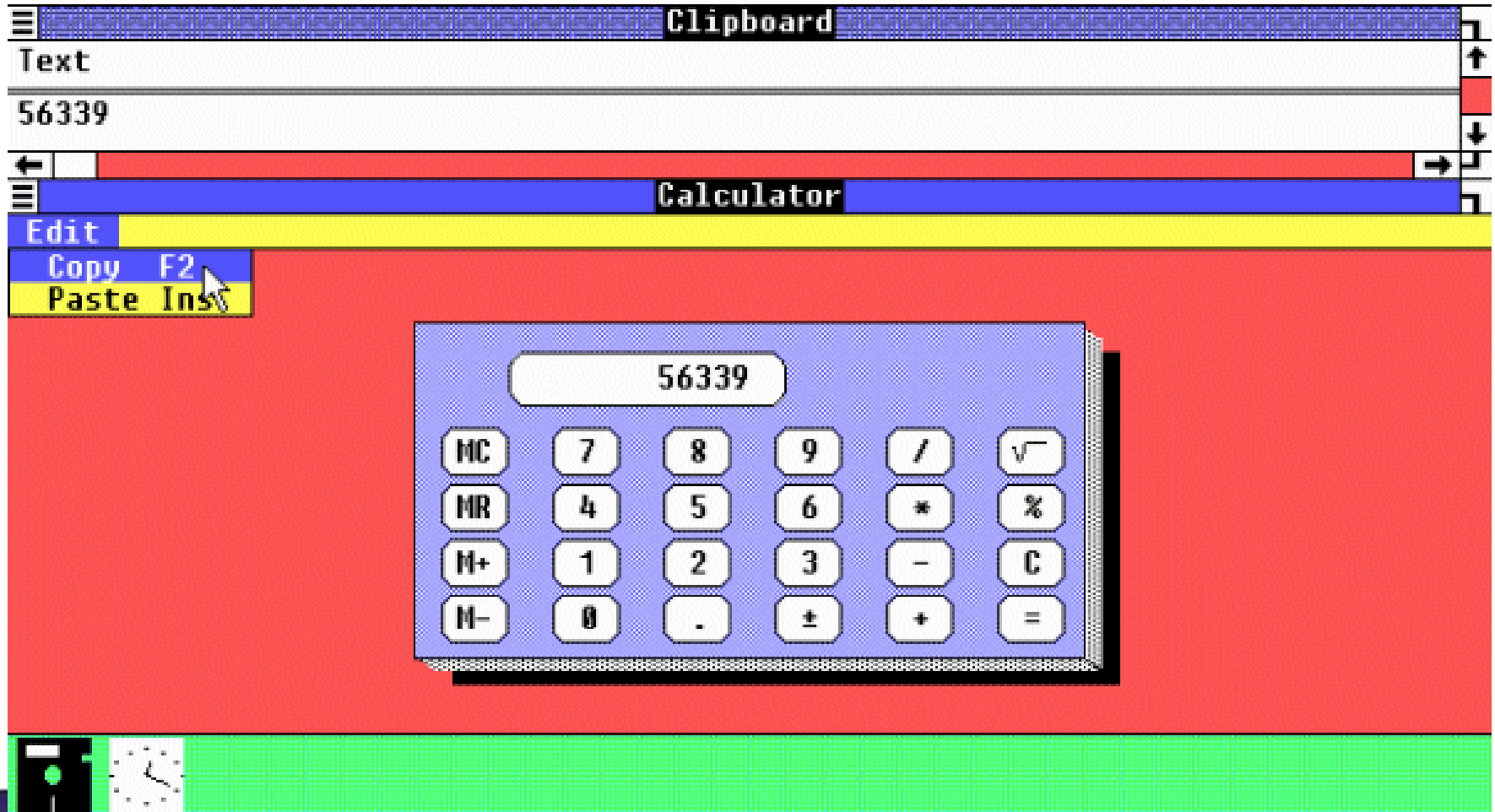
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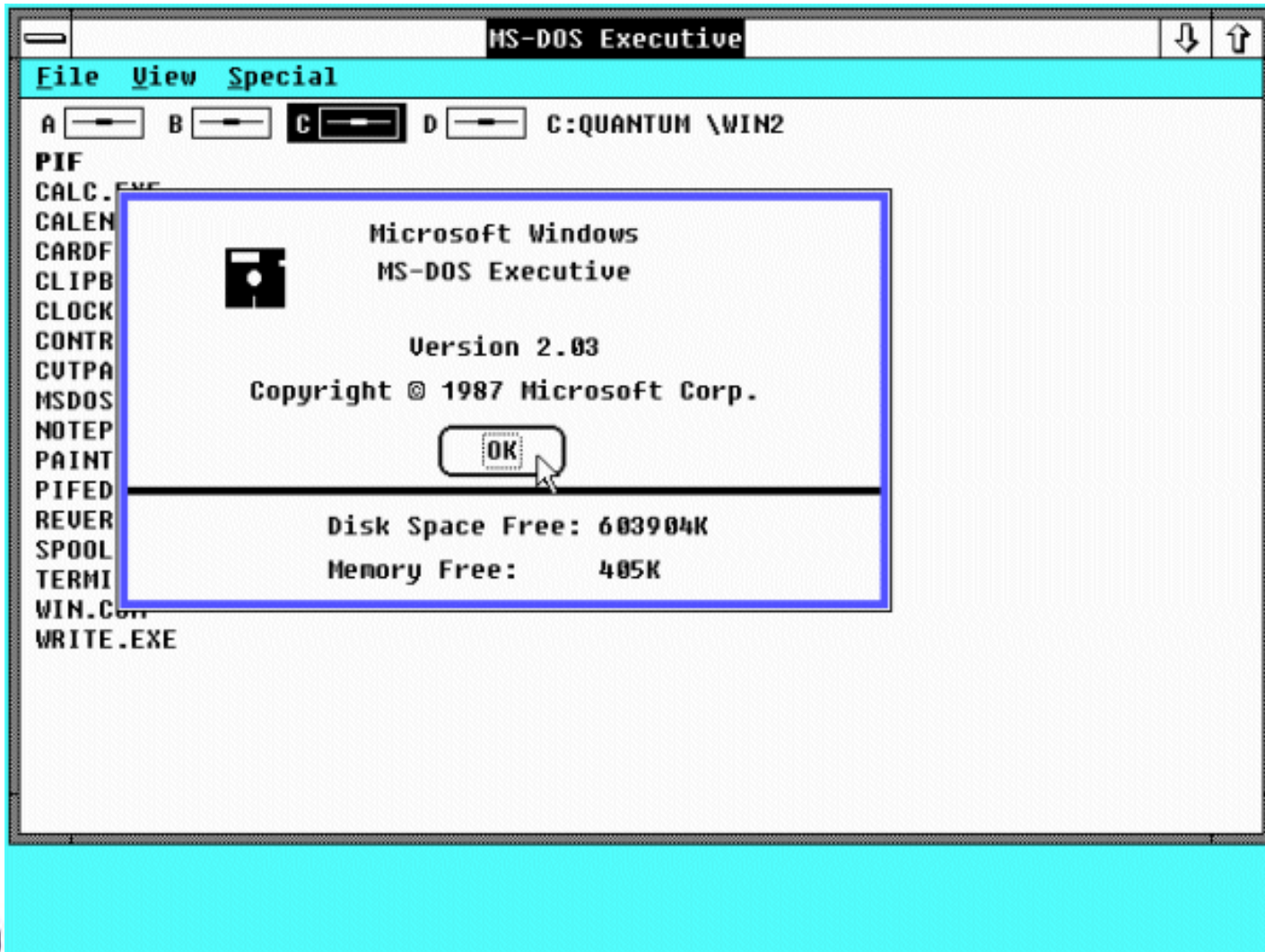
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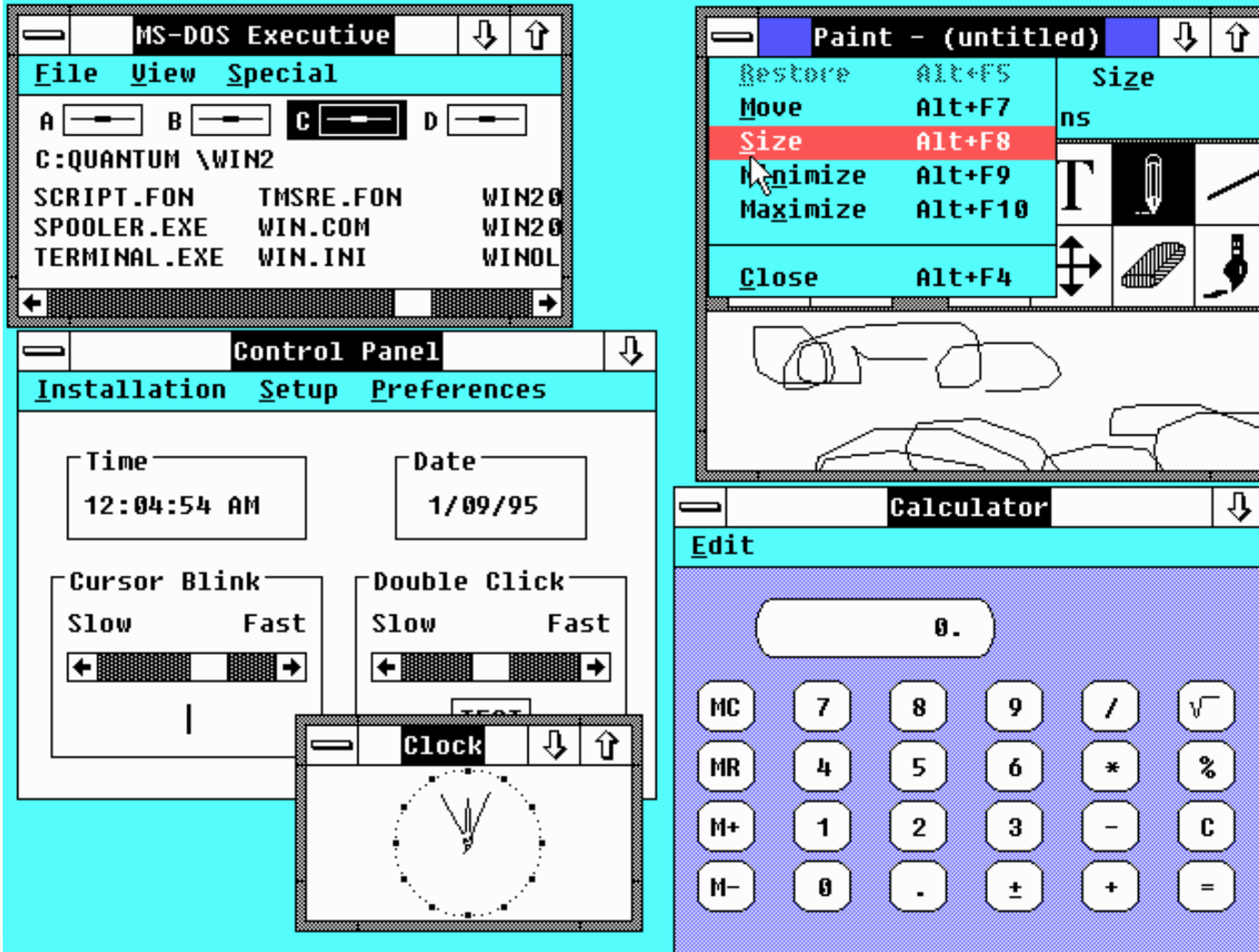
Windows 1.0 1985

Windows 2.0 1987

Windows 2.0 (1987)



Windows 2.0



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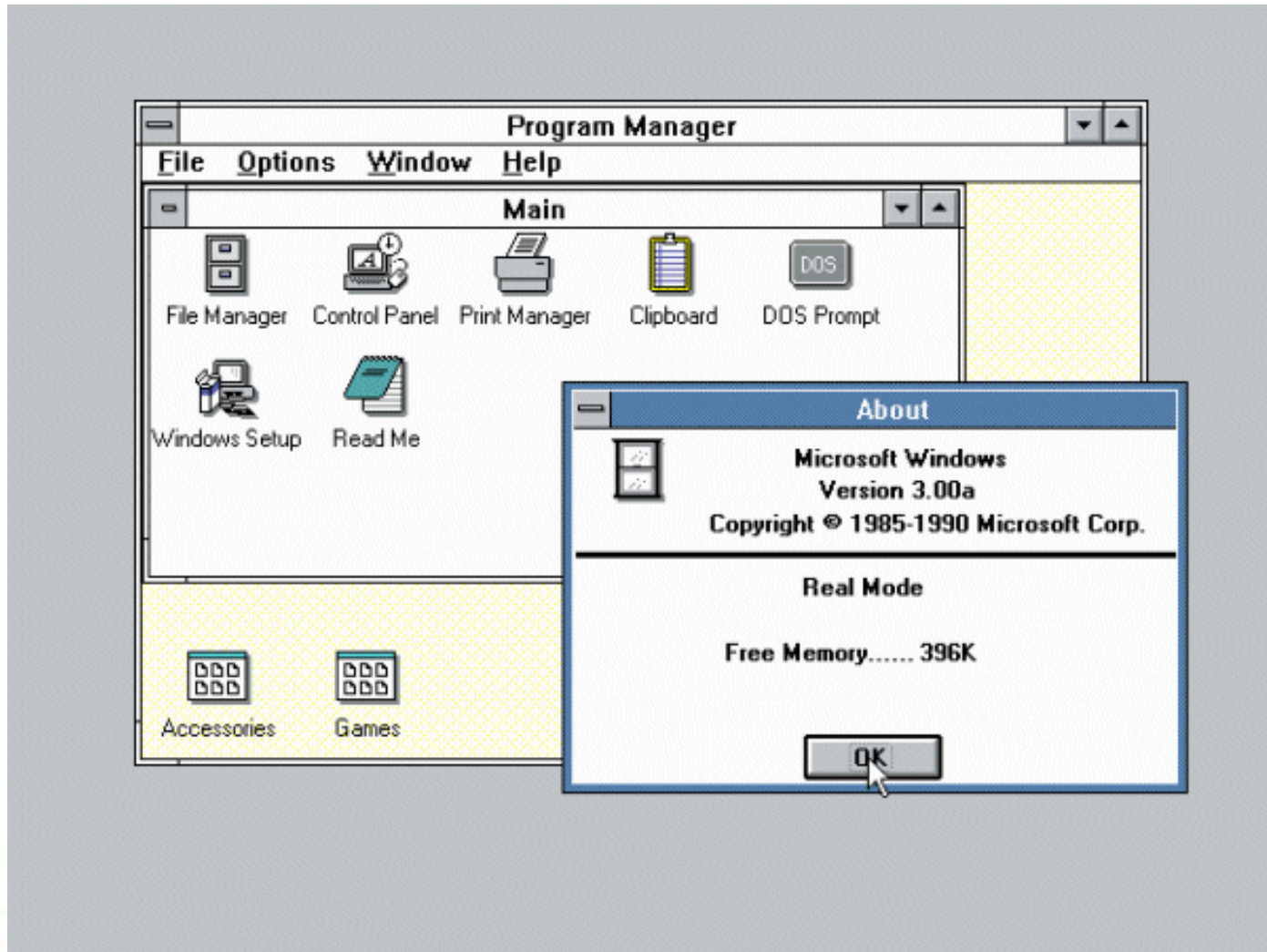
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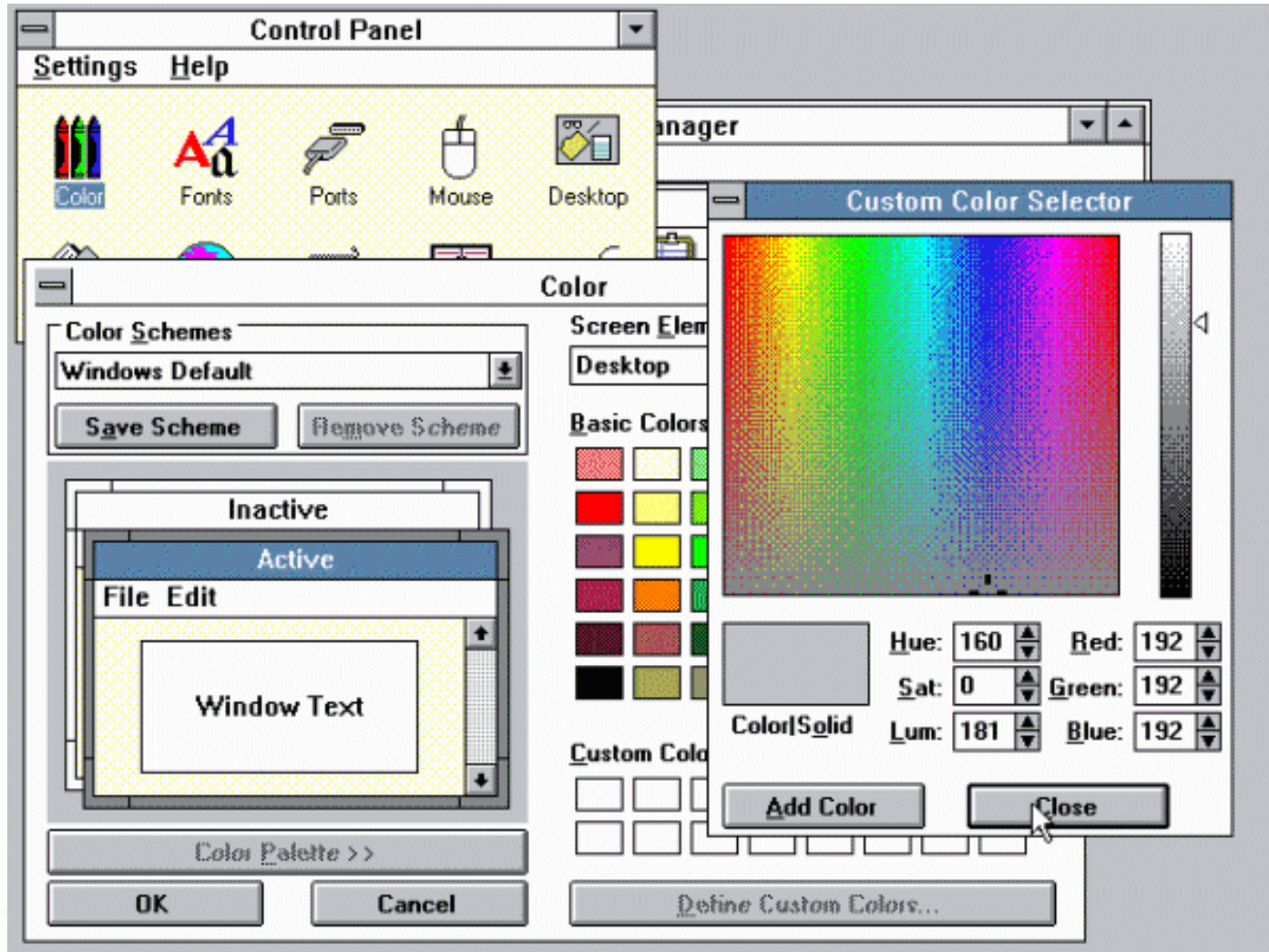
Windows 2.0 1987

Windows 3.0 1990

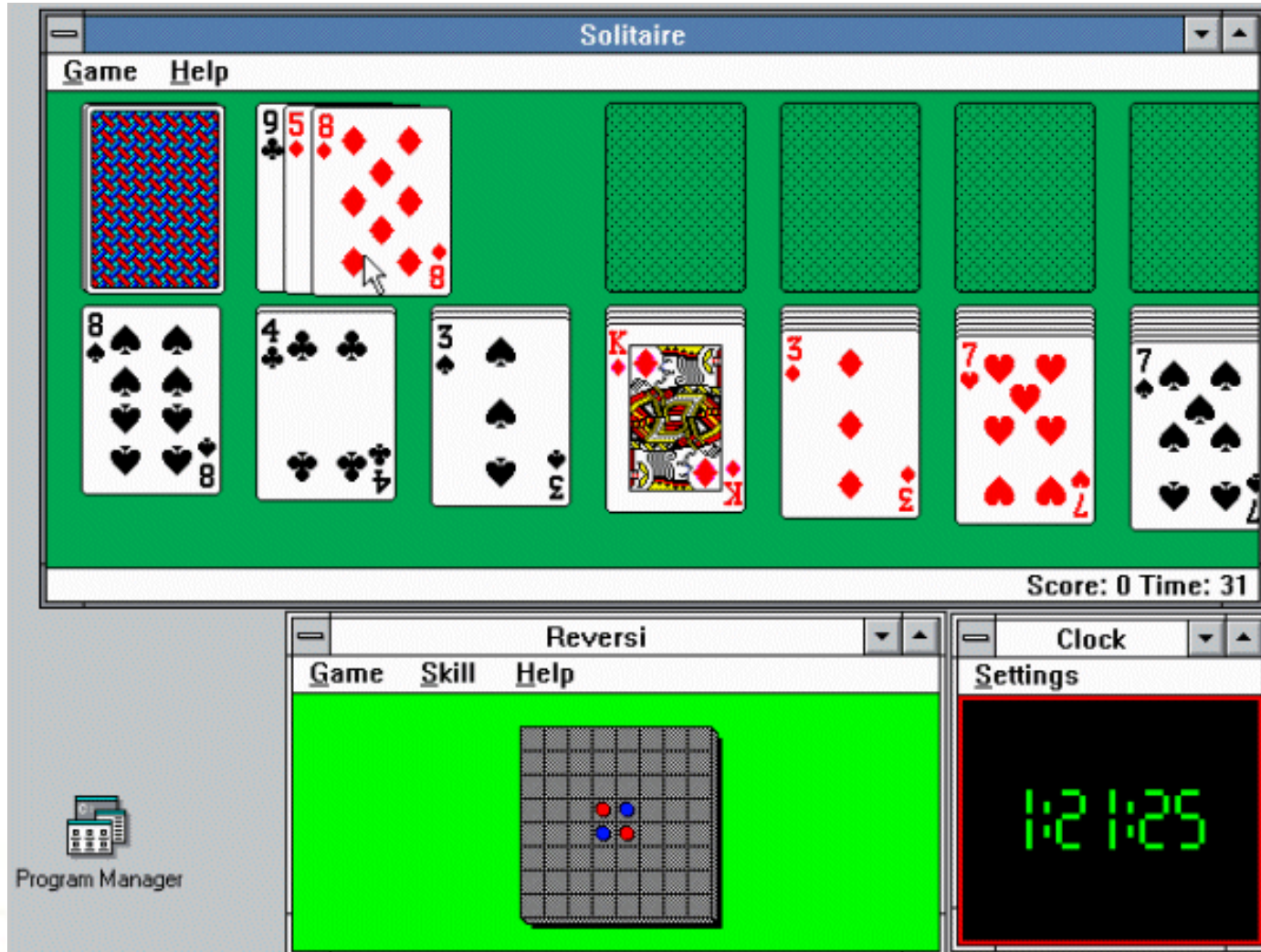
Windows 3.0



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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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Today

Presentations on Thursday / Friday

Prototyping / Testing Readings Posted

Paper Prototypes over Weekend

Bring Prototypes to Class Tuesday

In-Class Inspection Methods

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

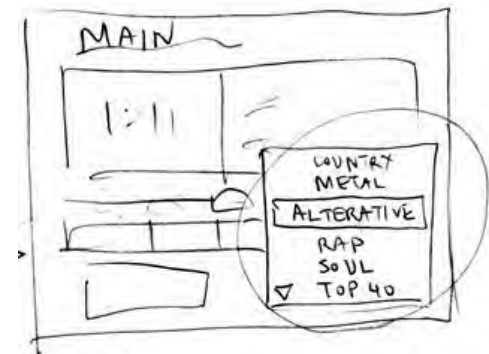
High Fidelity

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

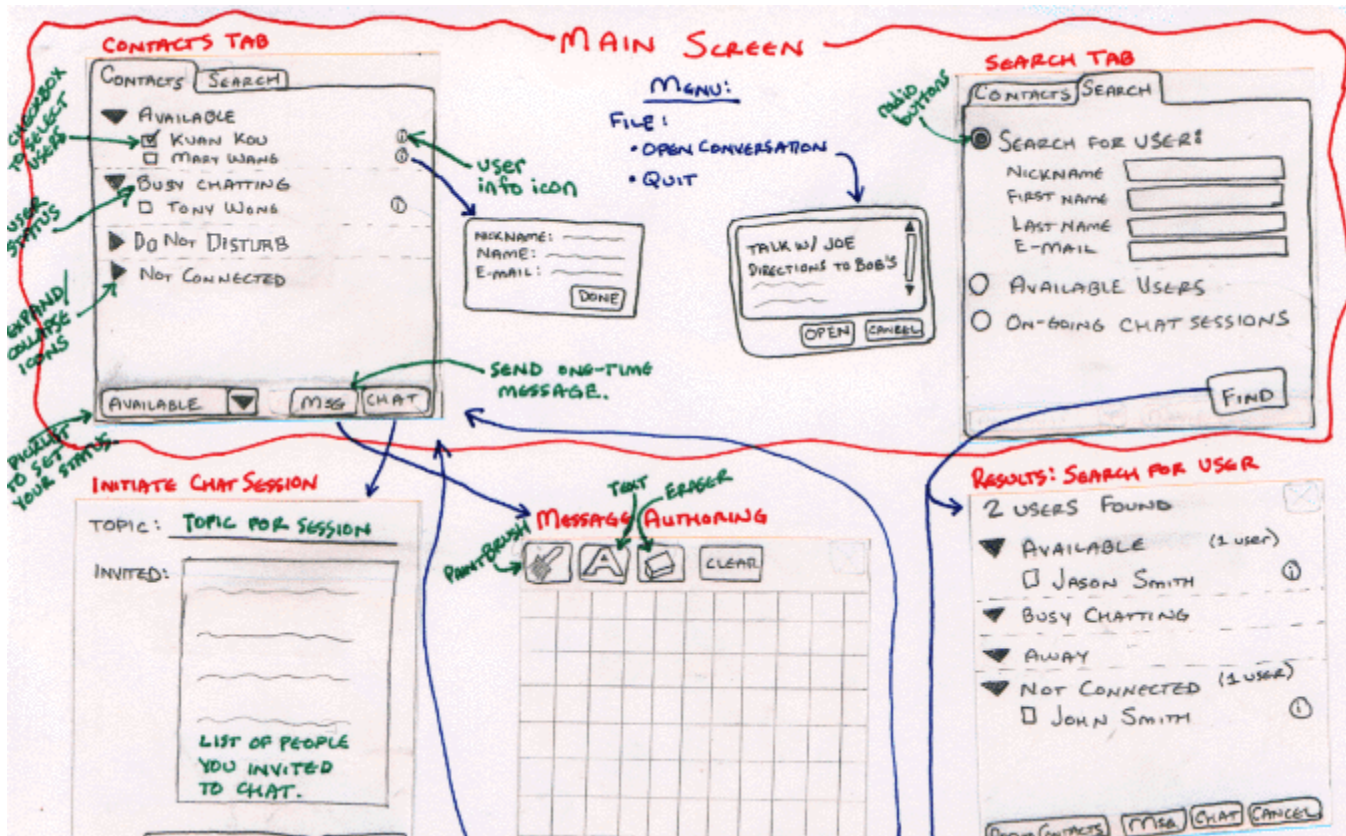
Sketches act as prototypes

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

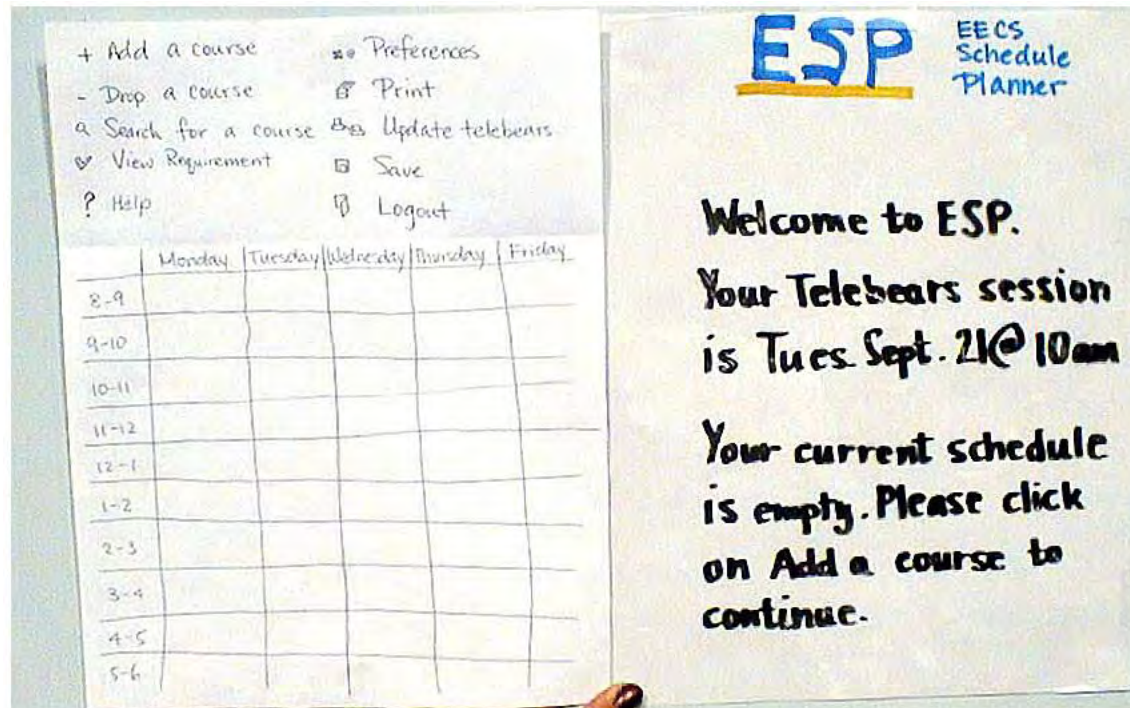
Tape, stick glue, correction tape

Pens and markers in many colors and sizes

Overhead transparencies

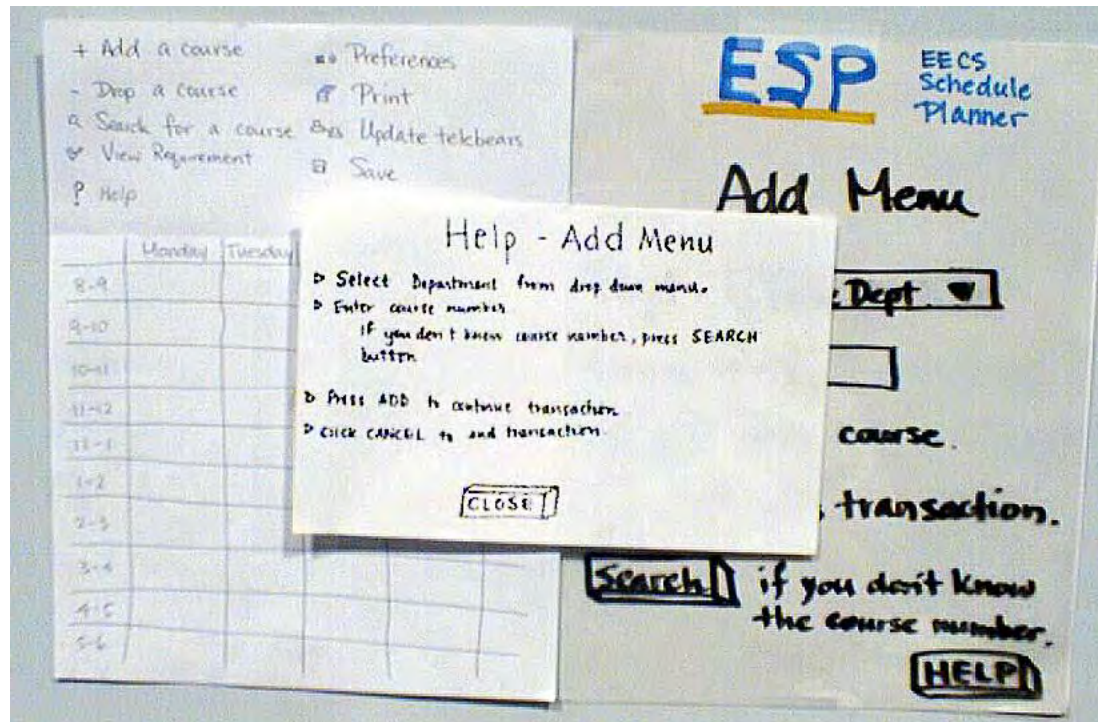
Scissors, X-Acto knife

Paper Prototype



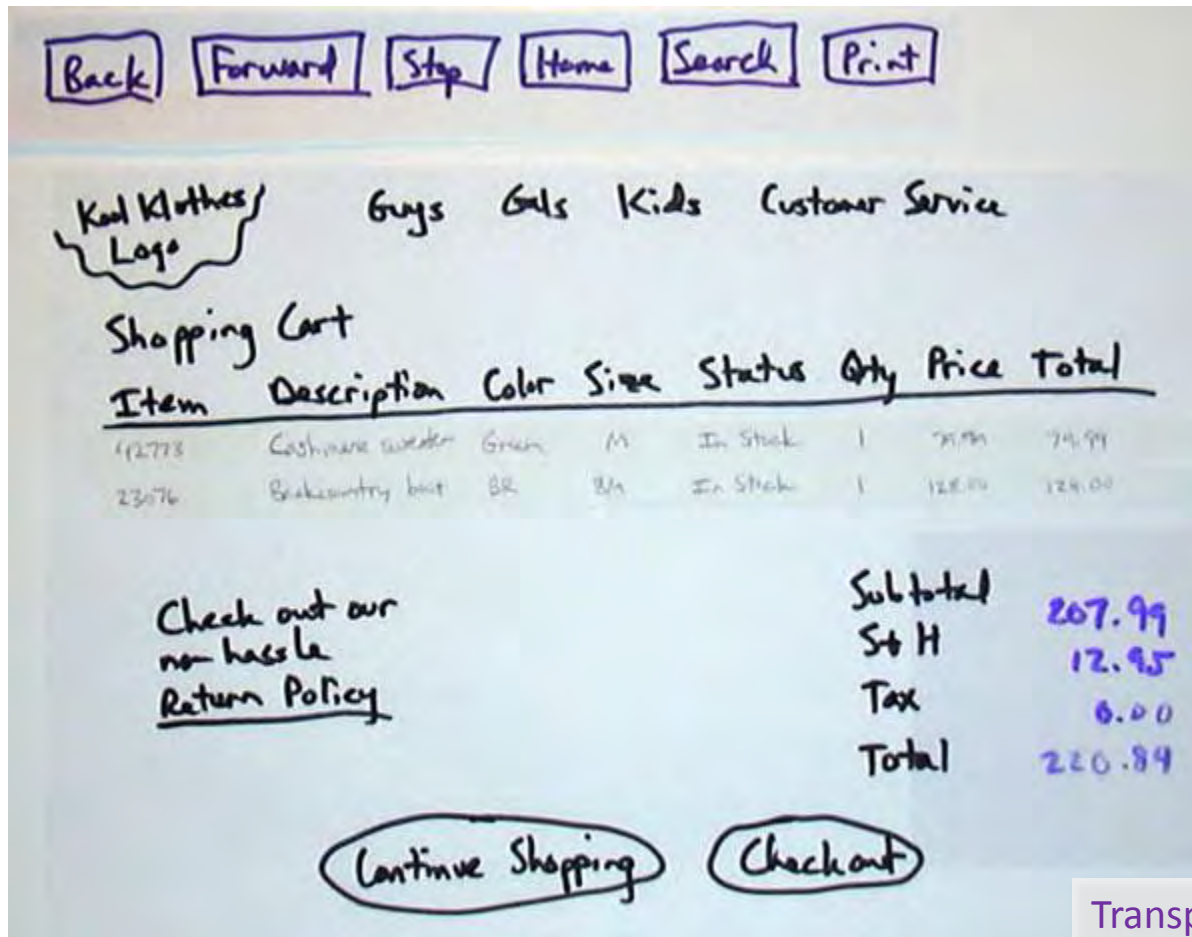
“Screen” faked with
pre-constructed pieces

Paper Prototype



New pieces added in response to interaction

Paper Prototype



Transparencies allow flexible use of text

Constructing the Prototype

Set a deadline

Do not think too long

Instead build it, then learn and iterate as you go

Put different screen regions on cards

Anything that moves, changes, appears/disappears

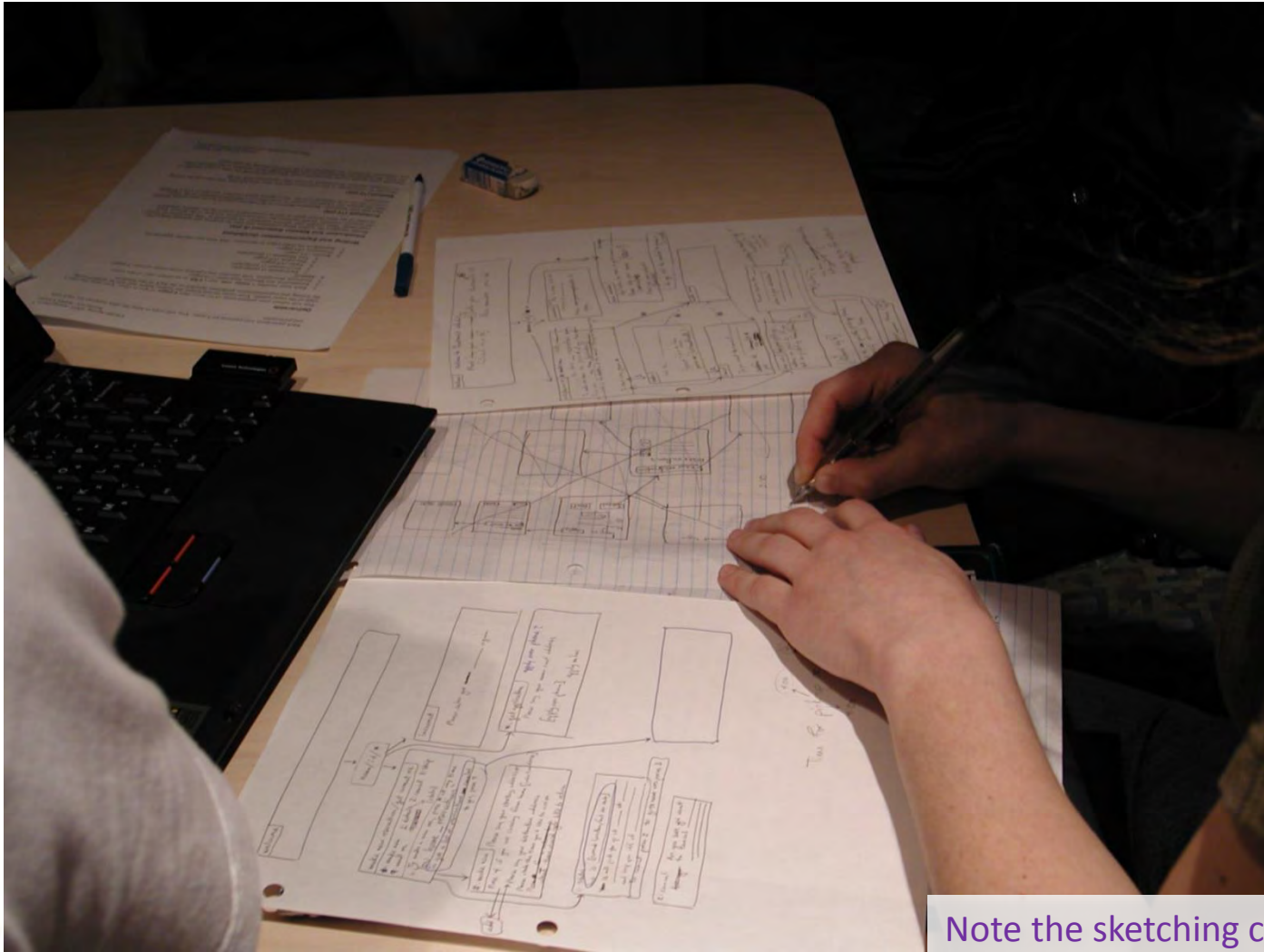
Ready responses for actions

Have those pull-down menus already made

Planned tasks can guide this

Use photocopier to make many versions

Constructing the Prototype



Note the sketching continues

Constructing the Prototype



Planning what is needed given tasks

Constructing the Prototype



Prototyping physical form

Constructing the Prototype



Prototyping physical form

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

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

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Focus on process data

Gives overview of where the problems are

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

Not a Scientific Experiment

Focus is on improving the design

Experimental control is not as necessary

Data measurement is not as precise

Number of participants is fairly small

Changes can be made

Fix the obviously broken design

Quickly explore alternatives

Modify the focus of testing between participants

Task-Based Usability

Set up an overall context

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

Then prescribe tasks

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

Tasks can be chained to naturally lead to the next

Stages of a Usability Test

Preparation

Introducing the Test

Conducting the Test

Debriefing

Analyzing the Data

Creating the Report

Preparing for a Test

Select your participants

Friends and family are not your design targets

Understand background, consider recruiting questionnaire

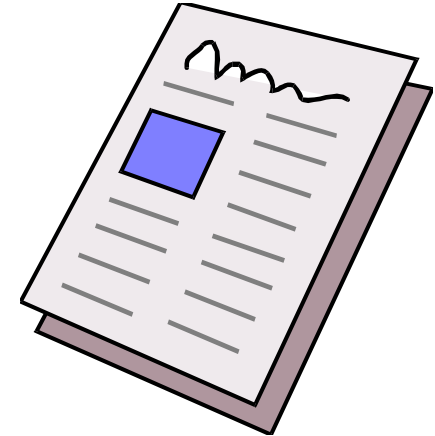
Prepare tasks and paper prototype

Practice to avoid “bugs” in your prototype

Usability Test Proposal

A report that contains

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



Work through it with colleagues to debug test

Reuse when presenting final report

Introducing the Test

Address Feelings of Judgment

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

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

“It is X being tested here, not you.”

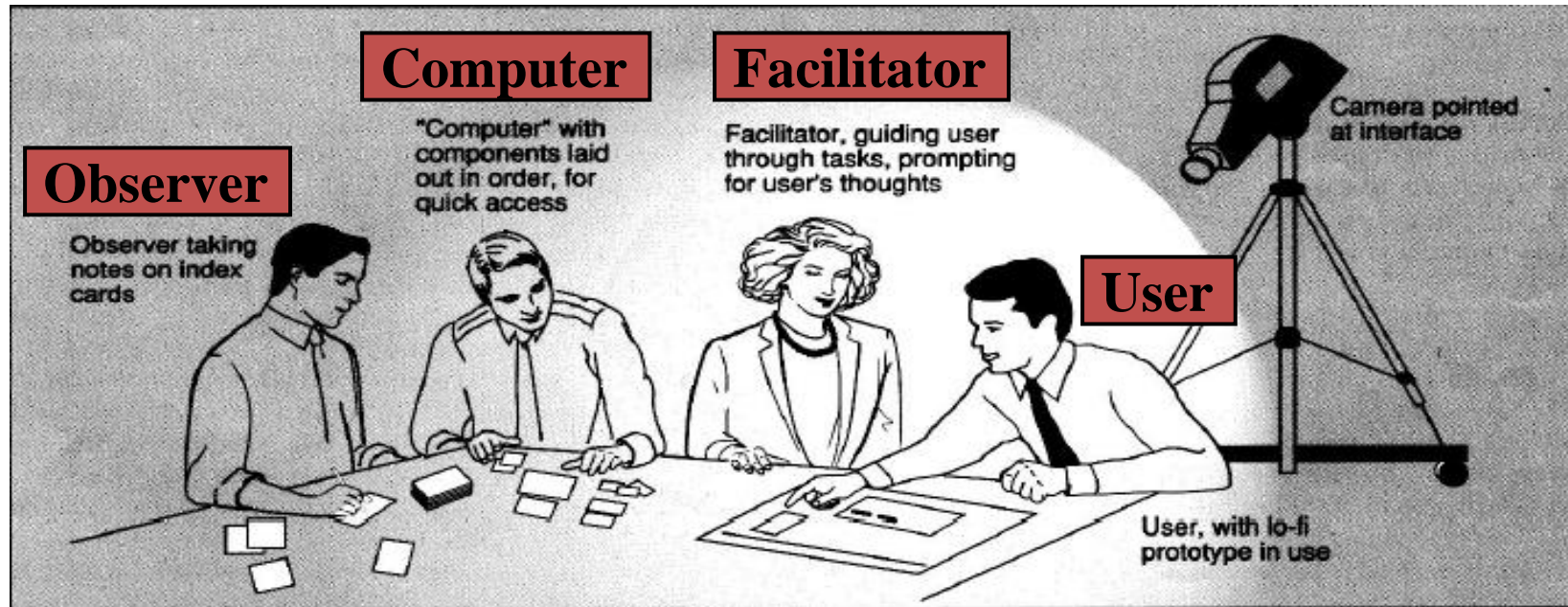
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Set Expectations for Process

“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

Task Design is Important

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

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

- The interface does not have significant problems

- The test itself has significant problems

Task Design is Important

Testing is not entirely in the wild

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

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

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

Bad: Artificial Subgoals

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

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

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

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

Bad: Artificial Ordering

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

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

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

Bad: Changing the Task

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

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

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

Bad: Giving the Answers

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

lighten = contrast, sorted = collated?

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

Good: Giving Context

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

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

Consider: Under-Specified Tasks

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

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

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

Task Design Summary

Task design is difficult and important

Poorly designed tasks mask interface failures

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

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.

*You will be paid \$4.00 (plus 50c carfare) as soon as you arrive at the laboratory.

TO:
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NAME (Please Print)

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE NO. Best time to call you

AGE OCCUPATION SEX

CAN YOU COME:

WEEKDAYS EVENINGS WEEKENDS

In-Class Design, Prototype, Test

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

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

- turning the alarm on/off

- setting the wake-up time

- anything else you think is appropriate

Guests will interact with your alarm using a touch panel.

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Today

In-Class

Inspection-Based Methods

Heuristic Evaluation of Paper Prototypes

Revise Prototypes

Usability Testing Check-In for Friday

Changes from Inspection

Changes from First Usability Test

Inspection-Based Methods

We have cut prototyping to its minimum

Sketches, storyboards, paper prototypes

Rapid exploration of potential ideas

But we need evaluation to guide improvement

Evaluation can become relatively slow and expensive

Study participants can be scarce

May waste participants on fairly obvious problems

Inspection-Based Methods

Simulate study participants

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

Inspection methods are rational, not empirical

Today we cover two complementary methods

Heuristic Evaluation

Cognitive Walkthrough

Heuristic Evaluation

Developed by Jakob Nielsen

Helps find usability problems in a design

Small set of evaluators examine interface

- three to five evaluators

- independently check compliance with principles

- different evaluators will find different problems

- evaluators only communicate afterwards

Can perform on working interfaces or sketches

Nielsen's 10 Heuristics

Too few unhelpful, too many overwhelming

“Be Good” versus thousands of detailed rules

Nielsen seeks to create a small set

Collects 249 usability problems

Collects 101 usability heuristics

Rates how well each heuristics explains each problem

Factor analysis to identify key heuristics

Nielsen's 10 Heuristics

Visibility of system status

Match between system and the real world

User control and freedom

Consistency and standards

Error prevention

Recognition rather than recall

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Refers to both visibility of system status and use of feedback

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

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

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6. Recognition not Recall

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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Not just about “ugliness”.

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

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

Heuristic Evaluation Process

Evaluators go through interface several times

- inspect various dialogue elements

- compare with list of usability principles

Usability principles

- Nielsen's "heuristics"

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

Use violations to redesign/fix problems

Examples

Can't copy info from one window to another

violates “Minimize memory load” (H6)

fix: allow copying

Typography uses different fonts in 3 dialog boxes

violates “Consistency and standards” (H4)

slows users down

probably wouldn't be found by usability testing

fix: pick a single format for entire interface

Heuristics



Heuristics

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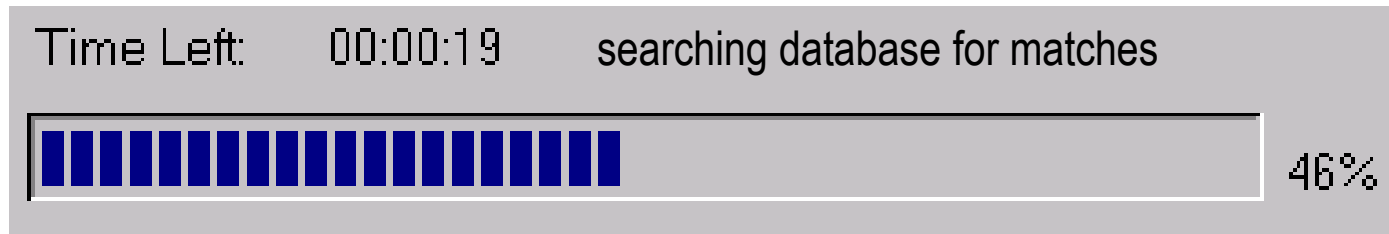
Heuristics

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Heuristics



Visibility of system status

pay attention to response time

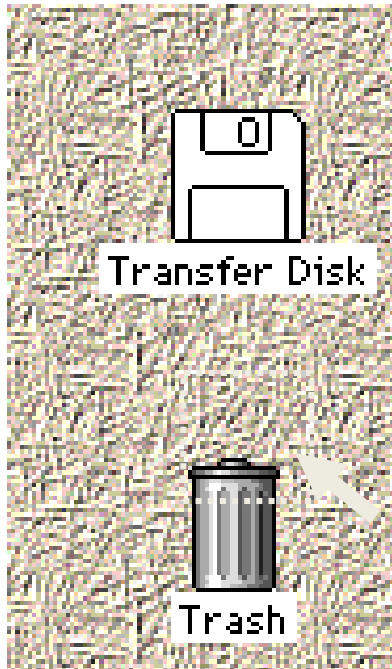
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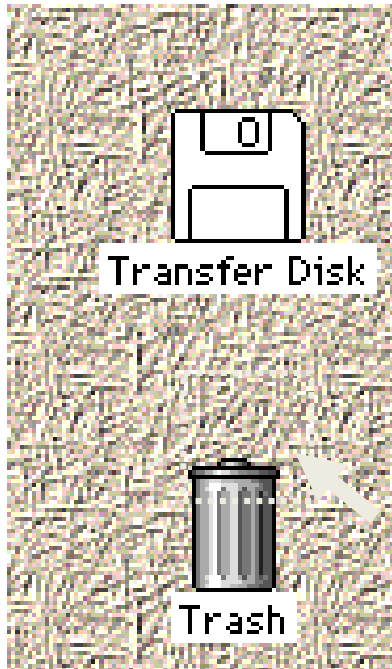
10 sec: maximum duration if user to stay focused on action

longer delays absolutely require percent-done progress bars

Heuristics



Heuristics



Mac desktop

Dragging disk to trash
should delete, not eject it

Match system to real world

Speak the user's language
Follow conventions

Heuristics



Heuristics

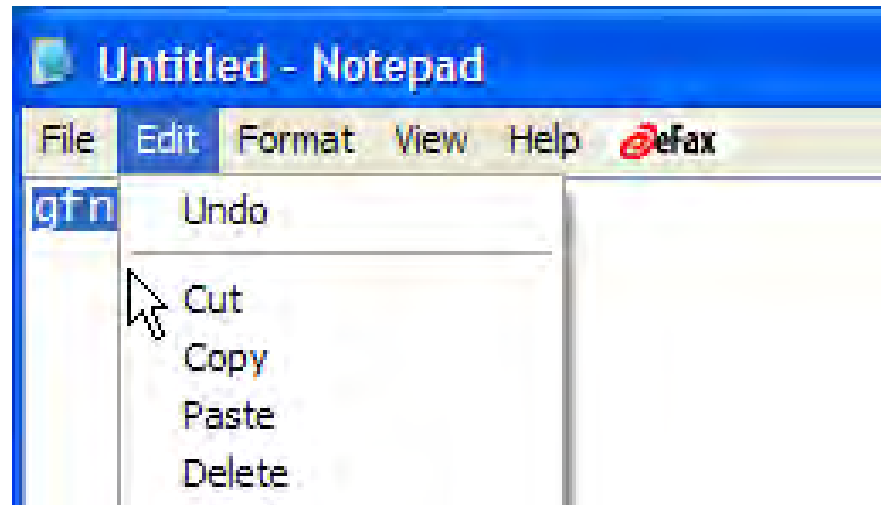


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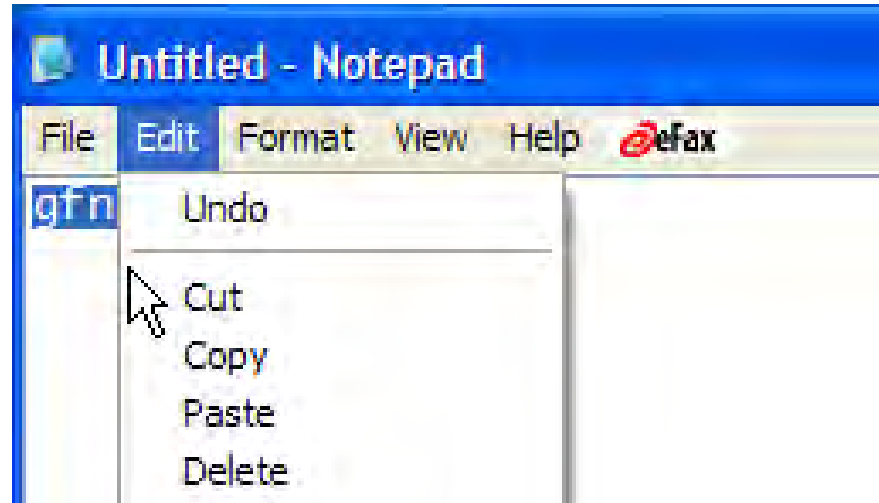
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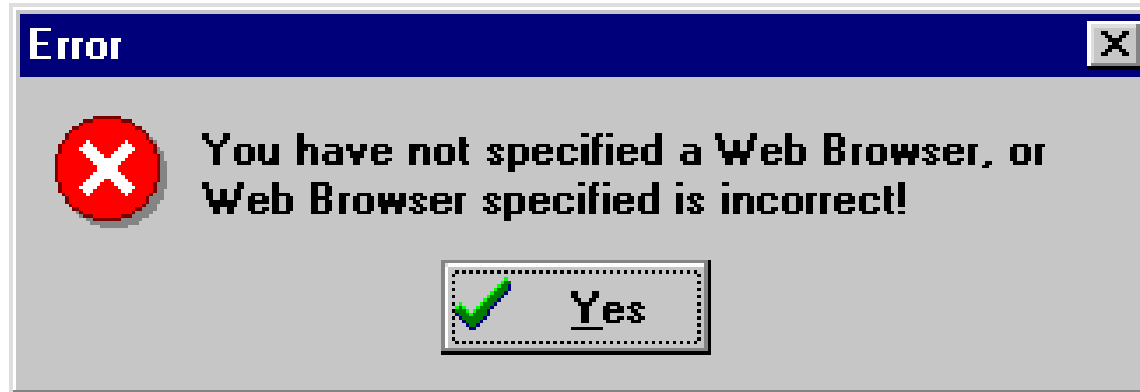
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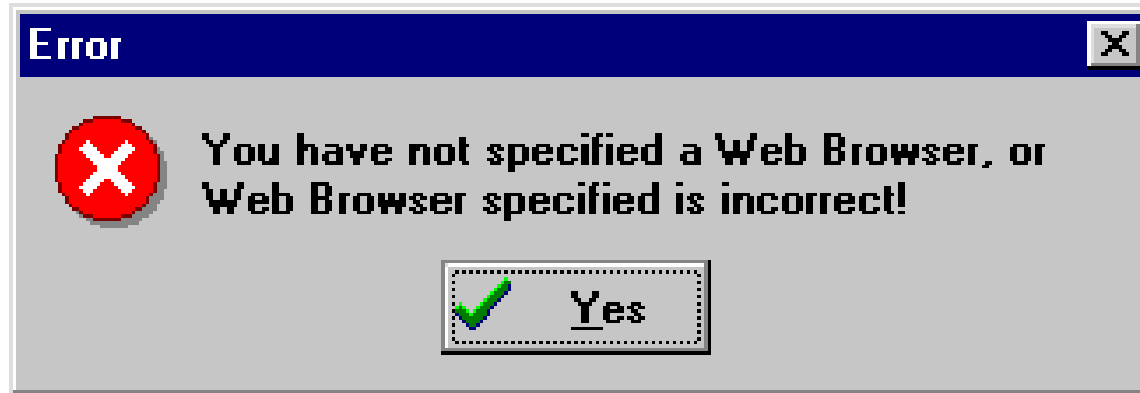
Flexibility and Efficiency of Use

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

Heuristics



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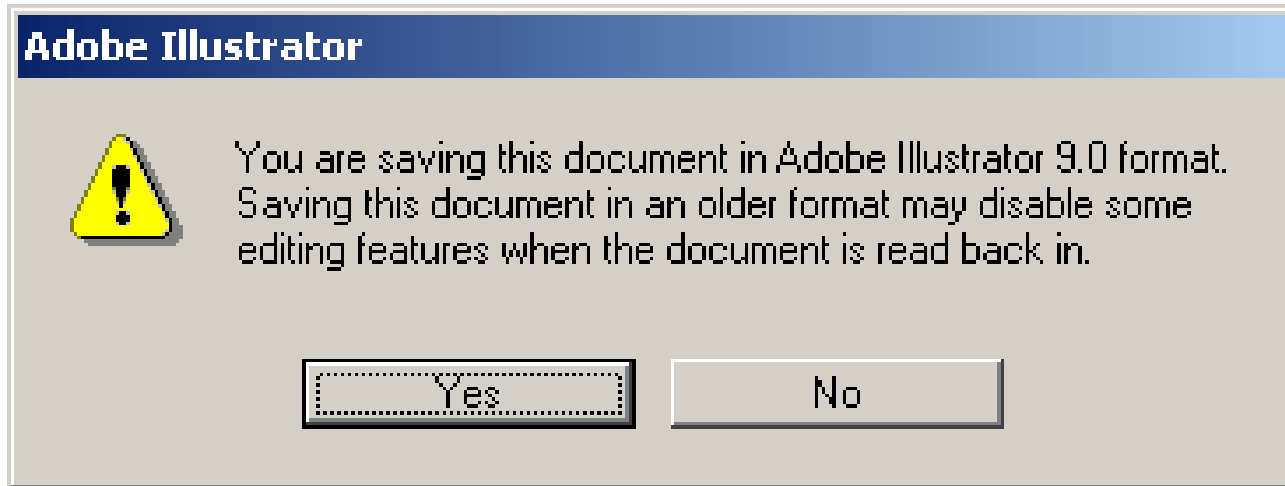
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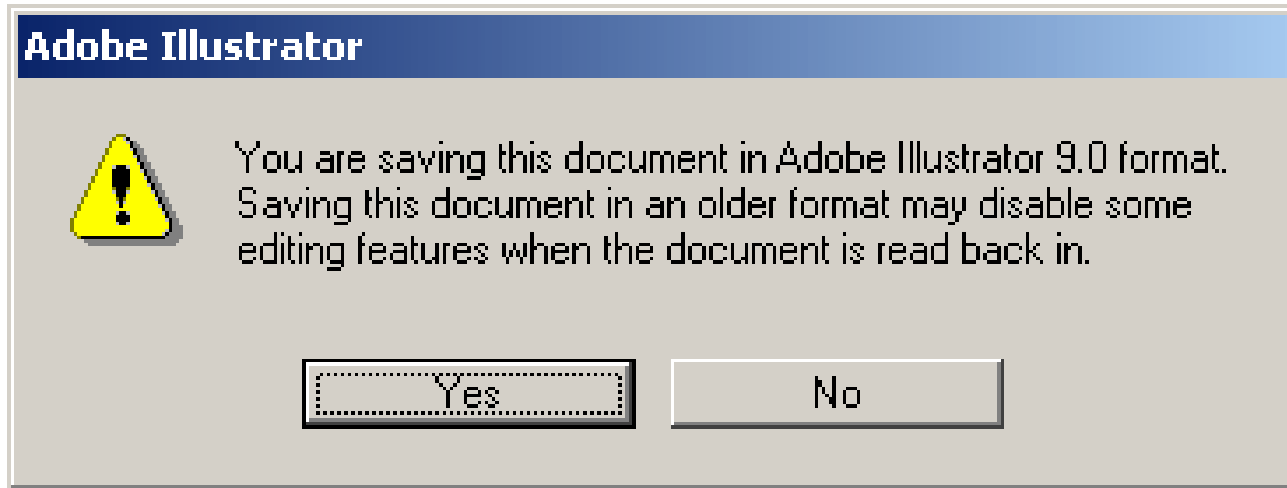
precisely indicate the problem

constructively suggest a solution

Heuristics



Heuristics



User Control and Freedom

Prevent Errors

Heuristics

The Radiation Dosimetry Program

Please Enter Desired Dose (in Rems)	0.0001
Enter Substance	Polonium
Isotope Number	211

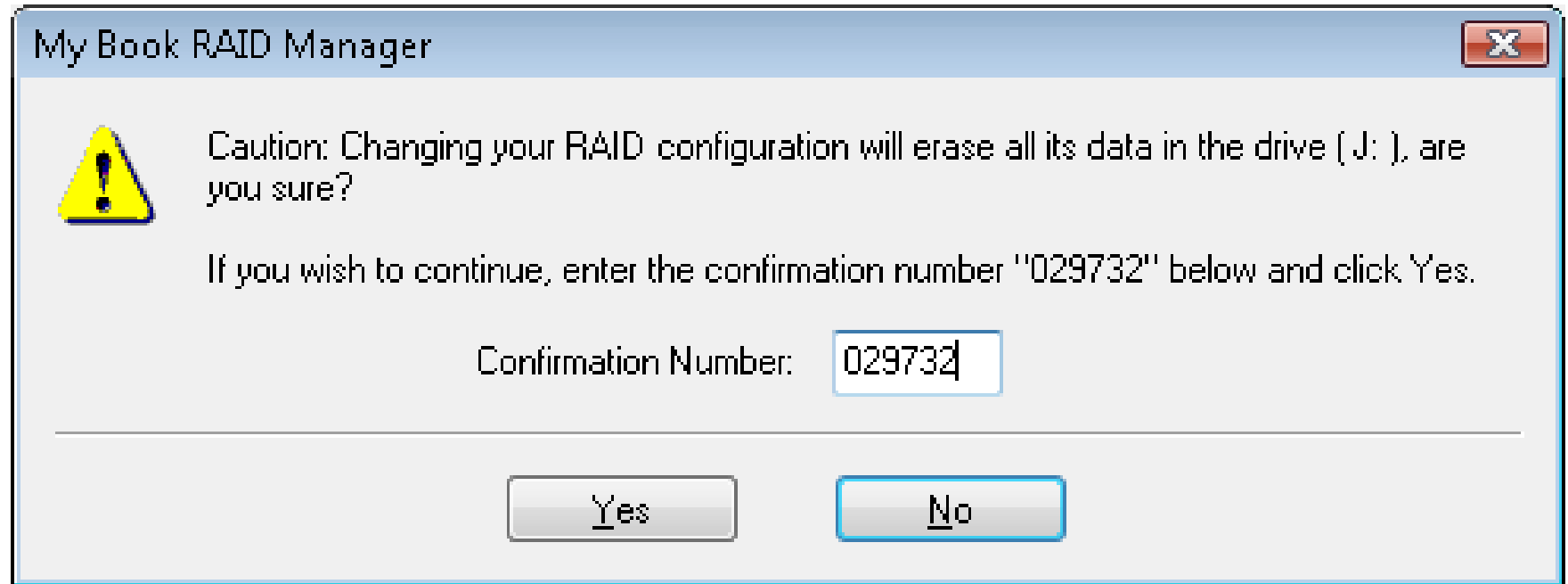
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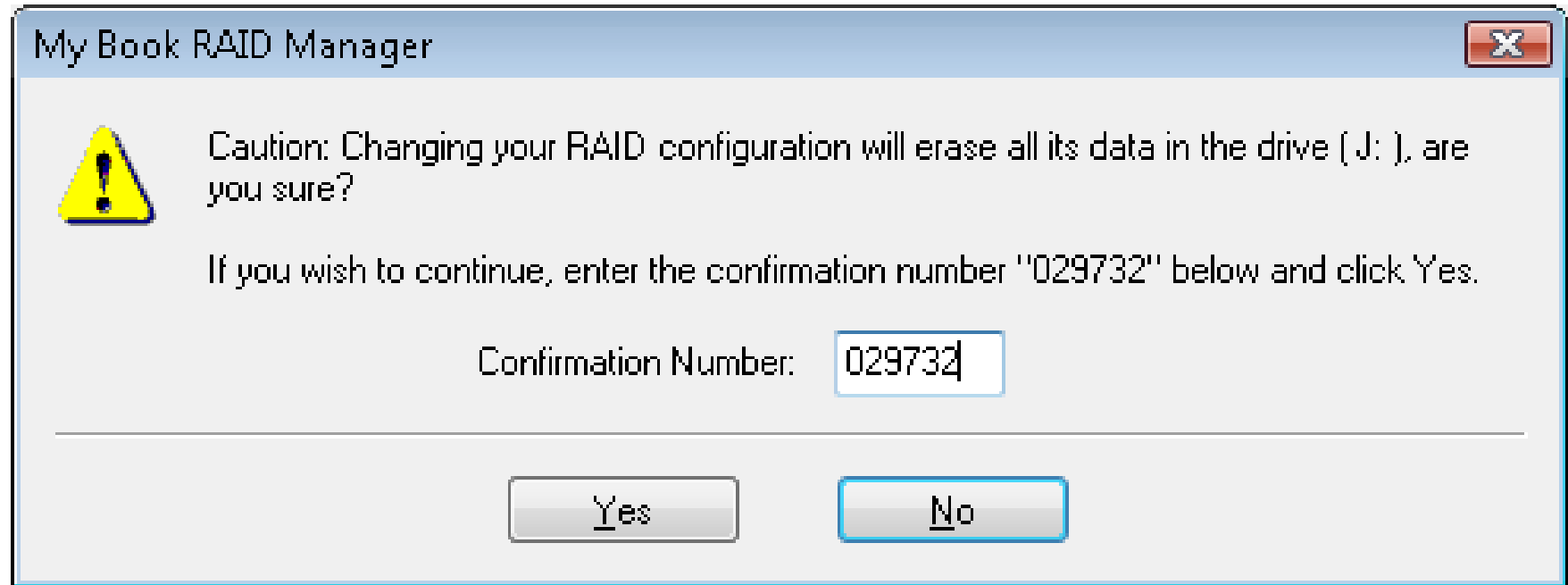
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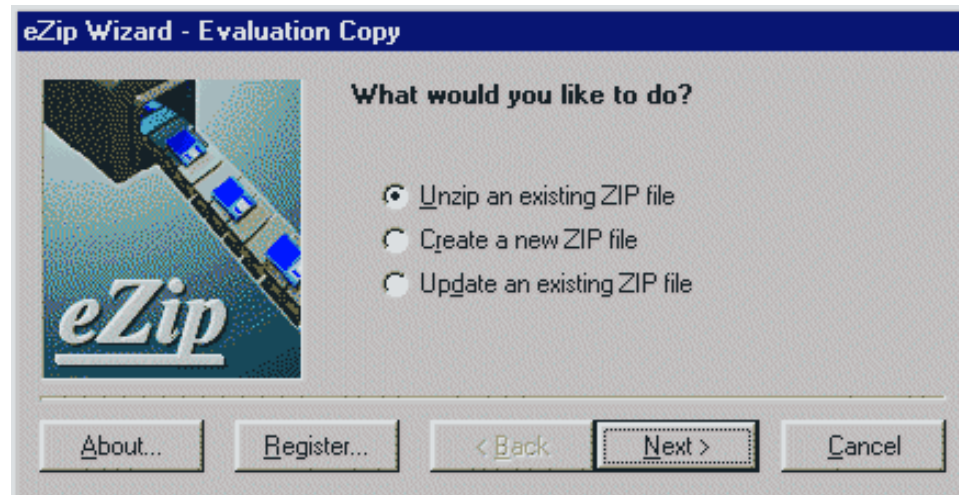


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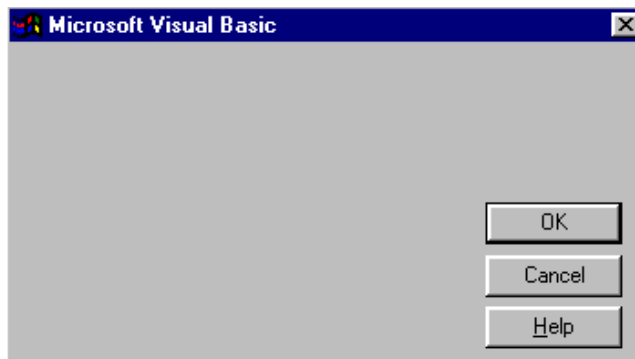
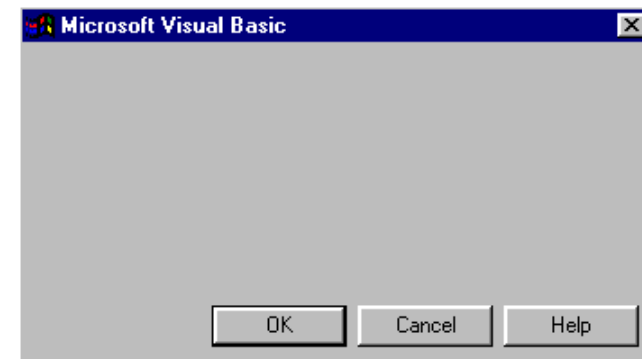
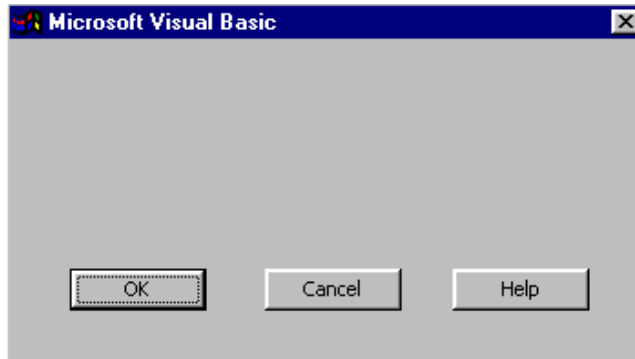
User control & freedom

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

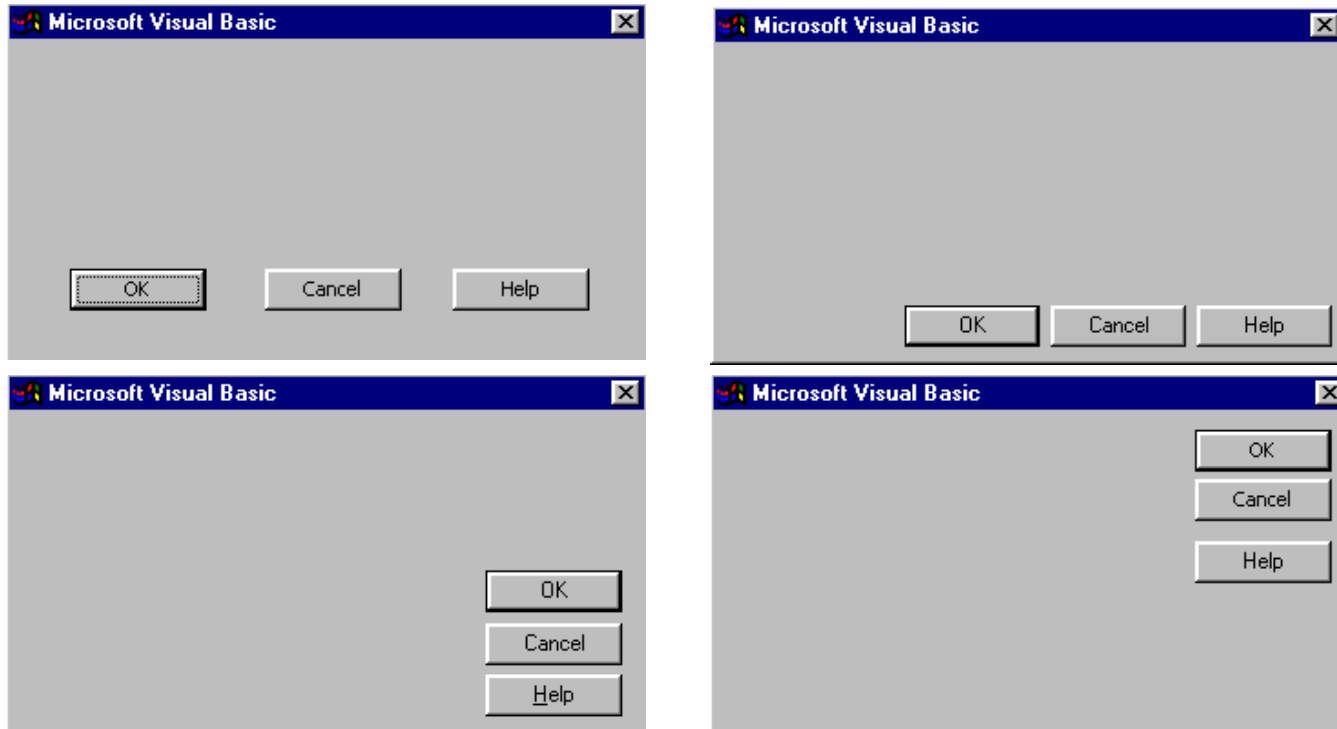
Wizards

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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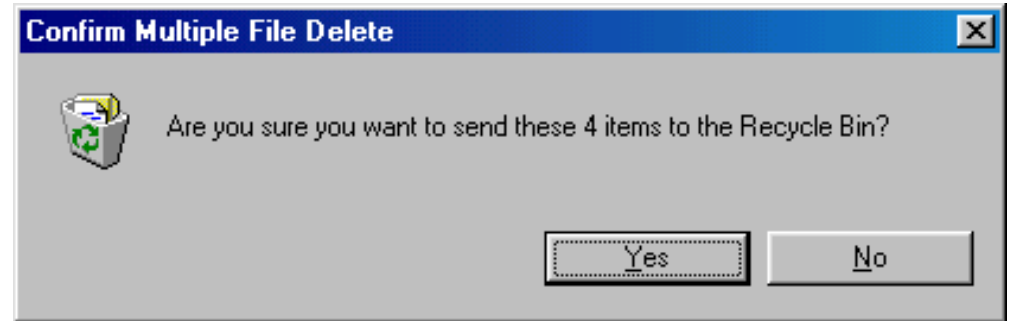


Consistency & Standards

Heuristics

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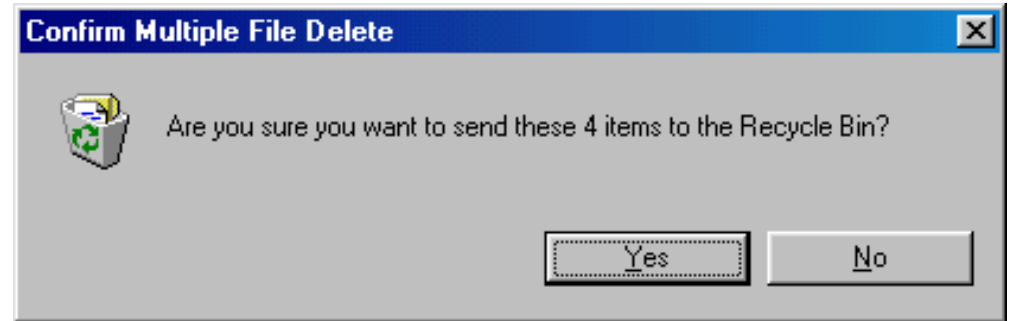
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Error prevention

Recognition rather than recall

Visibility

Heuristics

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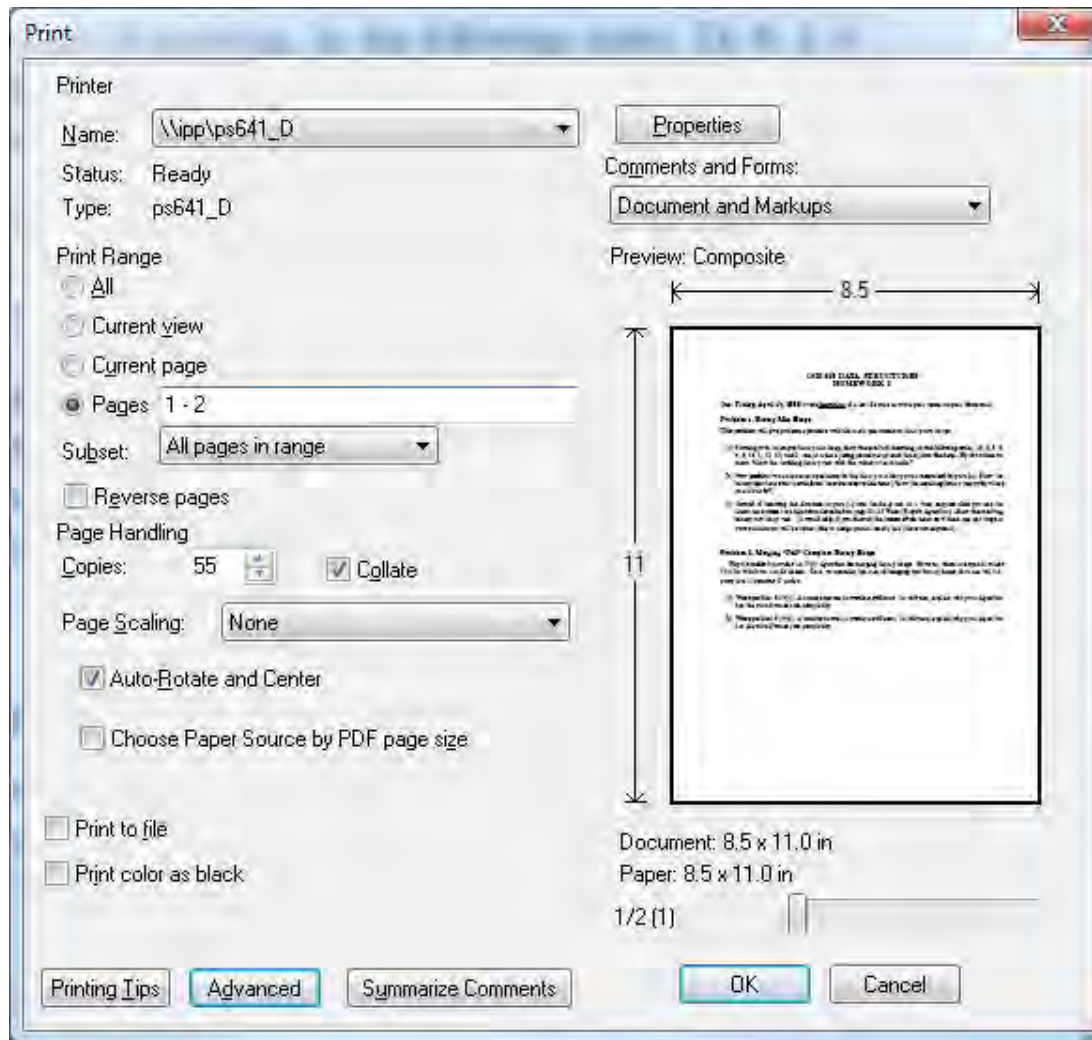
Aesthetic & Minimalist design

no irrelevant information in dialogues

Heuristics



Heuristics



Heuristics

The screenshot displays the Chase Ultimate Rewards website interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes "My Chase Accounts", "Manage Ultimate Rewards", "Help", and "Log Off". The main header features the Chase logo and the "UR ultimate rewards" branding. Below this, a navigation menu lists "Rewards Home", "Travel", "Experiences", "Merchandise", "Gift Cards", "Cash Back", "Earn Faster", and "Spotlight". A prominent banner shows "Your rewards balance is 25,601 Points" and a search bar for "All Rewards".

The central section is titled "Featured Experiences & Auctions". It includes a "Rewarding Experiences" sidebar with text explaining how points can be used for entertainment and auctions. The main content area features a large "Five-Night Vacation to Rome for Two" auction, with details such as "Auction", "Rome, Italy", and an "Opening Bid: 128,575 points". Below this are three category-specific sections: "Culinary & Wine" (with 29 Culinary Experiences, 2 Wine Experiences, and 1 Restaurant), "Sports & Leisure" (with 38 Car Racing, 27 Adventure, and 24 Outdoor Activities), and "Art & Entertainment" (with 4 More Art & Entertainment, 1 Museum, and 1 Music).

At the bottom, there are three columns: "Gift Ideas" (listing items like "Cook up Sweet Chocolate Creations" for 43,400 points or \$434 on a Chase Card, and "Private Photography Lesson" for 12,519 points), "Featured Experiences" (listing "Ride shotgun in a dragster at Brainerd International Raceway" for 184 or 18400 points, and "Dance and dine on a Washington, D.C. dinner cruise for two" for 3249 or 24900 points), and "How It Works" (explaining "Auctions" and "Redeem Now" options).

Phases of Heuristic Evaluation

1) Pre-evaluation training

give expert evaluators needed
domain knowledge & information on the scenario

2) Evaluation

individuals evaluate interface & make lists of problems

3) Severity rating

determine how severe each problem is

4) Aggregation

group meets & aggregates problems (w/ ratings)

5) Debriefing

discuss the outcome with design team

How to Perform Evaluation

At least two passes for each evaluator

first to get feel for flow and scope of system

second to focus on specific elements

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

otherwise might supply evaluators with scenarios

Each evaluator produces list of problems

explain why with reference to heuristic

be specific & list each problem separately

Example Heuristic Violation

1. [H4 Consistency]

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

How to Perform Heuristic Evaluation

Why separate listings for each violation?

risk of repeating problematic aspect
may not be possible to fix all problems

Where problems may be found

single location in interface
two or more locations that need to be compared
problem with overall structure of interface
something that is missing

common problem with paper prototypes
(sometimes features are implied by design documents
and just haven't been "implemented" – relax on those)

Severity Rating

Used to allocate resources to fix problems

Estimates of need for more usability efforts

Combination of

frequency

impact

persistence (one time or repeating)

Should be calculated after all evaluations are in

Should be done independently by all judges

Severity Rating

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

Example Heuristic Violation

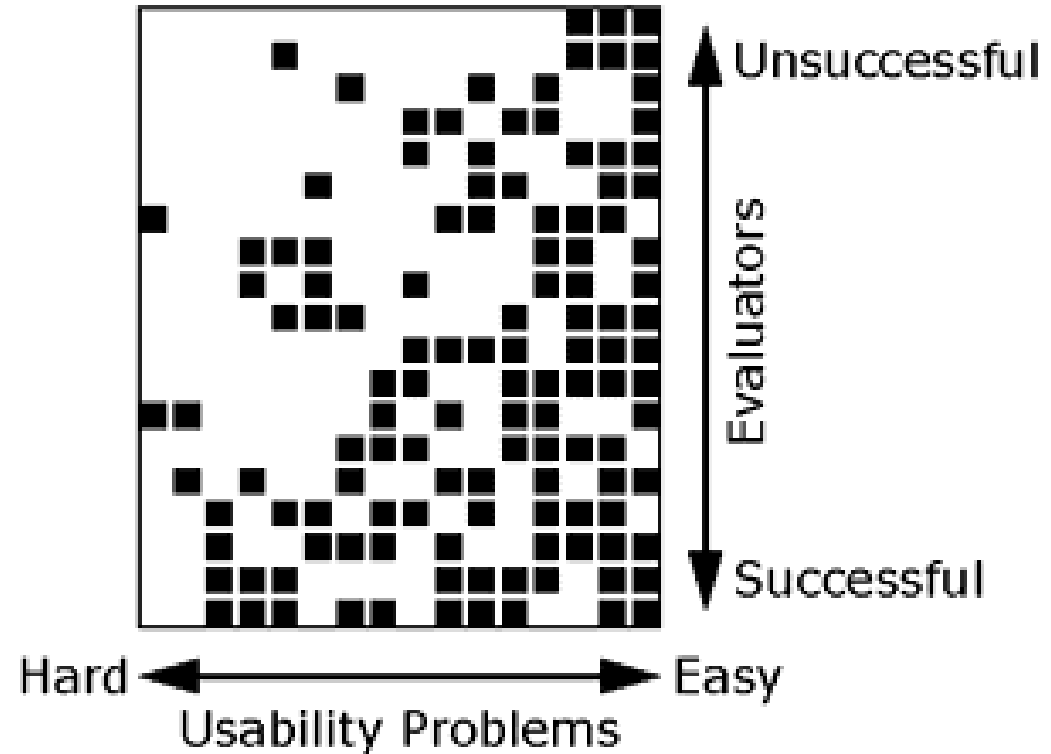
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Why Multiple Evaluators?

Every evaluator
doesn't find every
problem

Good evaluators
find both easy &
hard ones



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.

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

Example Heuristic Violation

1. [H4 Consistency] [Severity 3] [Fix 4]

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

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

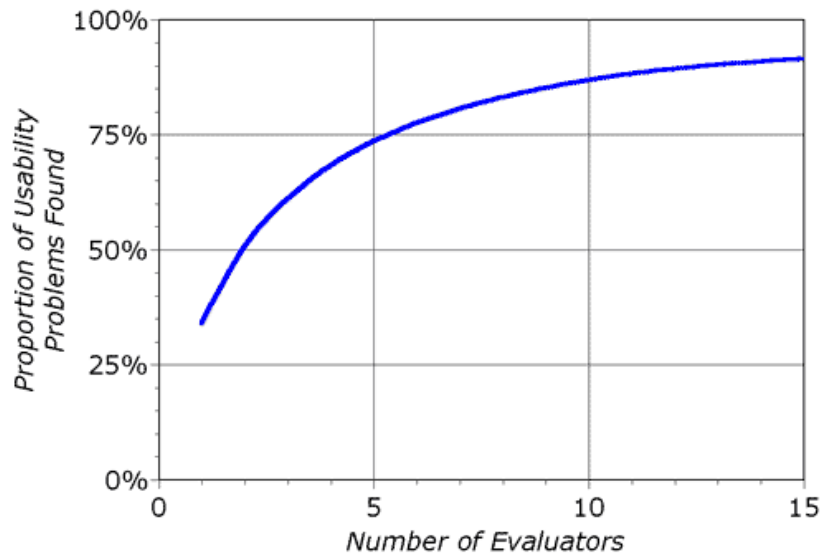
only finds 35% of usability problems

5 evaluators find ~ 75% of usability problems

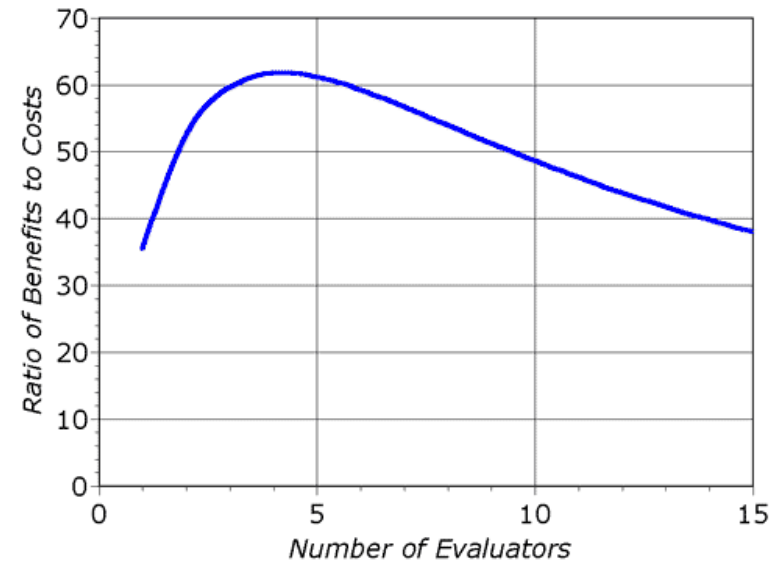
why not more evaluators?

Decreasing Returns

problems found



benefits / cost



Alternative Inspection-Based Methods

Cognitive Walkthrough

- Helps surface different types of usability problems
- Consider this as a complement to heuristic evaluation

Action Analysis

- Low-level modeling of expert performance
- Be aware of GOMS, but you may never encounter it

Cognitive Walkthrough

Evaluation method based on:

A person works through an interface in an exploratory manner

A person has goals

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

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

Preparation: Need Four Things

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

Cognitive Walkthrough Process

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

Action Analysis / Cognitive Modeling

GOMS: Goals, Operators, Methods, Selection

Developed by Card, Moran and Newell

Walk through sequence of steps

Assign each an approximate time duration

Sum to estimate overall performance time

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

Inspection vs. Usability Testing

Inspection is

- Is much faster

- Does not require interpreting user actions

- May miss problems or find false positives

Usability testing is

- More accurate, by definition

- Account for actual users and tasks

One approach is to alternate between them

- Find different problems, conserve participants

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Remote Usability Testing

Conferencing-based testing

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

Semi-automated remote testing

Automatic logging and some analysis of usage

Controlled online A/B experiments

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

Semi-Automated Remote Usability

Move usability testing online

- participants access the “lab” via web
- answer questions & complete tasks in “survey”
- records actions or screens for playback
- can test many people completing many tasks

Analyze data individually or in aggregate

- playback individual sessions
- find general problem areas
- if needed, look more closely with traditional methods

Semi-Automated Remote Usability

The screenshot shows a Netscape browser window titled "NetRaker Intelligence Center Tour - Netscape". The address bar contains "http://www.netraker.com/". The browser's menu bar includes "File", "Edit", "View", "Go", "Communicator", "Help", and "Send". The toolbar contains icons for Back, Forward, Reload, Home, Search, Netscape, Print, Security, Shop, and Stop.

The main content area displays a task instruction: "Please refer to the web site below for the following...". Below this, a task is listed: "(1) Find a flat panel monitor that costs less than \$1200. Please try to accomplish this task without using the search function." Three radio buttons are provided for feedback: "I was able to complete the task", "I was not able to complete the task", and "I think that I was able to complete the task, but I'm not sure". A "Next" button is visible on the right.

The website being visited is "ACME Computers". The page features a navigation menu on the left with items: Home, Laptops & Notebooks, Desktop Computers, Printers, Monitors, LCD Flat Panel Displays, Video Cards, Scanners, Digital Cameras, Palmtops, Show Order, and Info. The main content area is titled "ACME Computers" and "LCD Flat Panel Displays". It lists three products:

Product	Price
Mitsubishi 18IN LCD PANEL	\$3,460.00
Compaq 18IN TFT 28MM 1280X1024	\$3,839.00
IBM 18IN/18.0V ANALOG TFT	\$4,099.00

The browser's status bar at the bottom shows "Document: Done" and various system icons.

Semi-Automated Remote Usability

NetRaker Intelligence Center Tour - Netscape

File Edit View Go Communicator Help eSend

Back Forward Reload Home Search Netscape Print Security Shop Stop

Percentages Totals Respondents Details Demographics

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

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

Response Times

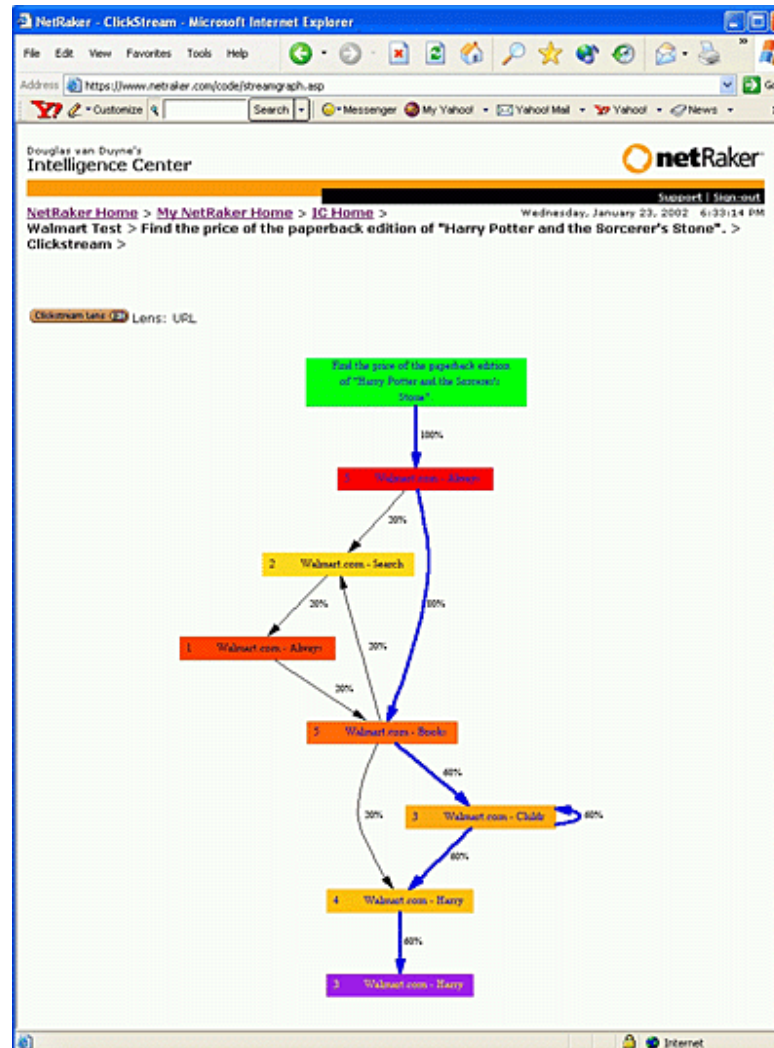
Fastest: 00:00:28
Median: 00:00:41
Average: 00:00:48.4
Slowest: 00:01:14

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

Short Freeform

\$1129

Semi-Automated Remote Usability



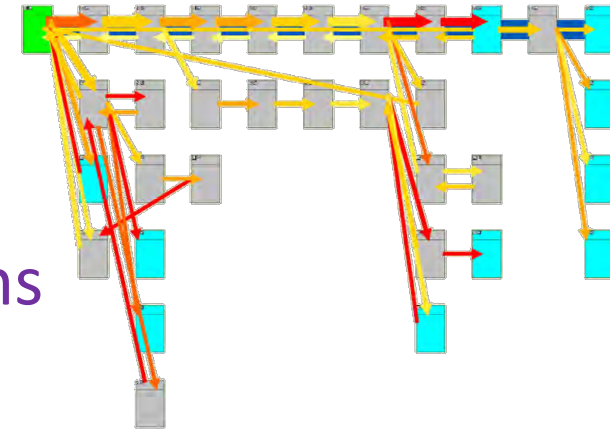
WebQuilt: Visual Analysis

Goals

link page elements to actions

identify behavior/navigation patterns

highlight potential problems areas



Interactive graph based on web content

designers can indicate expected paths

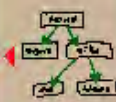
color code common usability interests

filtering to show only target participants

use zooming for analyzing data at varying granularity



Overview



Site Map



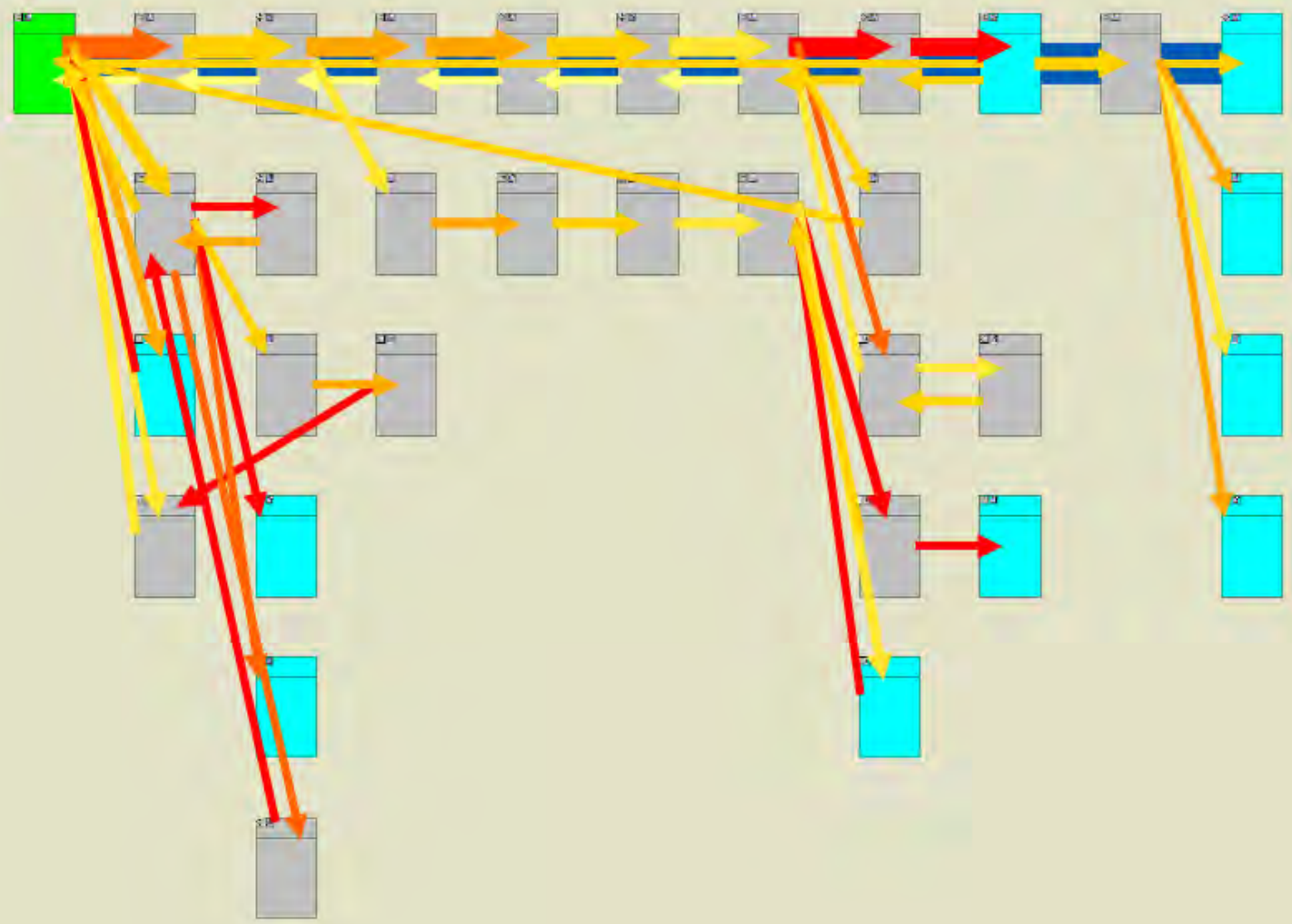
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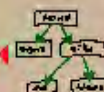
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Update

Hide Filter



Overview



Site Map



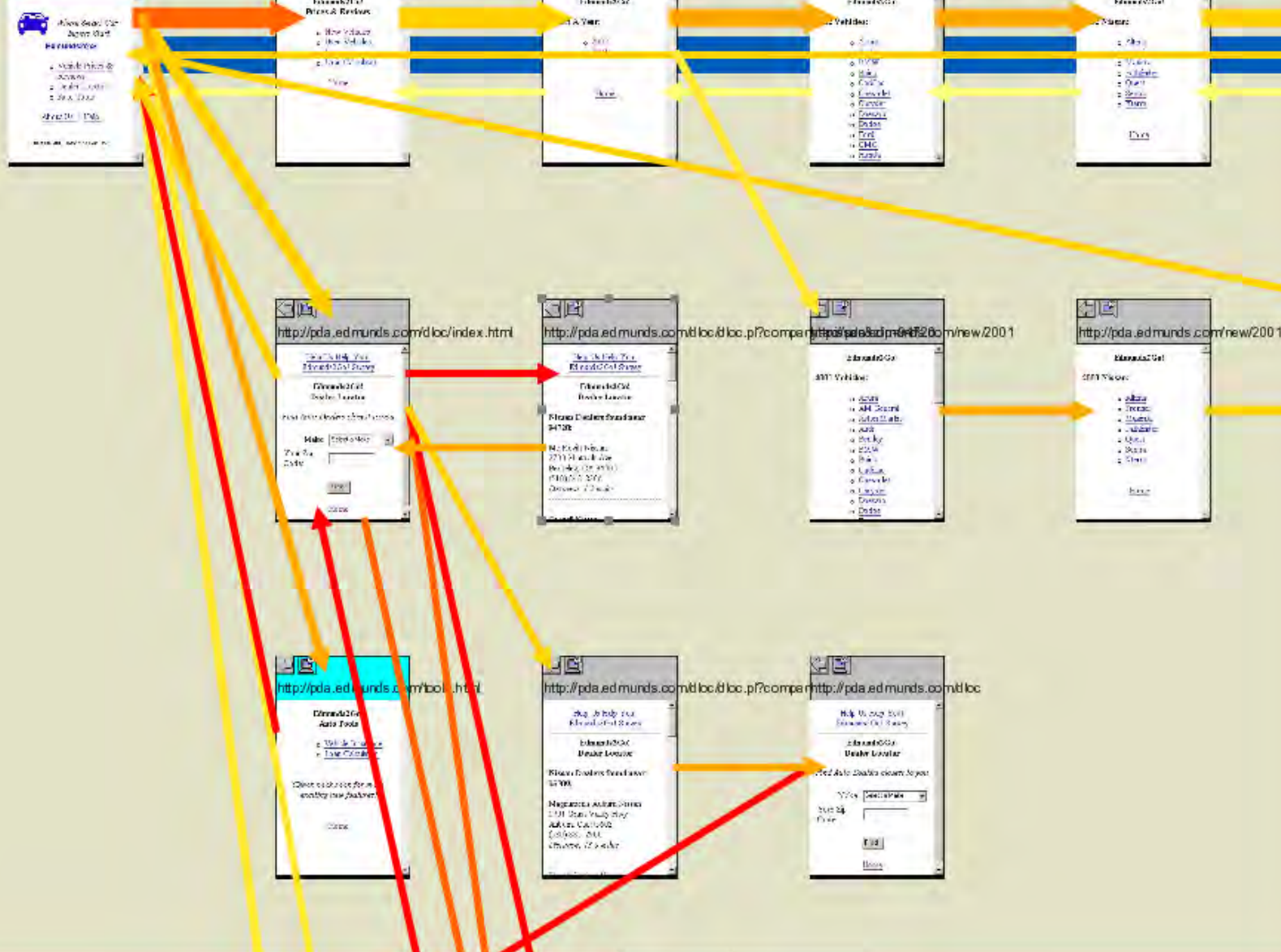
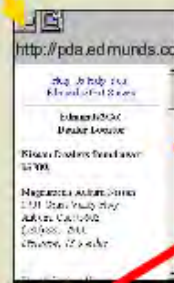
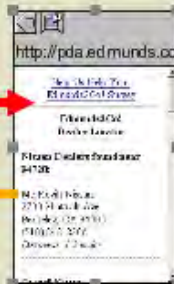
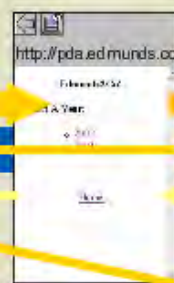
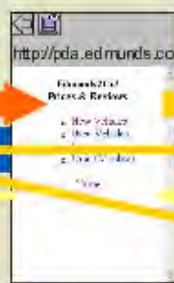
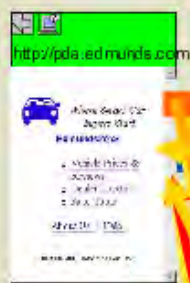
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Controlled A/B Experiments

Many names for concept

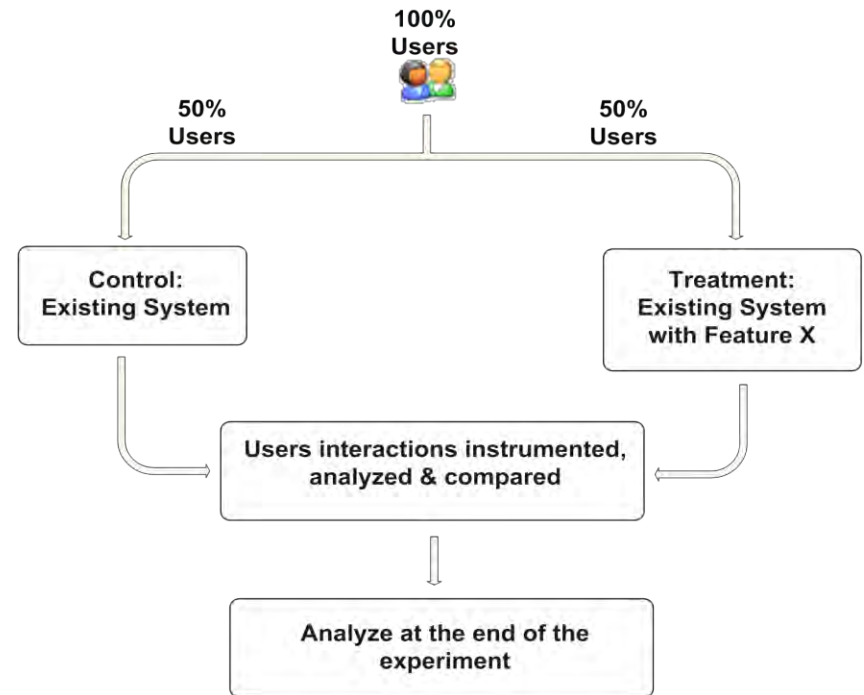
A/B tests or
Control/Treatment

Randomized
Experimental Design

Controlled experiments

Split testing

Parallel flights



Controlled A/B Experiments

Example: Amazon Shopping Cart Recommendations

Add an item to your shopping cart

Most sites show the cart

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

Controlled A/B Experiments

Evaluation

Pro: cross-sell more items

Con: distract people from checking out

Highest Paid Person's Opinion:

Stop the project

Simple experiment run:

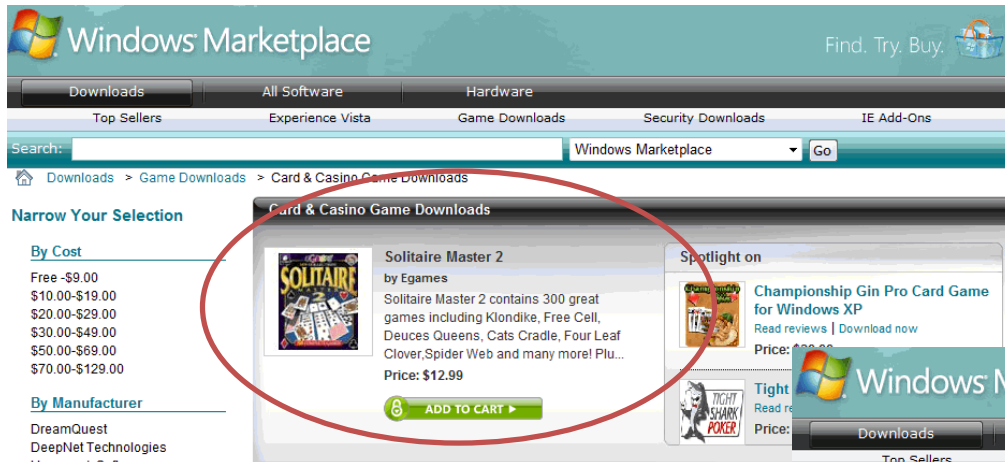
Wildly successful



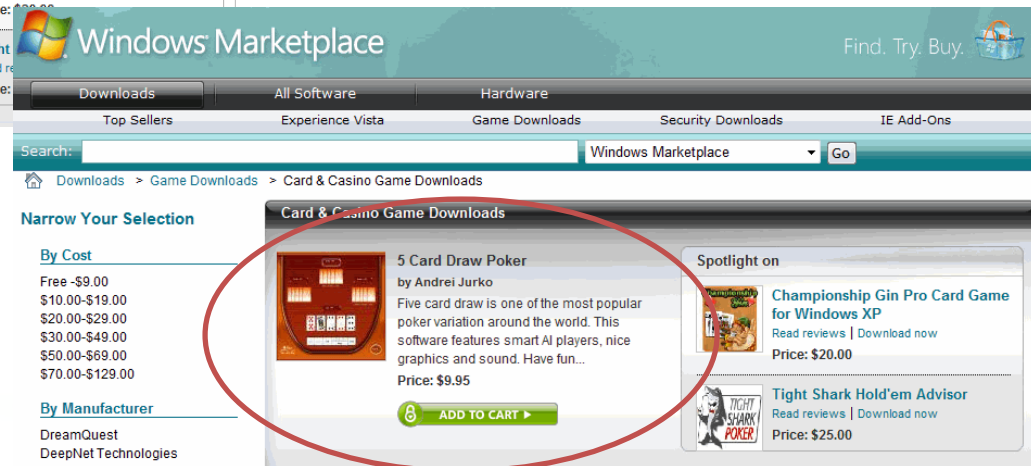
Marketplace: Solitaire v Poker

Experiment run in Windows Marketplace / Game Downloads

Which image has the higher clickthrough? By how much?



A: Solitaire game



B: Poker game

A is 61% better

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Conversion rate is percentage of visits that include purchase

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Item Name	Item Number	Quantity	Remove	Unit Price	Subtotal
Trial Kit	FFCS	1		\$0.00	\$0.00
				Discount	\$0.00

Enter Coupon Code

Select Shipping Method: Standard (\$5.95)

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Which version has a higher conversion rate?

Coupon code decreases by factor of 10

Office Online Feedback

A

Please let us know if this content was helpful.

Rate this content:
☆☆☆☆☆

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

Remaining characters: 650

B

How helpful was this information?
Click a star.

Not helpful ☆☆☆☆☆ Very helpful

Click to rate: 3 out of 5 stars

How helpful was this information?
Click a star.

Not helpful ☆☆☆☆☆ Very helpful

Why did you rate the information this way?

Remaining characters: 650

Feedback A puts everything together, whereas feedback B is two-stage: question follows rating.

Feedback A just has 5 stars, whereas B annotates the stars with “Not helpful” to “Very helpful” and makes them brighter.

Which one has a higher response rate? By how much?

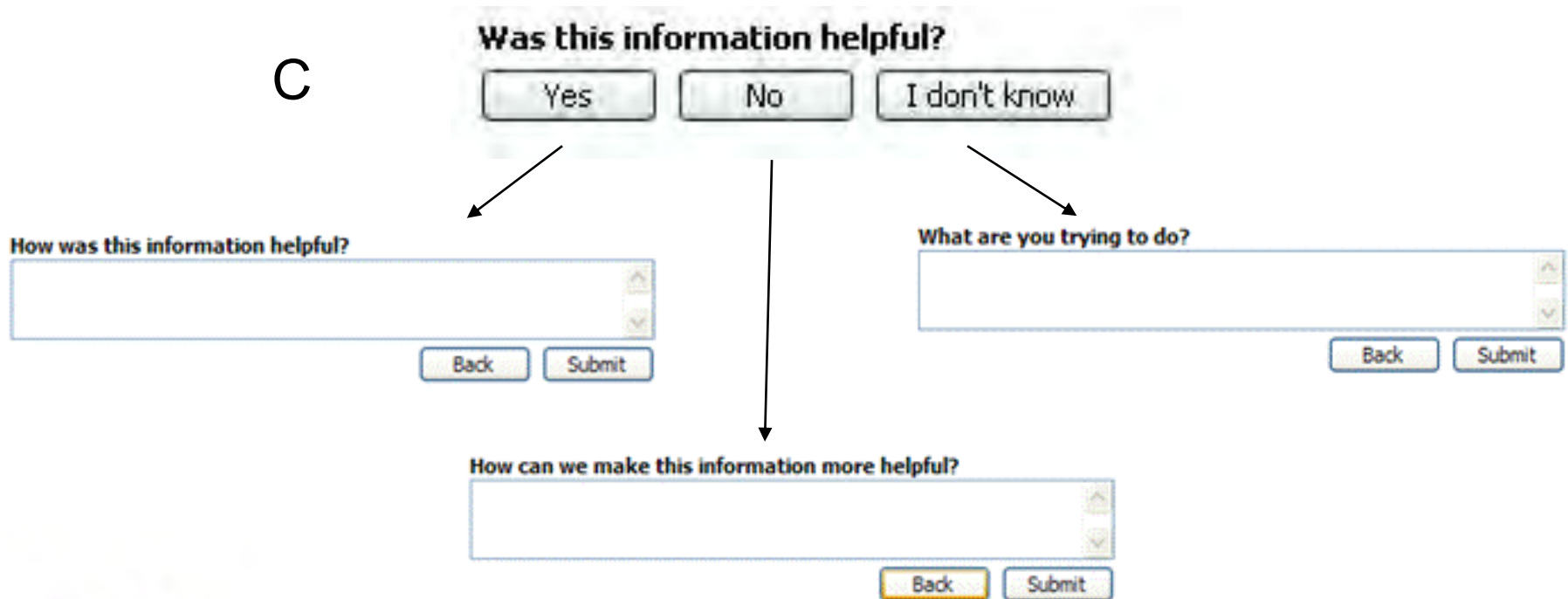
B gets more than double the response rate.

Another Feedback Variant

Call this variant C. Like B, also two stage.

Which one has a higher response rate, B or C?

C



C outperforms B by a factor of 3.5 !

MSN US Home Page

Proposal: New Offers module below Shopping

Shopping

- Lancôme: Free deluxe compact w/ purchase
- Special promotions at your favorite stores
- Warm fall fashion styles are here
- Save on top brand digital cameras
- Free shipping on furniture for every room

Advertisements

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Offers

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

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

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

Treatment

Experiment Results

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

Clickthrough decreased 0.49% ($p < 0.0001$)

Page views per user-day decreased 0.35% ($p < 0.0001$)

Value of click from home page: X cents

Net = Expected Revenue –
direct lost clicks –
lost clicks due to decreased page views

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

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1999

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


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2000

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



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2000

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

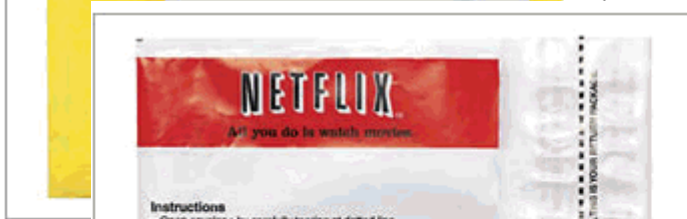
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2000

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


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2000

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


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2001

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


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2001

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

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

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

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

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

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Limitations

Drives hill-climbing, but not overall design

A design may be better, but is it good?

Impossible for new designs to compete

Can be difficult to scale to many features

How about we step through a larger example



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~~\$11.54~~ \$24.97

~~\$10.99~~ \$18.98



Movies



Just Released: *The Royal Tenenbaums* for \$18.45

Wes Anderson (*Rushmore*) directs a motley crew of talented actors in this hysterical comedy about the rise and fall of an eccentric family.

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Price	Total Price	Seller (Rating)	Seller Comments	
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\$8.00	\$10.45 Media Mail	stargaze13 (3)	Disk, case, and liner all in excellent c more...	More info...
\$8.25	\$10.70 Media Mail	dazzyliz ★ (1205)	SEALED NEW BMG	More info...
\$8.30	\$10.75 Media Mail	naojia@hotmail.com ★ (35)	Perfect condition	More info...

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Very Good

Sorted by **Price**

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Price	Total Price	Seller (Rating)	Seller Comments	
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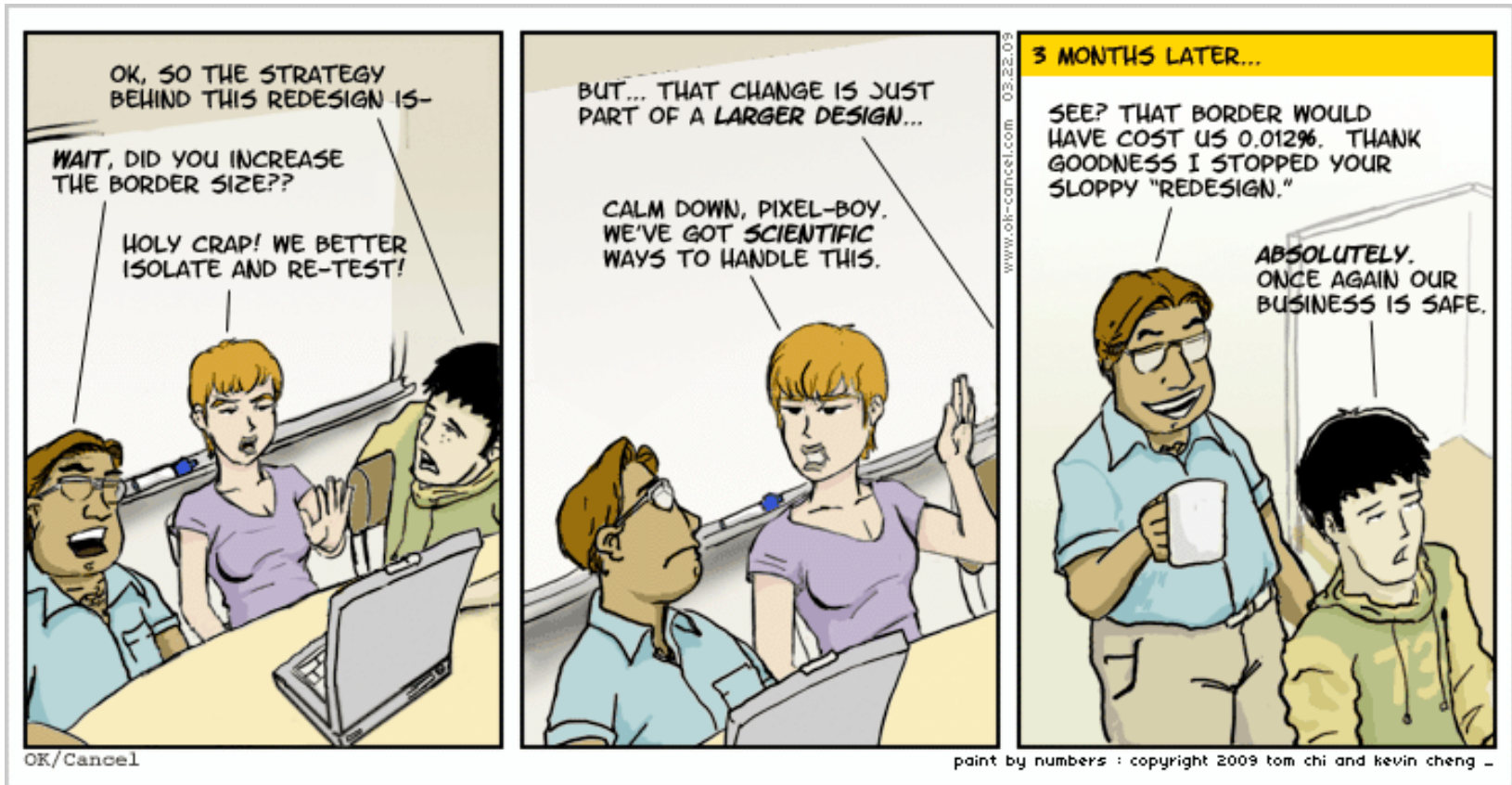
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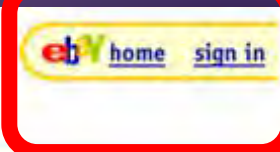
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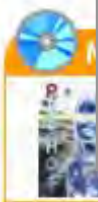
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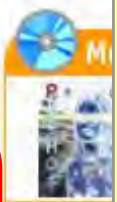
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Pinkerton
(CD, 1996)
Weezer
\$6.00
(Save \$10.95)



All Killer No Filler [ECD]
(CD, 2001)
Sum 41, Sum 41
\$4.29
(Save \$8.68)

[Redeeming a Gift Certificate or Coupon?](#)

Proceed to Checkout
Speedy Checkout

Shopping Cart

<p>Weezer (2001) Weezer, Weezer (Music) CD, Release Year: 2001 Seller: naojia@hotmail.com (35) Condition: Like New • Notes: Perfect condition</p> <p>Move to WishList • Remove from Cart • Find another one</p>	<p>Item: \$8.30 Media Mail: \$2.45 (Change Shipping Method)</p>
TOTAL: \$10.75	

Gift Certificates and Coupons

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

Proceed to Checkout
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People with similar tastes also enjoyed...



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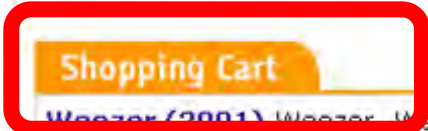
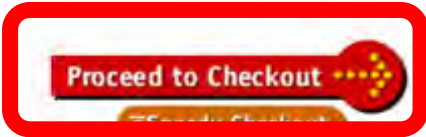
Redeeming
Claim Code

Redeem

Proceed to Checkout 
Speedy Checkout

• **What site am I at?**

- Logo in upper-left
- Colors, layout, font
- examples of **SITE BRANDING**



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Redeeming
Claim Code

Redeem

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

• **Where am I in the site?**

- Last link clicked was “Buy!”
- “Shopping Cart” and “Proceed to Checkout” reinforce that this is “the right page”
- **SHOPPING CART**

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Speedy Checkout

• **Cross-selling**

- Possibly a pleasant surprise
- Impulse buy
- **CROSS-SELLING & UP-SELLING**

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Redeem

Proceed to Checkout

- **What am I going to buy?**
 - Easy to remove
 - Easy to move to wishlist
- **How much will it cost?**
 - Shipping costs there, no nasty surprises
- **SHOPPING CART**

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your

Proceed to Checkout

Speedy Checkout

• **What can I do?**

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

Checkout

Enter your User ID and Password.

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trouble signing in? [Get help now.](#)

eBay User ID

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eBay Password

[Forgot](#) your password?

Learn how to [protect your account](#)

Secure Sign In

or [Register Now](#)

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sign out. [Learn more](#) .

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Or sign in to eBay
using:



Checkout

Enter your User ID and Password.

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eBay [User ID](#)

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eBay Password

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Or sign in to eBay using:



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



Step 1 - Choose Shipping Address

Ship my order to:

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

[Use This Address](#)

OR

Enter a new shipping address:

Name

Street address

City

State

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

Select State

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

ZIP code

Country

USA

[Save Changes](#)

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USA

Save Changes

- **What site?**

- Logo, layout, color, fonts

- **Where in site?**

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



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Save Changes

- **Note what's different**

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

- **This is a PROCESS FUNNEL**

- Extraneous info and links removed to focus customers

 Place my order!

Order Summary

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Subtotal: \$10.75

Total Merchandise: \$8.30
Total Shipping: \$2.45
TOTAL: \$10.75

Ship to

Jason Hong
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Berkeley, CA 94720

[Edit / Change Shipping Address](#)

Bill to

MasterCard ending with 0155
Expires 11/2003
Zipcode: 94709

[Edit / Change Billing](#)

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

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

Use this shipping and billing information for my speedy Checkout settings.





- **No nasty surprises**

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

order!

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Total Shipping:	\$2.45
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Place my order!



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

order!

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Design equals Solutions

Design is about finding solutions

Designers often reinvent

Hard to know how things were done before

Why things were done a certain way

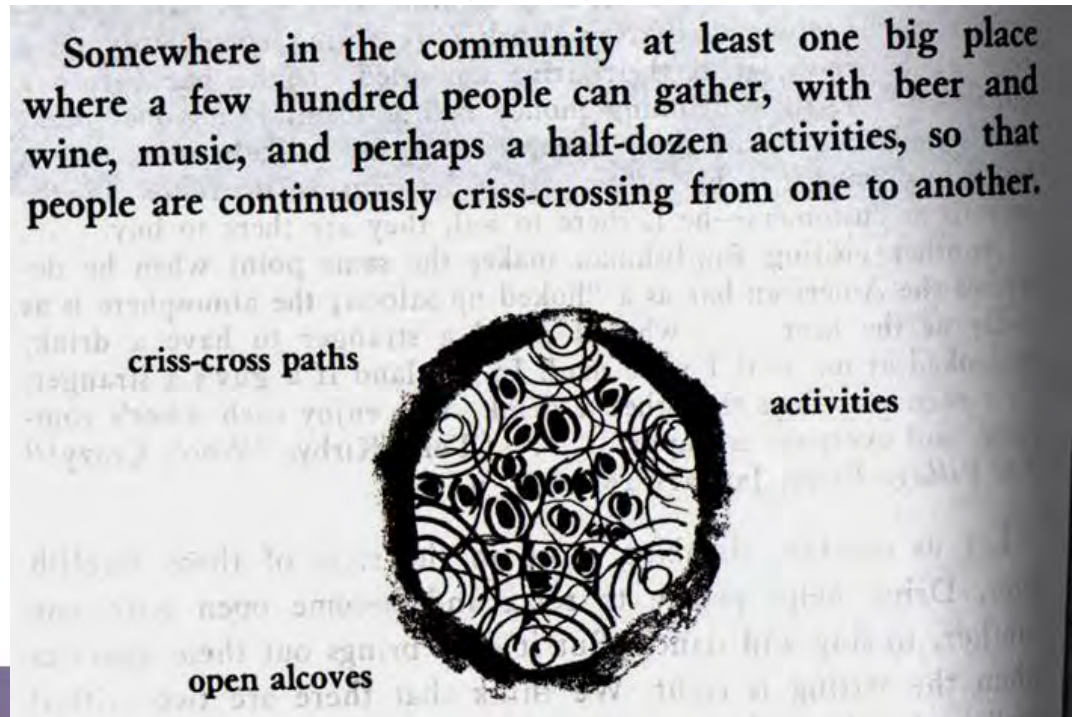
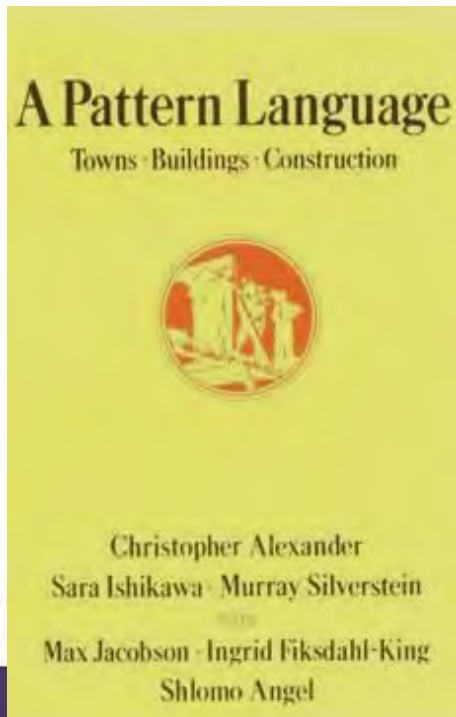
How to reuse solutions

Design Patterns

Design patterns communicate common design problems and solutions

First used in architecture [Alexander]

How to create a beer hall where people socialize?



Design Patterns

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

criss-cross paths



activities

open alcoves

Using Design Patterns

Not too general and not too specific

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

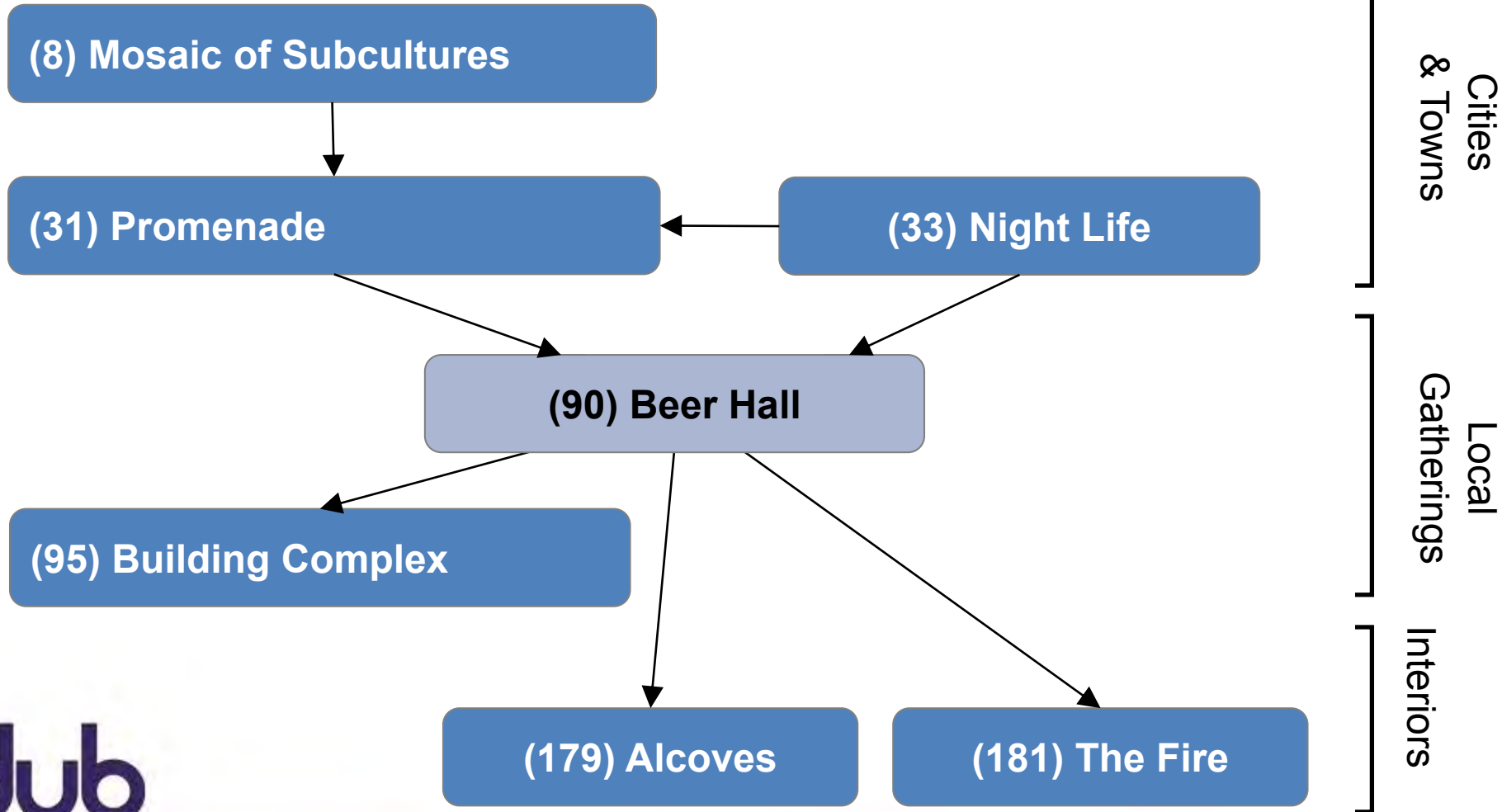
Design patterns are a shared language

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

Beer hall is part of a center for public life

Beer hall needs spaces for groups to be alone ALCOVES

A Web of Design Patterns



Web Design Patterns

Communicate design
problems & solutions

how to create navigation bars
for finding relevant content

how to create a shopping cart
that supports check out

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



NAVIGATION BAR (K2)

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

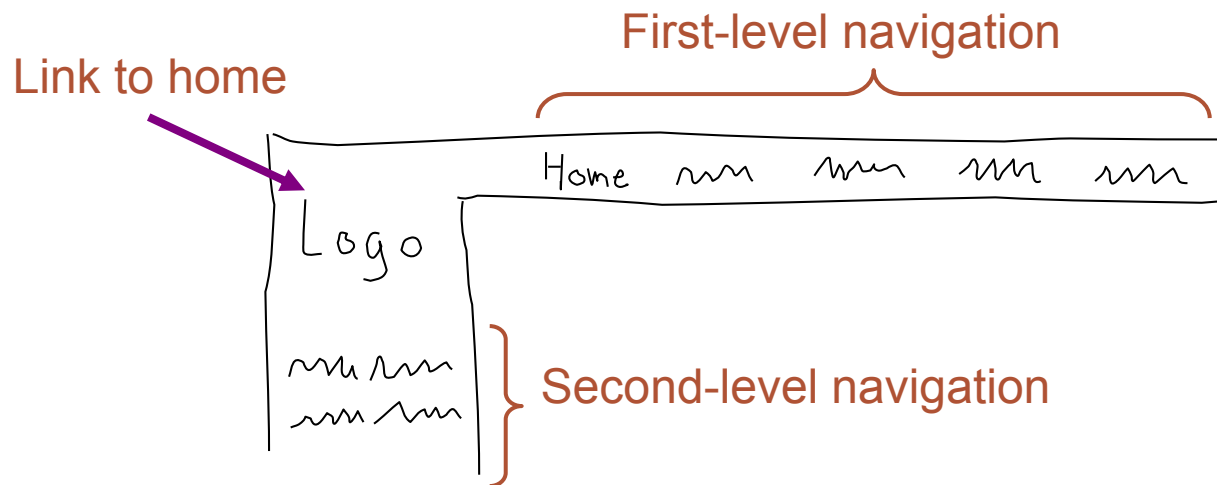
The screenshot shows a website navigation bar with several highlighted sections:

- Top Navigation Bar:** A dark brown bar with the text "Group for User Interface Research" on the left and a menu of "Home", "Projects", "People", "Publications", and "Links" on the right.
- Left Sidebar:** A light brown sidebar containing the heading "DENIM and SILK" and a list of links: "Download", "Documentation", "Support", "Research", "Publications", and "More Projects".
- Main Content Area:** A large white area with the heading "DENIM and SILK" and a small graphic of a notepad labeled "SILK".
- IBM Navigation Bar:** A blue bar with the IBM logo, "United States", a search box, and a menu of "Home", "Products & services", "Support & downloads", and "My account".
- Country Selector:** A blue box with the text "Select a country" and a dropdown menu for "Industries" with a "Go" button.
- Industry List:** A blue box with a list of industry links: "Home / home office", "Small business", "Medium business", "Government", and "Education".
- Promotional Banner:** A white banner with a laptop image, the text "Buy today, ship today", and a note: "If you need it fast, IBM can ship select PC models to you today when you buy by 8 p.m. Eastern, Monday-Friday, (U.S. only)".
- Product Highlights:** Three small product cards on the right side of the page, including "Title-up your bottom line", "e-business on demand", and "IBM Global Financing".

NAVIGATION BAR (K2)

Solution diagram

Captures essence on how to solve problem



Pattern Groups

Patterns organized by group

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

PROCESS FUNNEL (H1)

Problem:

Need a way to help people complete highly specific stepwise tasks

Ex. Create a new account

Ex. Fill out survey forms

Ex. Check out

PROCESS FUNNEL (H1)

The screenshot shows the Half.com website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Half.com logo, a promotional banner for 'Counting Crows: Hard Candy' with a 37% discount, and links for 'my account', 'cart', 'help', 'home', and 'sign in'. Below this is a category menu with buttons for Home, Books, Music, DVDs/Movies, Video Games, Computers & Software, Electronics, and Everything Else. A secondary navigation bar includes 'Gift Certificates', 'Wish List', 'Pre-Orders', 'Sell Your Stuff', and 'New Users'. A search bar is present with a dropdown menu set to 'All Categories' and a 'go' button.

On the left side, there is a section titled 'People with similar tastes also enjoyed...'. It features three product recommendations:

- Weezer (1994)**: (CD, 1994) Weezer, \$5.00 (Save \$6.97)
- Pinkerton**: (CD, 1996) Weezer, \$6.00 (Save \$10.95)
- All Killer No Filler [ECD]**: (CD, 2001)

The main content area is titled 'Redeeming a Gift Certificate or Coupon?'. It features a 'Proceed to Checkout' button with a 'Speedy Checkout' sub-button. Below this is the 'Shopping Cart' section, which displays a single item:

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Below the cart, there is a 'Gift Certificates and Coupons' section with a 'Redeem' button. At the bottom right, there is another 'Proceed to Checkout' button with a 'Speedy Checkout' sub-button.

PROCESS

- **What's different?**

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

The screenshot shows the checkout process on half.com by eBay. The page is titled "Step 1 - Choose Shipping Address". It features a navigation bar with "Checkout" and "Shipping" steps. The main content area is divided into two sections: "Ship my order to:" and "Enter a new shipping address:". The "Ship my order to:" section displays a pre-filled address for Jason Hong at UC Berkeley, with a "Use This Address" button. The "Enter a new shipping address:" section contains form fields for Name, Street address, City, State (a dropdown menu), ZIP code, and Country (set to USA). A "Save Changes" button is located at the bottom of the form.

- **What's the same?**

- Logo, layout, color, fonts

PROCESS FUNNEL (H1)

Problem:

What if users need extra help?

PROCESS FUNNEL (H1)

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Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Quiet key responseSoft "rubberdome" touch	<ul style="list-style-type: none">10 Hot Keys for easy access to your internet and e-mailE-mail Hotkey	<ul style="list-style-type: none">3 programmable keysSoft "rubberdome"	<ul style="list-style-type: none">7 programmable keysBuilt-in 2 port USB HUB

speeds.

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FLOATING WINDOWS (H6)

The screenshot shows the Netflix interface with a red header and navigation tabs. The 'Recommendations' tab is active, displaying 'NEW RECOMMENDATIONS'. Two movie cards are visible: 'Gladiator: Extended Edition' and 'Samurai Champloo (7-...)'. A tooltip window is overlaid on the 'Gladiator' card, providing detailed information about the extended edition.

NETFLIX Arthine van Duvne | Your Account

Browse Recommendations Friends Queue Buy DVDs Movies, act

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

Recommendations

Movie suggestions based on your ra

NEW RECOMMENDATIONS



Gladiator: Extended Edition
(2000)

★★★★★
Not Interested

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

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

★ Recommended based on 1 rating

Add



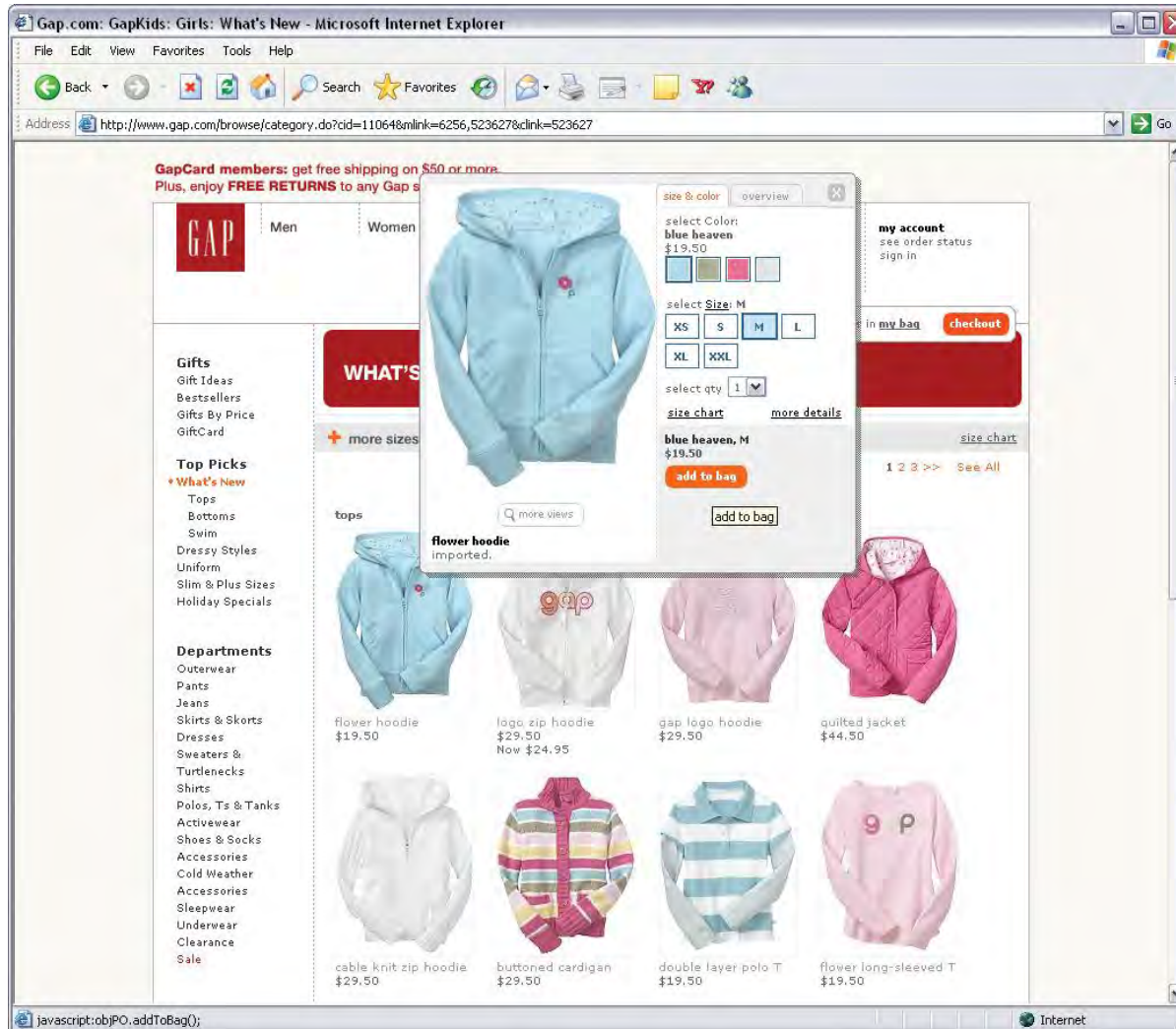
Samurai Champloo (7-...)

★★★★★
Not Interested

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

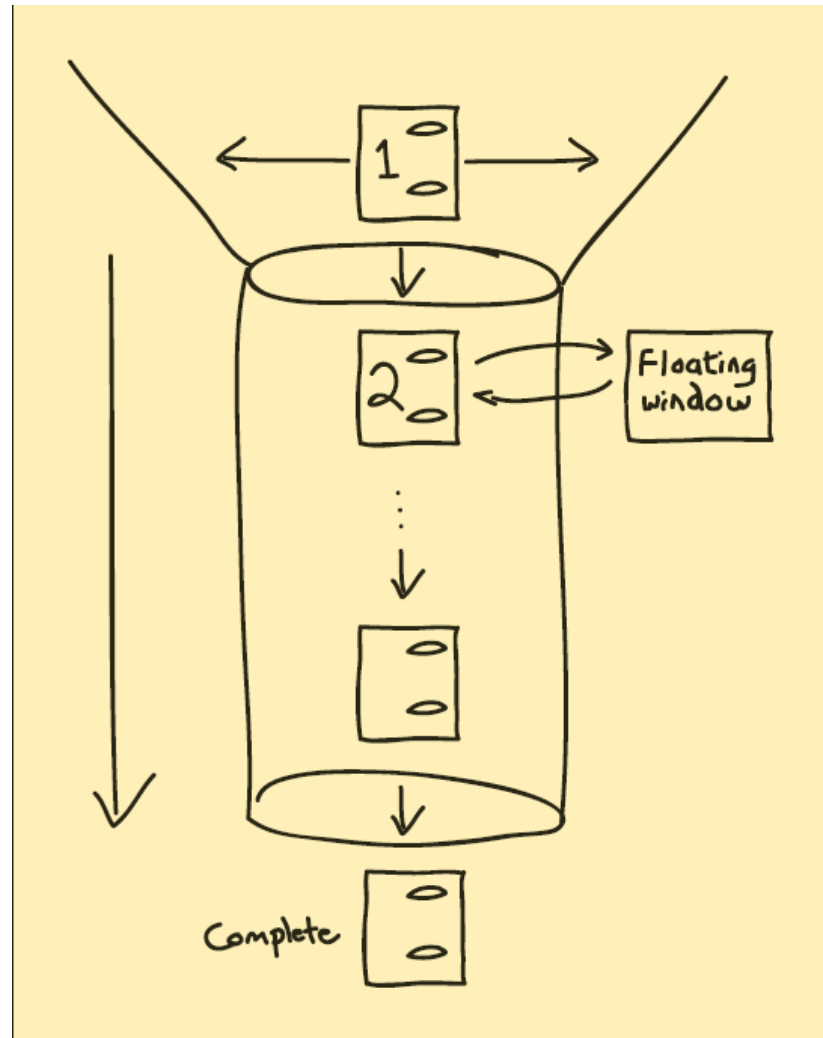
Add All

FLOATING WINDOWS (H6)

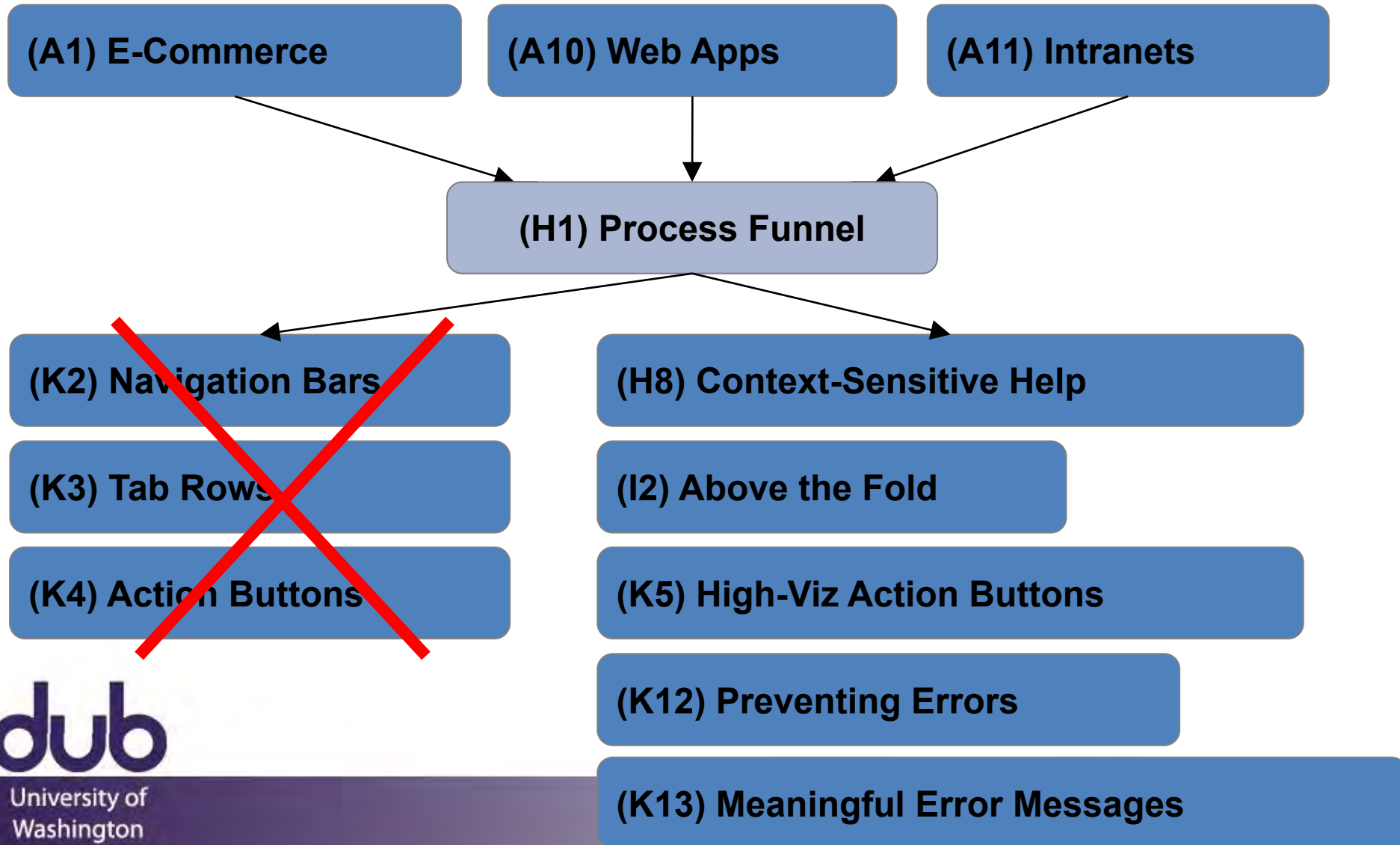


PROCESS FUNNEL (H1)

Solution Diagram



Related Patterns



Patterns Support Creativity

Patterns come from successful examples

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

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

Not too general and not too specific

you need to specialize to your needs

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

Principles, Guidelines, Templates

Patterns help design without over-constraining

unlike principles, patterns are not too general

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

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

unlike templates, patterns illustrate flows and relationships among different pages

Format of Web Design Patterns

Pattern Name and Number

Exemplar

Background

Problem

Forces

Solution

Solution Diagram

Related Patterns

Pattern Name and Number

H1 PROCESS FUNNEL



Figure H1.1

Dell uses a process funnel consisting of several logical steps that guide customers to quickly configure and purchase a personal computer. Information in a pop-up window shows additional details but keeps customers in the funnel so that they can continue to completion.



Exemplar

Forces & Solution

Background

Problem Statement

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

Required to Complete a Task • Customers required to complete a task. Customers often need to complete highly specific tasks on Web sites, but pages with tangential links and many questions can prevent them from carrying out these tasks successfully. People enjoy completing the tasks they start. Yet all kinds of distractions—including links that lead off the critical path, extra steps, and extra

Provide a Progress Bar to Let Customers Provide a progress bar to let customers know how much farther they have to go to complete the task. It is often not worth your time to create a progress bar clickable because doing so does not benefit for customers.

Remove Unnecessary Links and Content While Reinforcing the Brand Removing links and content unrelated to the task at hand will reduce the clutter, making it more likely that your customers will complete their tasks. Remove all NAVIGATION BARS (K2), TAB BARS (K3), BREAD CRUMBS (K6), and EMBEDDED LINKS (K7), LEAVENING BUTTONS (K4) that help visitors reach their goals. Take out any content that is superfluous to the task.

Reinforce the Web site brand to minimize any disorientation customers might feel from sudden changes in navigation options. Use the same logo, color, and logo throughout the Web site so that no matter where they are in the process funnel and how much farther they have to go,



* BACKGROUND

All Web applications that lead visitors through stepped tasks—PERSONAL E-COMMERCE (A1), SELF-SERVICE GOVERNMENT (A4), WEB APPS THAT WORK (A10), and ENABLING INTRANETS (A11)—need ways to help people succeed at completing the tasks.

* PROBLEM

Customers often need to complete highly specific tasks on Web sites, but pages with tangential links and many questions can prevent them from carrying out these tasks successfully. People enjoy completing the tasks they start. Yet all kinds of distractions—including links that lead off the critical path, extra steps, and extra



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

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

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

Prevent Errors Where Possible, and Provide Meaningful Error Messages • People will always make errors. You can provide good customer support and sample input to help prevent errors. Provide MEANINGFUL ERROR MESSAGES (K13) to help users understand what went wrong.

Solution Summary

*** SOLUTION**

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

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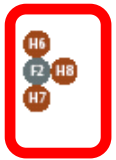
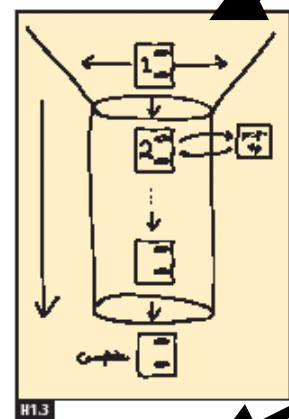


Figure H1.3
A process funnel lets people complete their goals by breaking down complicated tasks into a small number of steps, using pop-up windows for detailed information, and reducing the number of links to only the critical ones, so that people are never distracted.



Solution Diagram

Related Patterns

*** CONSIDER THESE OTHER PATTERNS**

- Many kinds of Web sites use process funnels, including sites for PERSONAL E-COMMERCE (A1), SELF-SERVICE GOVERNMENT (A4), WEB APPS THAT WORK (A10), and ENABLING INTRANETS (A11). Customers use process funnels when they finalize purchases through QUICK-FLOW CHECKOUT (F1), when they create new accounts through SIGN-IN/NEW ACCOUNT (H2), and when they post new messages to a RECOMMENDATION COMMUNITY (G4), to name some examples.
- Remove NAVIGATION BARS (K2), TAB ROWS (K3), irrelevant ACTION BUTTONS (K4), LOCATION BREAD CRUMBS (K6), and EMBEDDED LINKS (K7) to ensure that customers stay on their paths. However, keep strong site BRANDING (E1) so that customers still know where they are.
- Design process funnels to PREVENT ERRORS (K12), and provide MEANINGFUL ERROR MESSAGES (K13) when errors do occur.
- Track your customers through PERSISTENT CUSTOMER SESSIONS (H5) to avoid problems with the **Back** button, and to save customer-entered information.
- Move extra content, such as CONTEXT-SENSITIVE HELP (H8) and FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (H7), to POP-UP WINDOWS (H6) to keep the main task page on the screen. Make the next action visible by keeping it ABOVE THE FOLD (I2) and by using HIGH-VISIBILITY ACTION BUTTONS (K5).

Pre-Patterns

Patterns require broad adoption and examples

Many version of the same basic idea

Shown successful in many contexts

That is what makes them patterns

This is challenging in novel domains

Pre-patterns are based in weaker evidence

Can help speed diffusion of techniques and results

Can help see relationships among ideas

UbiComp Pre-Patterns

Literature review

Button-up card sorting of lessons from literature

Cut down based on critique by other researchers

E13 - Notification on Access of Personal Data



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

Synopsis

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

Background

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

Problem

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

Solution

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

Forces

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

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

UbiComp Pre-Patterns

B6 • FIND A FRIEND



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

• BACKGROUND

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

• PROBLEM

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

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



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

Managing privacy concerns • There are many privacy concerns about find-a-friend applications due to the potential for abuse. This is not just the fear of "Big Brother," but also so-called "Fisher Brothers" individuals who

UbiComp Pre-Patterns

A – Ubiquitous Computing Genres	B – Physical-Virtual Spaces	C – Developing Successful Privacy	D – Designing Fluid Interactions
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Upfront Value Proposition (A1) Personal Ubiquitous Computing (A2) Ubiquitous Computing for Groups (A3) Ubiquitous Computing for Places (A4) Guides for Exploration and Navigation (A5) Enhanced Emergency Response (A6) Personal Memory Aids (A7) Smart Homes (A8) Enhanced Educational Experiences (A9) Augmented Reality Games (A10) Streamlining Business Operations (A11) Enabling Mobile Commerce (A12)	Active Map (B1) Topical Information (B2) Successful Experience Capture (B3) User-Created Content (B4) Find a Place (B5) Find a Friend (B6) Notifier (B7)	Fair Information Practices (C1) Respecting Social Organizations (C2) Building Trust and Credibility (C3) Reasonable Level of Control (C4) Appropriate Privacy Feedback (C5) Privacy-Sensitive Architectures (C6) Partial Identification (C7) Physical Privacy Zones (C8) Blurred Personal Data (C9) Limited Access to Personal Data (C10) Invisible Mode (C11) Limited Data Retention (C12) Notification on Access of Personal Data (C13) Privacy Mirrors (C14) Keeping Personal Data on Personal Devices (C15)	Scale of Interaction (D1) Sensemaking of Services and Devices (D2) Streamlining Repetitive Tasks (D3) Keeping Users in Control (D4) Serendipity in Exploration (D5) Context-Sensitive I/O (D6) Active Teaching (D7) Resolving Ambiguity (D8) Ambient Displays (D9) Follow-me Displays (D10) Pick and Drop (D11)

Patterns

When you see advice, consider its depth

Result of an individual study

Pre-pattern based on some meta-analysis

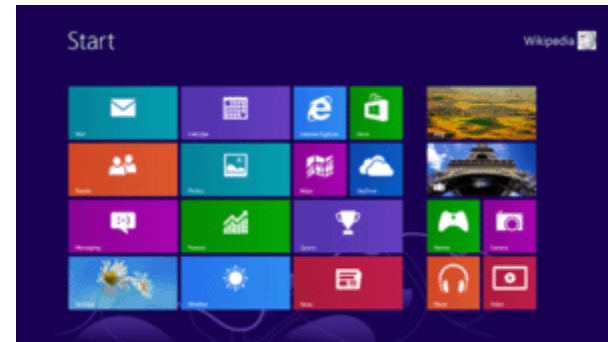
Established pattern

Be aware of misapplying patterns

Touch and Microsoft Windows



2004



2012

Consistency vs. Specialization

Beware of simply copying a design language

Consistency is your friend until it is not your friend

Not limited to platform-level decisions

One “look” for your app

Or targeted at each device

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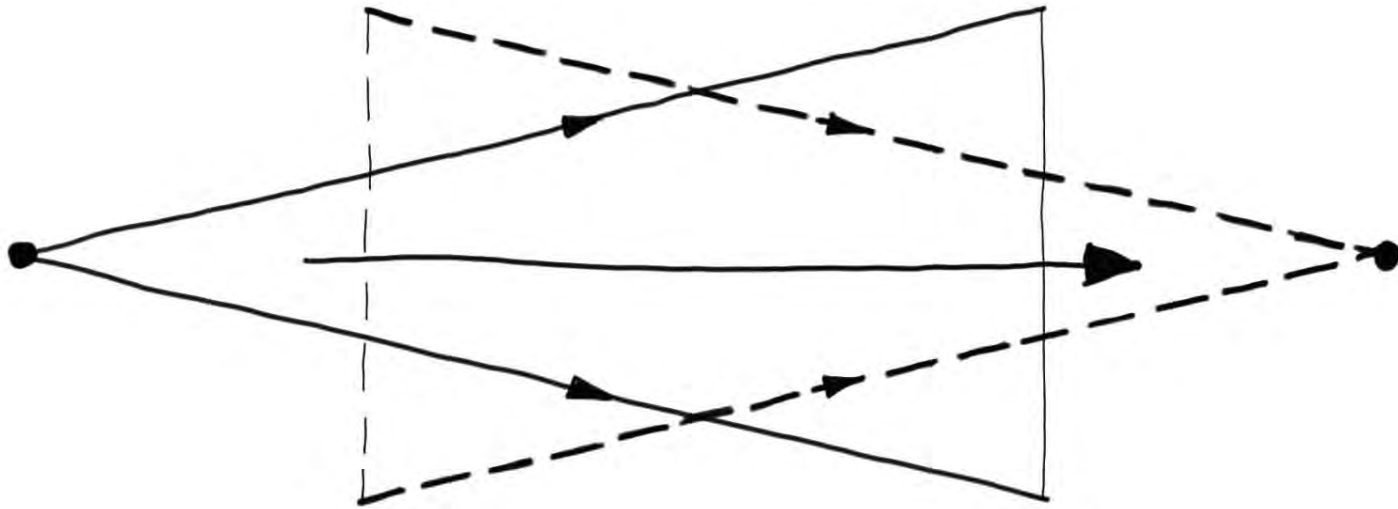
Getting the Design Right Presentations

Exam

Designing for Diverse Needs

A Basic Tenet of Design

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



A Basic Tenet of Design

You are not designing for yourself

You bring a lot of background to the table

That background is your asset

But you also need to be mindful of it

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

What this means can vary widely

And may be beyond what you can or will do

Pinkification

This is a really complicated issue

But it is not new

We will start here

Then work to more obvious problems



Kodak, 1926



Kodak Vest Pocket Series III (1926)

Kodak launched this black camera in 1926

It was successful, but was selling more to men

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

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

Walter Dowrin Teague
Vanity Kodak (1928)



Apple, 2001



Apple G1 iPod, October 2001

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

Jonathan Ive
Apple iPod Mini (2004)



Walter Dowrin Teague
Vanity Kodak (1928)



Observations by Buxton

Same basic design brief

Same use of color

Same number and choice of colors

Same simultaneous release of colors

Teague/Kodak example is a classic

Known to any trained industrial designer

Jonathan Ive is an extremely well trained designer

Draws inspiration from the past

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

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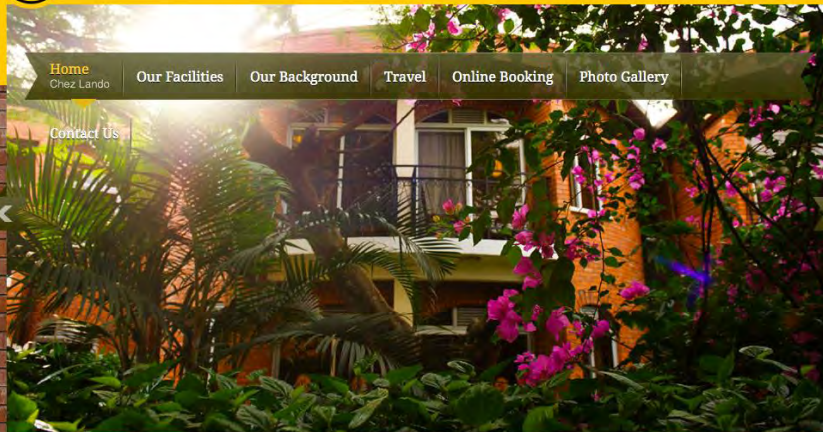
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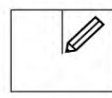
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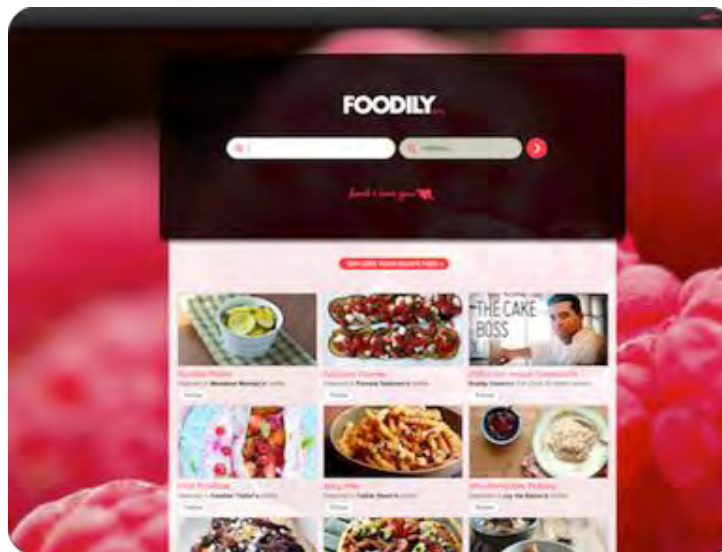
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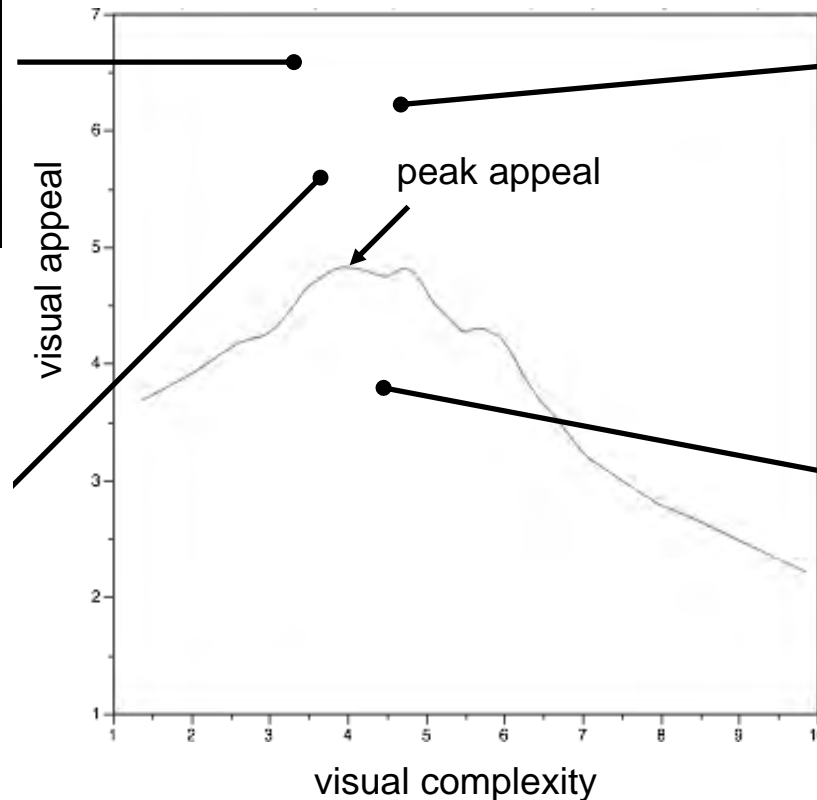
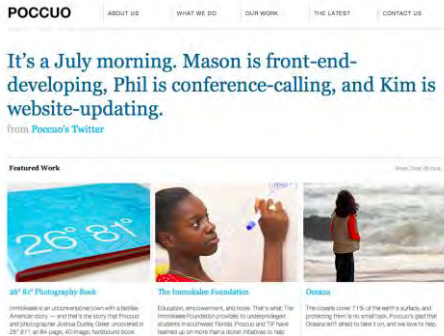
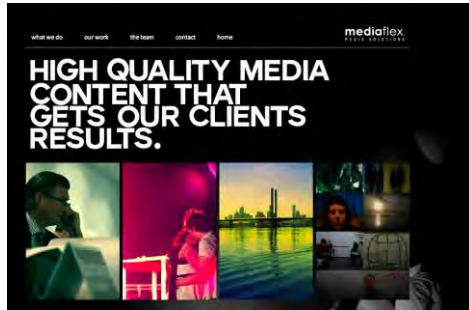
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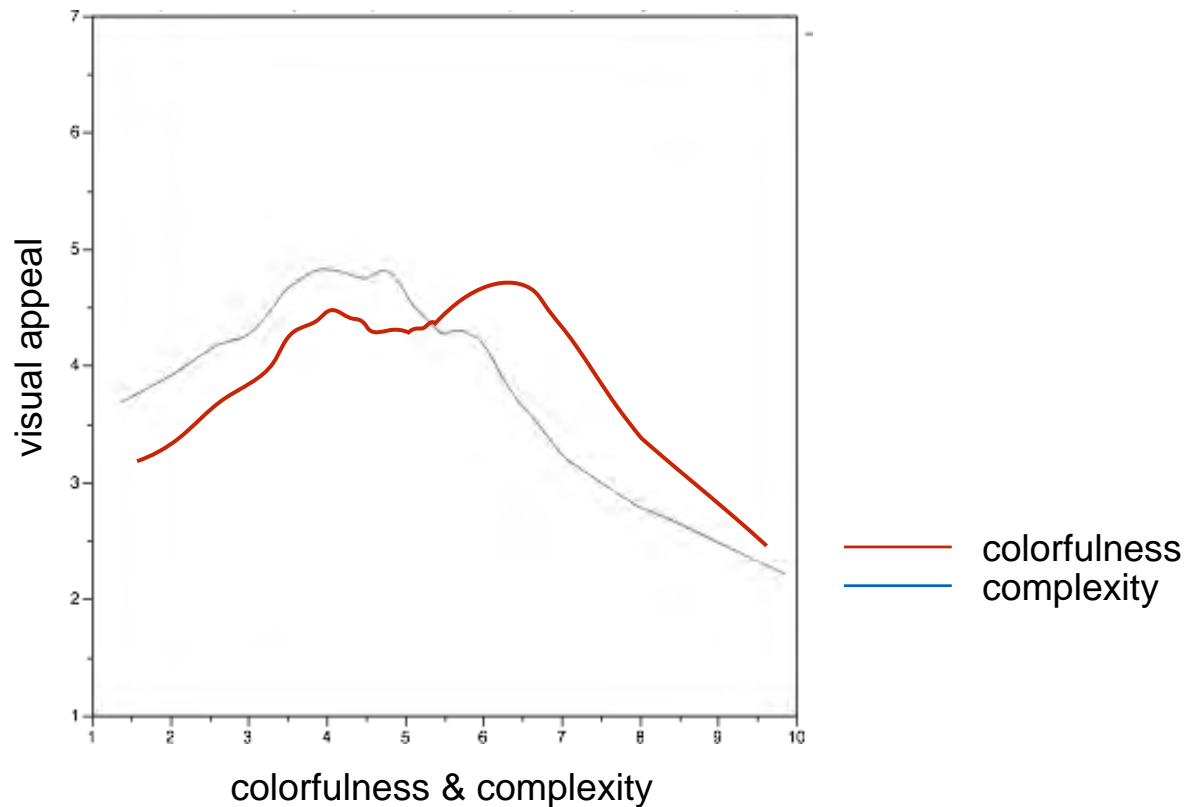
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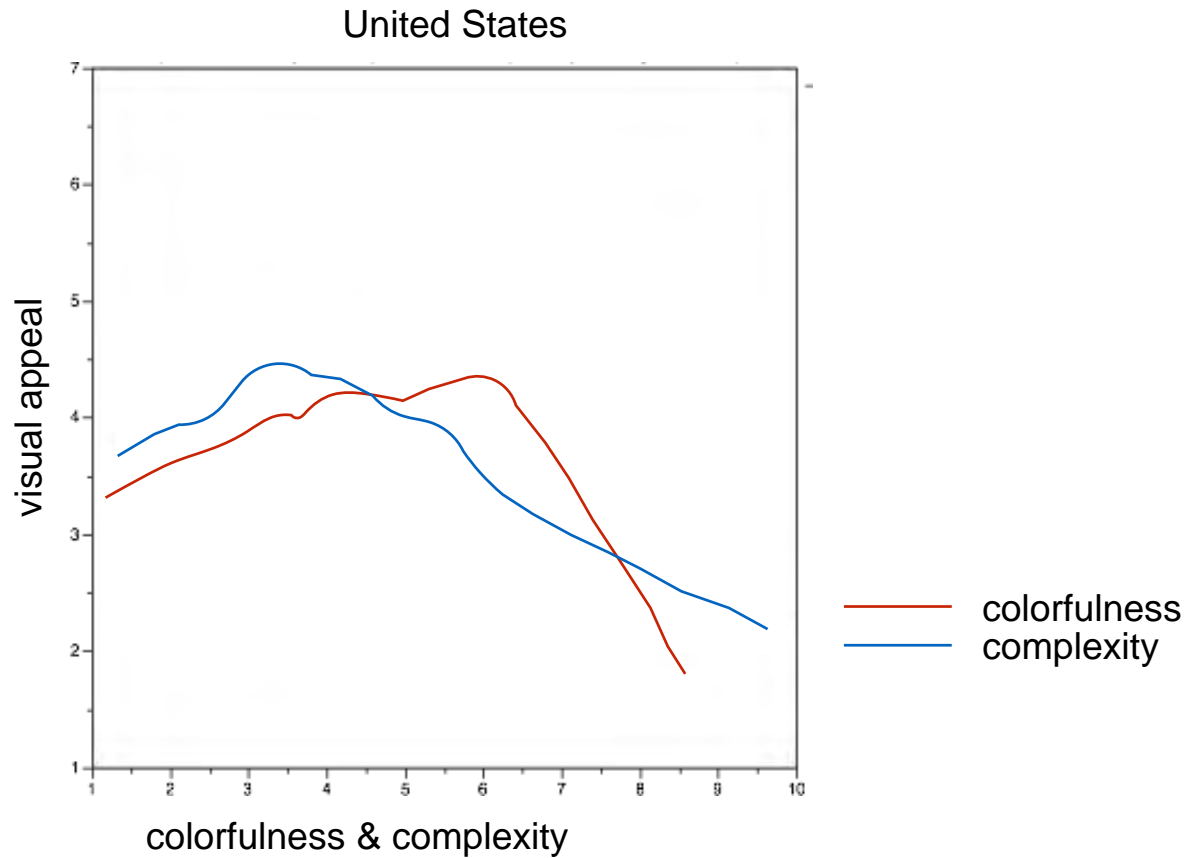
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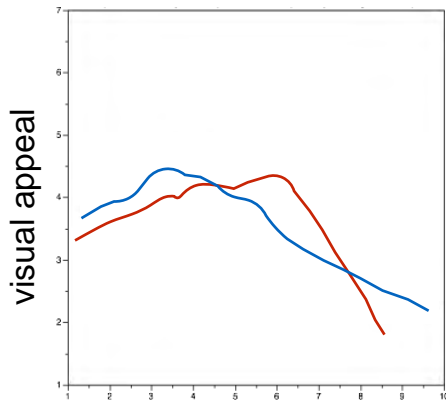
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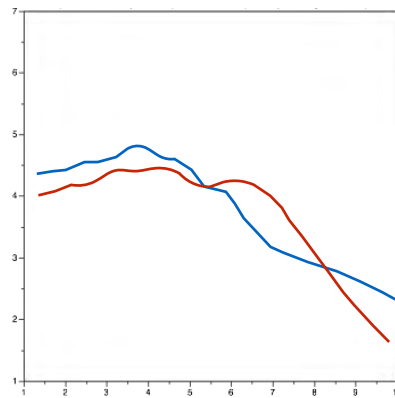
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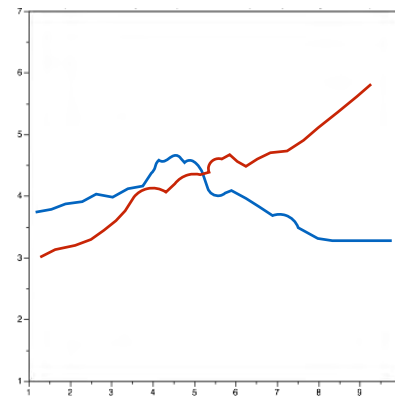
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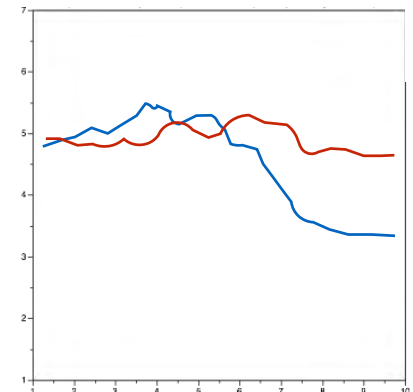
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colorfulness & complexity

Abandoning “One Best Design”

People have different preferences

We can study these preferences

We can even predict these preferences

How should we think about differences

One powerful viewpoint is social justice

Accessibility is the Law

National Federation of the Blind vs. Target, 2006

Americans with Disabilities Act, 1990

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

Rehabilitation Act, 1973

Section 508, 1998

Mandates federal procurement of accessible electronic and information technologies

Universal Design vs. Assistive Technology



Personal Texting by Deaf People



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



1990s TTY with
built-in acoustic modem



SMS texting

People with Disabilities

1 billion people worldwide

15% of the population

50 million people in US

Including yourself if you
are fortunate to live to
develop disabilities

A Social Justice Problem

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16% of people in the US

10% of workforce

5% of STEM workforce

1% of PhDs in STEM

Current State of Devices



Current State of Devices



Equal Access to Information

Is this access equal?

Equal Access to Information

Is this access equal?

Some dimensions to consider

Cost

Speed

Accuracy

Ease

It simply being possible is not enough

A Closer Look at Text Entry



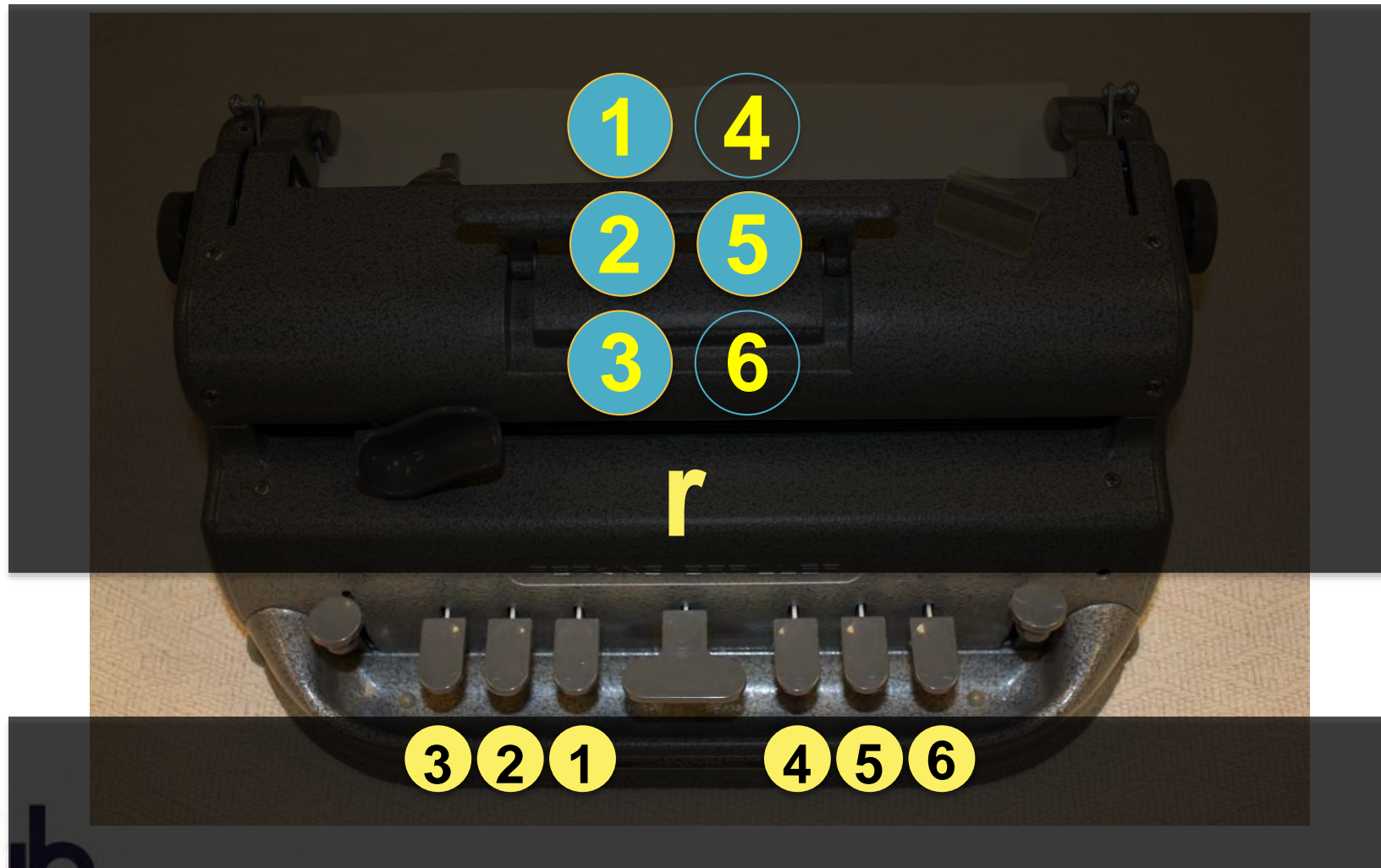
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Contrast with Braille Input



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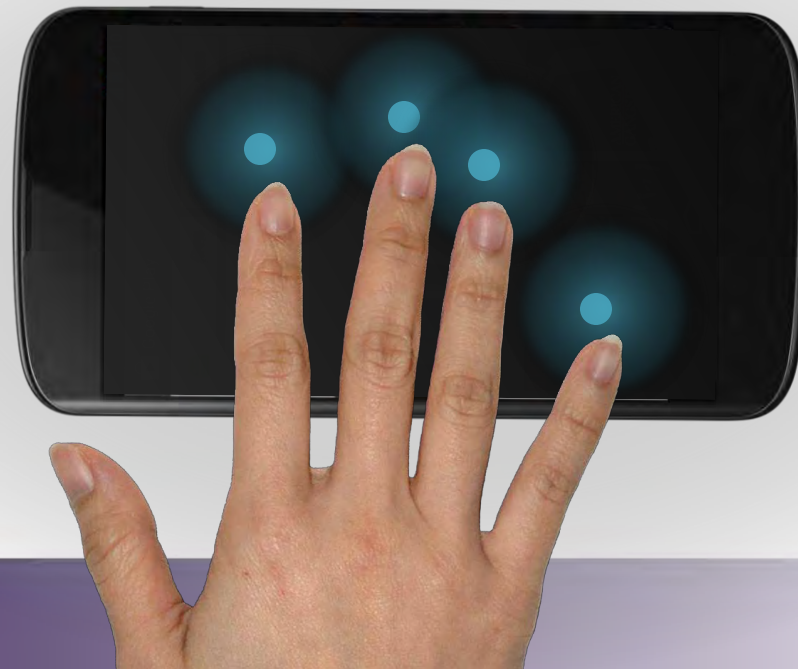
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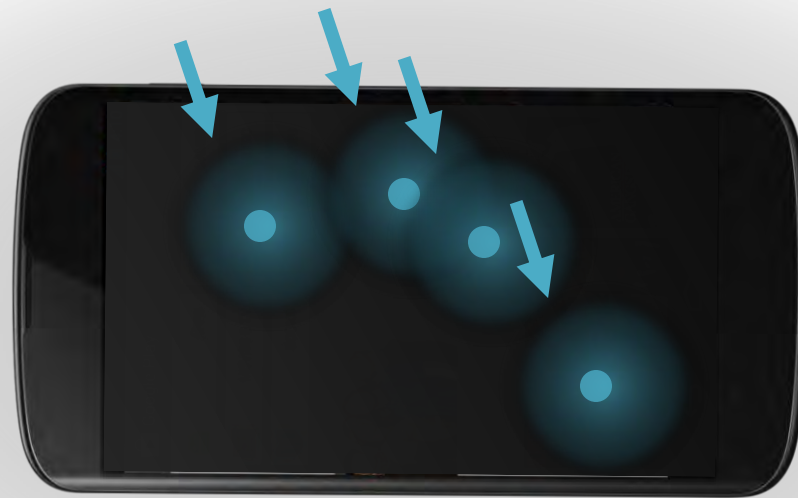
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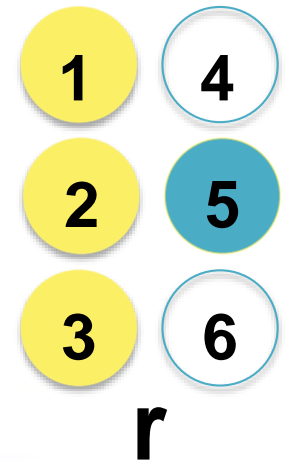
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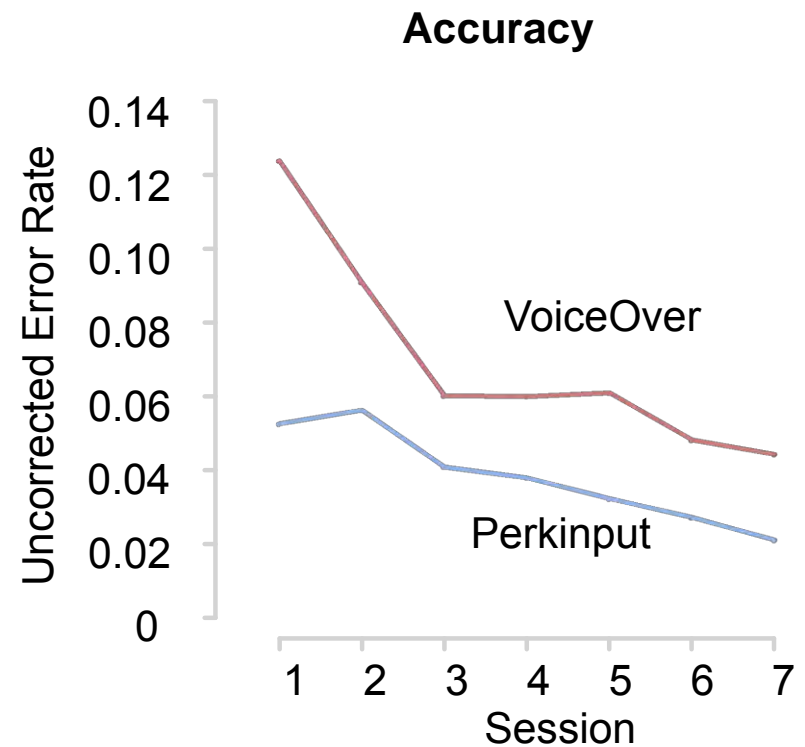
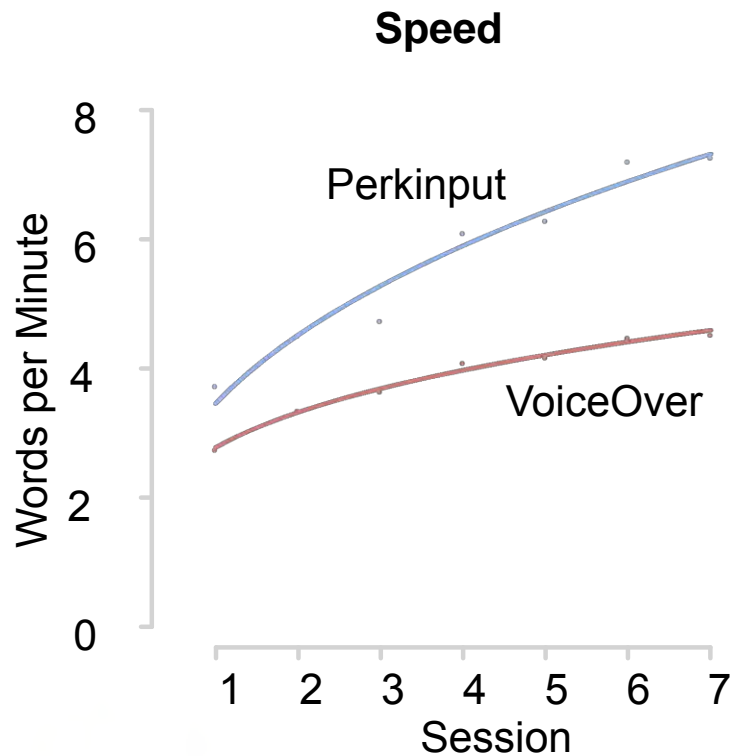
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Speed and Accuracy



Another Problem



Another Problem



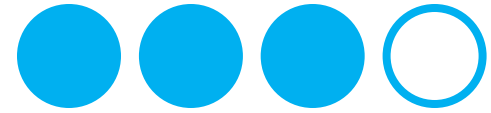
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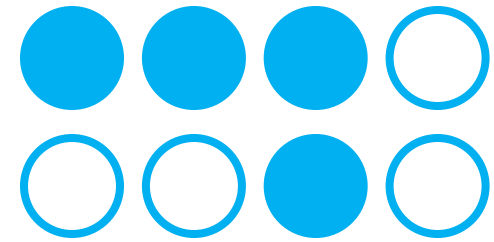
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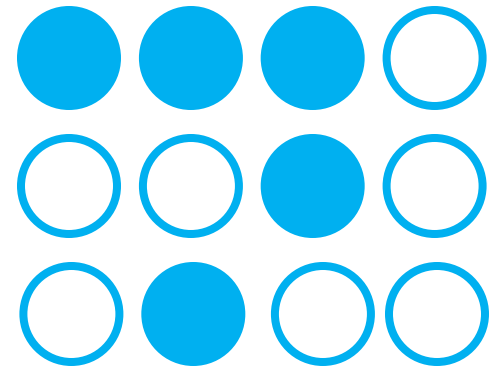
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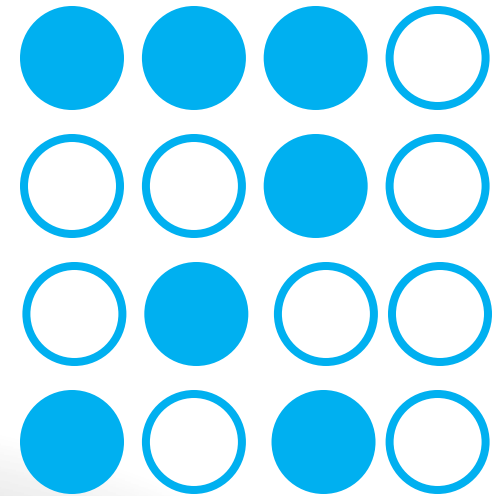
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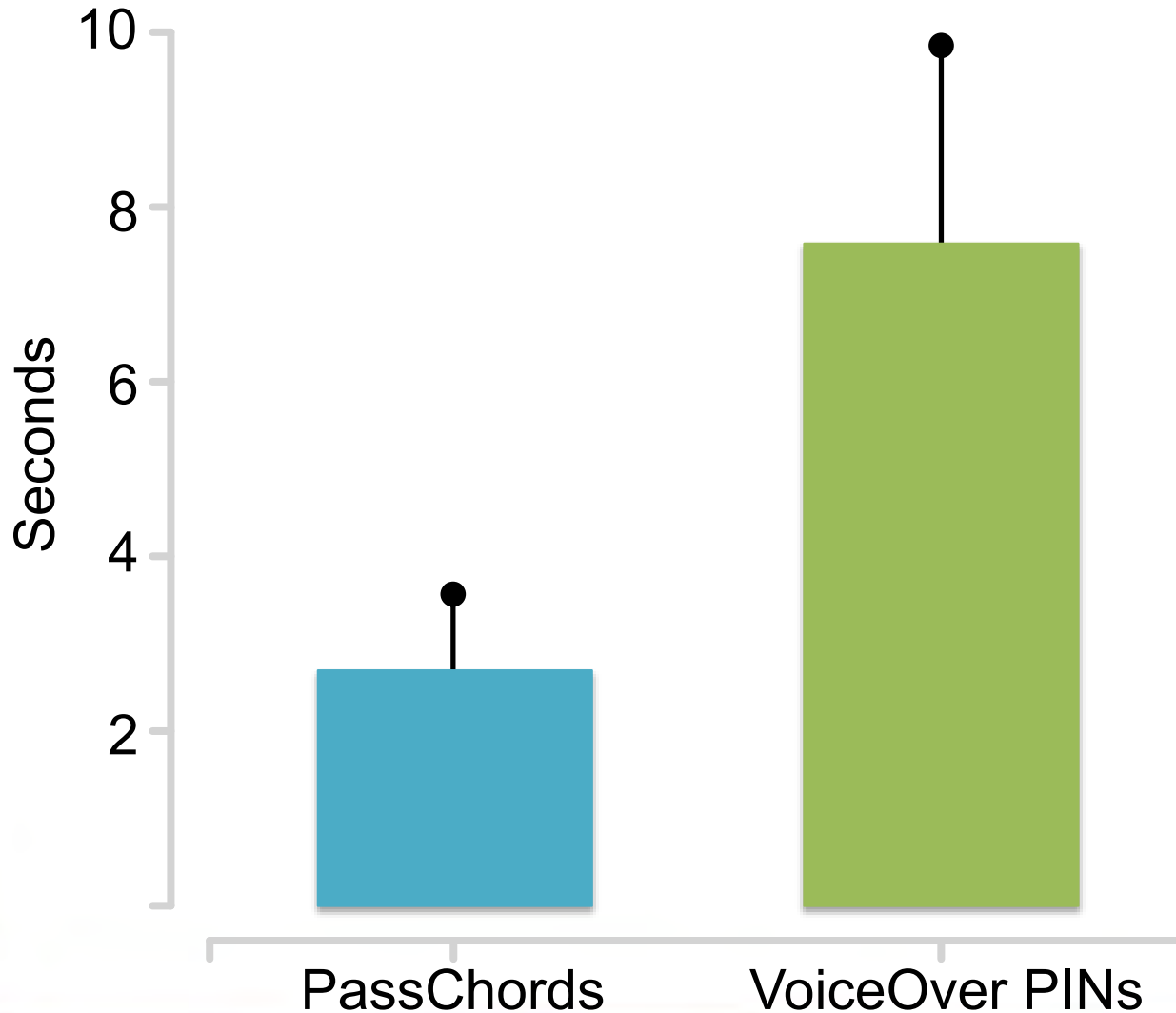
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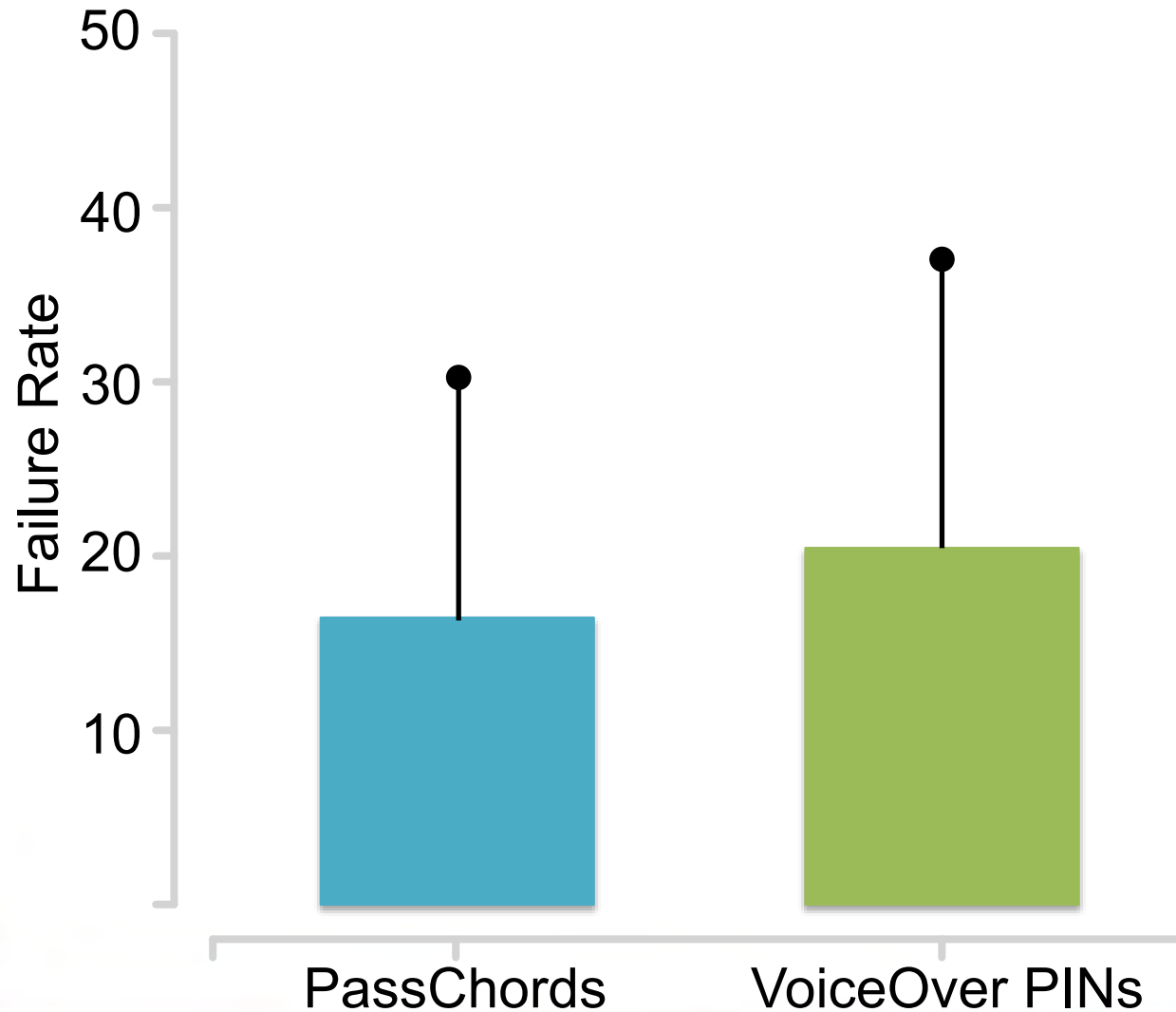
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Time to Authenticate



Accuracy



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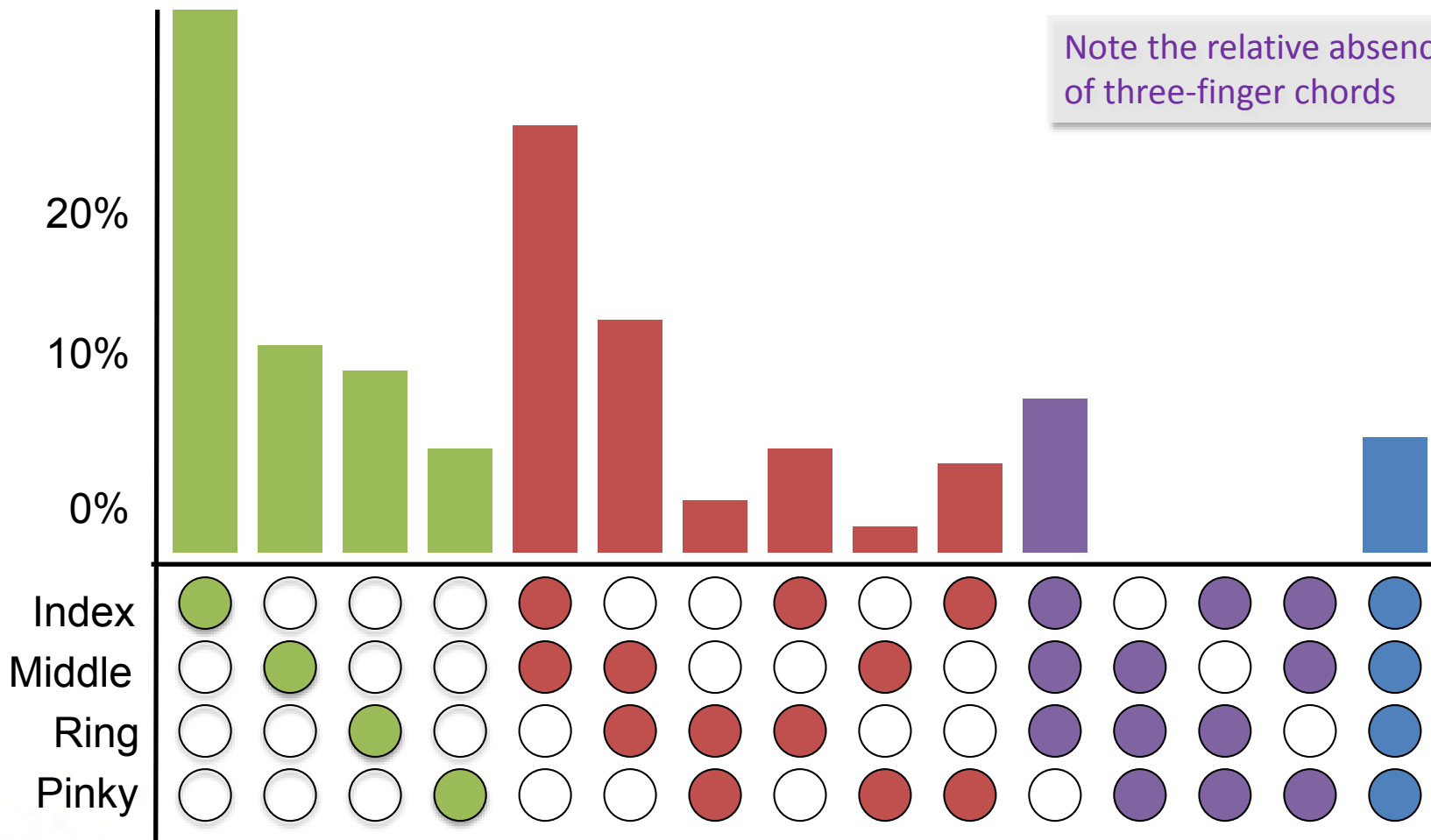
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The minimum number of bits needed
to encode the set of all possible passwords

4-digit PINs: 12.7 bits

Finger Pattern Frequency

Note the relative absence of three-finger chords



What About Security?

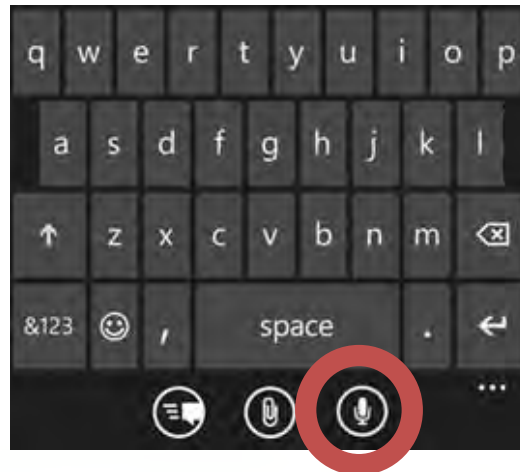
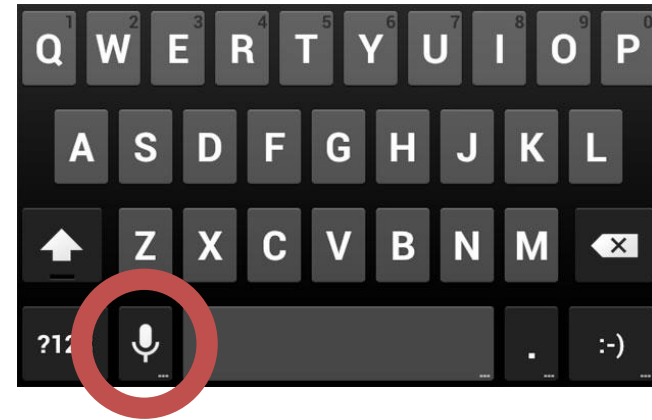
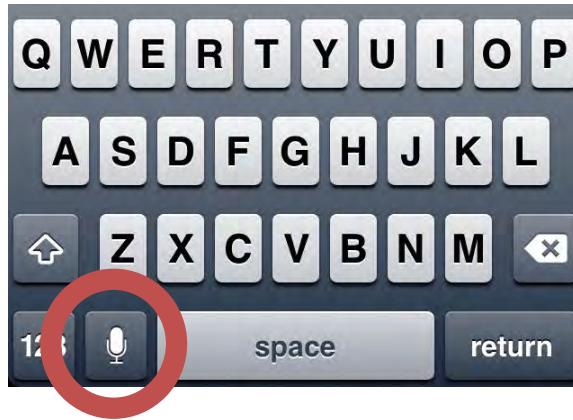
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4-digit PINS: 12.7 bits

4-tap PassChords: 12.6 bits

Speech Input



Reviewing Errors and Edits

When of my hobbies is hiking.
I really **enjoyed** getting away...

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

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

Serial Access in Reviewing Transcript

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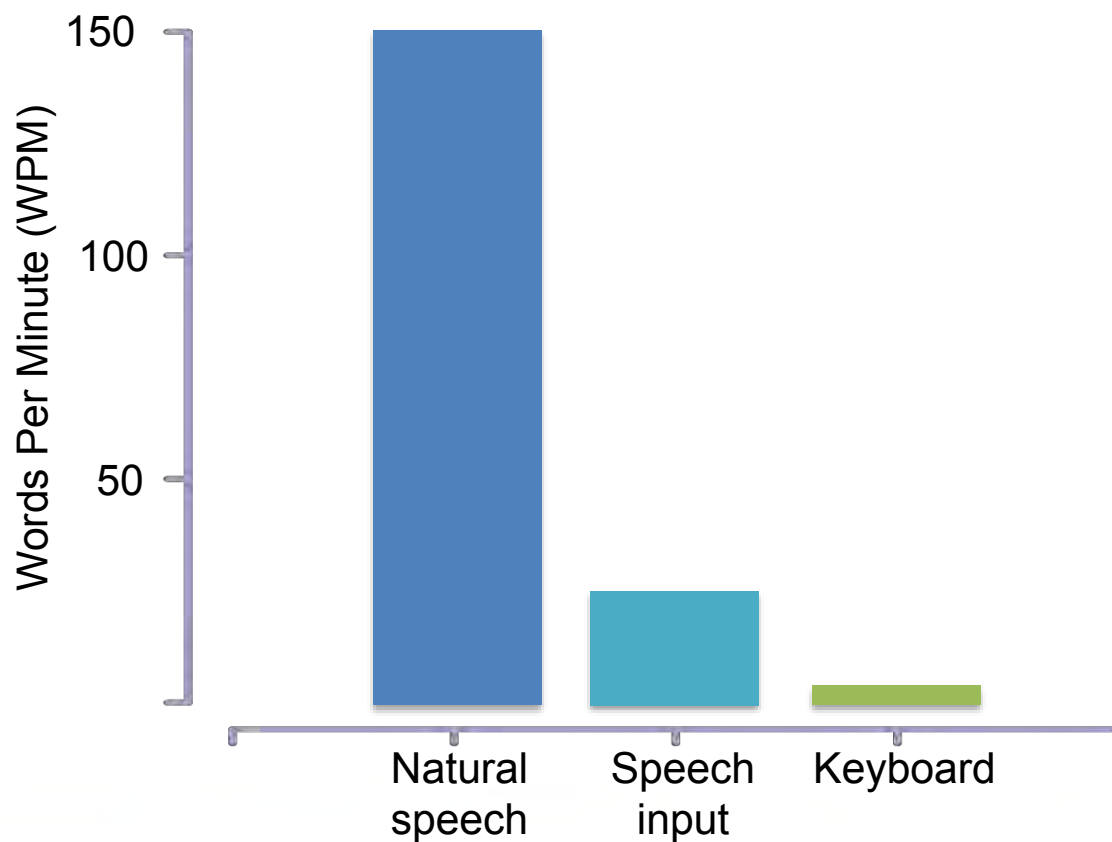
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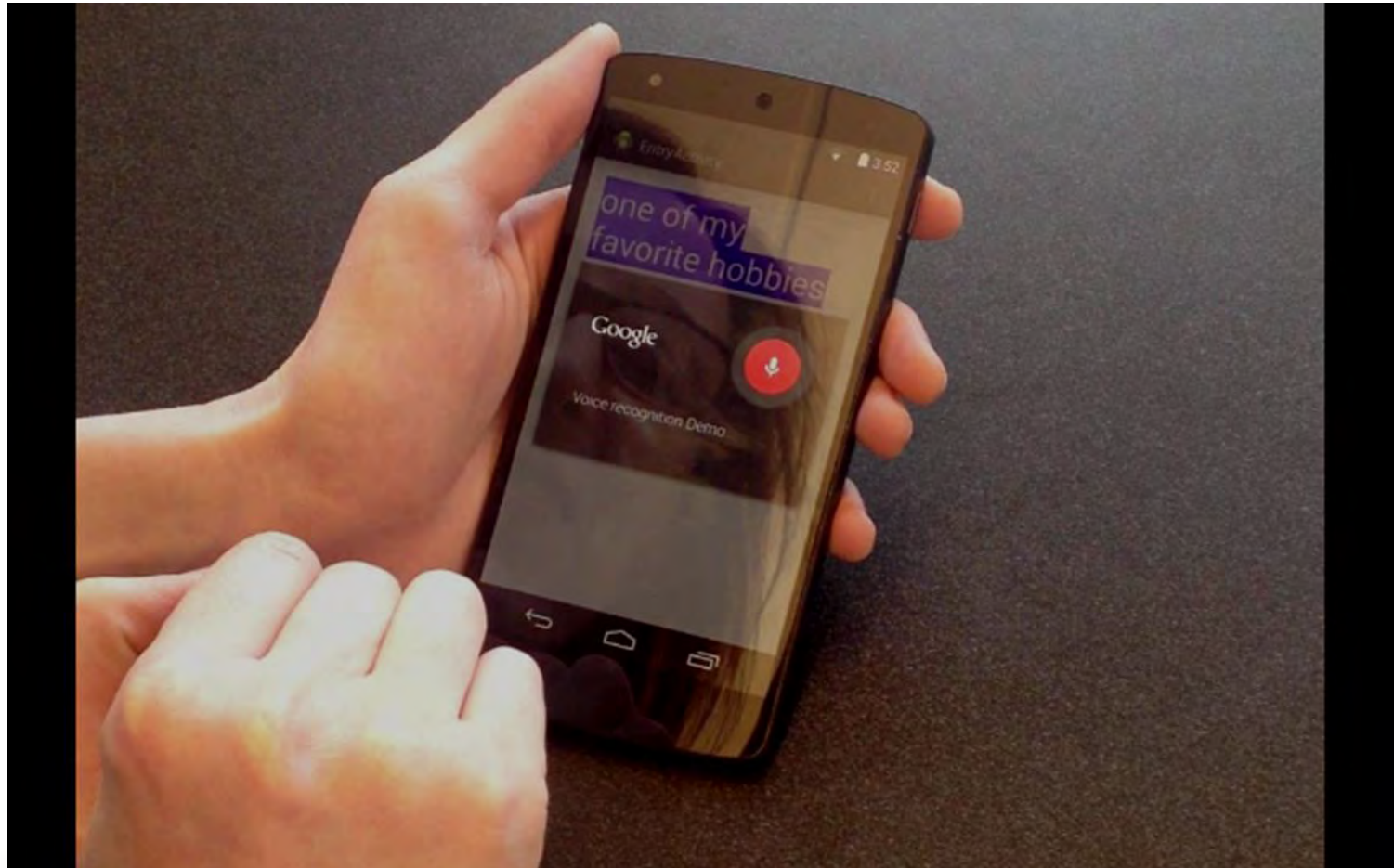
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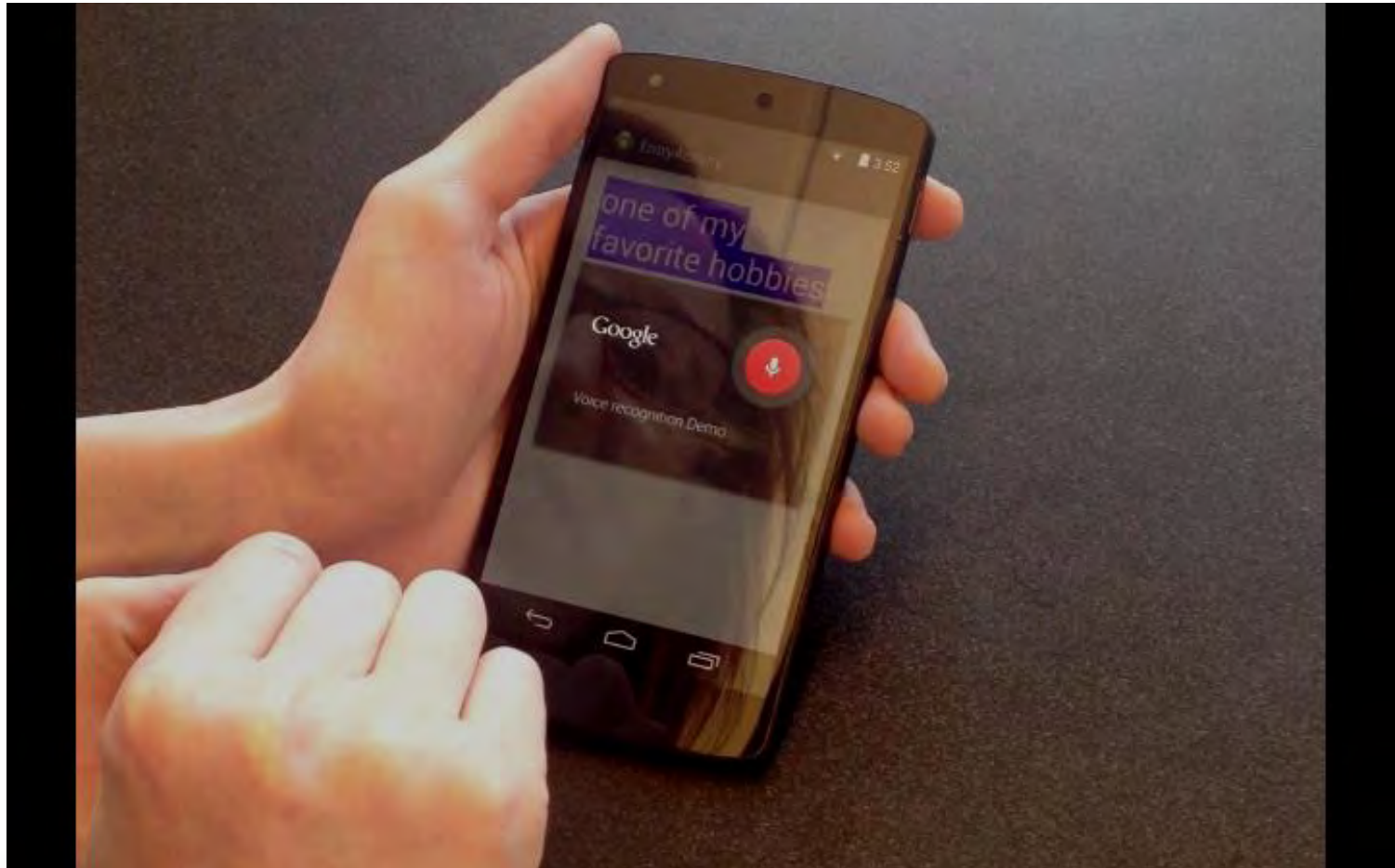
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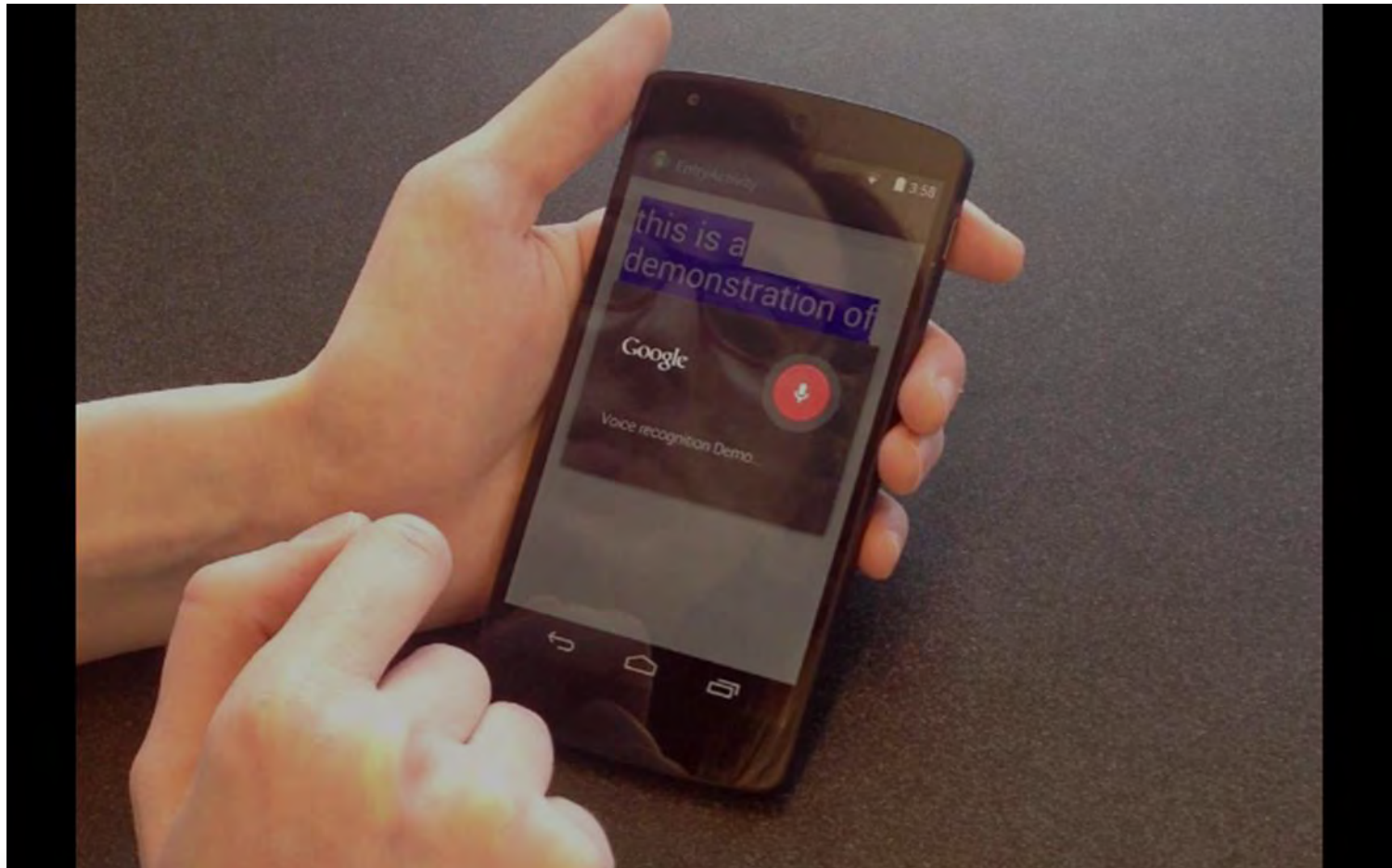
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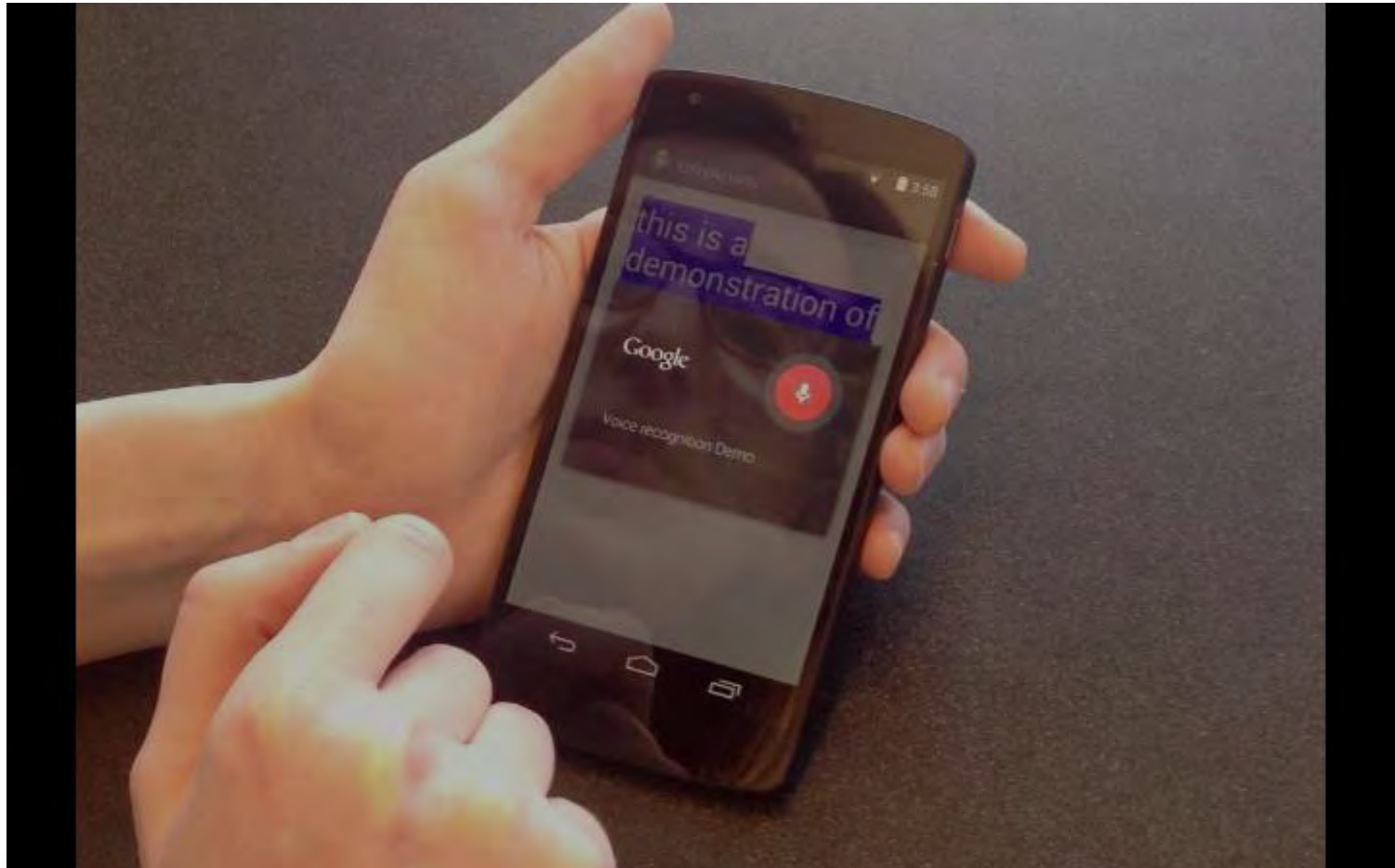
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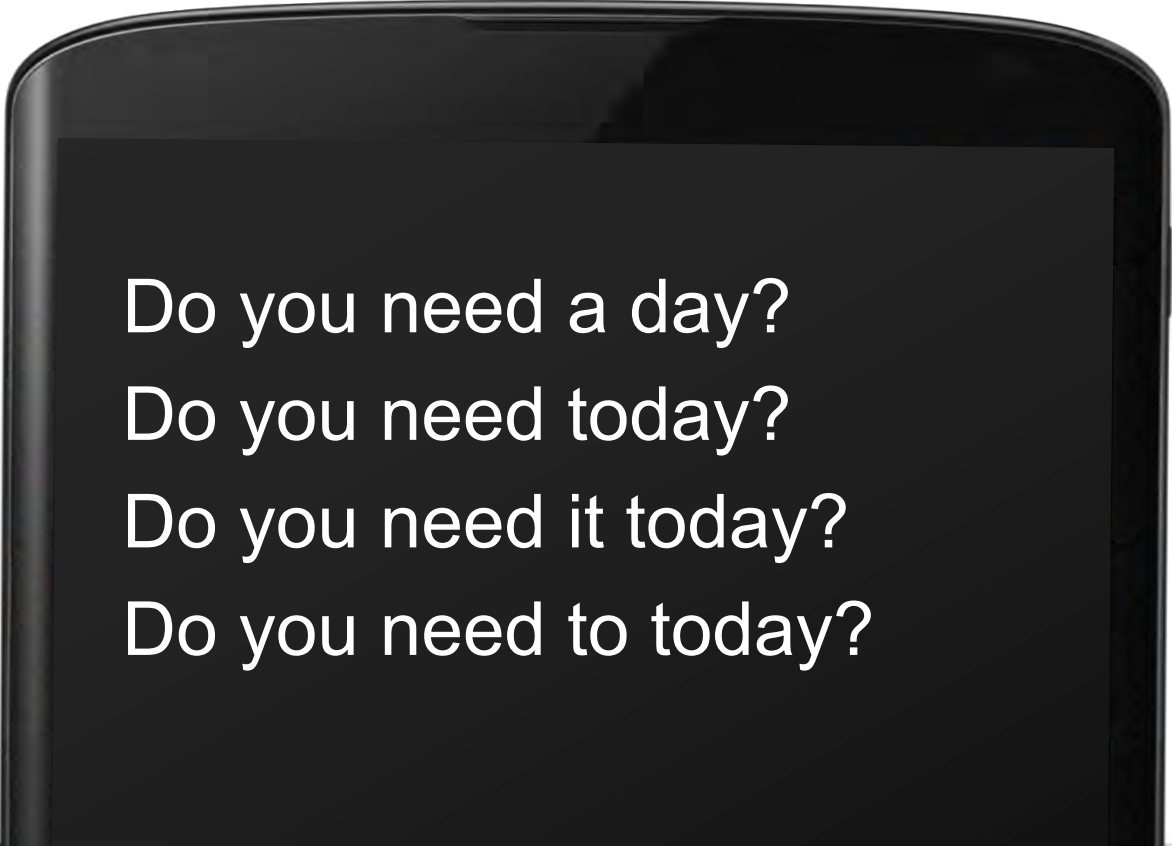
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Recognize Speech as N-best List



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

Find Uncertain Words

Do you need **a day**?

Do you need **today**?

Do you need **it today**?

Do you need **to today**?

Do you need **** *******

Split Into Phrases and Align Alternatives

Do you need

a day?

today?

it today?

to today?

Accessibility is More than Text Entry

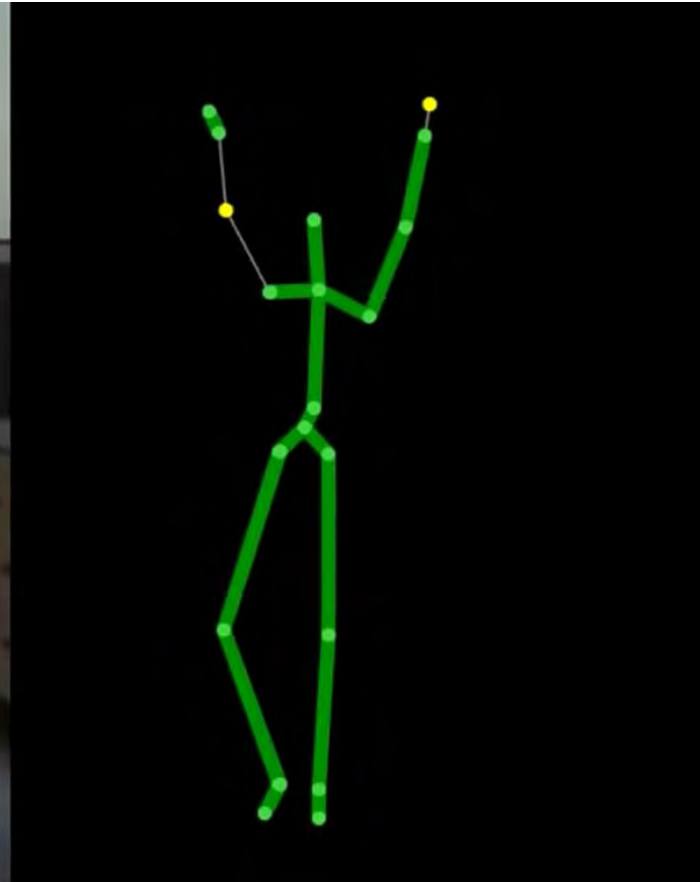


“Sometimes you don’t follow along as well unless [you are] one on one.”

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44	UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON MEDICAL CENTER 03:55 - scheduled departure	-3
17	DOWNTOWN SEATTLE 03:57 - departed 6 mins late	NOW
75	BALLARD 04:06 - 2 min delay	8
44	UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON MEDICAL CENTER 04:07 - on time	9
18	DOWNTOWN SEATTLE 04:13 - on time	15
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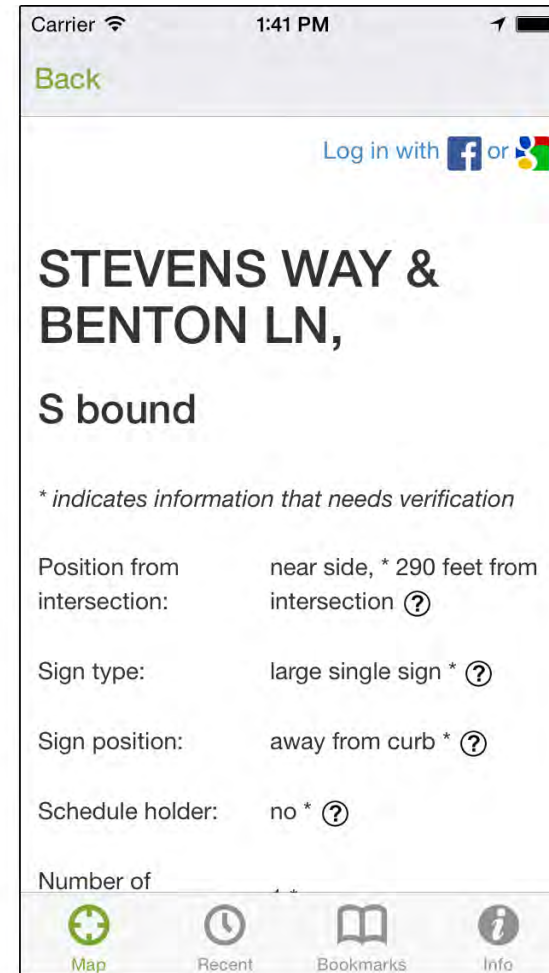
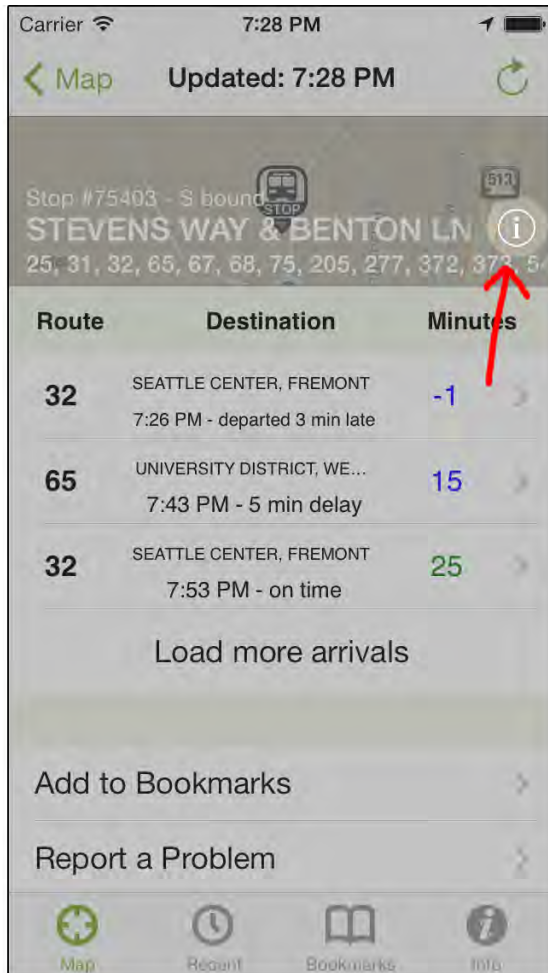
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How do you find a bus stop?

Accessibility is More than Text Entry



What is Disability?

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

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

“Disability is thus not just a health problem.

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

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

What is Disability?

Impairment

a problem in body function or structure

Activity Limitation

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

Participation Restriction

a problem experienced by a person
in involvement in life situations

A Basic Tenet of Design

You are not designing for yourself

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

We need diversity in who is doing design

As a field, our work suffers because of this failing

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Tools and Interfaces

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Thoughtfulness in Tools

Sequential Programs

Program takes control, prompts for input

Person waits
on the program

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



```
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
C:\>dir
Volume in drive C has no label.
Volume Serial Number is 0CE2-D169

Directory of C:\

09/25/2006  01:08 PM                24 autocxec.bat
09/25/2006  01:08 PM                10 config.sys
10/13/2006  01:43 PM                <DIR>         DELL
01/05/2002  02:38 AM                54,784 msoc170.dll
10/17/2006  01:41 AM                <DIR>         Perl
10/29/2006  11:41 PM                <DIR>         Program Files
10/13/2006  04:41 PM                <DIR>         ProgramDataTechSmith
10/13/2006  02:24 PM                <DIR>         users
10/21/2006  06:04 PM                <DIR>         Windows
10/13/2006  05:58 PM                <DIR>         Windows.old
10/13/2006  03:40 PM                146 YServer.txt
               4 File(s)              54,764 bytes
               7 Dir(s)        24,839,090,176 bytes free

C:\>ls -l
ls: reading directory -: Permission denied
total 472
drwxrwxrwx  5 root root  4096 2006-10-13 15:24 $Recycle.Bin
-rwxrwxrwx  1 root root   24 2006-09-25 14:00 autocxec.bat
drwxrwxrwx 26 root root  4096 2006-10-13 19:07 Boot
-rw-rw-rw-  1 root root   353 2006-10-13 14:52 Boot.BAK
-rw-rw-rw-  1 root root   353 2006-10-13 19:07 Boot.ini.saved
-rw-rw-rw-  1 root root 438328 2006-10-04 03:02 bootmgr
-rw-rw-rw-  1 root root  8192 2006-10-13 19:07 BOOTSECT.BAK
drwxrwxrwx  2 root root    0 2006-10-24 22:34 Config.Msi
-rw-rw-rw-  2 root root   10 2006-09-25 14:00 config.sys
drwxrwxrwx  3 root root  4096 2006-10-13 14:43 DELL
drwxrwxrwx  2 root root  4096 2006-10-13 15:24 Documents and Settings
```


Sequential Programs

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

Person is literally modeled as a file

Event-Driven Programming

A program waits for a person to provide input

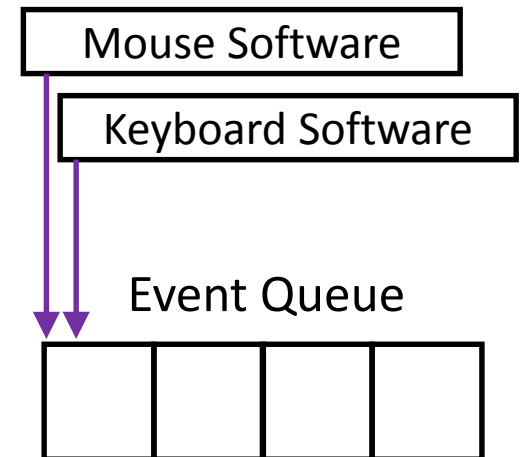
All communication done via events

“mouse down”, “item drag”, “key up”

All events go to a queue

Ensures events handled in order

Hides specifics from applications



Basic Interactive Software Loop

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

} input
} processing
} output

Nearly all interactive software has this somewhere

Basic Interactive Software Loop

Have you ever written this loop?

Basic Interactive Software Loop

Have you ever written this loop?

Contrast with:

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

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

Understanding Tools

We use tools because they

- Identify common or important practices

- Package those practices in a framework

- Make it easy to follow those practices

- Make it easier to focus on our application

What are the benefits of this?

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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

Tools Terminology

Myers et al, 2000

<http://dx.doi.org/10.1145/344949.344959>

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?

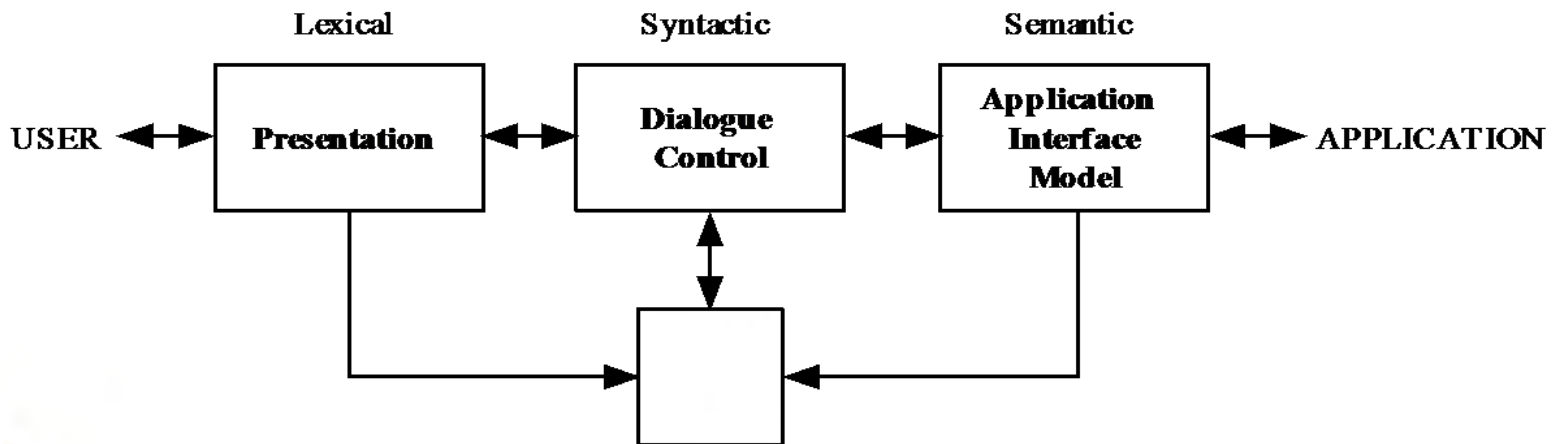
This is a surprisingly complicated question, with many unstated assumptions requiring significant background to understand and resolve

Seeheim Model

Buxton, 1983

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

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



Huh?

Seeheim Model

Lexical - Presentation

External presentation of interface

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

Generates the display, receive input

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

Syntactic - Dialog Control

Parsing of tokens into syntax

e.g., interface modes

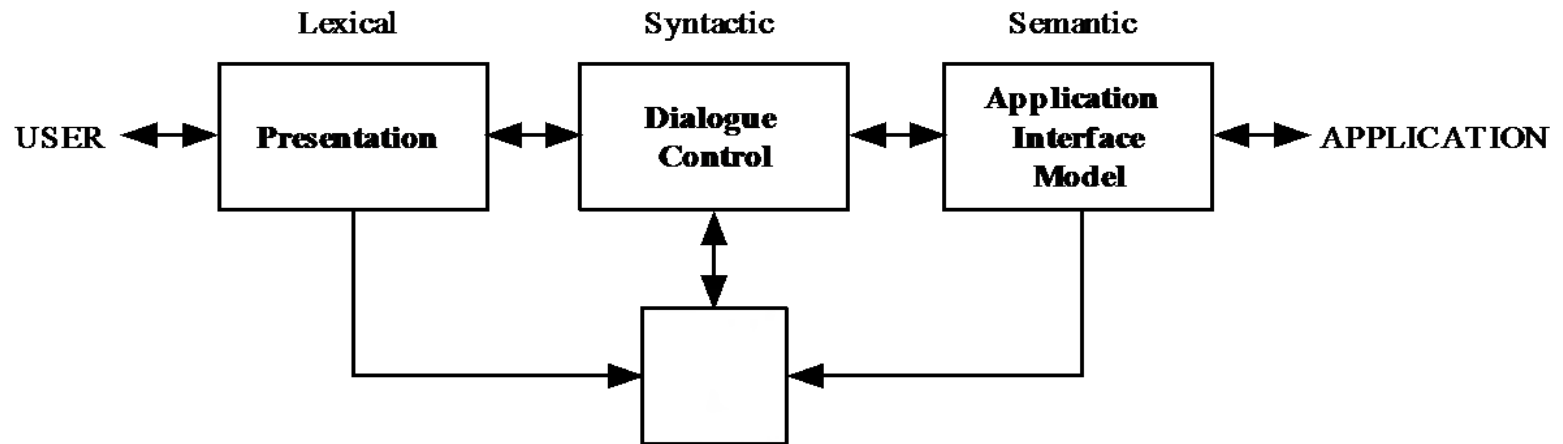
Maintain state

Semantic - Application Interface Model

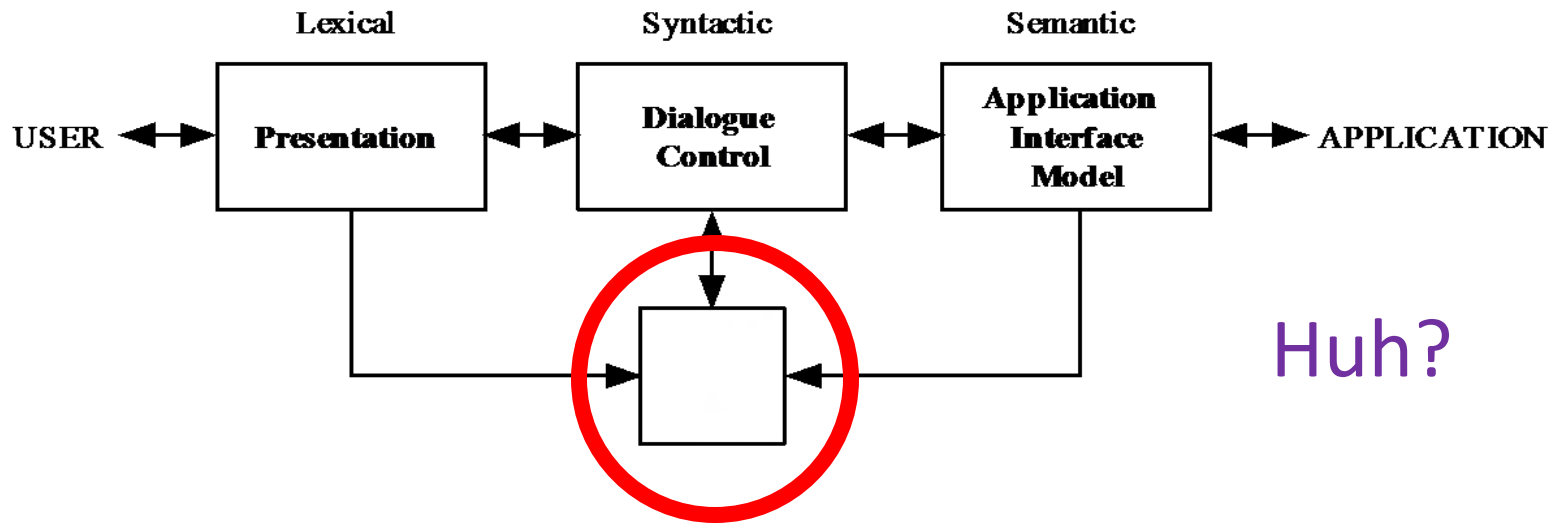
Defines interaction between
interface and rest of software

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

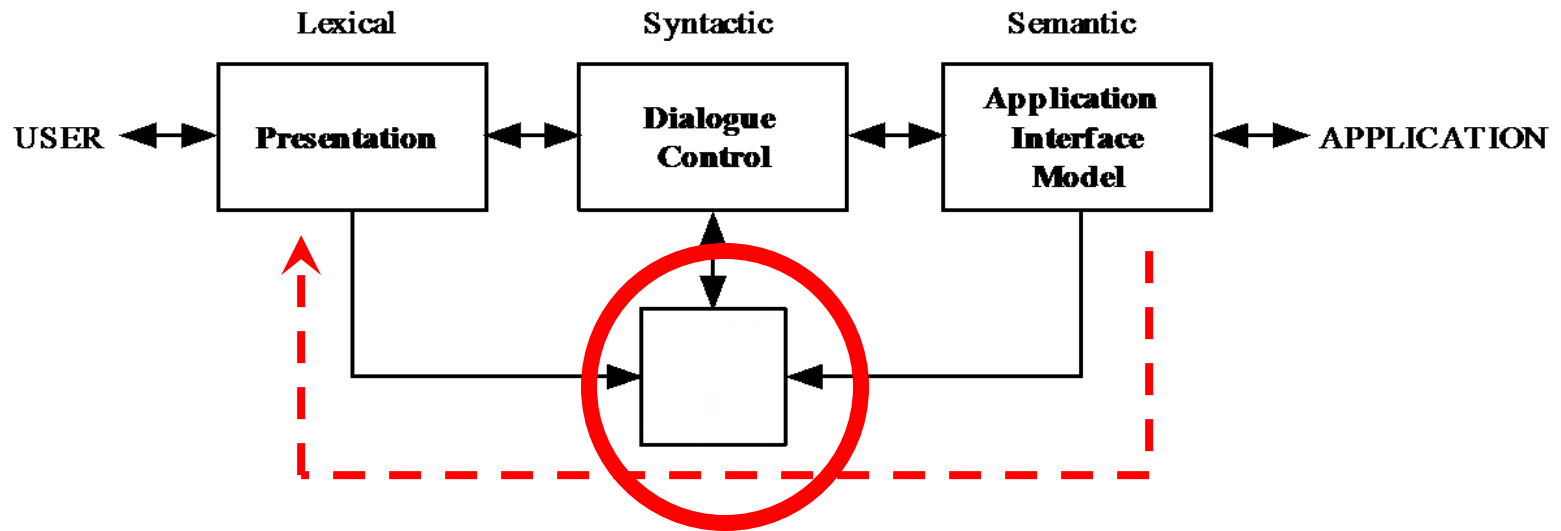
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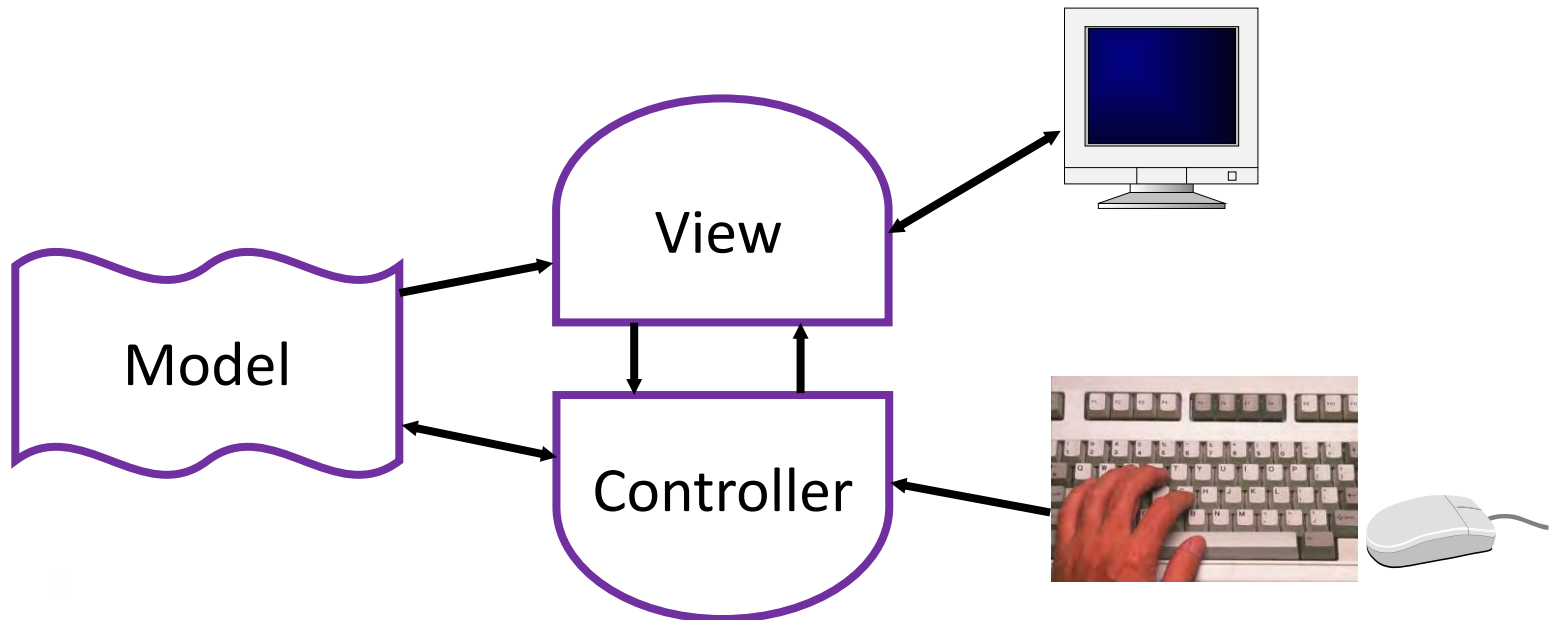
Rapid Semantic Feedback

In practice, all of the code goes in here

Model-View-Controller

Introduced by Smalltalk developers at PARC

Partitions application to be scalable, maintainable



View / Controller Relationship

In theory:

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

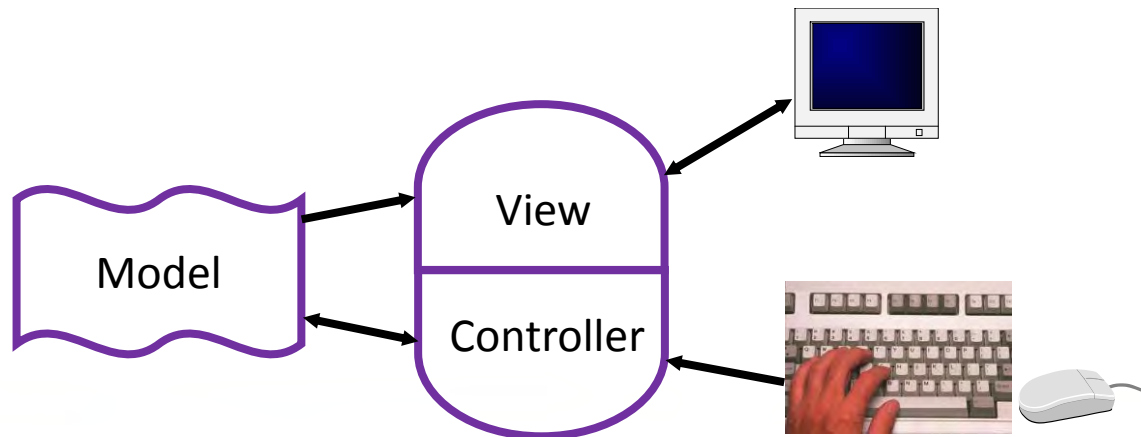
Controller contacts view to interpret what input events mean in context of a view (e.g., selection)

View / Controller Relationship

In practice:

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

Many architectures combine into a single class



Model-View-Controller

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

Separation eases maintenance

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

Can replace model without changing views

Separation of “business logic” can require care

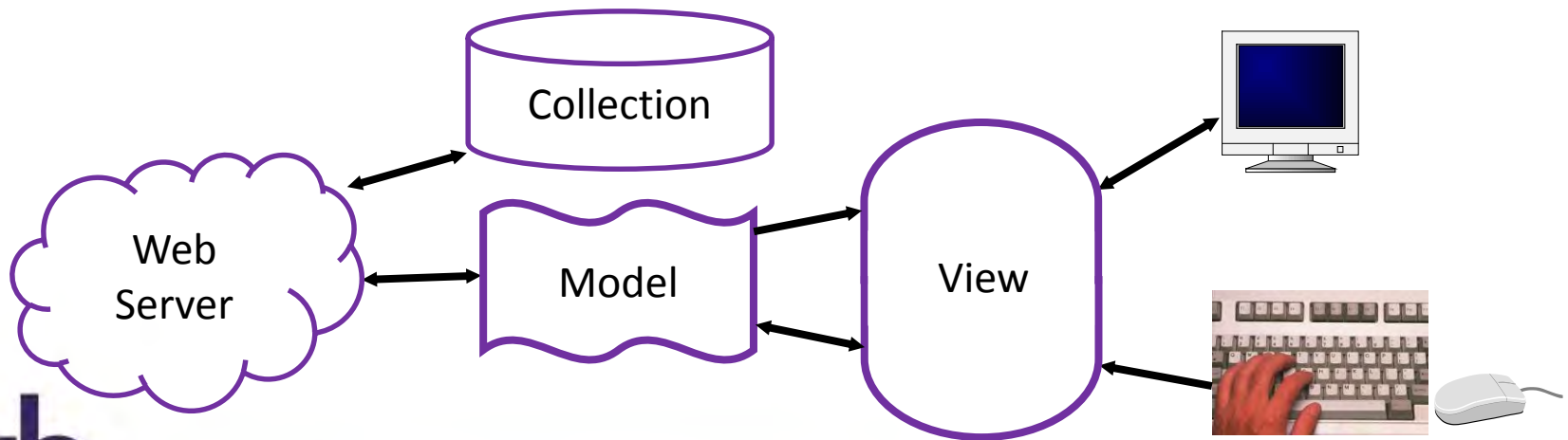
May help to think of model as the client model

MVC 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



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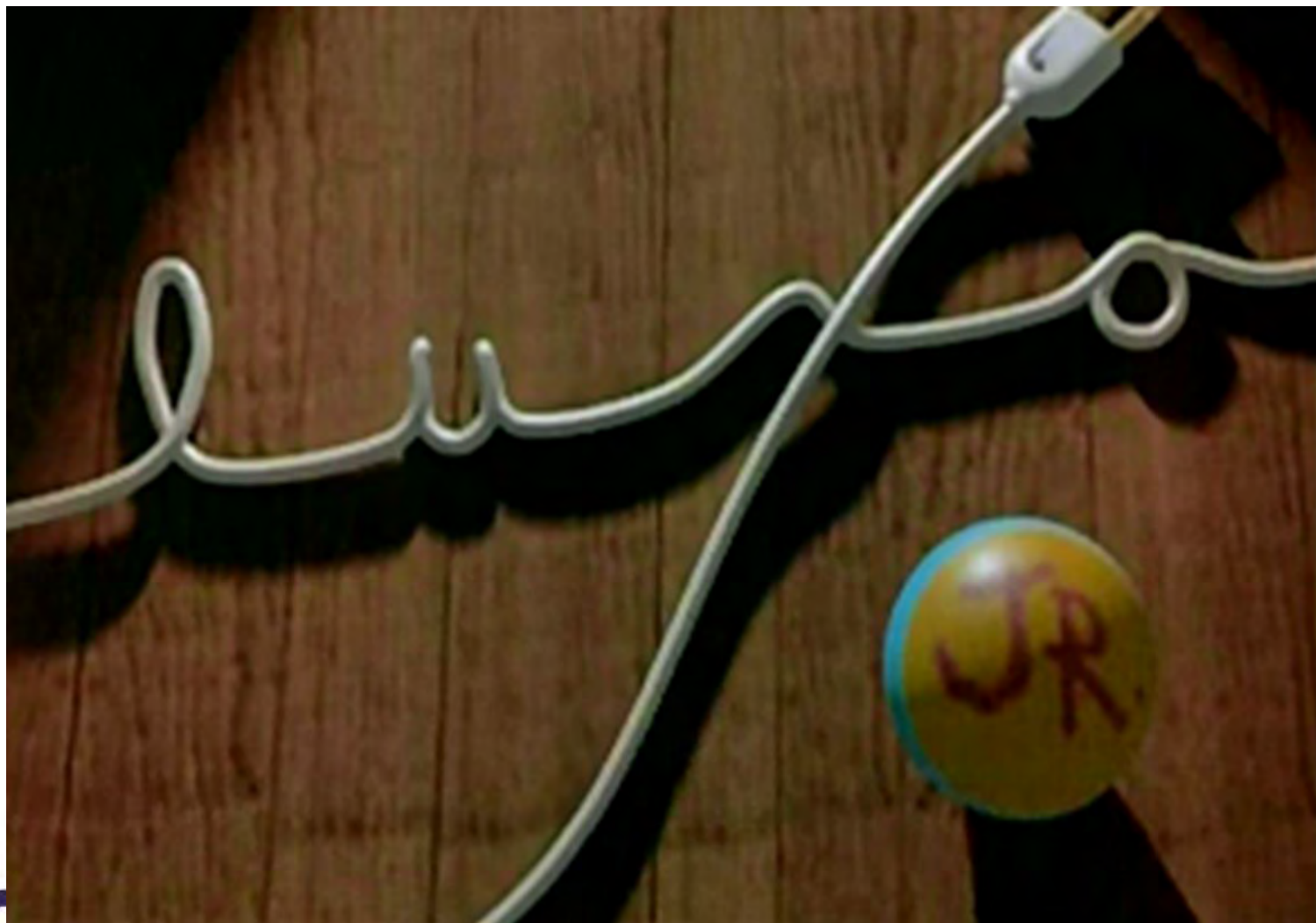
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Animation Case Study

Principles of Traditional Animation Applied to 3D Computer Animation

Lasseter, 1987

<http://dx.doi.org/10.1145/37402.37407>

PRINCIPLES OF TRADITIONAL ANIMATION APPLIED TO 3D COMPUTER ANIMATION

John Lasseter
Pixar
San Rafael
California

"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 Tyala 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 evolved, the individual principles are detailed, addressing their meanings in 2D hand-drawn animation and their application to 3D computer animation. This should demonstrate the importance of these principles to quality 3D computer animation.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Early research in computer animation developed 2D animation techniques based on traditional animation. [7] Techniques such as storyboarding [11], keyframe animation, [4,5] subdrawing, [16,22] scan/paint, and multiplane backgrounds [17] attempted to apply the old animation process to the computer. As 3D computer animation research 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 [2], followed by a few spline-interpolated keyframe systems [23]. But those systems were developed by companies 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., [20] Alias Research Inc., [2] Abel Image Research [24], [1] Verigo Systems Inc., [28] Symbolica 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.

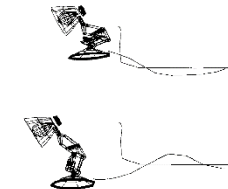
Much of this bad animation will be due to unfamiliarity with the fundamental principles that have been used for hand-drawn character animation for over 50 years. Understanding these principles of traditional animation is essential to producing good computer animation. Such an understanding should also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

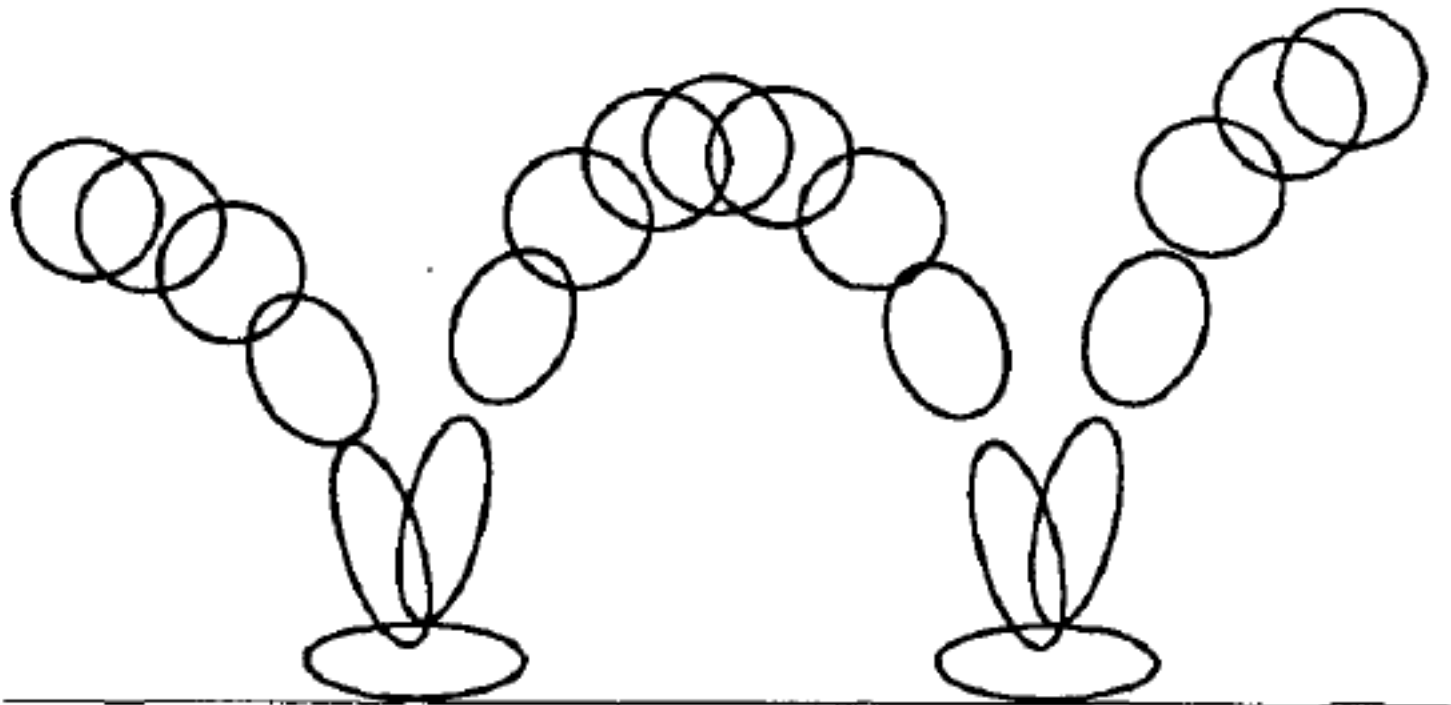
2. PRINCIPLES OF ANIMATION

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 convincing, and characters were emerging as true personalities. Audiences were enthralled and many of the animators were satisfied, however it was clear to Walt Disney that the level of animation and existing characters were not adequate to pursue new story lines- characters were limited to certain types of action and audience acceptance notwithstanding, they were not appealing to the eye. It was apparent to Walt Disney that no one could successfully animate a humanized figure or a life-like animal; a new drawing approach was necessary to improve the level of animation exemplified by the *Flower Child* Fig. 1 [10].

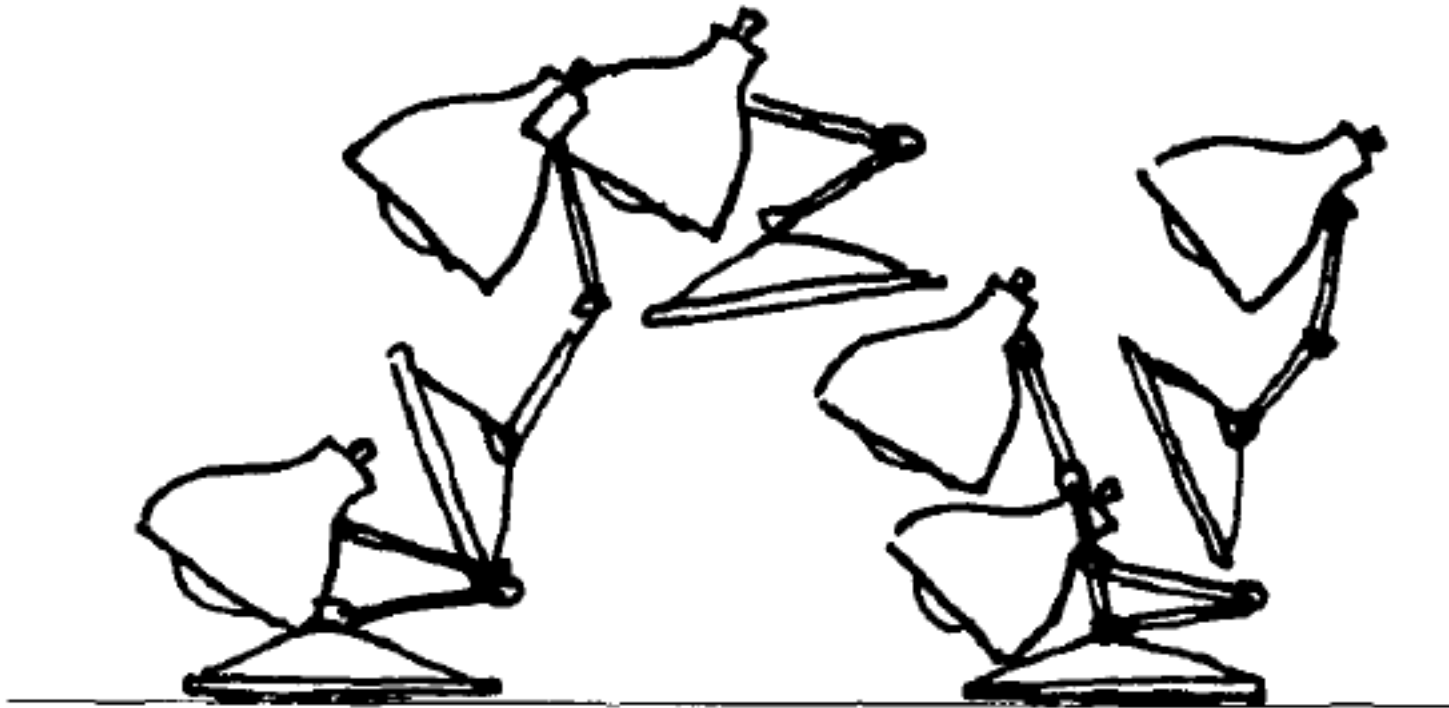
FIGURE 1. Lasso Jr.'s hop with overlapping action on cont. Flip pages from last page of paper to front. The top figures are frames 1-5, the bottom are frames 6-10.



Squash and Stretch



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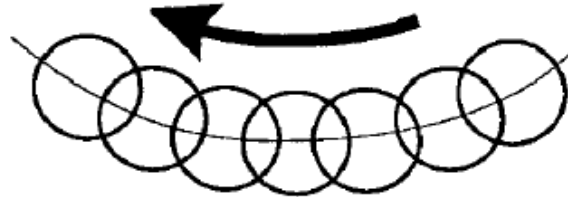


FIGURE 4a. In slow action, an object's position overlaps from frame to frame which gives the action a smooth appearance to the eye.

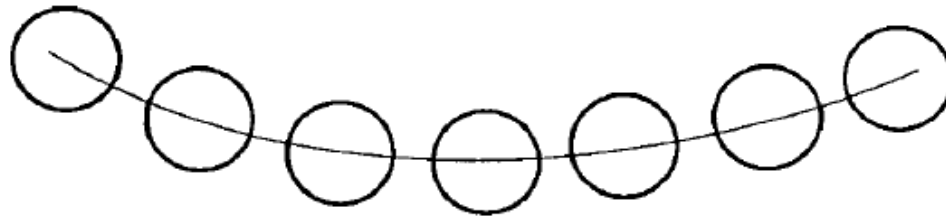


FIGURE 4b. Strobic occurs in a faster action when the object's positions do not overlap and the eye perceives separate images.

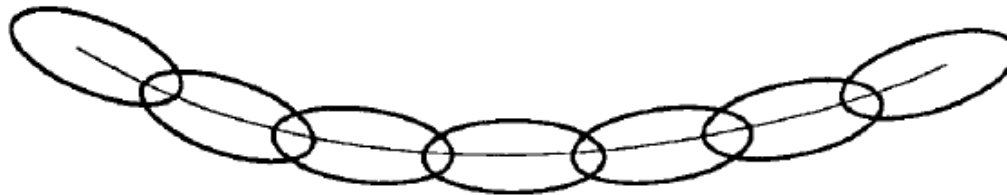


FIGURE 4c. Stretching the object so that its positions overlap again will relieve the strobic effect.

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-hurry!"

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

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

Timing

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

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

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

Anticipation



Staging



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

Staging



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

Follow Through, Overlap, Secondary



Pose-to-Pose, Slow In, Slow Out

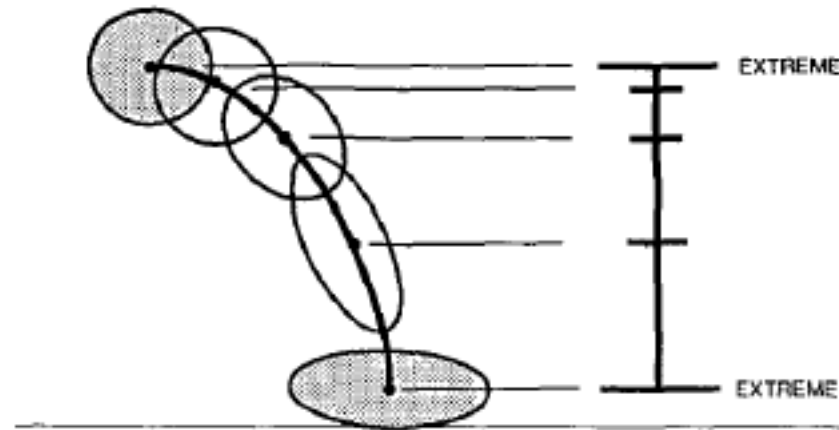
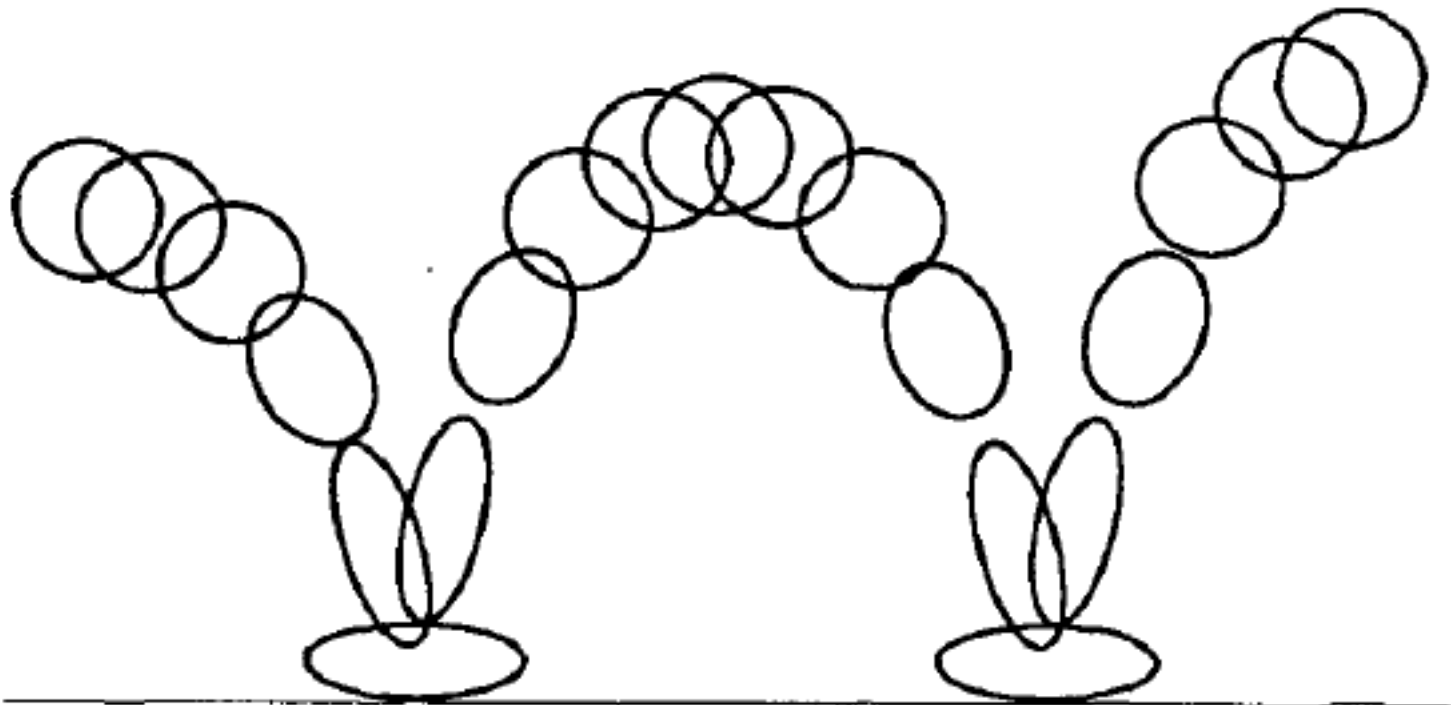


FIGURE 9. Timing chart for ball bounce.

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

Arcs



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You must learn to respect that golden atom, that single frame of action, that 1/24th 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 smoothly through the use of dissolve. Anticipating motion with a small contrary motion and pacing 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 lead 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

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

When the user cannot visually track the changes occurring in the interface, the causal connection between the old state of the screen and the new state of the screen is not immediately clear. How are the objects now on the screen related to the ones which were there a moment ago? Are they the same objects, or have they been replaced by different objects? What changes are directly related to the user's actions, and which are incidental? To be able to efficiently and reliably interpret what has happened when the screen changes state, the user must be prepared with an expectation of what the screen will look like after the action. In the case of most interactions in unanimated interfaces, this expectation can only come by experience; 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 first static presentation is the screen with the icon; the next is the screen with an expanded window. Much of the screen changes suddenly and without indication of the relationship between the old state and the new state. Current pop-up menus suffer from the same problem—one instant there is nothing there; the next instant a menu obscures part of the display.

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

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

Frames Three Principles

Solidity

Desktop objects should appear to be solid objects

Exaggeration

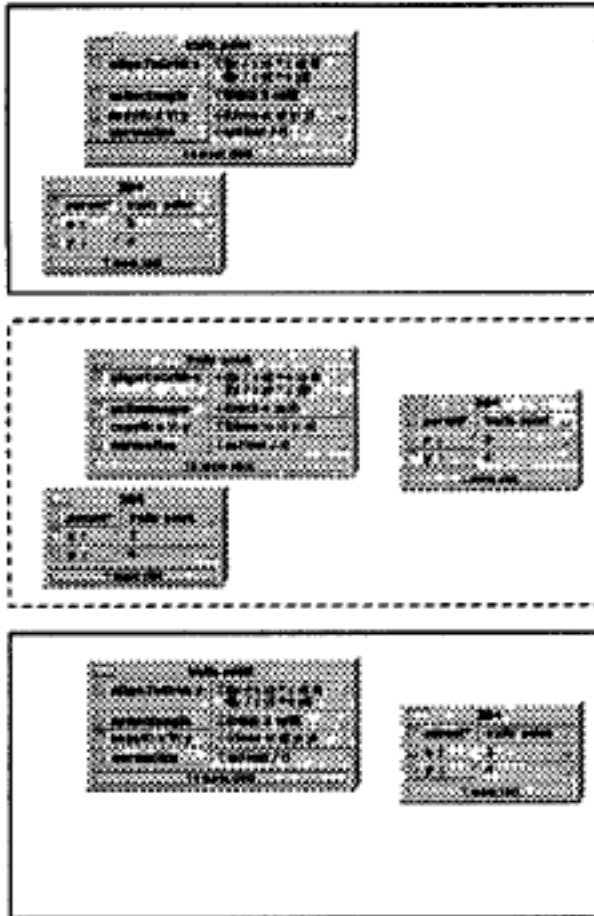
Exaggerate physical actions to enhance perception

Reinforcement

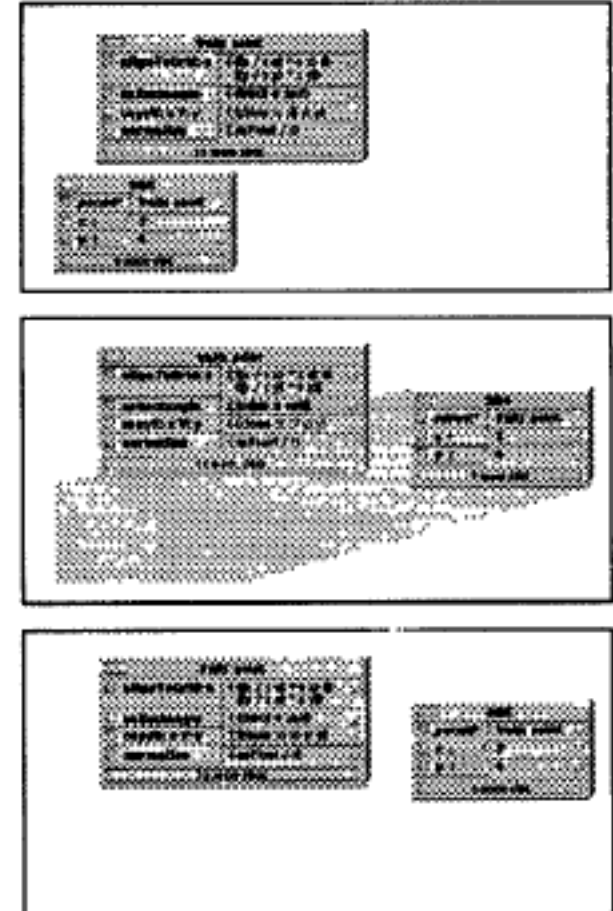
Use effects to drive home feeling of reality

Solidity: Motion Blur

No Motion Blur

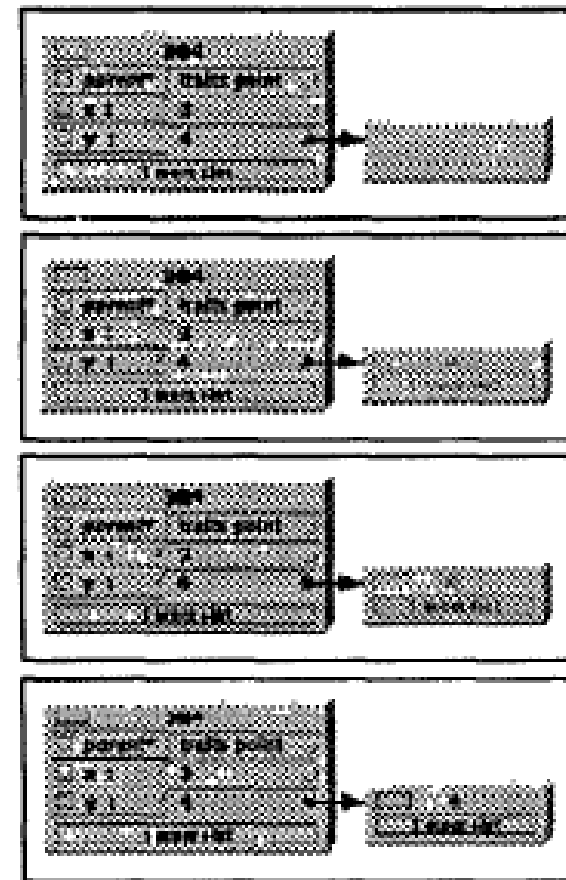
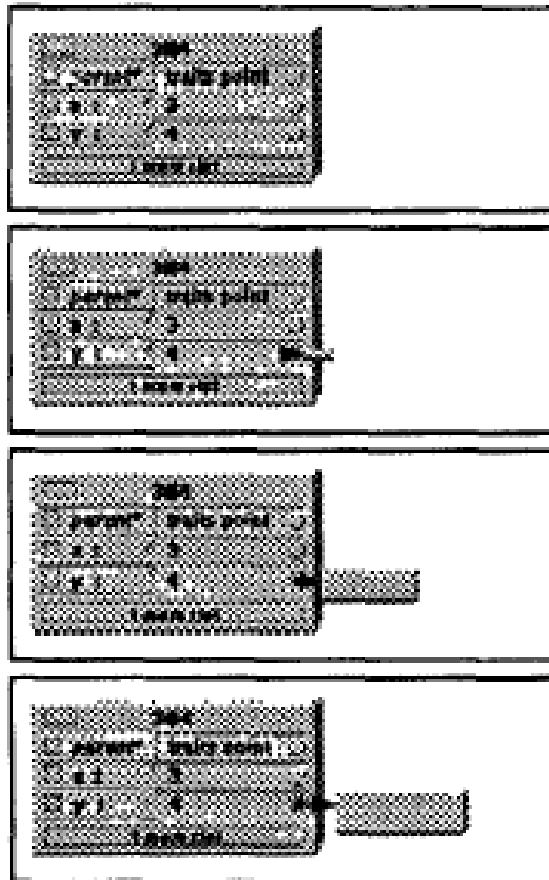


Motion Blur

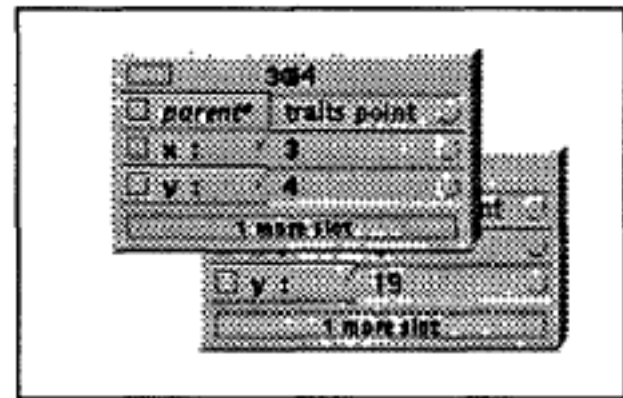
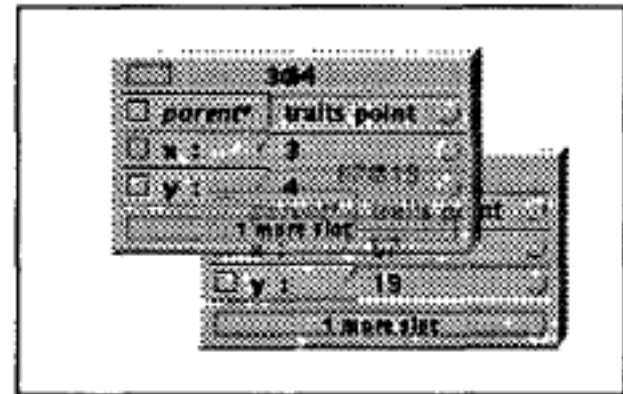
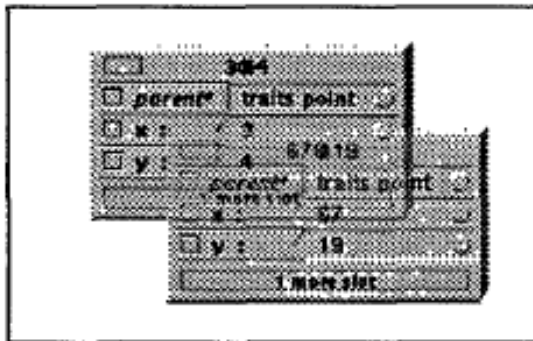
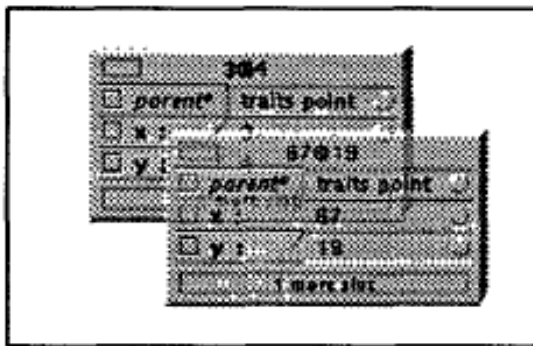
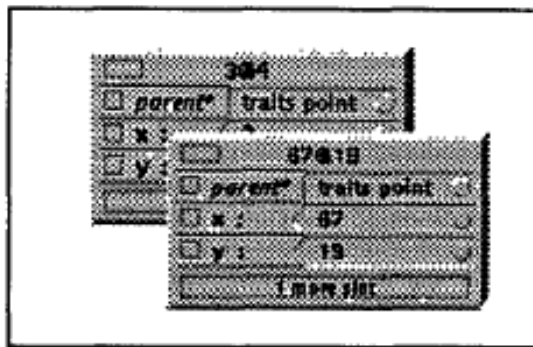


time

Solidity: Arrival and Departure



Solidity: Arrival and Departure



Exaggeration: Anticipation

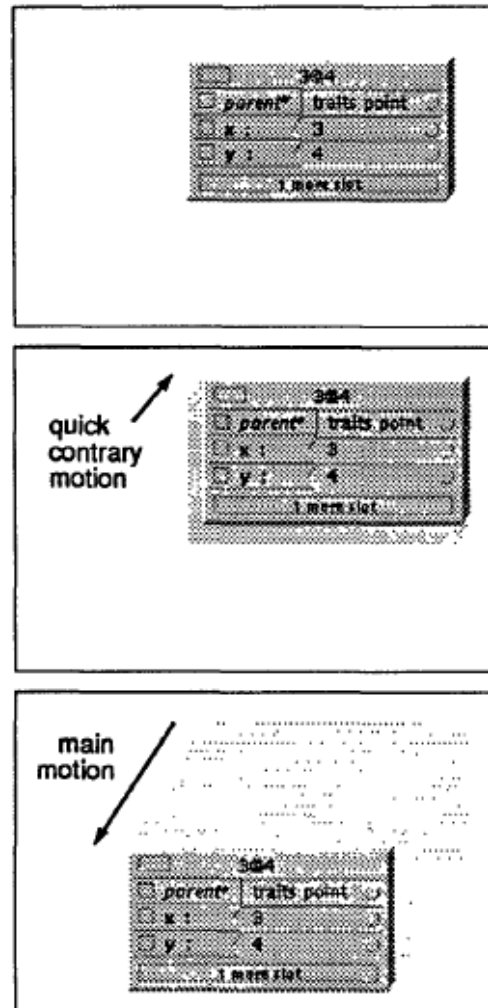


Figure 7. Objects anticipate major actions with a quick contrary motion that draws the user eye to the object in preparation for the main motion to come.

Reinforcement: Slow In Slow Out

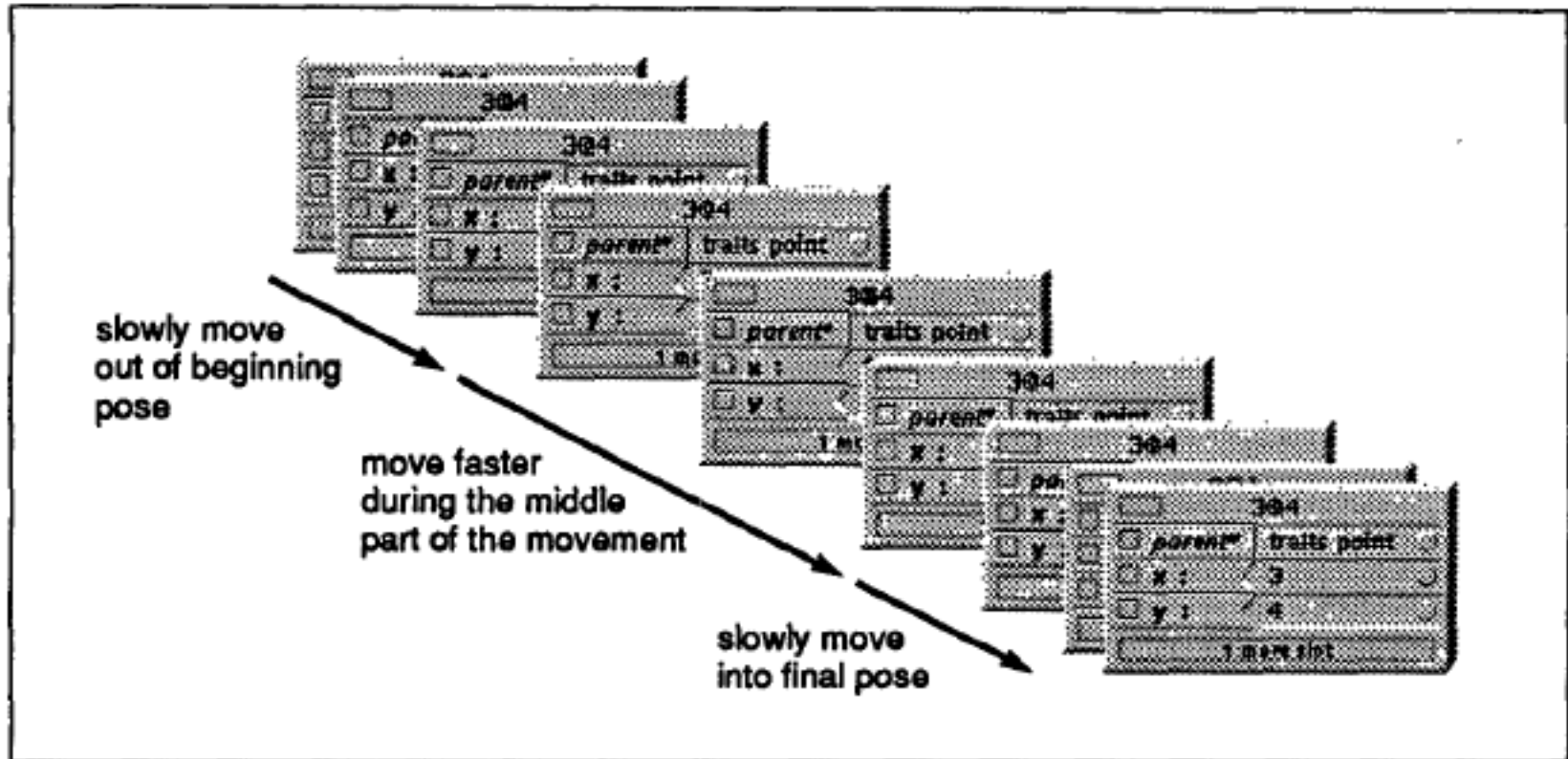


Figure 8. Objects ease out of their beginning poses and ease into their final poses. Although these motions are slower than that during the main portion of the movement, they are still quite fast.

Reinforcement: Arcs

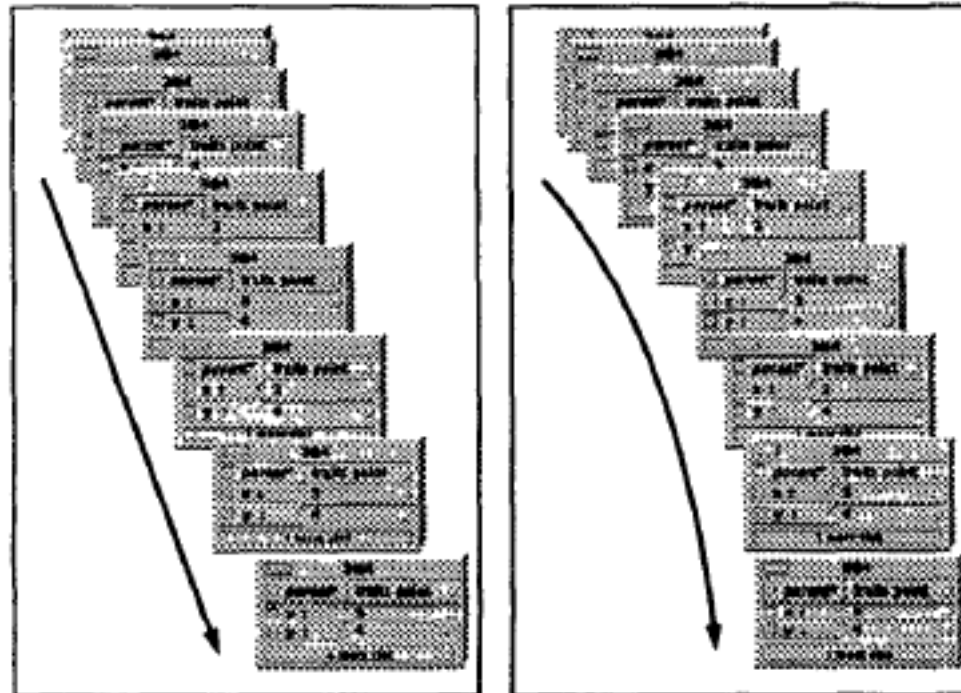


Figure 9. When objects travel under their own power (non-interactively), they move in arcs rather than straight lines.

Reinforcement: Follow Through

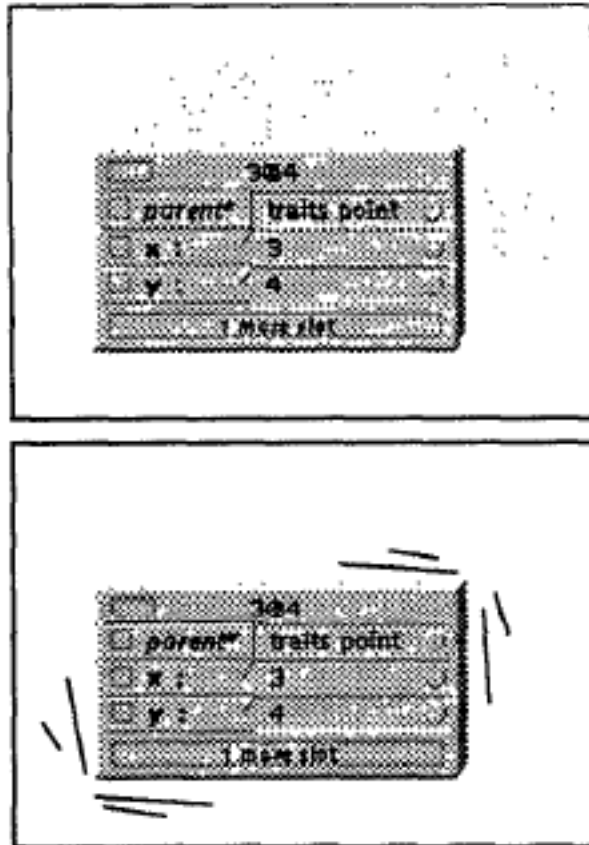


Figure 10. When objects come to a stop after moving on their own, they exhibit follow through in the form of wiggling back and forth quickly. This is just suggested by the "wobble lines" in the figure—in actuality, the object moves back and forth, with motion blur.

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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 Artkit 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 Artkit 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 ([Baec90] 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 Artkit — 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 Artkit system 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

Not Just an Implementation

Provides tool abstractions for implementing previously presented styles of animation

Overcomes a fundamental clash of approaches

Event loop receives input, processes, repaints

Animations expect careful control of frames, but the event loop has variable timing

Events and Animation

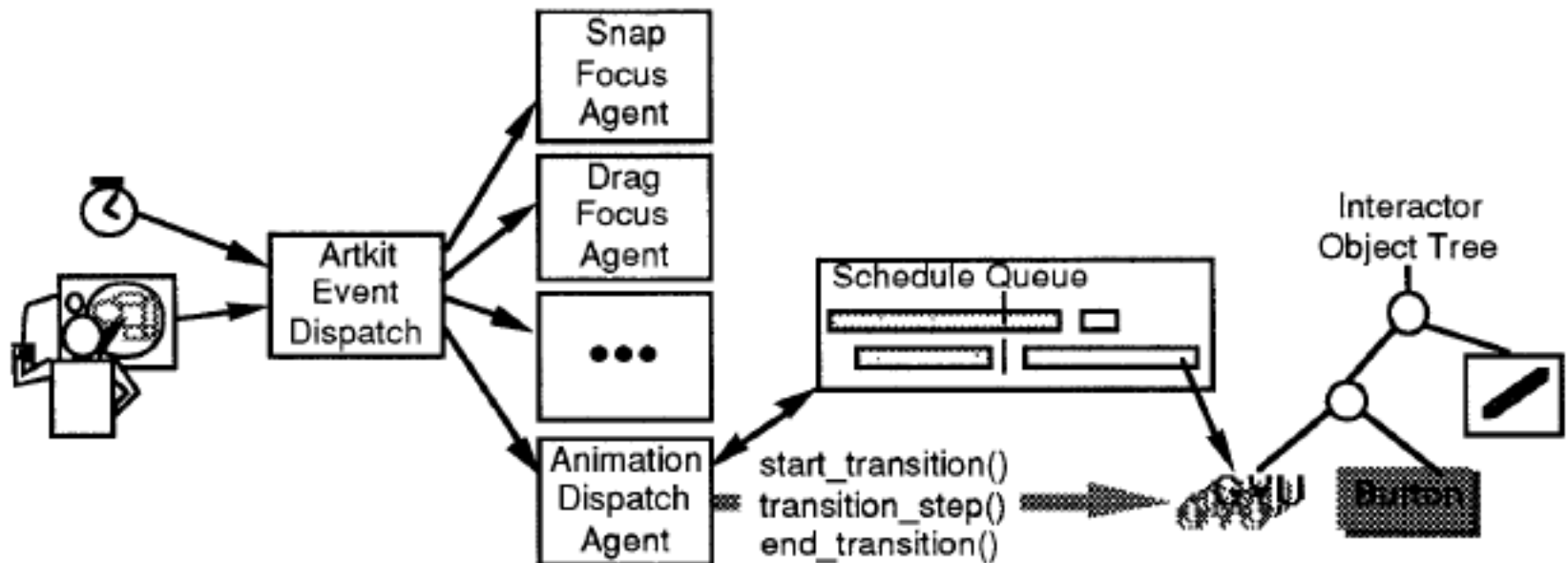


Figure 5. Animation Event Translation and Dispatch

Transition Object

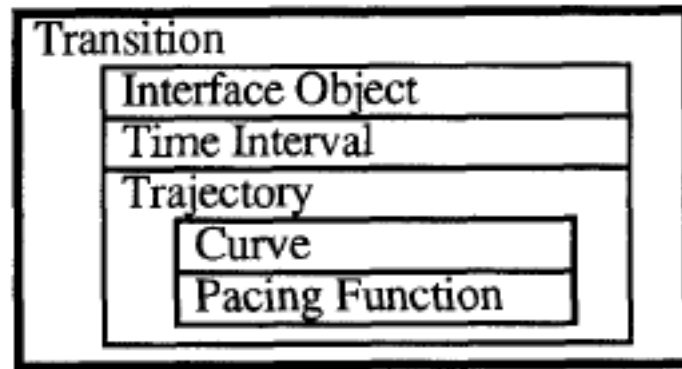


Figure 3. Parts of a Transition Object

Pacing Function

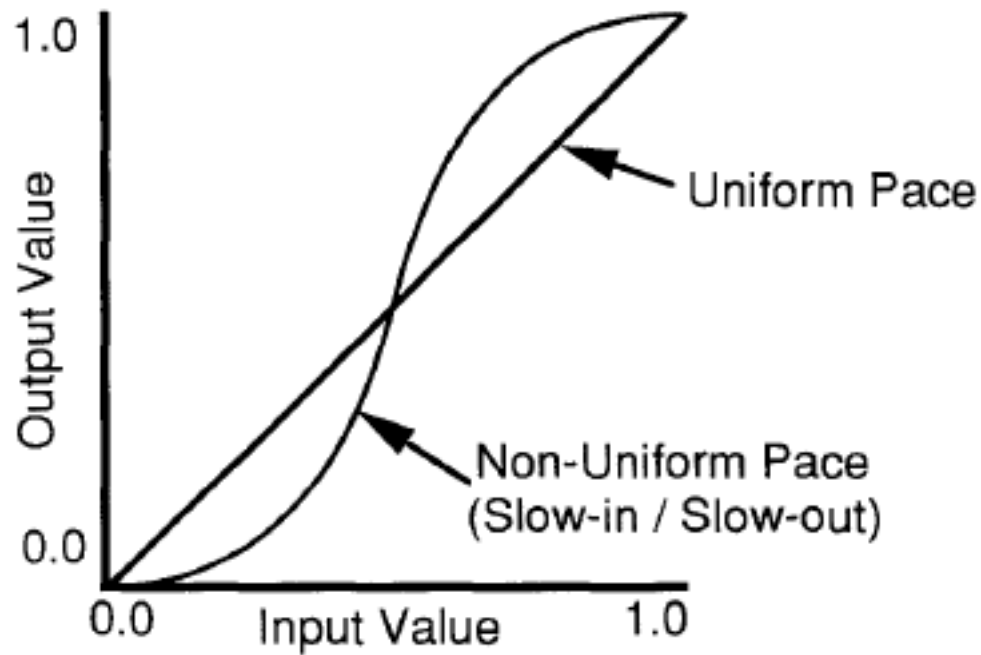


Figure 4. Two Example Pacing Functions

Computing a Frame

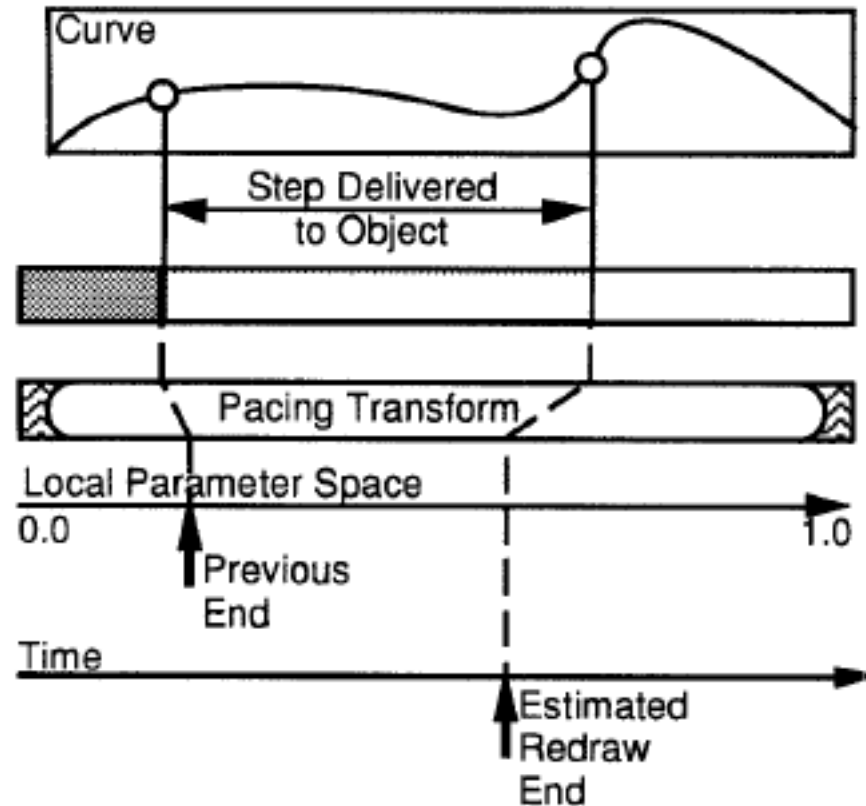


Figure 8. Translation from Time to Space

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Based on increased understanding of how animation should be done in the interface, increasingly mature tools develop

Now built into major commercial toolkits (e.g., Microsoft's WPF, JavaFX, jQuery)

Once mature, begins to be used as a building block in even more complex behaviors

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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 communications, 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 difficulty 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 medium 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.

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 [Ford97]. 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, [Miller71] studies perceptual effects of a number of text presentations, such as scrolling text. One of the most 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 [Fott84]. 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 trusted 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 [Jsh97]

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Goals of Kinetic Type

Emotional content

Creation of characters

Direction of attention

Based on existing work

Animation Composition

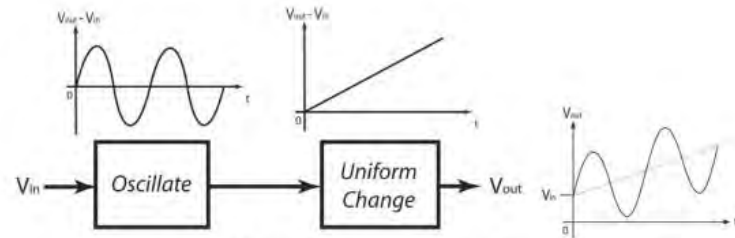


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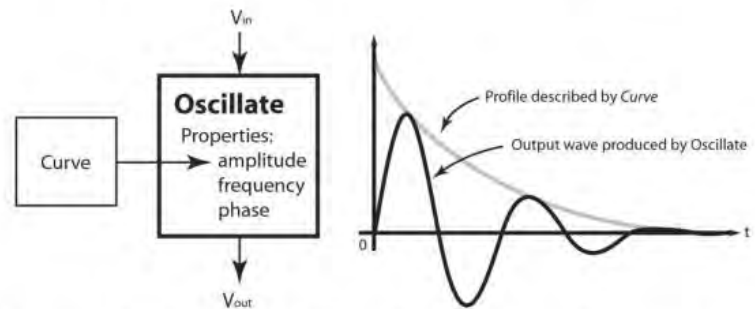


Figure 7. Waveform scaling by functional composition with amplitude

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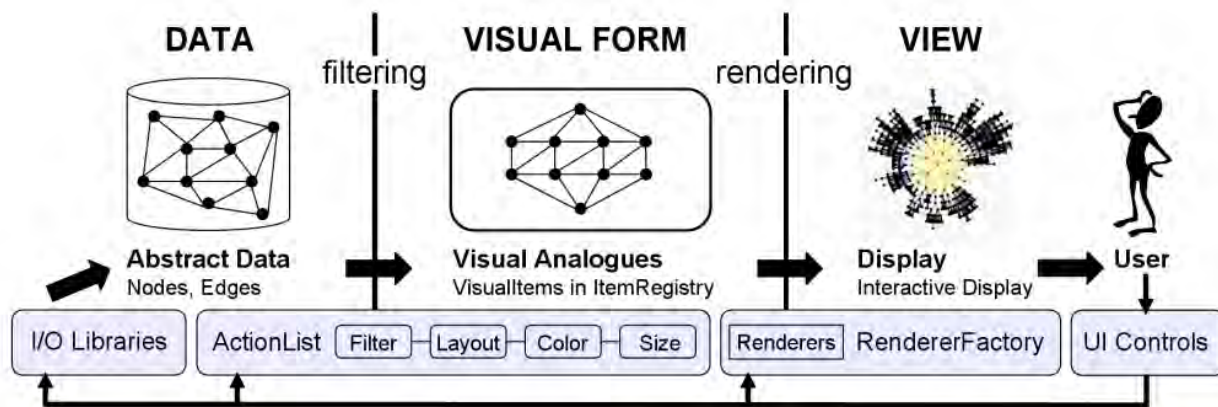
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Tools and Interfaces

Why Interface Tools?

Case Study of Model-View-Controller

Case Study of Animation

Sapir-Whorf Hypothesis

Thoughtfulness in Tools

Sapir-Whorf Hypothesis

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

Tools not only make it easy to build certain types of software, they push you to think in terms of the types of software they can support

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

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ABSTRACT

Sometimes users fail to notice a change that just took place on their display. For example, the user may have accidentally deleted an icon or a remote collaborator may have changed settings in a control panel. Animated transitions can help, but they force users to wait for the animation to complete. This can be cumbersome, especially in situations where users did not need an explanation. We propose a different approach. Phosphor objects show the outcome of their transition instantly; at the same time they explain their change in retrospect. Manipulating a phosphor slider, for example, leaves an afterglow that illustrates how the knob moved. The parallelism of instant outcome and explanation supports both types of users. Users who already understood the transition can continue interacting without delay; while those who are inexperienced or may have been distracted can take time to view the effects at their own pace. We present a framework of transition designs for widgets, icons, and objects in drawing programs. We evaluate phosphor objects in two user studies and report significant performance benefits for phosphor objects.

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General terms: Design, Human Factors.

Keywords: Phosphor, comic animation, cartoon animation, user interfaces, information visualization, diagrams.

INTRODUCTION

Computer users sometimes make mistakes, such as accidentally deleting an icon or filing it into the wrong folder. Similarly, unexpected things may occur in collaboration scenarios. Users trying to replicate a process demonstrated by a collaborator may later realize that they missed some of the steps. This is particularly difficult for actors that leave no trace, such as shortcut commands.

The potential changes that users need to keep track of continues 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

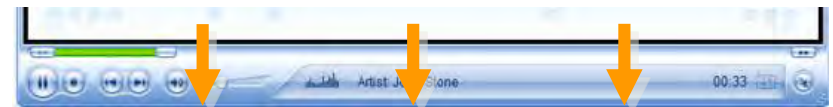
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Too slow increases task time

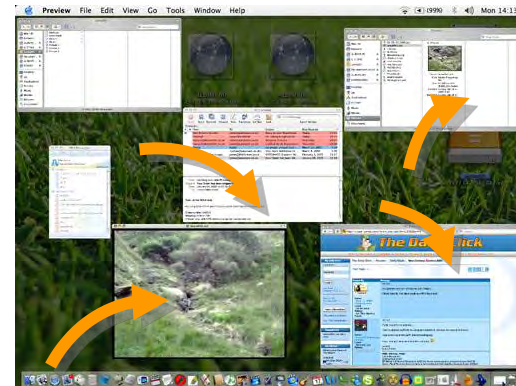
The right speed depends on familiarity, distraction, etc.

It cannot be determined

Windows Media Player

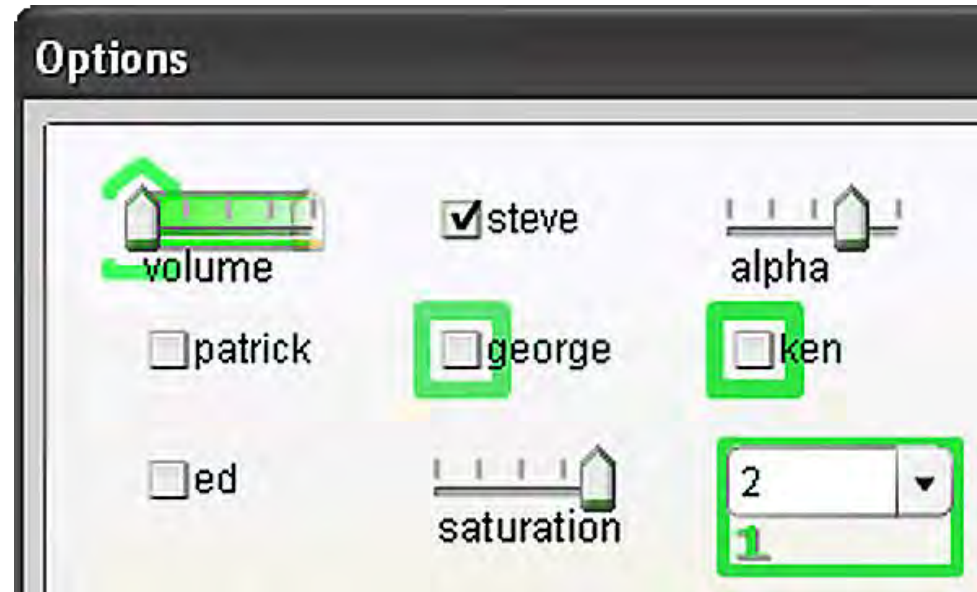


Apple Exposé



Phosphor

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



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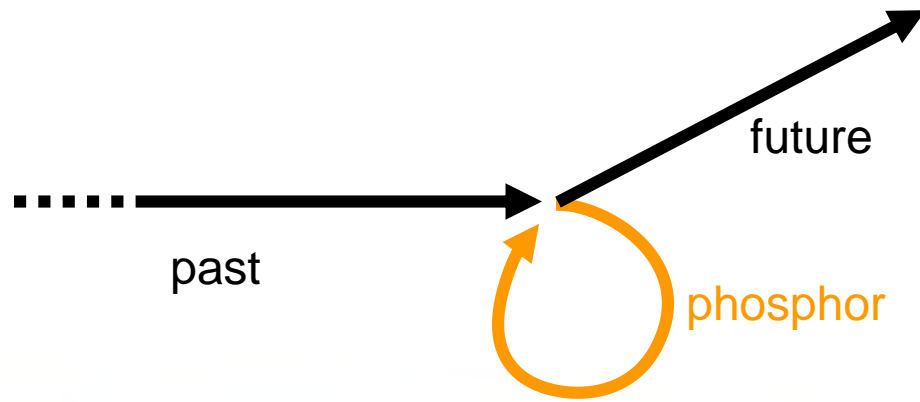
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Challenging Assumptions of Tools

Phosphor breaks from the assumptions that have evolved into current transition tools



Tools and Interfaces

Tools embody expertise and assumptions

Tools evolve based on emerging understanding of how to address categories of problems

Be conscious of your tool decisions

Try to think about designs before tying to a tool

Choose good and appropriate tools

Understand what you are getting in a tool

Push yourself to think outside the tool

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