

CSE 440: Introduction to HCI

User Interface Design, Prototyping, and Evaluation

Lecture 01:
Introduction and
Personal Informatics

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David Wang
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Ravi Karkar



Tuesday / Thursday
10:30 to 11:50

What Is This Course?



Time for a Door Quiz:

Say out loud what action you use to open the door

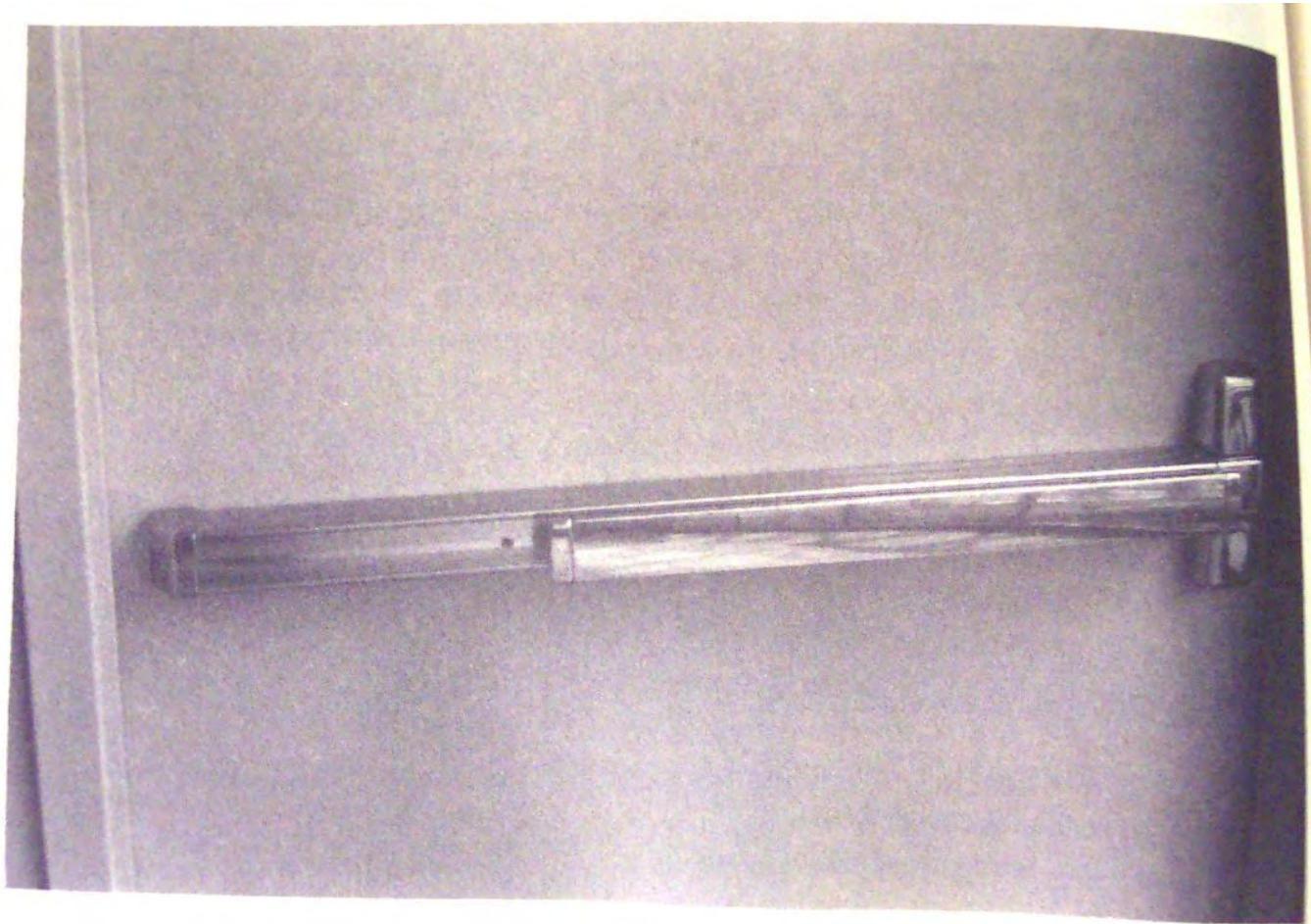
Push

Pull

Door Quiz



Door Quiz



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Door Quiz



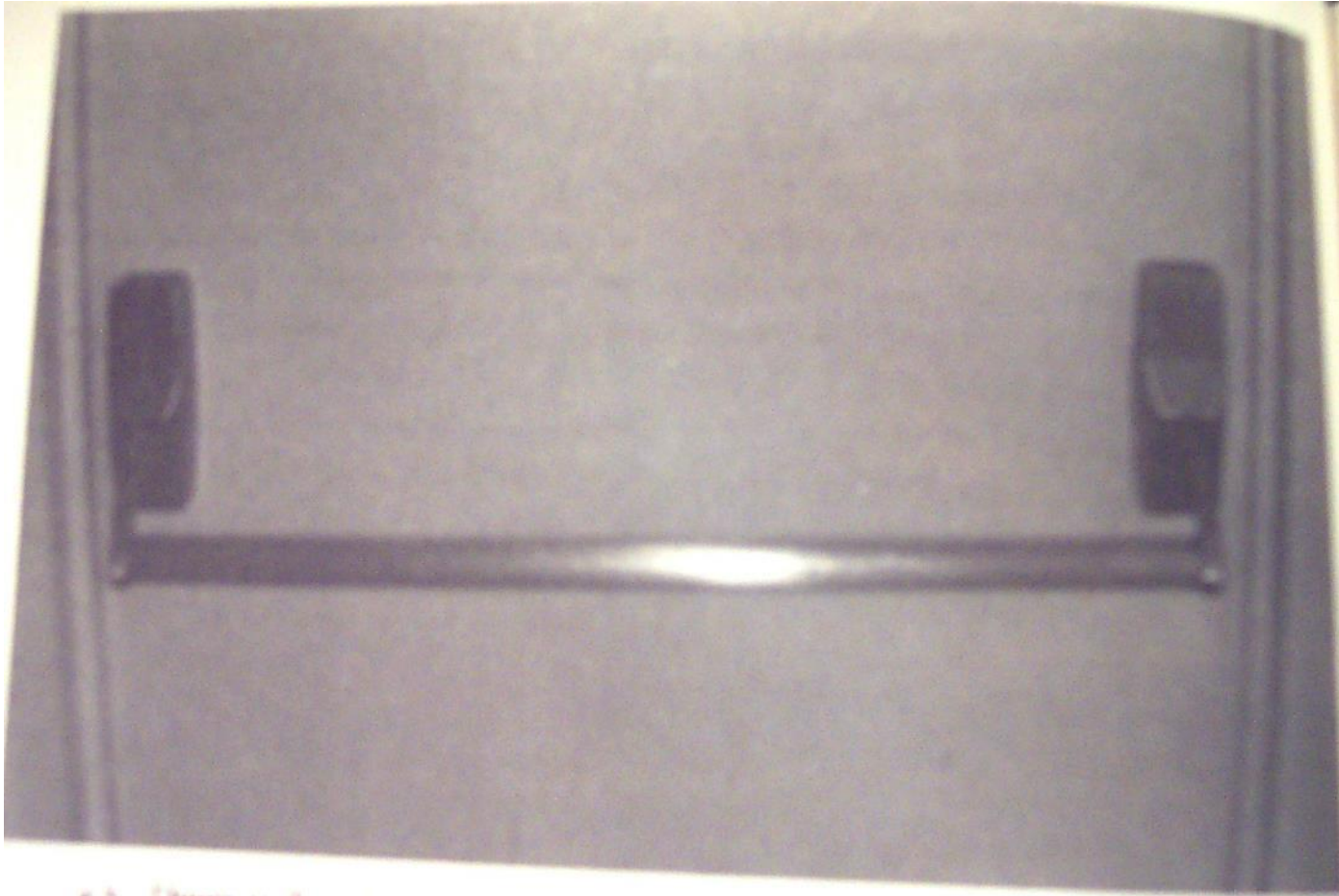
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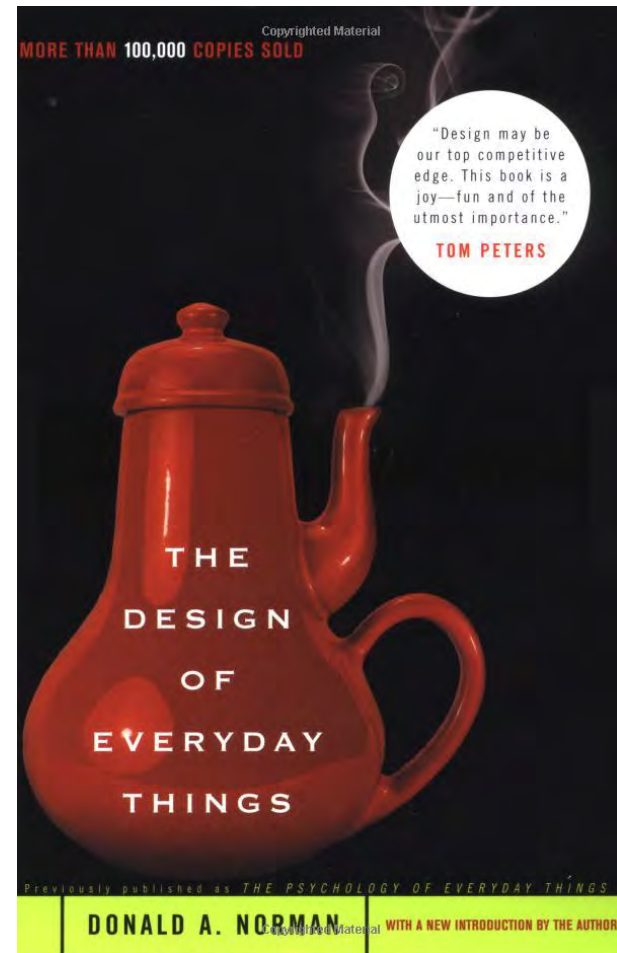
What is so Special about Computers?

Nothing! It is about good designs and bad designs

We make push/pull decisions many times per day

We all encounter doors that do this badly

We all see signs that do not change what we do



Signs Do Not Help



Signs Do Not Help



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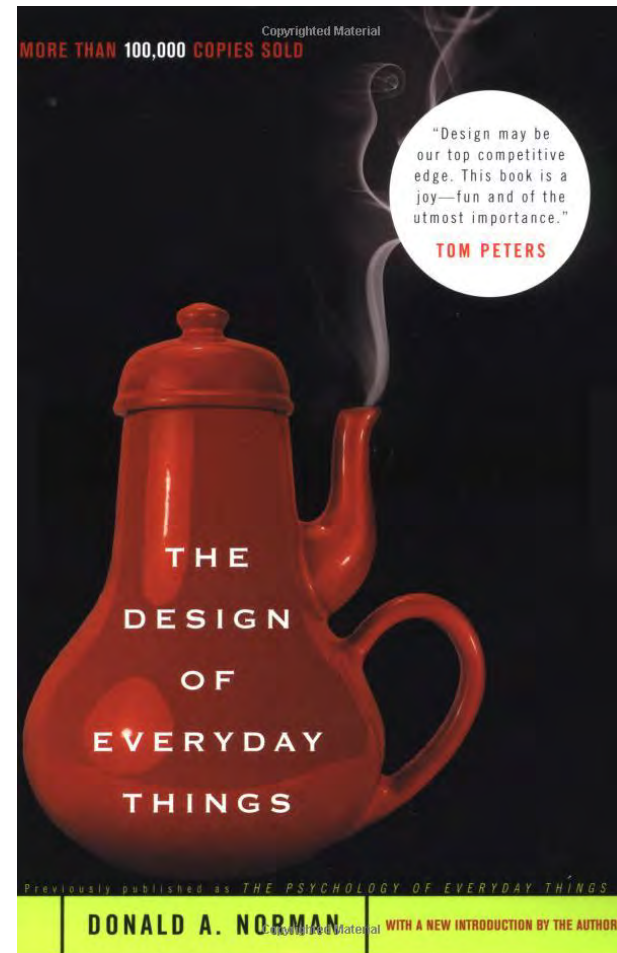
Yet we blame ourselves

Absolutely everything we
encounter in the made
world was designed

Too often poorly designed

Read this book

Be warned you cannot
unread it, you become angry



Iterative Human-Centered Design

This is a course about process

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

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

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

Project Overview

The core of this course is a group project

Propose and do an intense end-to-end design

Getting the Right Design

Getting the Design Right

Communicating the Design

Not an implementation course

Design Research & Task Analysis

Observe practices and understand needs

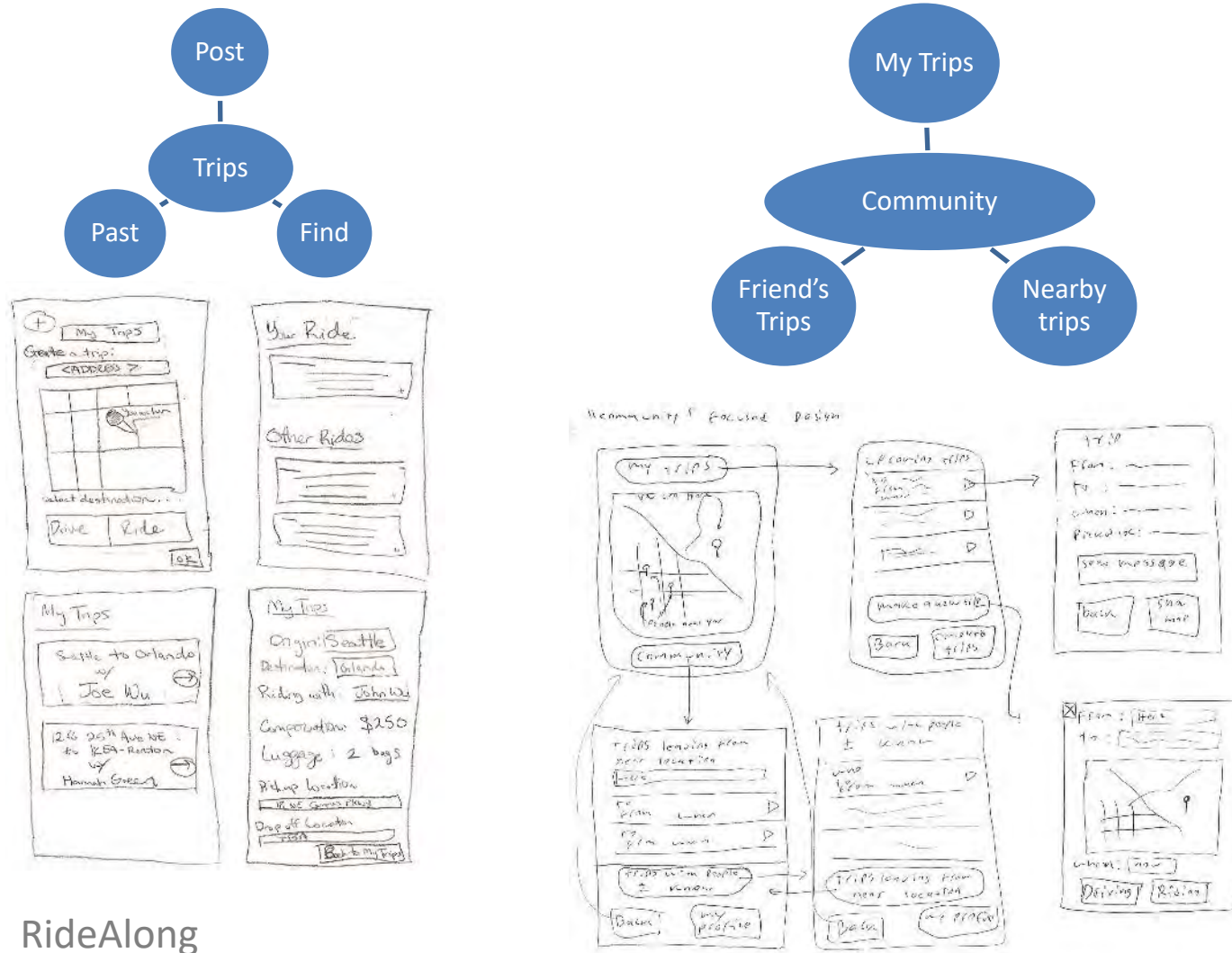


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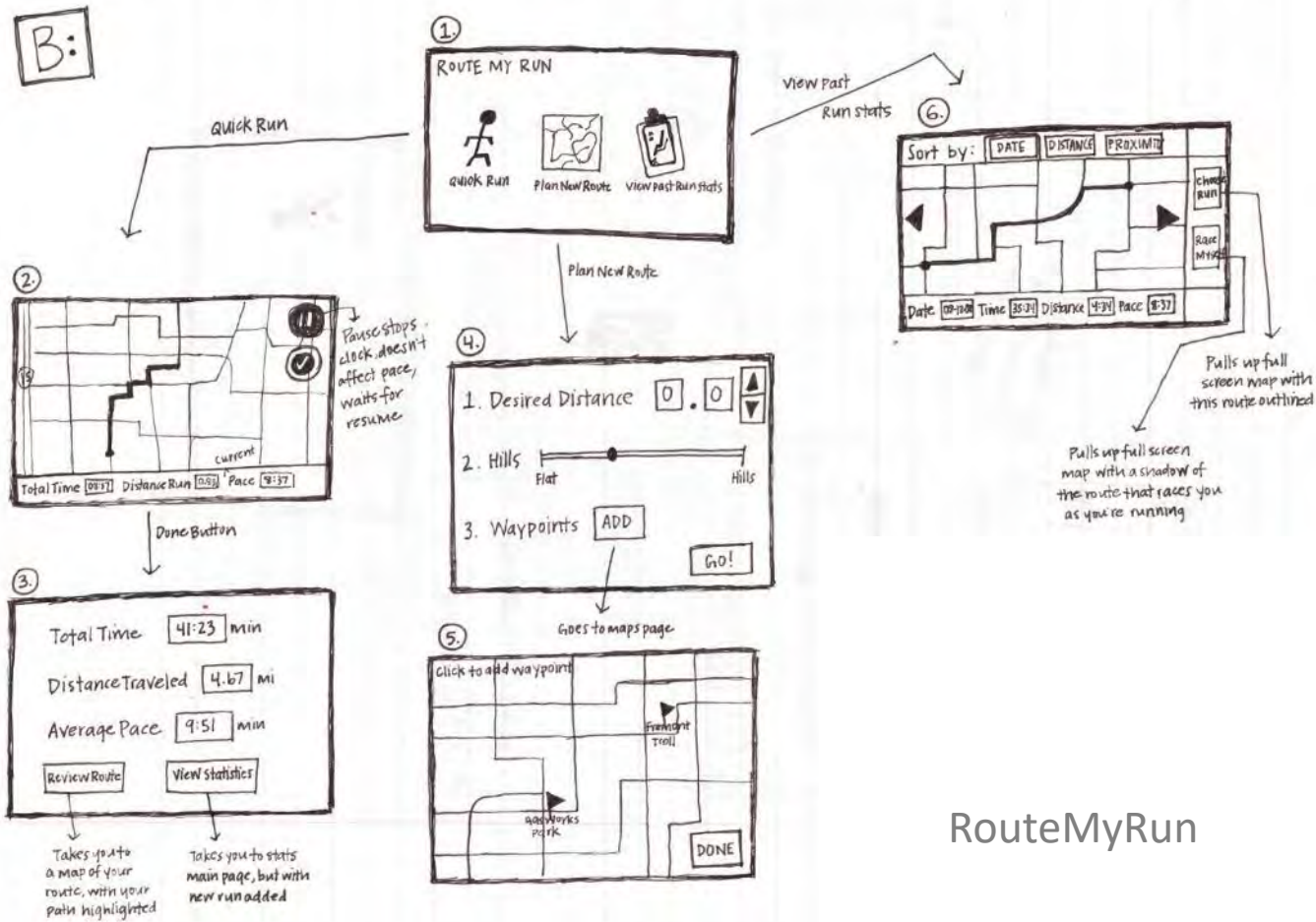


FoodWatch

Sketching & Storyboarding



Sketching & Storyboarding



RouteMyRun

Digital Mockup



Balance

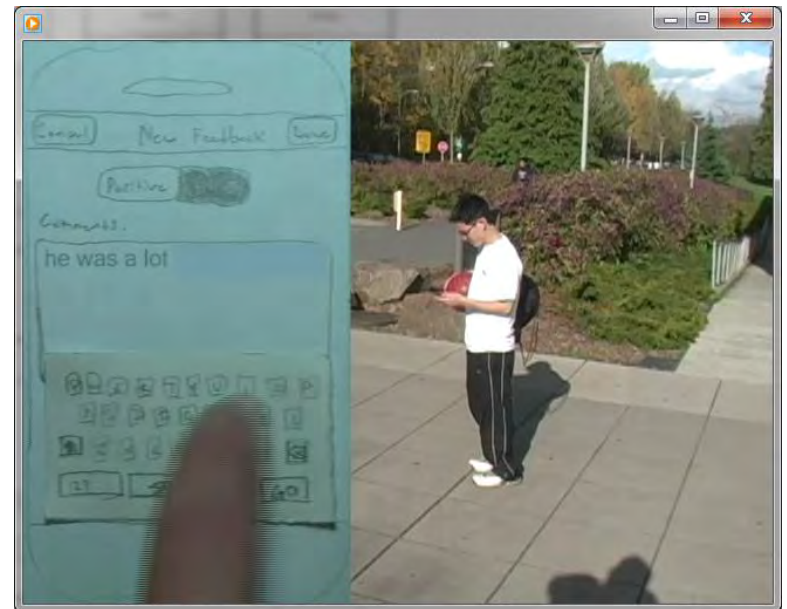
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Video Prototypes

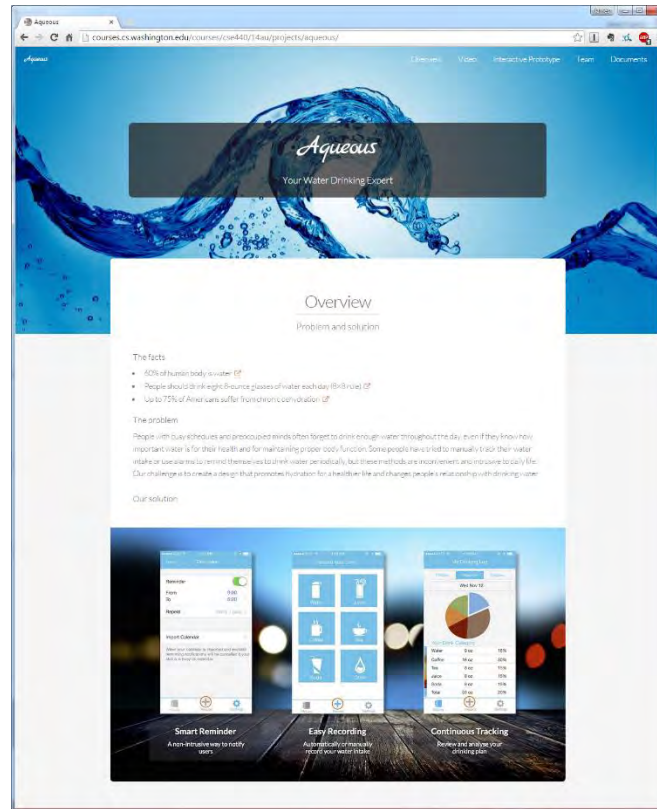


GetOut



PickUp

Learn by Example from Prior Projects



Aqueous:

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

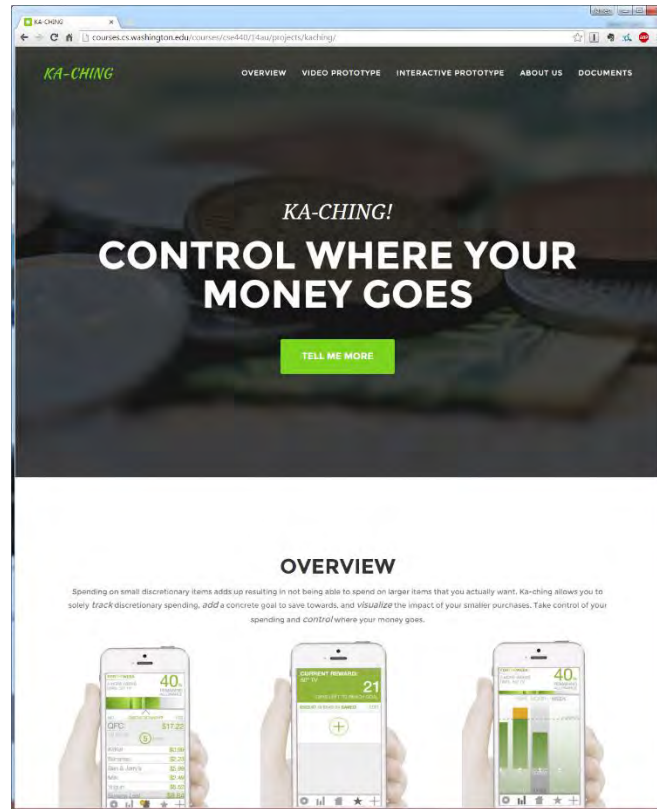
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IEP Connect:

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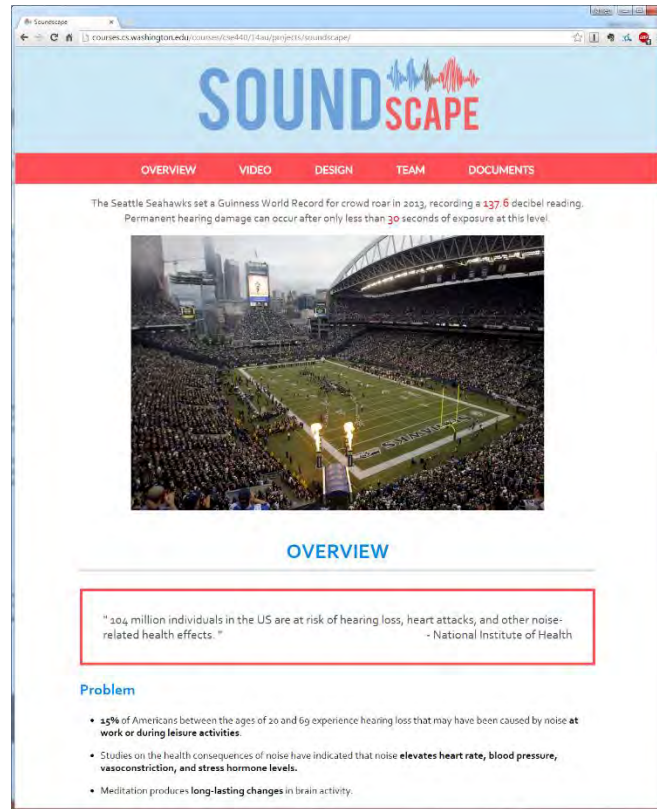
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Ka-Ching:

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

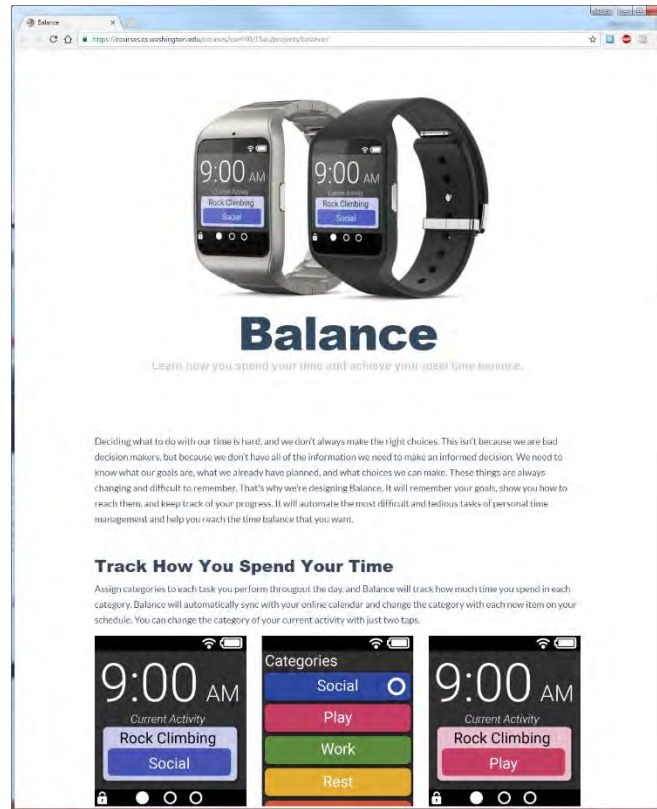
Learn by Example from Prior Projects



Soundscape:

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

Learn by Example from Prior Projects



Balance:

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Learn by Example from Prior Projects



Neat:

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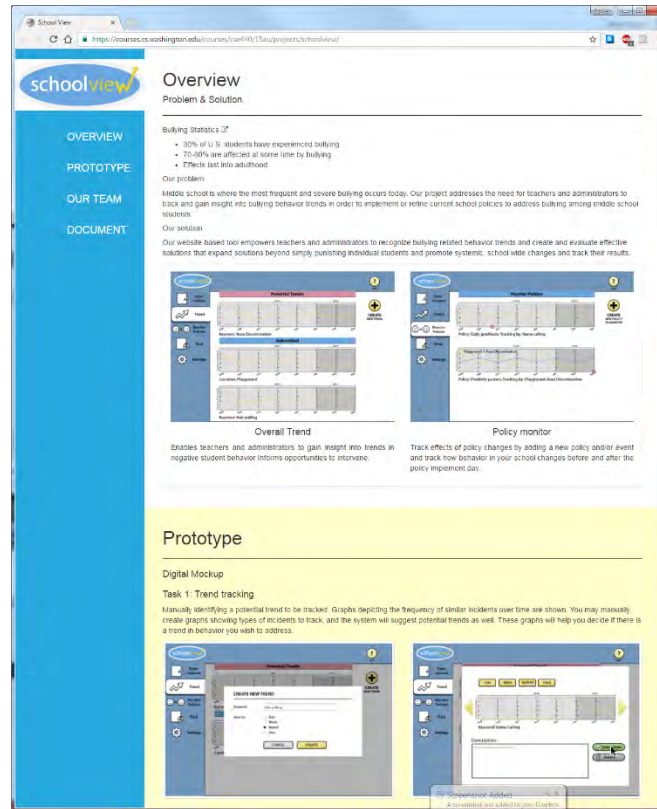
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Poliscope:

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

Learn by Example from Prior Projects



School View:

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

Studio Time in Section and Lecture

This course is designed around rapid feedback

Section is primarily studio time with the staff

Groups will be formed within section

Your team always brings a milestone to studio

Participation is a critical component of the course

Project time on Tuesdays

Your team always has a milestone due

Class will often include project time or activity

Overview

HCI and the Project Sequence

Course Staff Introductions

Administrivia

Assignment 1: Project Proposal

Assignment 1a: Due for Friday

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Some Reflection

Self-Tracking and Relevant Background

Who We Are

James Fogarty

Prefer: James / He / Him

Background

BS, Virginia Tech, 2000

PhD, Carnegie Mellon, 2006

Joined UW CSE, 2006



Brief Industrial Stints

IBM, 2000

IBM Research, 2003

Microsoft Research, 2007

Who We Are

Cross-Campus HCI Efforts

DUB

MHCID

Teaching

CSE 440: Introduction to HCI

CSE 441: Advanced HCI

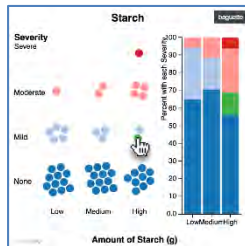
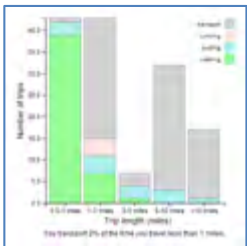
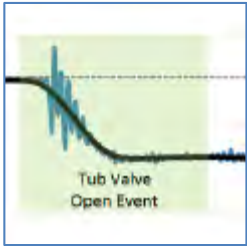
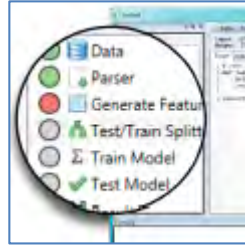
CSE 510: Advanced Topics in HCI

CSEP 510: Human-Computer Interaction

CSE 332: Data Structures



Who We Are



Computing

You

Who We Are

Eunice Jun

Prefer: Eunice / She / Her

Background:

BS, Cognitive Studies &
Computer Science

Vanderbilt, 2016

Research:

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

Interests:

Hiking, learning new languages, ballet, getting lost



Who We Are

David Wang

Prefer: David / He / Him

Background:

BS, Informatics (HCI)

UC Irvine, 2013

MS, HCDE

University of Washington, 2017

Research:

Collapse informatics, ubiquitous computing

Interests:

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



Who We Are

Elisabeth Chin

Prefer: Elisabeth / She / Her

Background

BS, Informatics: HCI
University of Washington, 2017

Interests

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



Who We Are

Ravi Karkar

Prefer: Ravi / He / Him

Background

BE, Gujarat University, 2011

MS, Georgia Tech, 2012

MS, University of Washington, 2016



Research

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

Interests:

Sleeping, getting 404s, hunting horcruxes

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Staying in Touch

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

You are responsible for calendar

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

Email Us: [cse440-instr \[at\] cs.washington.edu](mailto:cse440-instr@cs.washington.edu)

Email: You are responsible for course email

Office Posted on Calendar

Hours: Also By Appointment

GitHub Repository

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

<https://github.com/uwcse440/web-cse440-wi17>

You will contribute when posting your projects

You can and should contribute if you see the opportunity



Grading

We provide a grading scale, but it is subjective

Design is subjective, and so is this course

Wow us with your work, not with complaining

Entire project process is designed for feedback

Milestone grades mean you did the milestone

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

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

Grading

Group Project: 65%

3% Assignment 1

21% Assignment 2: Getting the Right Design

Final Report 15%, Milestones 6%

14% Assignment 3: Getting the Design Right

Final Report 10%, Milestones 4%

15% Assignment 4: Communicating the Design

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

12% Presentations

Getting the Right Design 5%,

Getting the Design Right 5%, Individual 2%

Exam: 25%

Individual Readings: 5%

Participation: 5%

Submissions

Many assignments are due “night before class”

Canvas will operationalize this as 12:01am

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

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

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

“Now” vs “When You Need It” Content

This course has both, we will try to distinguish

Several assigned readings will be posted

Intentionally minimal but critical

May be on exam

Small reading report assignment

Additional resources will be made available

If you find others you want to share, email us

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Project Proposal Schedule

Project Brainstorm Due for Friday

Brainstorming in Section Friday

Project Proposal Due Monday Night

Sponsored Projects Posted Tuesday

Project Bids Due Wednesday Night

Groups Assigned Thursday

Brainstorming in Section Friday

Assignment 1a: Project Brainstorm

You have an assignment due for Friday:

<http://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse440/17wi/assignments/assignment1/>

Propose 3 project domains, problems, goals:

These are starting points for brainstorming

Submit online:

This proves that you did your preparation

Submit via email if unable to access Canvas

Bring to section Friday:

You have a lot more brainstorming ahead of you

Assignment 1b: Project Proposal

You have an assignment due for Tuesday:

<http://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse440/17wi/assignments/assignment1/>

One page of text:

Problem and Motivation

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

Submit online:

Sponsored Projects will be Posted for Bidding

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Some Reflection

This will not be an easy course

Students have said this was their most intense course

You have two deadlines per week, every week

But I believe in everything that is included

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

It will be what you make it

People Really Get It

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

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

People Really Get It

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

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

Group Work is Hard Work

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

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

Group Work is Hard Work

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

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

And it is not for Everybody

What aspects of this class detracted from your learning?

Finding strangers in malls & coffee shops was a major hurdle

What suggestions do you have for improving the class?

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

Adding and Dropping

Attempting to Add

Say something to me after class

Will email today, attempt to finalize quickly

Must enforce a hard enrollment cap

Considering Dropping

Do so before we assign teams, and tell us

Section switch availability

We may need help in balancing sections

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Thousands of Health Monitoring Apps

Top Paid iPhone Apps

Paid Free Top Grossing

 1. Run with Map My Run+ - GPS... Health & Fitness \$0.99	 2. 2.7 Minute Workout... Health & Fitness \$1.99	 3. CARROT FIT - Talking Weight... Health & Fitness \$1.99	 4. Running for Weight Loss PR... Health & Fitness \$3.99	 5. Sleep Cycle alarm clock Health & Fitness \$0.99	 6. Smart Alarm Clock: sleep... Health & Fitness \$1.99	 7. Map My Ride+ - GPS Cycling... Health & Fitness \$0.99	 8. Fitness for women: worko... Health & Fitness \$2.99	 9. 7 Minute Workout - Quic... Health & Fitness \$0.99	 10. Map My Fitness+ ... Health & Fitness \$0.99	 11. Couch... Health & Fitness \$1.99
 13. Fitness Buddy : 1700+ Exercise... Health & Fitness \$1.99	 14. Tone It Up Health & Fitness \$0.99	 15. 5K Runner: 0 to 5K run train... Health & Fitness \$2.99	 16. Yoga.com Studio: 300 Pos... Health & Fitness \$4.99	 17. Moves Health & Fitness \$2.99	 19. Period Tracker Deluxe Health & Fitness \$1.99	 19. Yoga Studio Health & Fitness \$2.99	 20. White Noise Health & Fitness \$1.99	 21. Ultra Fitness Health & Fitness \$0.99	 22. Sleep Pillow Sounds: white... Health & Fitness \$1.99	 23. All-in Fitness by Sportoo... Health & Fitness \$2.99
 25. Instant Heart Rate - Heart Rat... Health & Fitness \$1.99	 26. Paleo Central Health & Fitness \$0.99	 27. Calorie Counter PRO b... Health & Fitness \$3.99	 28. The Wonder Weeks Health & Fitness \$2.99	 29. Log For P90X3 Workout Health & Fitness \$0.99	 30. Simply Being - Guided... Health & Fitness \$0.99	 31. myWOD - All-in-One WOD Lo... Health & Fitness \$1.99	 32. P90X Health & Fitness \$2.99	 33. Runtastic PRO GPS Running... Health & Fitness \$4.99	 34. Points Calculator for... Health & Fitness \$2.99	 36. 30 Day Challenges Health & Fitness \$2.99
 37. The Fast Metabolism Die... Health & Fitness \$2.99	 38. 10K Runner: 0 to 5K to 10K ru... Health & Fitness \$3.99	 39. Sleep Times- Alarm Clock an... Health & Fitness \$1.99	 40. Full Term - Labor... Health & Fitness \$0.99	 41. Tabata Pro - Tabata Timer Health & Fitness \$2.99	 42. Diet & Food Tracker ... Health & Fitness \$3.99	 43. Seconds Pro - Interval Timer Health & Fitness \$4.99	 44. Sleep Machine Health & Fitness \$1.99	 45. Relax Melodies... Health & Fitness \$2.99	 46. 7-Minute Workout (High... Health & Fitness \$1.99	 47. Ultimate Value Diary Health & Fitness \$2.99
 49. buddhify 2 Health & Fitness \$1.99	 50. Instant Fitness : 600+... Health & Fitness \$0.99	 51. Sworkit Pro Health & Fitness \$0.99	 52. Pocket Yoga Health & Fitness \$2.99	 53. BabyBump Pregnancy Pro... Health & Fitness \$1.99	 54. Situps 0 to 200: Sit Ups... Health & Fitness \$0.99	 55. LIVESTRONG.C... Health & Fitness \$0.99	 56. Insight Timer Deluxe ... Health & Fitness \$0.99	 57. Daily Workouts Health & Fitness \$0.99	 58. Boot Camp Challenge Health & Fitness \$0.99	 59. Pts. Plus Health & Fitness \$1.99

Activity and Medical Sensing Devices



Thermometer



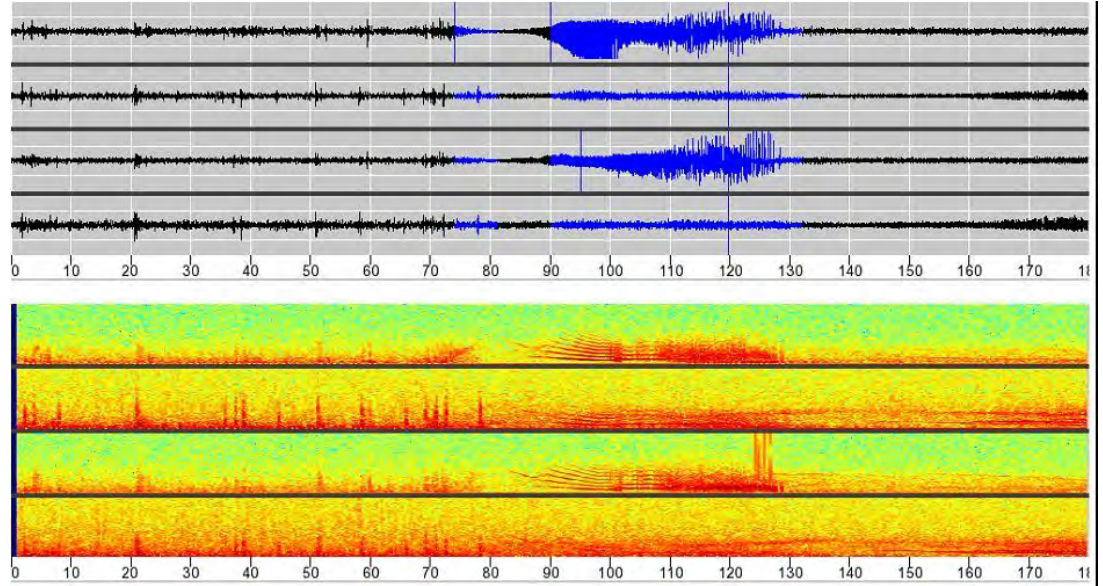
Heart rate monitor



Blood glucose meter

Blood pressure monitor

Medical Implants



NeuroPace

Sustainability Tracking



Kill A Watt



Belkin
WeMo Water



Automatic

Location and Activity



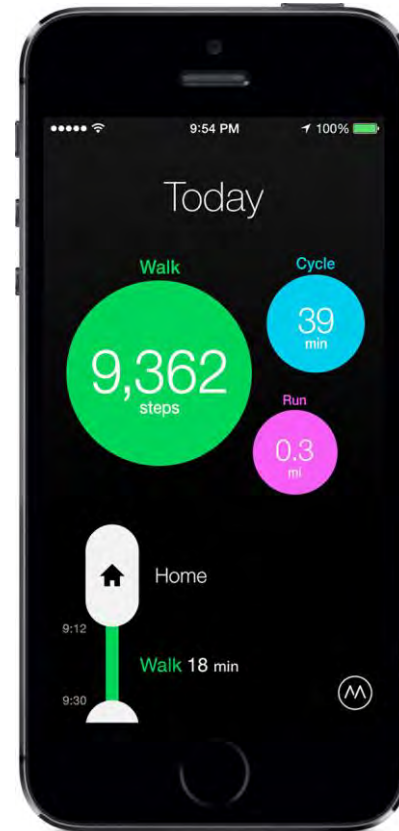
FitBit



Garmin



FitBark



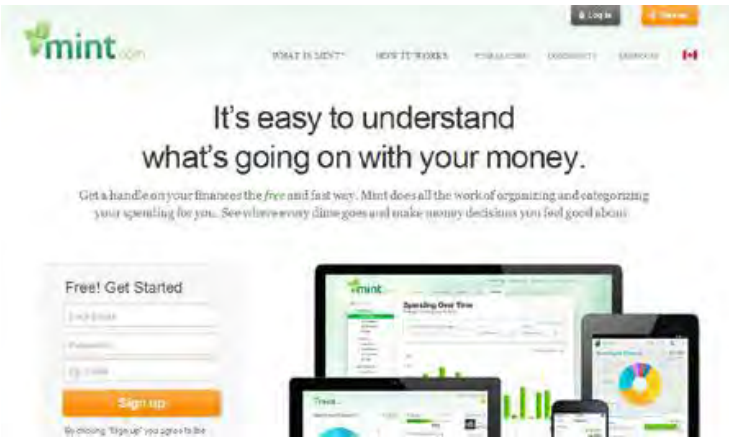
Moves

Time Tracking



RescueTime

Finances



Mint



You Need a Budget

Background in Personal Informatics

Some Definitions

What is the Point?

What is the Problem?



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

What is Personal Informatics

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

What is Quantified Self

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

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

“Self knowledge through numbers.”

Wolf G. (2009). *Wired Magazine*.

“Know Thyself: Tracking Every Facet of Life, from Sleep to Mood to Pain, 24/7/365”

What is the Point?



Gnothi seauton
“Know thyself”

Leonardo da Vinci

Leonardo da Vinci

Odometers on the left

Pedometer on the right

To track troop activities



Benjamin Franklin



Temperance

Silence

Order

Resolution

Frugality

Industry

Sincerity

Justice

Moderation

Cleanliness

Tranquility

Chastity

Humility

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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客席は約五百、大抵二十人前後でサシで席を
満員にすれば、ちよつと立まる程もない

ビヤホールのウェイトレス
12550歩=5.5^キ(8時間)

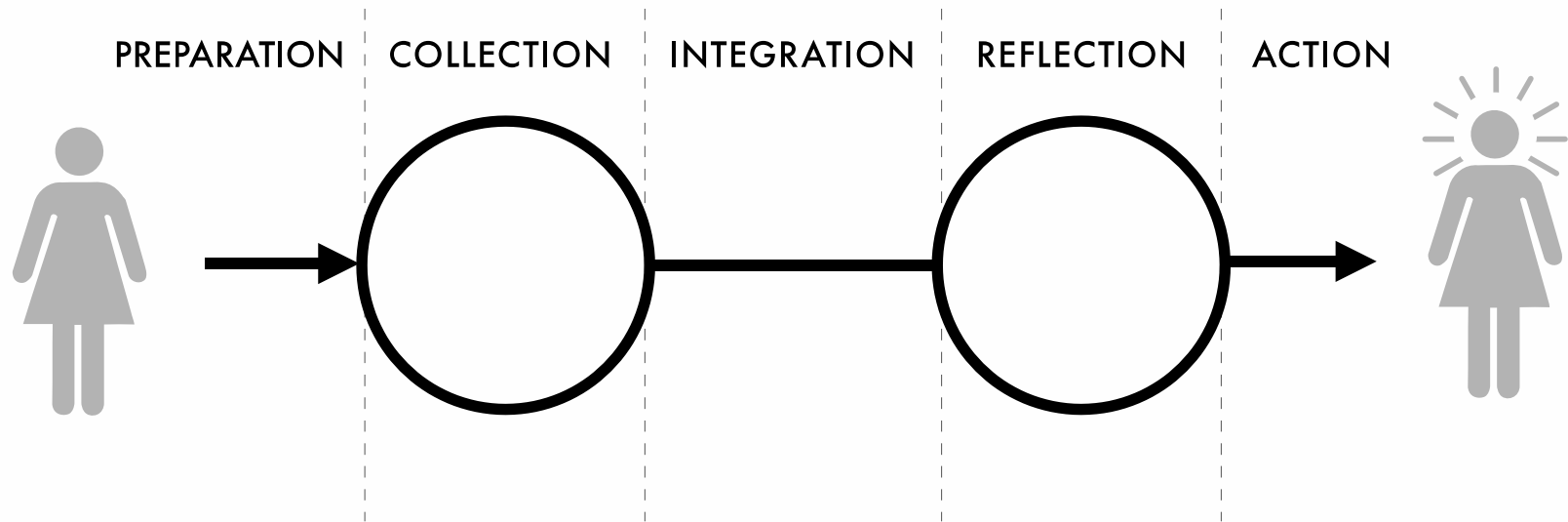


さん(22) 東京—大
阪の幹線を二往復、タバコや飲み
物のサービスで機内を動き回る
乗客は少なく寒だったという

エアホステス
9000歩=4.1^キ(6時間半)

万歩計

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



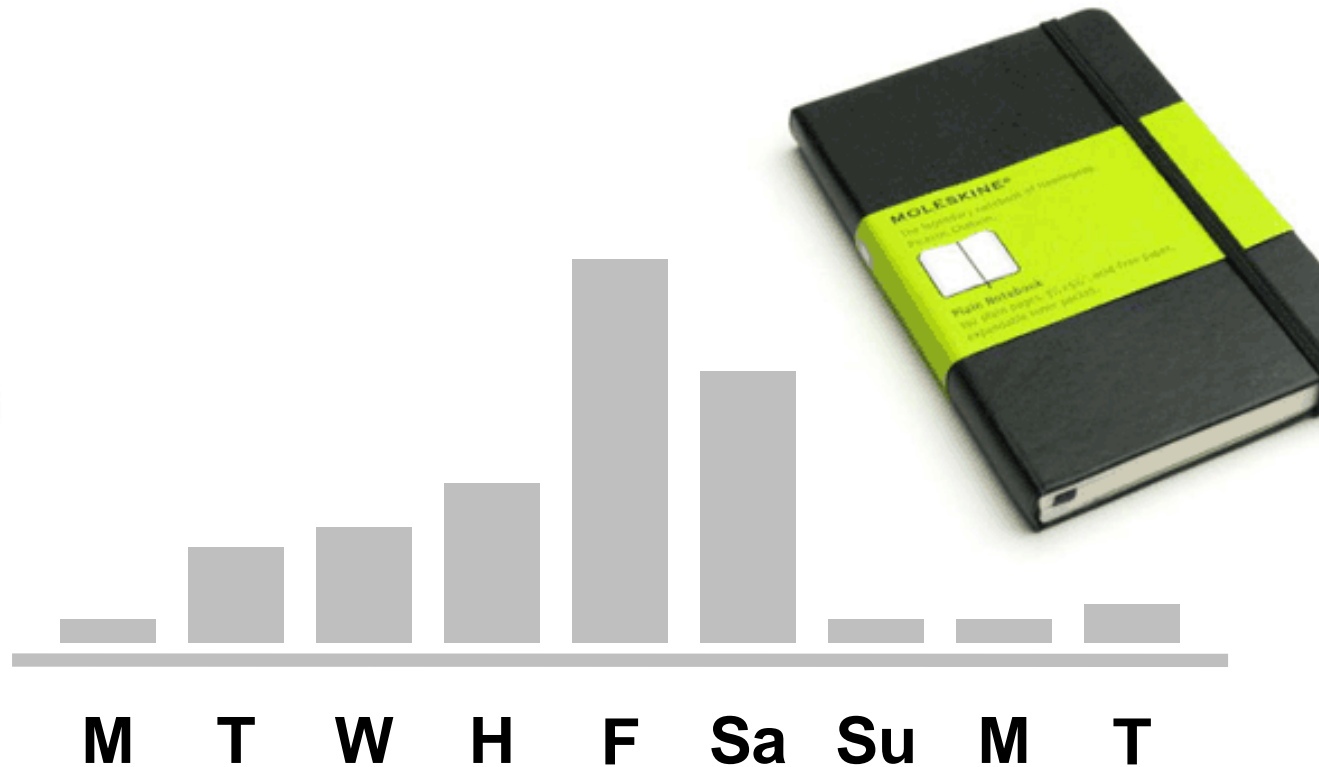
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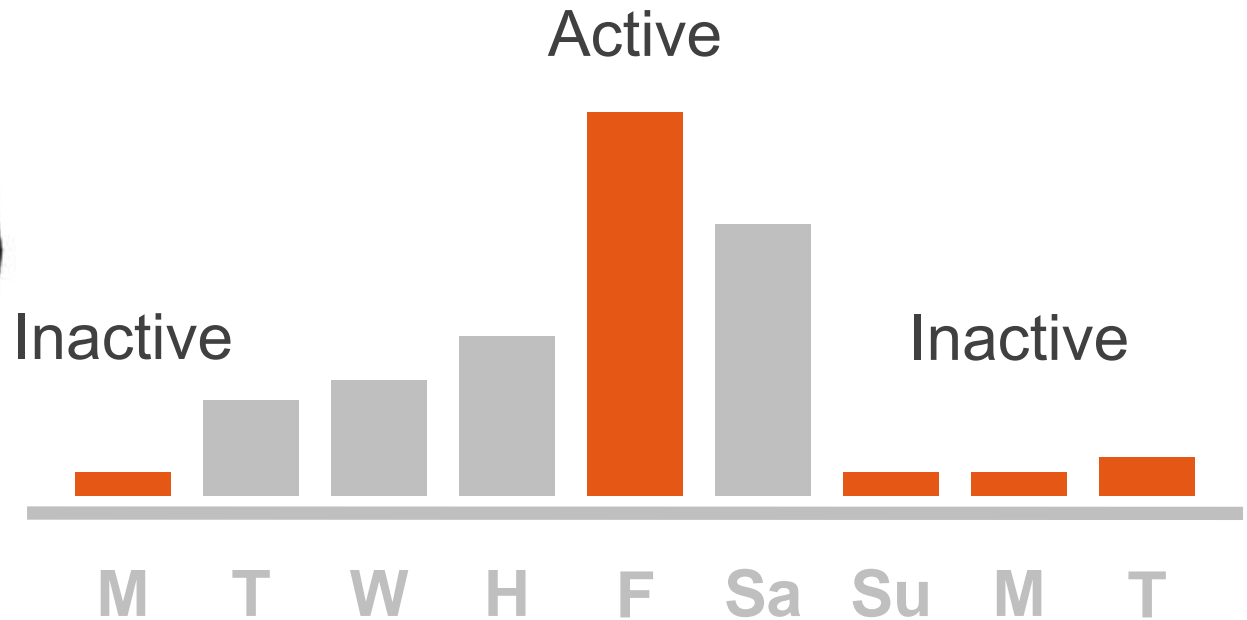
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Integration



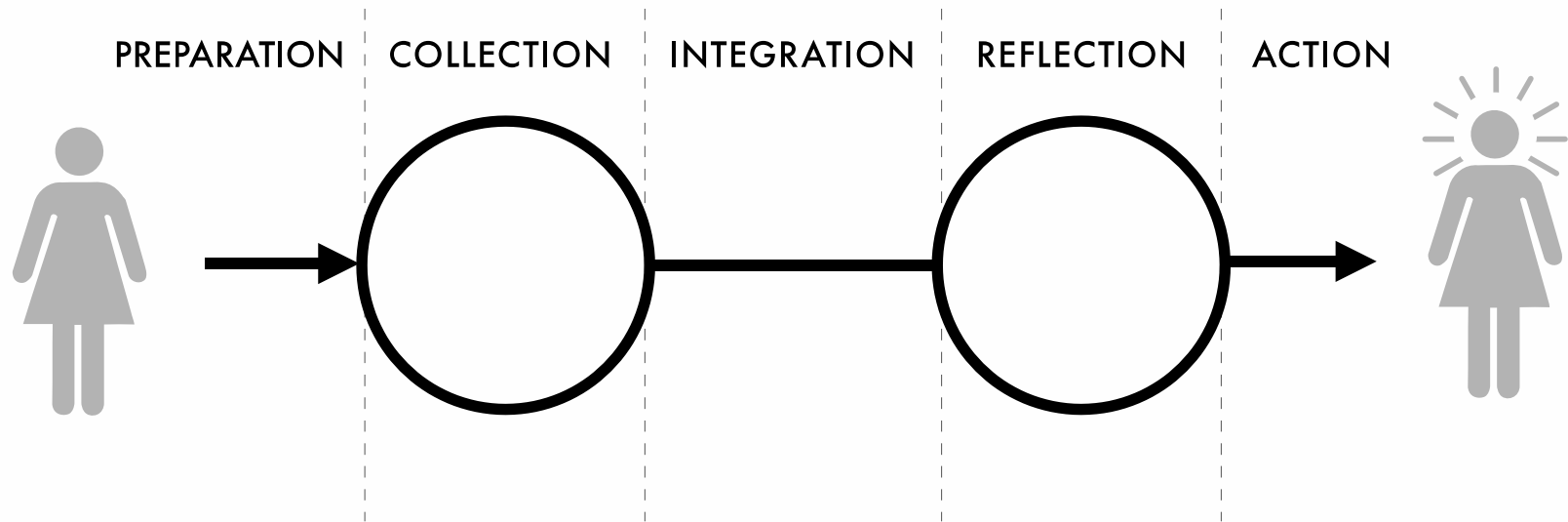
Reflection



Action



Five-Stage Model of Personal Informatics



What is the Problem?

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

The screenshot shows a blog post on the Quantified Self website. The header includes the 'QS Quantified Self' logo with the tagline 'self knowledge through numbers', a search bar, and navigation links for 'ABOUT', 'VIDEOS', and 'FORUMS'. The main article is titled 'Mark Moschel on Tracking and Dunking' and is dated January 30, 2014, by Ernesto Ramirez. The text describes how Mark Moschel, a basketball fan, decided to learn to dunk a basketball and how he used self-tracking for this goal. Below the text is a video player showing Mark Moschel speaking at a podium. The video player has a play button, a progress bar at 11:24, and 'HD' and 'vimeo' logos. Below the video are social sharing options for Twitter, Facebook, Google+, Tumblr, LinkedIn, and Email. The post is tagged with 'basketball', 'dunking', 'qstip', and 'strength'. On the right side of the page, there is a sidebar with a 'Quantified Self Europe Conference' banner for May 10-11, 2014 in Amsterdam, a 'Make a Sparktweet' button, and a list of 'QS Meetup Groups' for various cities including Toronto, Vancouver, Montreal, Ottawa, London, and San Diego.

Quantified Self Talk Format

What I Learned

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

Your sleep pattern ■ asleep ■ active

zzzz

YOUR SLEEP EFFICIENCY
97%

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

Time to fall asleep
Times awakened
5

You were in bed for
8hrs 27min

Actual sleep time
8hrs 1min

VS.

1. What I did

2. How I did it

3. What I learned

Analyzed 52 videos

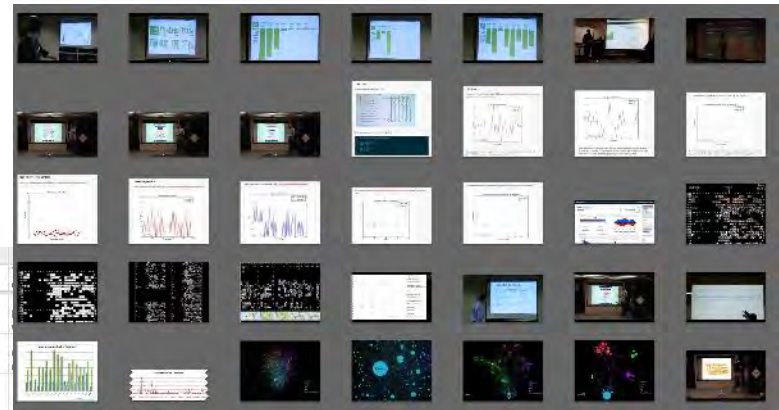
Analysis



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					Exercise, Food, Supplements, Medicine, biomedical data, body fat, weight, blood pressure	heart rate monitor, pen and paper, Excel	cancer	6 years	Commercial	
5	London	Male	no	electronics engineer	interface designer, VP of product, web development	Weight, Food, Sleep, Productivity	scale, Fitbit, RescueTime (productivity measuring tool)	2 years	Commercial	
6					rowing strokes, distance rowed, time rowed, calories	arduino, spreadsheet	overweight	5 months		
7	London	Male	startup	software engineer, network engineer, robotics, software, product development	proximity to cars, location	smartphone, sonar		1 year	user-generated	
8	San Francisco	Male	startup	mechanical engineer	heart rate	custom heart rate monitor			user-generated	
9	Beirut	Female			food, fitness, cognitive performance, anxiety, media consumption, sleep, location, finance, biomedical data, reading, glucose					
	Toronto	Male	Rogers	programmer, performance manager, big data				20 years		

Visualizations



Profiles

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

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

Choe E.K., Lee N.B., Lee B., Pratt W., Kientz J.A. CHI 2014.

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

Motivations for Tracking

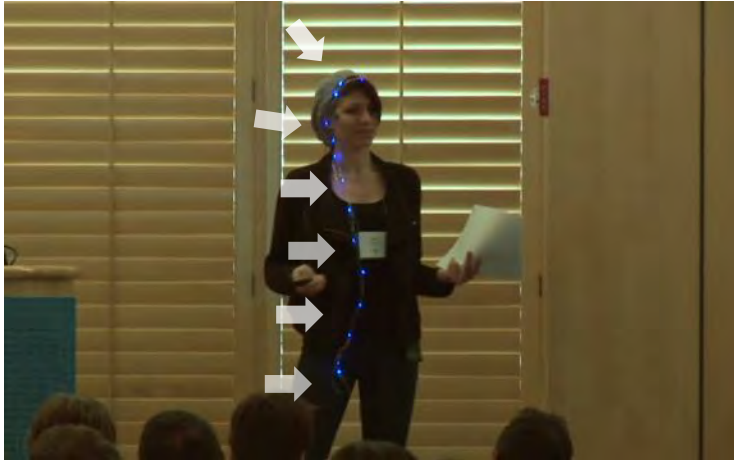
Motivations	Sub-categories
To improve health	To cure or manage a condition
	To achieve a goal
	To find triggers
	To answer a specific question
	To identify relationships
	To execute a treatment plan
	To make better health decisions
	To find balance
To improve other aspects of life	To maximize work performance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

Data Collection and Exploration Tools

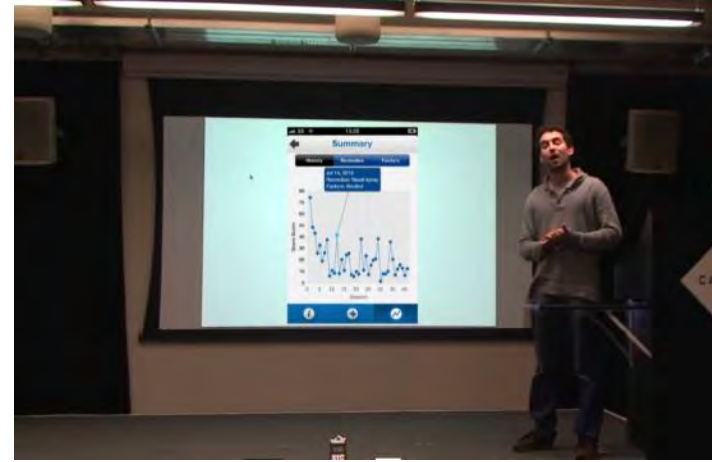
Data Collection Tool	% (#)
Commercial hardware	56% (29)
Spreadsheet	40% (21)
Custom software	21% (11)
Pen and paper	21% (11)
Commercial software	19% (10)
Commercial website	10% (5)
Camera	6% (3)
Open-source platform	6% (3)
Custom hardware	4% (2)
Other	10% (5)

Data Exploration Tool	% (#)
Spreadsheet	44% (23)
Custom software	35% (18)
Commercial website	27% (14)
Commercial software	12% (6)
Open-source platform	8% (4)
Statistical software	4% (2)
Pen and paper	2% (1)

Building Custom Tools



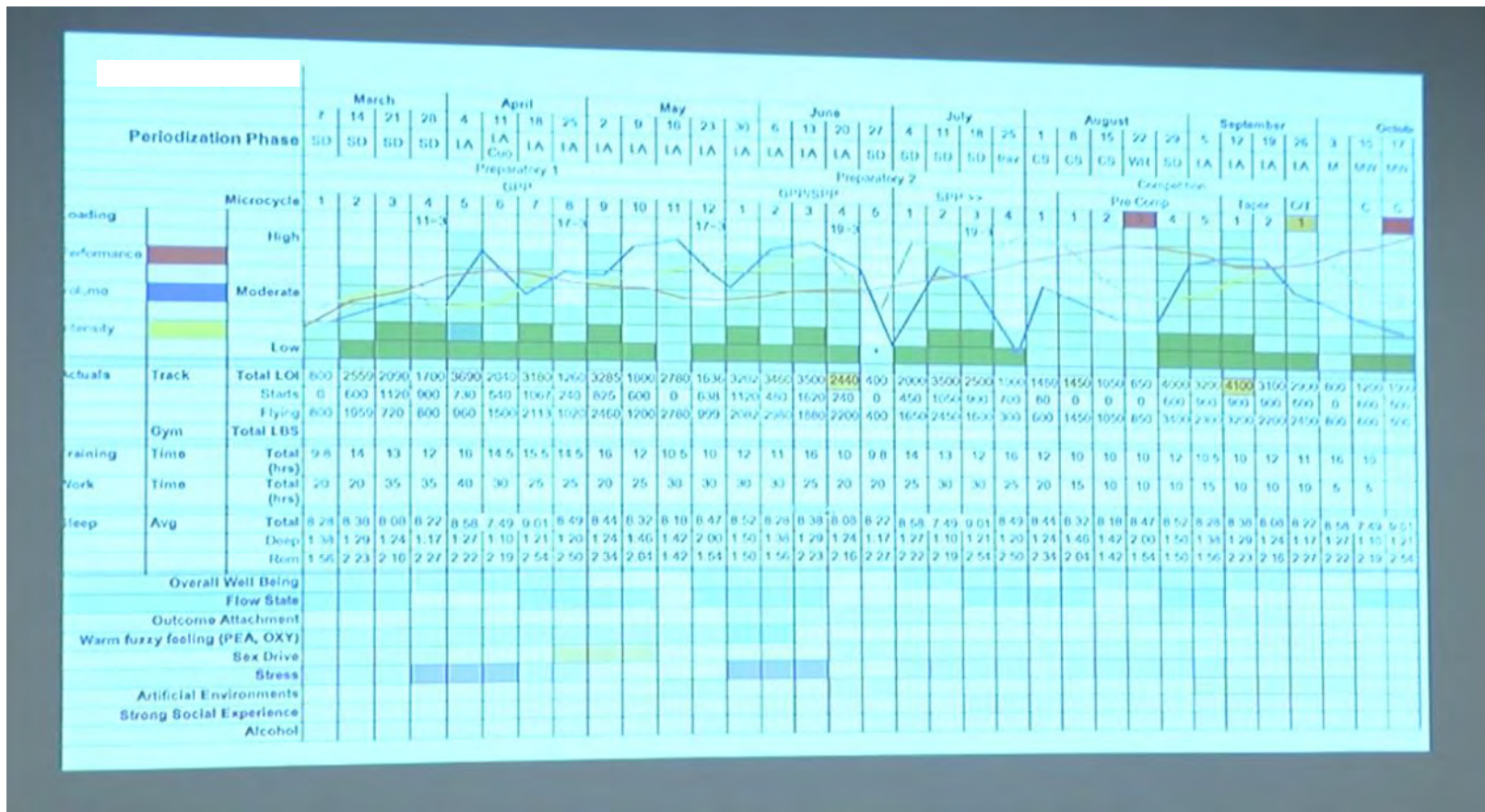
Captures smile via wearable sensing
Provides real-time feedback



Captures snoring via mobile app
Provides data visualization

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Custom Visualizations



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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...”

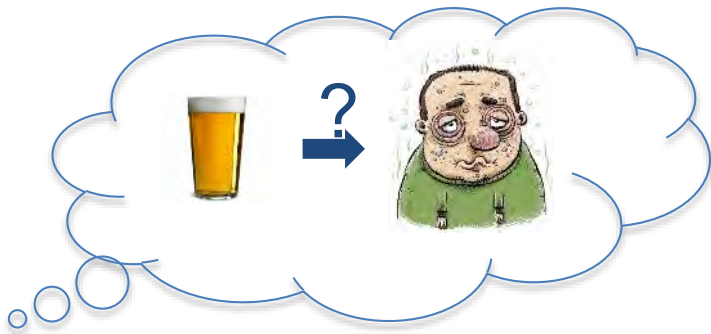
People lack clues on what to track

Missing information on how to improve outcome

They track the wrong information

Lacking Scientific Rigor

Conduct self-experimentations without control or without addressing confounding factors



And they conduct flawed experiments

Barriers and Negative Nudges



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

Negative Nudges:

Contrasting difficulty of entry

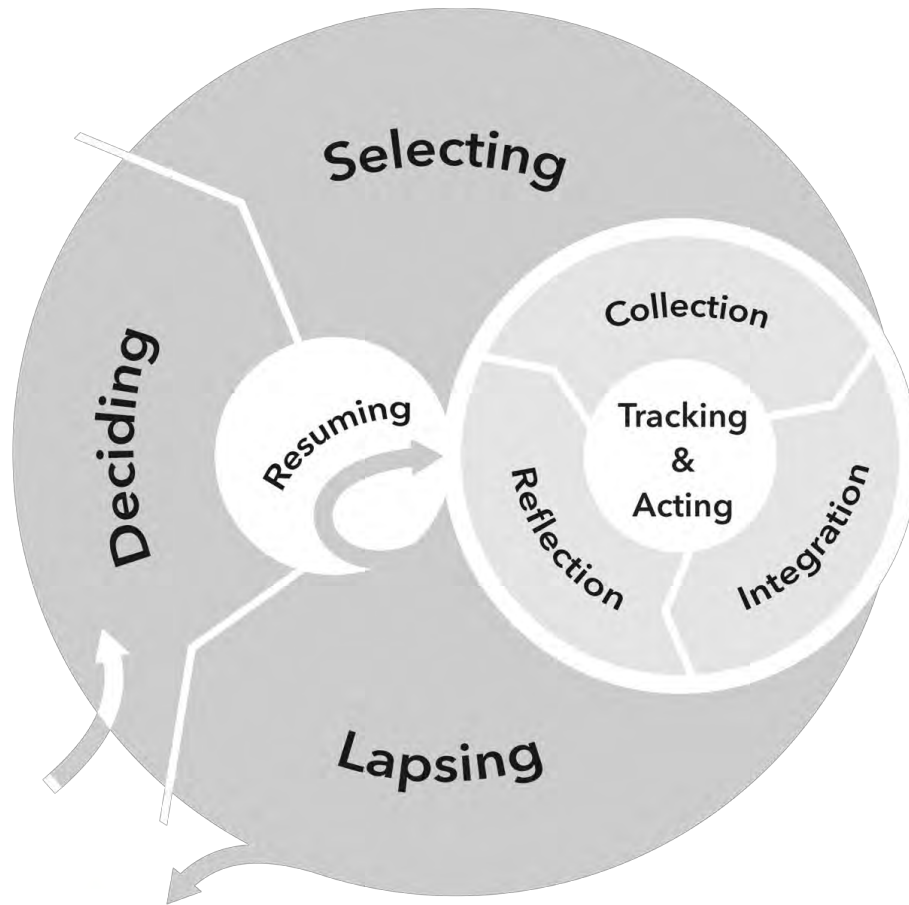
Judgment and choosing not to journal

Stigma and journaling

Lack or decline in social support

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

A Model of Lived Informatics



Extends 5-stage model to surface additional opportunities and challenges in lifecycle

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

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

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

Your Challenge

People invest tremendous effort for little value

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

Go beyond the data fetish

Understand the problems people face

Find the role for interactive technology



Your Challenge

Explore **tracking beyond the self:**

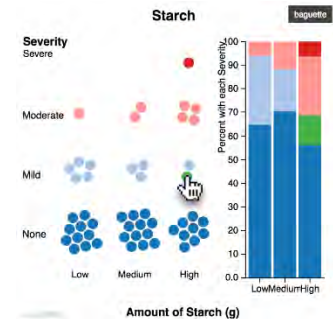
co-located relationships

remote relationships

communities organizing

people seeking help from peers

people seeking help from experts



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

Some Reflection

We have high expectations

We want you to do cool stuff

But we are also enthusiastic and we listen

Email us, point out opportunities, ask questions

If you are not onboard, please drop now

Please email us so that we know a spot opened

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Everyday Things

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Examining a Design Process

By example:

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



ABC News and IDEO's Deep Dive



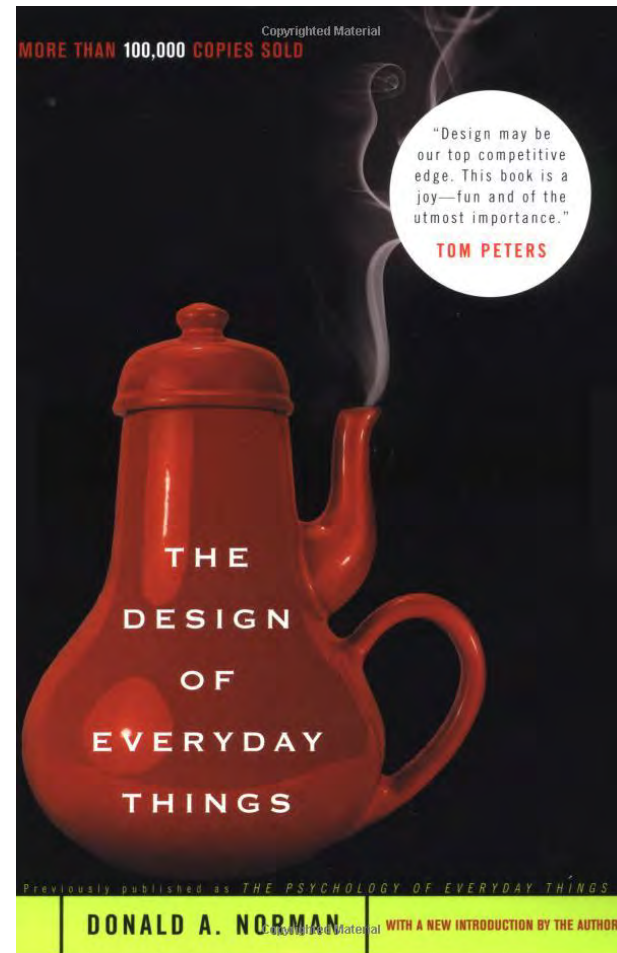
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Design Terminology

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

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

You should know these terms and recognize them in practice



Norman's Execution-Evaluation Cycle

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

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]

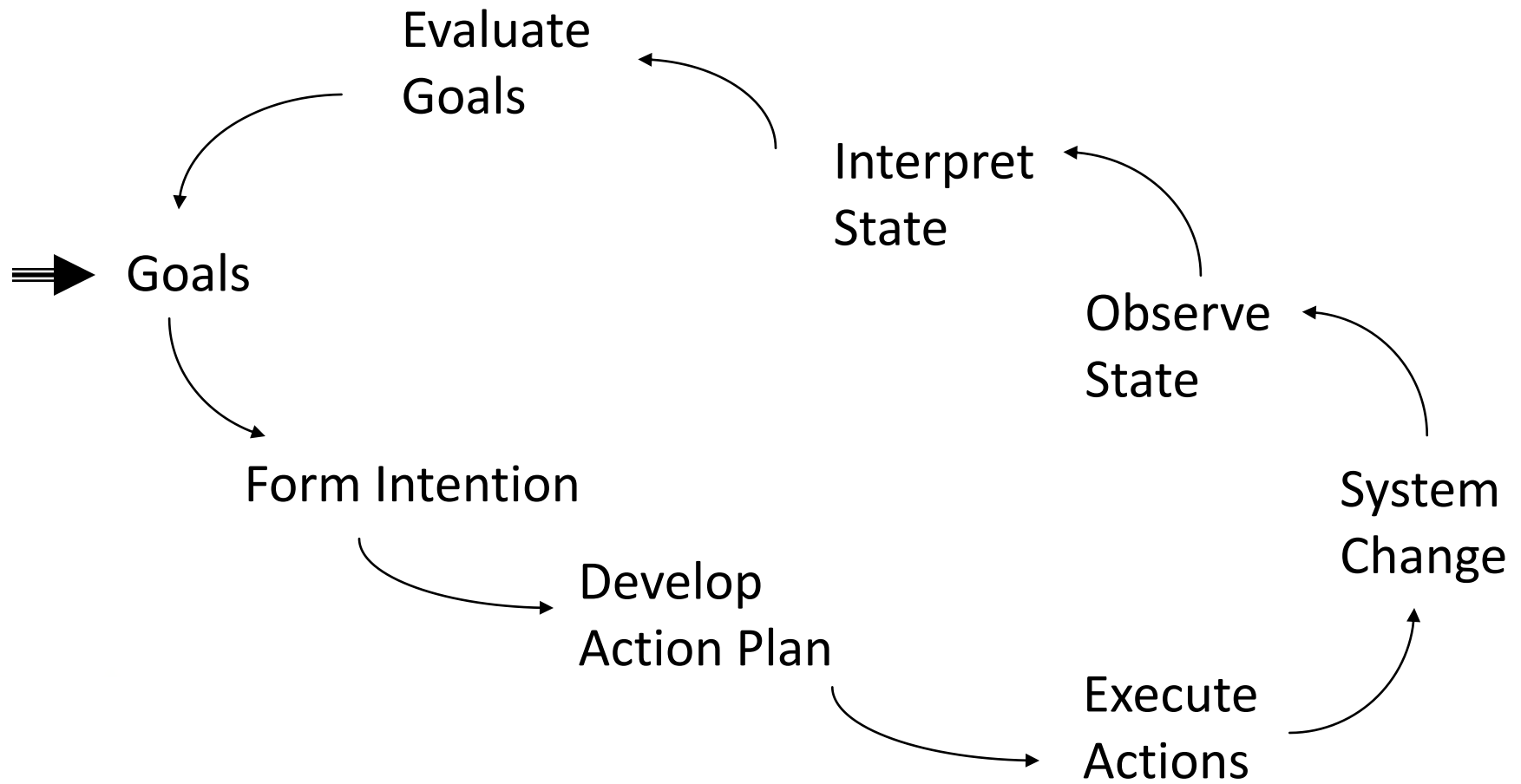
6. Interpret the system state

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

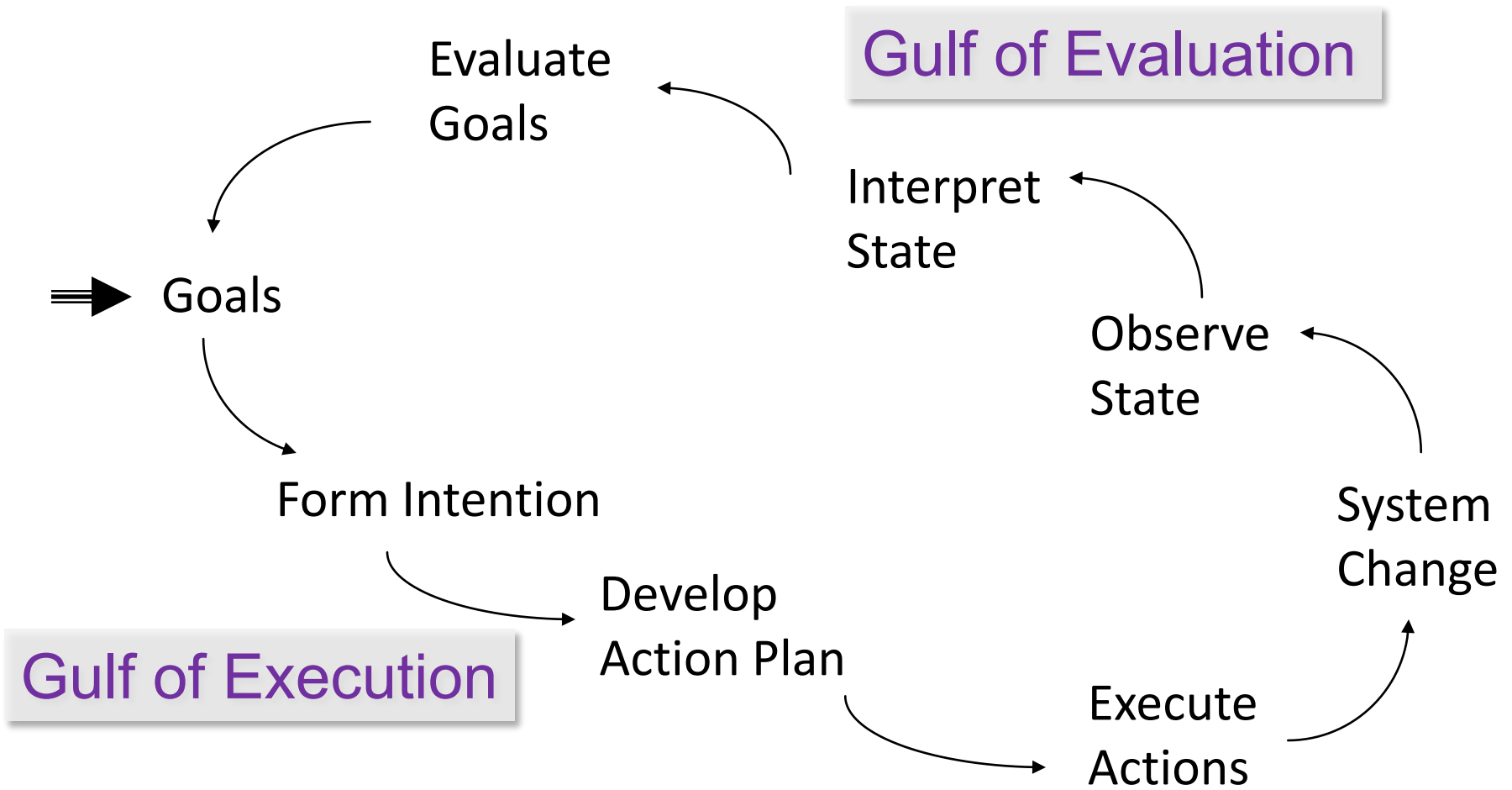
7. Evaluate the system state with respect to the goals and intentions

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

(Design Model, Designer's Conceptual Model)



Manifest Model

How it presents itself

(System Image)



Mental Model

How a person thinks it works

(User Model, User's Conceptual Model)

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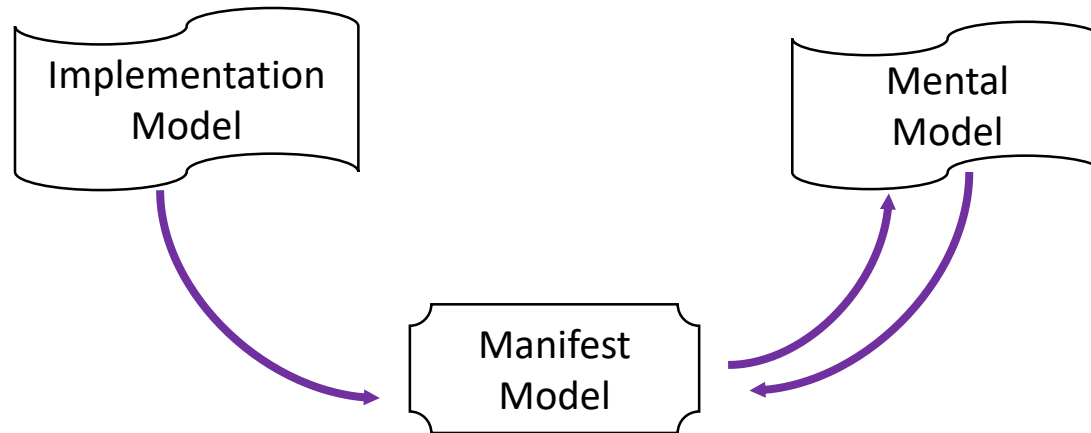
Mental Model

How a person thinks it works

(User Model, User's Conceptual Model)

These terms
are sloppy and
ambiguous out
in the world

Manifest and Mental Models



Designer projects their model into an artifact

Person forms their model based on interaction

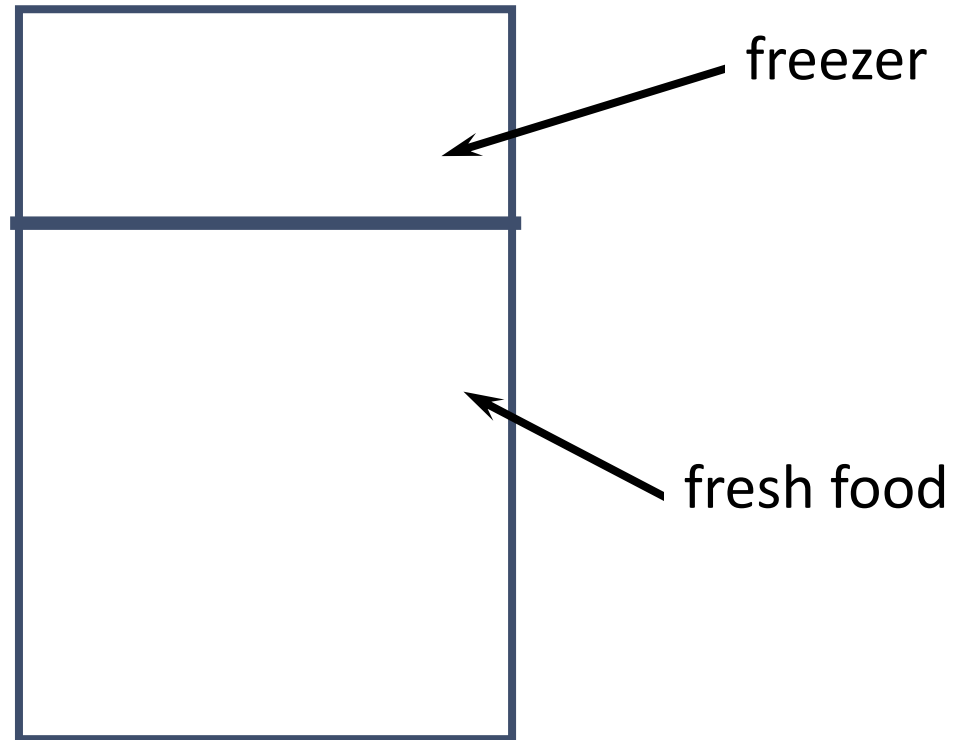
People struggle until model matches manifest model

Update mental model in response to breakdowns

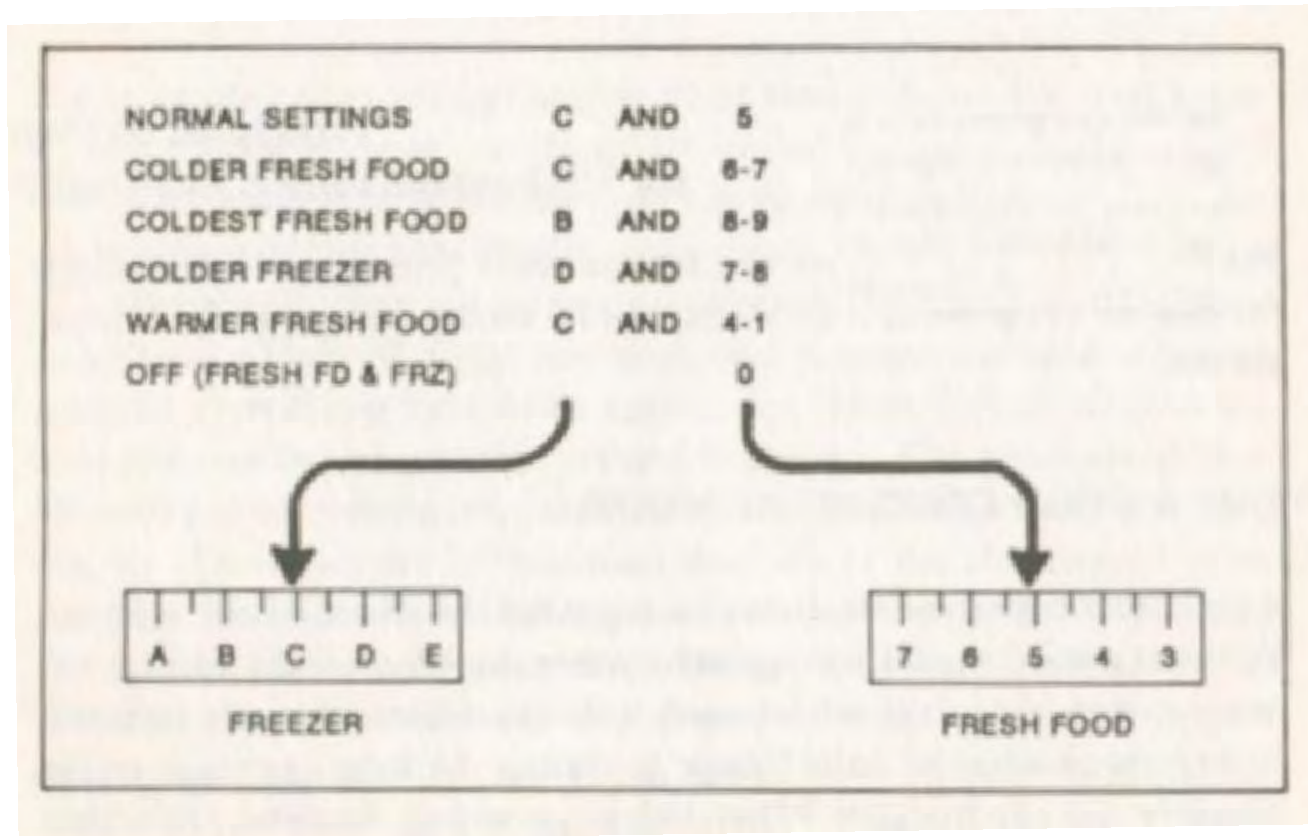
Matching the implementation model is not necessary

Mental Models

Problem: freezer too cold, fresh food just right

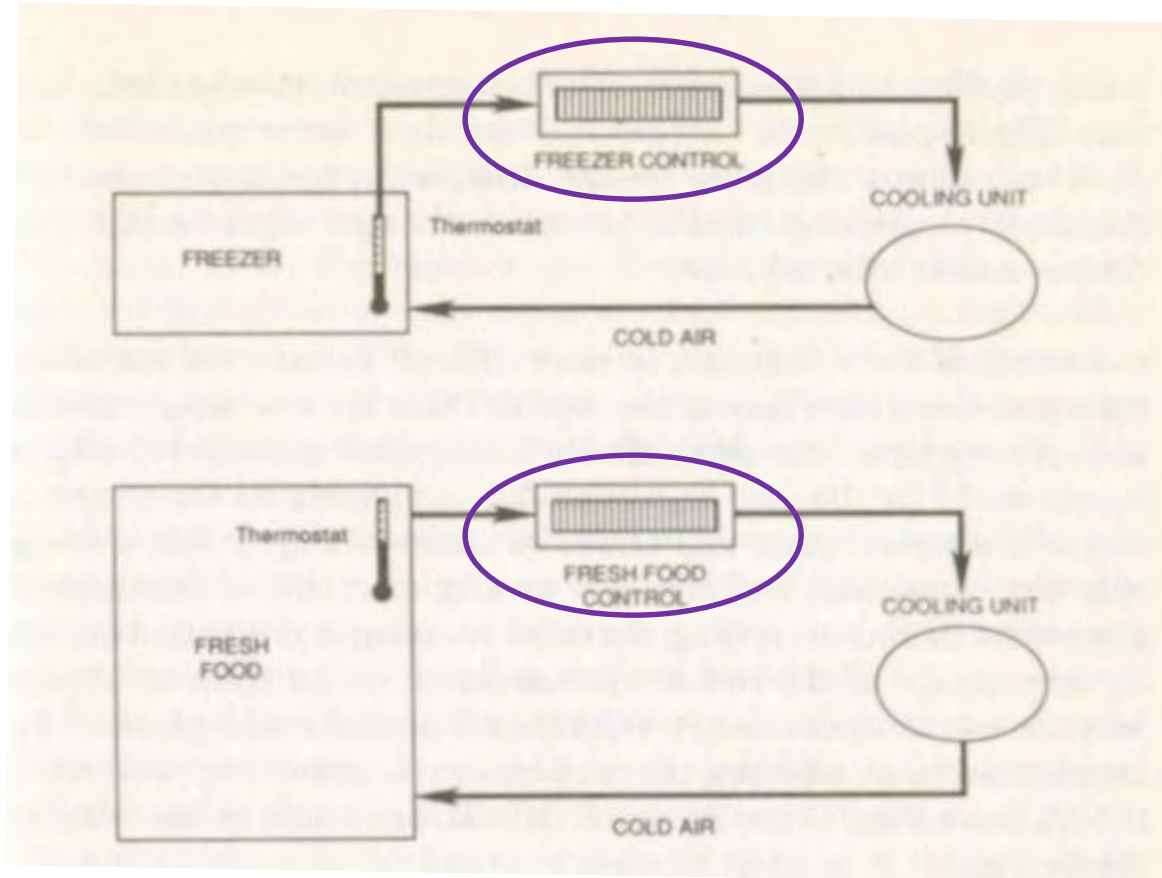


Manifest Model



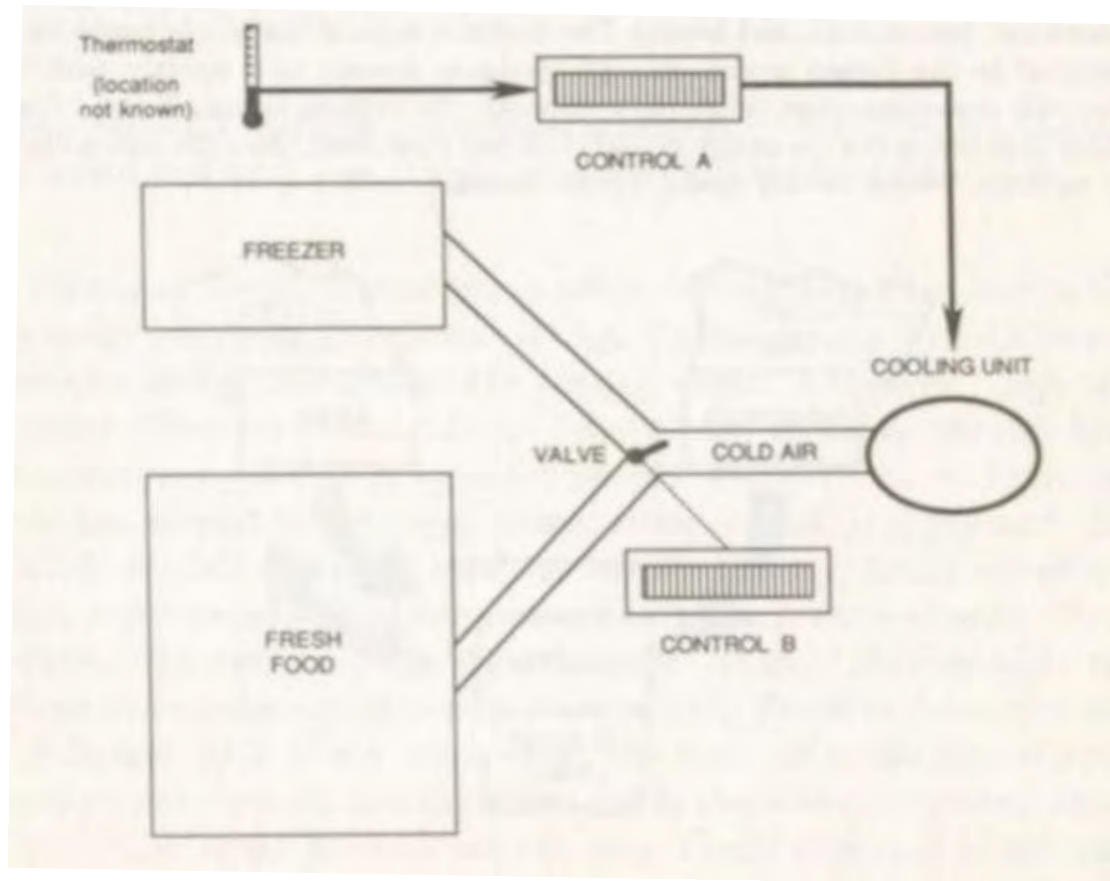
What if I want to make just the freezer warmer?

A Sensible Mental Model

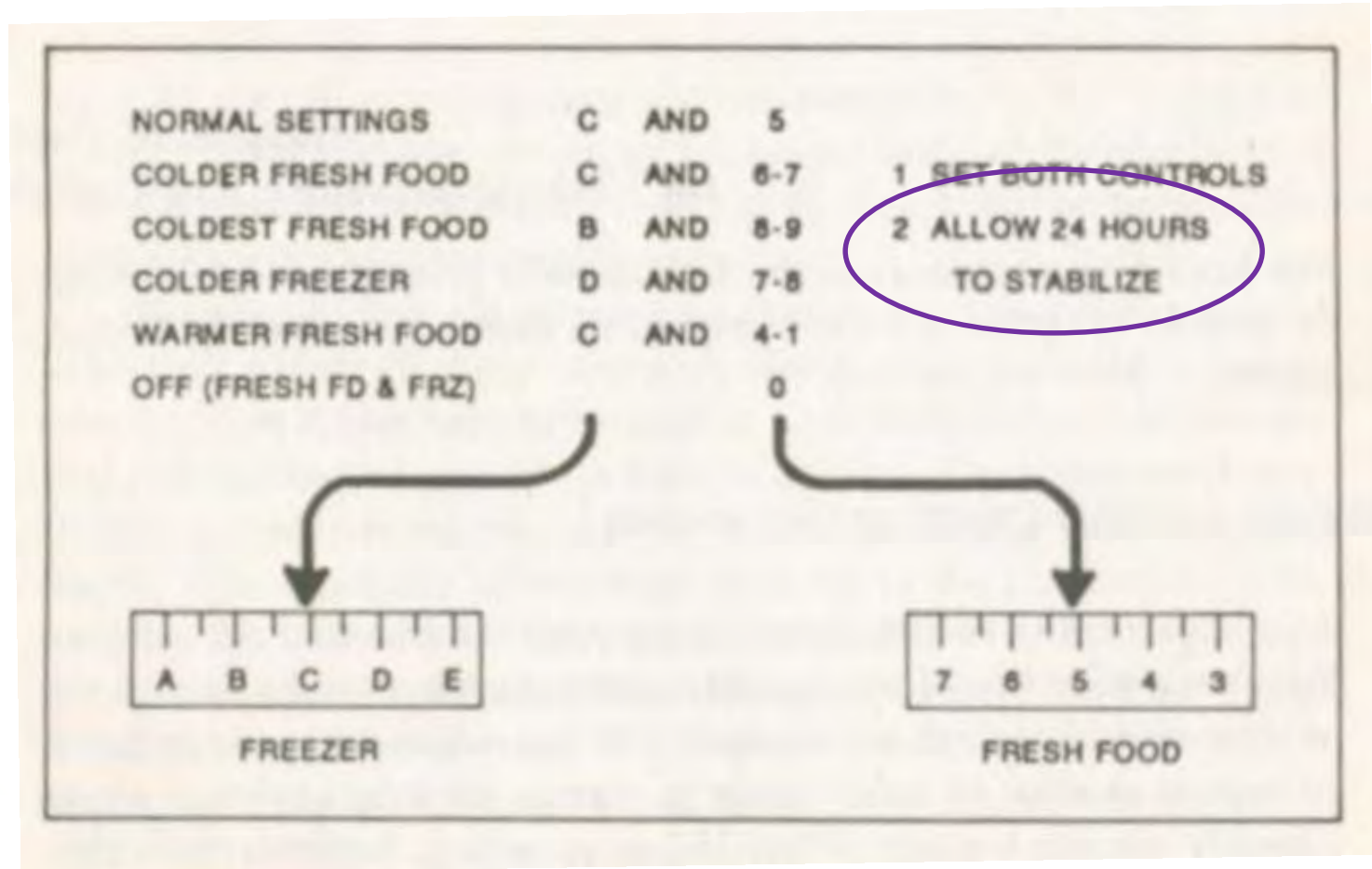


“The Freezer Control controls the freezer temperature and the Fresh Food Control controls the fresh food temperature”

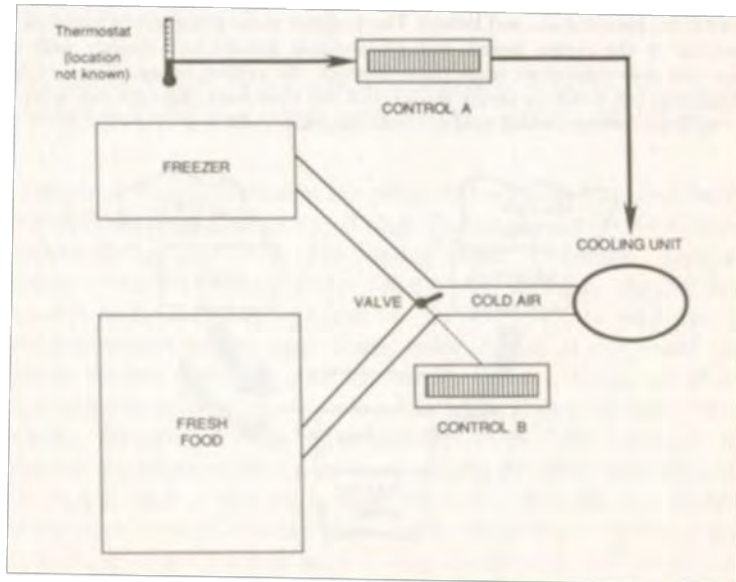
The Implementation Model



A Problem with Feedback



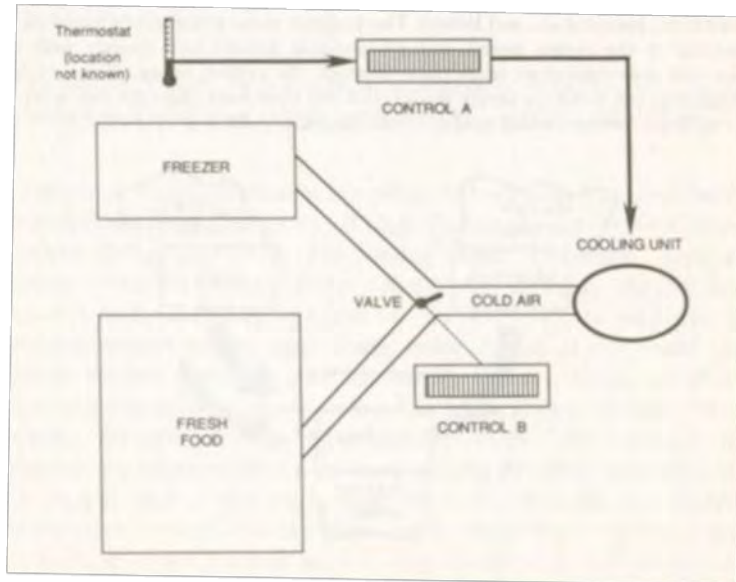
The Implementation Model



Why is there a problem?

Can you fix the problem?

The Implementation Model



“Design depends largely on constraints.”
Charles Eames

Why is there a problem?

Cost constraints

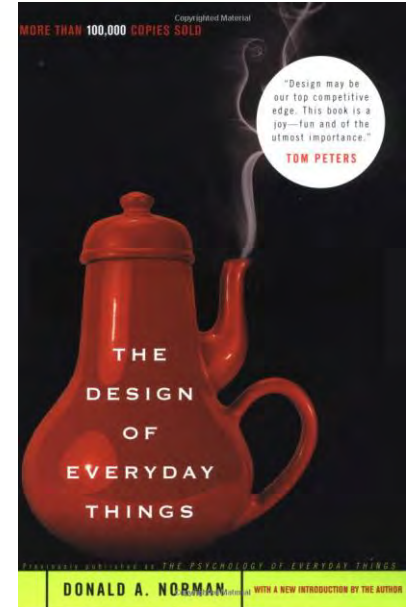
Can you fix the problem?

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

Metaphors

Visibility

Knowledge in the World

Constraints

Mapping

Consistency

Modes

Affordances

Visual clue to interaction

knobs afford turning

levers afford moving

buttons afford pushing



Affordances

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

Gibson, ecological approach to psychology

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

Norman

What's the Affordance?

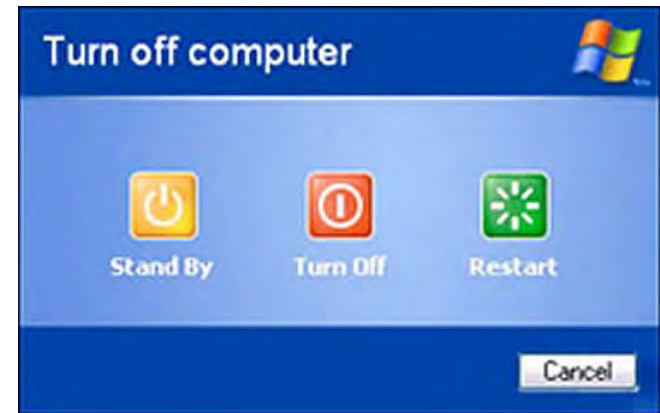


Affordances



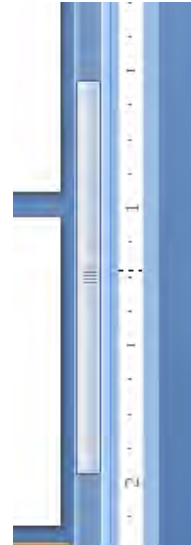
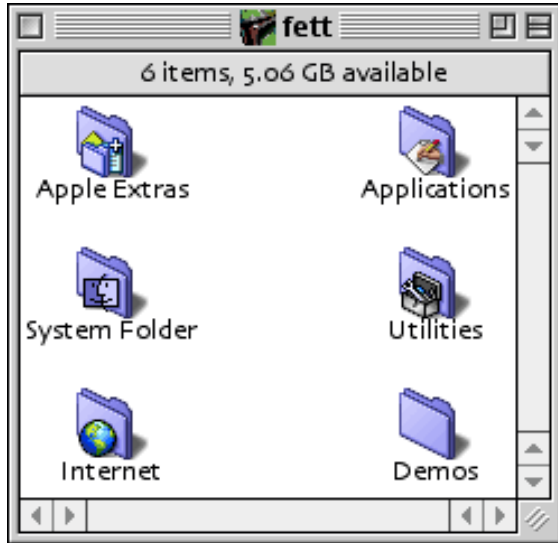
Affordances

Technology affordances are often based in affordances from the physical world



Affordances

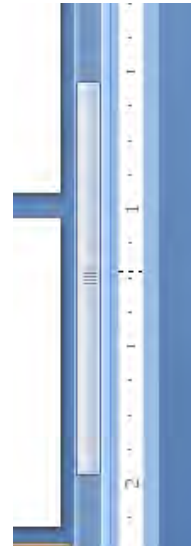
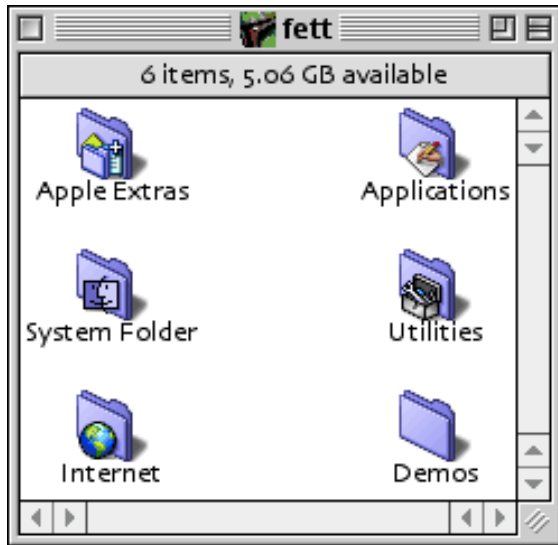
What is the affordance here?



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

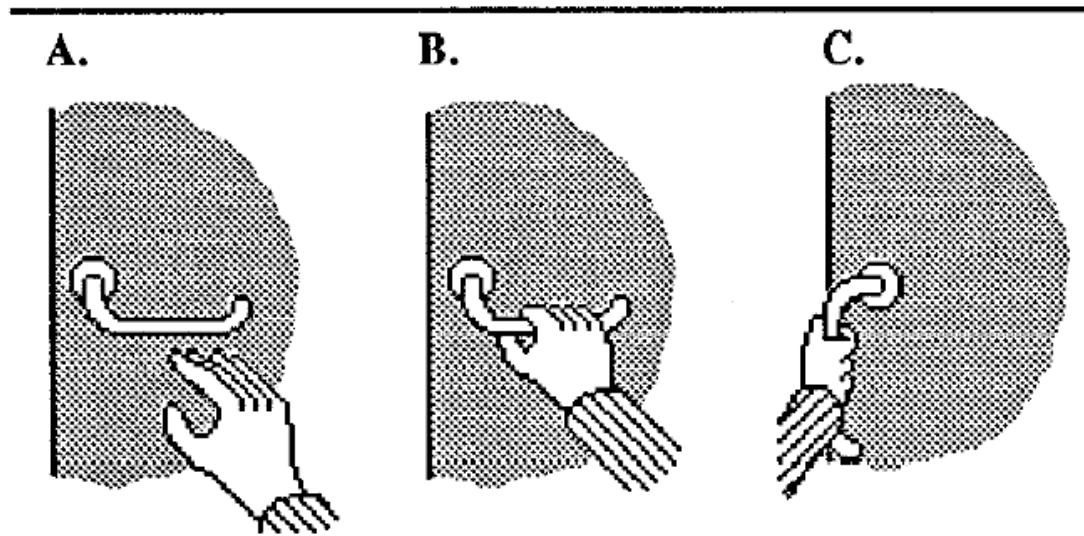


Figure 4. Sequential affordances: one affordance leads to another. Visual information indicates grasping (A & B); tactile information indicates turning (B & C).

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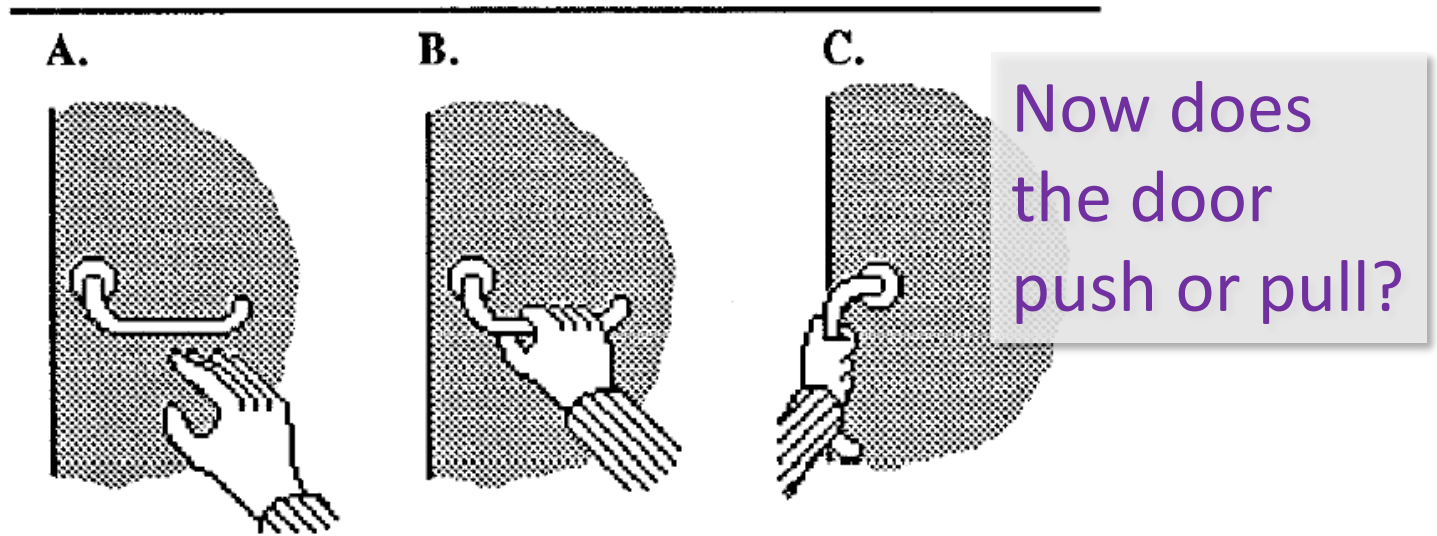
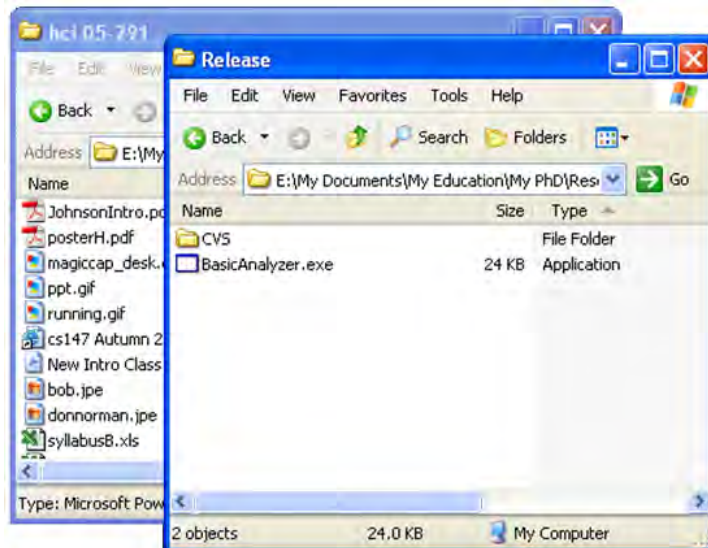


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Nested Affordances

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

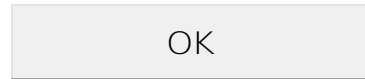
“In general, when the apparent affordances of an artifact matches its intended use, the artifact is easy to operate. When apparent affordances suggest different actions than those for which the object is designed, errors are common.”

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

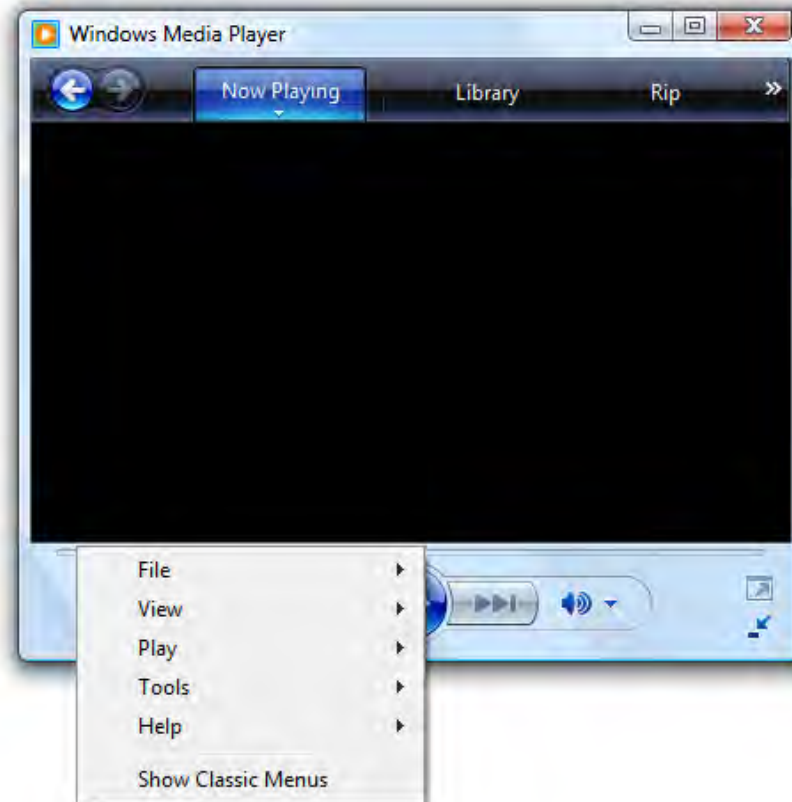


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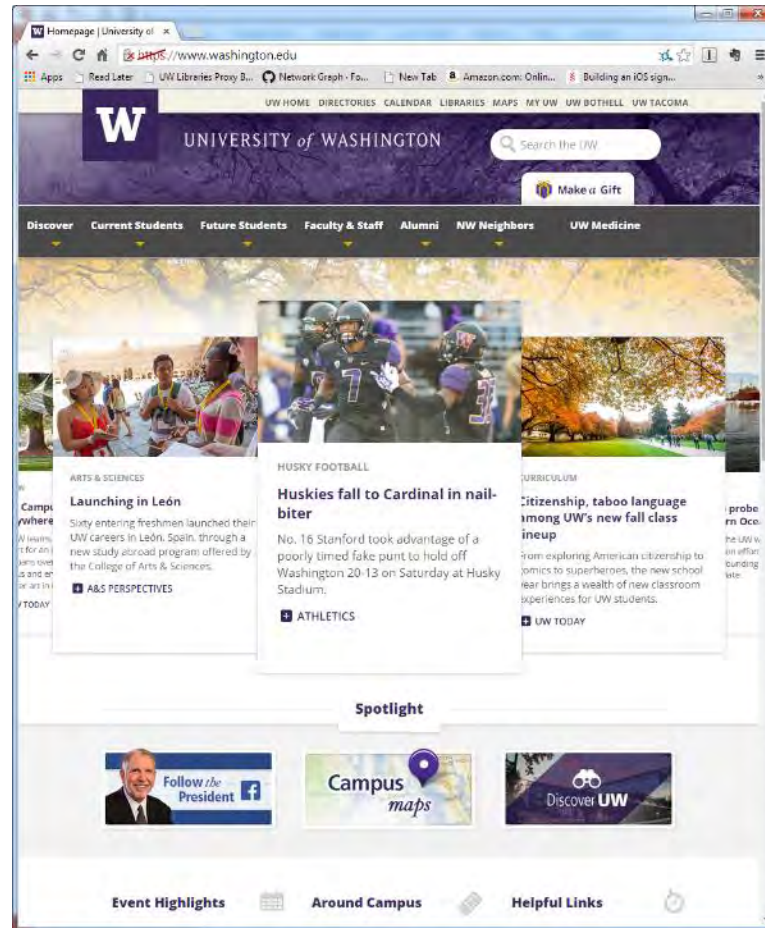


Hidden Affordances

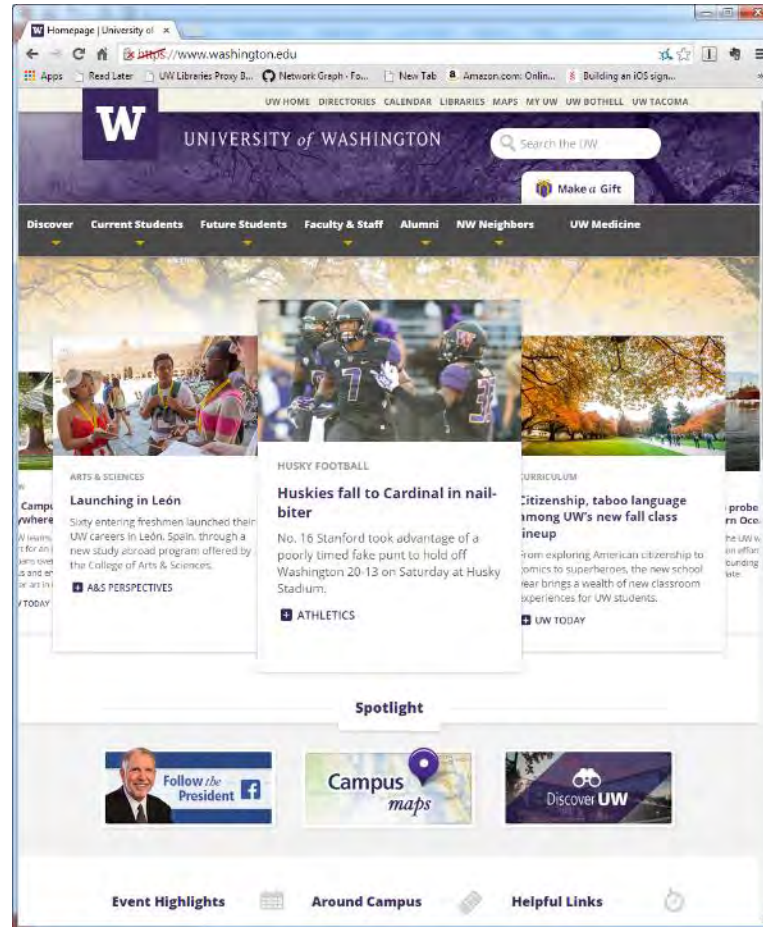
When there is no perceptual information suggesting an actual intended use



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



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

Clarification on Convention

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

Norman

Metaphors

Suggest an existing mental model

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

Desktop metaphor

Not an attempt to simulate a real desktop

Leverages knowledge of files, folders, trash

Explains why some windows seem hidden

Metaphors

Suggest an existing mental model

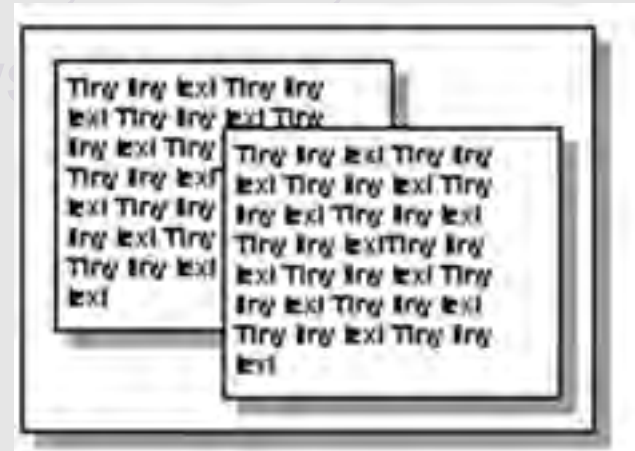
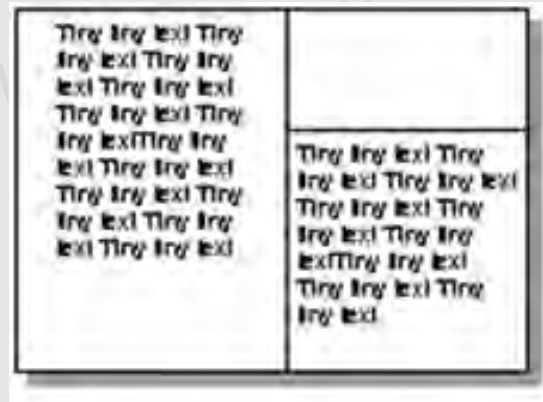
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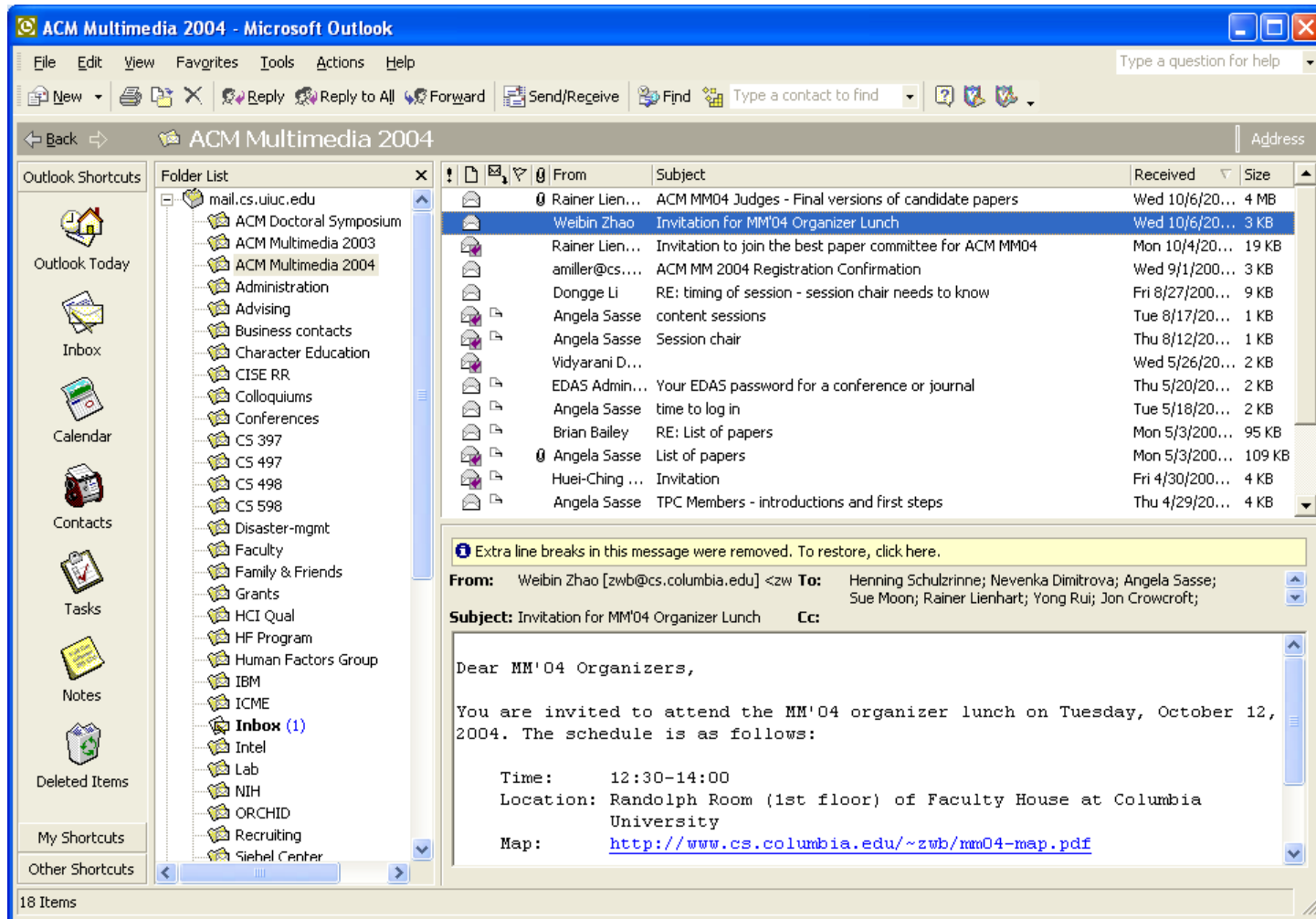
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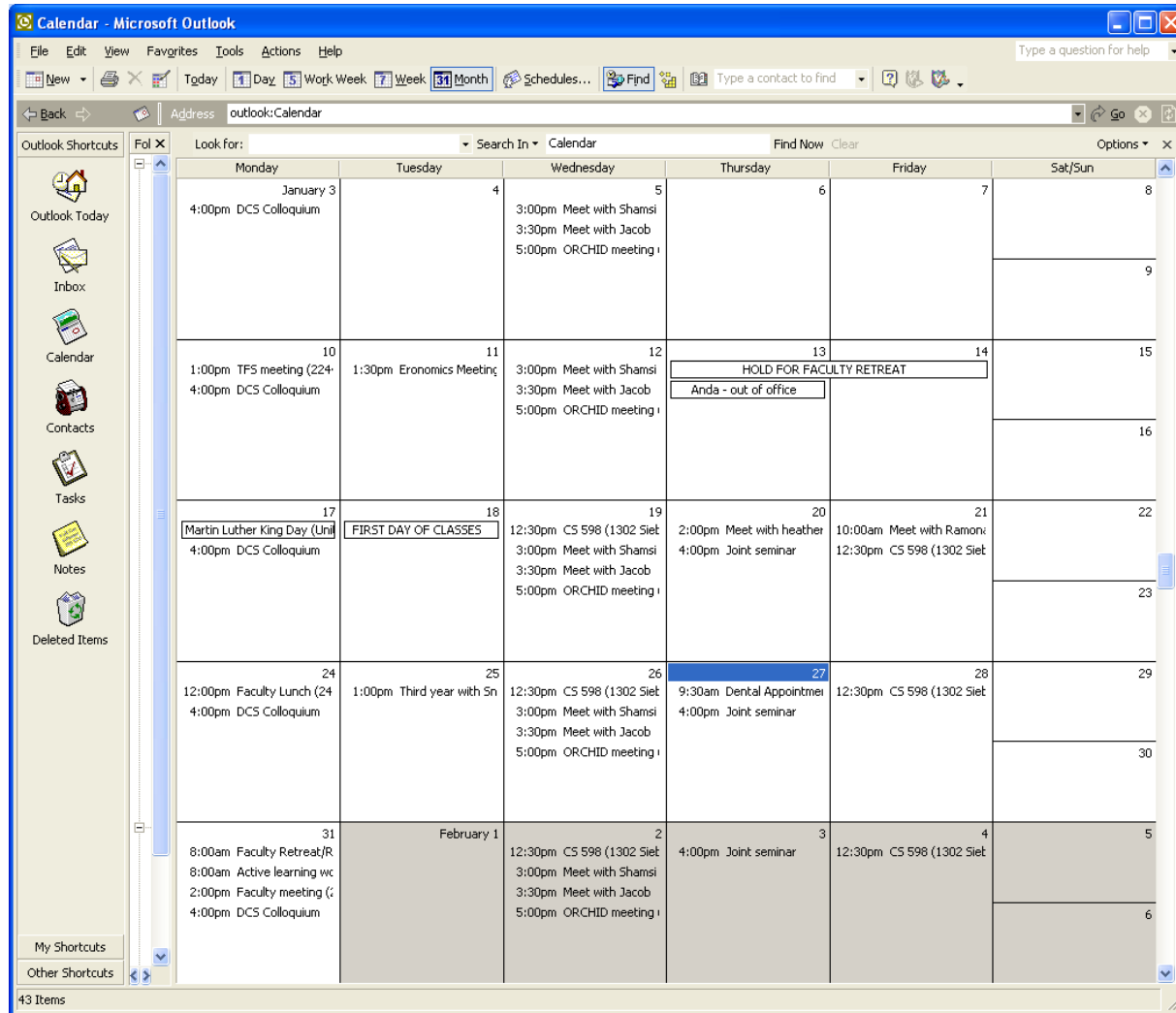
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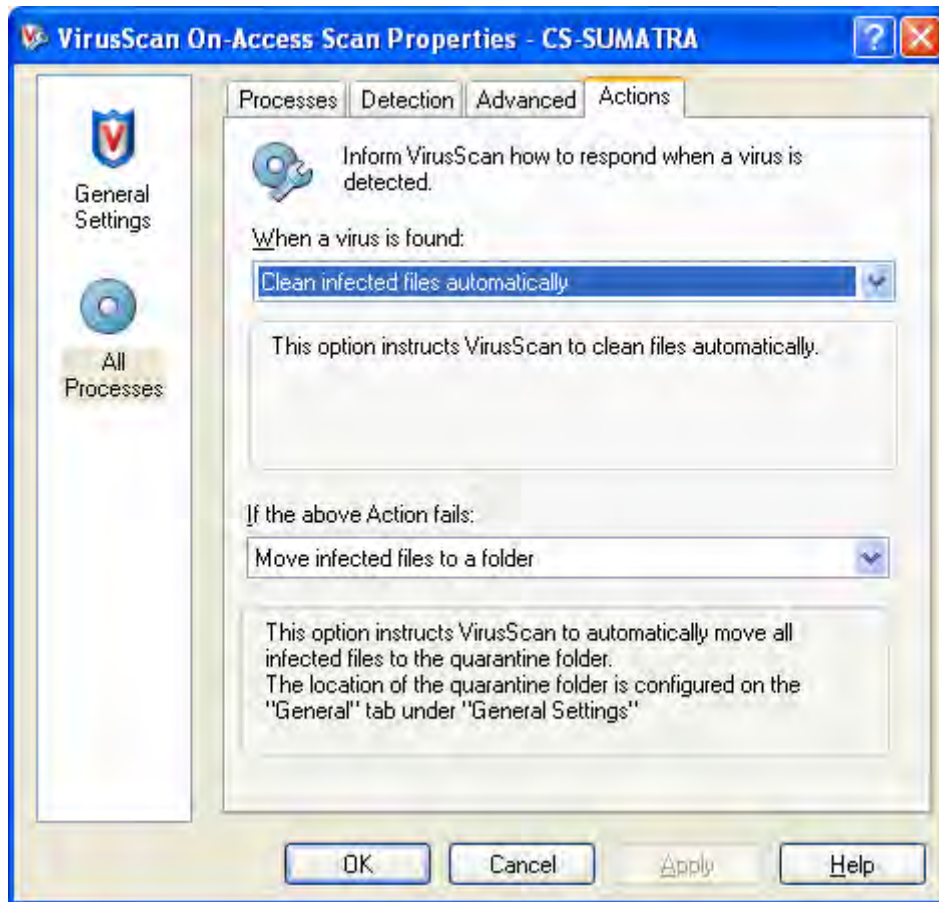
Mail Metaphor



Calendar Metaphor

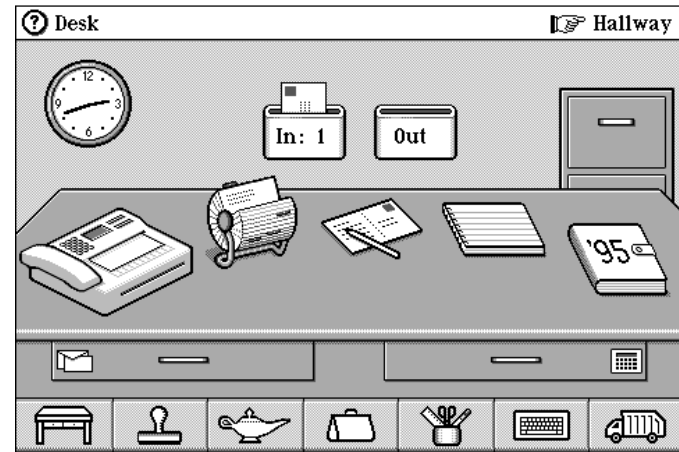


Health Metaphor



Shallow or Inappropriate Metaphors

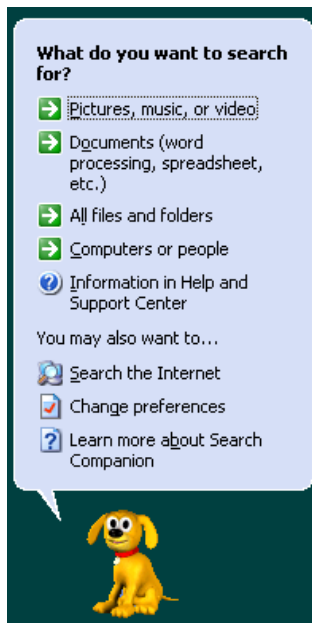
Informs a small range of possibilities, or none at all



Magic Cap



Microsoft Bob



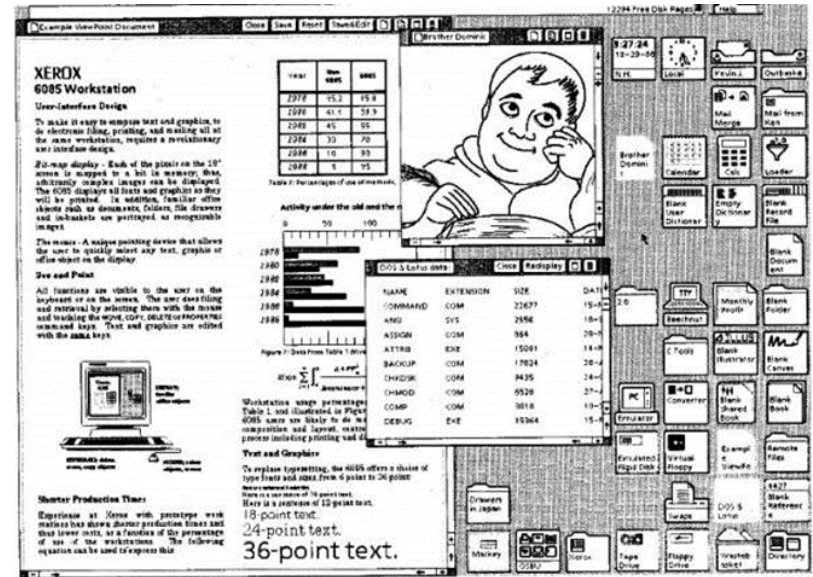
It is just a menu and a dialog box?

What does the living room add?

Mixed Metaphors

Two or more different metaphors coexist with some supposed relation

The desktop metaphor
Windows into content



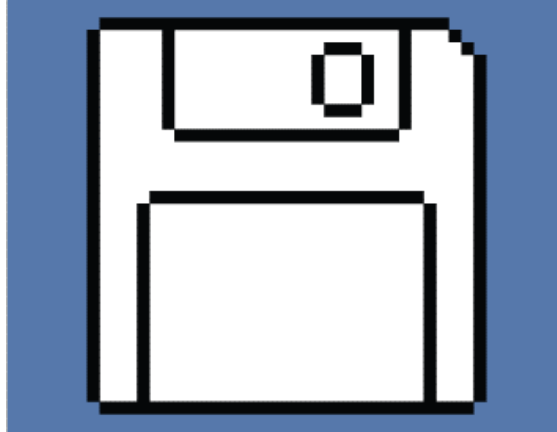
Good? Bad?
Neither? Both?

Windows are views into larger content regions

No desktop has windows

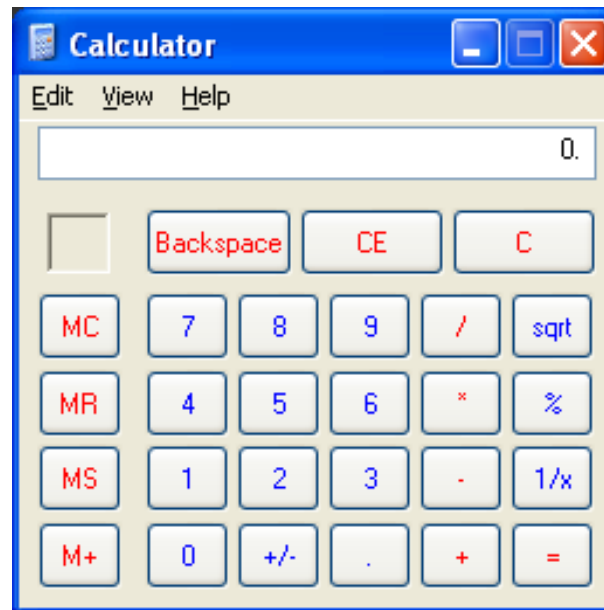
Broken Metaphors

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



Idioms

Star Trek IV: Scotty Uses a Mouse



Metaphors and Affordances

Affordances “jump start” a model for interaction

Metaphors “jump start” a model of a system

But if designed poorly, both can be damaging

- Lead to an incorrect model, undermine interaction

- Can limit designer creativity

- Can reduce the advantages of software

- Can be “cute” at the expense of functional

Visibility

Phones

How do you

put somebody on hold

change volume

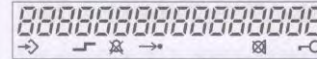


Visibility

Location of Controls



Display



(This display shows all of the possible configurations.)

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

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

Visibility

Changing Ringer Volume

Press “Program”

Press “6”

Set Volume

Low - Press “1”

Medium - Press “2”

High - Press “3”

Press “Program”

Visibility

Controls available on watch with 3 buttons?

Too many and they are not visible

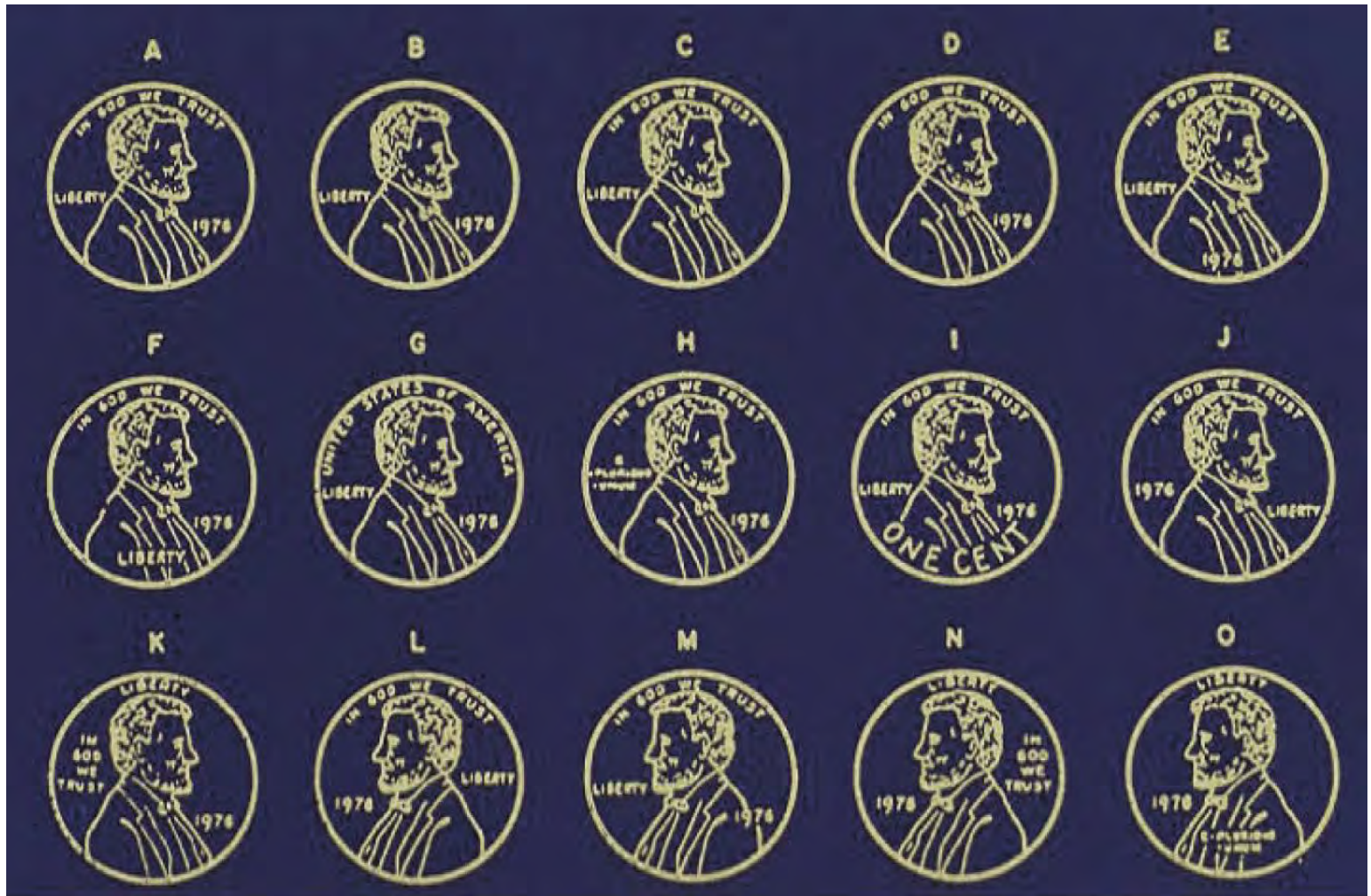
Compare to controls on simple car radio

Number of controls \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
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Prevent errors before they can happen

Disruptive error messages are a last resort

Constraints



Constraints



Constraints



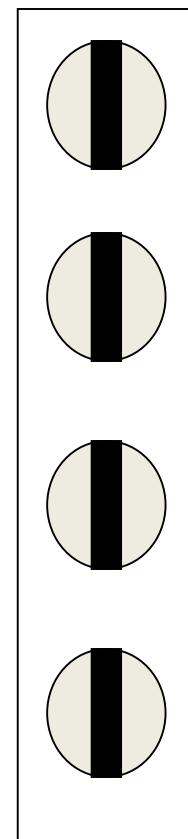
Mapping

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

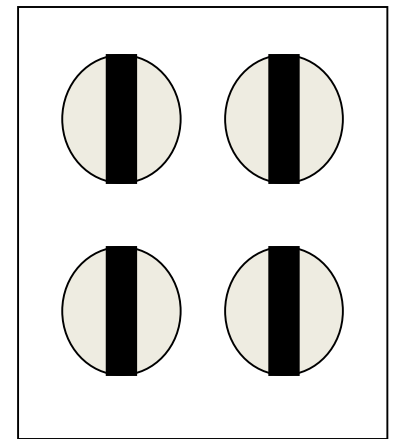
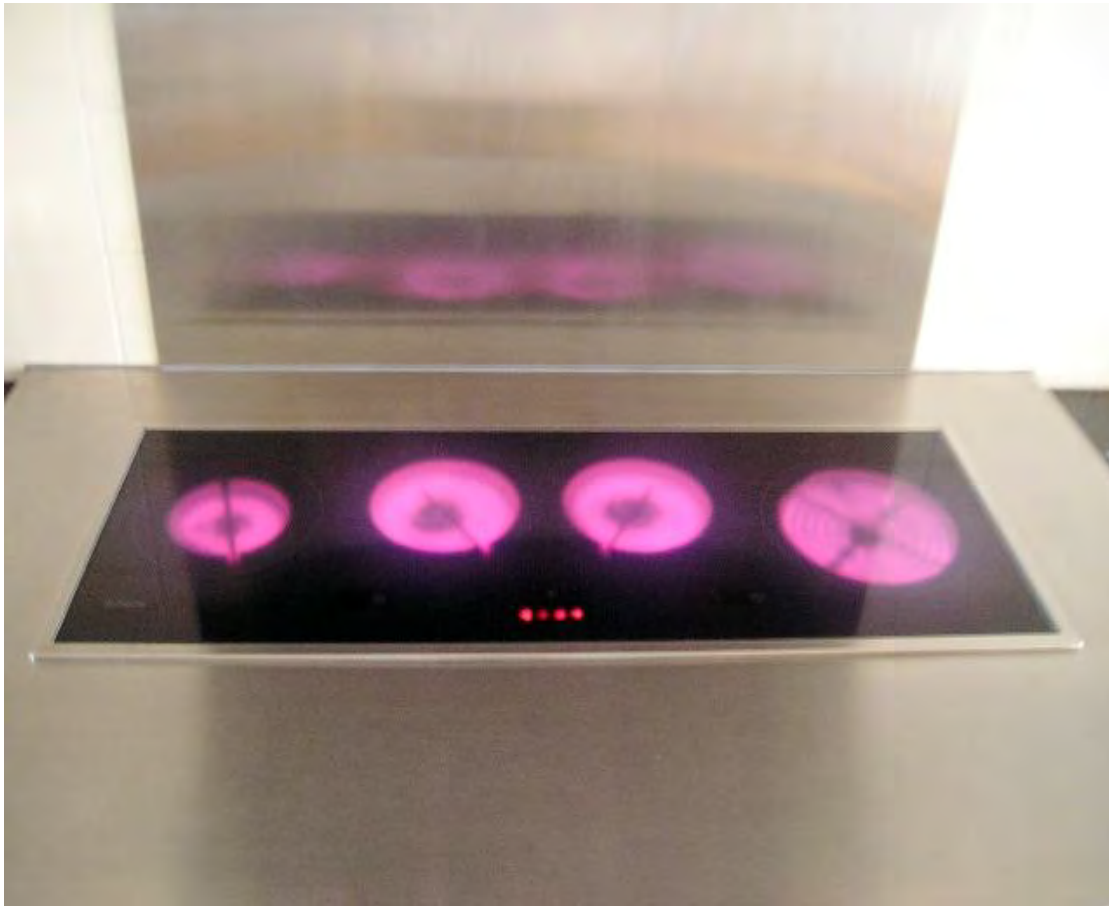
Minimize cognitive steps to transform action into effect, or perception into comprehension (i.e., execution and evaluation)



Very Bad Mapping



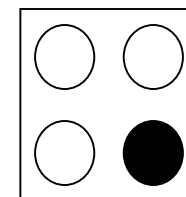
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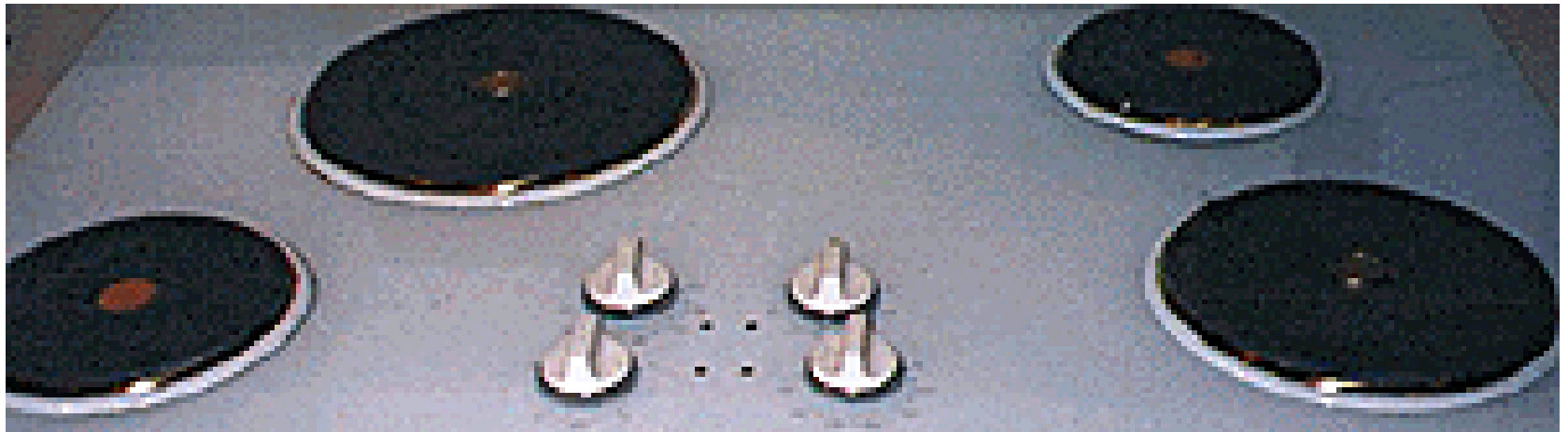
Good Mapping



Not this Stove



Great Mapping



Mapping



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

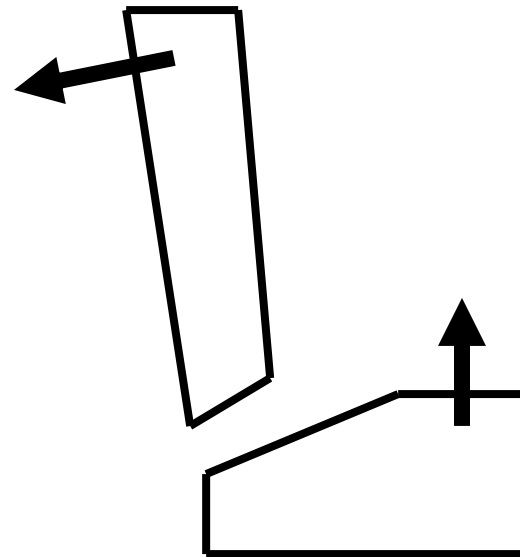
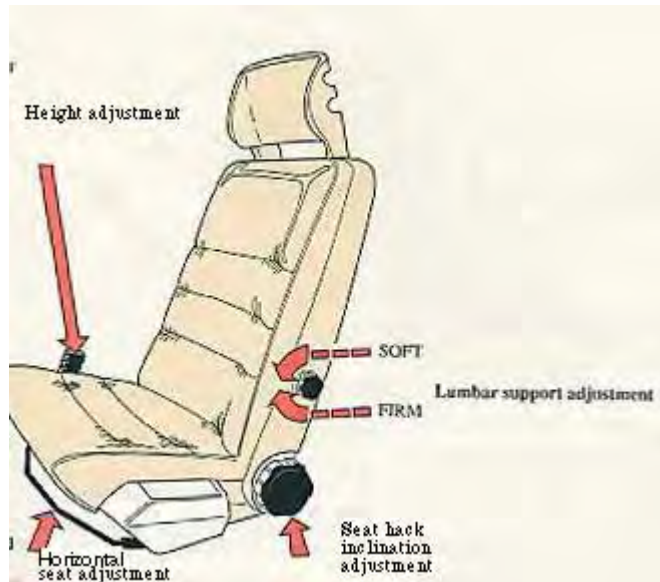


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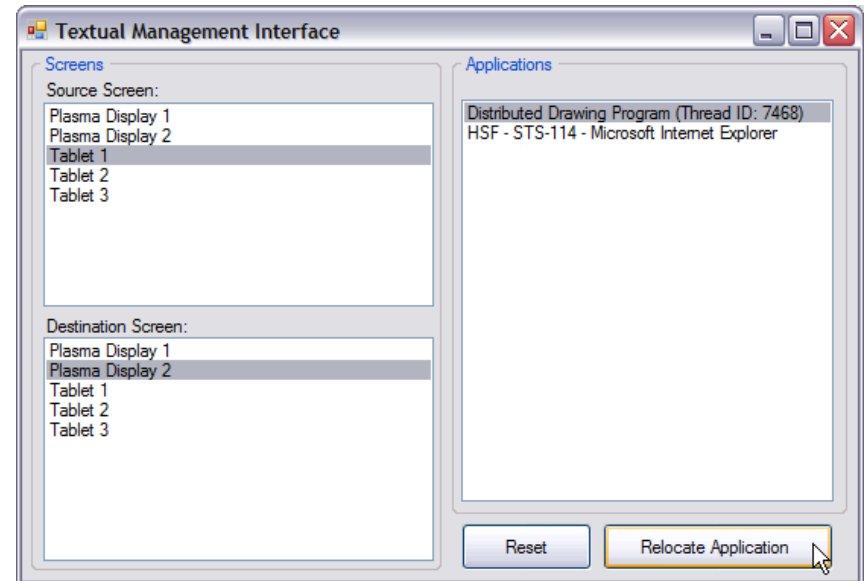
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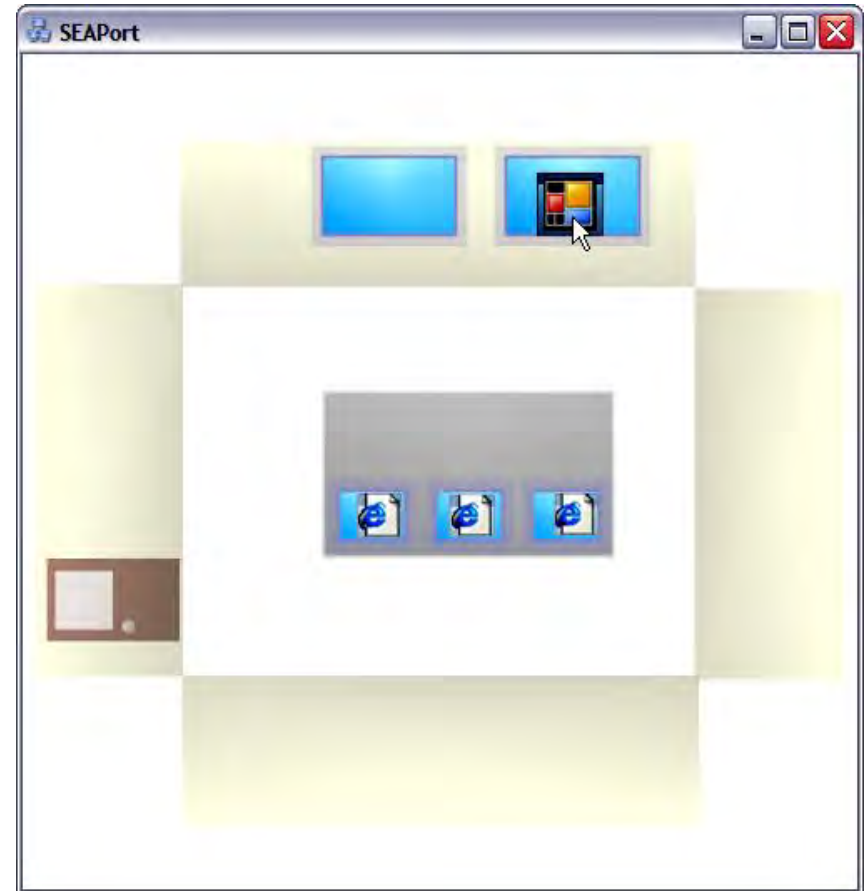
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Mapping



Consistency

Interfaces should be meaningfully consistent

Ubiquitous use of same keys for cut/copy/paste

Types of consistency

Internal (i.e., within itself)

e.g., same terminology and layout throughout

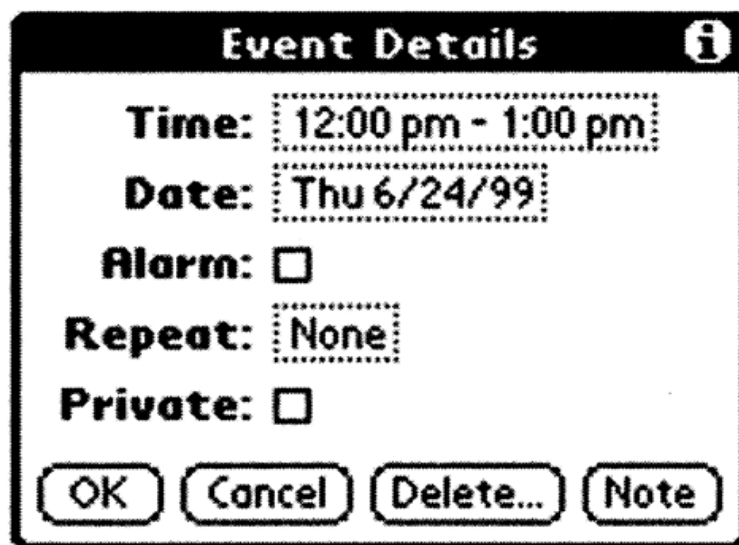
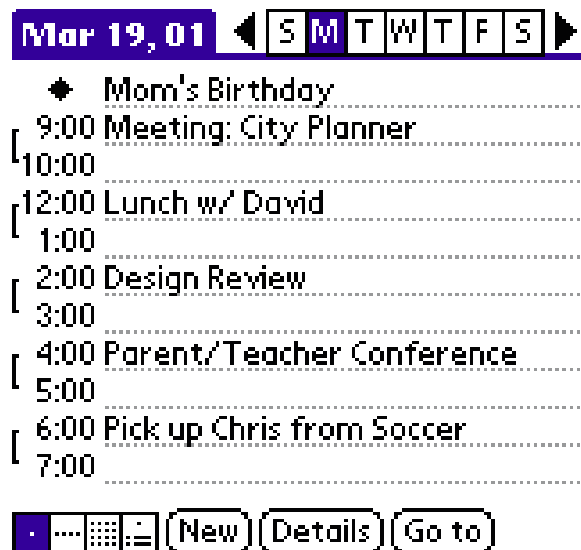
External (i.e., with other applications)

e.g., common widget appearance

e.g., design patterns common across applications

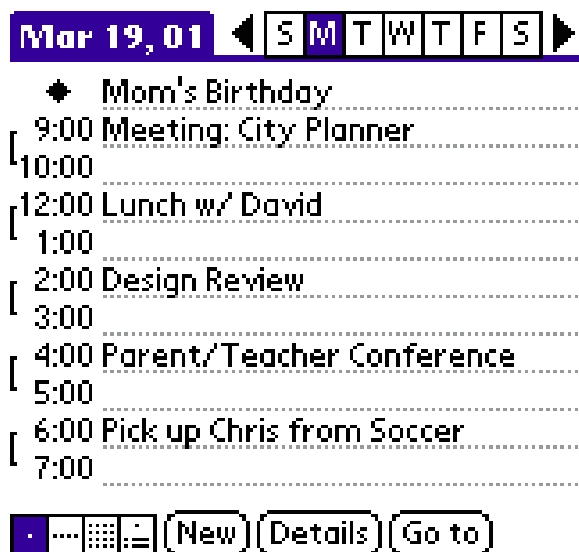
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Should “new” & “delete” be in the same place?



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New is common, delete is not

Is Consistent Always Better?



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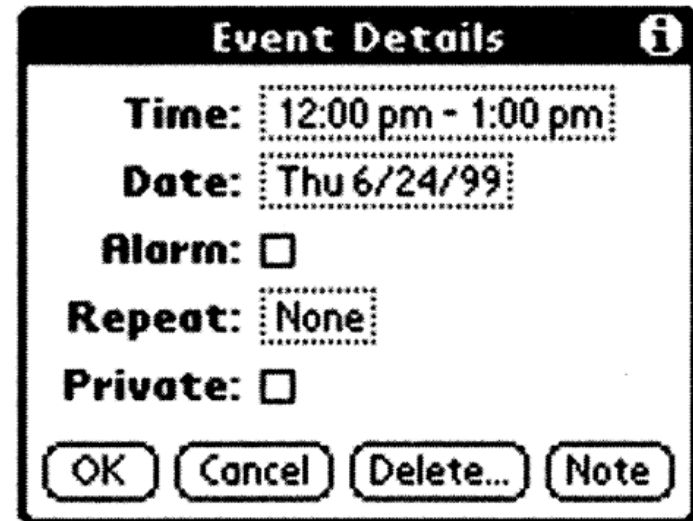
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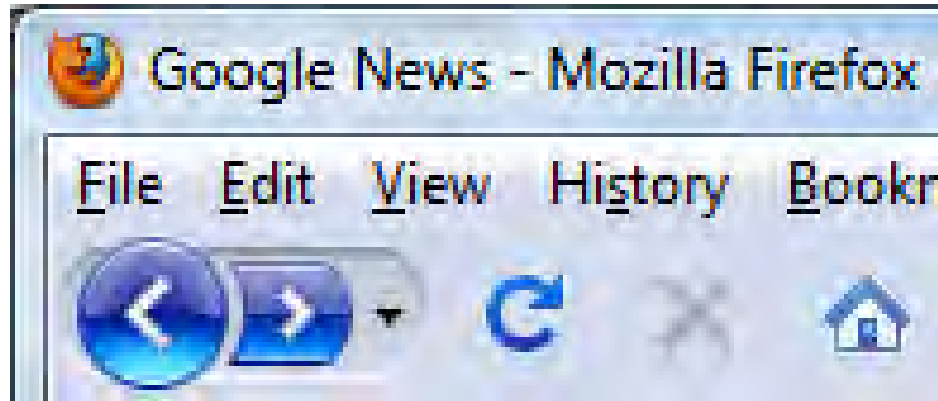
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Original focus on consistency,
later design for mobile form

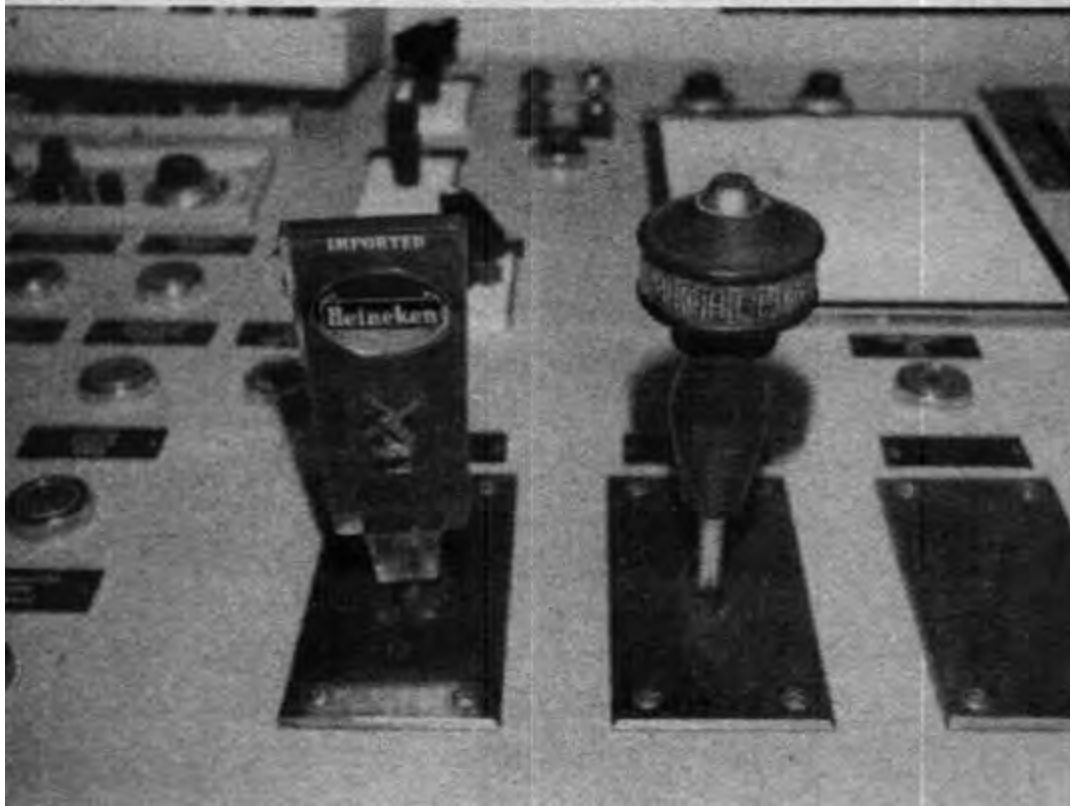
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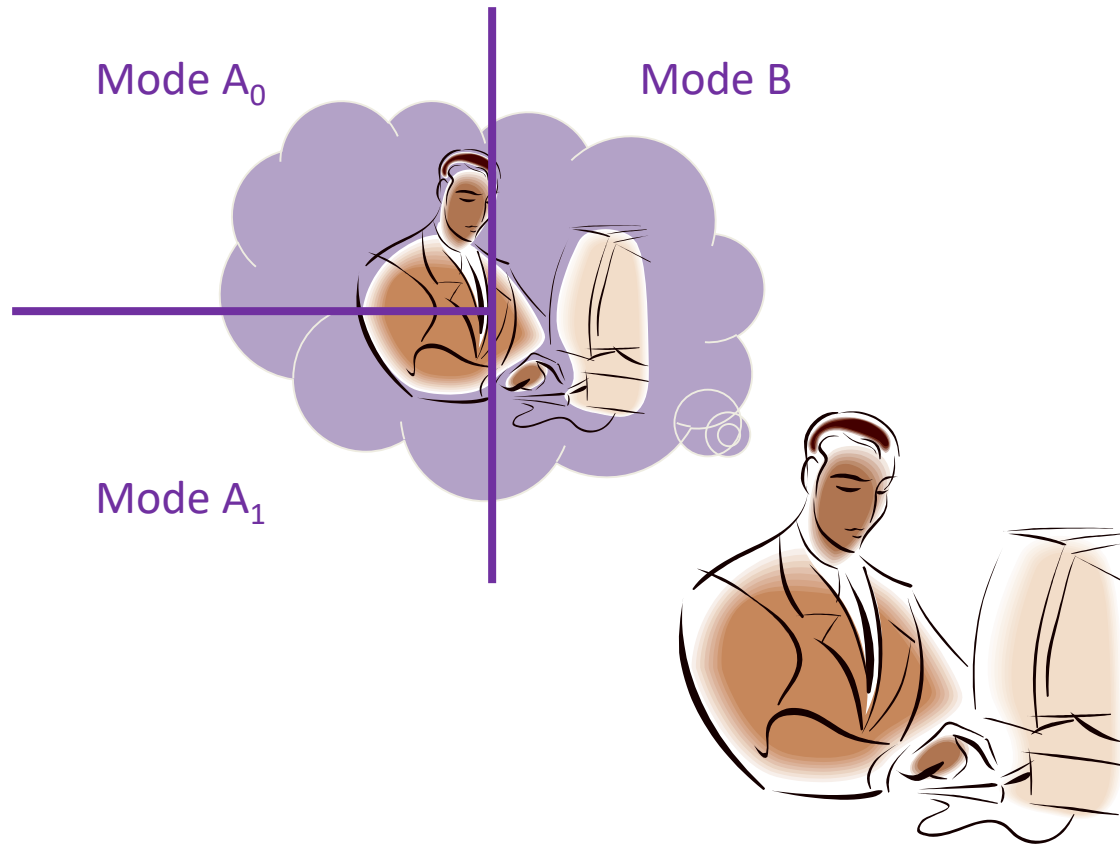


Is Consistency Always Better?



Modes

Modes force people to divide their model



Active versus Passive Modes

Active modes require constant action to maintain

When that action has ended, so does the mode

e.g., Shift

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

e.g., CAPS LOCK

Active modes are generally preferred

Standardization

If all else fails, standardize

Fewer things to memorize

Reduced learning time

Adapt to new situations faster

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

Norman's Seven Principles for Design

Use knowledge in the head and in the world

Simplify the structure of tasks

Making things visible

Get the mappings right

Exploit the power of constraints

Design for error

When all else fails, standardize

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Project Status and Assignments

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

Looking Forward

Ideation on Friday in Section

2b: Design Research Plan due Tuesday 1/17

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

2d: Design Research Review due Tuesday 1/24

Other Assignments

Assignment 0 Due Today

Reading 1 Posted, Due Friday

Amazing Color Changing Card Trick

The colour
changing
card trick

Why did I show you that?

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

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

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

“You Are Not the Customer”

Seems obvious, but...

You have different experiences

You have different terminology

You have different ways of looking at the world

Easy to think of self as typical

Easy to make mistaken assumptions

Today

Ethnography

Contextual Inquiry

Additional Methods

Ethnography

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

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

You will likely never perform an ethnography



Ethnography

Traditional science attempts to understand a group or individual objectively

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

Ethnography attempts to understand a group or individual phenomenologically

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

Four Ethnographic Principles

Natural settings

Holism

Descriptive

Member point-of-view

Four Ethnographic Principles

Natural Settings

Conducted in the setting of the participant

Focus on naturally occurring, everyday action

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

You really do have to go out there and see it

Four Ethnographic Principles

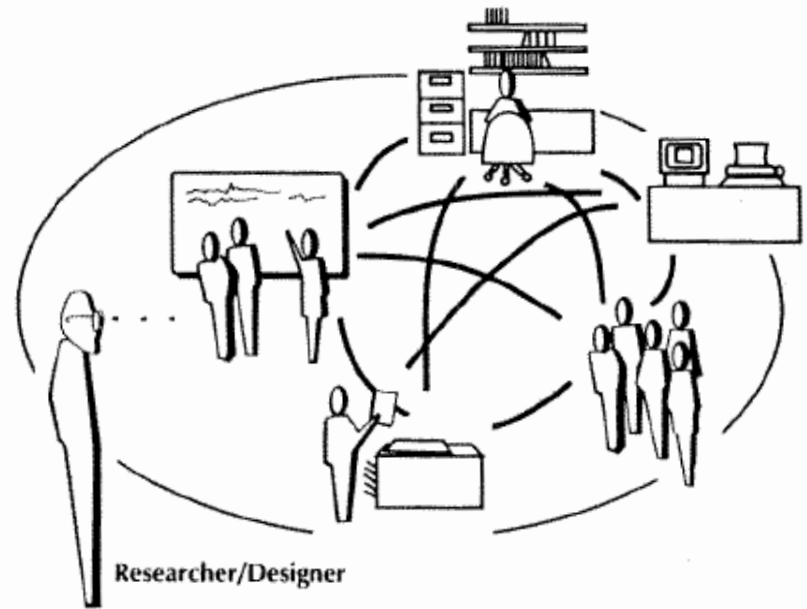
Holism

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

HOLISTIC

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

Focus on relationship between the parts



Four Ethnographic Principles

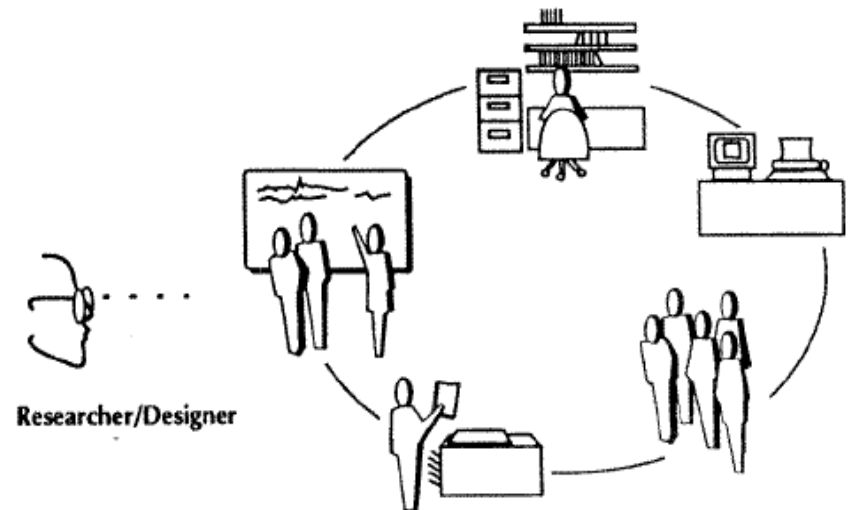
Descriptive

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

Defer judgment.

DESCRIPTIVE

Judgements of the efficacy of behaviors observed are withheld



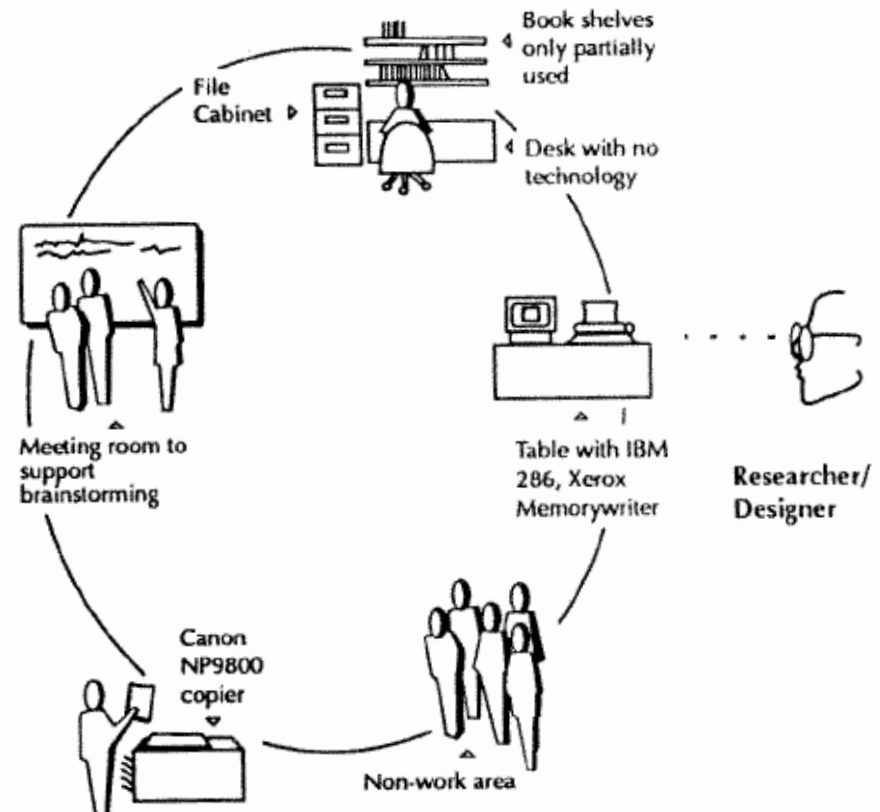
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Contrasted With _____

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



Four Ethnographic Principles

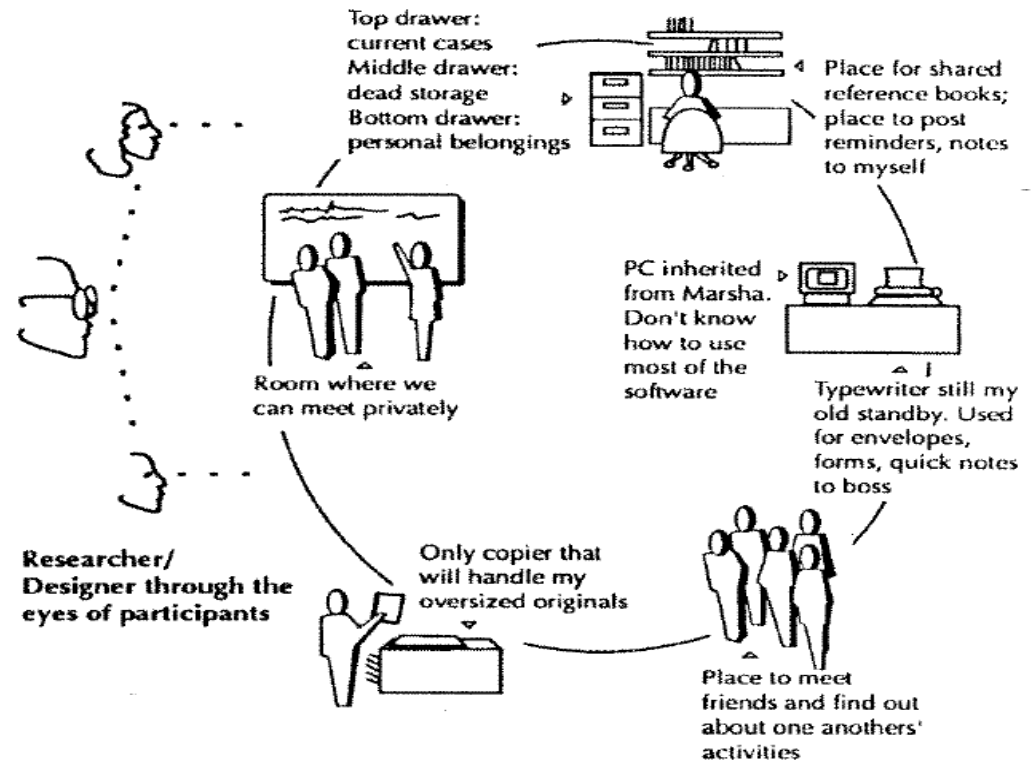
Member Point-of-View

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

MEMBERS' POINT OF VIEW

Understand other peoples' behavior from their point of view

Descriptive categories are those of the community of practice



Design Ethnography

Quicker than traditional ethnography

Days, weeks, or months, not years

Sometimes “concurrent ethnography”

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

Goal is to generate insights informing design

Sometimes “ethnographically inspired methods”

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

Today

Ethnography

Contextual Inquiry

Additional Methods

Contextual Inquiry

Applied design ethnography

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



Hugh Beyer and
Karen Holtzblatt

User, Subject, or Participant?

Only two groups refer to their customers as users

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

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

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

What is your relationship?

In a scientist/subject relationship:

The scientist does stuff

The subject responds in some way

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

This is not very appropriate for gaining phenomenological understanding



What is your relationship?

In an interviewer/interviewee relationship:

The interviewer asks a question

The interviewee responds immediately

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

When all the questions are answered,
the interview is complete

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

Implying you have phenomenological understanding

What is your relationship?

In a master/apprentice relationship:

The master is doing stuff

The master explains what they are doing

The apprentice asks clarification questions

The master answers

This relationship is at the heart of contextual inquiry



Master/Apprentice Relationship

Seeing the work reveals structure

Many instances and interviews reveal the picture

Every current activity recalls past instances

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

Unique or One of Many?

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

(p. 63, Contextual Design)

Not Quite Master/Apprentice

The goal is not to learn to do the task

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

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

Not Quite Master/Apprentice

In a contextual inquiry relationship:

The participant is doing stuff

The participant explains what they are doing

The researcher offers an interpretation

The participant agrees or corrects

Partners

Not really an interview

Not really an apprentice



Principles of Contextual Inquiry

Context

Must be done in the setting of the participant.

Partnership

Master/apprentice model; investigator is humble.

Interpretation

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

Focus

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

Context

Go to the workplace & see the work as it unfolds

People summarize, but we want details

Keep it concrete when people start to abstract

“Do you have one? May I see it?”



Context

Imagine studying how a student writes a paper

Why not just ask?

Context

Imagine studying how a student writes a paper

Why not just ask?

May not remember details

Getting roommate to read drafts

May skip critical difficulties

Trouble locating references on the Web

Context

Avoid summary data by watching work unfold

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

Have them think aloud..

Context

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

Context

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

Context

If cannot observe,
ground in an instance

Span time by replaying
past events in detail

Look for holes

Ask questions to fill them

Use artifacts for context

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I: *Who put on the green sticker?*

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

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

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

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

Partnership

Traditionally, interviewer has too much power

You do not know what will turn out to be important

Apprenticeship model tilts power back too far

You are not there to learn the skill

Interviewer should create a partnership

Alternate between watching and probing

Partnership

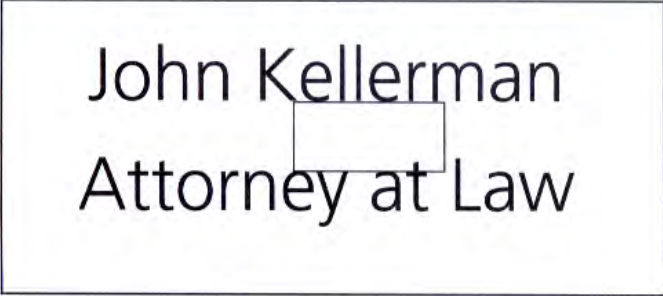
Withdrawal and return

Researcher observes
action that indicates
something meaningful

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

Discuss the question

Then return to the task



John Kellerman
Attorney at Law

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

Interviewer: *Could I see that again?*

Customer: *What?*

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

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

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

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

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

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

Partnership

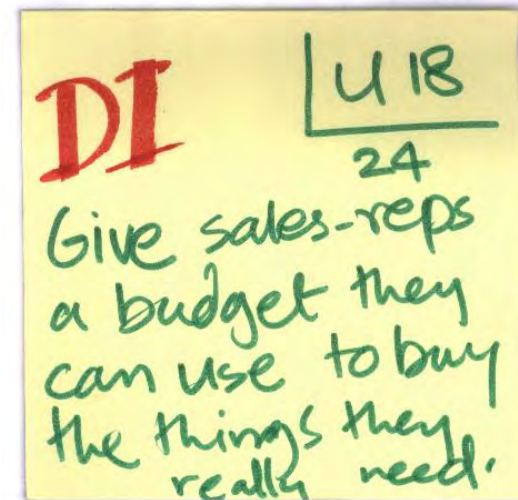
Do not squash design ideas if they arise
This is design, not dispassionate science

Get instant feedback

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

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

Find the issues behind design ideas



Partnership

Avoiding Other Relationship Models

Interviewer / Interviewee

You are not there to
get a list of questions answered

Expert / Novice

You are not there to answer questions

Guest / Host

Move closer, ask questions, be nosy

Interpretation

Chain of Reasoning

Fact, Hypothesis,
Implication for Design, Design Idea

Design is built upon interpretation of facts

Design ideas are
end products of a chain of reasoning

So interpretation had better be right

Share interpretations with users to validate

Will not bias the data

Teaches participant to see structure in the work

Interpretation

Instead of asking open ended questions...

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

“Not particularly.”

... give participants a starting point

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

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

Participants fine-tune interpretations

Probe contradictions until assumptions fit

Interpretation

Non-verbal cues can confirm or negate

Yes and Nos

“Huh?” – way off

“Umm, could be” – probably no, just being polite

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

Commit to hearing what people actually say

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

Focus

Everybody has a focus, you cannot prevent it

Entering focus

Project focus

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

Brainstorm and define your focus

Focus

Focus defines the point of view

Clear focus steers the conversation

Everyone in the team has an entering focus

Focus lets the interviewer 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

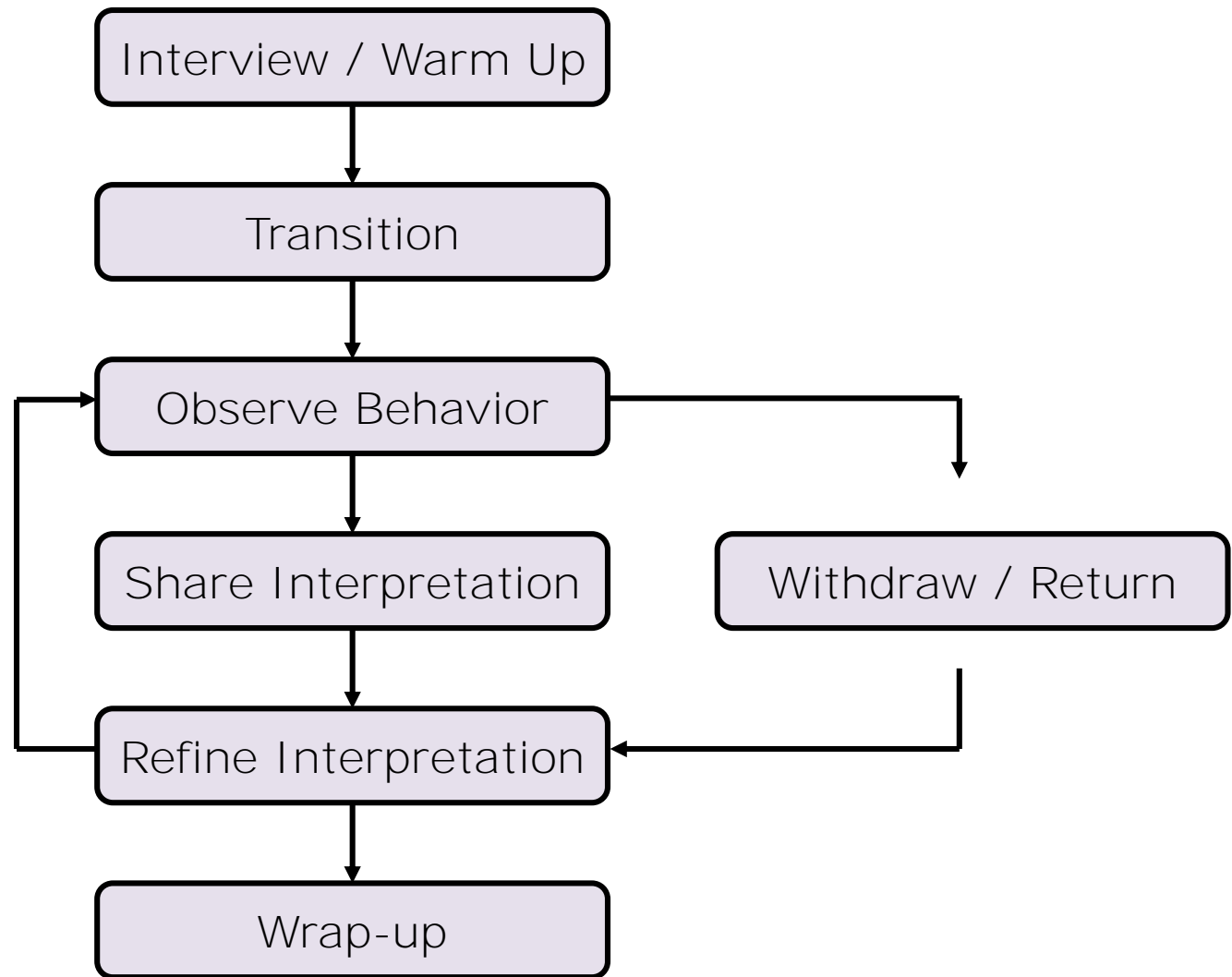
“Do they really do that? Why would they do that?”

What you do not know

Treat interview as an opportunity to learn new stuff

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

The Stages of a Contextual Inquiry



Explain the Rules

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

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

How to Screw it Up

Slipping into abstraction

Keep it concrete, in the work, in the details

Not being inquisitive or nosy enough

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

Being too pushy with interpretation

If you ignore corrections, participant will shut down

How to Screw it Up

With the wrong person

They need to be willing to partner with you

Turning it into a regular interview

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

Multiple people present

Can be good if they talk, surface their thoughts
Bad if they do not talk, are not forthright

How to Screw it Up

Overly disrupting the task

If you change the task, your data is less useful

Withdrawal and return, maybe on a schedule

Retrospective methods might be necessary

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

Being stuck in your focus

Important to have a focus,

expectations of what you expect to be important

But you learn by attending to misconceptions

When All Else Fails

Remember Master/Apprentice

Remember Context

Remember Withdraw & Return

Affinity Diagrams

Generated during
group session

Each observation,
idea, note to a post-it

Notes are hierarchically
organized into themes,
based on project focus



Today

Ethnography

Contextual Inquiry

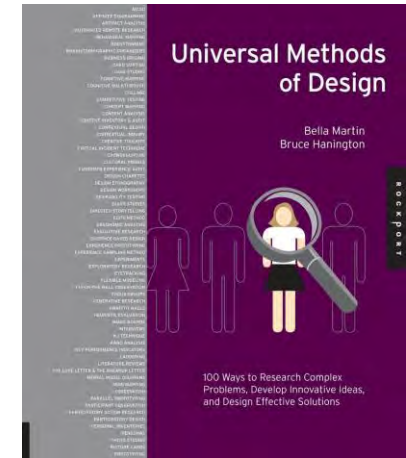
Additional Methods

Many Design Research Methods

Many other design research methods are available, with different strengths

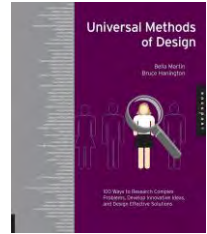
Often apply multiple methods for complementary perspectives

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



Interviews

Method 48



Similar to contextual inquiry,
but lacking context of direct observation

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

Can be Structured / Semi-Structured

Avoid leading questions

Interpret responses

Repeat and rephrase, probe terms and concepts

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

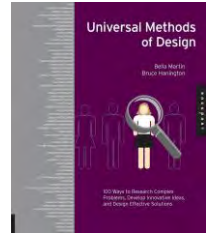
“what do you mean”, “why was that important”

Ask when it did not happen as expected

Pair with questionnaires for depth / to humanize

Focus Groups

Method 43



Moderated conversation among peers

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

Researcher benefits from their conversations

Prompts discussion topics

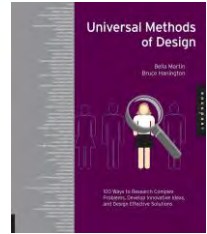
Explanations of problems in status quo

Underlying emotions in a process

Desires / disagreements for new designs

Diary Study

Method 30



Participants keep a diary

Possibly as primary data

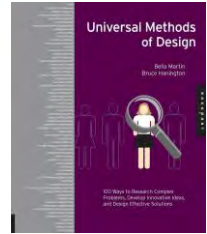
Possibly to create mindfulness before interview



Need						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
12am-3am	3am-6am	6am-12pm	12pm-3pm	3pm-6pm	6pm-12am	
You needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Info. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assist. <input type="checkbox"/> Other						
What did you need? <i>to know if stroller could be used on Dix Valley trail</i>						
Why did you need it? <i>wanted to take baby for walk in park but it must be ice-free</i>						
Where were you? <i>at home</i>						
What were you doing? <i>planning outing</i>						
When did you need it? <i>5-10 mins</i>						
What I needed was very important.						
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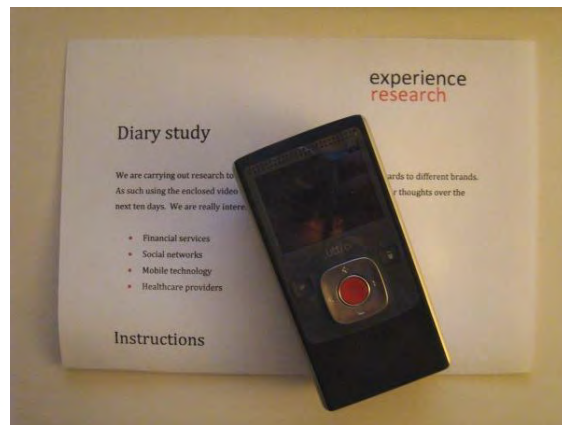
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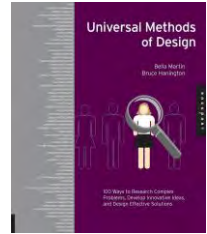
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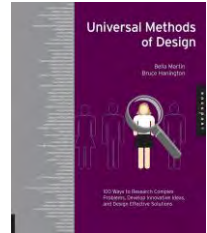
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Experience Sampling

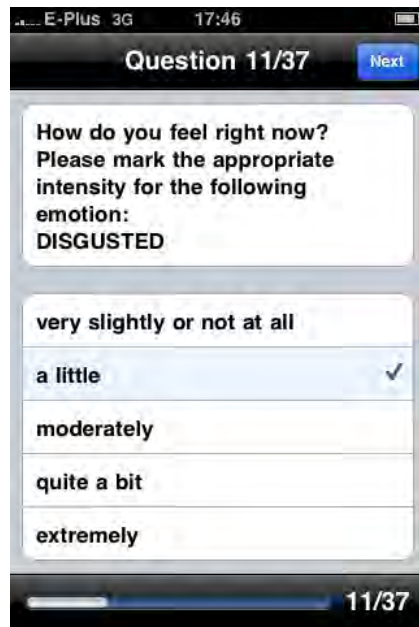
Method 37



Emerges from “beeper study” method

Can be random, can be context-aware

Can gather self-report, photos, sensor data

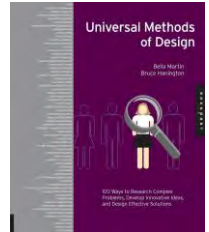


Many Design Research Methods

Personal Inventories

“collections of artifacts selected by the participant”

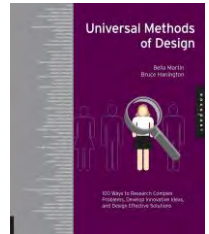
Method 62



Cultural Probes

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

Method 24



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

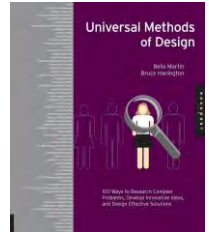
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Behavior Mapping

Method 06

“place-centered mapping”

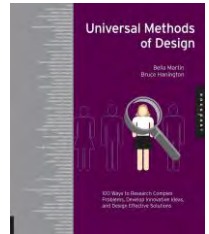
“individual-centered mapping / traces”



Graffiti Wall

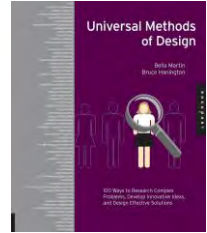
Method 45

“candid feedback on behaviors and perceptions of current spaces”



Shadowing

Method 76



“observational method that involves tracking somebody in their role”

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

Useful reminder to be thoughtful and safe

multiple groups have been asked to leave
be safe, be mindful of people

Value Sensitive Design

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

Examples?

Value Sensitive Design

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

Examples?

Independence

Privacy

Trust

Accountability

Ownership and Property

Fairness

Freedom from Bias

Human Safety

Universal Access

Sustainability

Value Suitabilities

Value Sensitive Design is an interactional theory

Values are not inherent in a given technology

But a technology is not value neutral

Some technologies are more suitable than others for supporting given values

Value Sensitive Design investigates stakeholders, values, and value suitabilities

Direct and indirect stakeholders

Tripartite Method

Conceptual Investigations

Analyses of the values involved in a system

Technical Investigations

Identify or develop technical mechanisms

Investigate suitability to support values

Empirical Investigations

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

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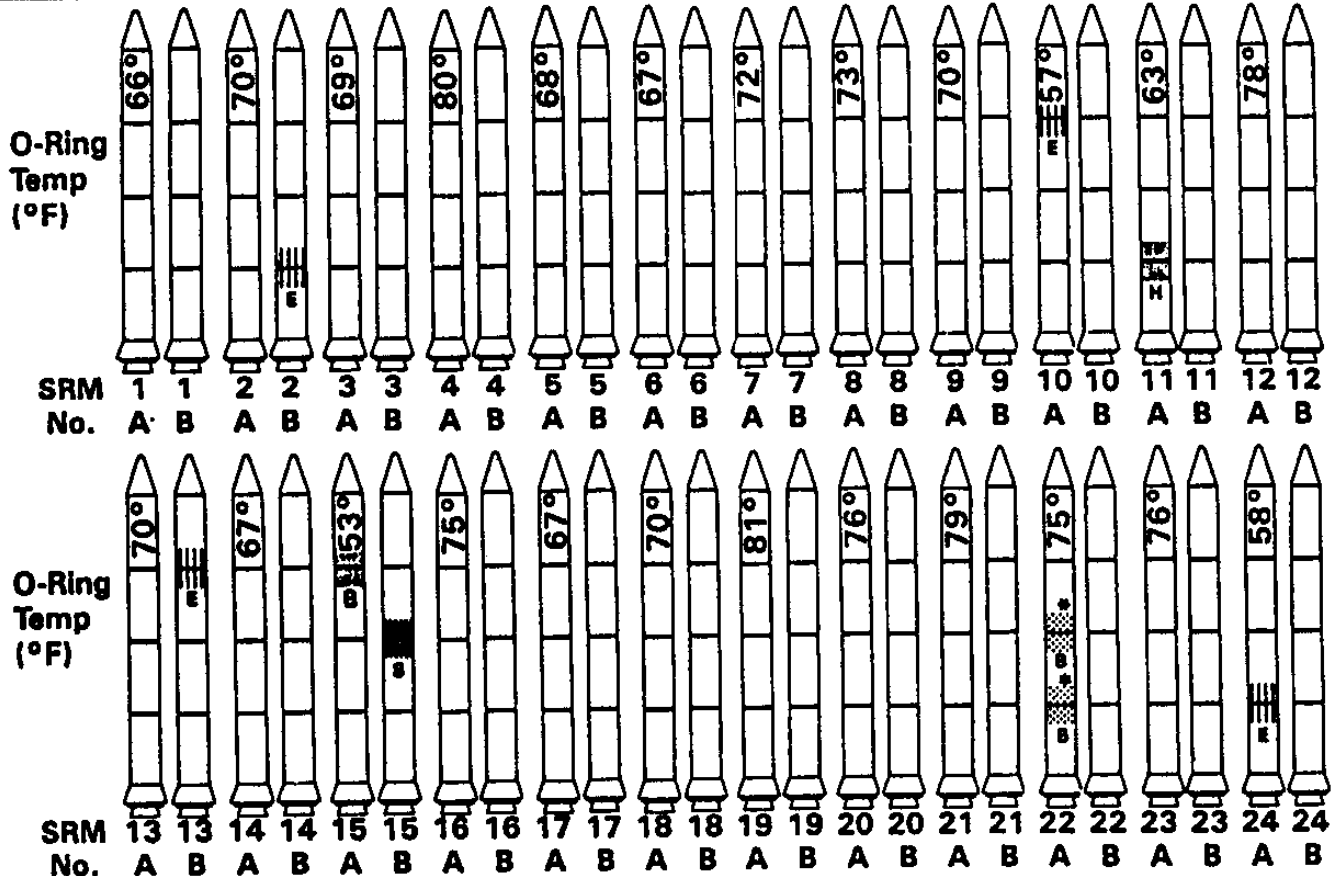
Every engineering discipline includes the study of breakdowns and the design of improved solutions that address those breakdowns

Tacoma Narrows



O-Rings

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



MORTON THROKOL, INC.
Wasatch Operations

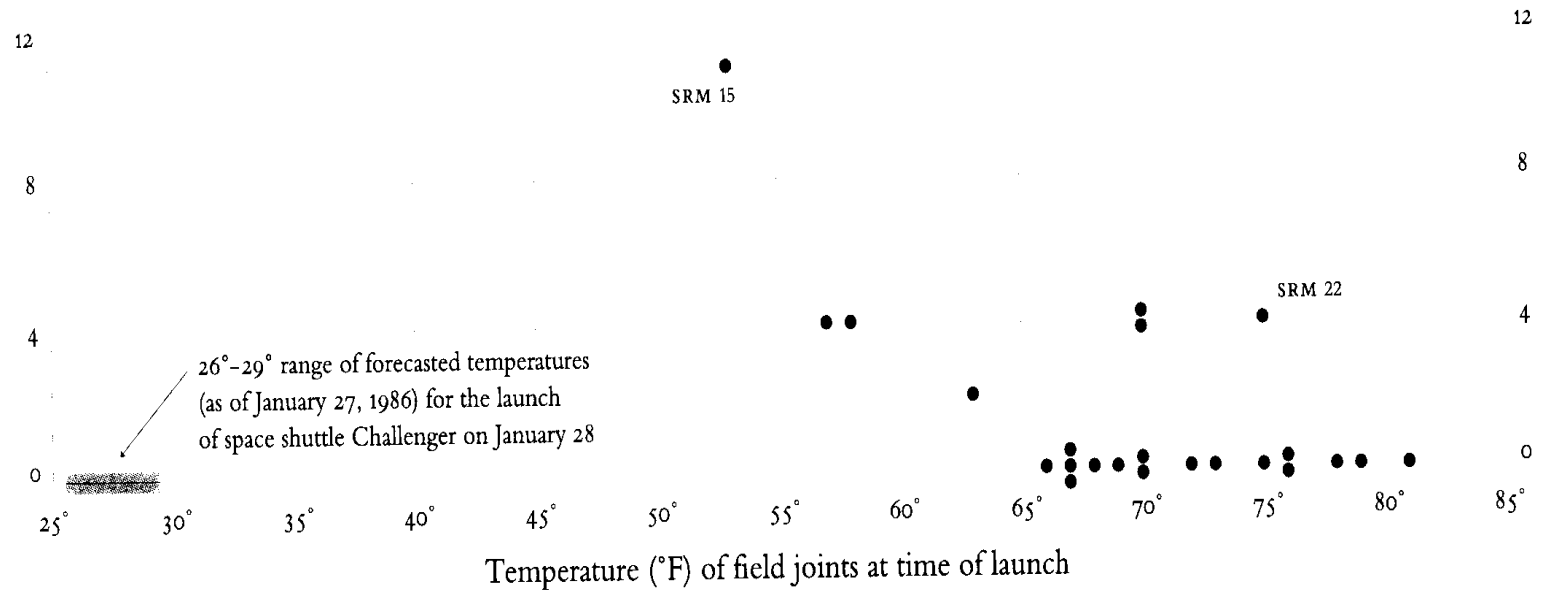
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O-Rings

O-ring damage index, each launch



Tractors



Tractors



Tractors

National Agricultural Safety Database Quotes



Older tractors with narrow front ends are easily upset

Tractor upsets cause more fatalities than other farm accidents

Injuries often include a broken or crushed pelvis

Tractors

Tractor upsets used to be dismissed as driver error

But such accidents are less frequent because modern designs have:

roll cage

low center of gravity

wider wheel bases



Human Factors Tradition

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

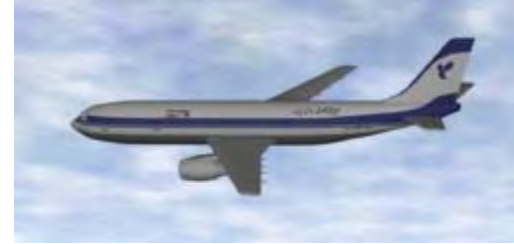
(pilots are crashing planes)

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

(ask me about Grudin article if interested)

1988: Iran Air Flight 655

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

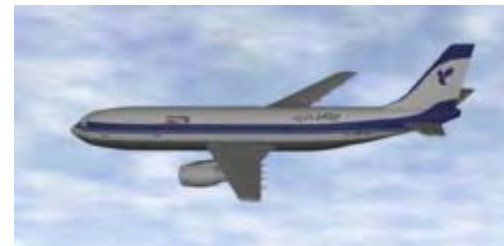


In 1988, crew of the *USS Vincennes* Combat Information Center confusingly reported the plane as ascending and descending at the same time (there were two "camps").



1988: Iran Air Flight 655

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



Why do we do HCI in CSE?

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

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

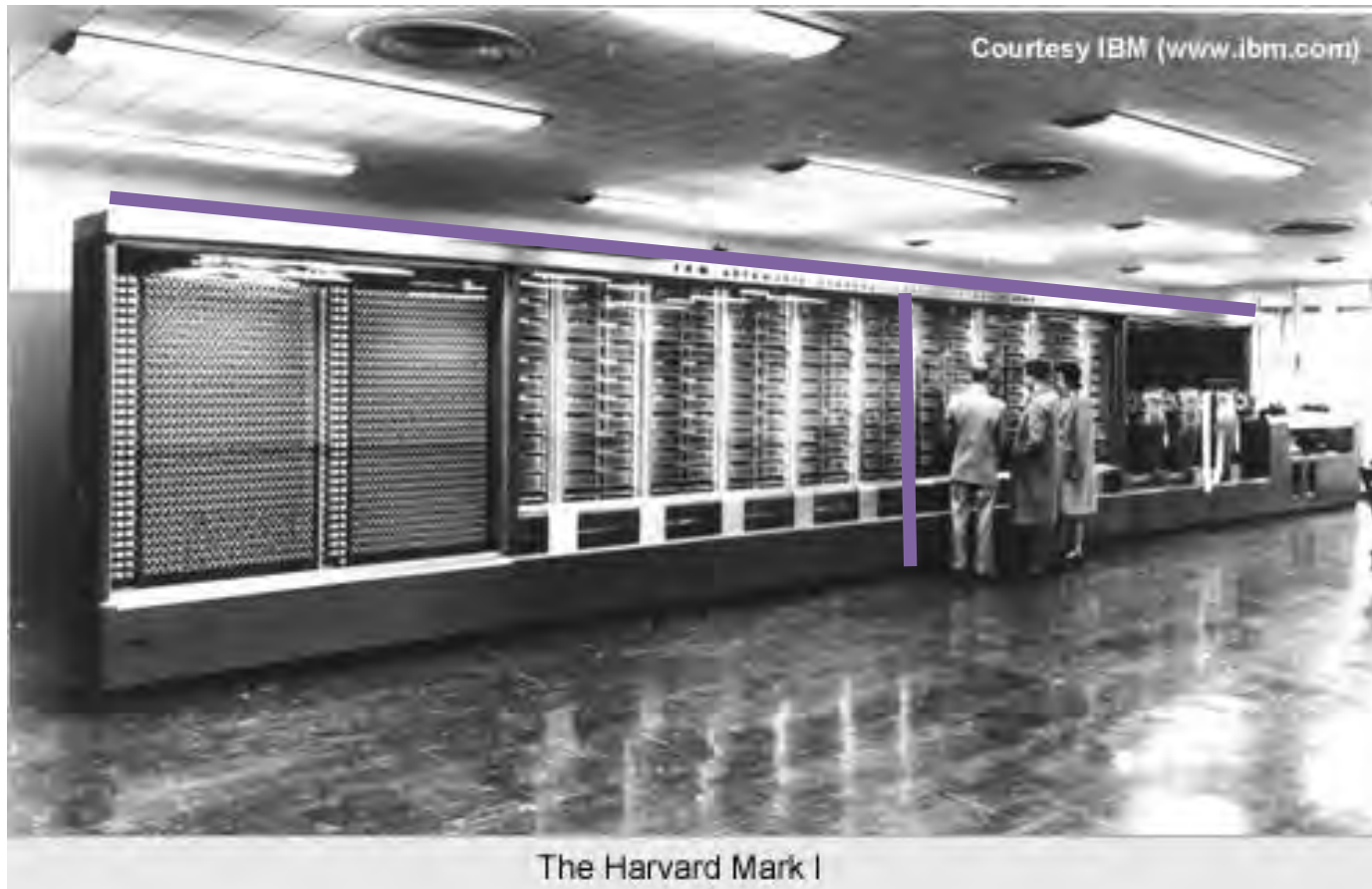
This study must include computer scientists, as we are the ones creating the technology

A History Question

Who invented hypertext? When?

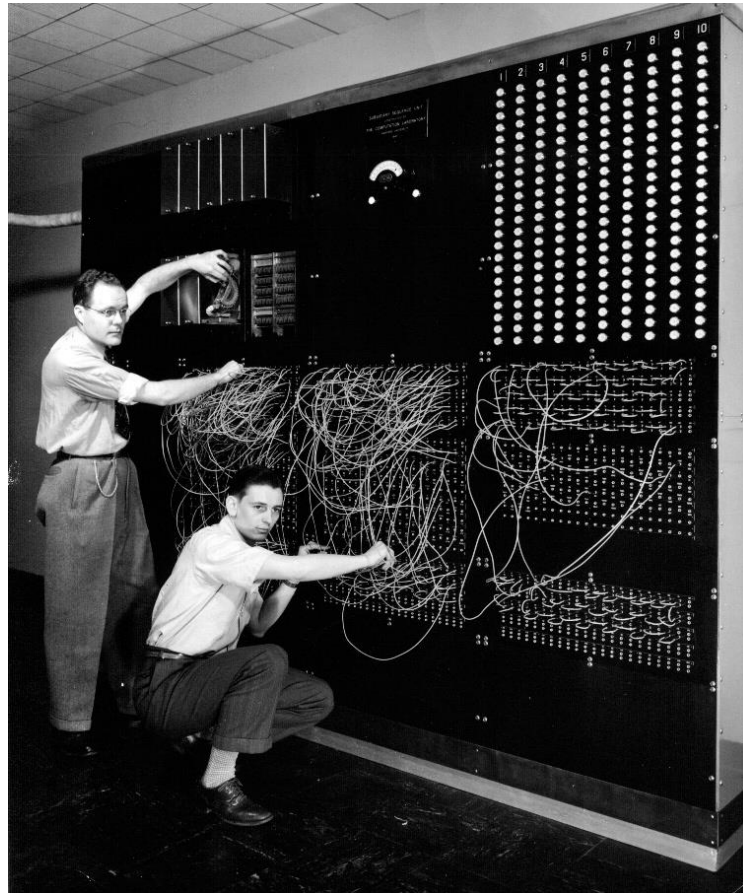
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Harvard Mark I, 55 feet long, 8 feet high, 5 tons



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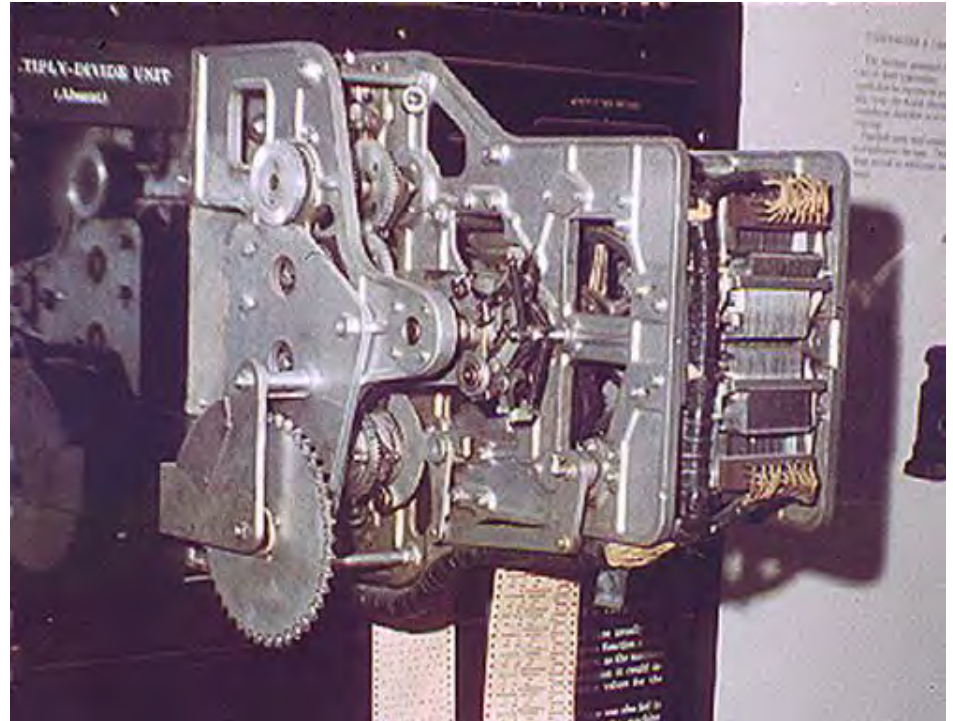
Ballistics calculations

Physical switches
(no microprocessor)

Paper tape

Simple arithmetic
& fixed calculations
(before programs)

3 sec. to multiply



Computing in 1945

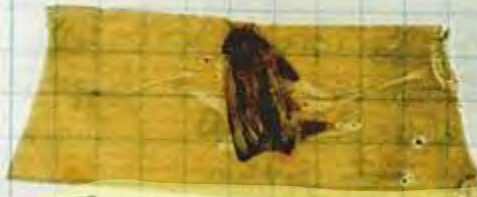
First computer bug
(Harvard Mark II)

Adm. Grace Murray Hopper



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

1545



Relay #70 Panel F
(moth) in relay.

~~1630~~ 1630 arctangent started.
1700 closed down.

First actual case of bug being found.

A Little About Vannevar Bush

Name rhymes with “Beaver”

Faculty member at MIT

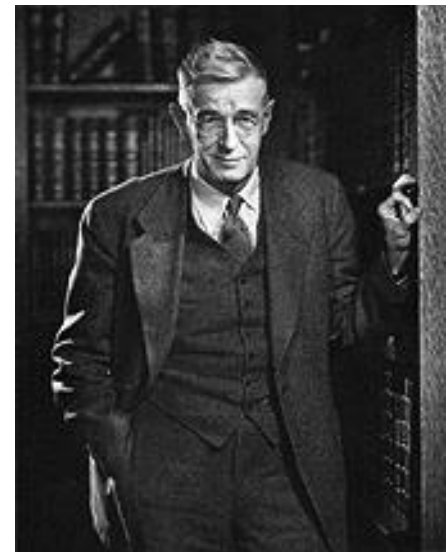
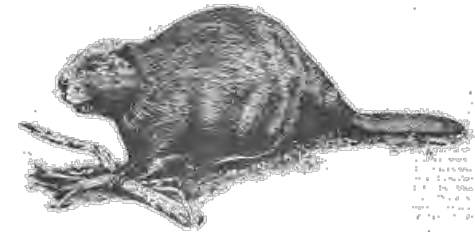
Coordinated WWII effort
with 6000 US scientists

Social contract for science

Federal government
funds universities

Universities do basic research

Research helps
economy and defense



As We May Think

Published in the Atlantic Monthly in 1945

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

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

As We May Think

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

As We May Think

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

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

MicroPhotography

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

Enables capturing a photograph into micro form

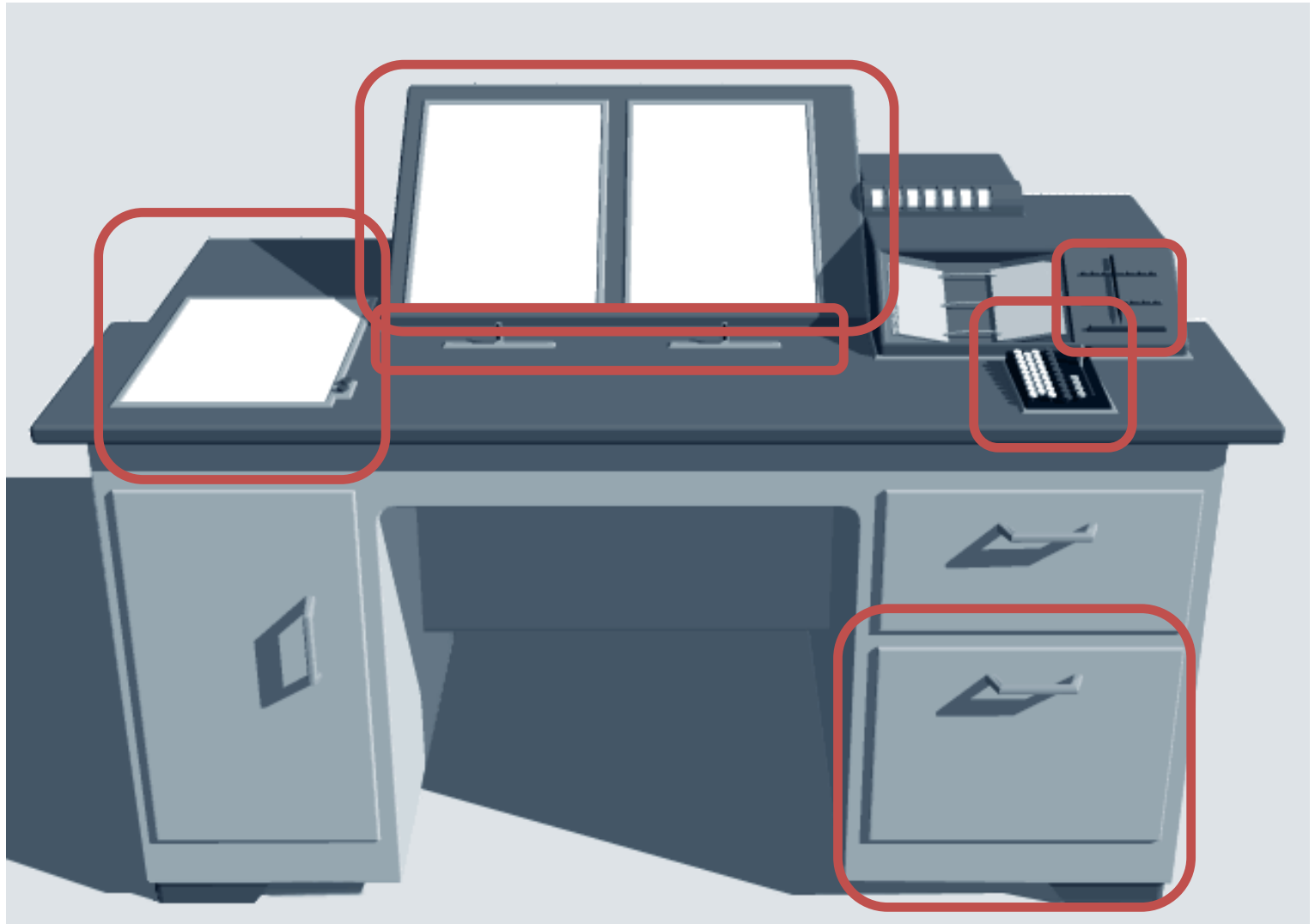
“It would be a brave man who would predict that such a process will always remain clumsy, slow, and faulty in detail.”

MicroPhotography

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



Memex



Memex

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

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

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

“All this is conventional...”

Memex

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

“tying two items together is the important thing”

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

Memex

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

Memex

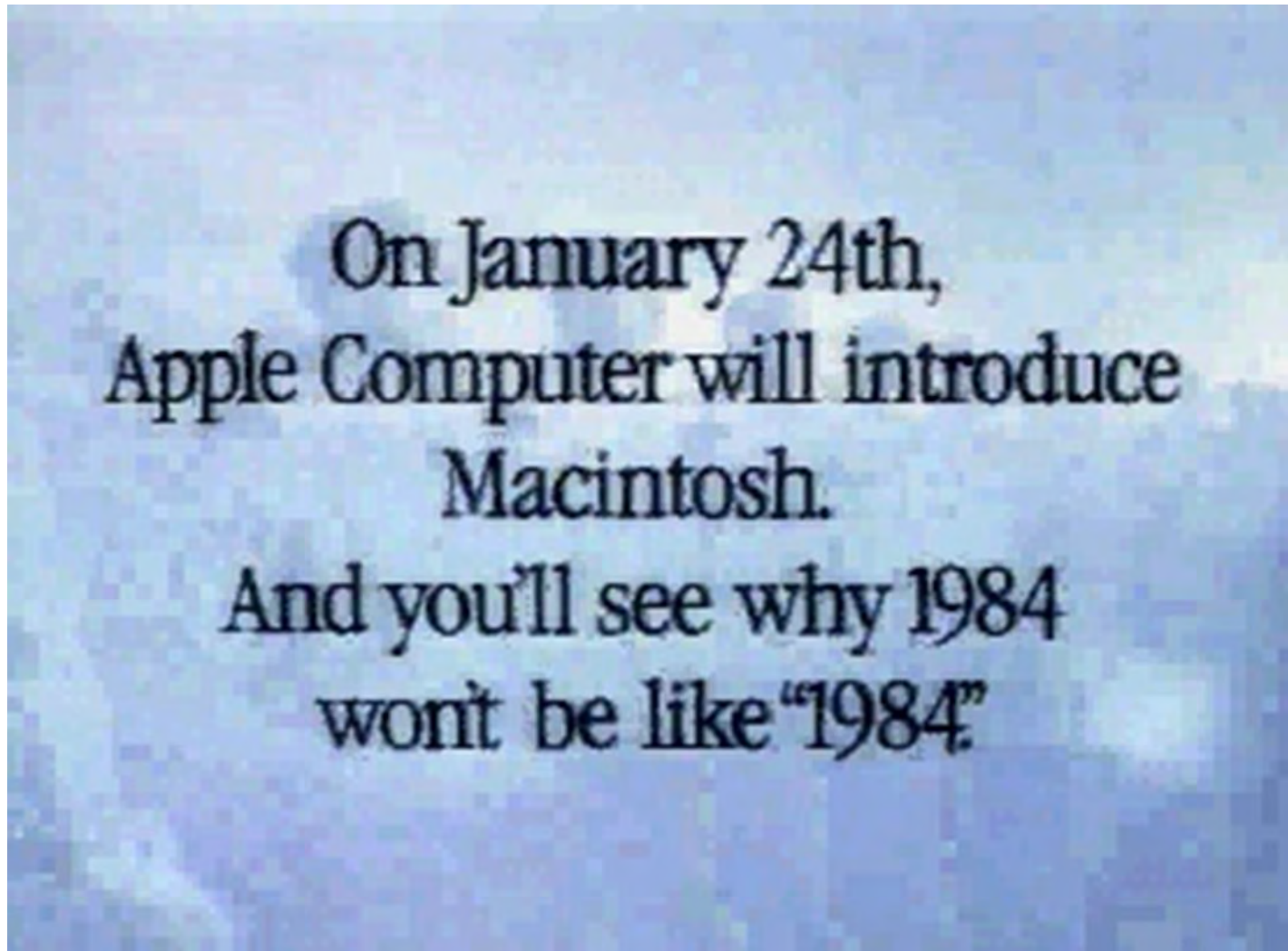
“Wholly new forms of encyclopedias will appear, ready made with a mesh of associative trails running through them, ready to be dropped into the memex and there amplified.”

Memex is the first proposed hypertext system

A History Question

Who invented desktop computing? When?

Macintosh in 1984 is well known



Alan Kay on Early Interface Work

Narrator is Alan Kay, speaking in 1987

This video is almost 20 years old

It was a historical account when it was filmed

Speaks to four systems

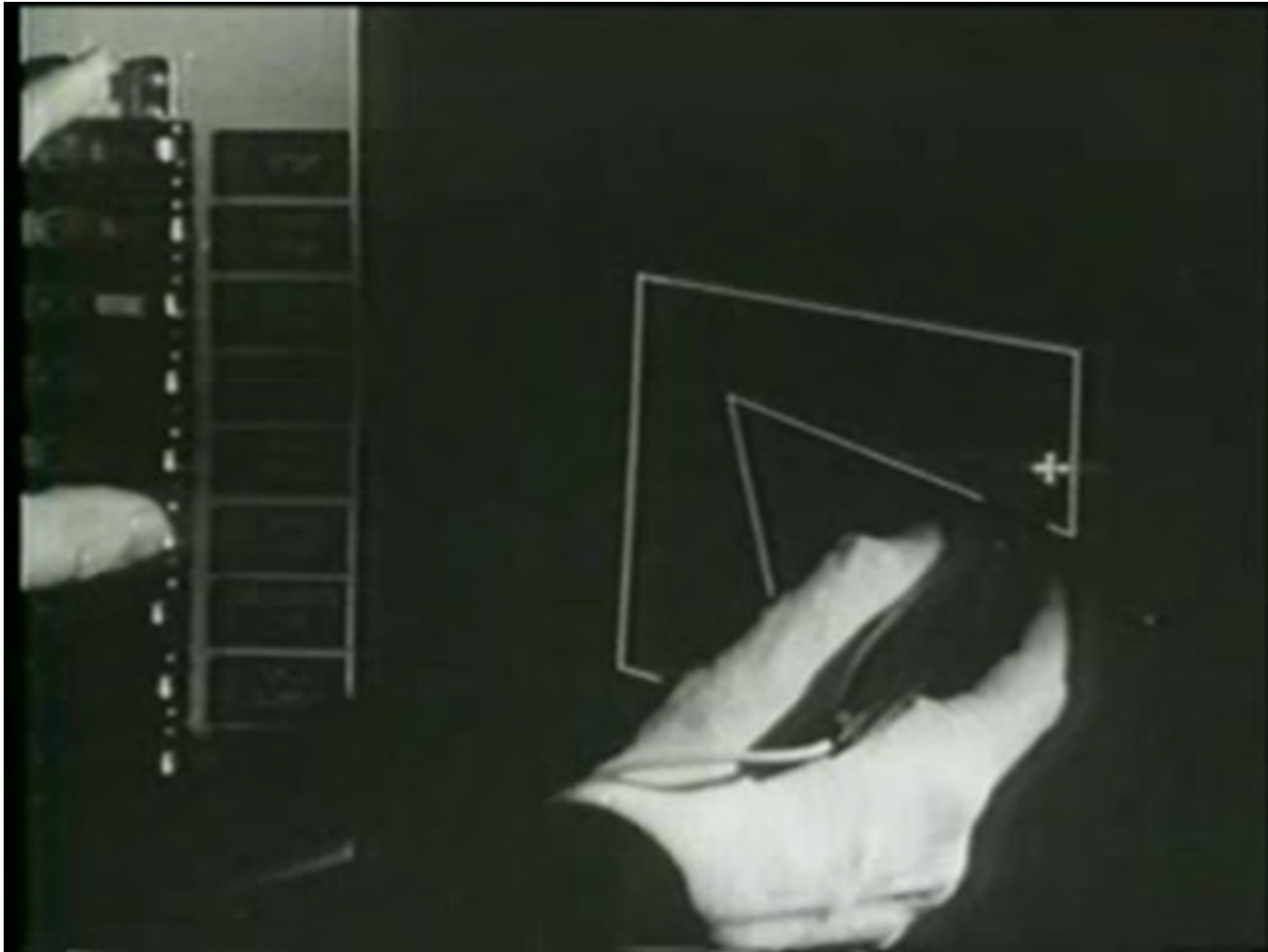
Sketchpad

NLS

GRAIL

Dynabook

Ivan Sutherland's Sketchpad



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Ivan Sutherland's Sketchpad

When do we think this was done?



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When do we think this was done?



1962

Windows

Constraints

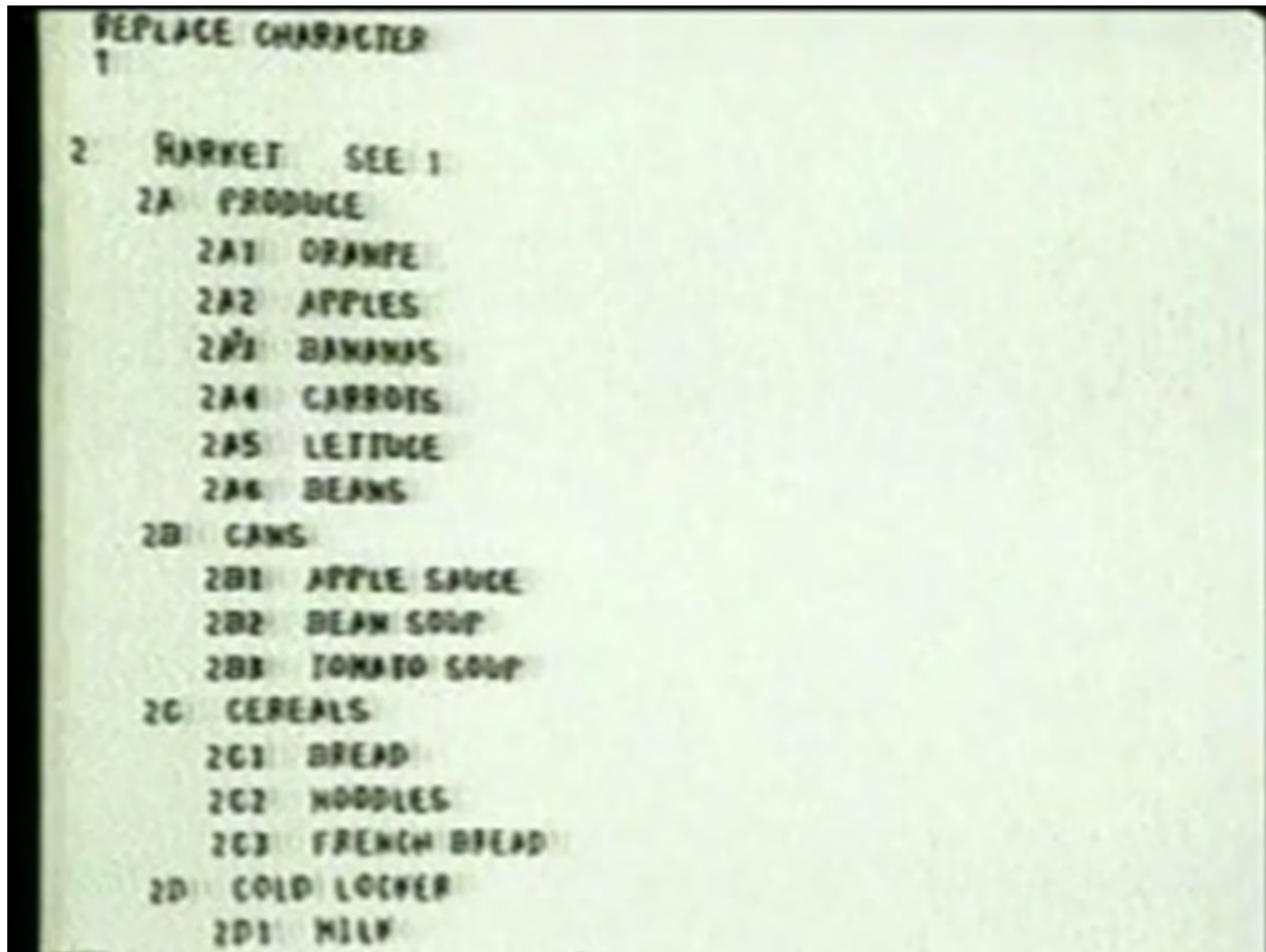
(i.e., non-procedural)

Prototype/Instance

Inheritance

(i.e., object-oriented)

Doug Engelbart's NLS (Online System)



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Doug Engelbart's NLS (Online System)

When do we think this was done? 1968

Invention of the mouse

First working hypertext system

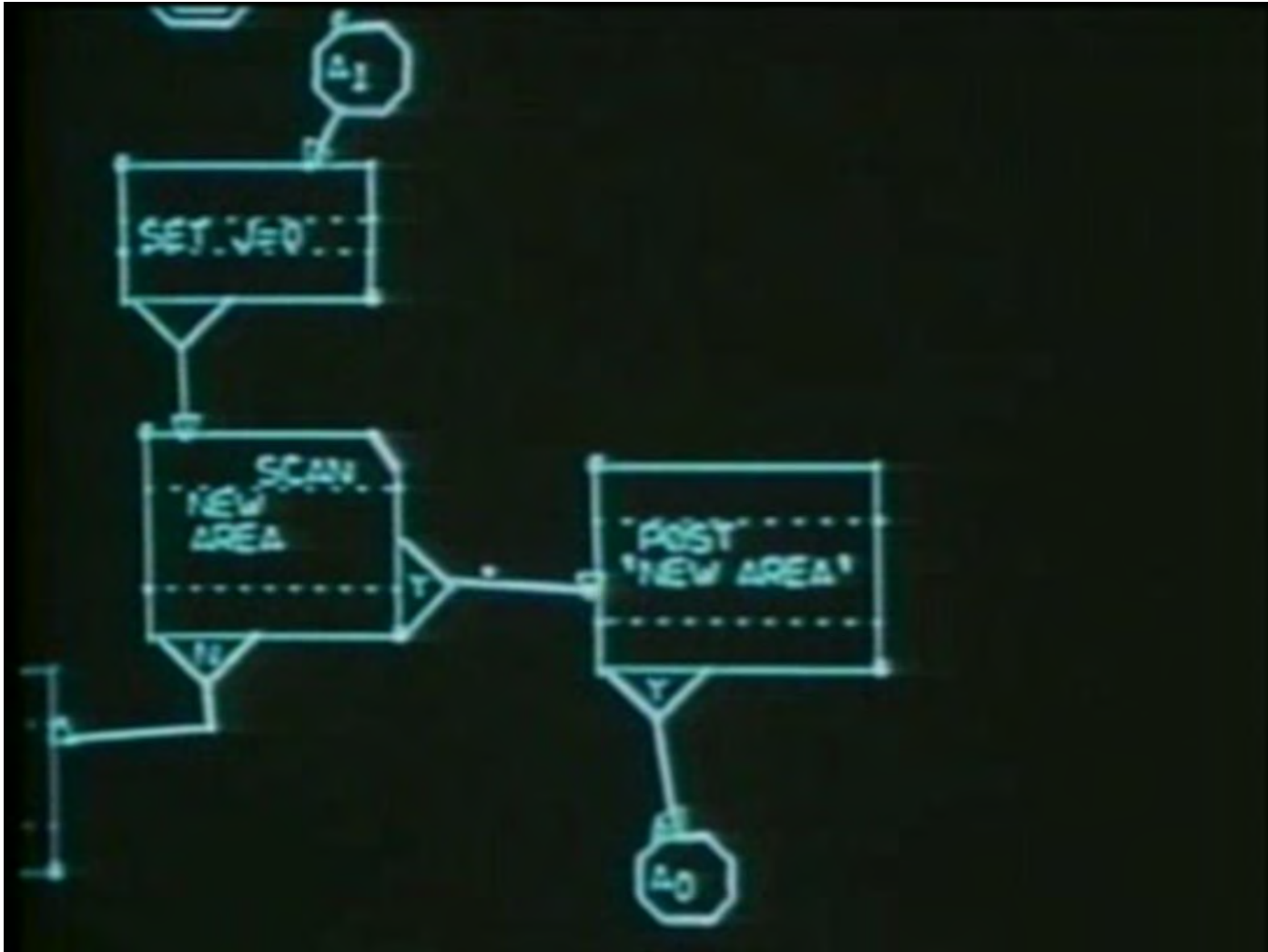
Chording keyboard to reduce hand movement

Remote collaboration

Analog Mouse leads to heavy moding

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

GRAIL



GRAIL

When do we think this was done?

GRAIL

When do we think this was done? 1968

Window handles

Modeless interaction via direct action

Gesture recognition

Proposed for end-user programming via flow charts

Dynabook



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Xerox Alto



Xerox Alto

Start	Ready: Select file names with the mouse. Red-Copy, Yel-Copy/Rename, Blue-Delete. Click Start to execute file name commands.	Quit
		Clear
		Type

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Xerox Star



Xerox Star

XEROX 6085 Workstation

User-Interface Design

To make it easy to impose text and graphics in documents, Xerox designed the 6085 workstation, which is a revolutionary user interface design.

Bit-map display Even if the pixels on the 19" screen are mapped to a bit of memory, this, ultimately, complex images can be displayed. The 6085 displays all text and graphics as they will be printed. In addition, familiar office objects such as documents, folders, file drawers and bookshelves are portrayed as recognizable images.

The mouse is 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 typing and editing by pointing them with the mouse and reading the words, characters or numbers on the screen. Text and graphics are edited with the same keys.

Activity under the old and the new

Year	New users	Old
1978	85.2	15.1
1980	41.1	49.5
1982	45	55
1984	10	78
1985	10	99
1986	5	75

Table 7: Percentage of use of methods

DOS & Lotus data

NAME	EXTENSION	SIZE	DATE
COMMAND	COM	22677	15-1
APP1	EXE	2056	18-1
ASGVN	COM	764	18-1
ATTND	EXE	19661	16-1
BACKUP	COM	17028	28-1
CHKDOK	COM	2470	28-1
CHKADD	COM	4521	27-1
HWAPP	COM	3613	10-1
DEBUD	EXE	17348	17-1

Text and Graphics

To improve operating, the 6085 offers a choice of type faces and sizes. From 4 point to 36 point.

There is a choice of 16 pages per page.

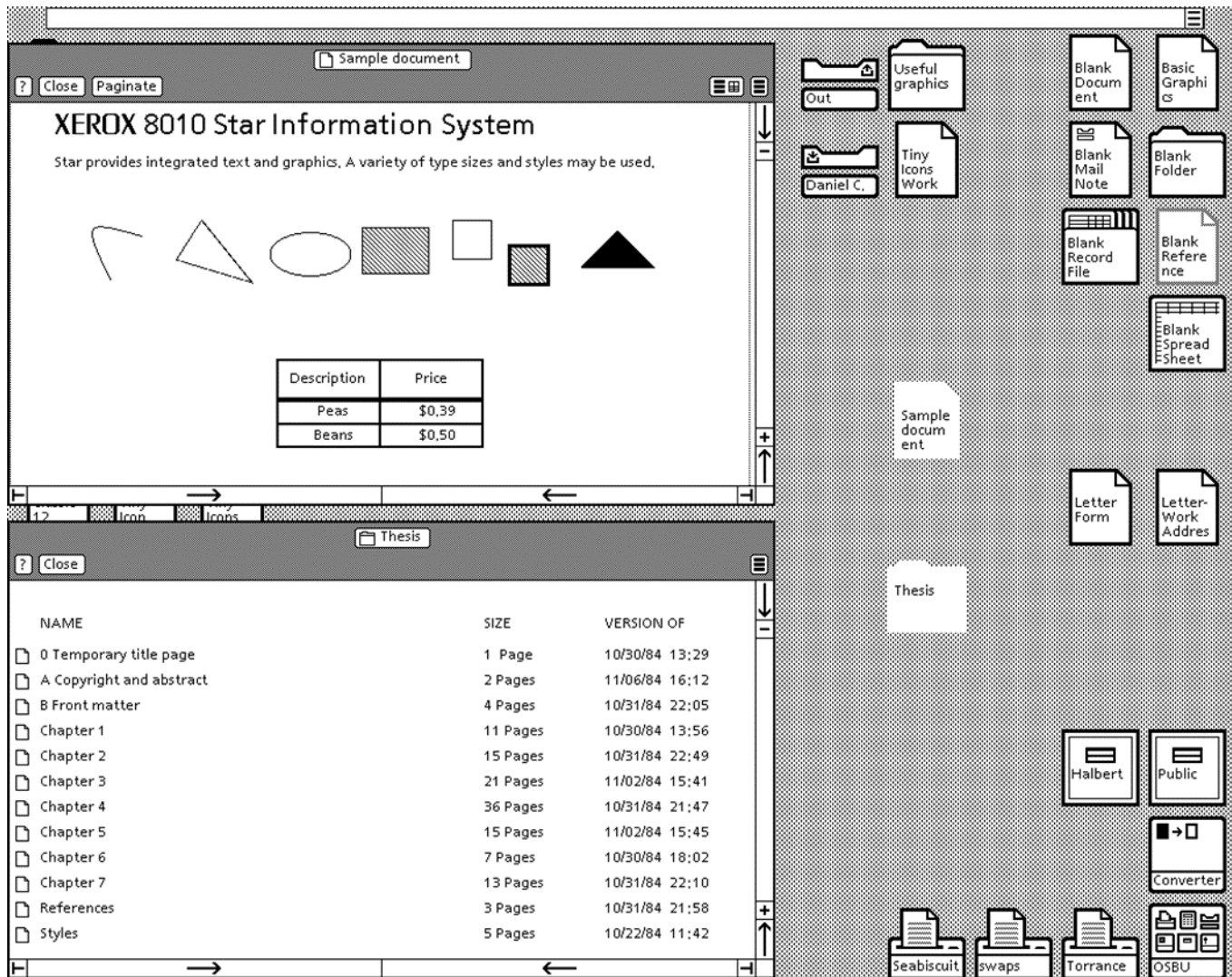
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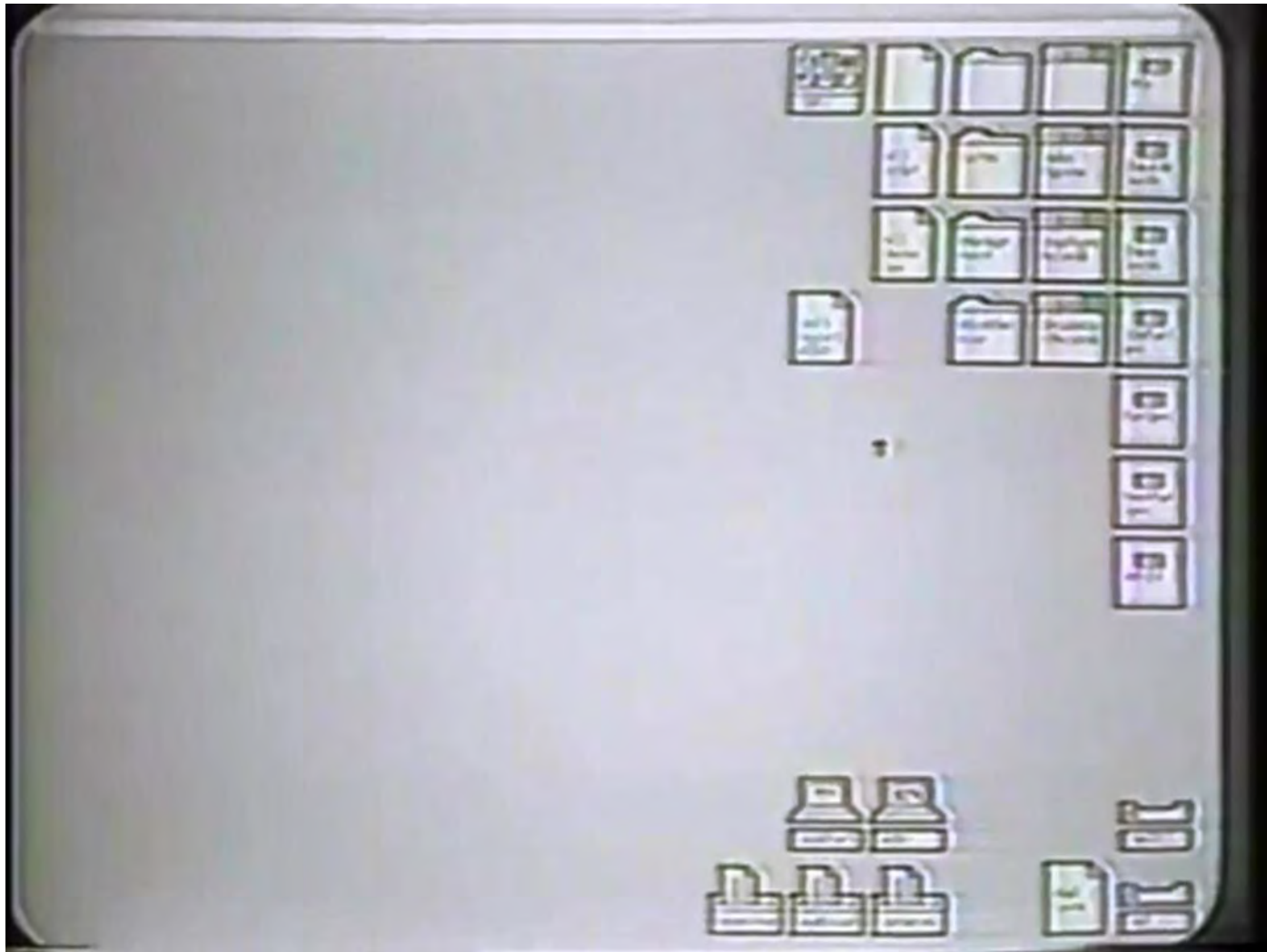
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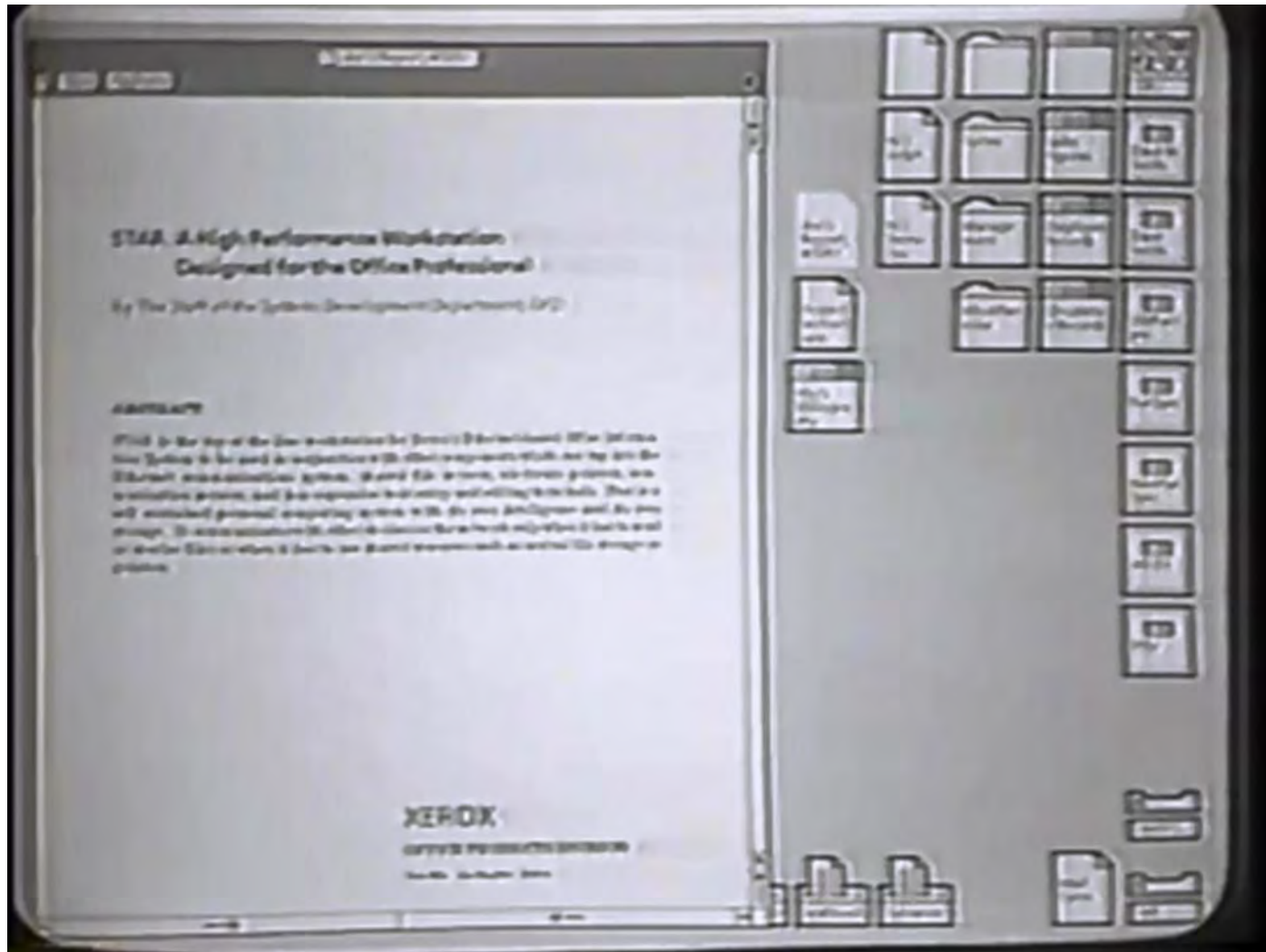
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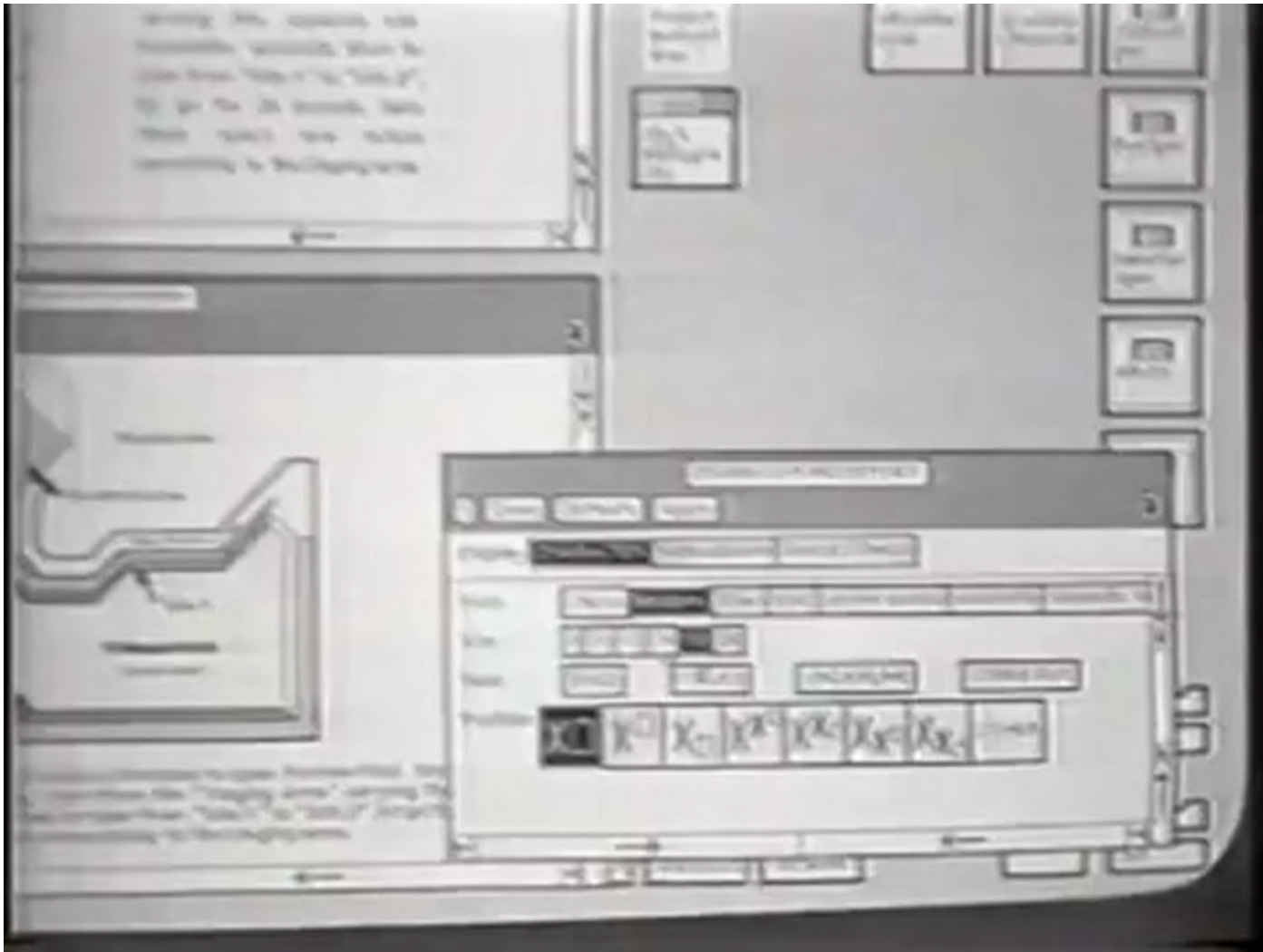
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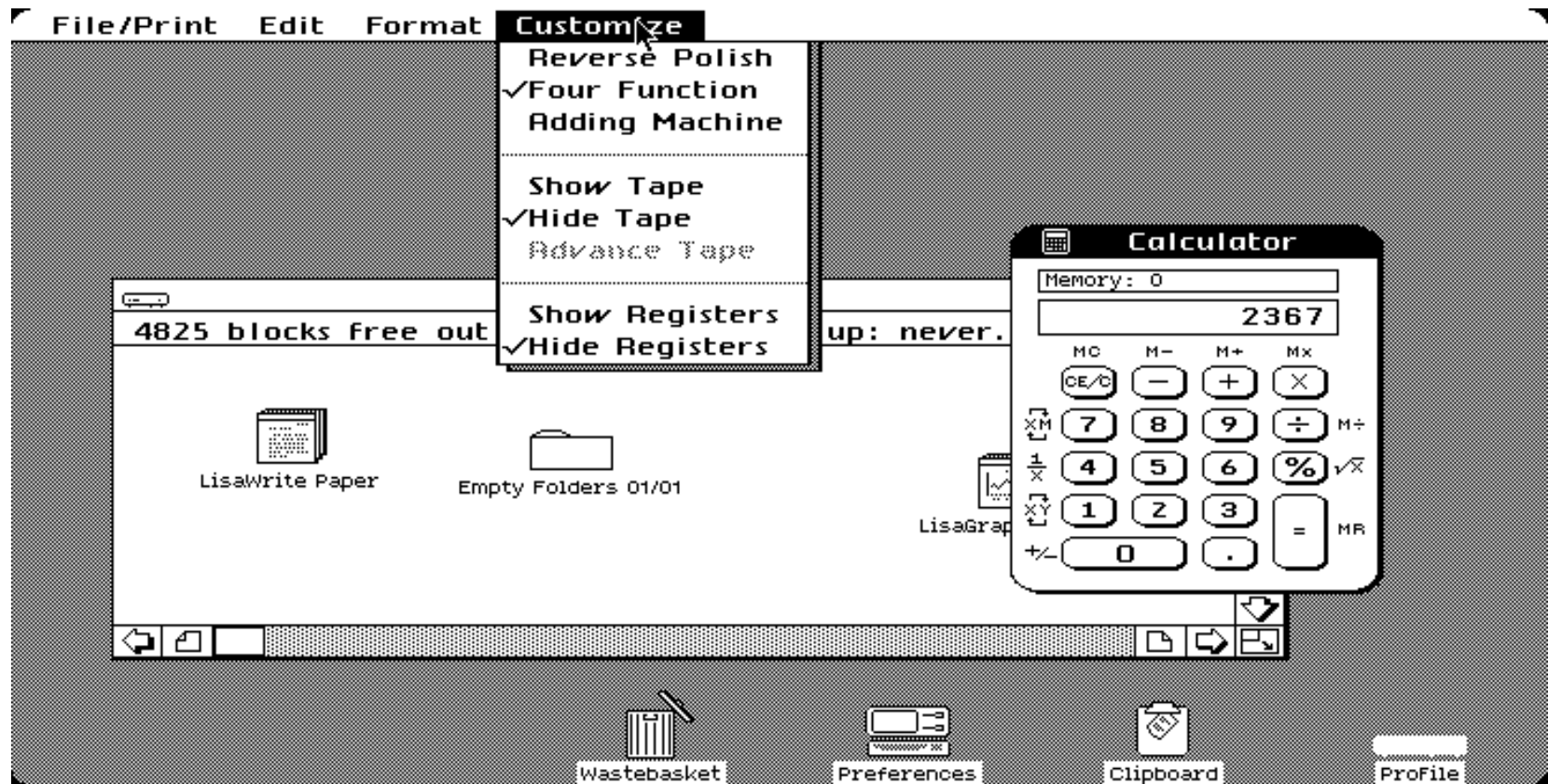
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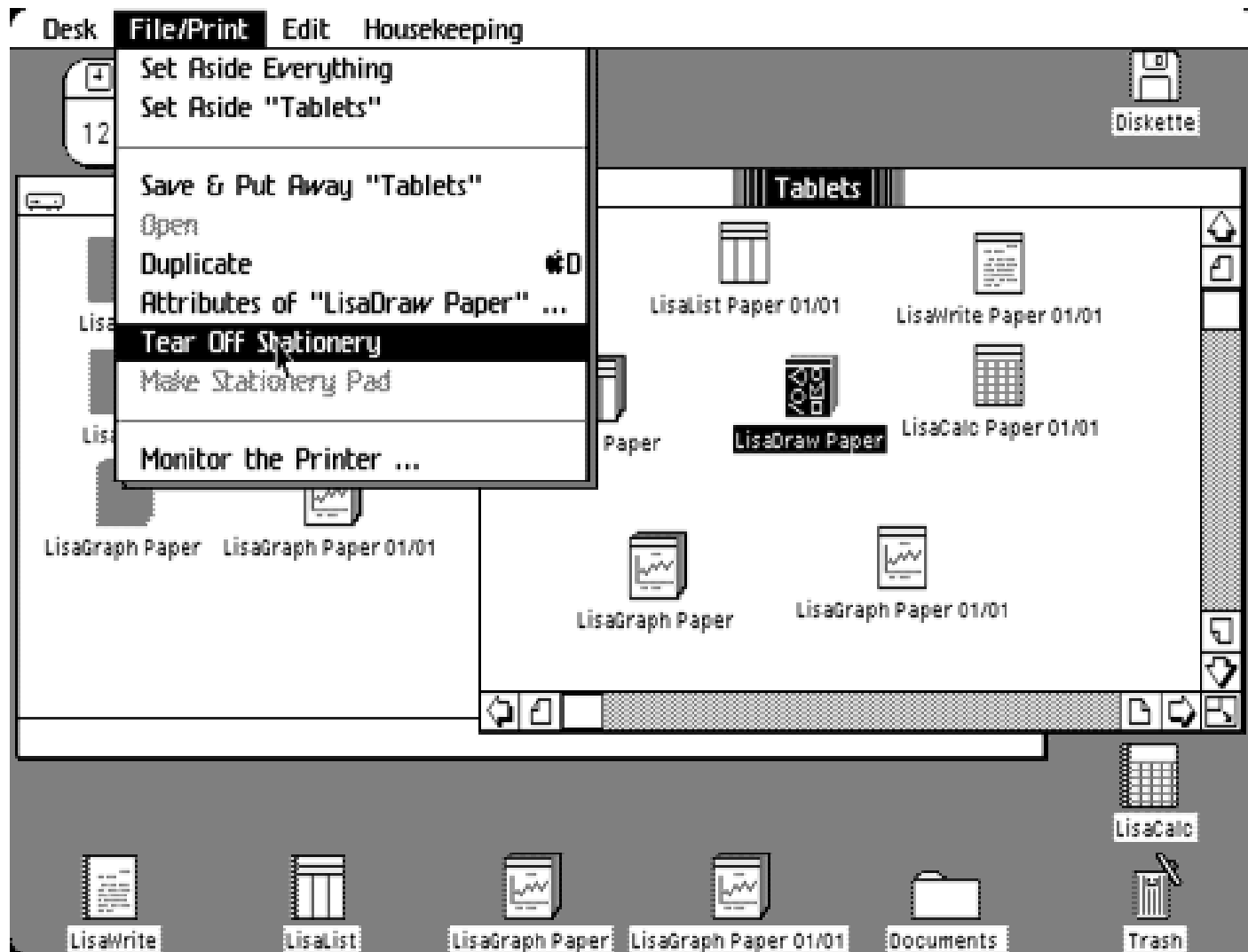
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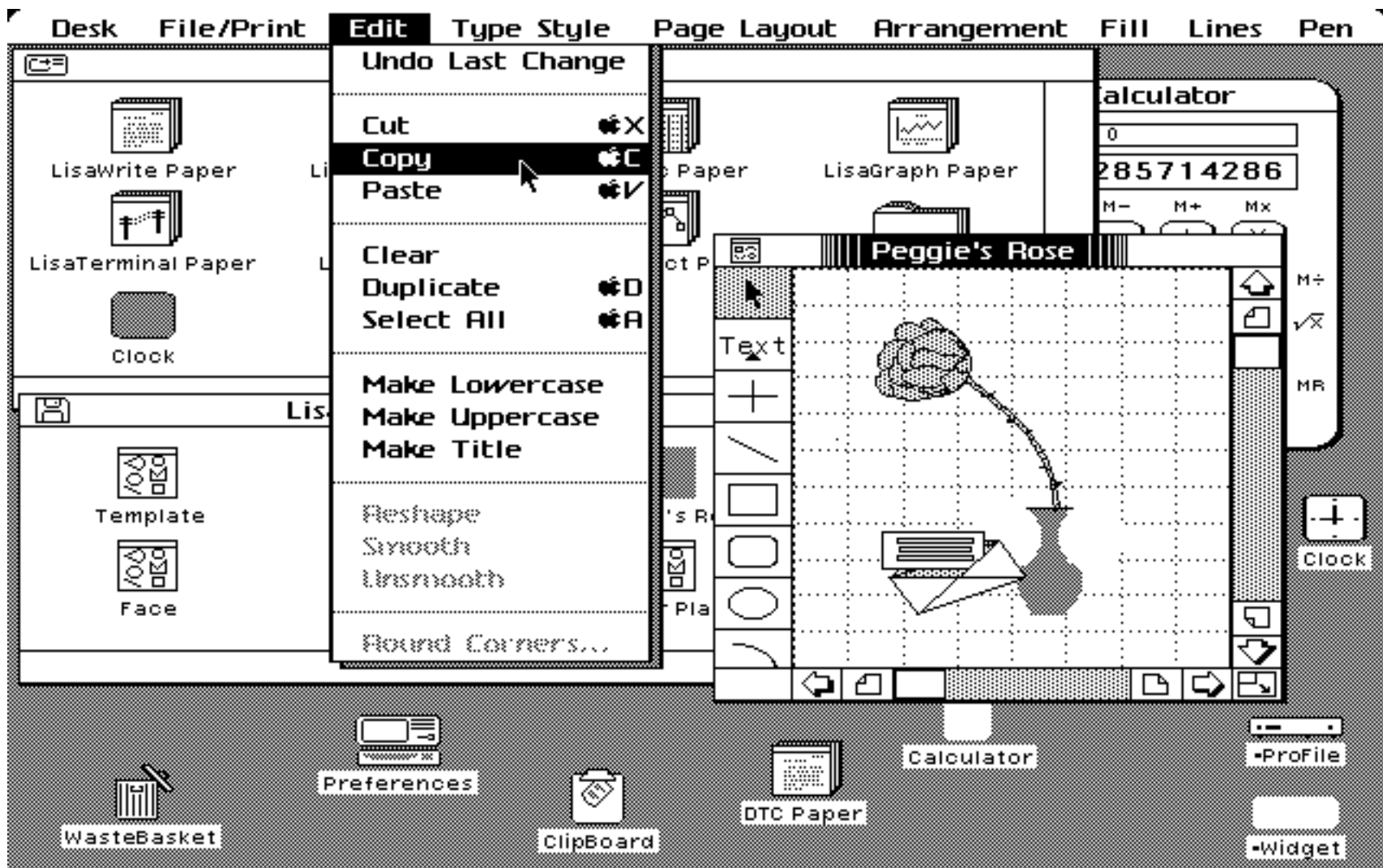
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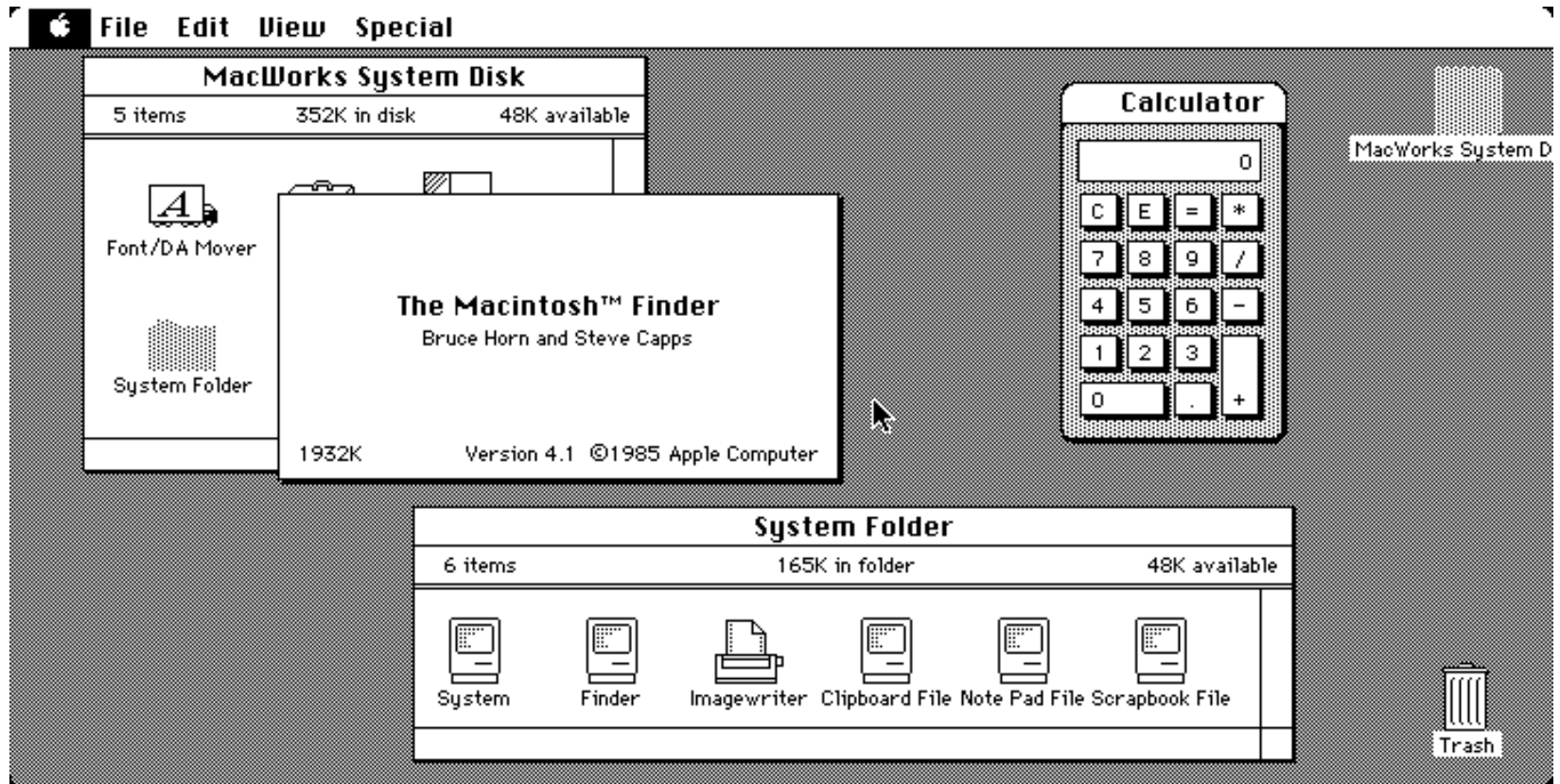
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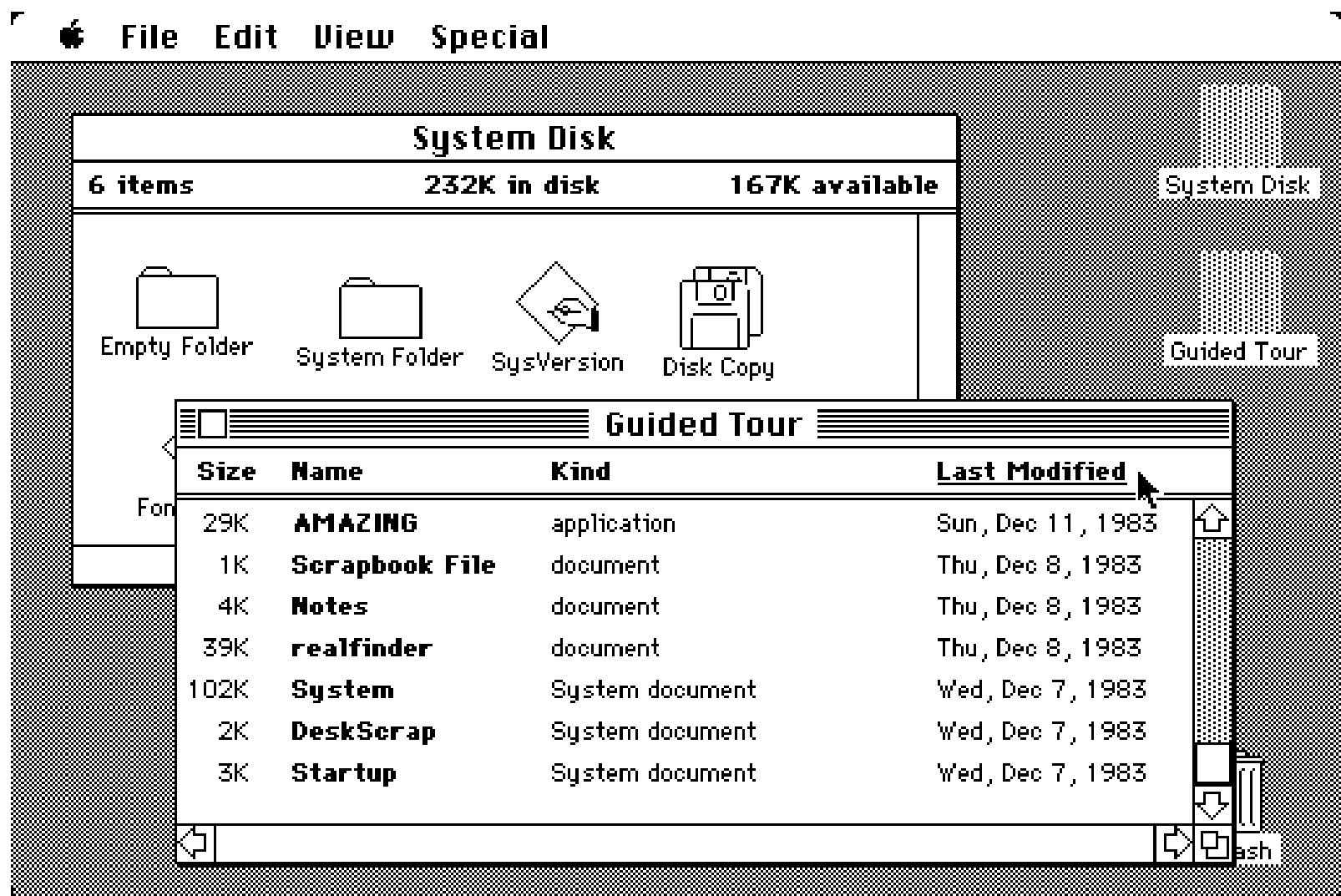
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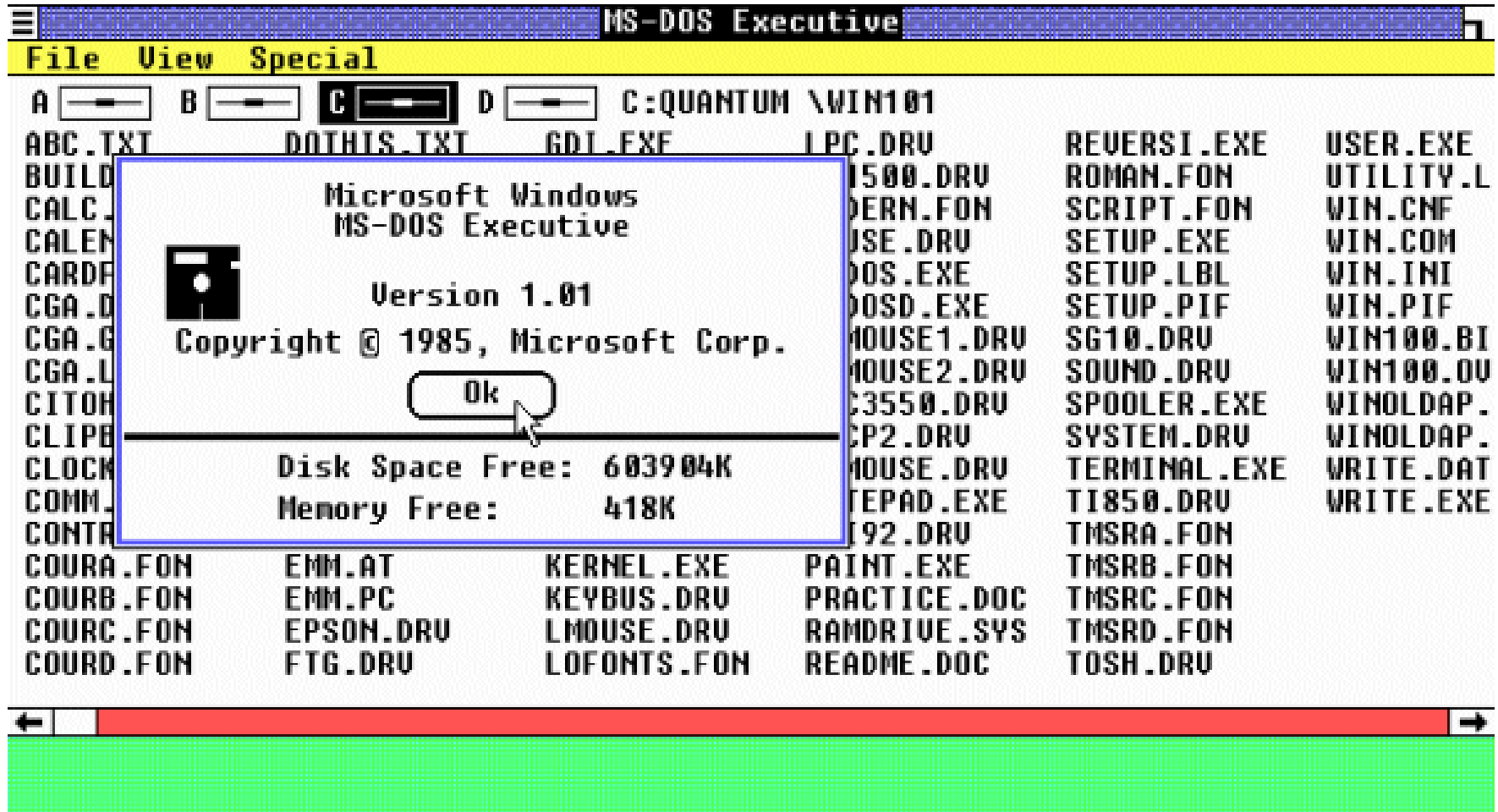
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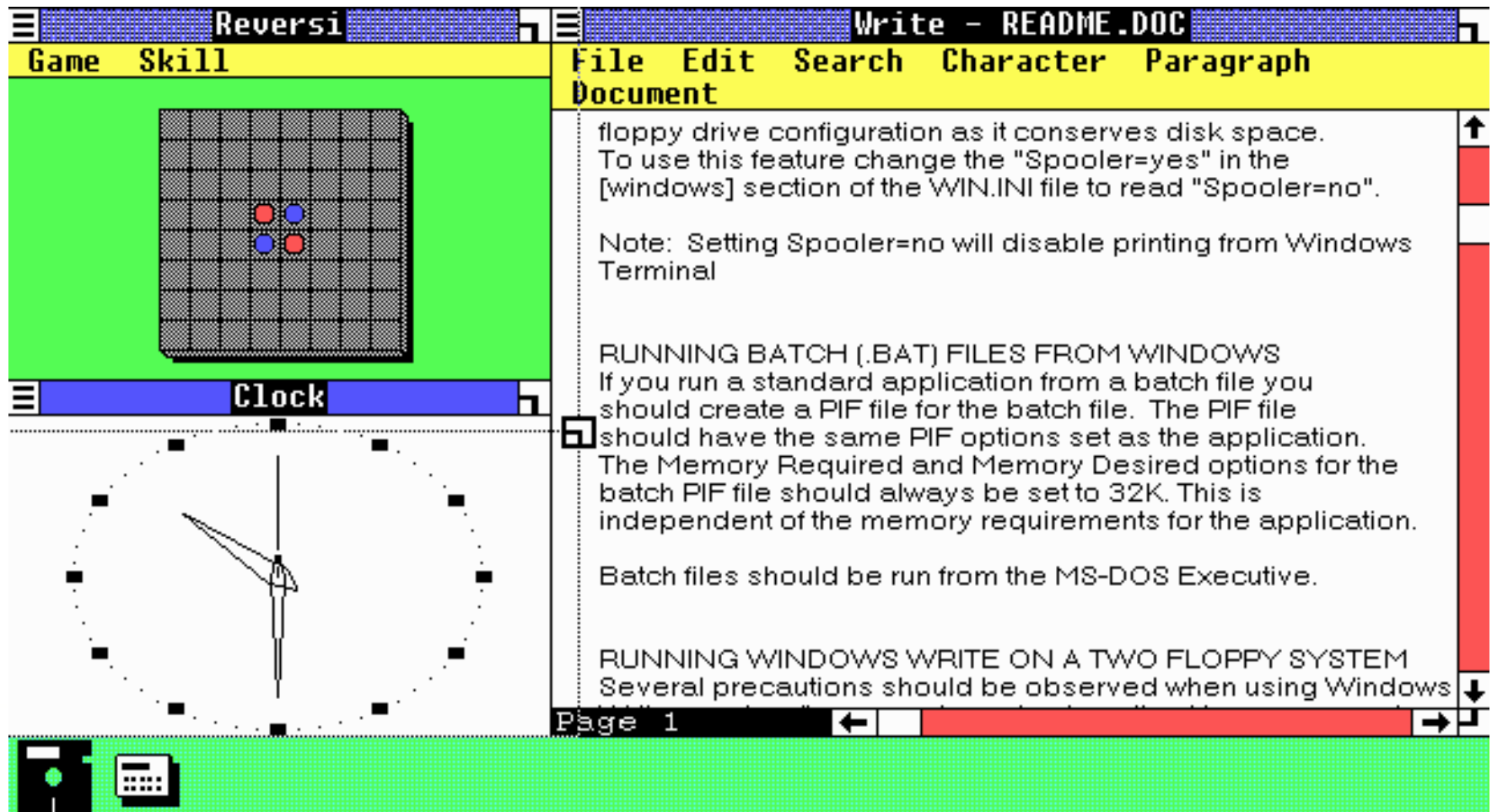
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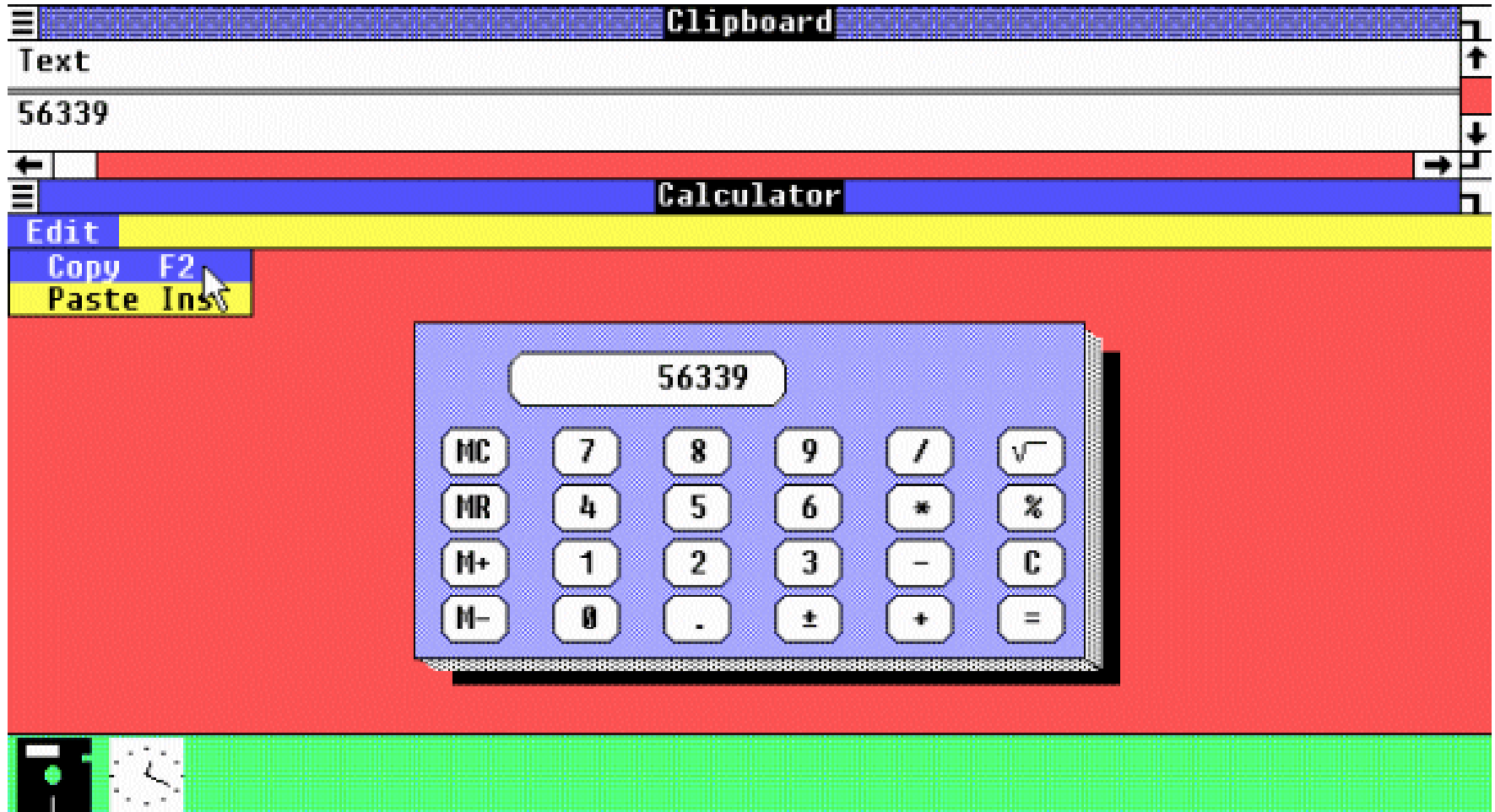
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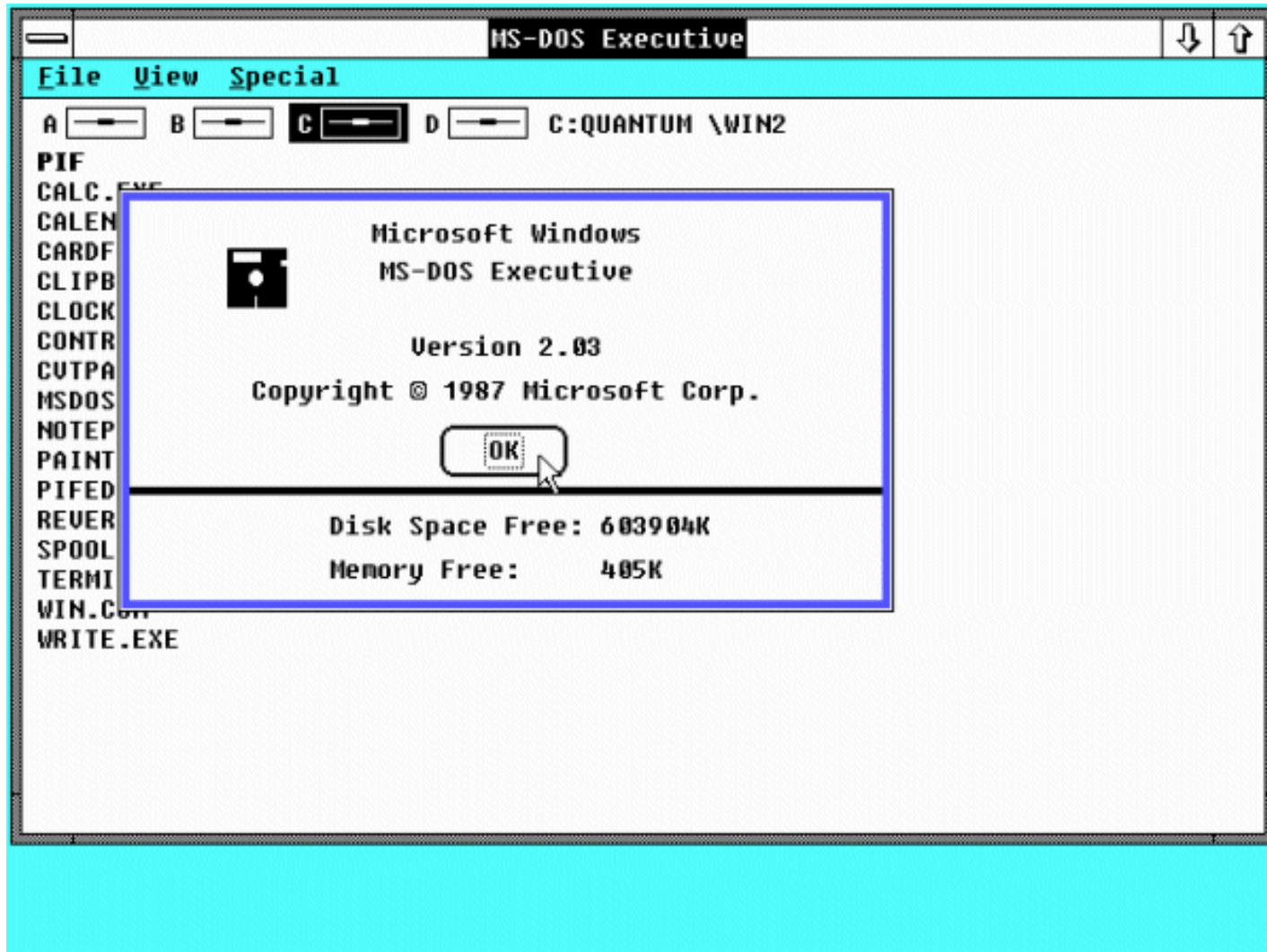
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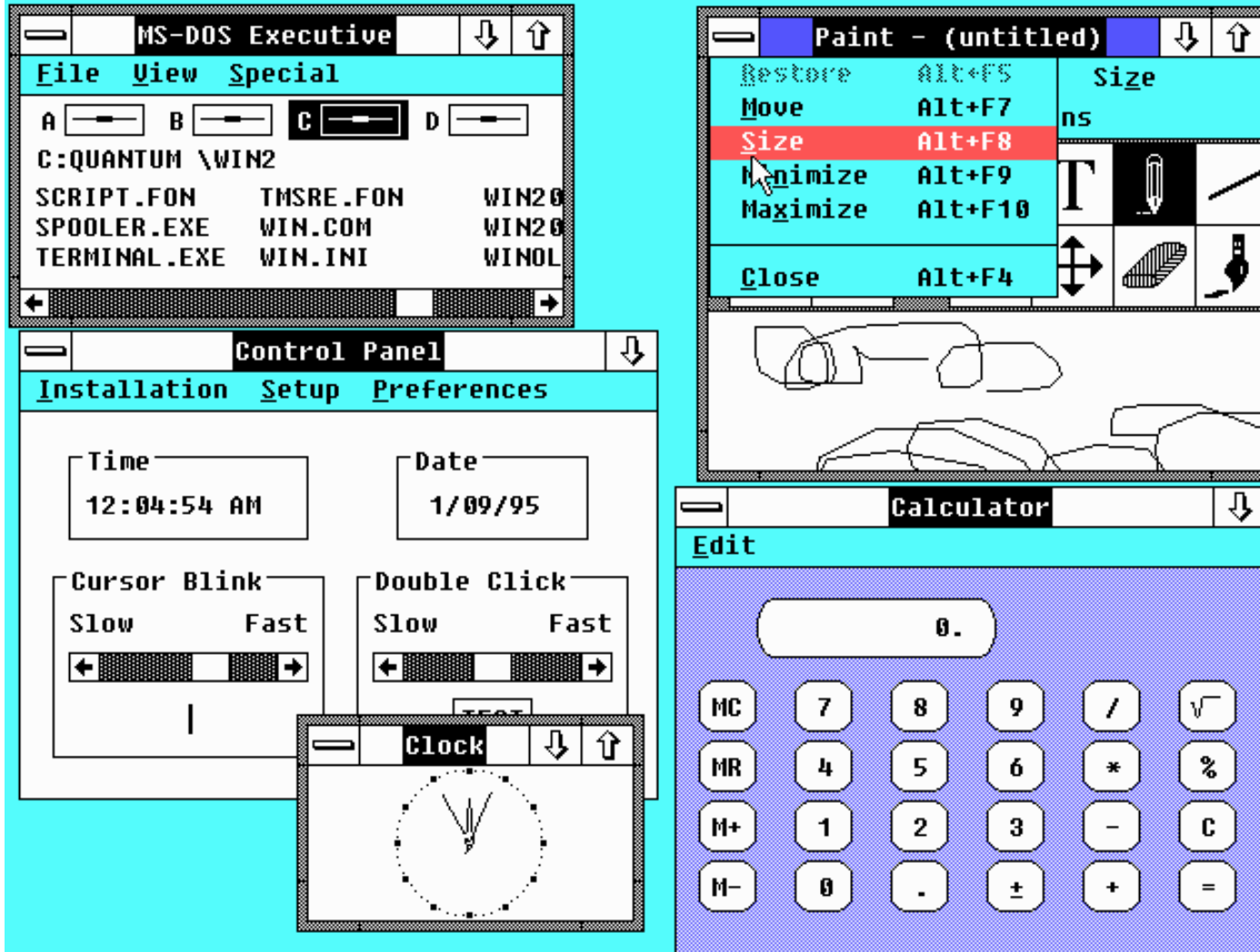
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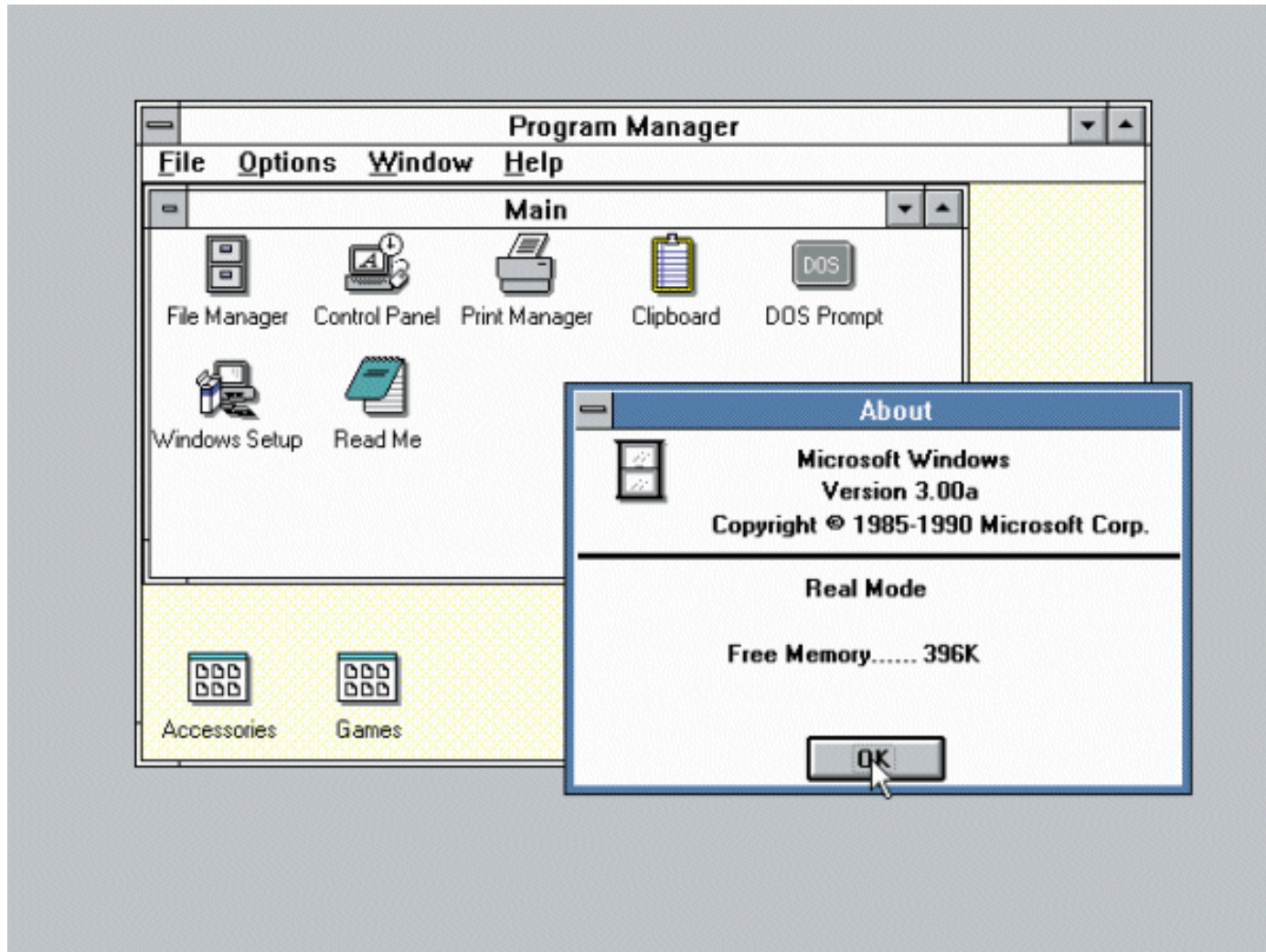
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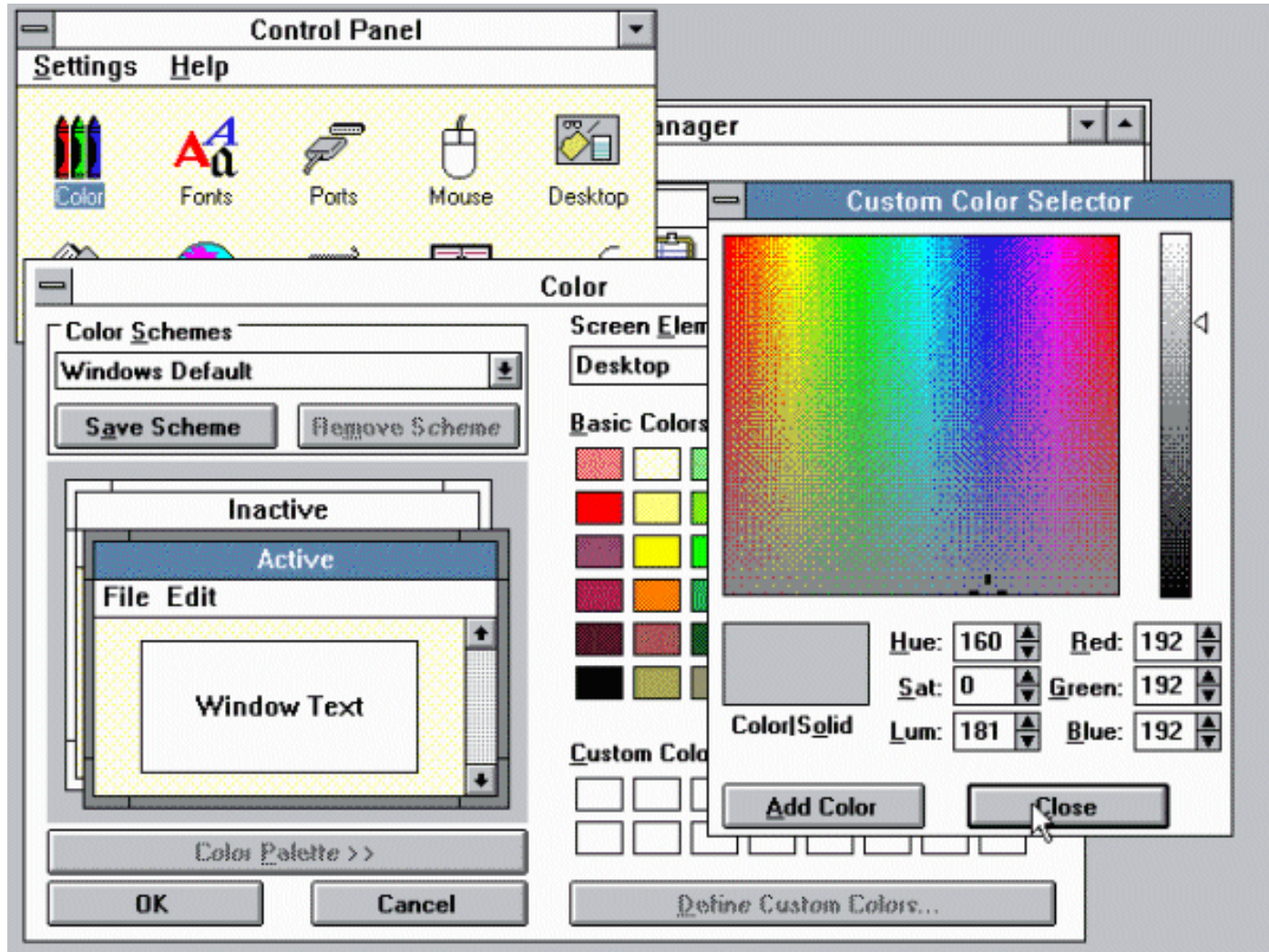
Windows 2.0 1987

Windows 3.0 1990

Windows 3.0



Windows 3.0



Windows 3.0



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Apple Macintosh 1984

Windows 1.0 1985

Windows 2.0 1987

Windows 3.0 1990

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

HCI Turing Awards

Sutherland wins 1988 Turing Award

Engelbart wins 1997 Turing Award

Alan Kay wins 2003 Turing Award

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

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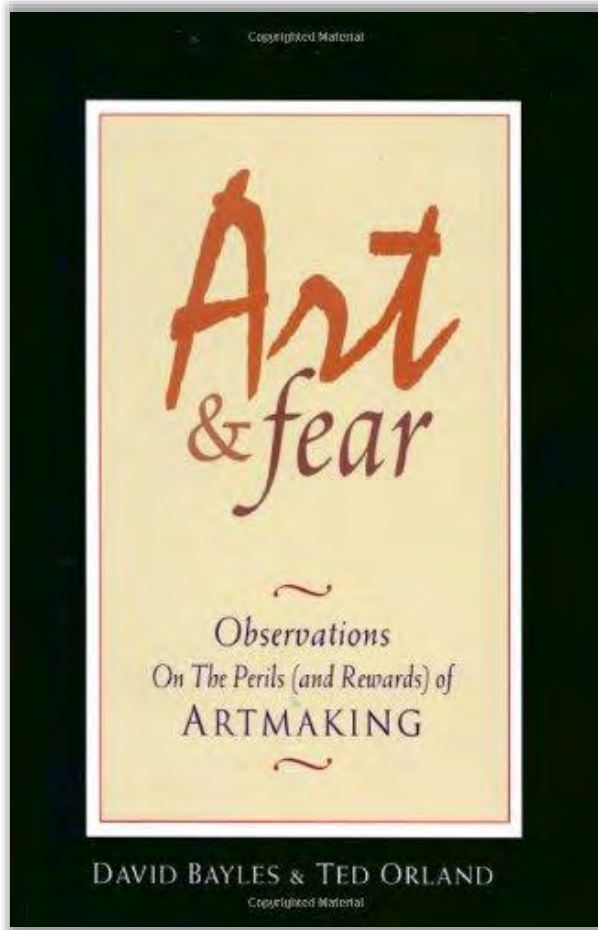
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Quantity versus Quality



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



Bayles and Orland, 2001

Quantity versus Quality

The quantity class produces better pots. Why?

Quantity versus Quality

The quantity class produces better pots. Why?

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

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 matinee

Map-It+

Art of War ★★★
(10:00)-(11:00)-4:00-7:00-10:00

Bittersweet Motel ★★★★★
(11:00)-(11:30)-4:00-6:30-9:00

Godzilla ★★
(10:30)-(12:00)-5:30-9:00

The Cell ★★★★★
(11:00)-(1:00)-3:00-5:00-7:00-9:00

STORE FOR THE STYLE-CHALLENGED

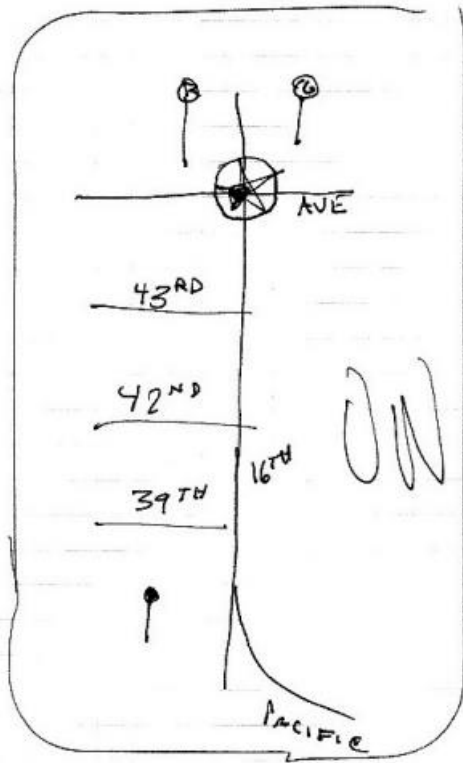


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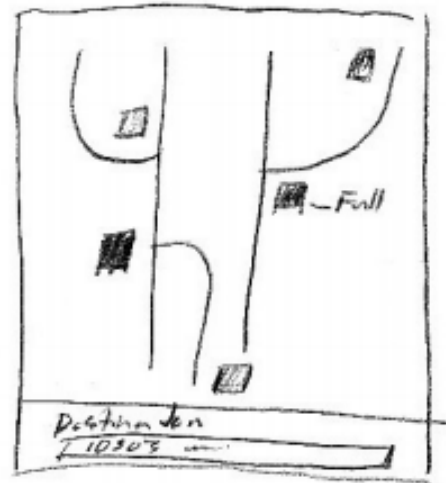


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Sketching

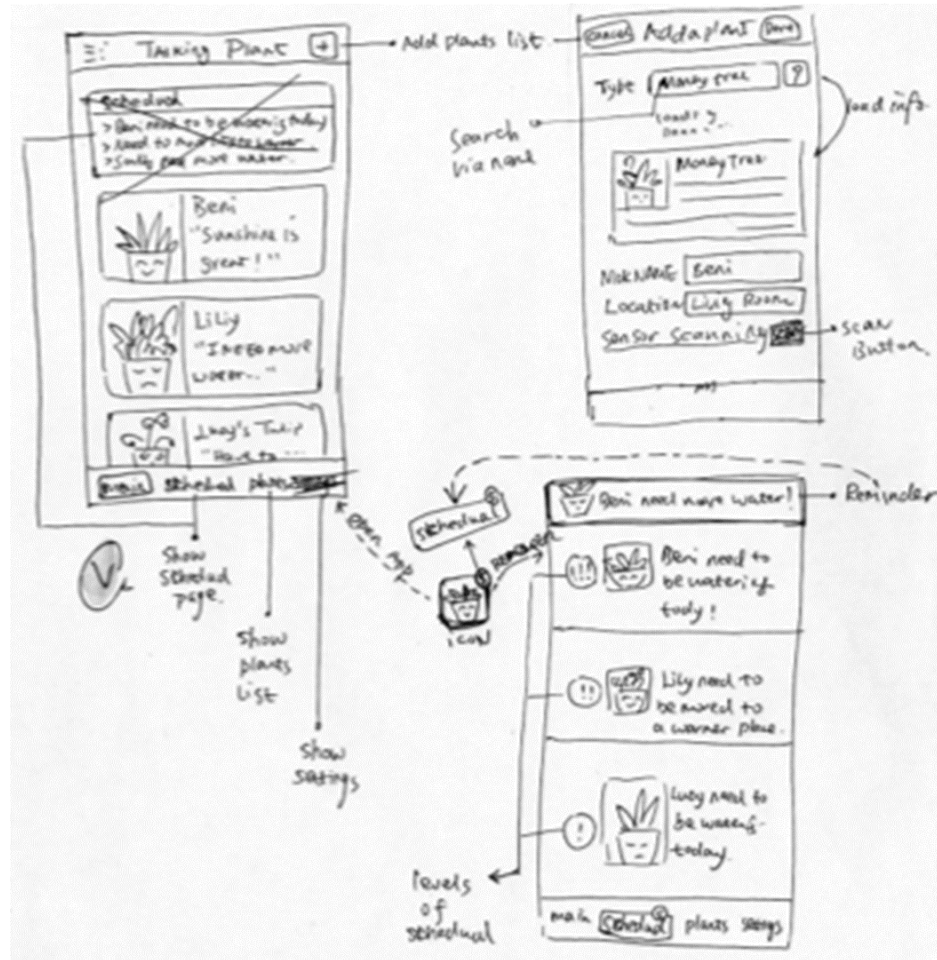


MAP SHOWING PARKING
AVAILABILITY BASED ON INPUTTED
DATA, INPUTTED ON MAP



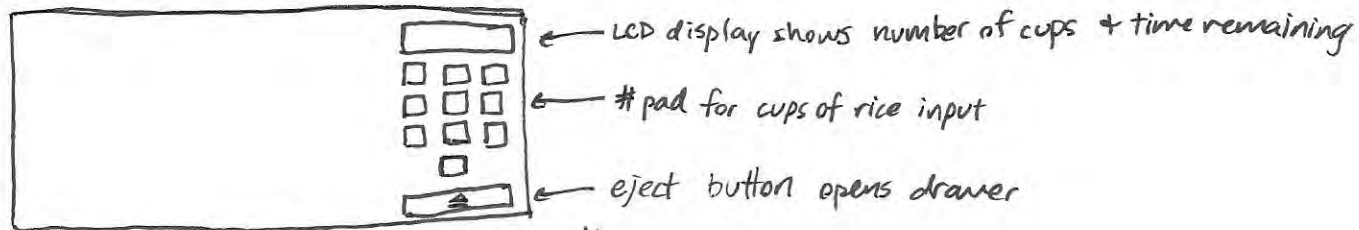
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Sketching

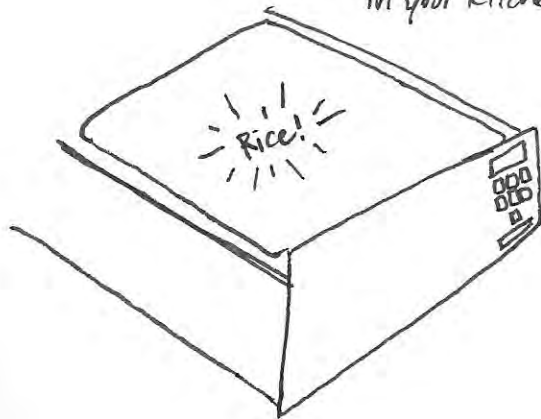


Sketching

UBIQUITOUS RICE COOKER



"Just another drawer"
in your kitchen

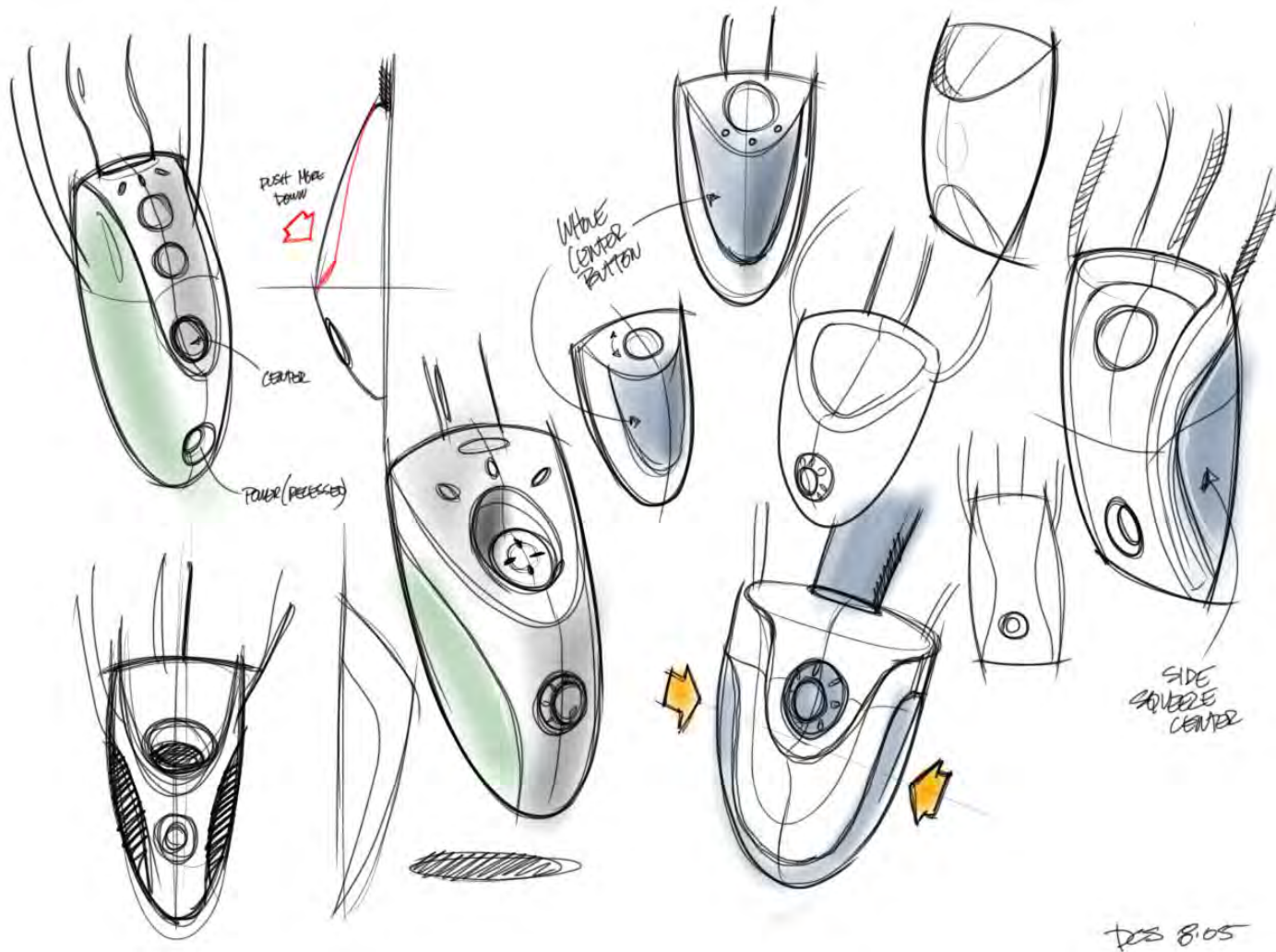


The uncooked rice is stored in a hidden reservoir.
Water is acquired through a hose attached to
your water source (similar to an espresso machine).

Sketching

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

Quintessential Activity of Design



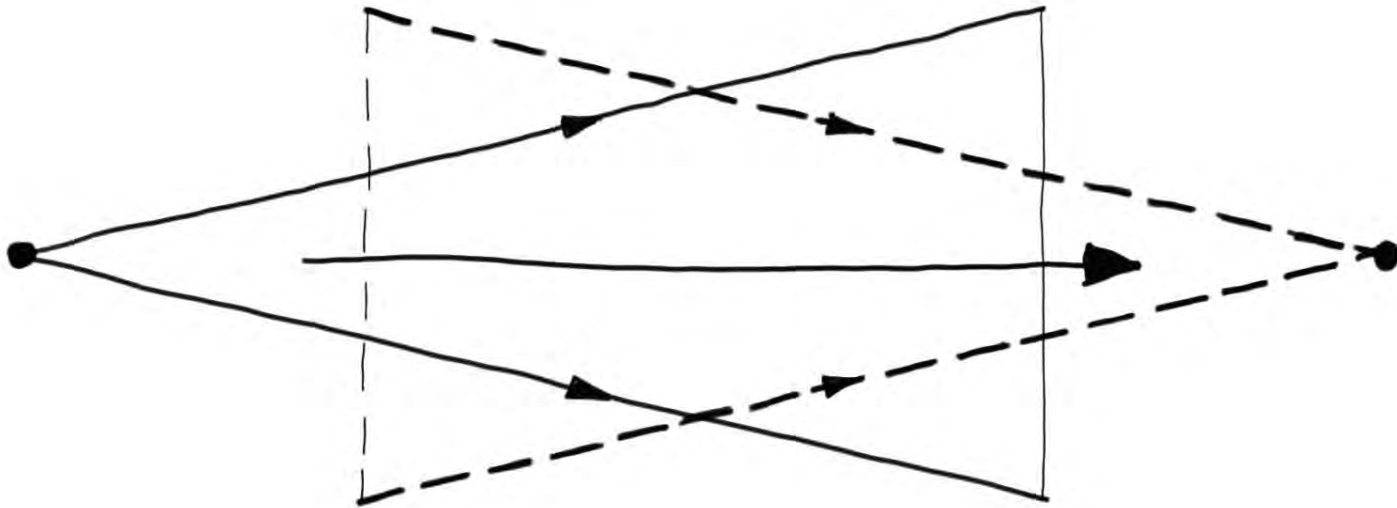
Design as Choice

Elaboration

palette of choices

Reduction

heuristics to choose



Design as Choice

Two openings for creativity

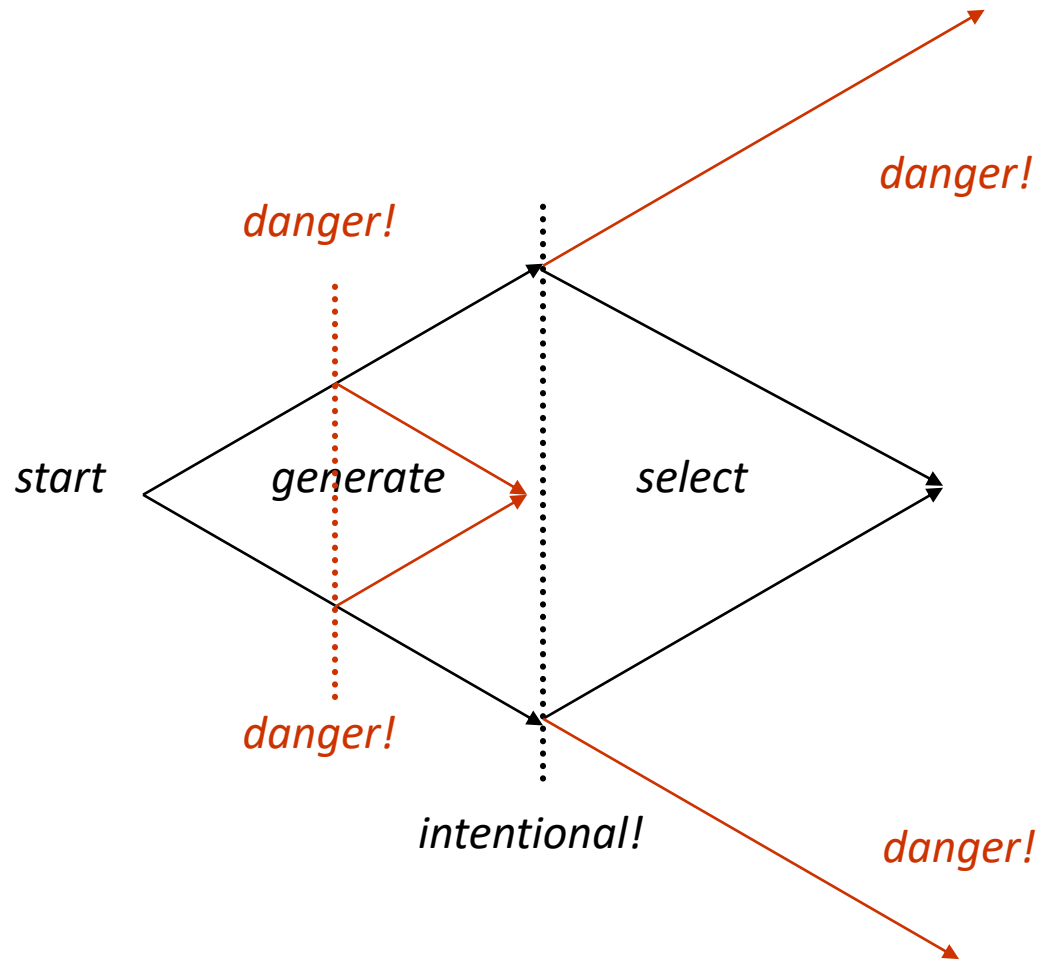
Palette of choices

Heuristics used to choose

Why is your design research so important?

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

The Design Diamond



Properties of Sketches

Quick

Timely

Inexpensive

Disposable

Plentiful

Clear Vocabulary

Distinct Gesture

Minimal Detail

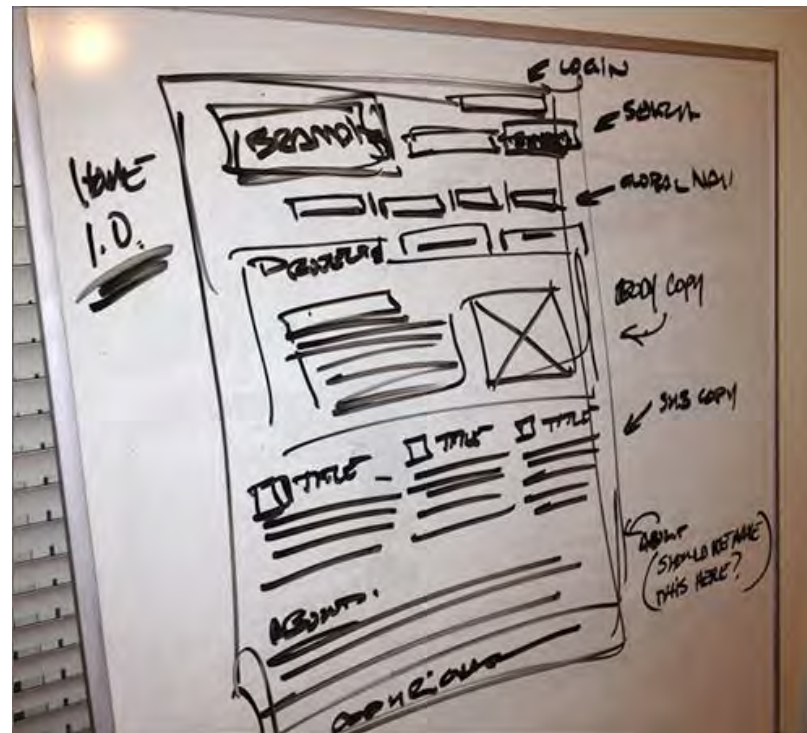
Appropriate Refinement

Suggest and Explore

Ambiguous

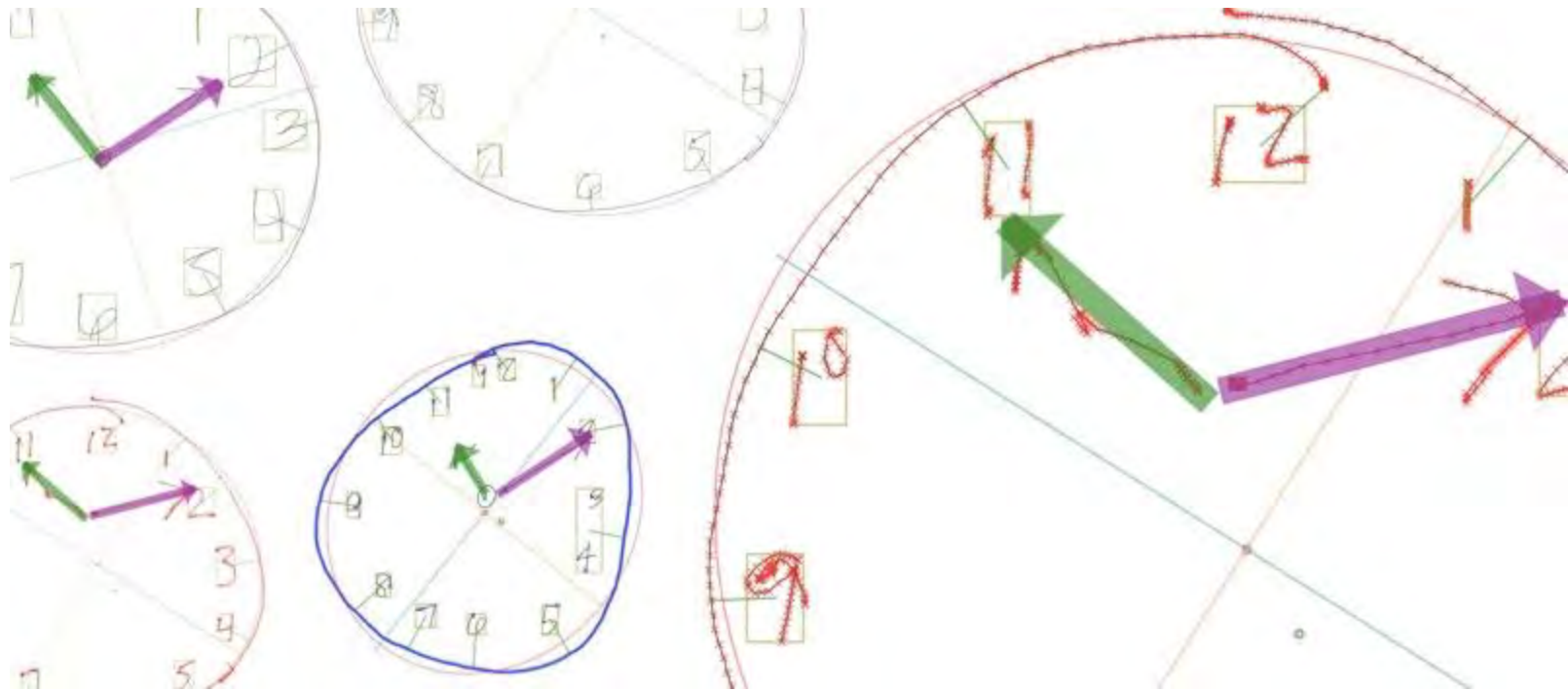
Quick

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



Timely

A sketch can be provided when needed



Inexpensive

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



Disposable

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

Investment is in the process,
not the physical sketch

But they are not "worthless"



Plentiful

Sketches do not
exist in isolation

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

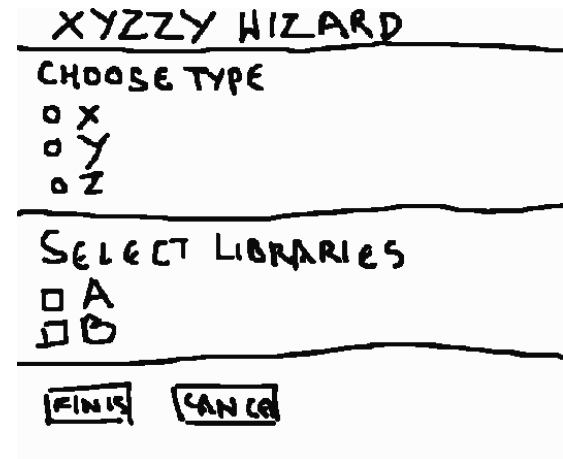


Clear Vocabulary

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

Could be how a line extends through endpoints

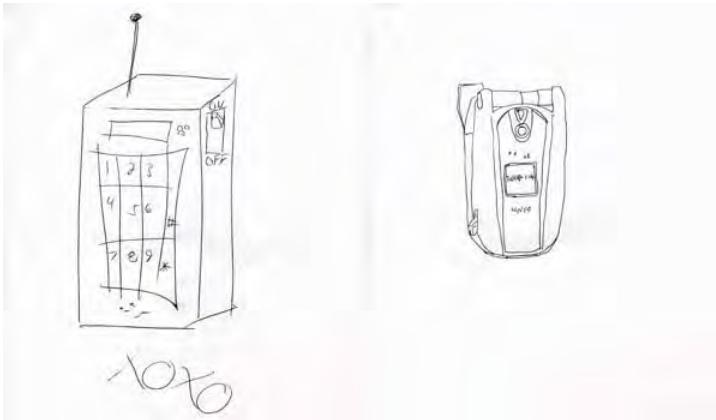
Physical sketches have their own vocabulary



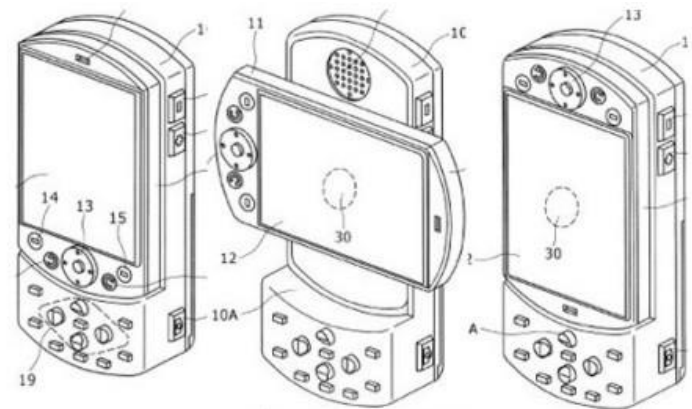
Distinct Gesture

Fluidity of sketches gives them
a sense of openness and freedom

Opposite of engineering drawing,
which is tight and precise

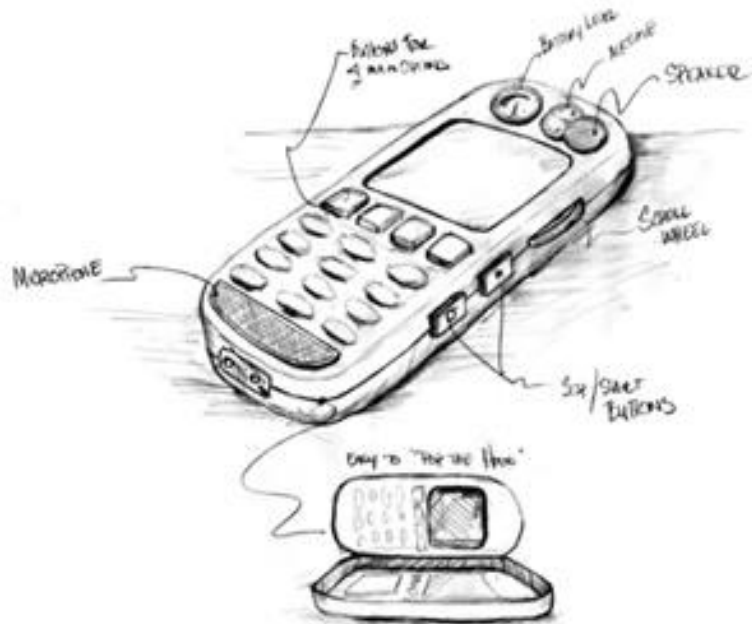


vs.



Minimal Detail

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



Create JSP for this page

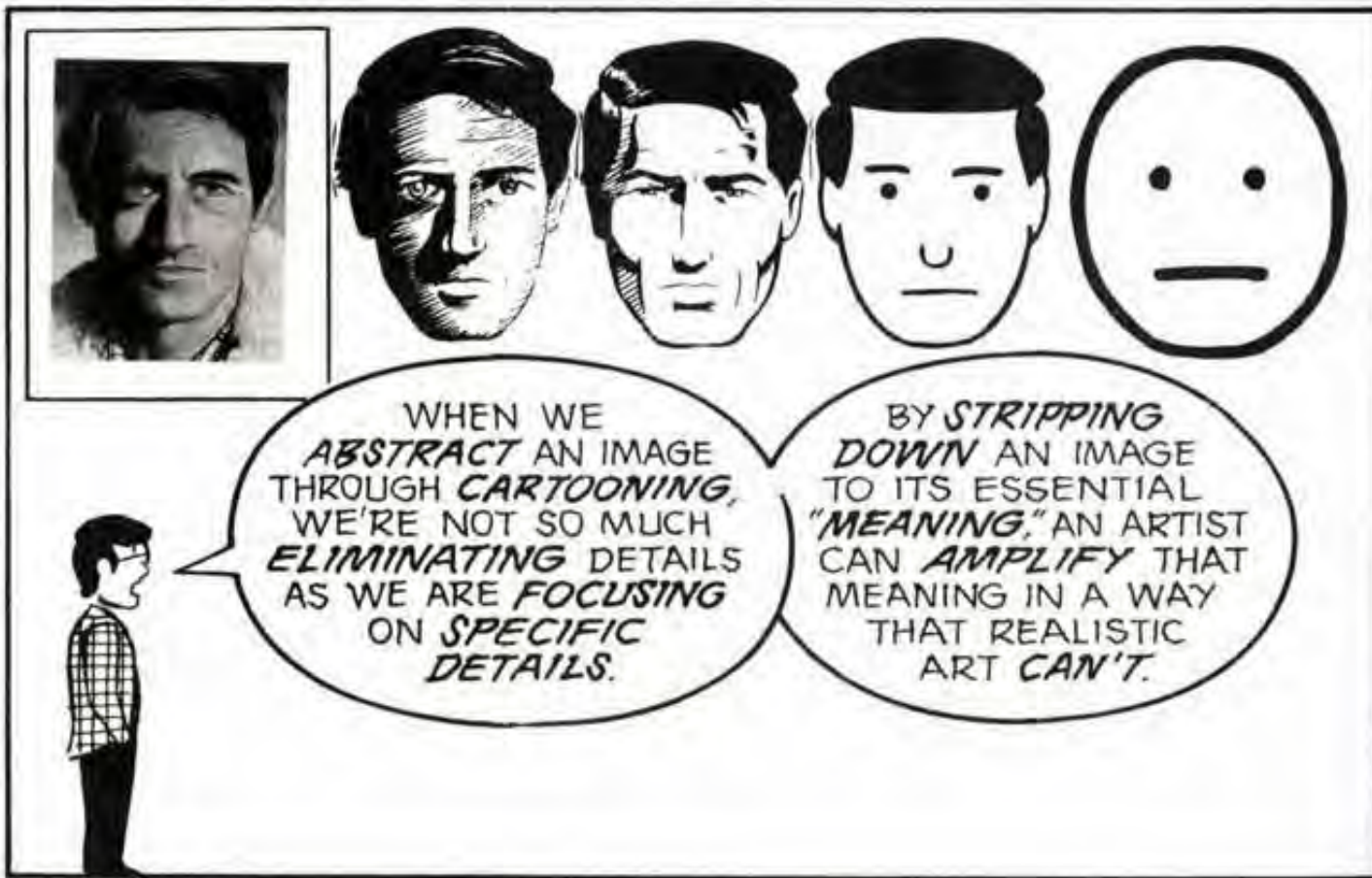
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Minimal Detail

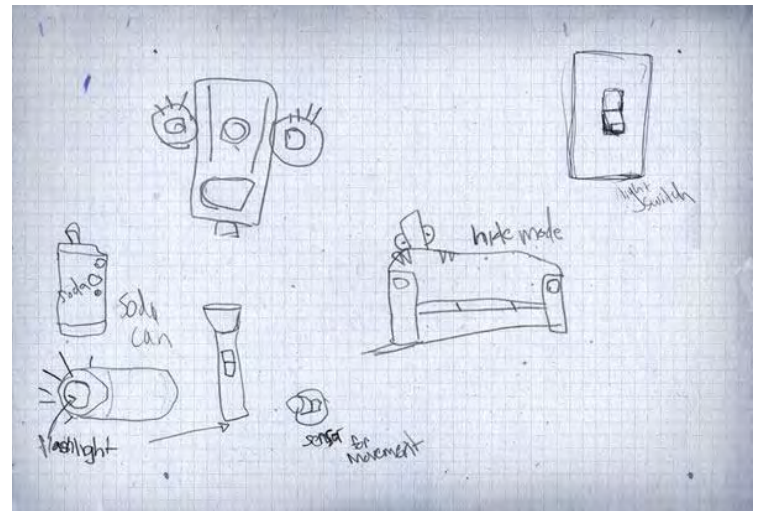


Appropriate Degree of Refinement

Make the sketch as refined as the idea

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

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



Suggest and Explore Rather than Confirm

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



Ambiguity

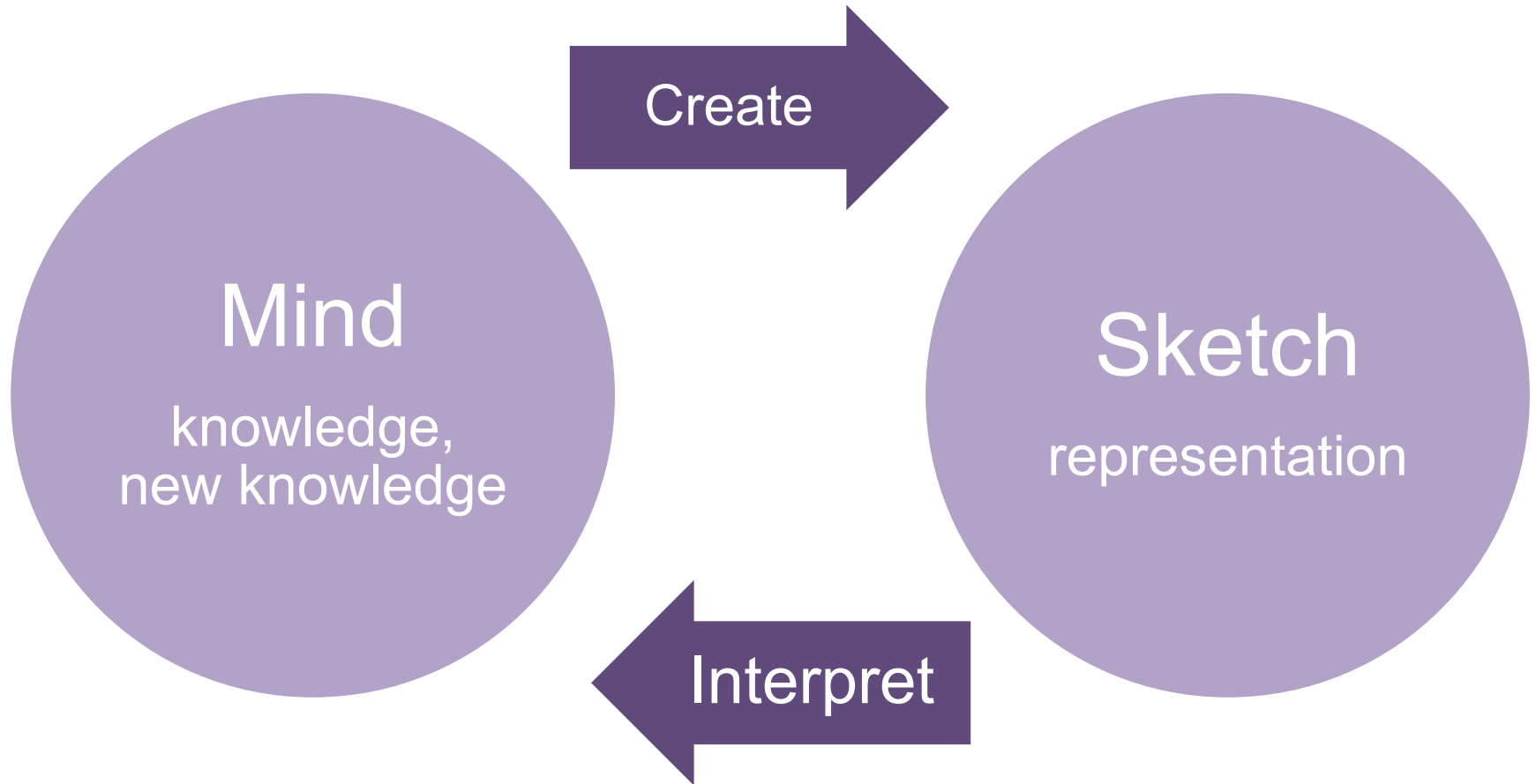
Intentionally ambiguous

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

Sketches have holes



Sketching as Conversation



Requires
ambiguity

Sketch vs. Prototype

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

The primary differences are in the intent

ABC News and IDEO's Deep Dive



Sketching the Mouse



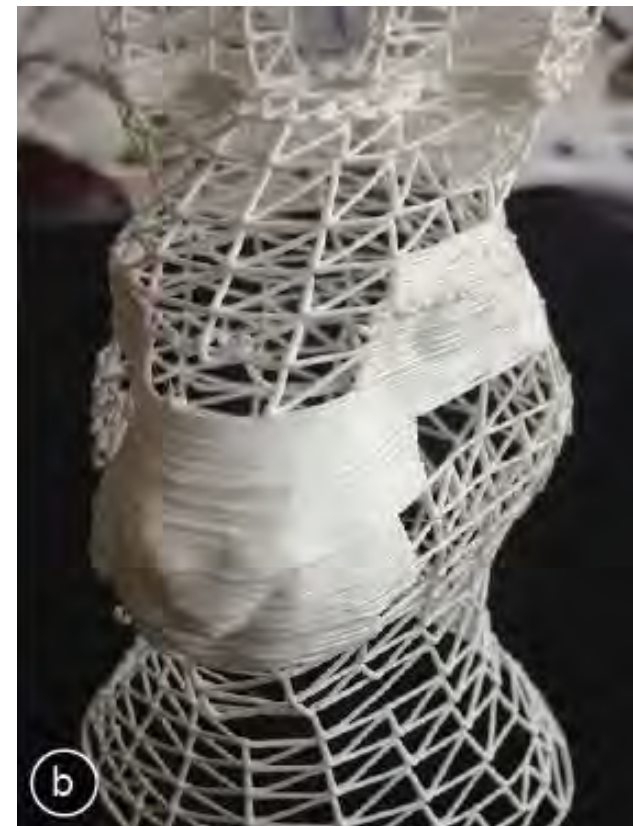
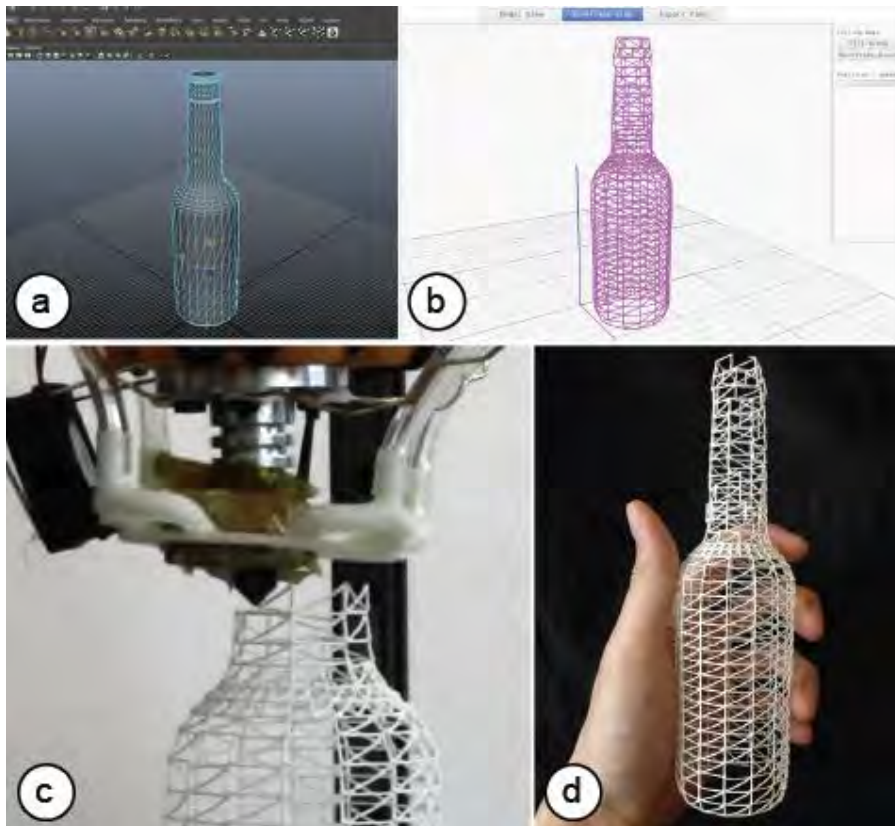
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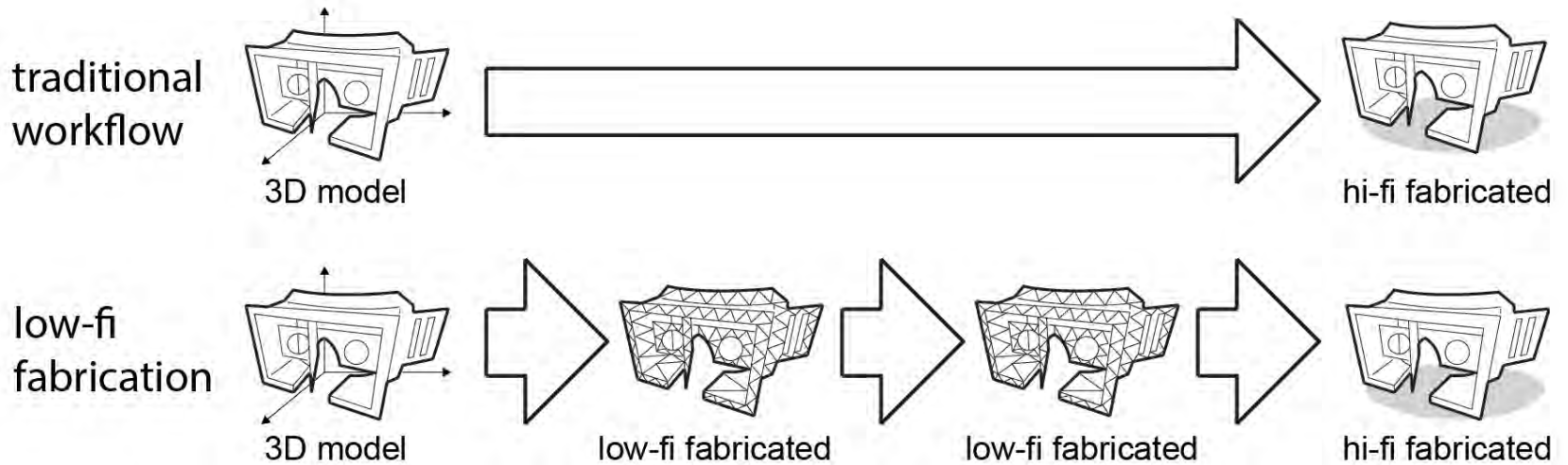
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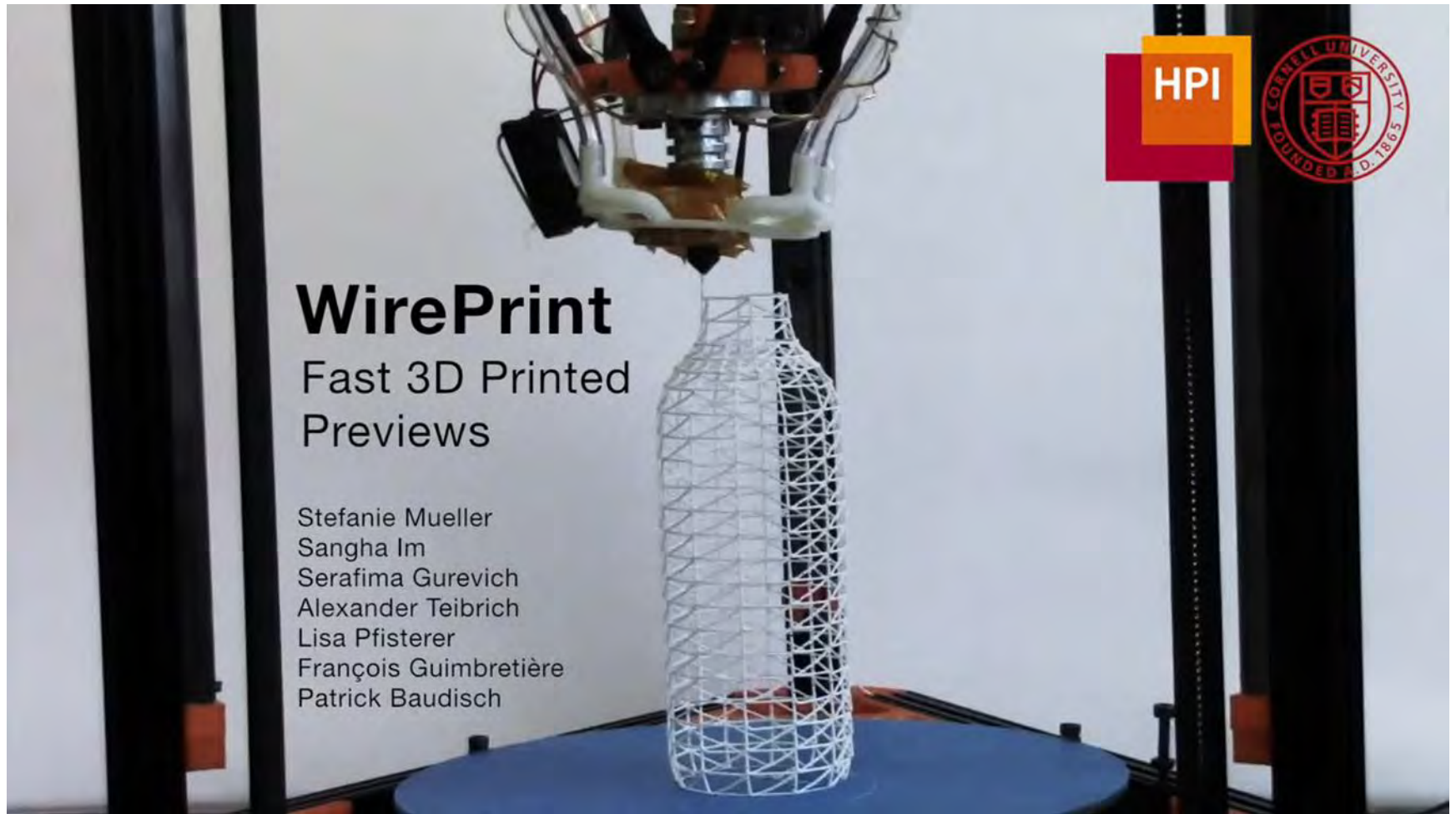
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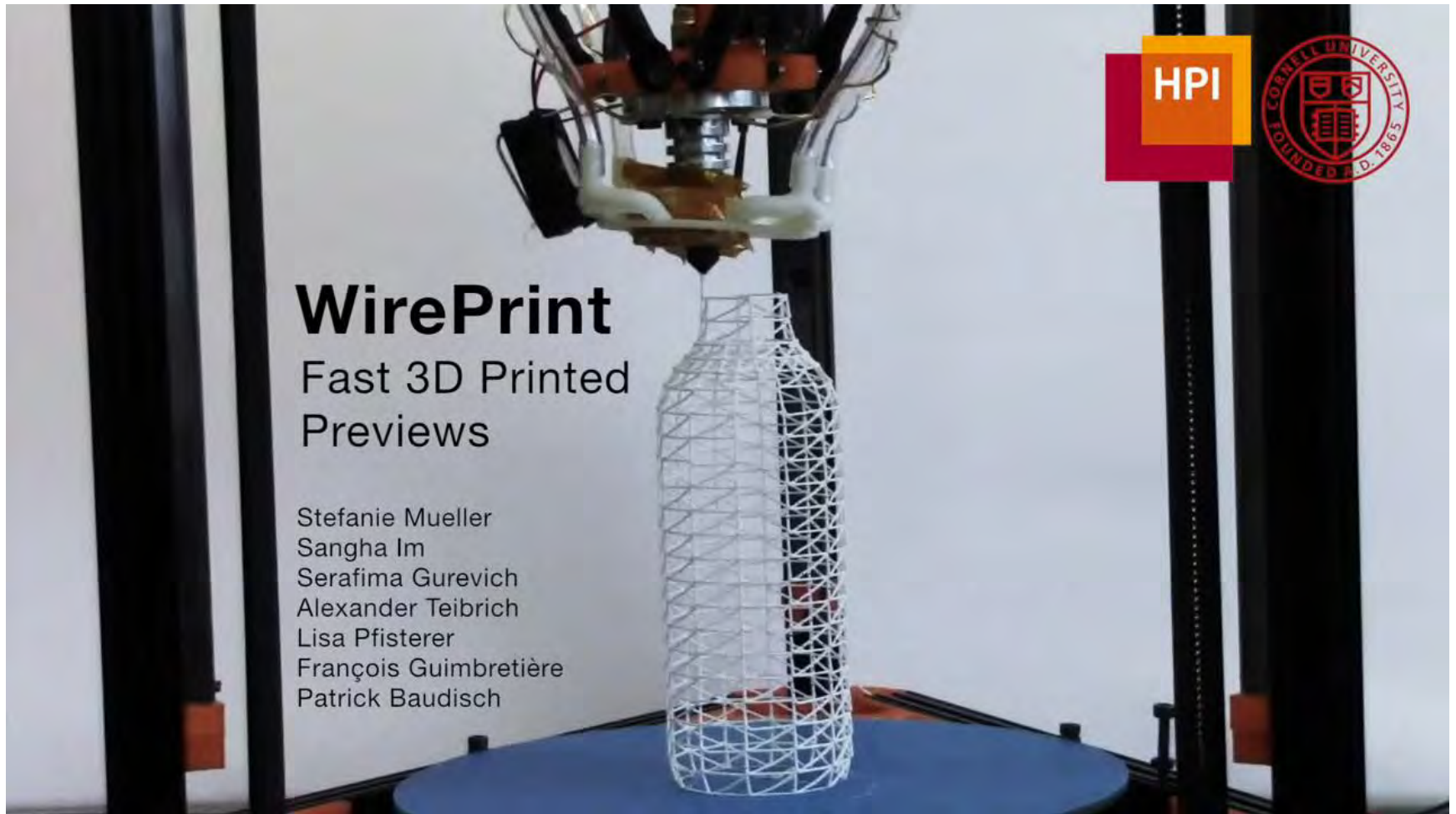
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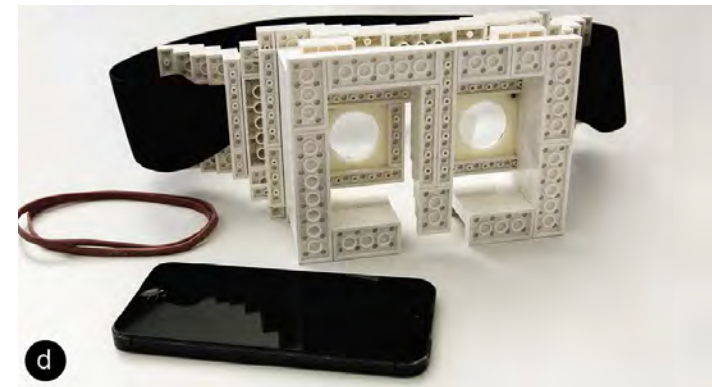
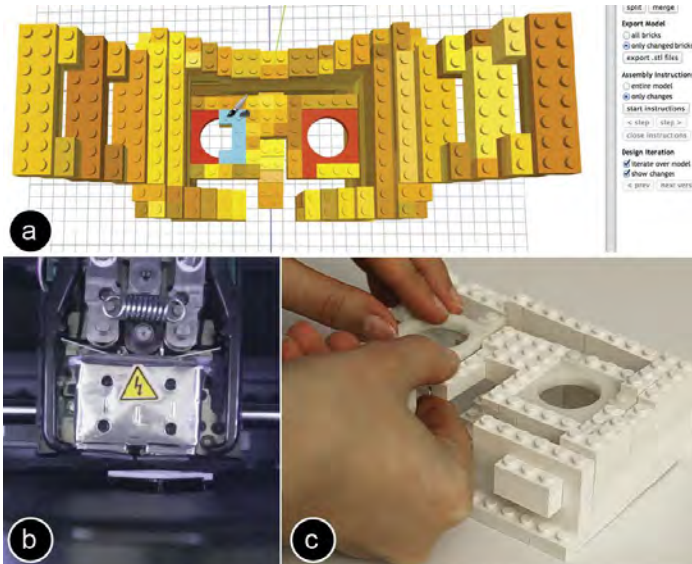
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Physical Sketching



faBrickation (2014)



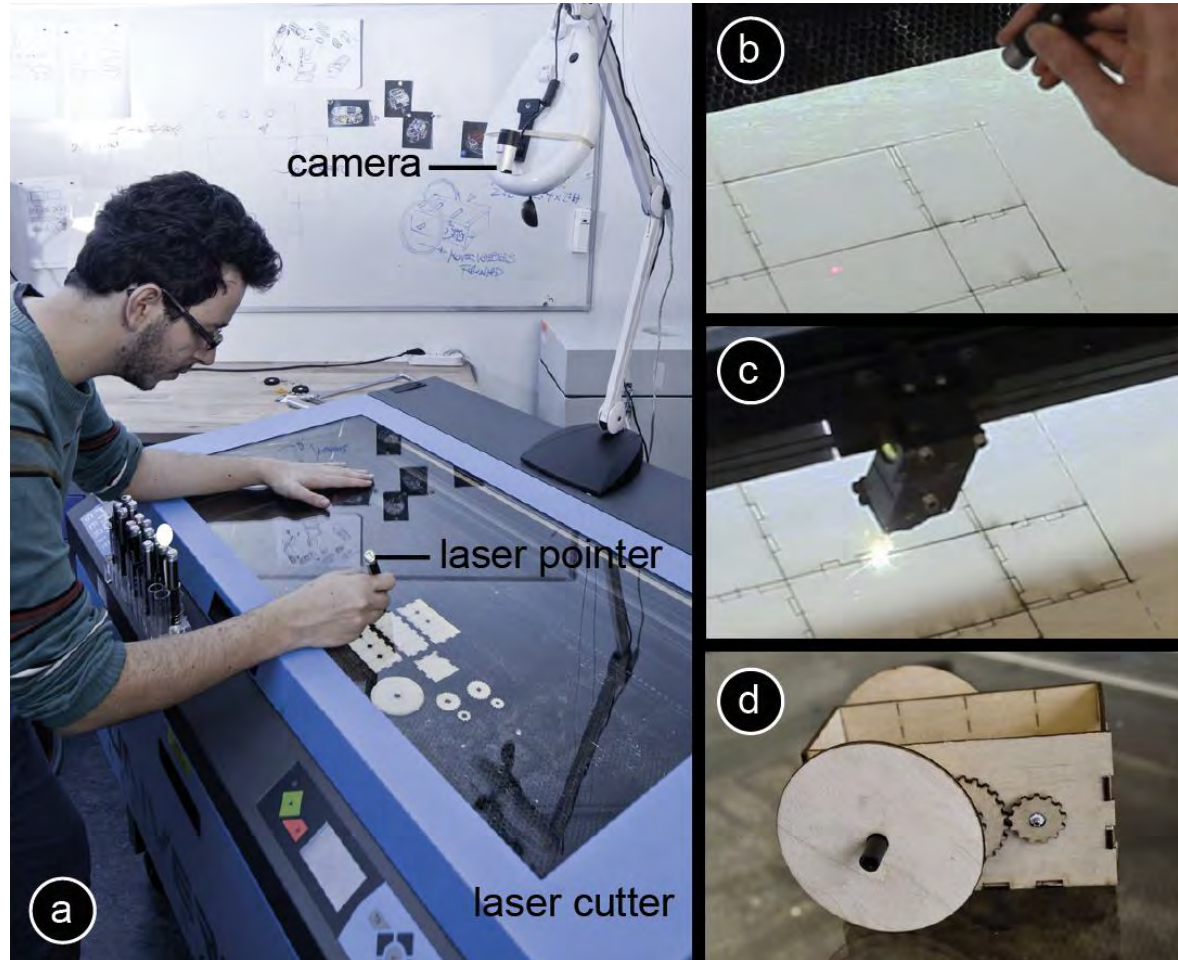
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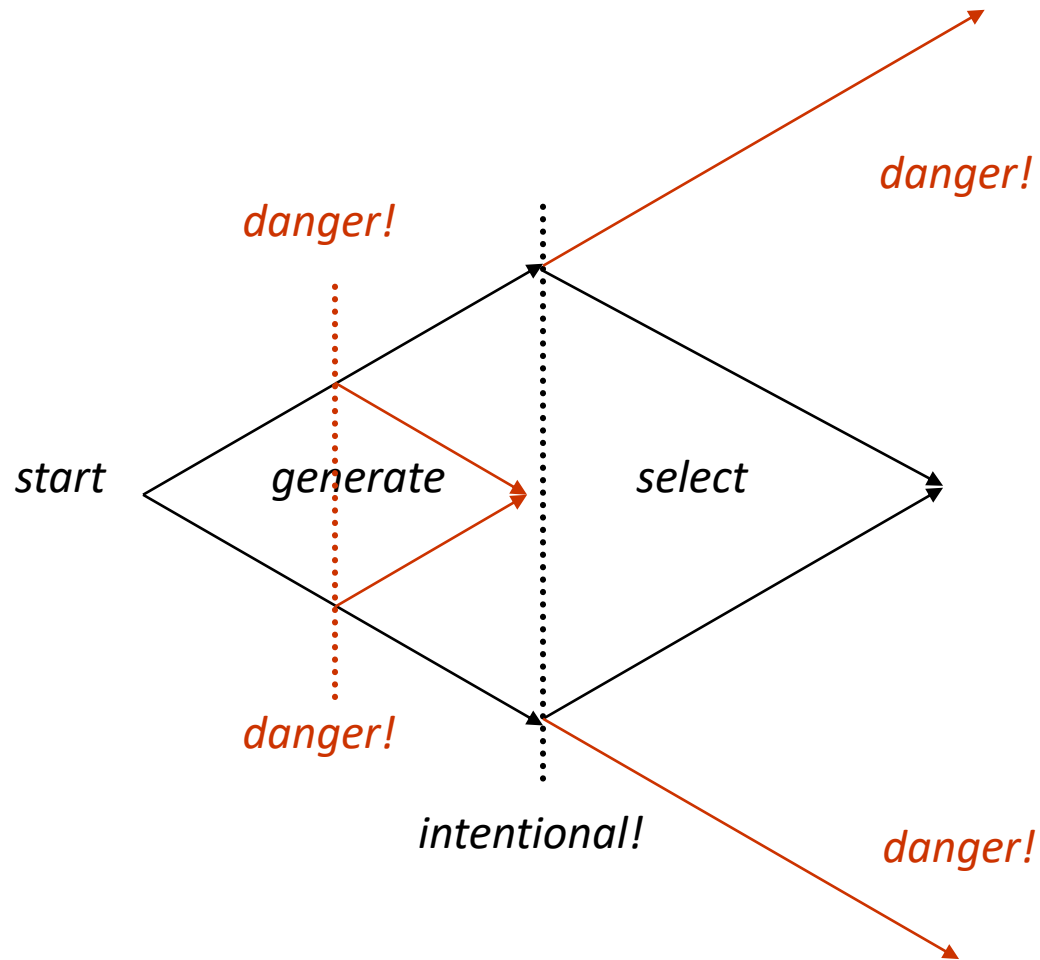
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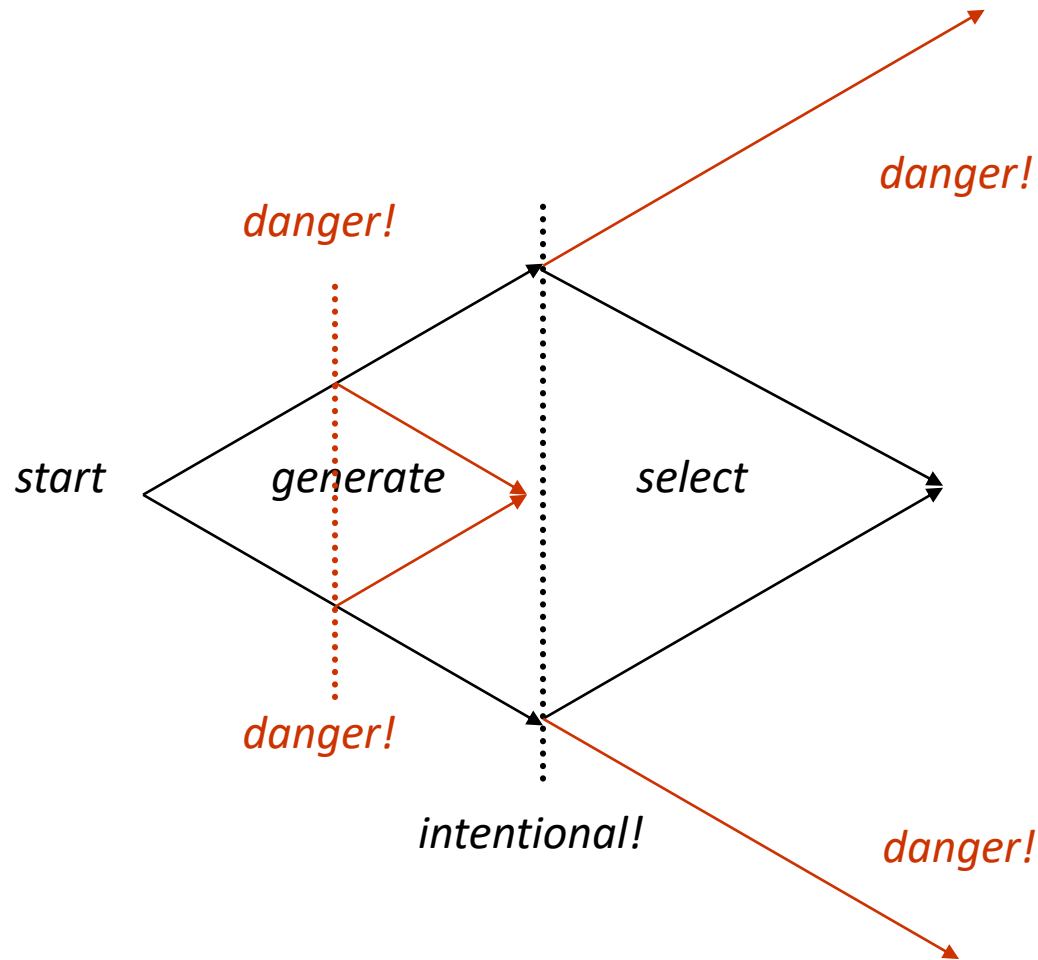
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The Design Diamond



Idea Oscillation



Critiquing Sketches is Important

Ideas are both good and bad

Both are useful in design

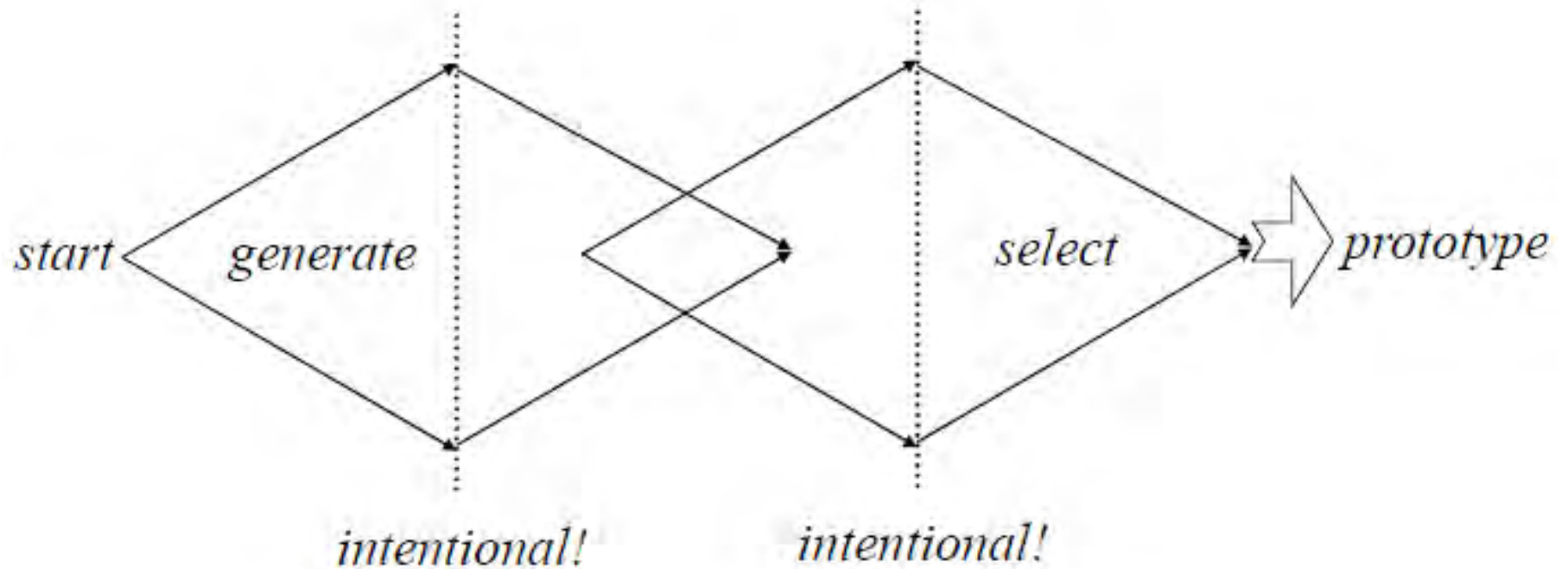
By making clear what is a bad design,
we can avoid actually implementing it

Bad ideas help you justify your good ideas

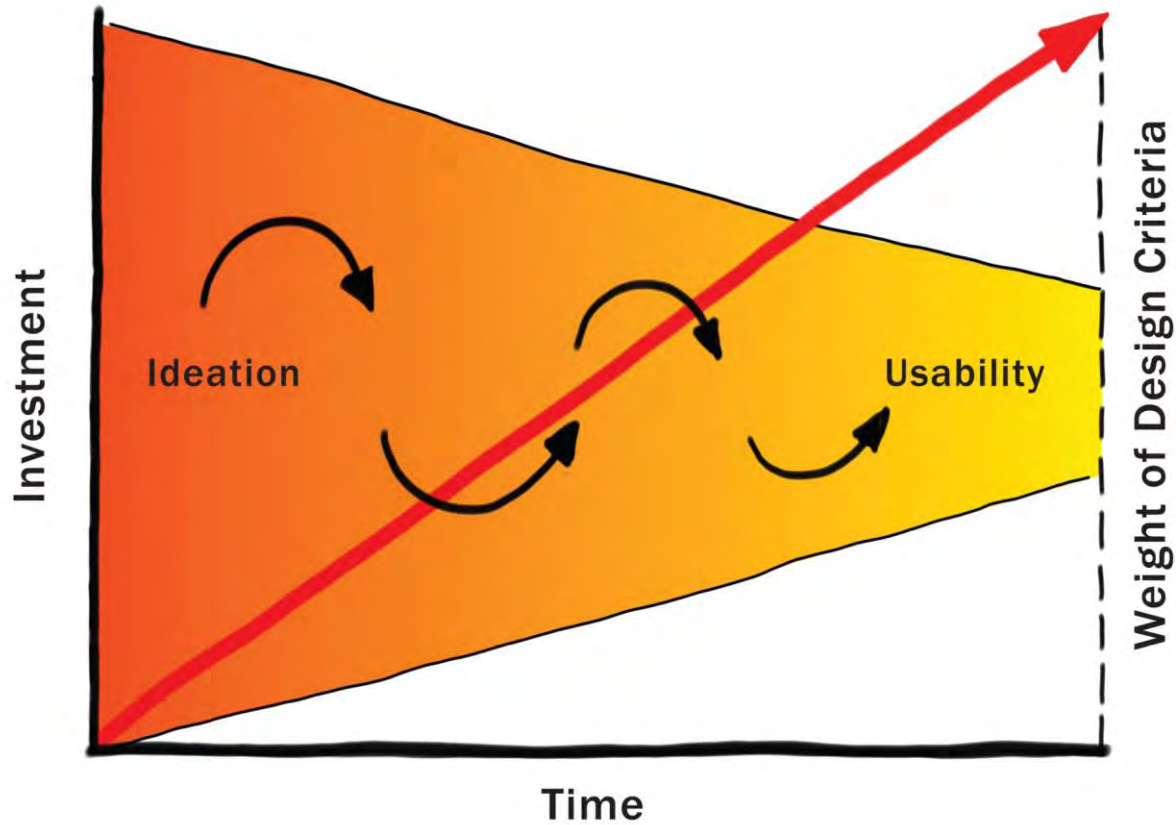
Feedback can turn a good idea into a great idea

Sketching generates too many ideas to implement

Idea Oscillation

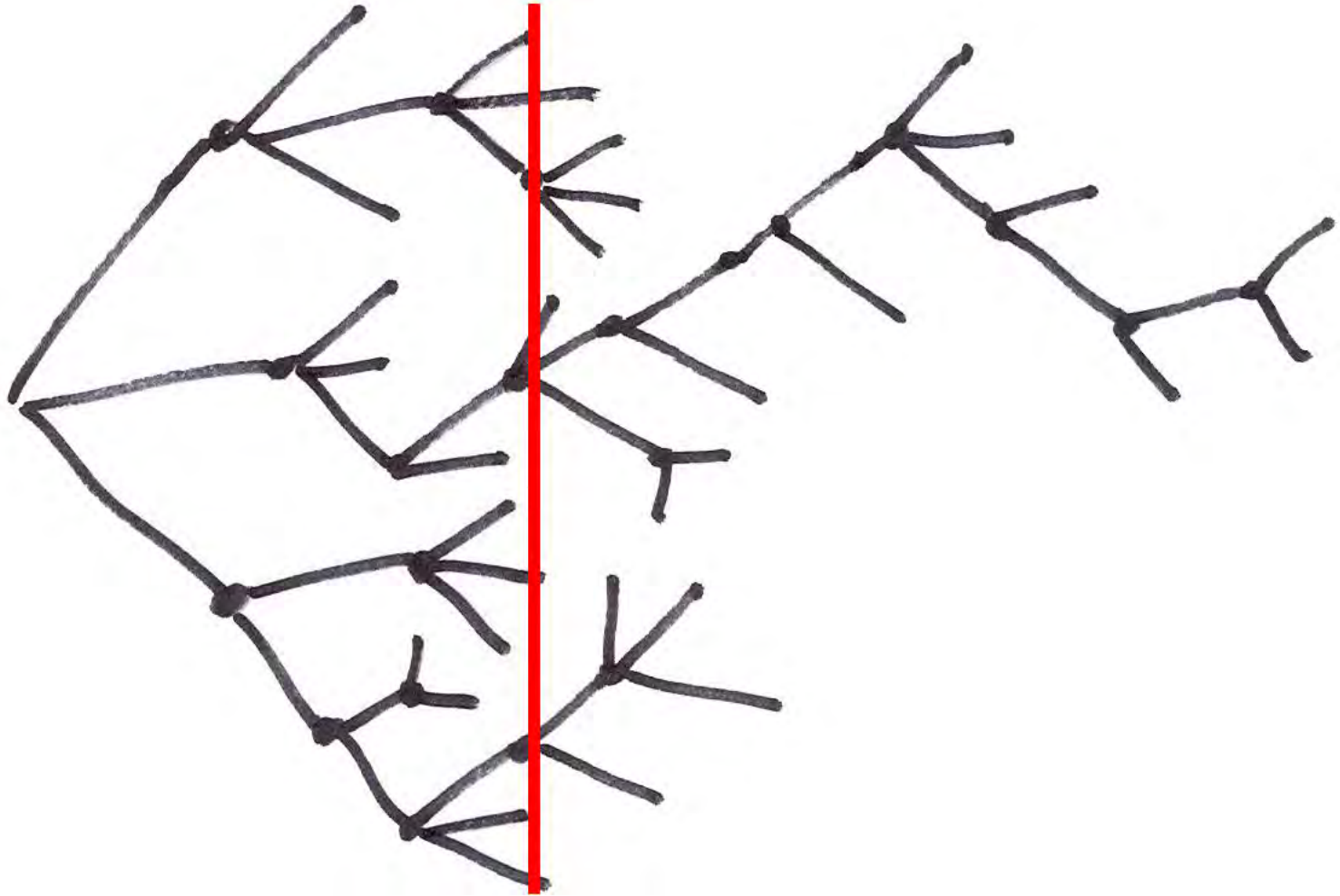


Iteration Toward a Design

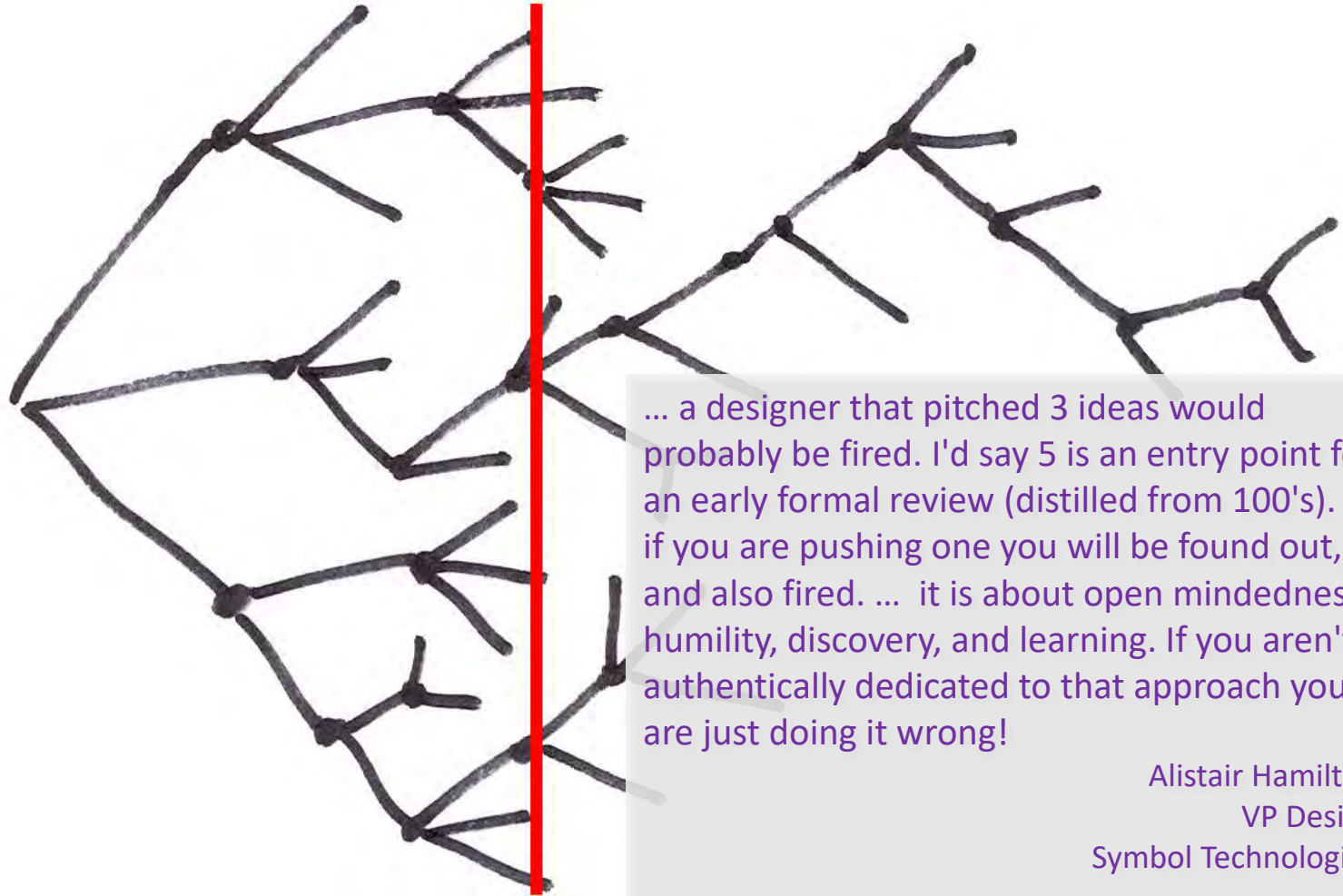


- Sketch
- Prototype

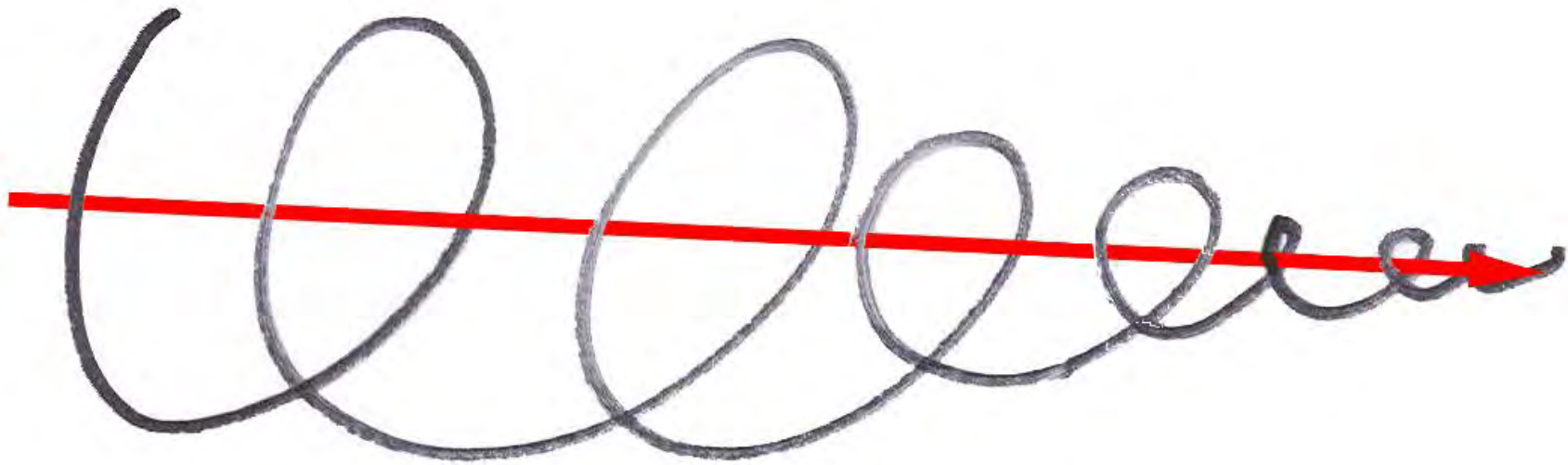
Exploration of Alternatives



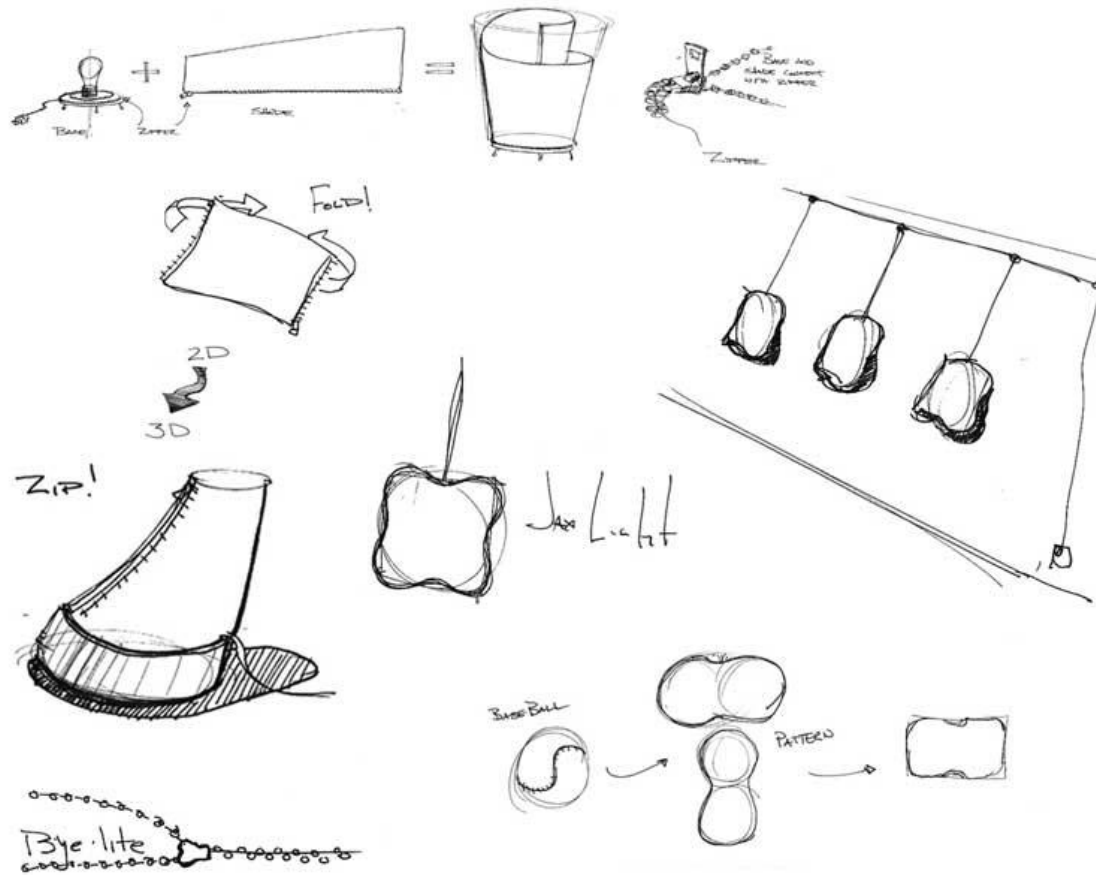
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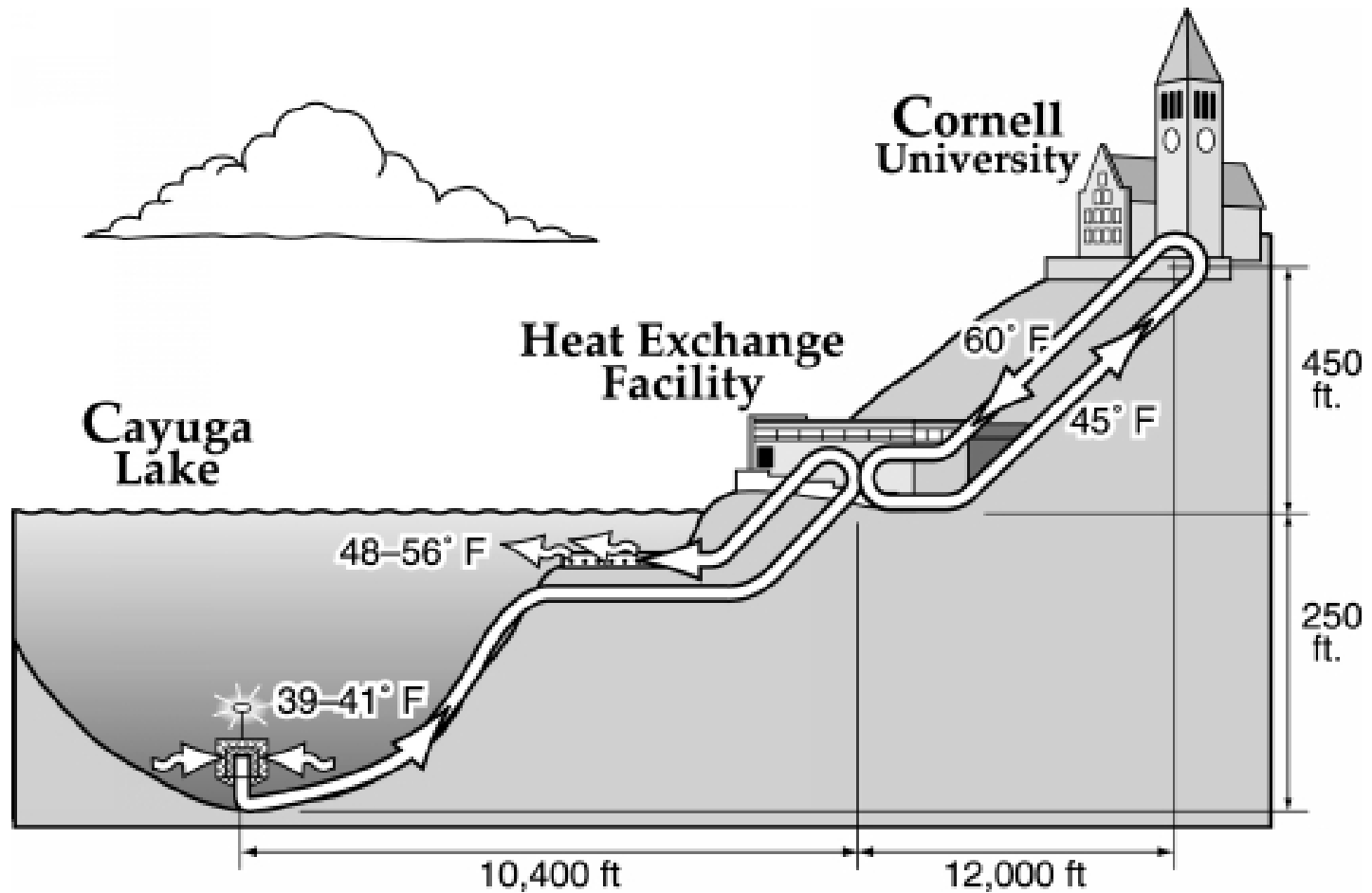
The Converging Path



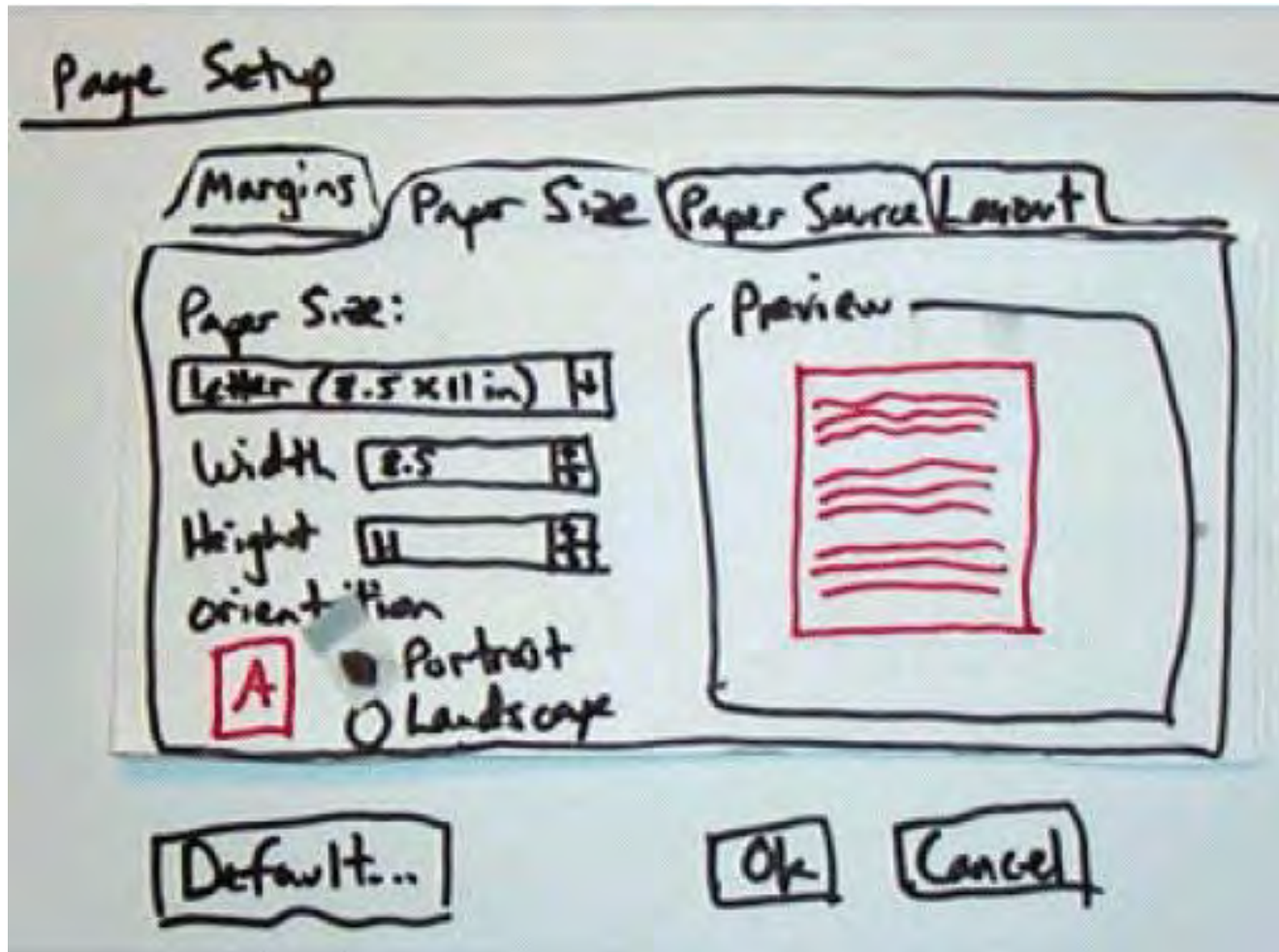
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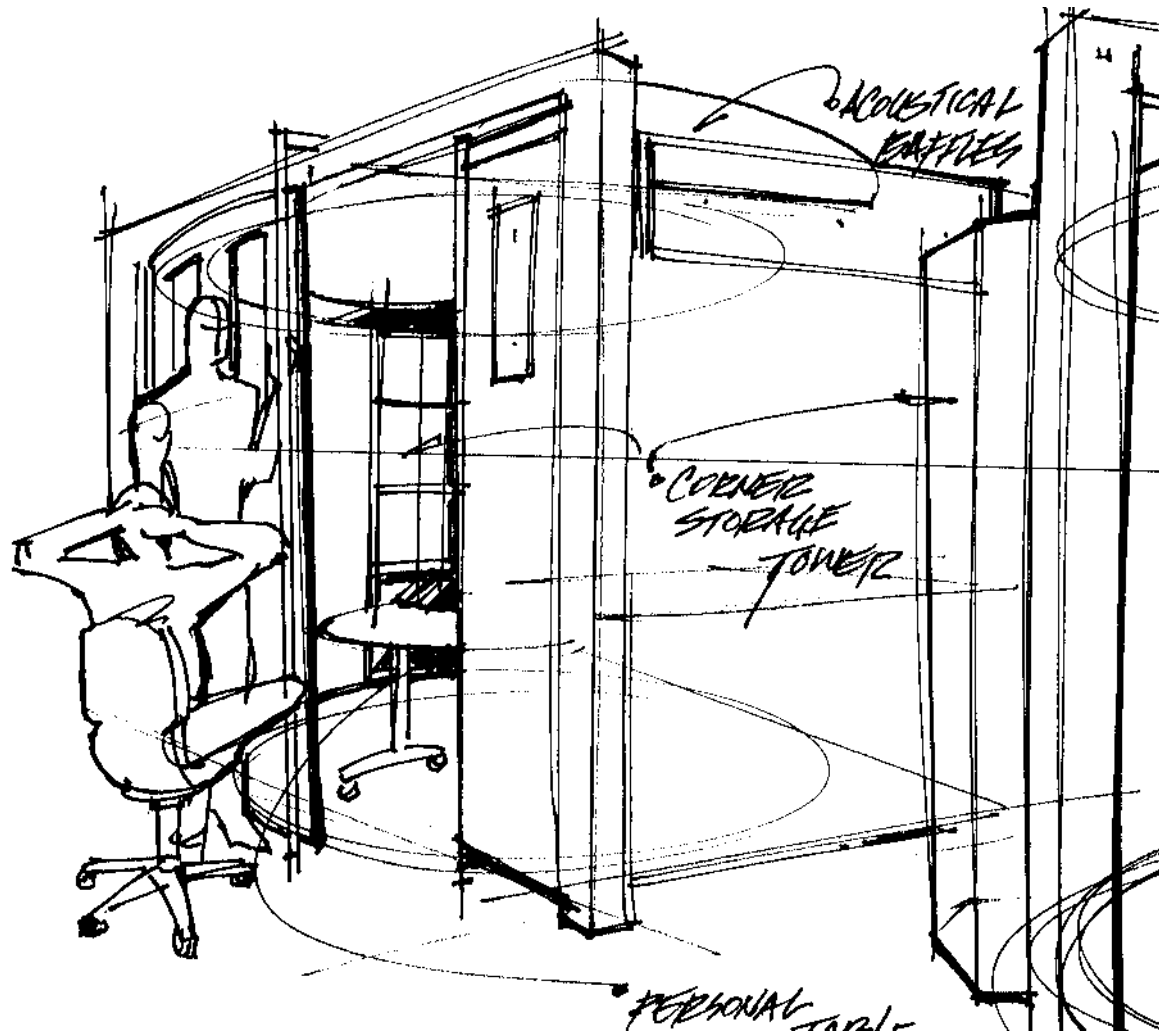
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Is this a sketch? Why or why not?



Some Evidence

Task:

Create a web banner ad for Ambidextrous magazine.



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about us

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

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

Google™ Custom Search

A note to our community

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

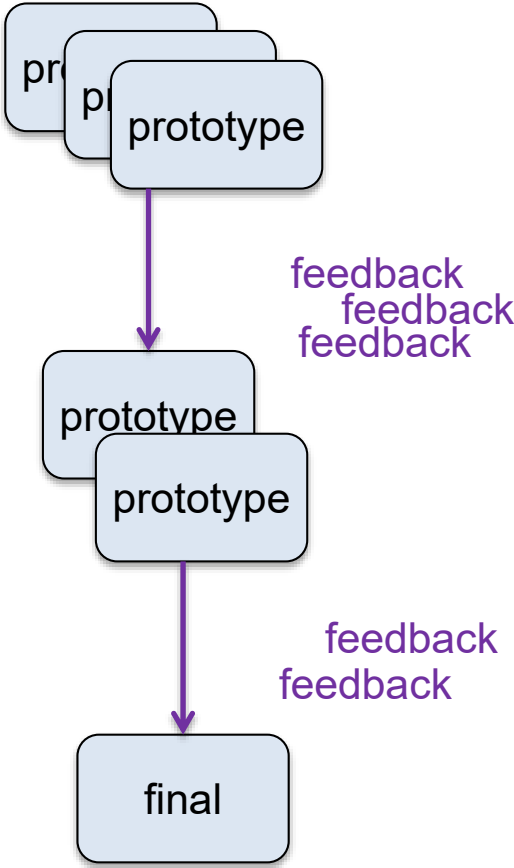
Since 2005, we've done our best to help designers share their stories and to build a movement around that. The process of making *Ambidextrous* has been so rewarding for us to take part in, and the best part has always been the people, our contributors and our subscribers. We would like to thank you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

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

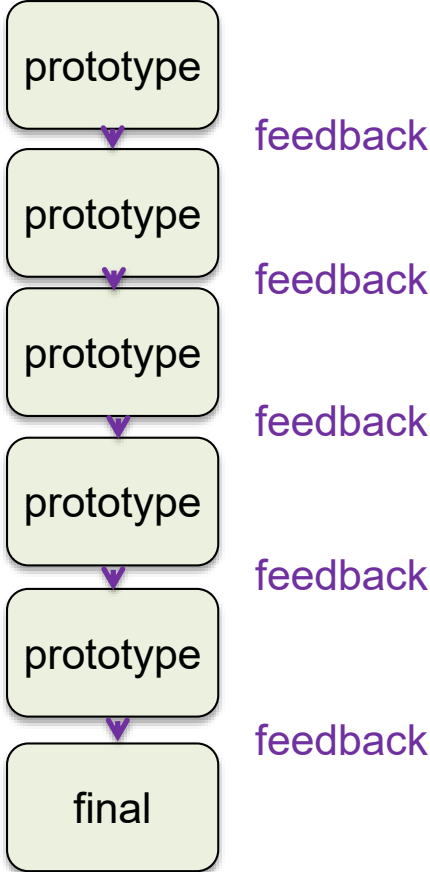
Until then,

—Wendy Ju & the Ambidextrous Editorial team

Feedback in Parallel or Serial



Parallel condition



Serial condition

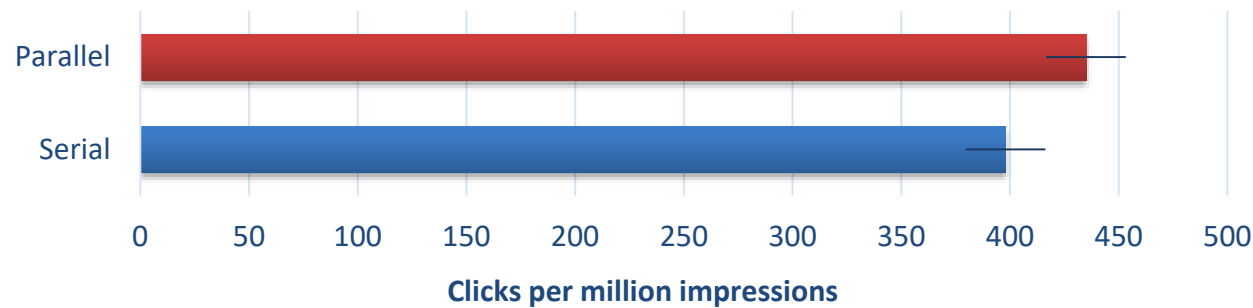
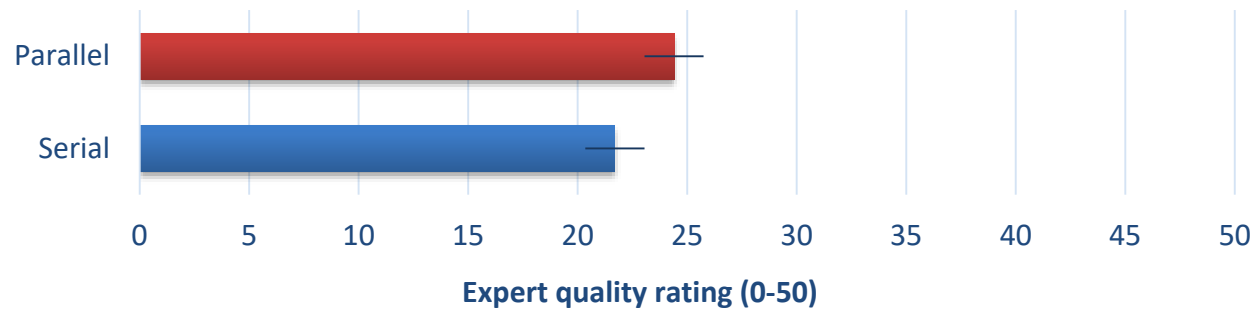
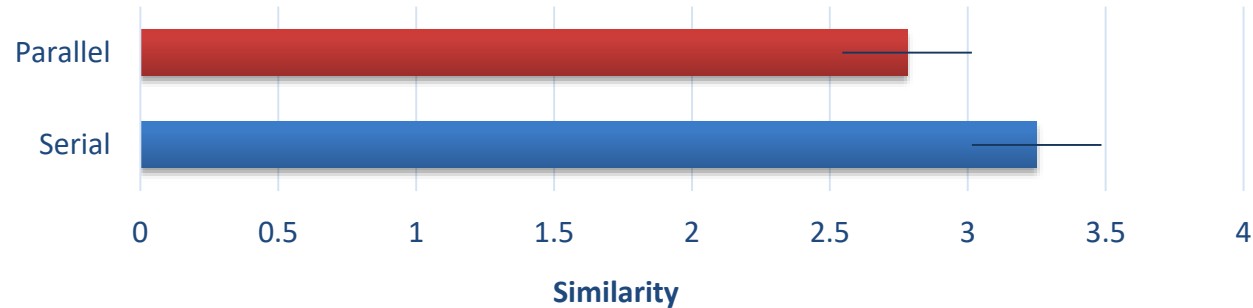
Procedure

serial
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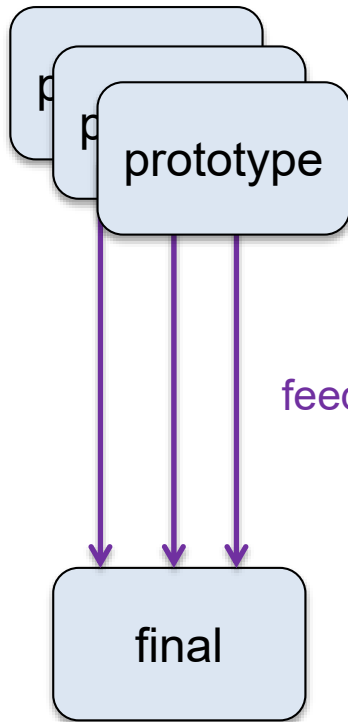
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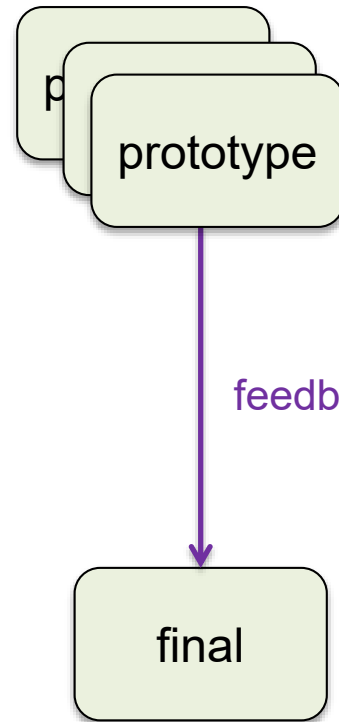
Parallel: more diverse, better, more clicks



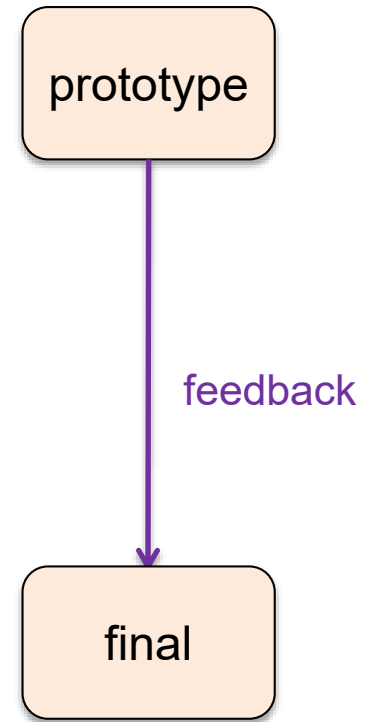
Share one or share your best?



Share multiple
condition

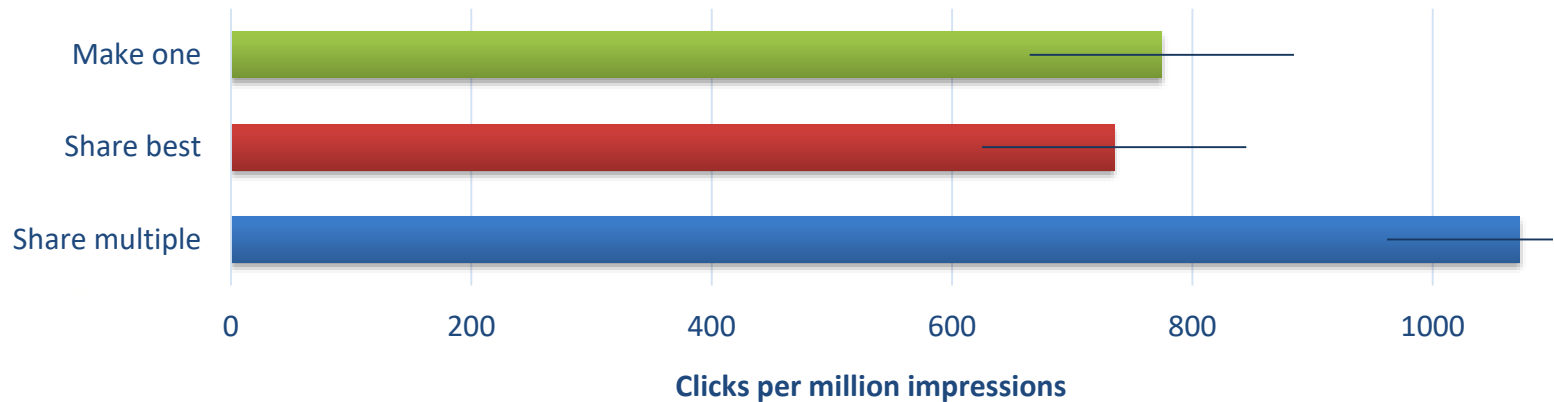
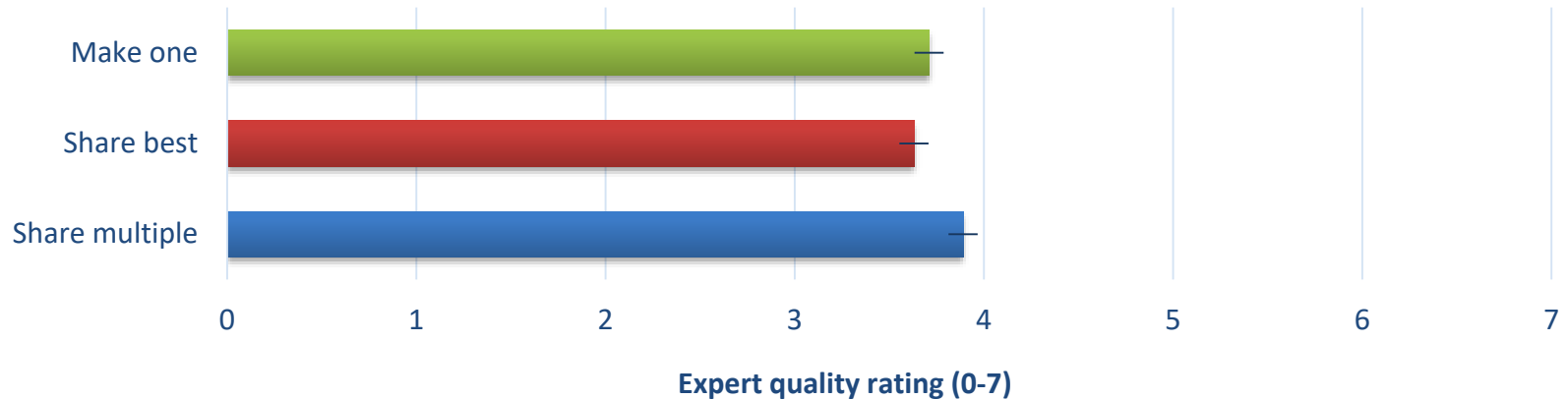


Share best
condition



Make one
condition

Share Multiple: better, more clicks



Some Evidence

Greater divergence in designs

- Prevents sticking with the first idea

- Allows mashing ideas together

Alternatives facilitate feedback

- Enable comparison

- Can improve tone of critique

Sketching and the Design Diamond

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

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

Here it matters what you do long before the end

Most ideas get thrown out, including yours

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

CSE 440: Introduction to HCI

User Interface Design, Prototyping, and Evaluation

Lecture 05:
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Tuesday / Thursday

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CSE 440: Introduction to HCI

User Interface Design, Prototyping, and Evaluation

Lecture 06:
Critique and
Task Analysis

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Learning to Give and Receive Critique

You will learn to both give and receive critique

Each is important

Each is a skill developed through practice

Many activities will consist of group critiques

Each group will present an artifact

Other class members and staff will offer critique

Starting tomorrow with critique of

Assignment 2c: Design Research Check-In

Why Critique?

Critique helps evaluate early, often, and cheaply

Applicable to artifacts of many types

Compare to other expert inspection methods

You are not your own worst critic

We collectively know more than any one of us

It is hard to see past your own decisions

Design requires getting past our own infatuation

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

Why Critique?

Critique is not just for design

It applies to many artifacts and domains

Examples?

Why Critique?

Critique is not just for design

It applies to many artifacts and domains

Examples?

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

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

You may meet some of those people in this class

Critique is About Improvement



What is Critique?

Critique is a method for feedback

It is not just a list of complaints

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

Critique is Neither Criticism nor Design

Seriously, not just a list of complaints

Critics offer honest feedback

Both positive and negative

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

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

You must take notes for later review

Tips for Presenters

Critique can be hard, especially at first

Try to avoid being defensive

You are not your work, separate yourself

Remember the expertise you bring

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

Tips for Presenters

Taking advice is not giving up authorship

You still make the final decisions

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

Design your critique

What you show invites different forms of feedback

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

This course will guide you in a variety of forms

Tips for Presenters

Keep an eye out for design rationale

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

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

Exploit failure

A “failed” artifact should teach you about the design space, what won’t work, and why

The goal is to improve, this requires failure

Tips for Critics

There are many strategies for giving critique

Hamburger method

I like, I wish, what if

Socratic method

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

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

Tips for Critics: Hamburger Method

“Bun, meat, bun”

Bun:

Something fluffy and nice

Meat:

Criticism on how to improve

Bun:

Something fluffy and nice

Not a “shit sandwich”

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

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

I Like:

Lead with something nice

I Wish:

Some criticism, often leading from what you like

What If:

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

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

Tips for Critics: Socratic Method

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

Can be good if unsure what else to say

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

Not fundamentally negative, hard to get defensive

Tips for Critics

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

Critique is about the artifact, not the designer

A designer deserves honest feedback

Both positive and negative

Including clarity and rationale

Help with actionable suggestions

But it is not your design

Perhaps several possible ways of thinking

Summary

Fall out of love with the things you build

Let others help you see past the infatuation

Get feedback early, often, and cheaply

Focus on improvement

In brainstorming, we were not *criticizing*

In critique, we are not *defending*

You will learn to both give and receive critique

If you are having difficulty, please come talk to us



Design Research Reminders

You are not doing science

You seek design insight, not knowledge or truth

Do the best design work you can

May find that self-tracking is not the opportunity

We designed the project sequence, but be flexible

Capture and keep your raw work products

Dedicate a note keeper, record if possible

Our collection is minimal, but you will want them

Structure of Section and Critique

Focus on peer feedback and learning

Bring paper, keep the laptops put away

Bring your artifacts, be ready to present them

Critique progression

Reminder of your project

What you have done

What you have learned

about your project, about your method

Your plan going forward

Time for critique

Questions you have for the group



Developing Insight Is Hard

Design research yields a lot of data

Does not reduce to a statistical test

Need to get from data to design insight

But this is fundamentally difficult

Data

????

Insight



Affinity Diagrams

Generated during
group session

Each observation,
idea, note to a post-it

Notes are hierarchically
organized into themes,
based on project focus





Developing Models

Distilling models that summarize data

Highlights gaps in understanding

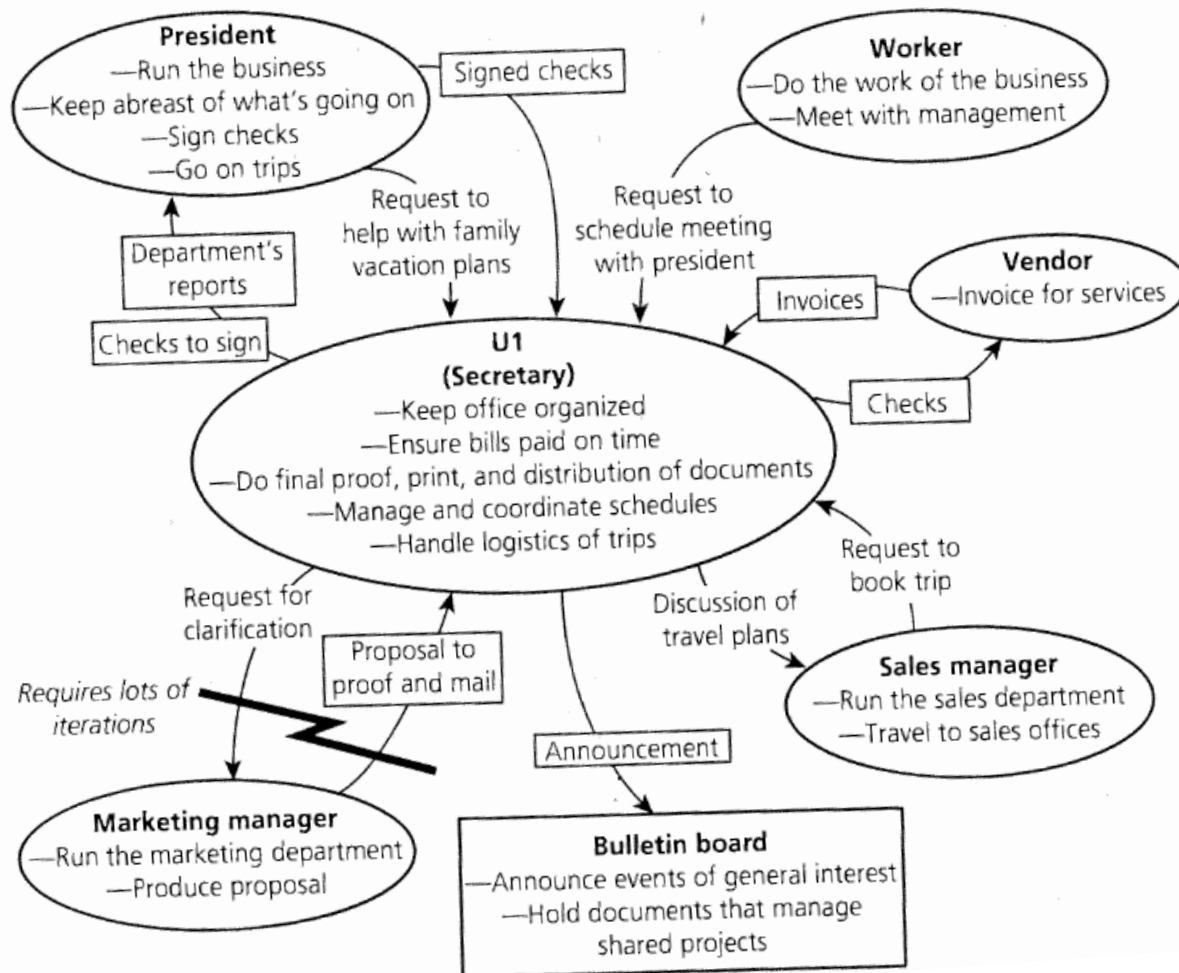
Identify breakdowns and workarounds

Many types of models

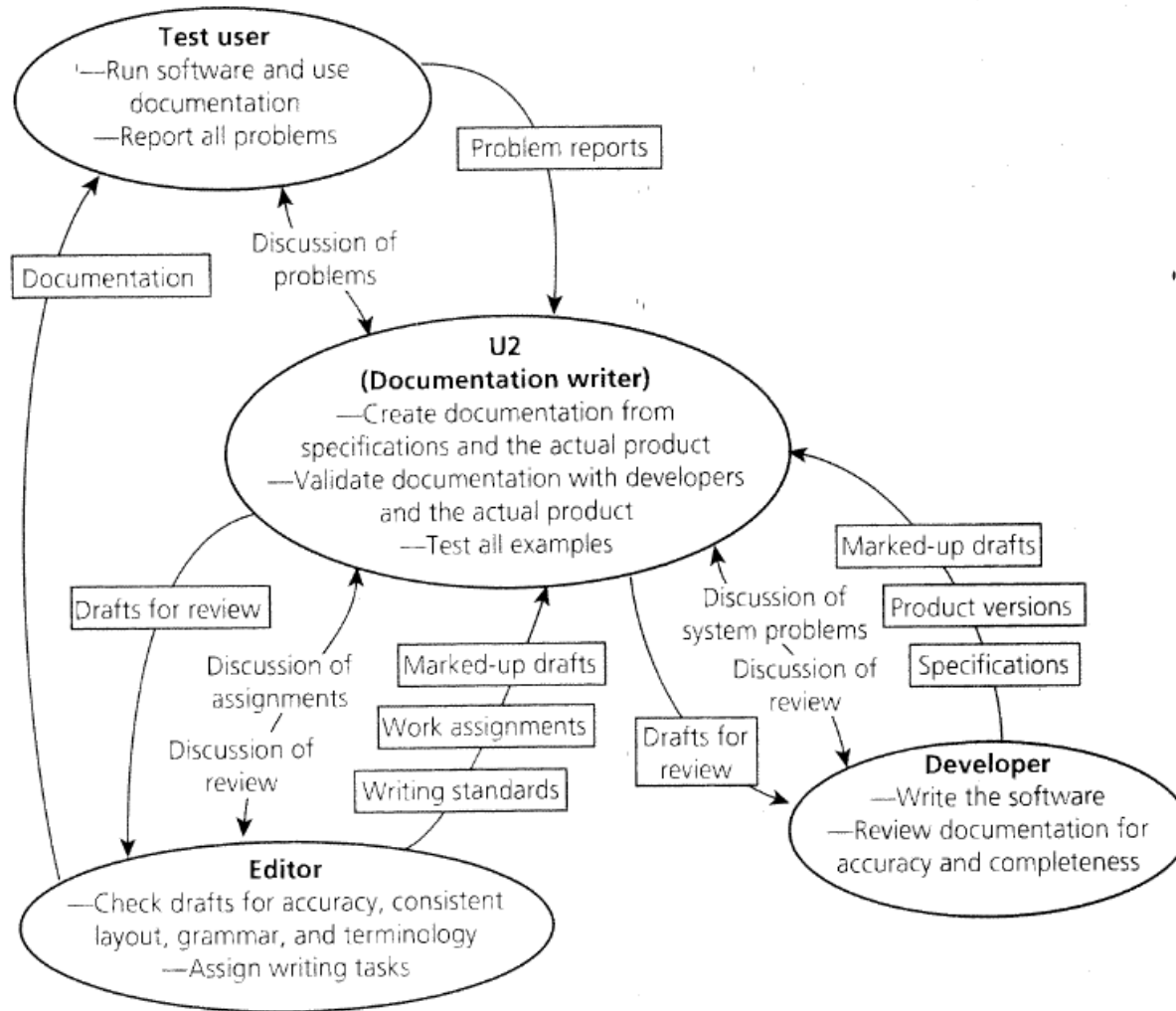
e.g., Flow, Sequence, Artifact, Cultural, Physical

None is perfect, they highlight different things

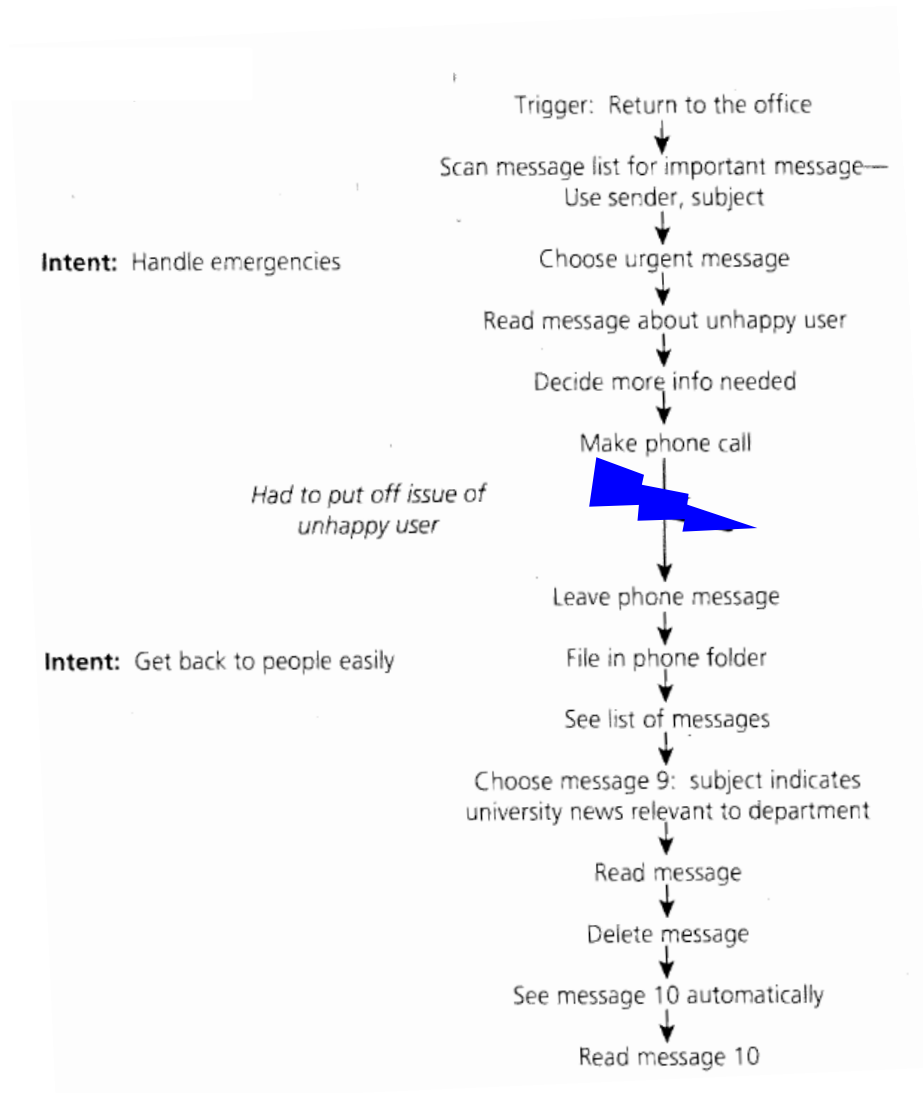
Flow Model: Secretarial Hub



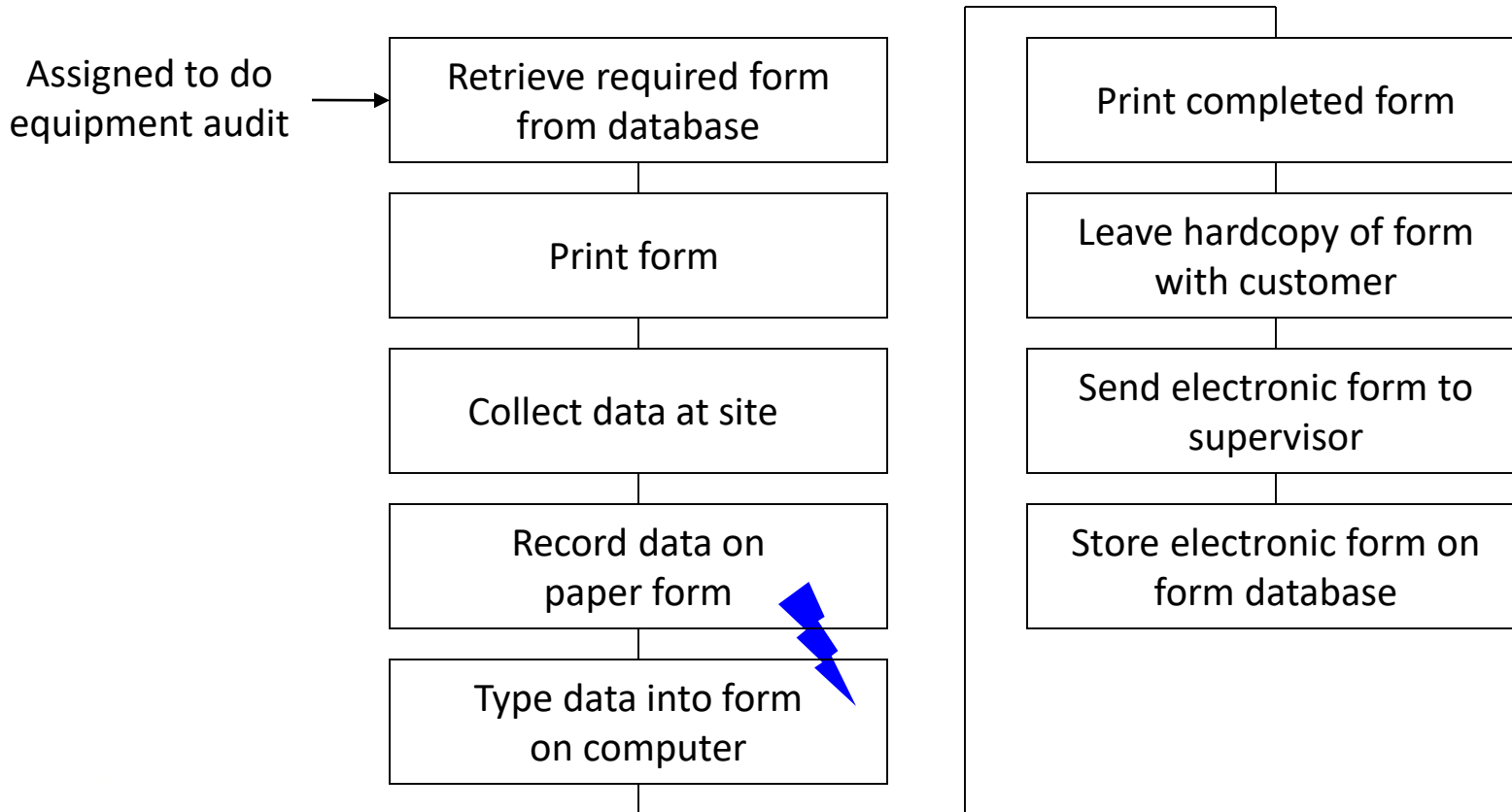
Flow Model: Creative Work



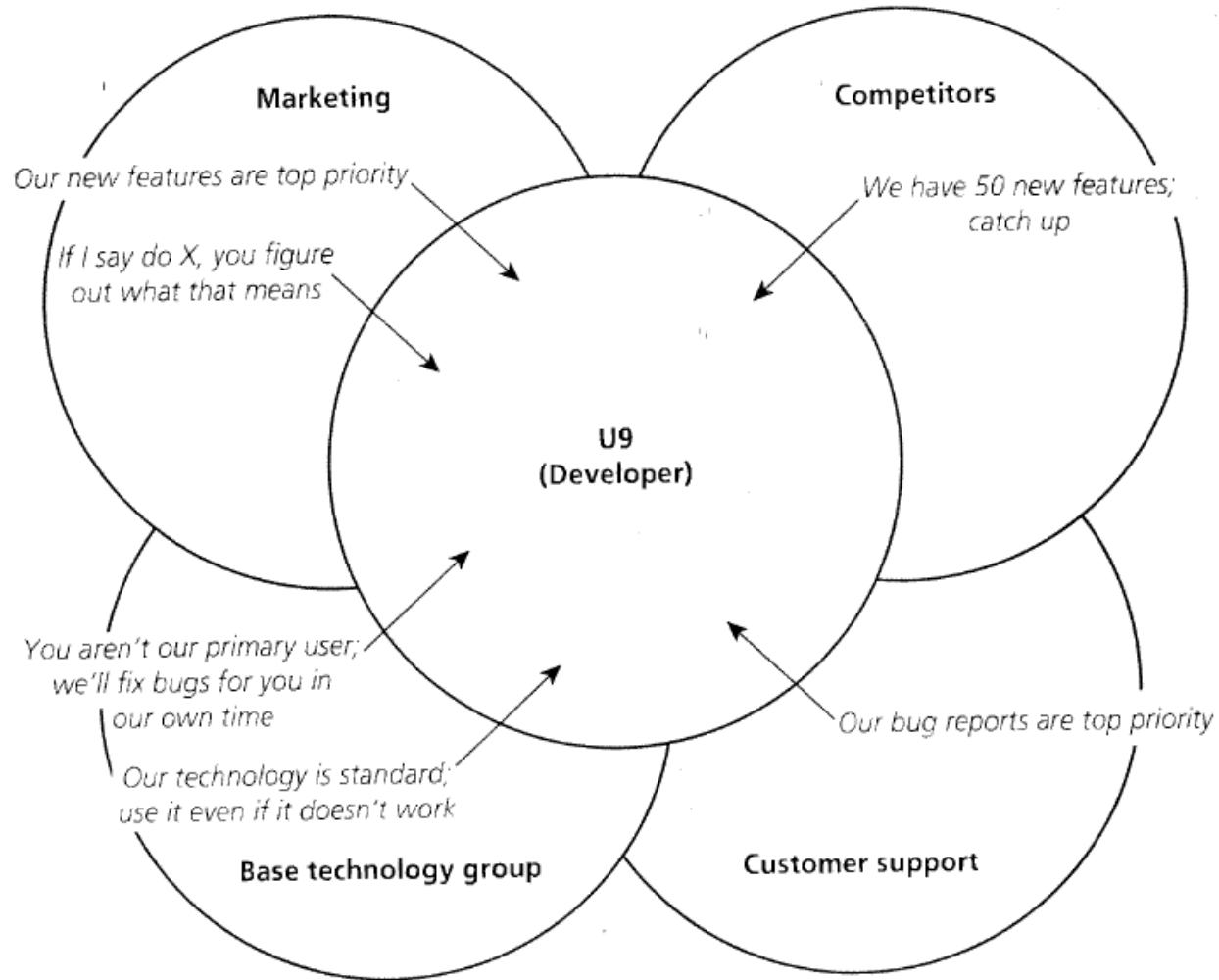
Sequence Model: Doing Email



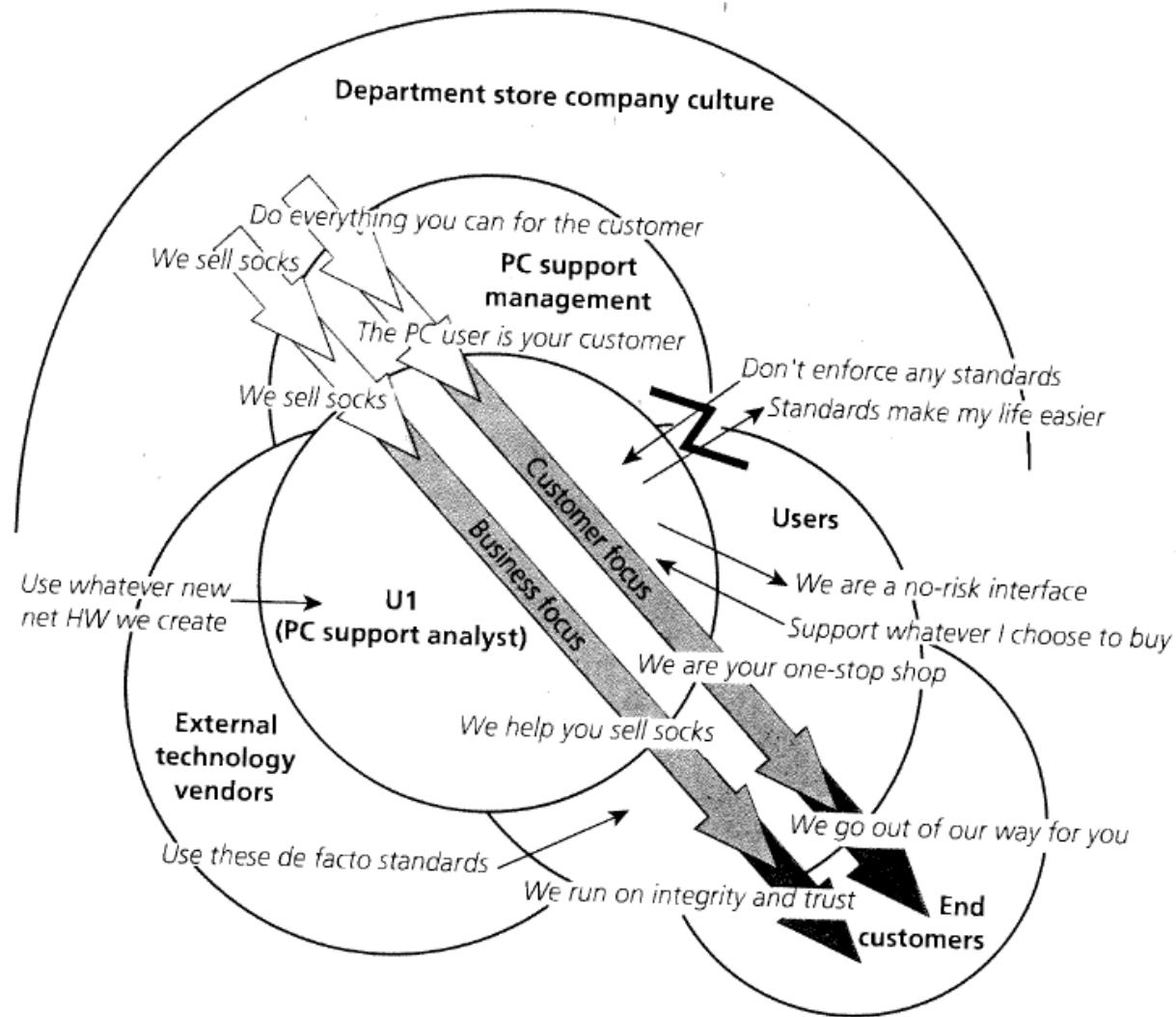
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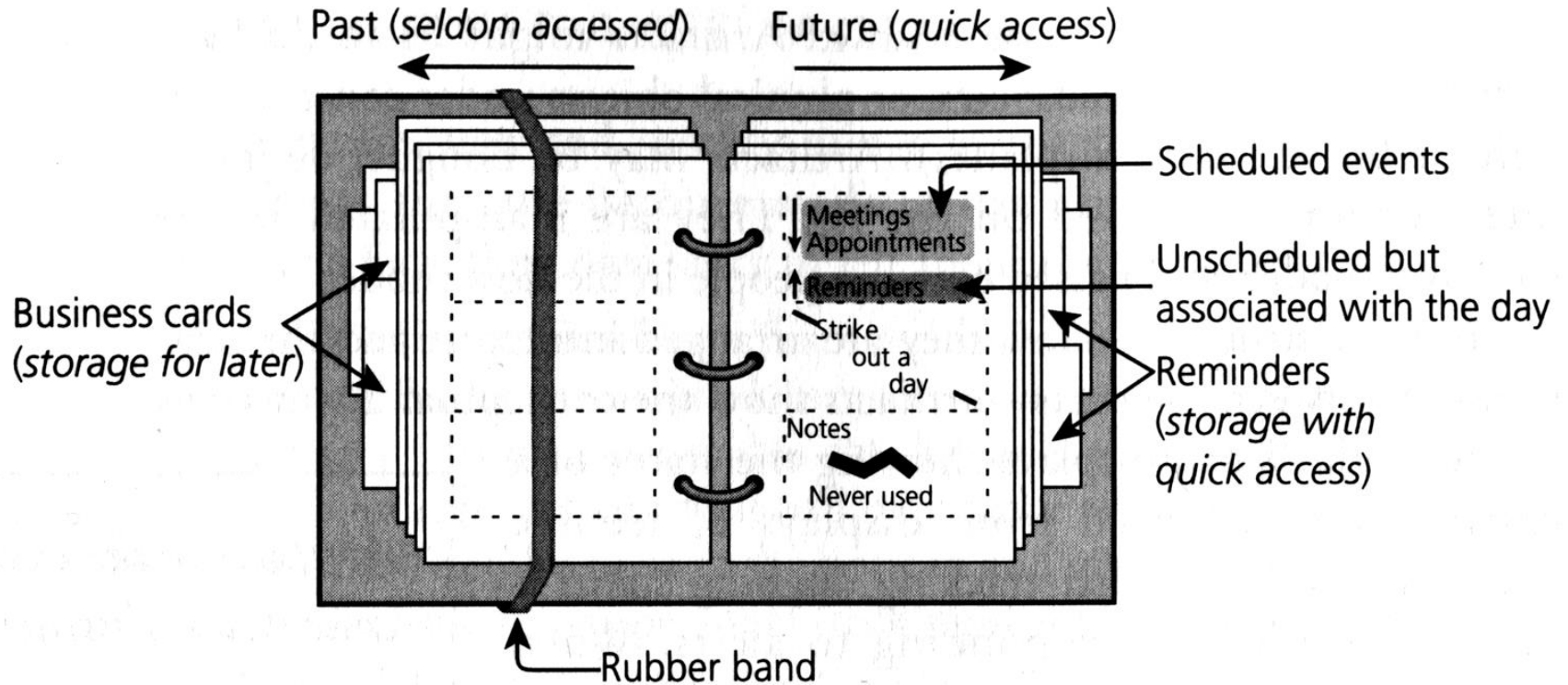
Cultural Model: Developer



Cultural Model: Department Store

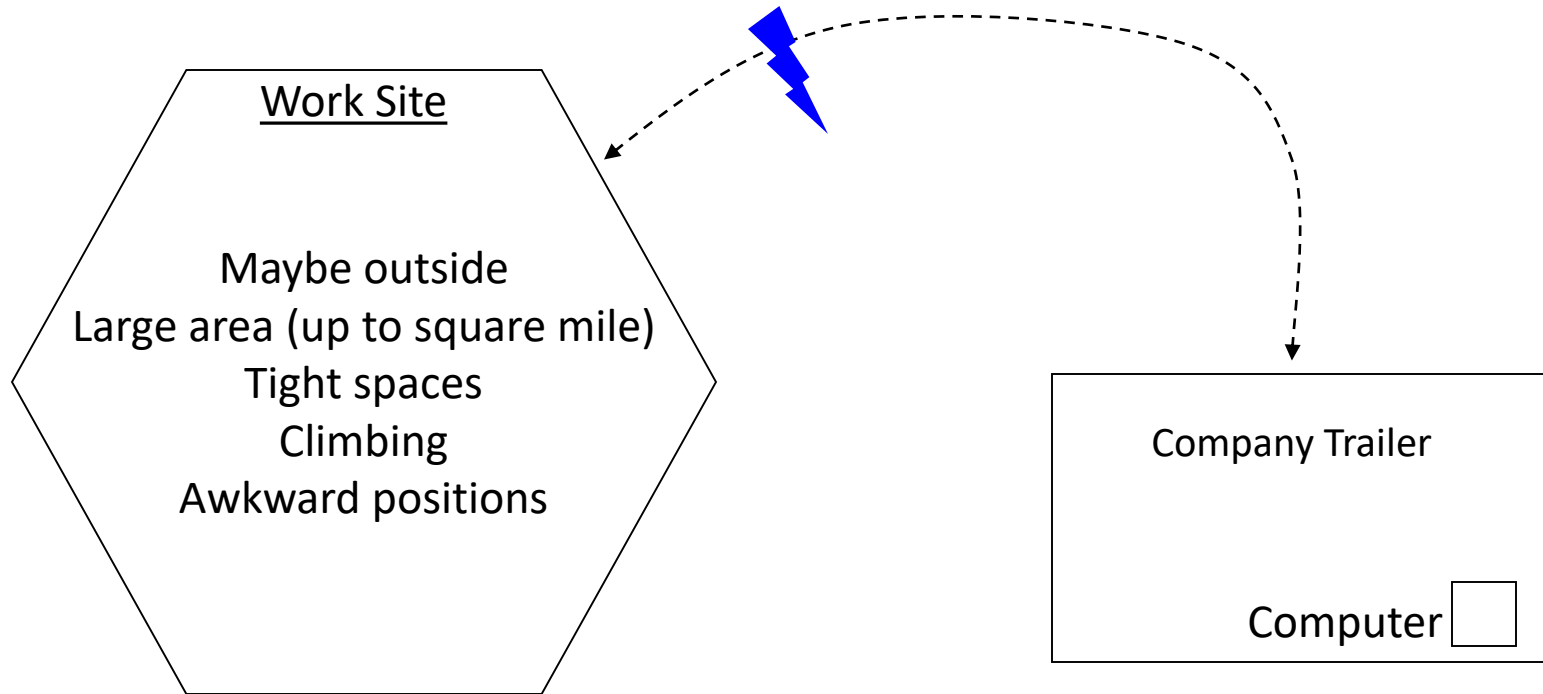


Artifact Model: Calendar



Physical Model: Work Site

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





Tasks Matter

System will fail if:

- It is inappropriate for the person

- It does not meet a person's needs

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

Can you then just make 'good' interfaces?

Why Task Analysis?

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

Might be acceptable in office, but not for play

Infinite variety of tasks and customers

Guidelines are too vague to be generative

e.g., “give adequate feedback”

Can be used to critique, but not to generate

Design is often about tradeoffs

Why Task Analysis?

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

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

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

11 Task Analysis Questions

Who is going to use the system?

What tasks do they now perform?

What tasks are desired?

How are the tasks learned?

Where are the tasks performed?

What is the relationship between people & data?

What other tools do people have?

How do people communicate with each other?

How often are the tasks performed?

What are the time constraints on the tasks?

What happens when things go wrong?

Question 1

Who is going to use the system?

Identity

In-house or specific customer is more defined

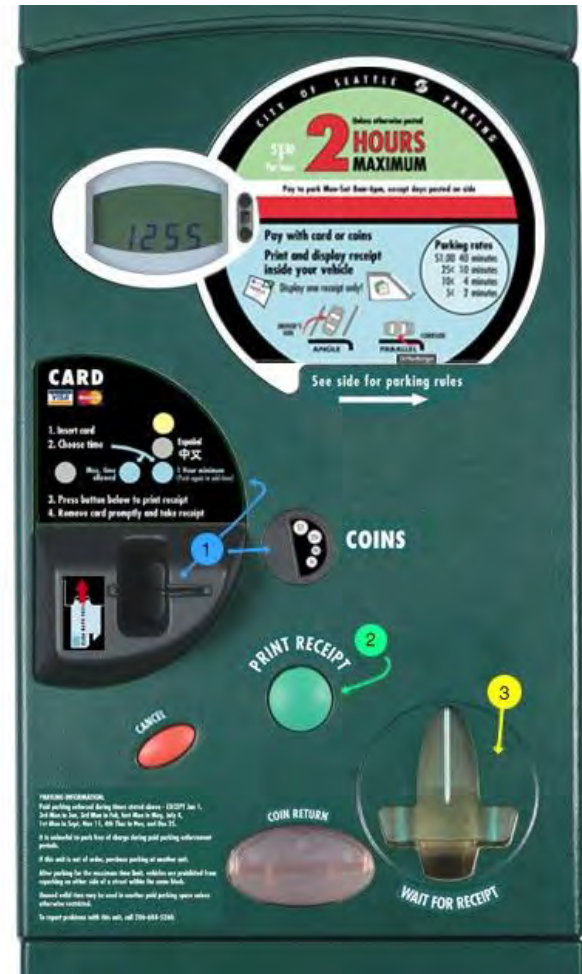
Broad products need several typical consumers

Background

Skills

Work habits and preferences

Physical characteristics and abilities



Seattle Parking Meter

Who is going to use the system?

Identity?

People who park in Seattle

Business people, students, elderly, tourists

Background?

Have used parking meters before

May have an ATM or credit card

Have used other fare machines before

Seattle Parking Meter

Who is going to use the system?

Skills?

May know how to put cards into ATM

Work habits and preferences?

Park several times a week, a month, a year

Physical characteristics and abilities?

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

Anything else?

PARK, PAY & DISPLAY

Parking Pay Station Instructions



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



Push **GREEN** button to print receipt

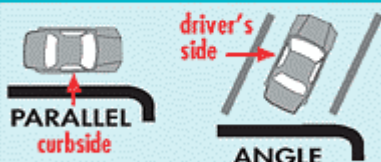


Remove card quickly wait for receipt and display properly



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

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



Questions? Call 684-ROAD (7623)
paystations@seattle.gov



泊車、付款並顯示

泊車付費站使用說明



插入卡並按 **藍色** 按鈕購買時間，或投入硬幣購買時間



按綠色按鈕打印收據



迅速將卡取出等候收據並適當顯示



僅限顯示一張收據，以便在任何咪表或付費站的車位泊車，直到您的時間到期

請使用可剝離的背面，將收據貼在前座側車窗內側



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ĐẬU XE, TRẢ TIỀN & DÁN BIÊN NHẬN

Hướng Dẫn về Trạm Trả Tiền Đậu Xe



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



Bấm nút **XANH** để in biên nhận

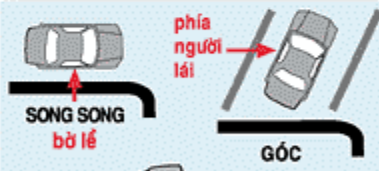


Rút nhanh thẻ ra chờ biên nhận và dán đúng cách



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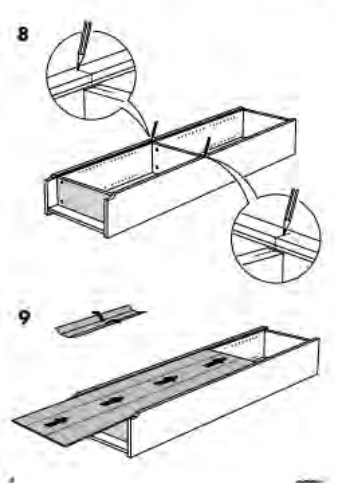
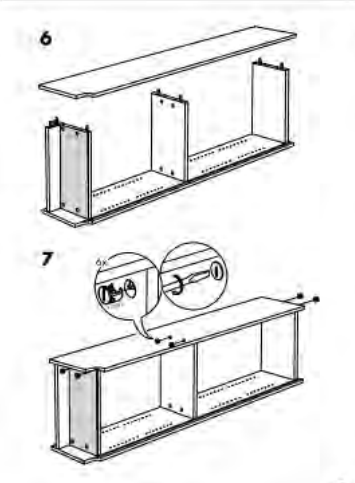
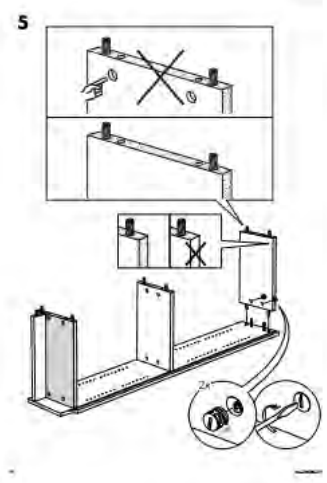
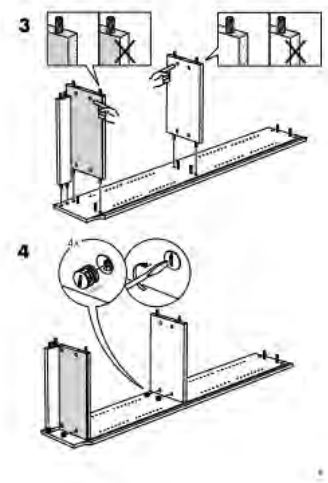
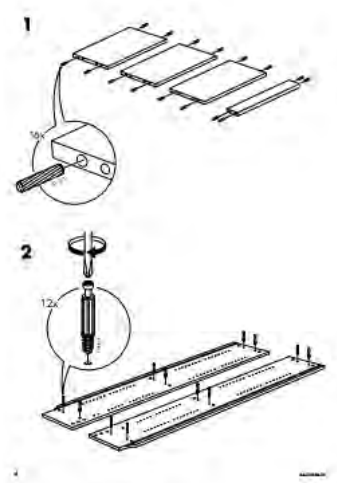
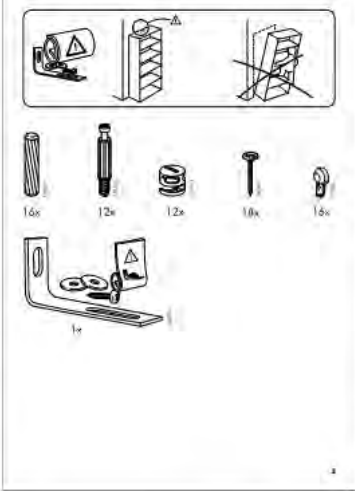
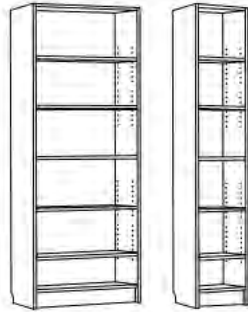
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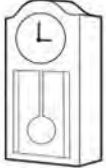


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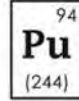


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Question 2 and Question 3

What tasks do they now perform?

What tasks are desired?

Important for both automation and new functionality

Relative importance of tasks?

Observe people, see it from their perspective

Automated Billing Example

small dentists office had billing automated

assistants were unhappy with new system

old forms contained hand-written margin notes

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

Yorkshire Pudding
Individual

POPOVERS

beat well
very
↓

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 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.

CRIDDLE CAKES

Question 4

How are the tasks learned?

What does a person need to know?

Do they need training?

academic

general knowledge / skills

special instruction / training

Question 5

Where are the tasks performed?

Office, laboratory, point of sale?

Effects of environment on customers?

Are people under stress?

Confidentiality required?

Do they have wet, dirty, or slippery hands?

Soft drinks?

Lighting?

Noise?

Question 6

What is the relationship between people & data?

Personal data

Always accessed at same machine?

Do people move between machines?

Common data

Used concurrently?

Passed sequentially between customers?

Remote access required?

Access to data restricted?

Does this relationship change over time?

Question 7

What other tools does a person have?

More than just compatibility

How customer works with collection of tools

Automating lab data collection example:

how is data collected now?

by what instruments and manual procedures?

how is the information analyzed?

are the results transcribed for records or publication?

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

Question 8

How do people communicate with each other?

Who communicates with whom?

About what?

Follow lines of the organization? Against it?

Question 9

How often are the tasks performed?

Frequent use likely remember more details

Infrequent use may need more help

Even for simple operations

Make these tasks possible to accomplish

Which function is performed

Most frequently?

By which people?

Optimizing for these will improve perception of performance

Careful about initial use scenario

Question 10

What are the time constraints on the tasks?

What functions will people be in a hurry for?

Which can wait?

Is there a timing relationship between tasks?

e.g., pregnancy in web search

Question 11

What happens when things go wrong?

How do people deal with

task-related errors?

practical difficulties?

catastrophes?

Is there a backup strategy?

What are the consequences?



Plantr Task Analysis

1. Who is going to use the system?

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

Plant Task Analysis

2. What are the currently possible tasks?

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

Plantr Task Analysis

3. What are currently unavailable, desired tasks?

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

Plant Task Analysis

4. How are tasks learned?

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

Plant Task Analysis

5. Where are the tasks performed?

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

Plant Task Analysis

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

We identified three different types of data: a plant's current state, information about plants, and data that reflects the person's plant care history.

A plant's current state is data on the moisture level of its soil and the general appearance of the plant (e.g., color, stiffness/limpness of leaves). People use this information to determine the plant's needs. Caroline and Lucy watered their plants when the soil felt dry or the leaves began to droop.

Plant Task Analysis

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

People consulted various plant care information databases when they wanted to know how to care for their plants.

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

Plantr Task Analysis

7. What other tools do people have?

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

Plant Task Analysis

8. How do people communicate with each other?

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

Plantr Task Analysis

9. How often are the tasks performed?

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

Plant Task Analysis

10. What are time constraints on the tasks?

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

Plant Task Analysis

11. What happens when things go wrong?

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



Selecting Tasks

Real tasks people have faced or requested

collect any necessary materials

Should provide reasonable coverage

compare check list of functions to tasks

Mixture of simple and complex tasks

easy tasks (common or introductory)

moderate tasks

difficult tasks (infrequent or for power use)

What Should Tasks Look Like?

Say what person wants to do, but not how
allows comparing different design alternatives

Be specific, stories based in concrete facts

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

design can really differ depending on who

give 'names' (allows referring back with more info later)

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

story forces us to fill in description with details

Sometimes describe a complete “accomplishment”

forces us to consider how features work together

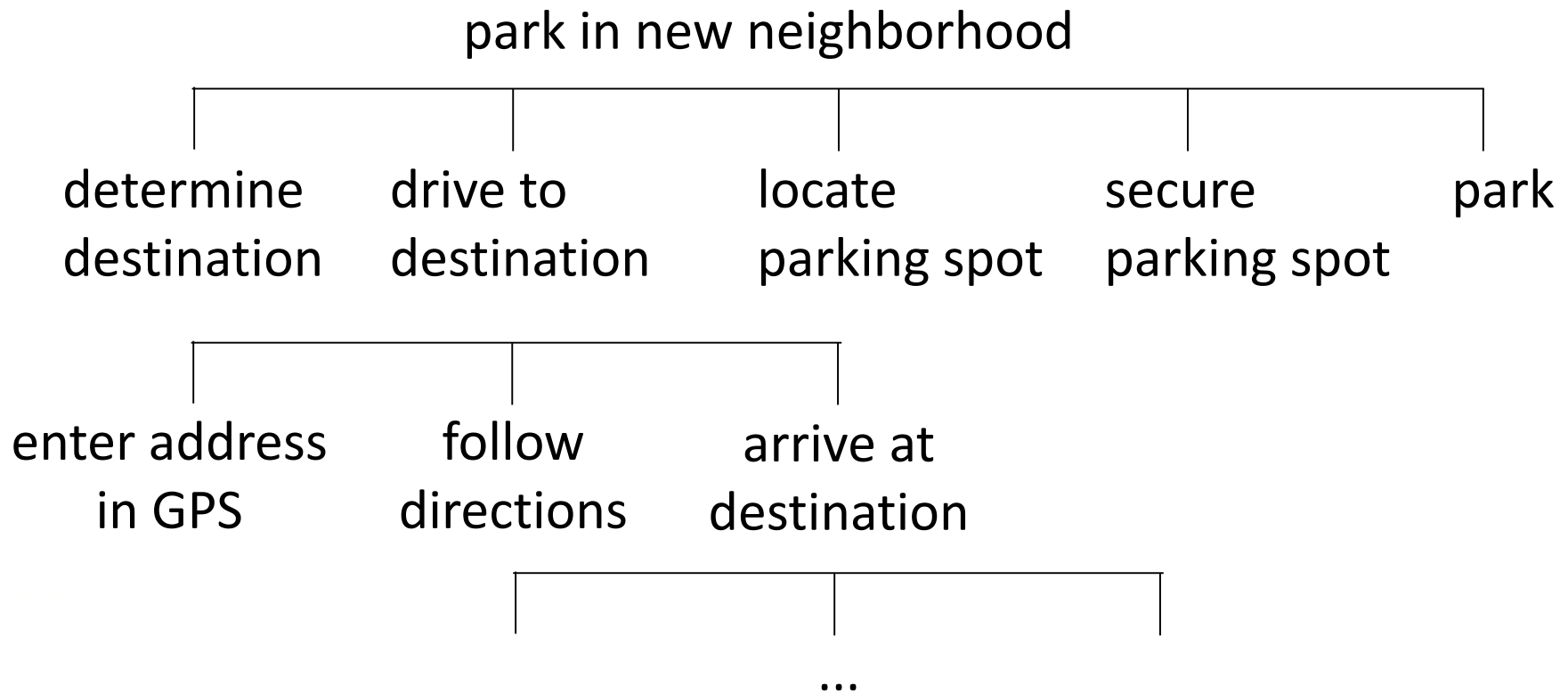
filename task example

Task: Park in a New Neighborhood

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

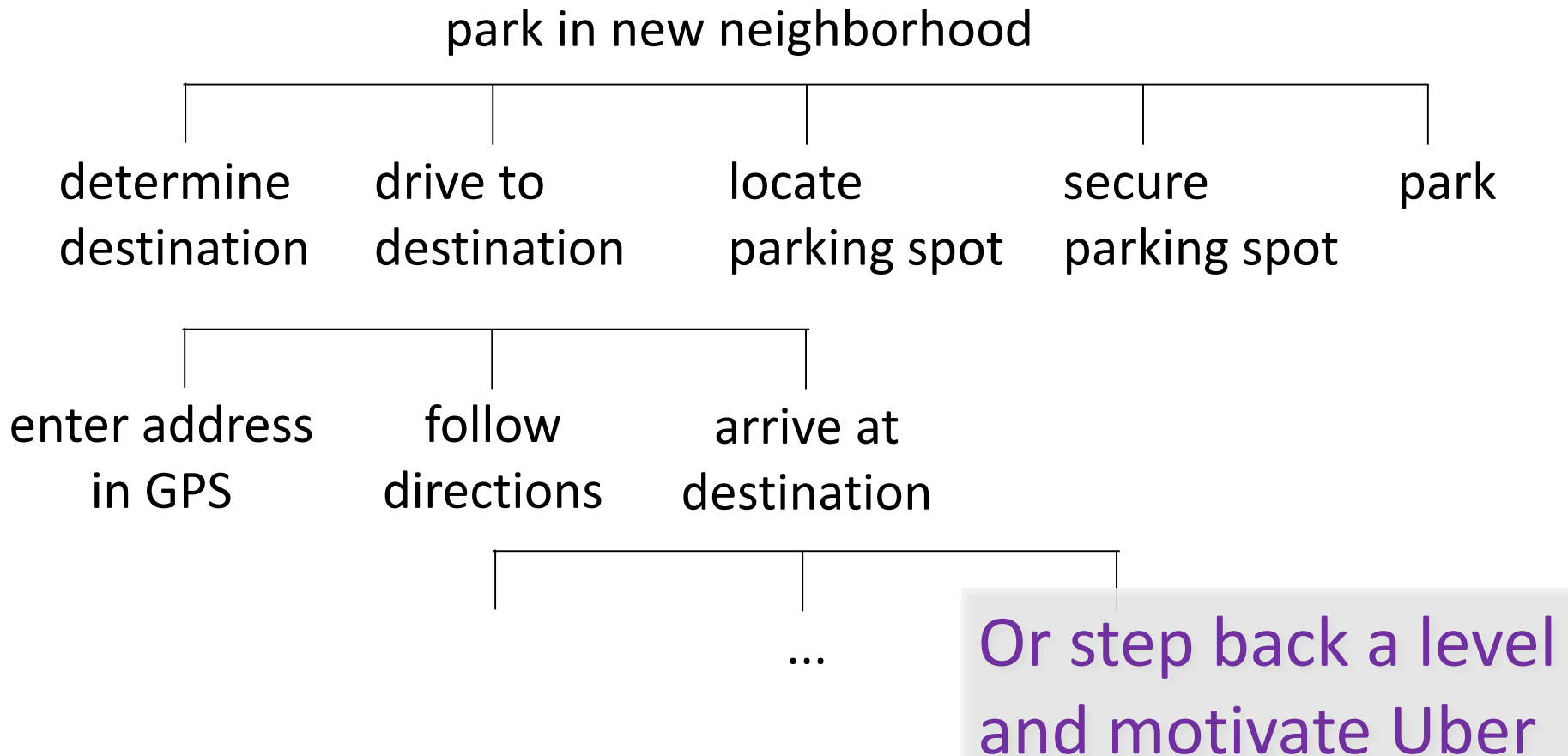
Hierarchical Task Analysis

Steps of the task execution (detailed in a hierarchy)



Hierarchical Task Analysis

Steps of the task execution (detailed in a hierarchy)





Using Tasks in Design

Write up a description of tasks

formally or informally

run by people and rest of the design team

get more information where needed

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

Using Tasks in Design

Rough out an interface design

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

Produce scenarios for each task

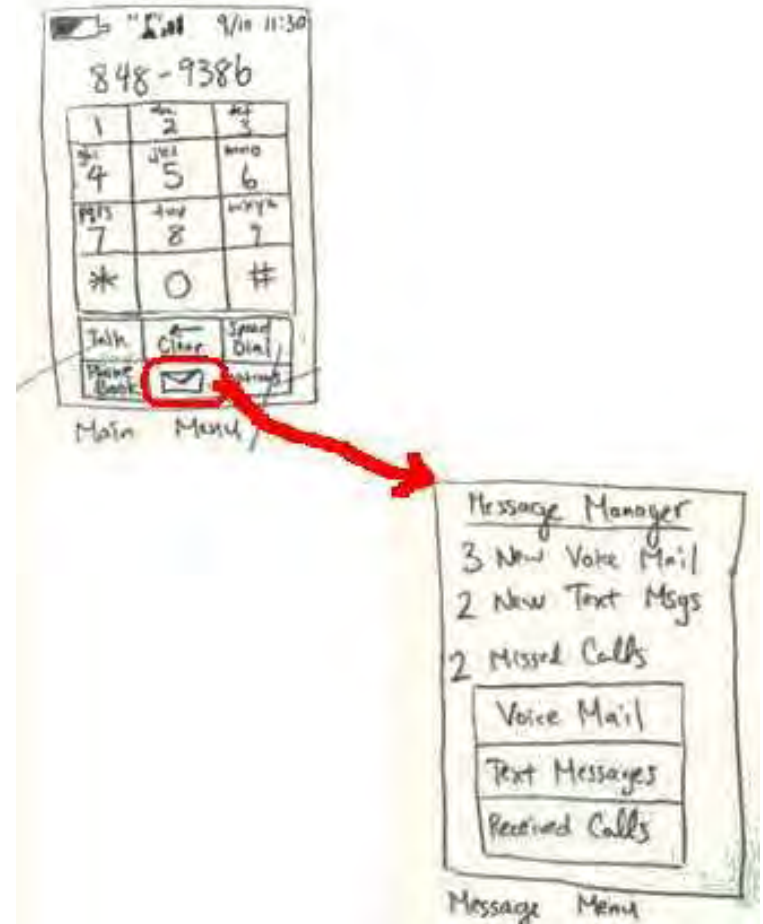
what person does and what they see
step-by-step performance of task
illustrate using storyboards

Scenarios

Scenarios are design specific, tasks are not

Scenarios force us to show how things work together settle arguments with examples but these are only examples, and may need to look beyond flaws

Show people storyboards topic for Tuesday



Tasks, Personas, and Scenarios

Task: a design-agnostic objective

Persona: a fictional person with a backstory

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

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



Tasks in Your Projects

Say what is accomplished, not how

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

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

Range of difficulty and complexity

Park at the zoo

Park Friday night in Ballard

Park at the airport



Combine with Other Methods

Personas

Concept Mapping

Competitive Analysis

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



Method 63



Combine with Other Methods

Personas

Concept Mapping

Competitive Analysis

Example Personae:

Parent concerned about safety

Carpenter transporting tools

Executive wants a sporty car

More specific is effective

Give the person detail

Give them a name

Make it believable

Careful of stereotyping

Web littered with examples

Method 63



Combine with Other Methods

Personas

Concept Mapping

Competitive Analysis



Method 16



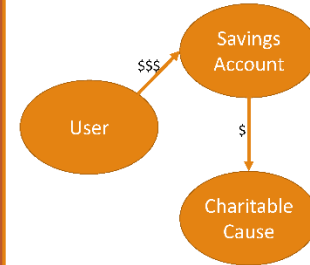
Combine with Other Methods

Personas

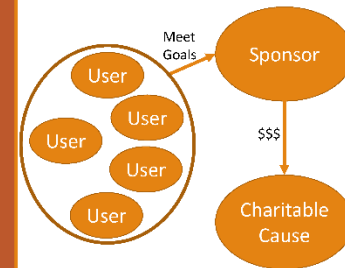
Concept Mapping

Competitive Analysis

Application Idea:
Save for Social Good



Application Idea:
Sponsored
Group Goals



Application Idea:
Springboard



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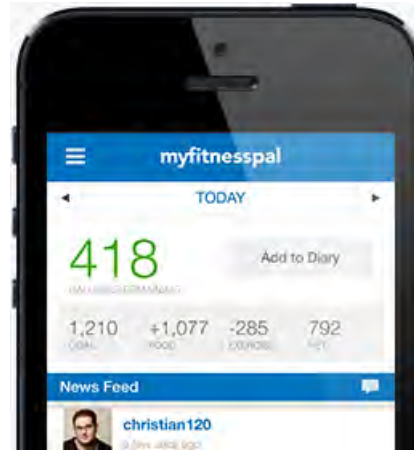


Combine with Other Methods

Personas

Concept Mapping

Competitive Analysis



Method 15



CSE 440: Introduction to HCI

User Interface Design, Prototyping, and Evaluation

Lecture 06:
Critique and
Task Analysis

James Fogarty
Eunice Jun
David Wang
Elisabeth Chin
Ravi Karkar



Tuesday / Thursday
10:30 to 11:50

CSE 440: Introduction to HCI

User Interface Design, Prototyping, and Evaluation

Lecture 07:
Storyboarding and
Video Prototyping

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Ravi Karkar



Tuesday / Thursday
10:30 to 11:50

Tasks in Sketching and Design

Tasks guide your exploration of a design

Creating scenarios for each task illustrates

- what a person does

- what they see

- step-by-step performance of task with a design

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

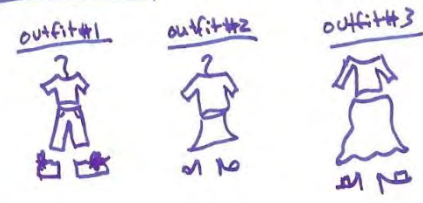
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<u>Bittersweet Motel</u>	☆☆☆☆
(11:00)-(1:30)-4:00-6:30-9:00	
<u>Godzilla</u>	☆☆
(10:30)-(2:00)-5:30-9:00	
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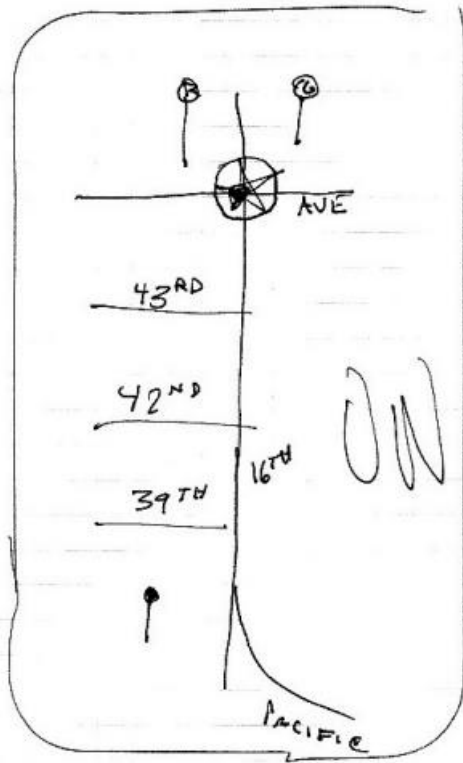


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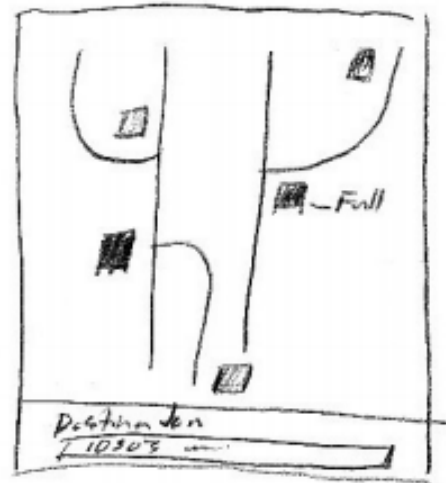


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Sketching

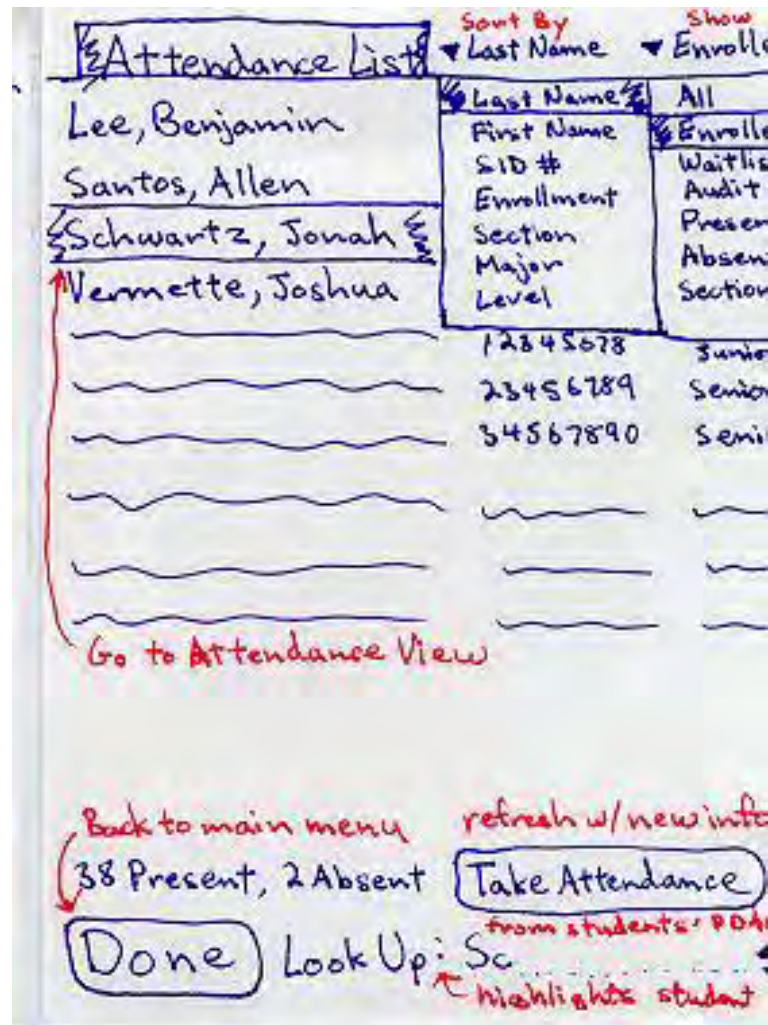


MAP SHOWING PARKING
AVAILABILITY BASED ON INPUTTED
DATA, INPUTTED ON MAP



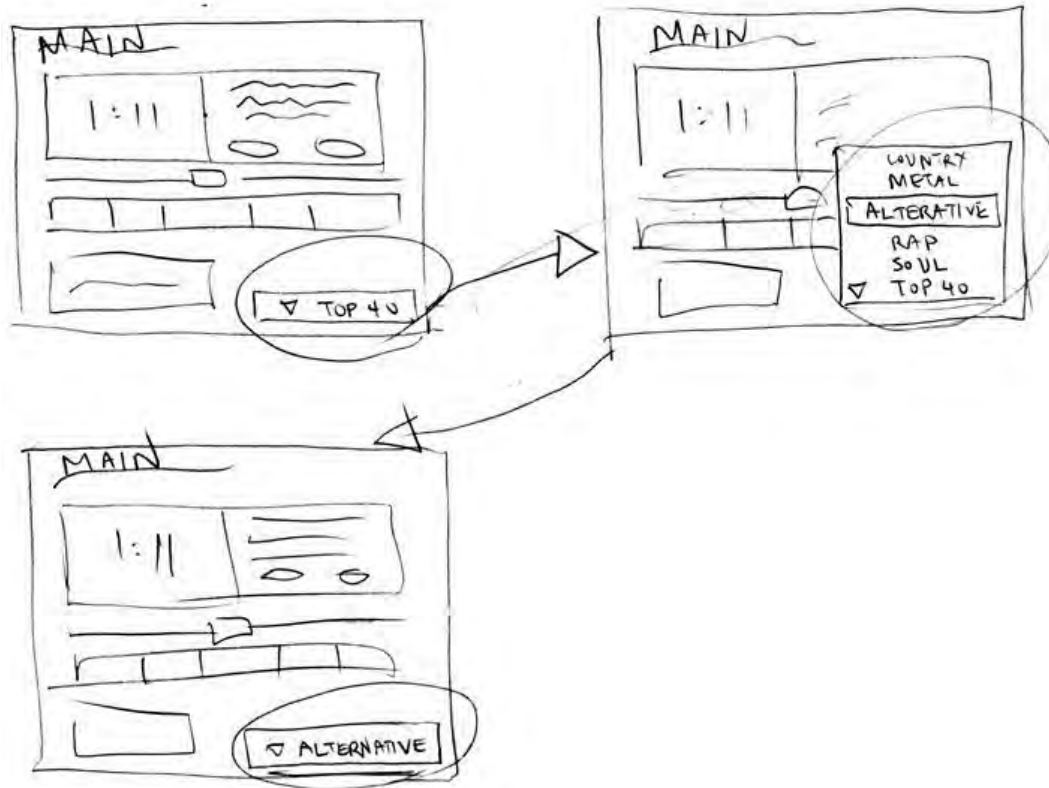
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- highlights availability
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Sketching and Tasks

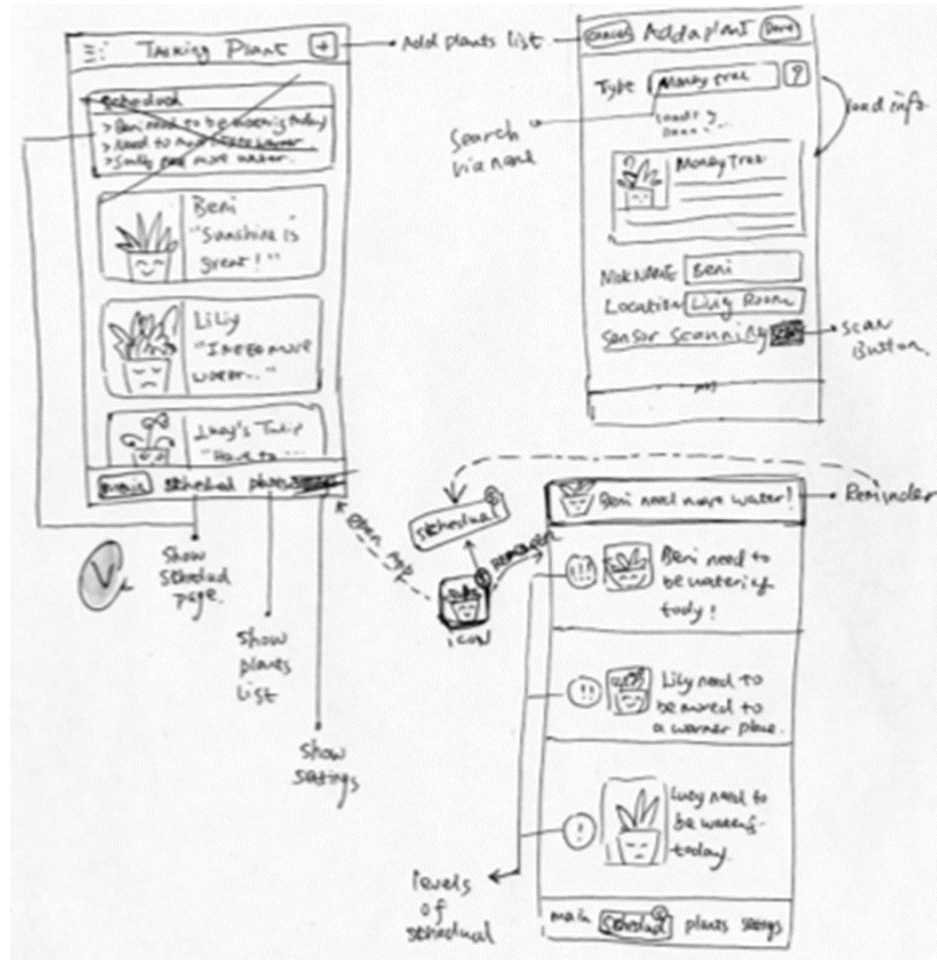


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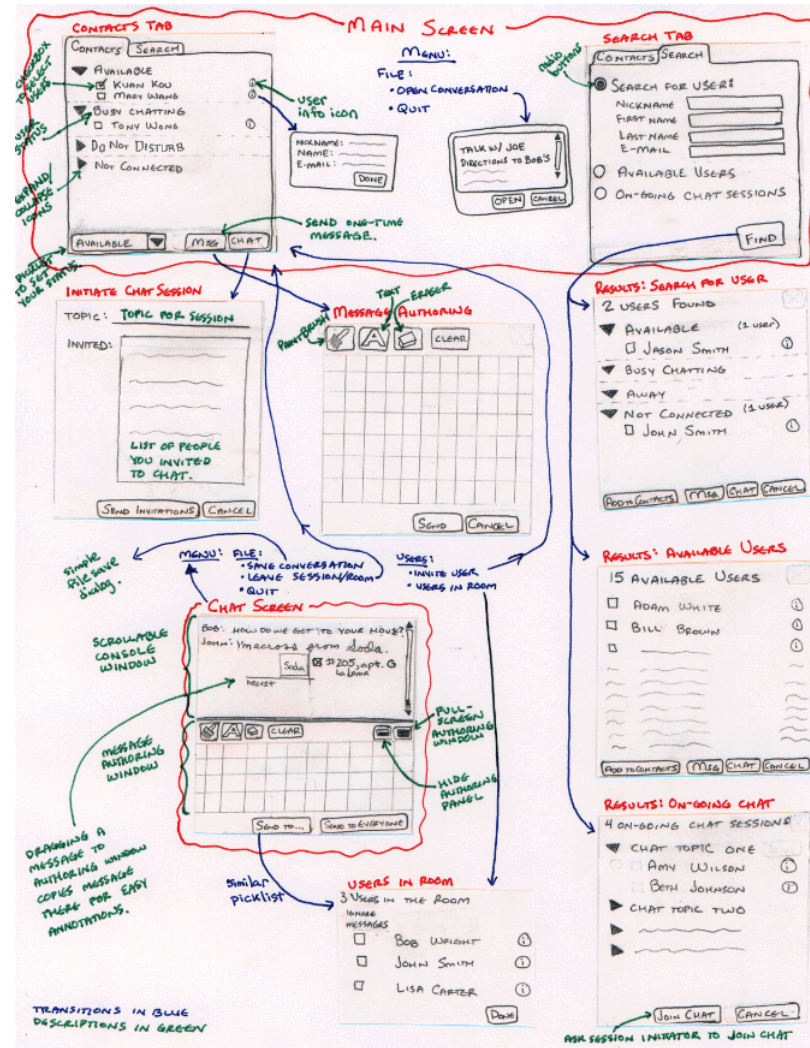
SCENARIO 1 "I want to listen to alternative music"



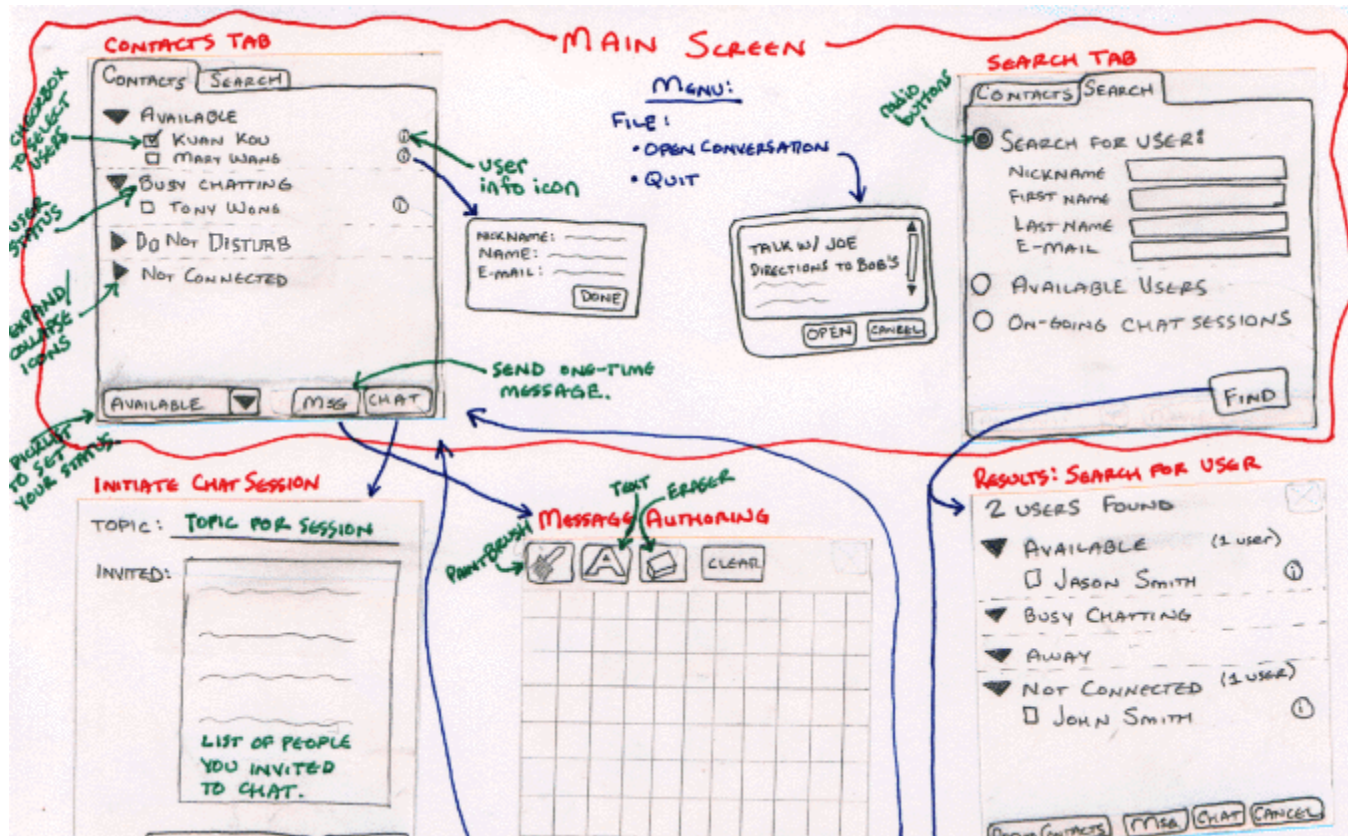
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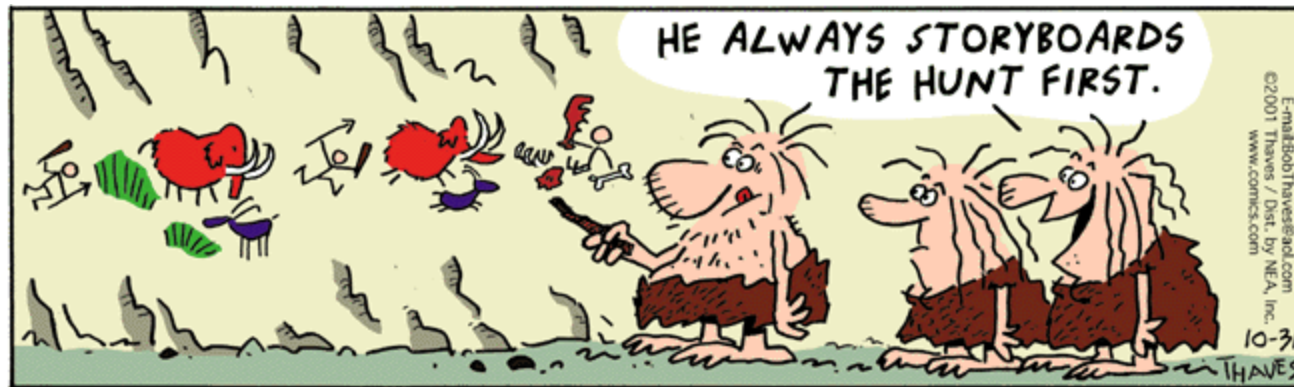
Illustrating Time

Storyboards come from film and animation

Give a “script” of important events

leave out the details

concentrate on the important interactions



Storyboards

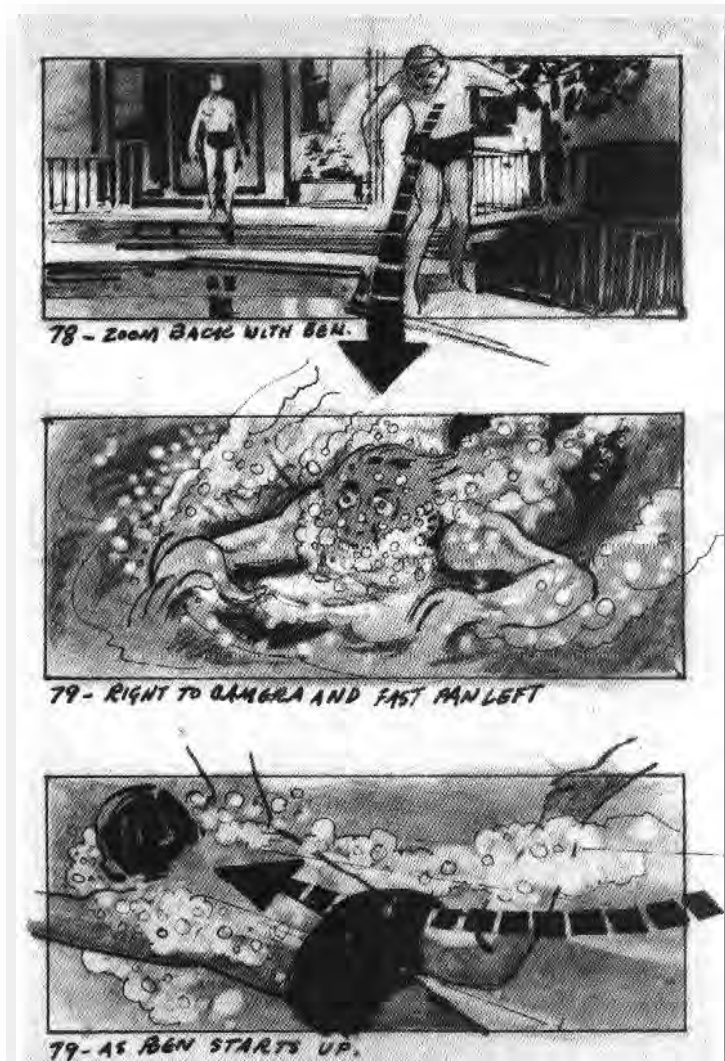
Can be used to explore

Much faster and less expensive to produce

Can therefore explore more potential approaches

Notes help fill in missing pieces of the proposal

Relative to film, these function as sketches



Storyboards

Can be used to convey

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

Imagine explaining this in text, for various audiences



Basic Storyboard



CREATE MYRIDE PROFILE



RESEARCH ROUTE



SAVE ROUTE TO MYRIDE



RECEIVE UPDATE



ARRIVE AT STOP



ON BUS



BUS DISPLAY



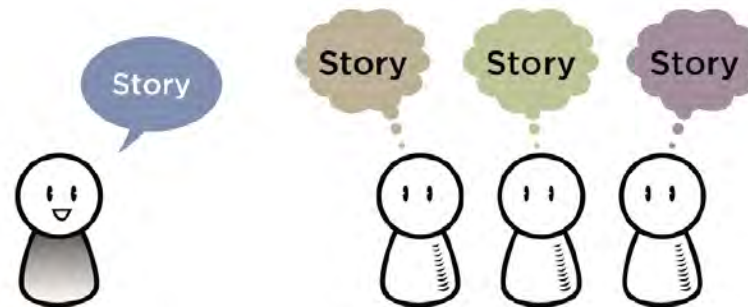
PROVIDE FEEDBACK

Storytelling



Stories have an audience

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



Stories need to match audience and purpose

Potential Purpose of a Story



Purpose allows choosing effective details

Stories have a purpose

Share information about people, tasks, goals

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

Put a human face on analytic data

Spark design concepts and encourage innovation

Share ideas and persuade on potential value

Stories Provide Context

Characters

Who is involved

Setting

Environment

Sequence

What task is illustrated

What leads a person to use a design

What steps are involved

Satisfaction

What is the motivation

What is the end result

What need is satisfied

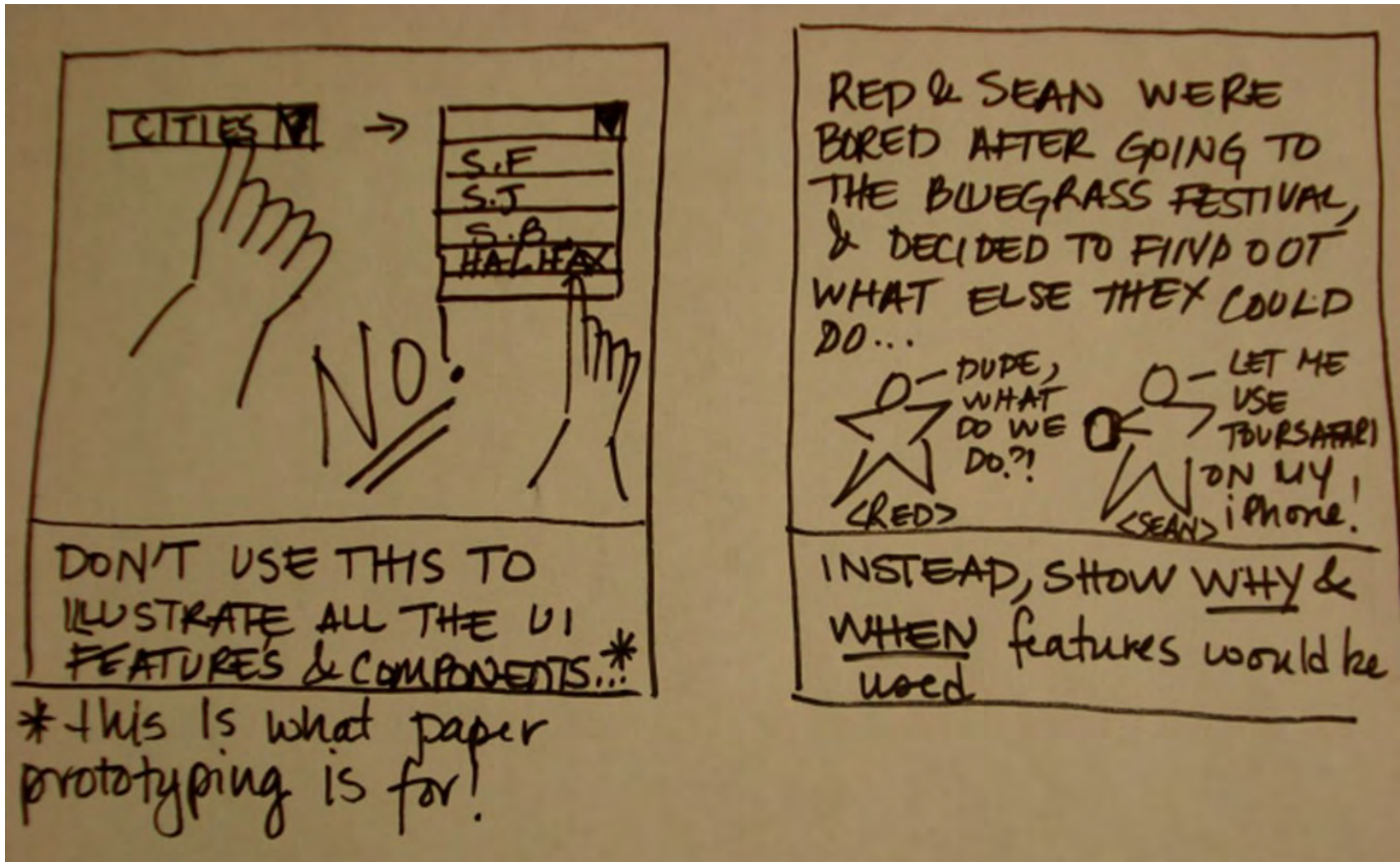
Details of interface features and components are not necessarily surfaced, they can often be developed and conveyed more effectively with other methods

Can help surface details that might otherwise be ignored

Grocery store application:

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

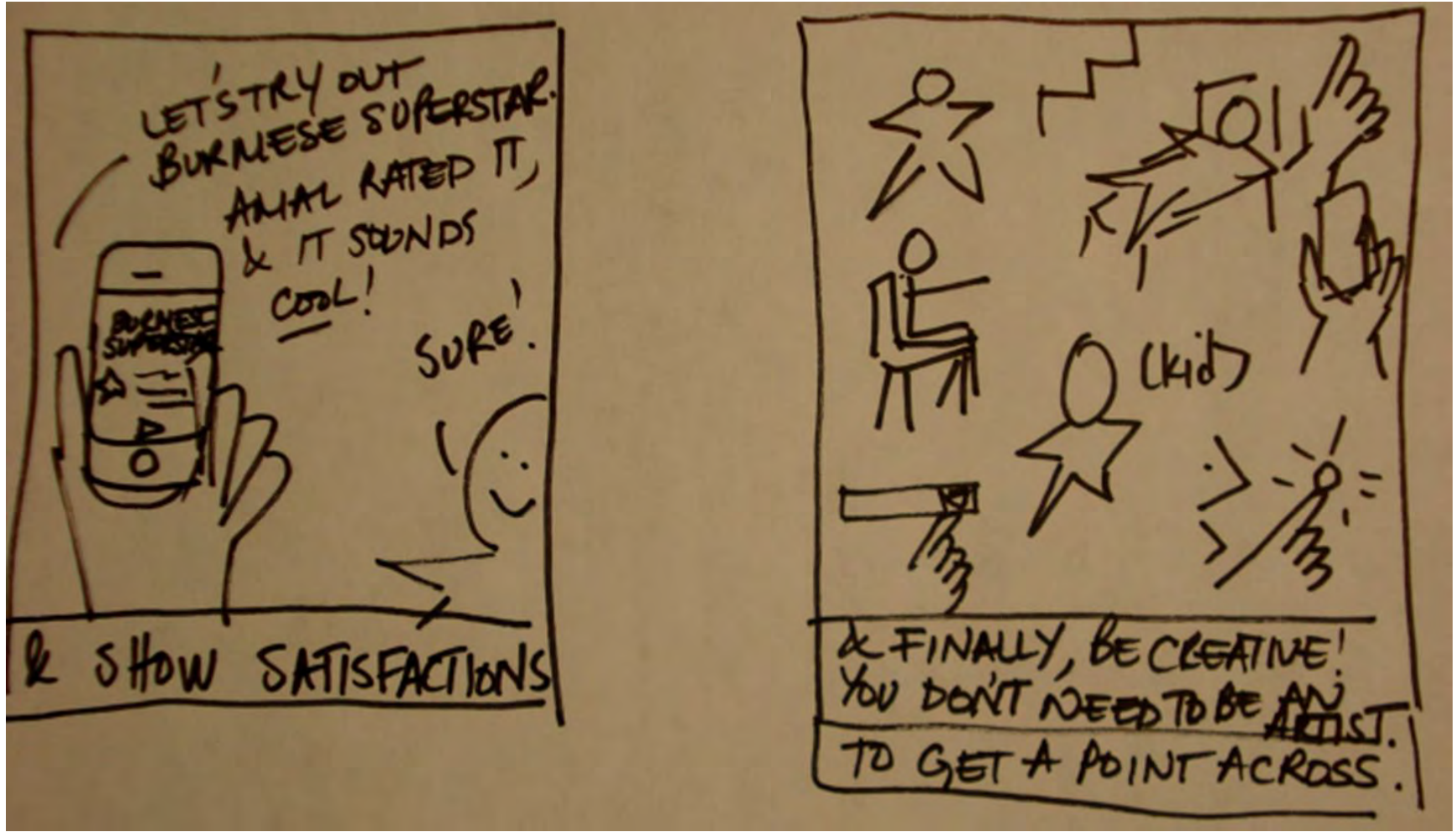
Amal's Guide to Storyboarding



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Storytelling

Good stories

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

Bad stories

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

tl;dr

Elements of a Storyboard

Visual storytelling

5 visual elements

Level of detail

Inclusion of text

Inclusion of people
and emotions

Number of frames

Portrayal of time



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

1. How Much Detail?

Guideline: too much detail can lose universality



Scott McCloud

1. How Much Detail?

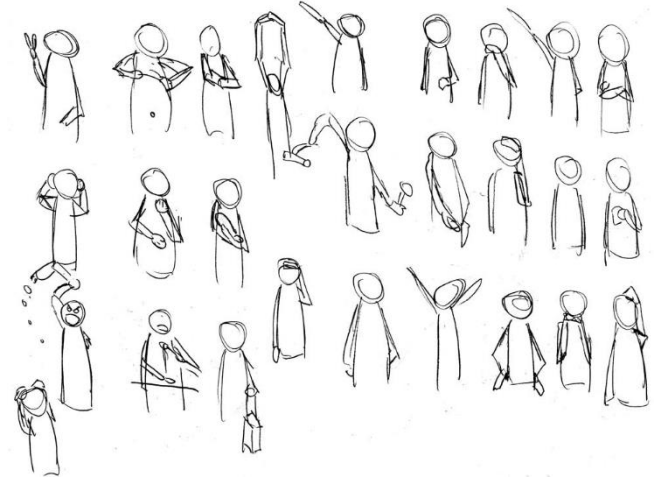
Sketching People



PERSON



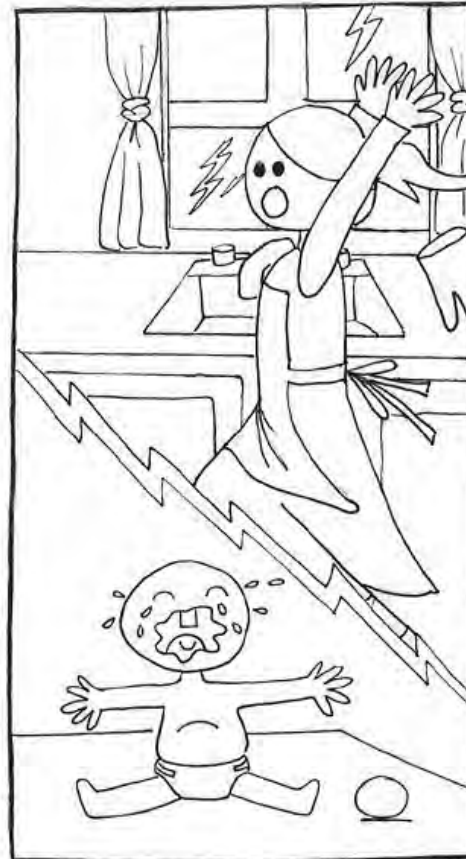
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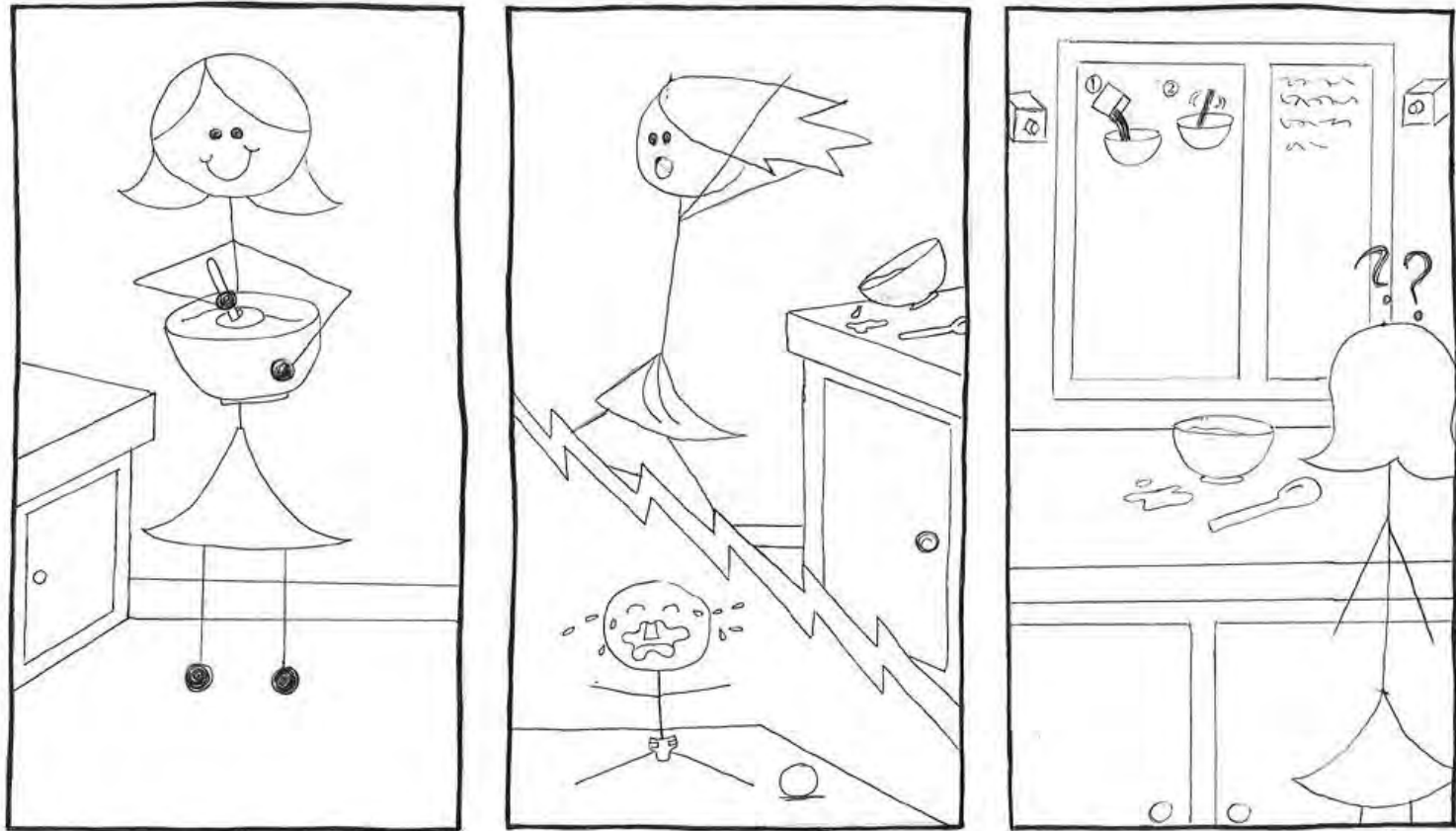
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1. How Much Detail?



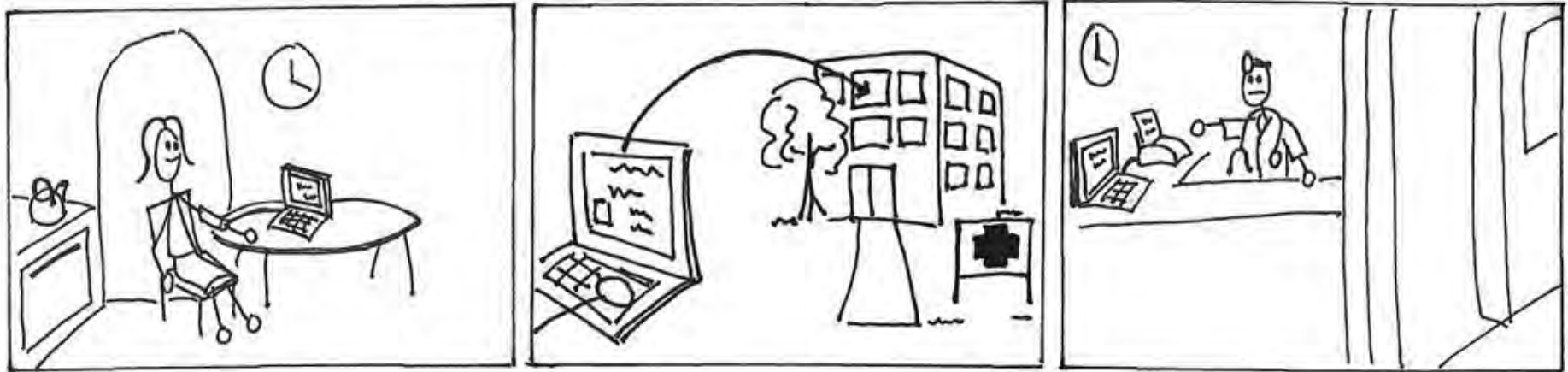
1. How Much Detail?



Unnecessary details distract from the story

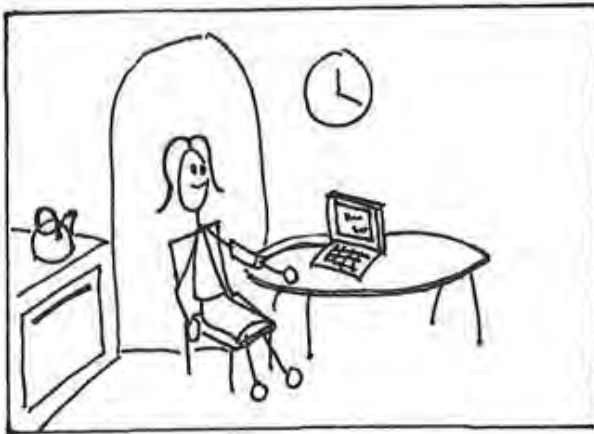
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Guideline: It is often necessary, but keep it short

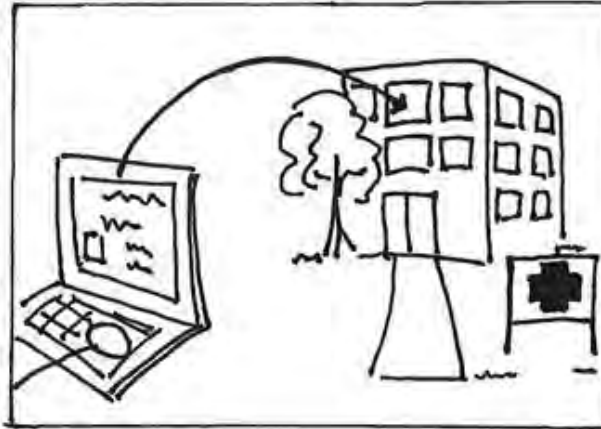


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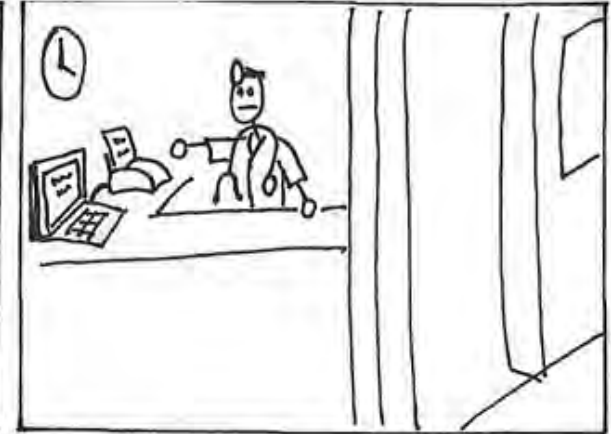
Guideline: It is often necessary, but keep it short



1. At home, Mary checks her blood pressure.



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



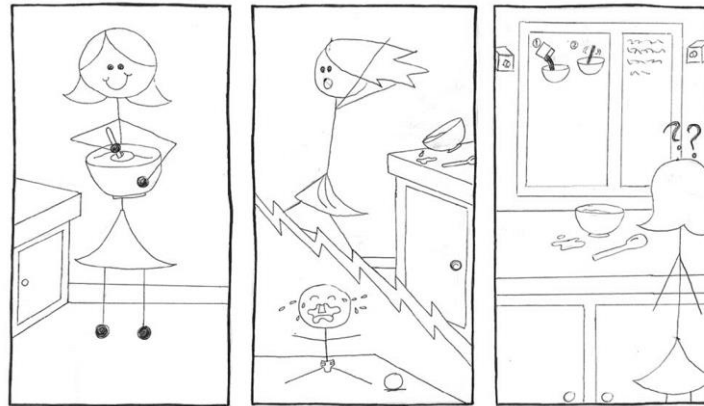
3. The information is made available to her doctor.

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

Watch for cases where text induces weird biases

3. Include People and Emotions

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



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

4. How Many Frames?

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

- Less work to illustrate

- Must be able to succinctly tell story

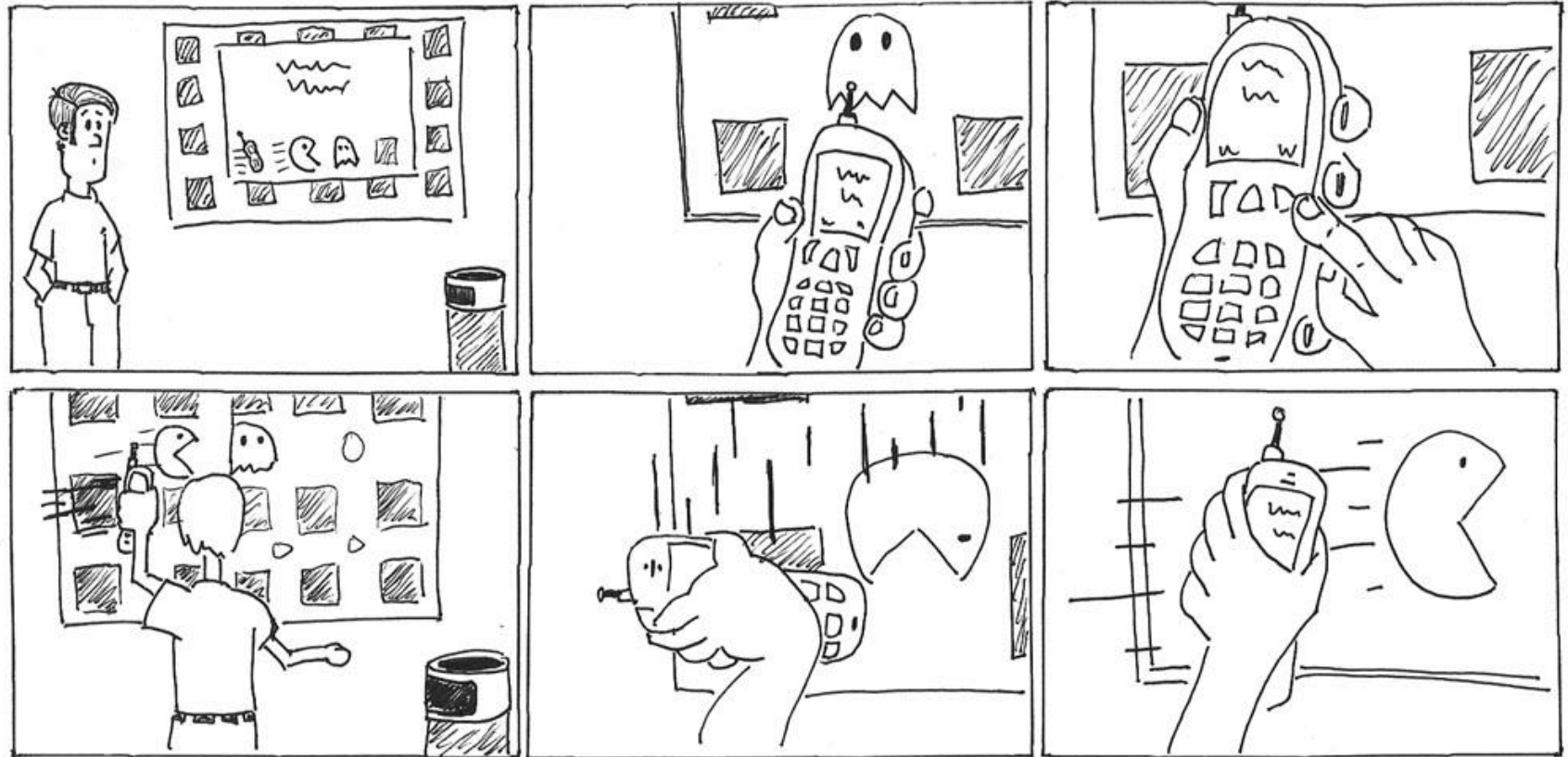
- Potentially longer for design clients

More is not always better

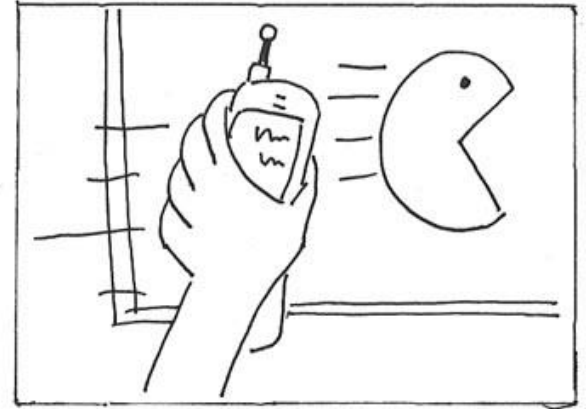
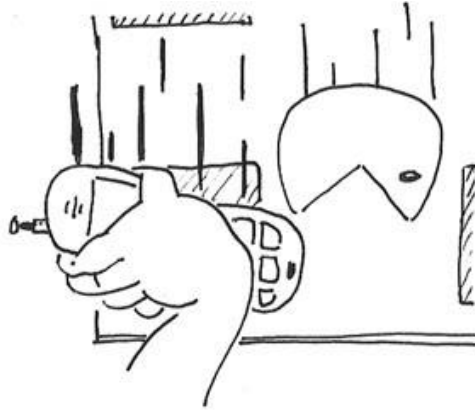
- May lose focus of story

- May lose attention

4. How many frames?



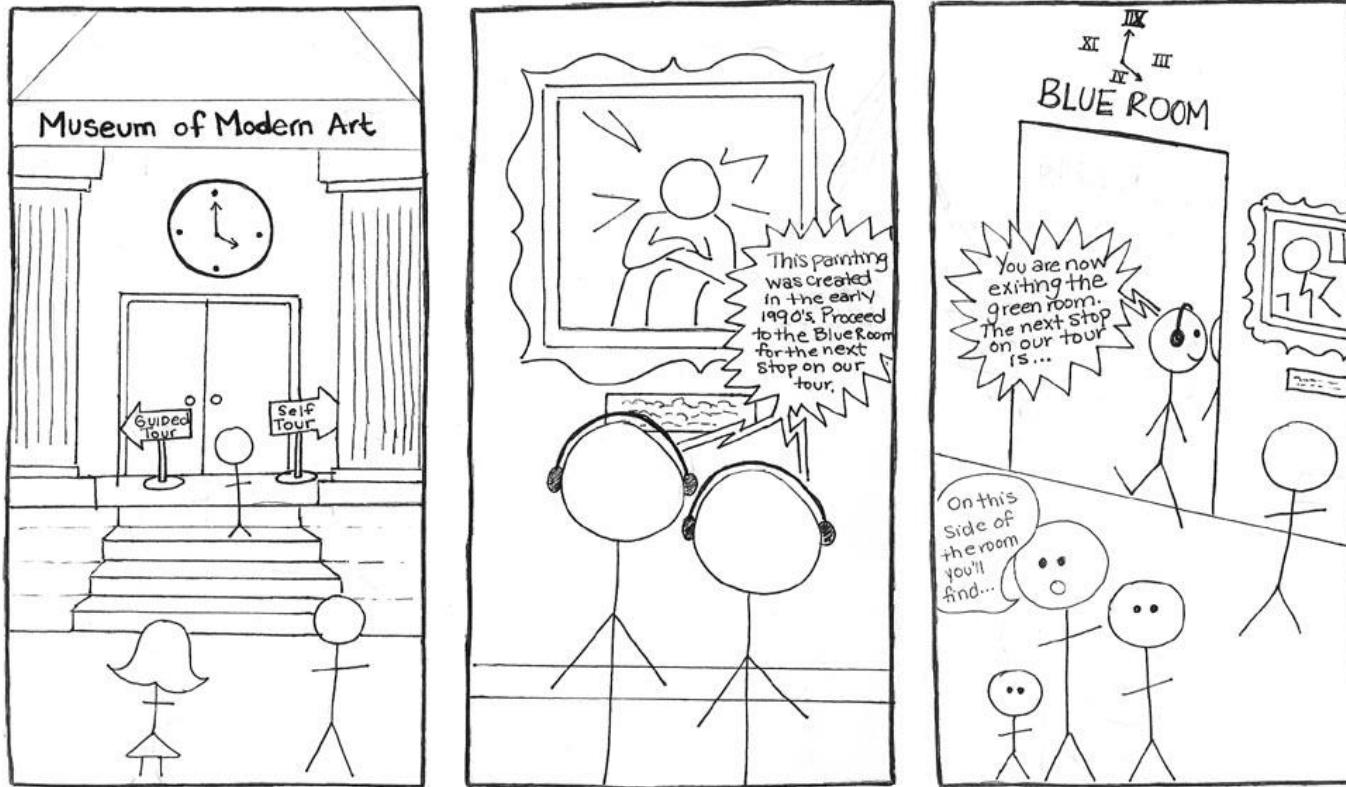
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People found the extra panels were not needed

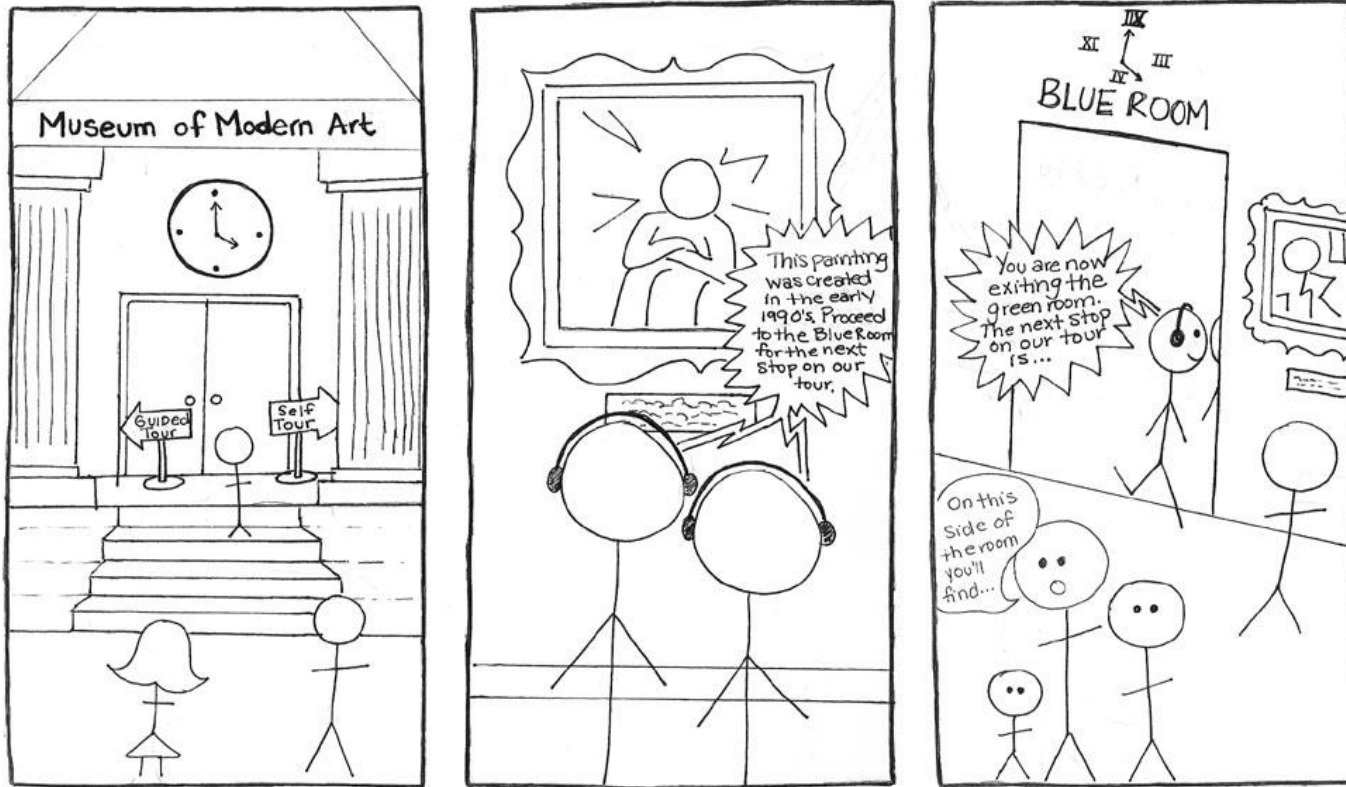
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Inclusion of the clock distracts

Storyboards for Comparing Ideas

Authoritative



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

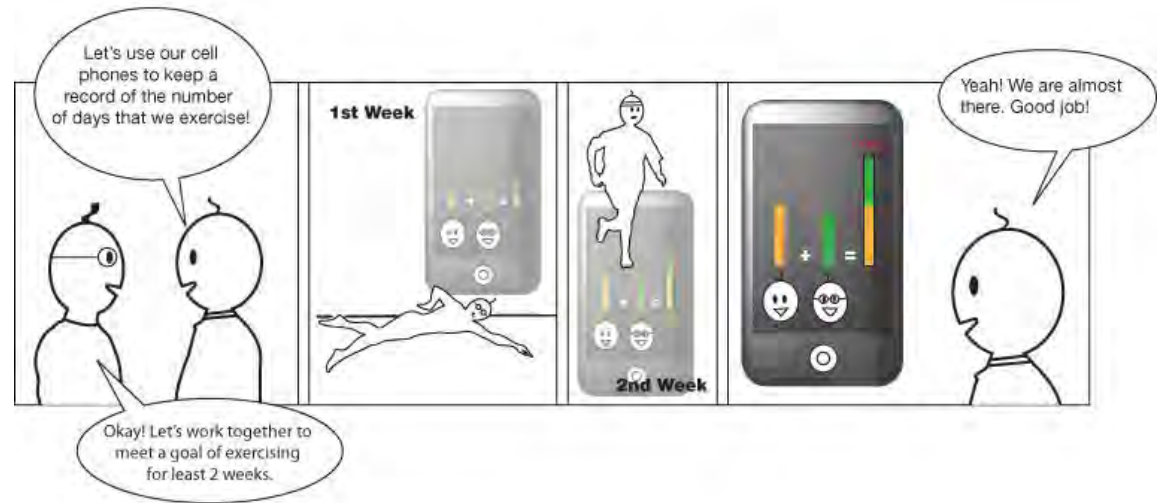
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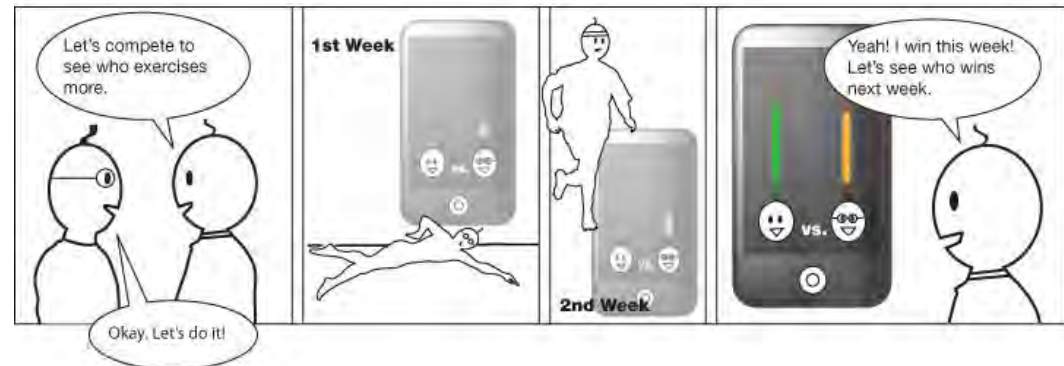
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Storyboards for Comparing Ideas

Cooperative



Competitive

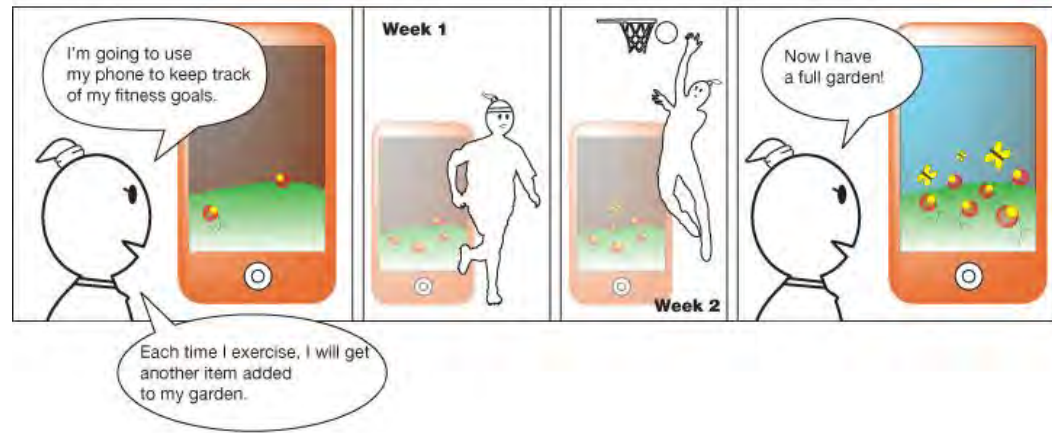


Storyboards for Comparing Ideas

Negative Reinforcement



Positive Reinforcement



Examples and Tricks in Storyboarding

This is also the focus of Reading 2

Due Friday night

(not needed for Friday section)

Will go over these quickly, especially the videos

You then view them outside of class

Drawing is Hard



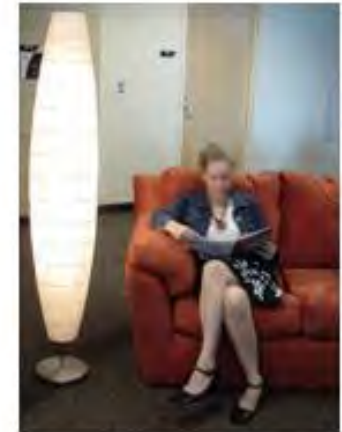
IT IS SO DARK JANE CAN
HARDLY READ HER BOOK



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



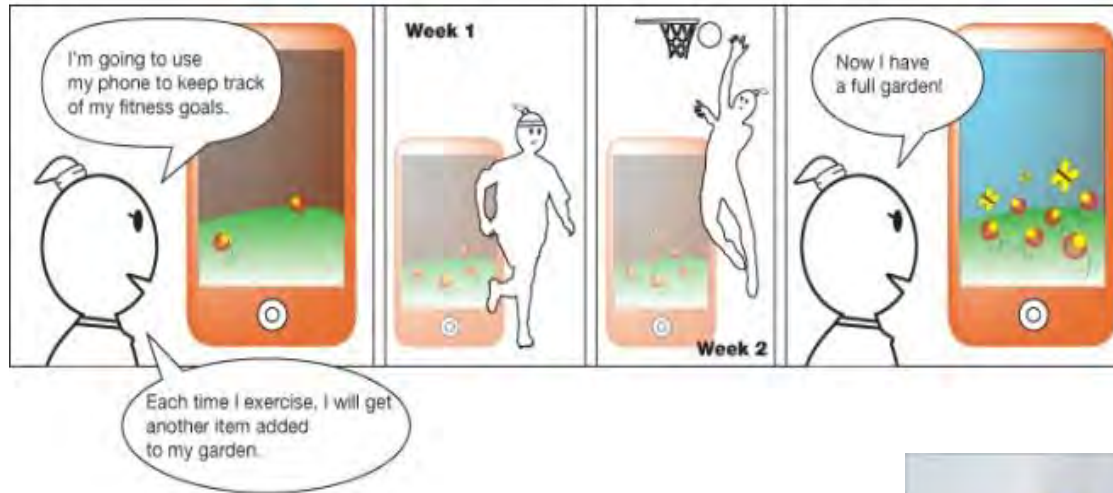
THE LIGHTS TURN ON!



FINALLY, SHE CAN
READ HAPPILY.

Will a picture work instead?

Existing Images from Other Sources



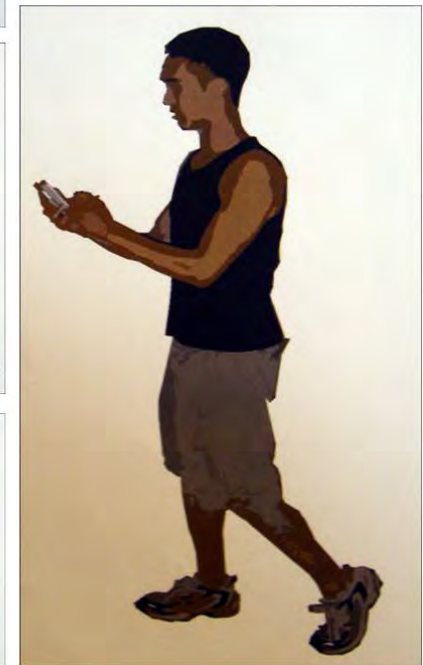
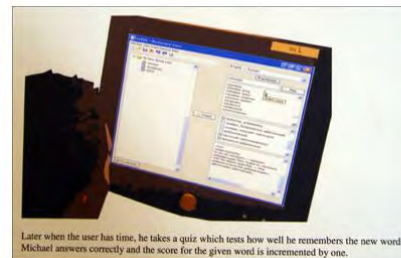
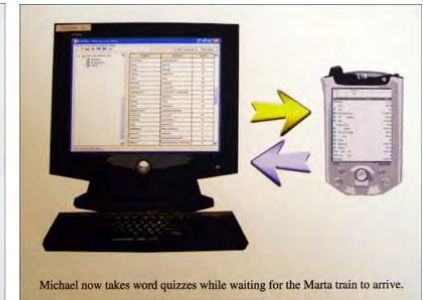
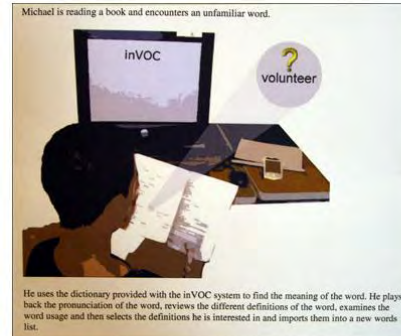
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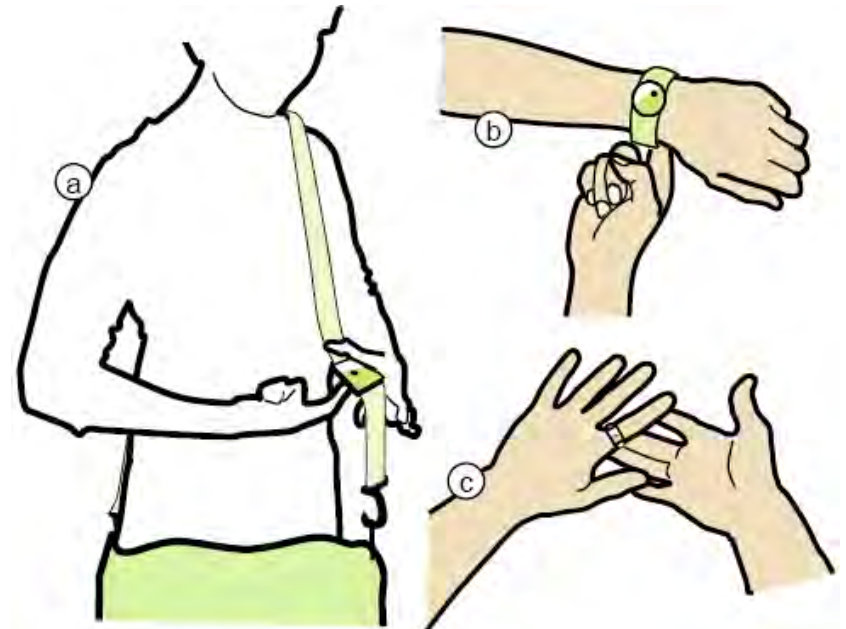
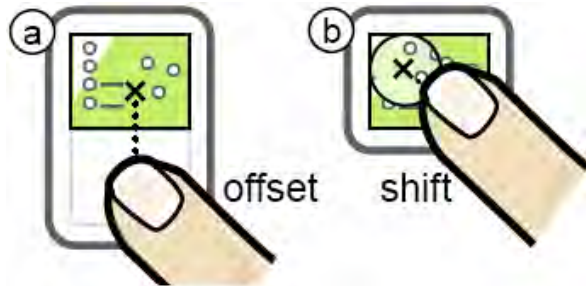
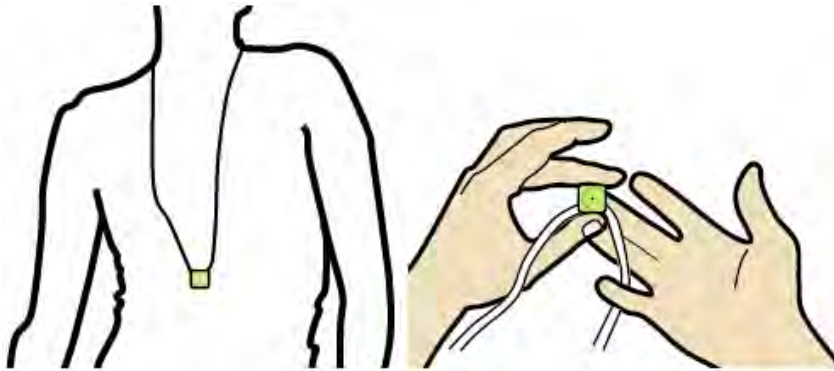


Blur Out Distracting Details

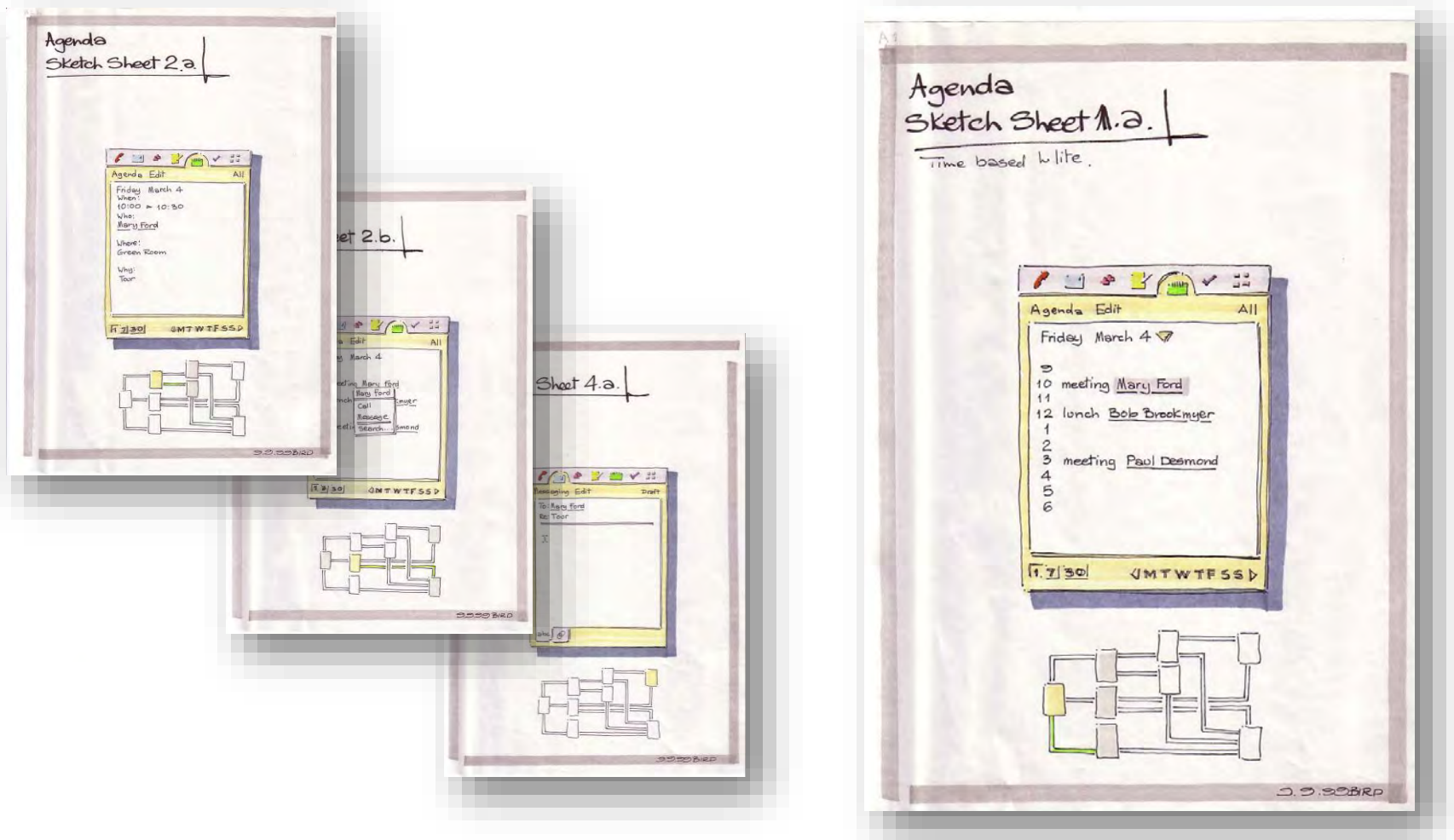
Using image editing software to simplify photos into sketches



Tracing Photos

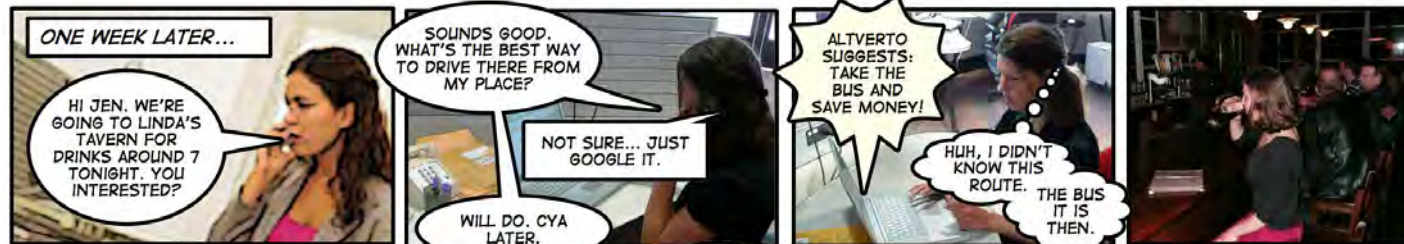


Mapping the Space of Interaction



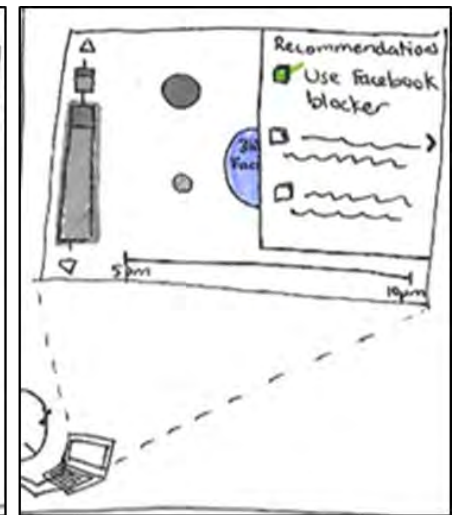
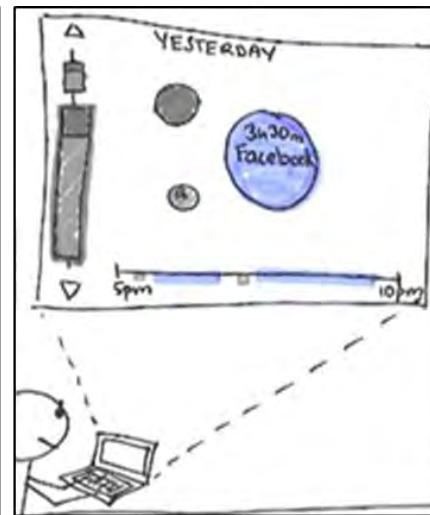
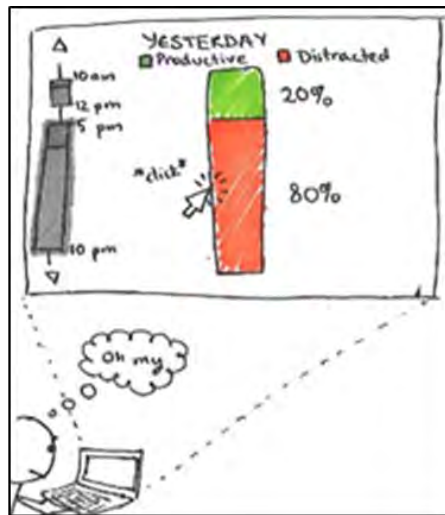
Comic Presentation

Thought bubbles argue for the design

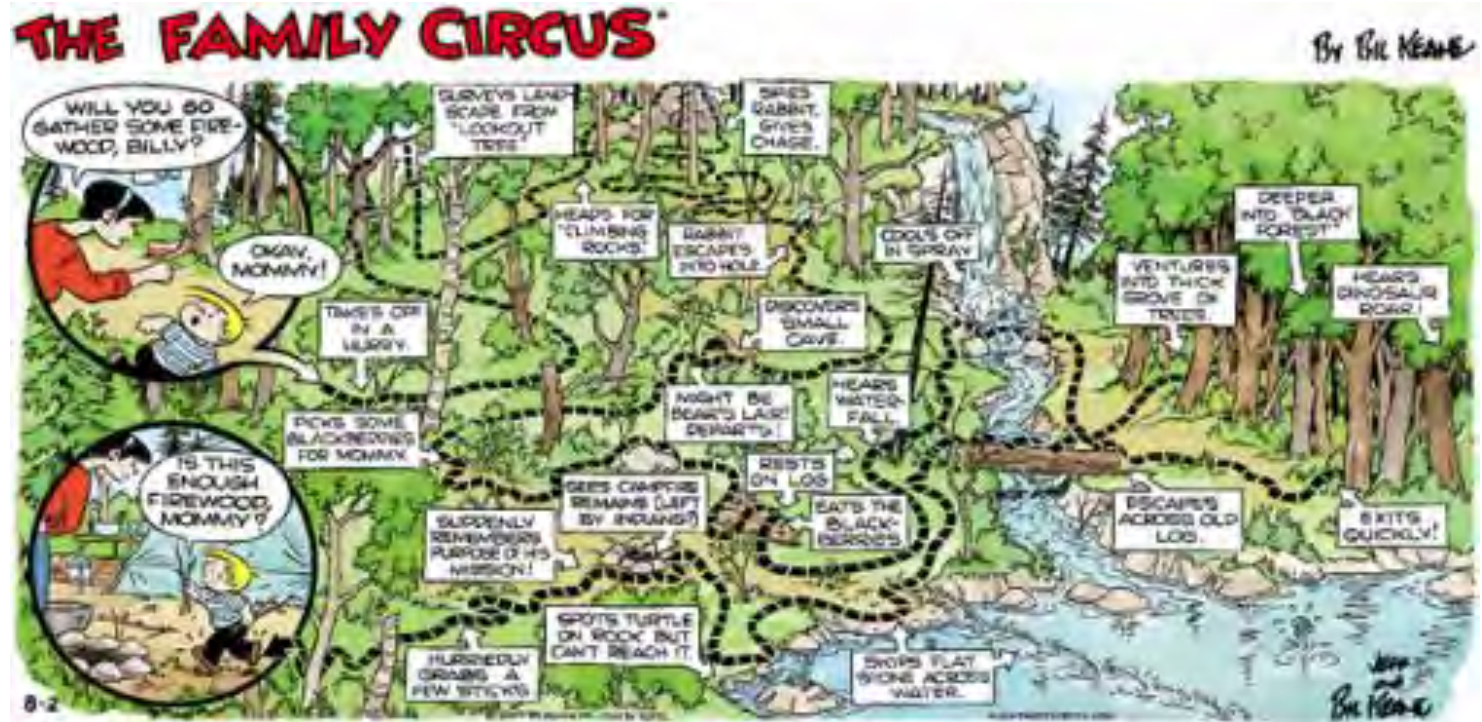


Field trial participants not only reported changing their behavior - reducing single occupant trips by around 10% - but they also told us about encouraging their peers and colleagues to do to same during and after the field trial.

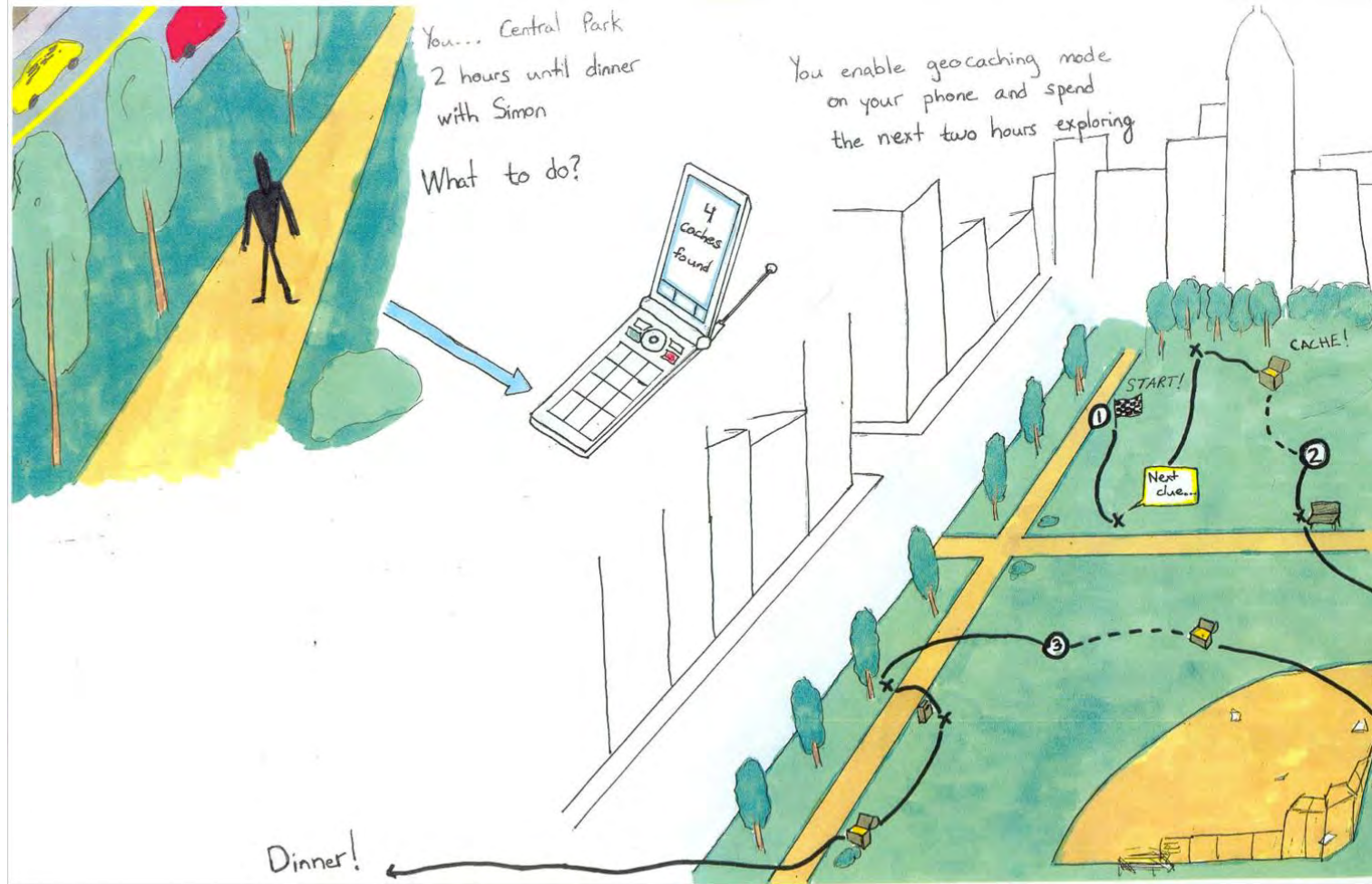
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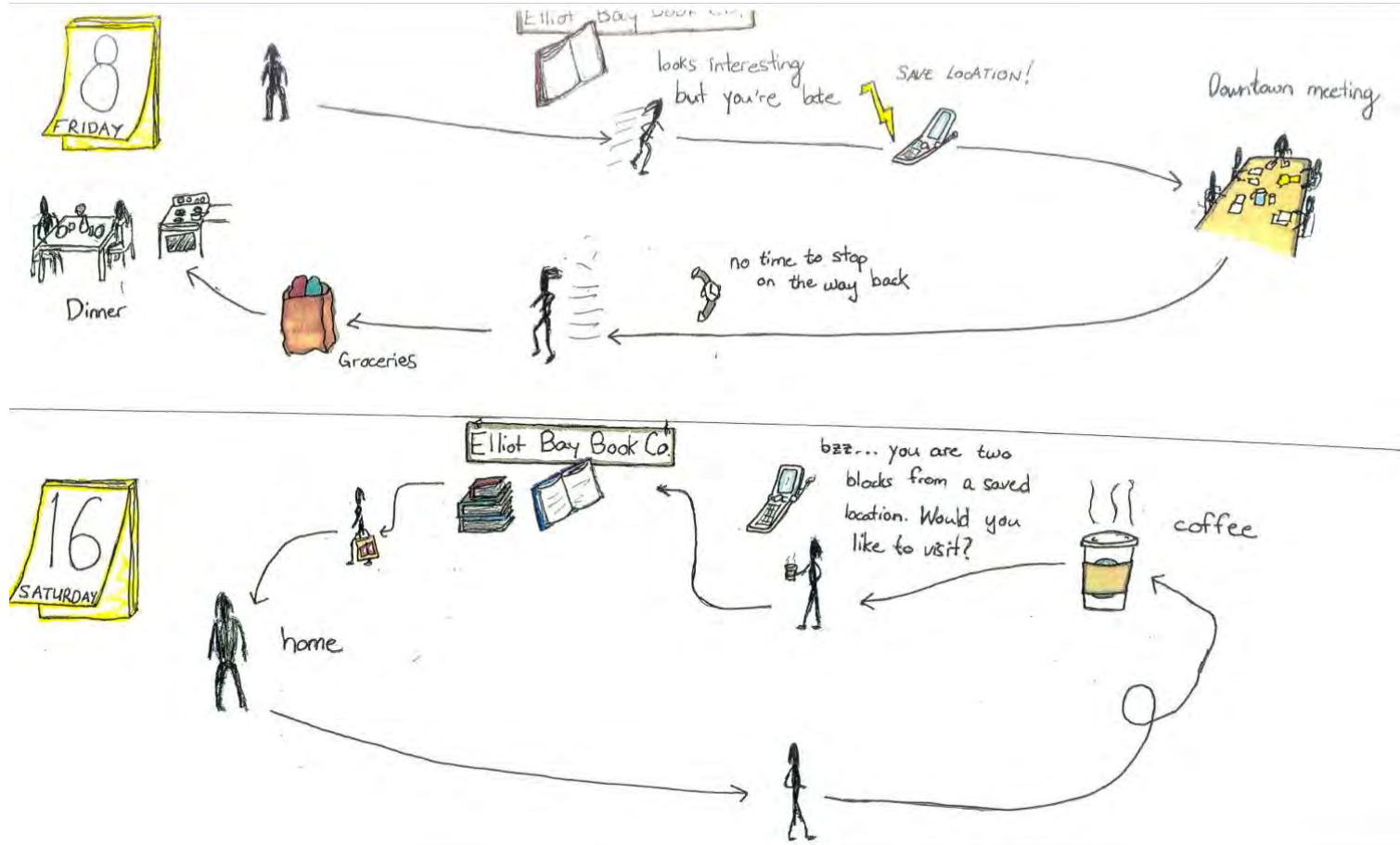
Route Maps



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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 help convey emotion (e.g., voice, music)

Can show interactive elements more clearly

Can be self-explanatory

If done well, can be an effective pitch

But you need to keep it quick and effective

Most Important Trick: Stop Motion



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

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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

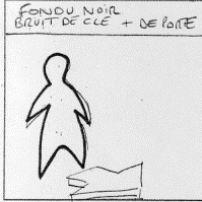
Create text for usage scenarios

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

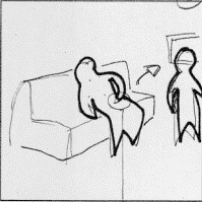
Steps to Create a Video Prototype

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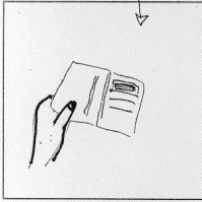


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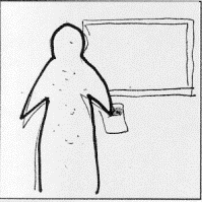
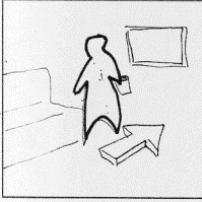
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CAMERA PORTE FERME DANS LA BUHE
OBS



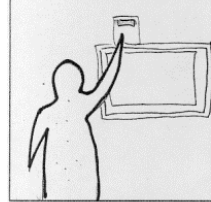
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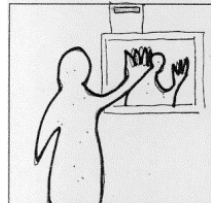
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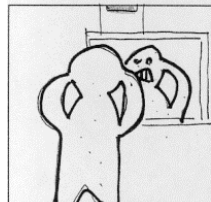
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SCENARIO GRINACE 1

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POUR INCrustATION



SCENARIO

DECORS GRINACE 2.
CAMERA
OBS

Steps to Create a Video Prototype

Shoot a video clip for each storyboard card

Avoid editing in the camera, just shoot scenes

Use titles to separate clips

Like a silent movie

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

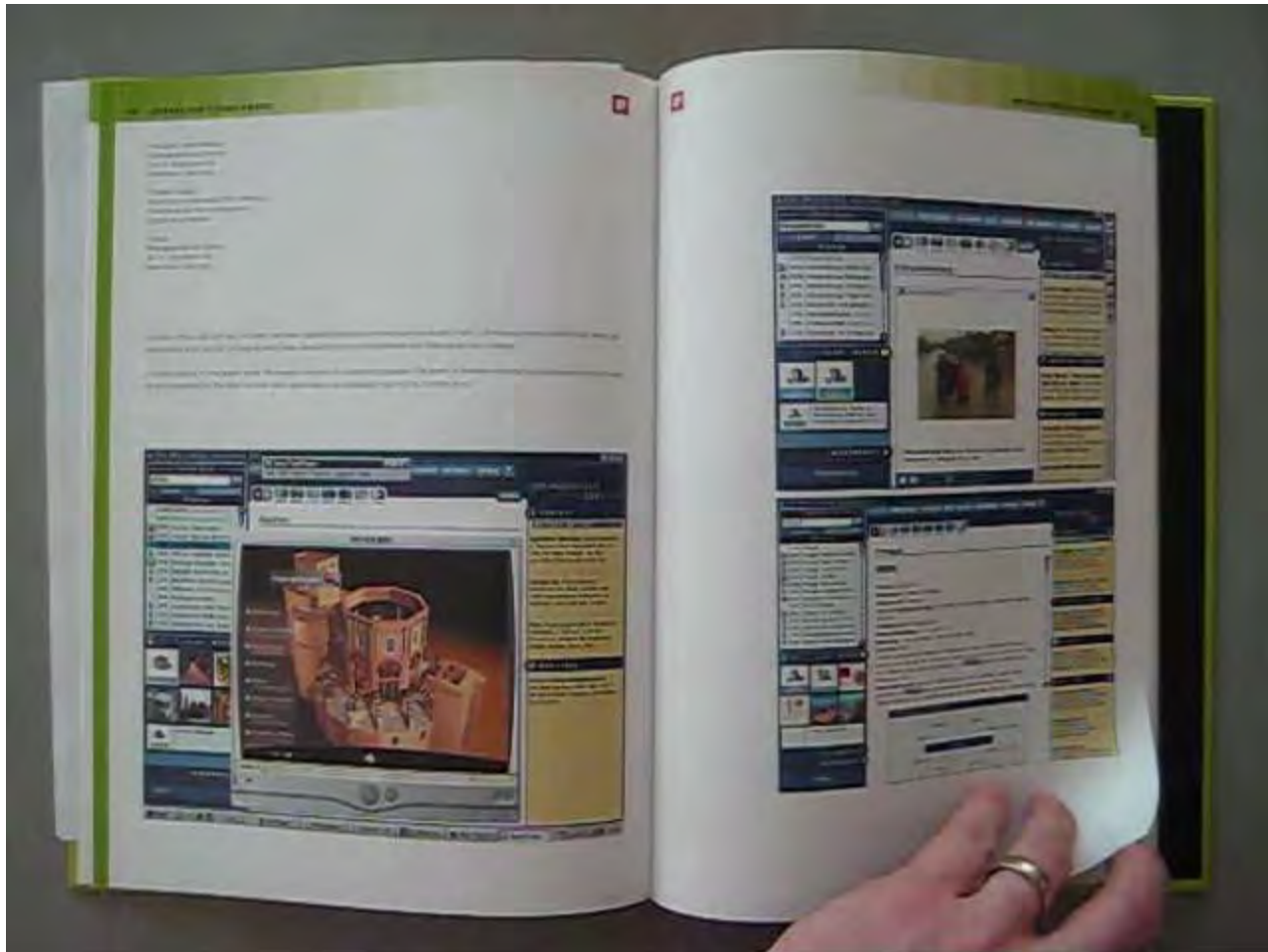
If you make an error, just reshoot it

Prototyping Microsoft Surface



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Prototyping Microsoft Surface



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Lessons from Prior Video Prototypes

Narration, Pace, and Flair

Three versions of “Don’t Forget”

Using Projectors and Simple Props

“Buddy Map”

Watch for Pace and Scene Relevance

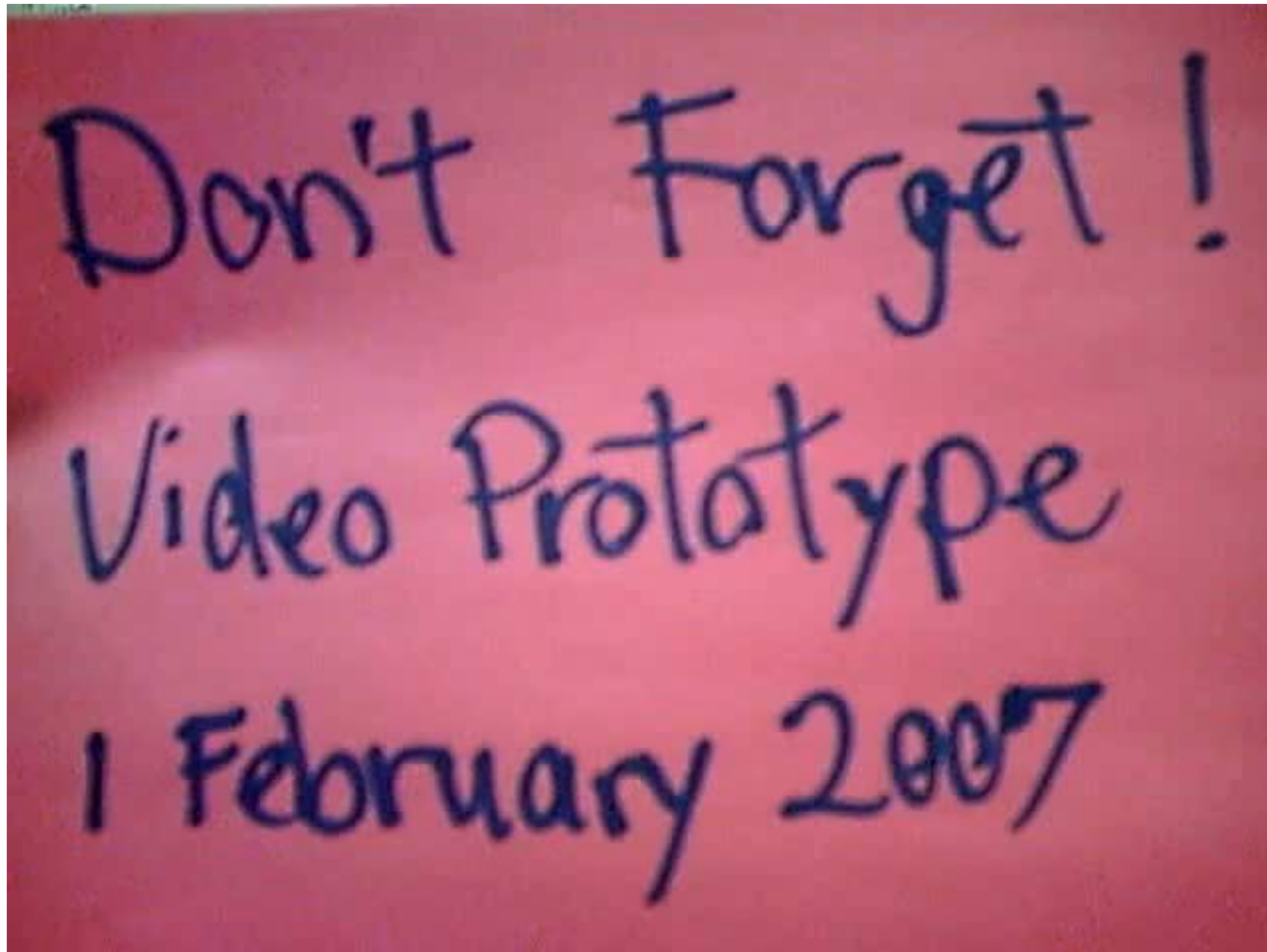
“Consumester”

Narration, Pace, and Flair

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

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Narration, Pace, and Flair



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Narration, Pace, and Flair

"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

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Watch for Pace and Scene Relevance



Consumester
Video Prototype

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Lessons from Prior Video Prototypes

Split Presentation, Simple Effects

“PickUp”

Still-Frame, More Effects

“Graffiti Karma”

Split Presentation, Simple Effects

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Ian Crofoot

Mitchell Ishimitsu
Sunil Garg

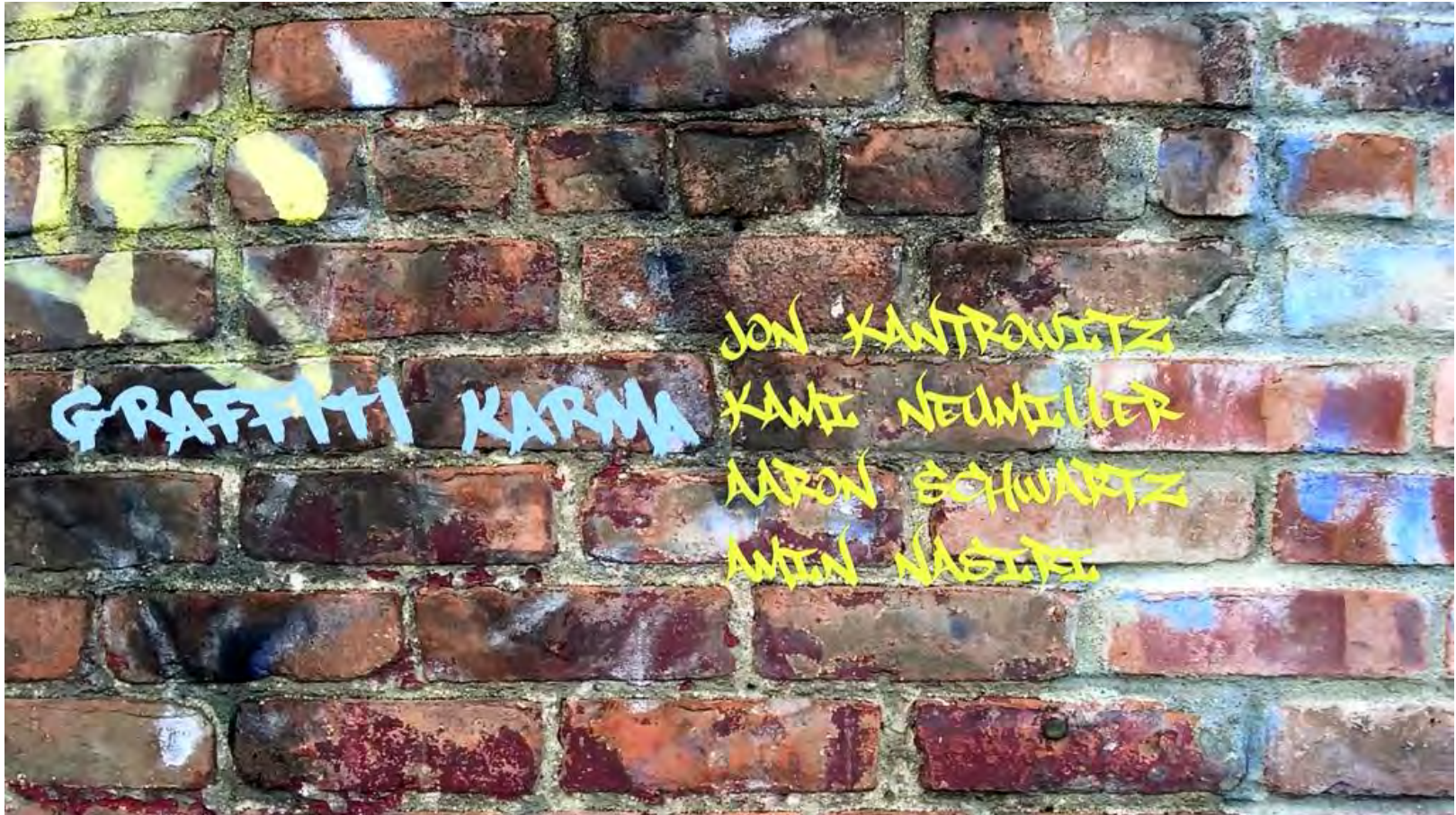


PickUp
It's more than a game it's a community

CSE 440 Video Prototype

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Still-Frame, More Effects



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Lessons from Prior Video Prototypes

Scenario with a Contrast

“ParkSmart” (note that screens are static images)

Playful while Keeping Pace

“Plantr”

Scenario with a Contrast



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But watch for pace and scene relevance

ParkSmart

Playful while Keeping Pace



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Reminder on Fidelity



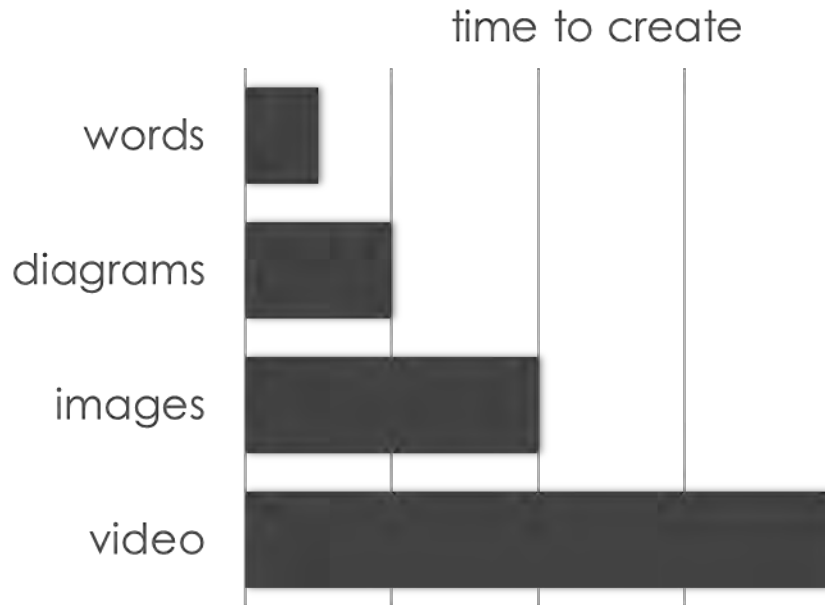
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Fidelity Takes Time: Stay Low Fidelity



Completely made-up bar length

But it is probably at least this bad

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

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

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

Range of Purposes

Illustrating Low-Level Techniques

Microsoft Surface examples convey timing

Illustrate Designs

Focus in this course

High-Level Visions

StarFire

Knowledge Navigator

A Day Made of Glass

Sun's "Starfire" (1994)



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Apple's "Knowledge Navigator" (1987)



Knowledge Navigator

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



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Summary

Think about your audience

Think about your time constraints

Think about the purpose of your story

Think about options for effective presentation

CSE 440: Introduction to HCI

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Video Prototyping

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10:30 to 11:50

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These are Examples of What?

Popsicle-stick bridge

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

ACT-R

Goffman's Negotiated Approach

Norman's Execution-Evaluation Cycle

Models

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

Today is a closer look at modeling humans

Capture essential pieces

Model should have what it needs but no more
Thus avoid underfitting or overfitting model

Allow us to measure

Collect data, put in model, compare model terms

Allow us to predict

The better the model, the better the predictions

Definition of Interaction?

Two-Way

one-way is a reaction

Communicative

information is sent

Receptive

information is received

Effective

the parties are changed as a result

Definition of Interaction?

Two-Way
Communicative
Receptive
Effective

Knocking over a chair

Clicking a Submit button on a web page

Two televisions, turned on, facing each other

A computer sending data to another via a network

Typing on a computer that is turned off

Picking up a telephone and putting it to your ear

Typing ESC on a screen that does not allow it

Models of Interaction

Models of interaction allow a closer look

- Define and describe an interaction

- Isolate areas where problems occur

- Design new interaction

Two examples at different scales

- Norman's Execution-Evaluation Cycle

- Buxton's 3-State Model

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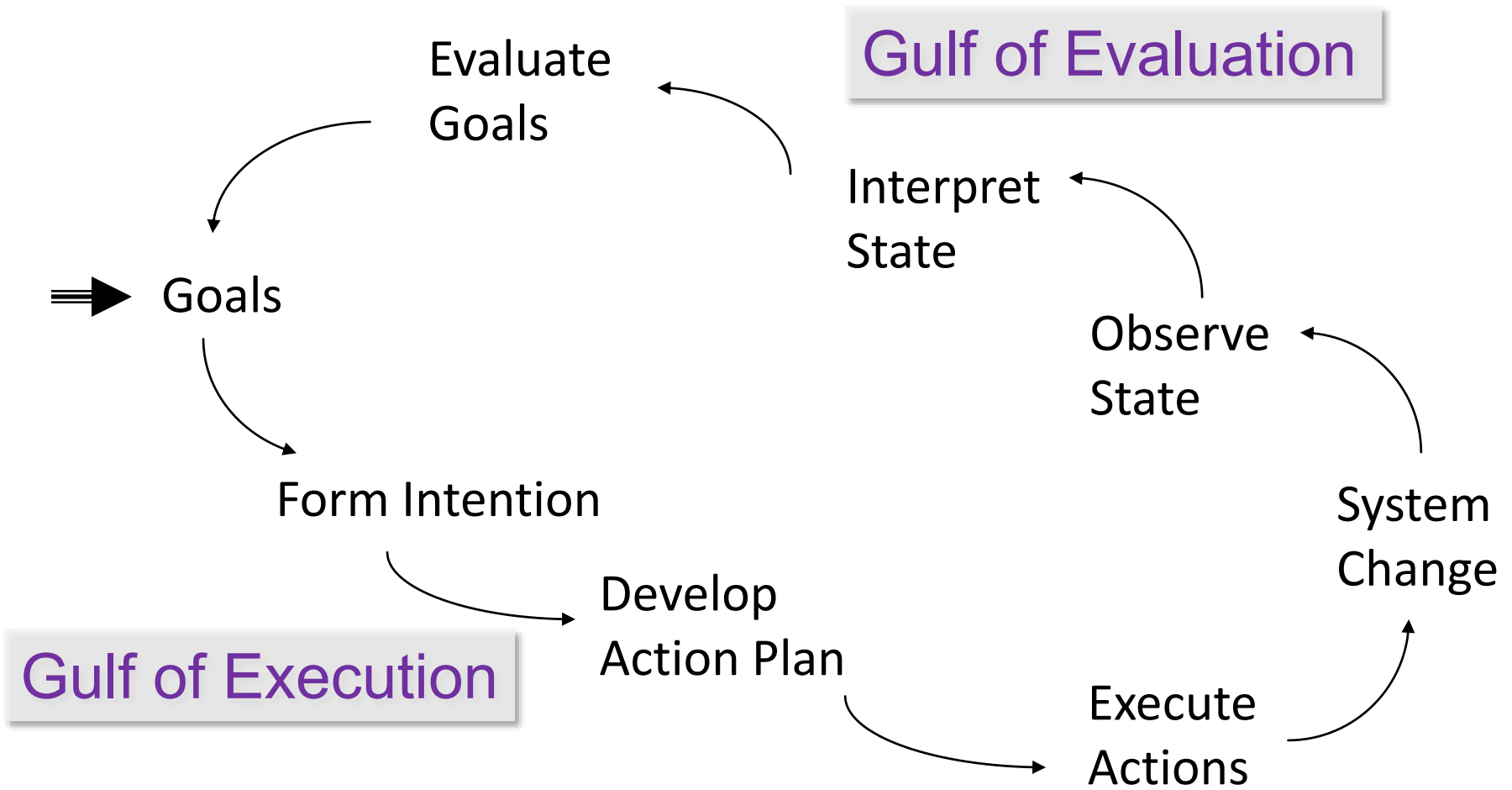
Norman's Execution-Evaluation Cycle

Buxton's 3-State Model

“All models are wrong, but some are useful”

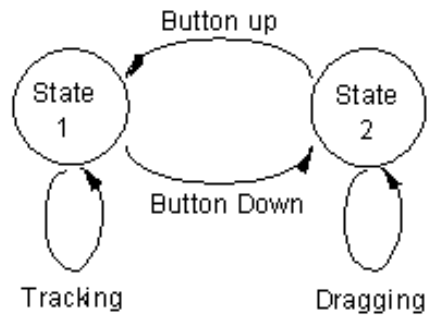
George Box

Norman's Execution-Evaluation Cycle

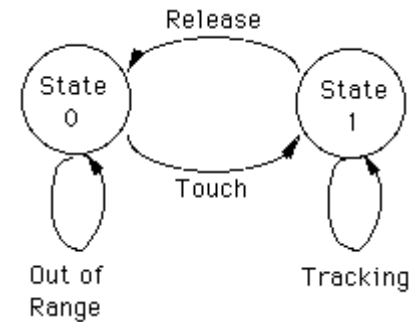


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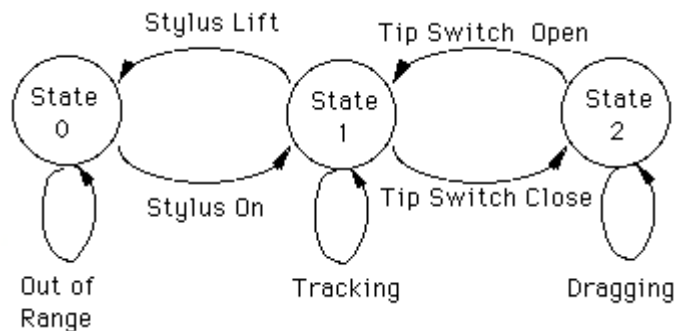
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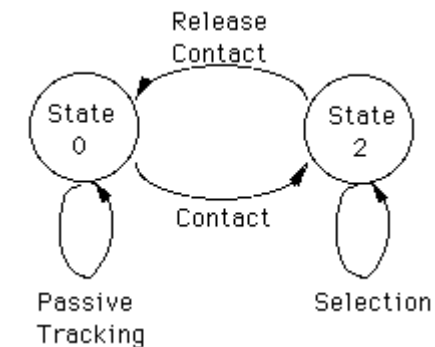
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Stylus

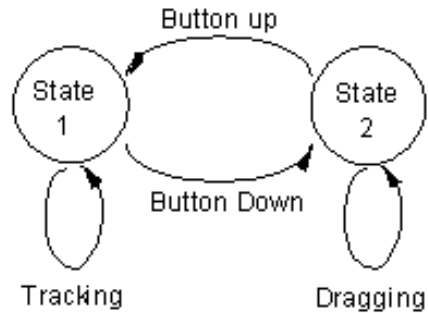


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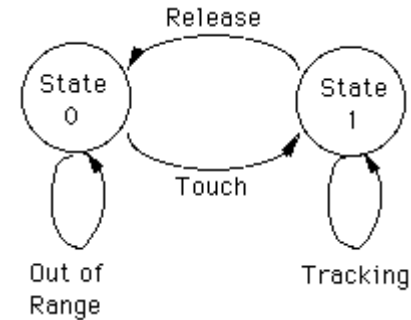


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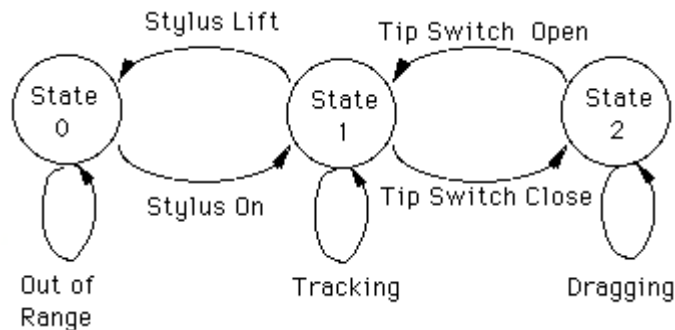
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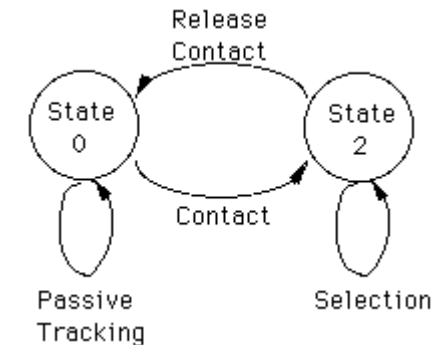
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Which can support tooltip previews?

Creating a Model

How would you go about creating a model?

Creating a Model

How would you go about creating a model?

One approach:

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

Fundamentally an inductive process

From specific observations
to broader generalization

Today

Some example models of human performance

Visual System

Model Human Processor

Fitts's Law

Gestalt Principles

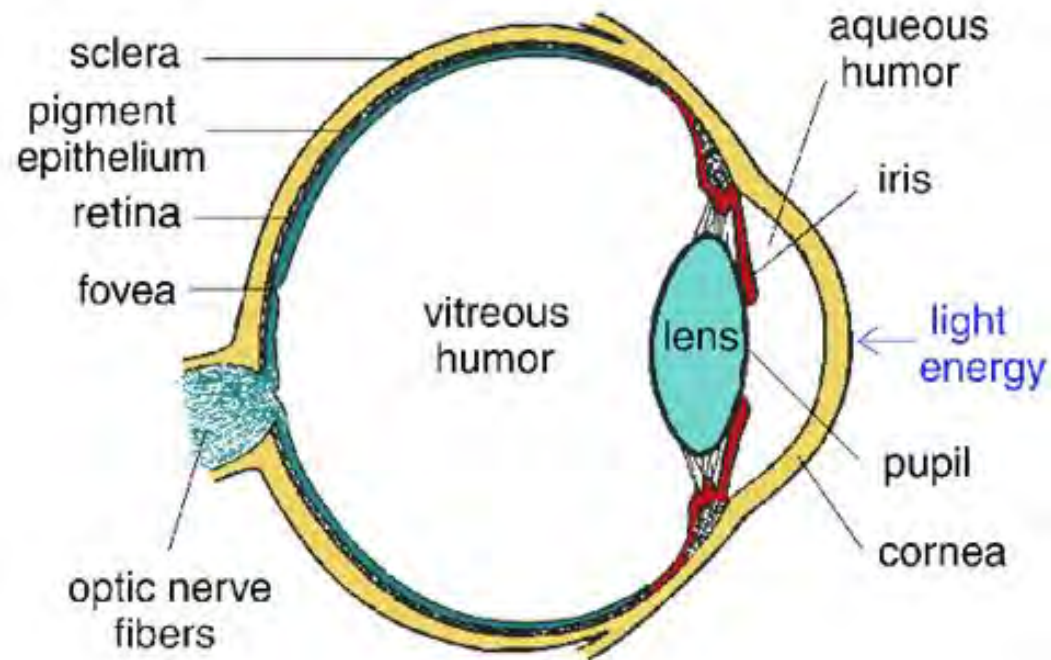
Biological Model

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

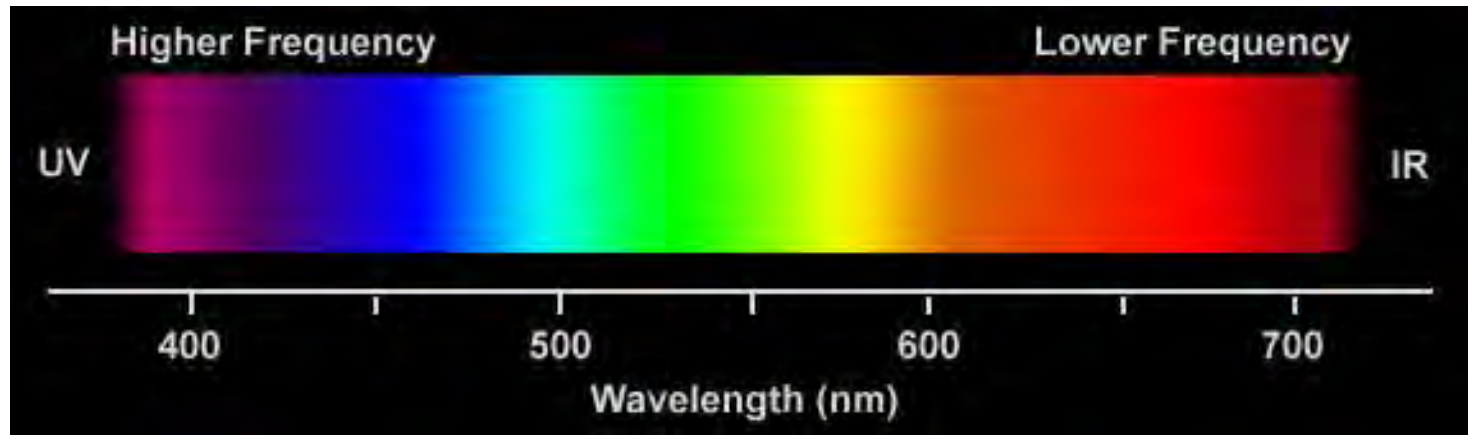


Blind Spot



Use left eye, look at cross

Visible Spectrum



Retina

Covered with light-sensitive receptors

Rods (120 million)

- Sensitive to broad spectrum of light

- Sensitive to small amounts of light

- Cannot discriminate between colors

- Sense intensity or shades of gray

- Primarily for night vision & perceiving movement

Cones (6 million)

- Used to sense color

Retina

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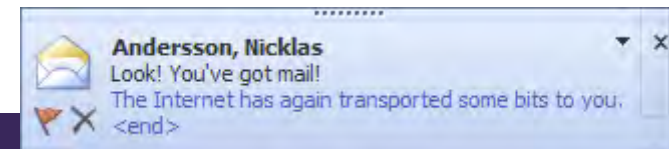
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Color Perception via Cones

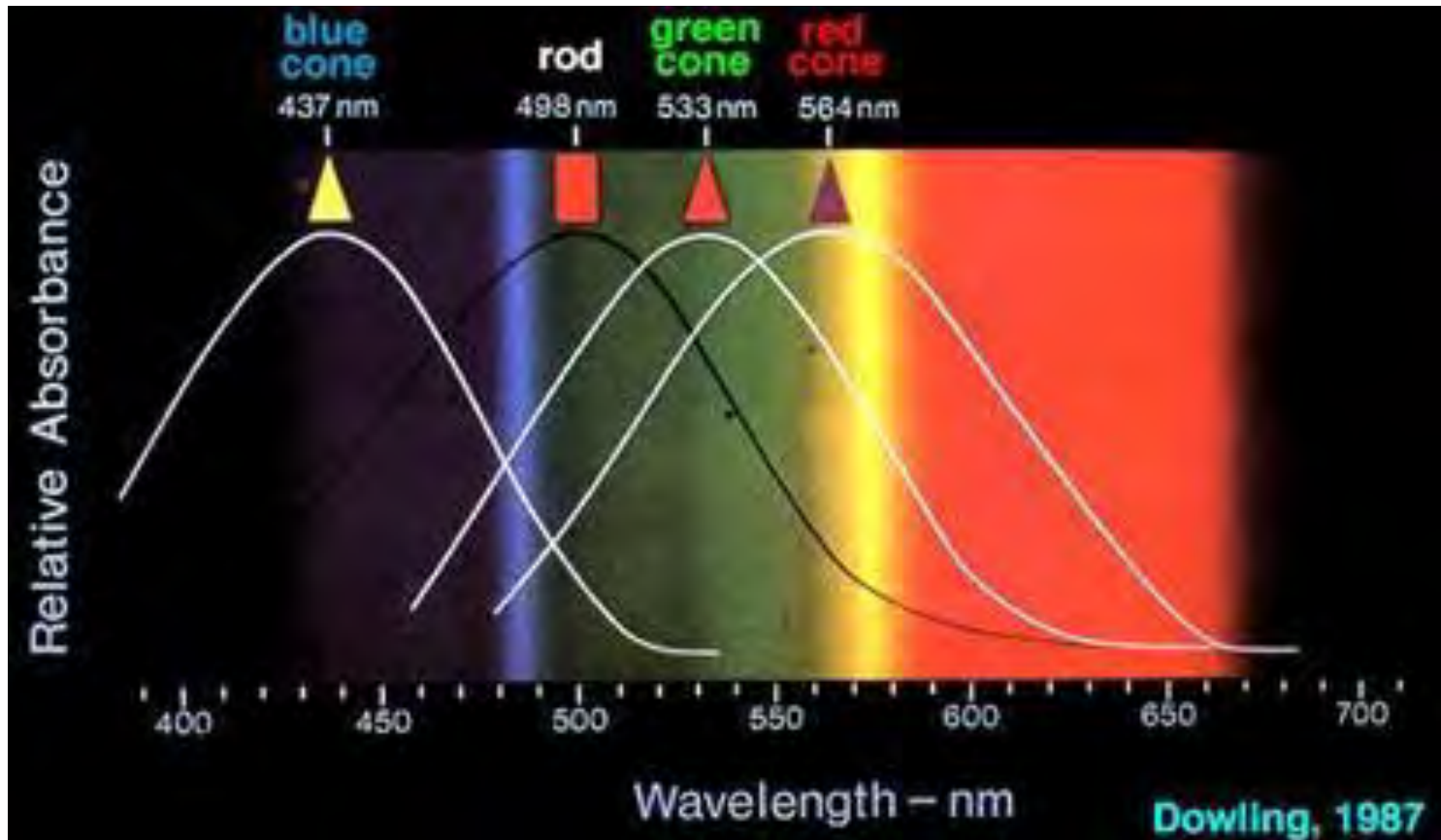
Photopigments used to sense color

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

Each sensitive to different band of spectrum

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

Color Sensitivity



Distribution of Photopigments

Not distributed evenly

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

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

No blue cones in retina center

Fixation on small blue object yields
“disappearance”

Lens yellows with age, absorbs short wavelengths

Sensitivity to blue is reduced even further

Color Sensitivity & Image Detection

Most sensitive to center of spectrum

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

Brightness determined mainly by red and green

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The Falklands Society

This hurts, why?

Color Deficiency

Trouble discriminating colors

Affects about 9% of population

Two main types

Different photopigment response most common

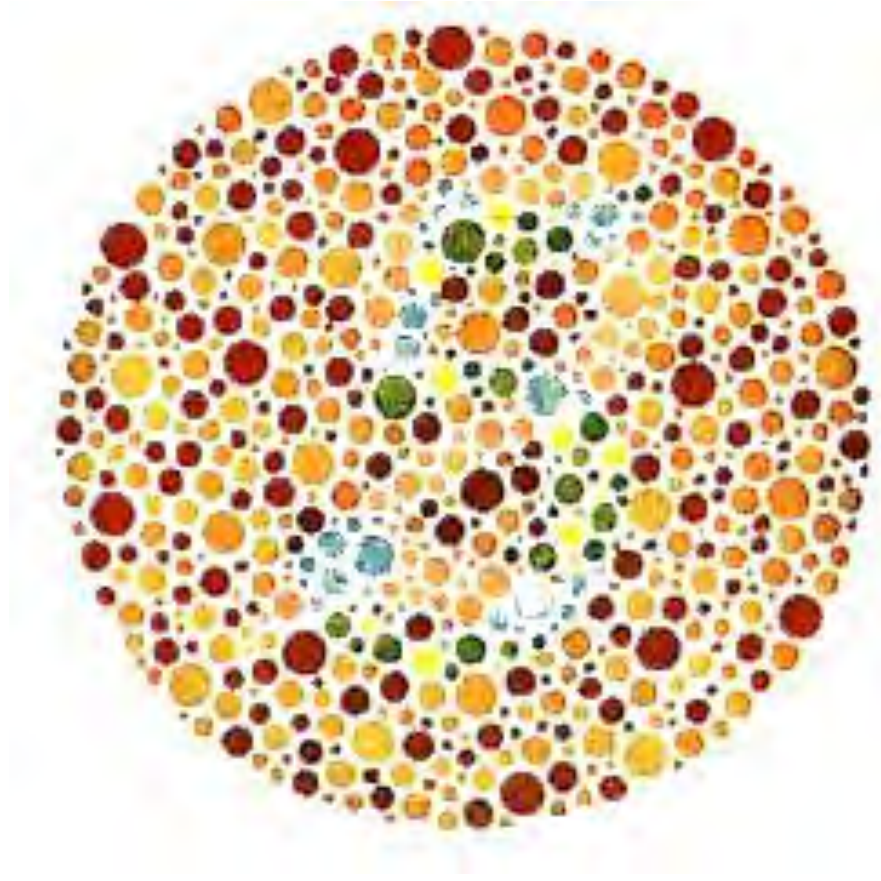
Reduces capability to discern small color differences

Red-Green deficiency is best known

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

Also known as color blindness

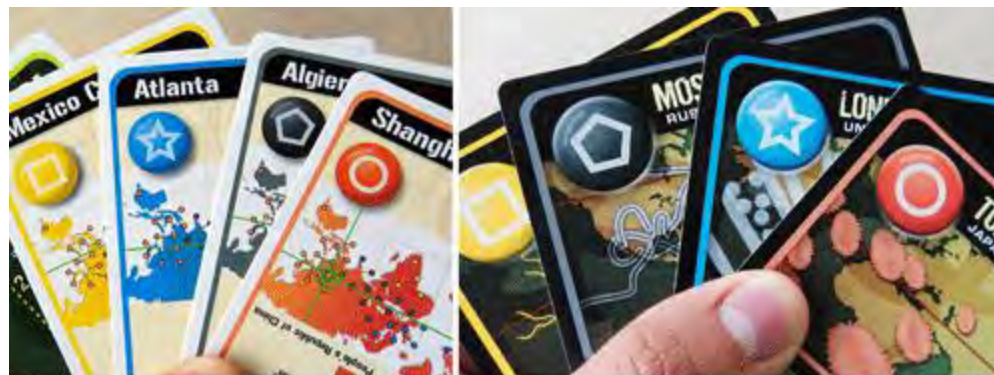
Red-Green Deficiency Test



Dual / Redundant Encoding



Apples to Apples



Pandemic

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

Update the address book of

Required information is marked in **GREEN CAPS**.

[HELP](#) for questions about shipping.

NICKNAME:

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

FIRST NAME: **MIDDLE INITIAL:**

LAST NAME:

ADDRESS:

 (International use only)

CITY:

STATE/PROVINCE:

Includes APO and FPO. Use "Other" if country is not USA or Canada.

ZIP/POSTAL CODE:

COUNTRY:

SHIPPING METHOD: **In the U.S.:** [HELP](#)

Standard UPS
(2 business days plus)

International: [HELP](#)

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Some example models of human performance

Visual System

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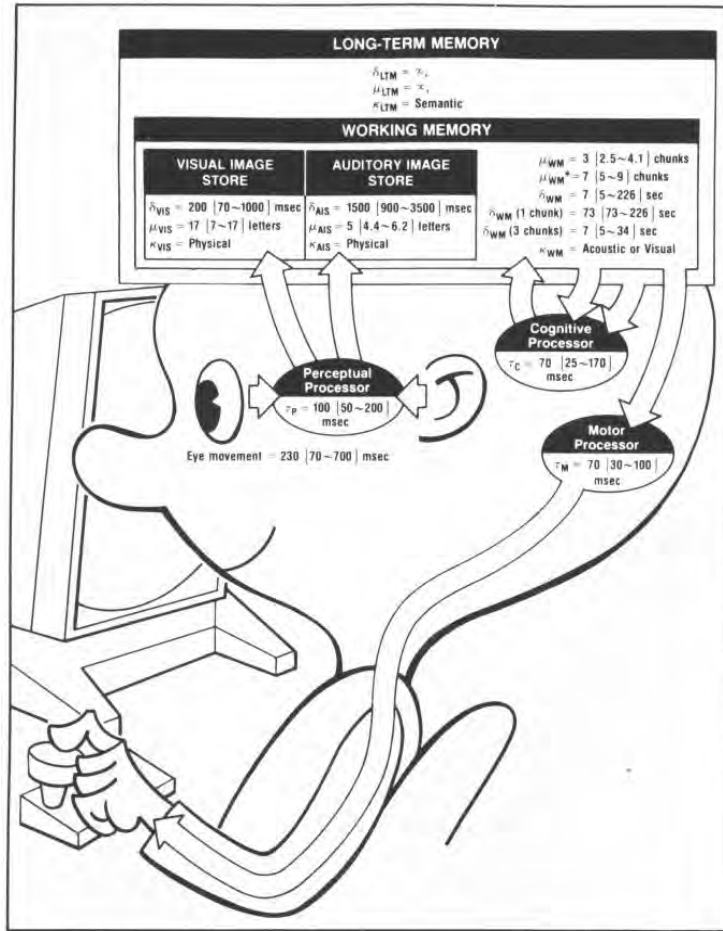
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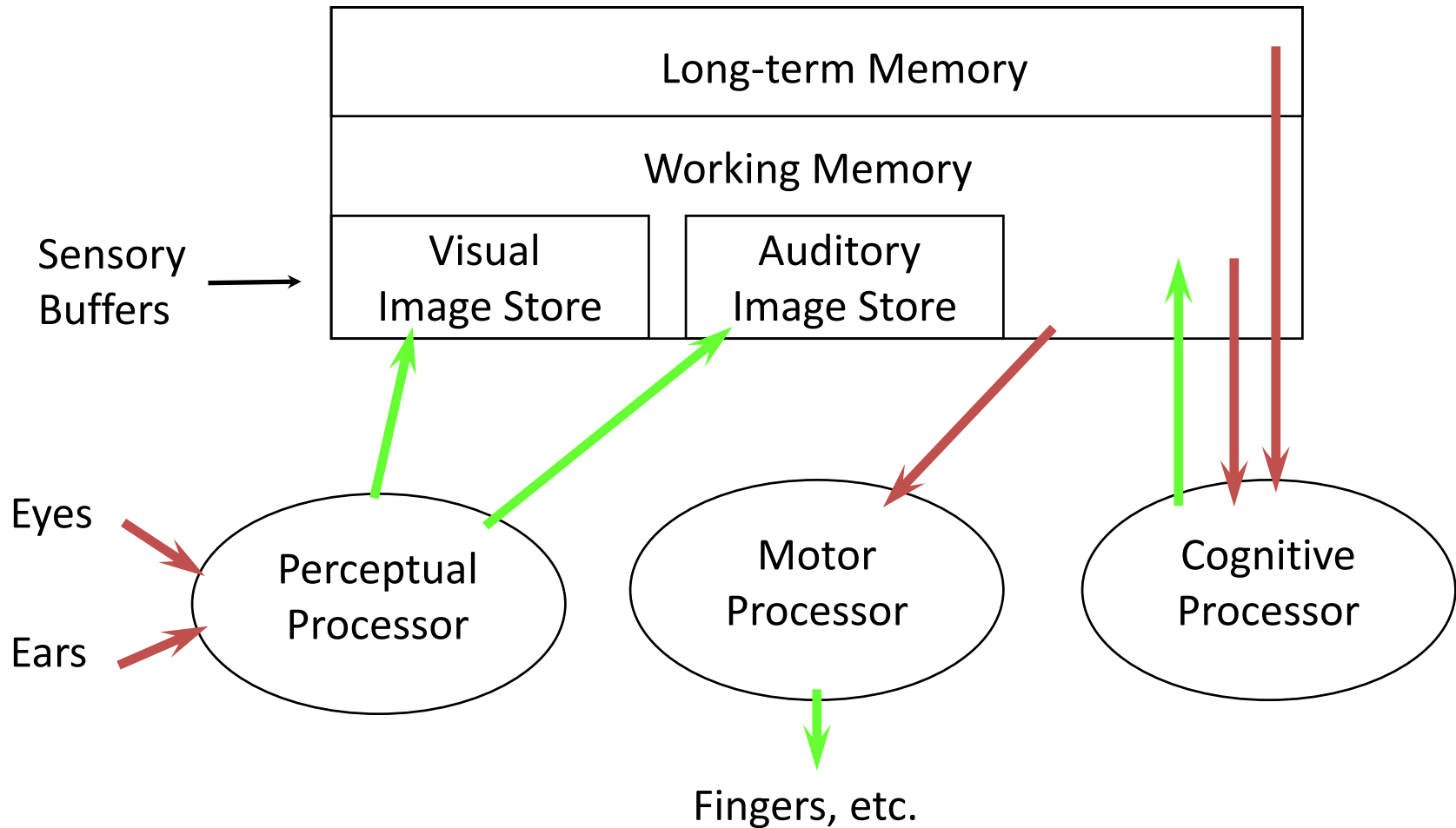
Developed by Card, Moran, & Newell (1983)

Based on empirical data

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

Same book that named human computer interaction

The Model Human Processor



Basics of Model Human Processor

Sometimes serial, sometimes parallel

Serial in action and parallel in recognition

Pressing key in response to light

Driving, reading signs, hearing all simultaneously

Parameters

Processors have cycle time, about 100-200ms

Memories have capacity, decay time, and type

A Working Memory Experiment

BMCIACSEI



BM CIA CSE I



IBM CIA CSE

Memory

Working memory (also known as short-term)

Small capacity (7 ± 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

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Start saying colors you see in list of words

When slide comes up, as fast as you can

There will be three columns of words

Say “done” when finished

Everyone else time how long it takes

Activation Experiment

word

word

word

word

word

word

word

word

word

word

word

word

word

word

word

Activation Experiment

Volunteer

red

green

blue

yellow

yellow

red

blue

blue

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red

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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

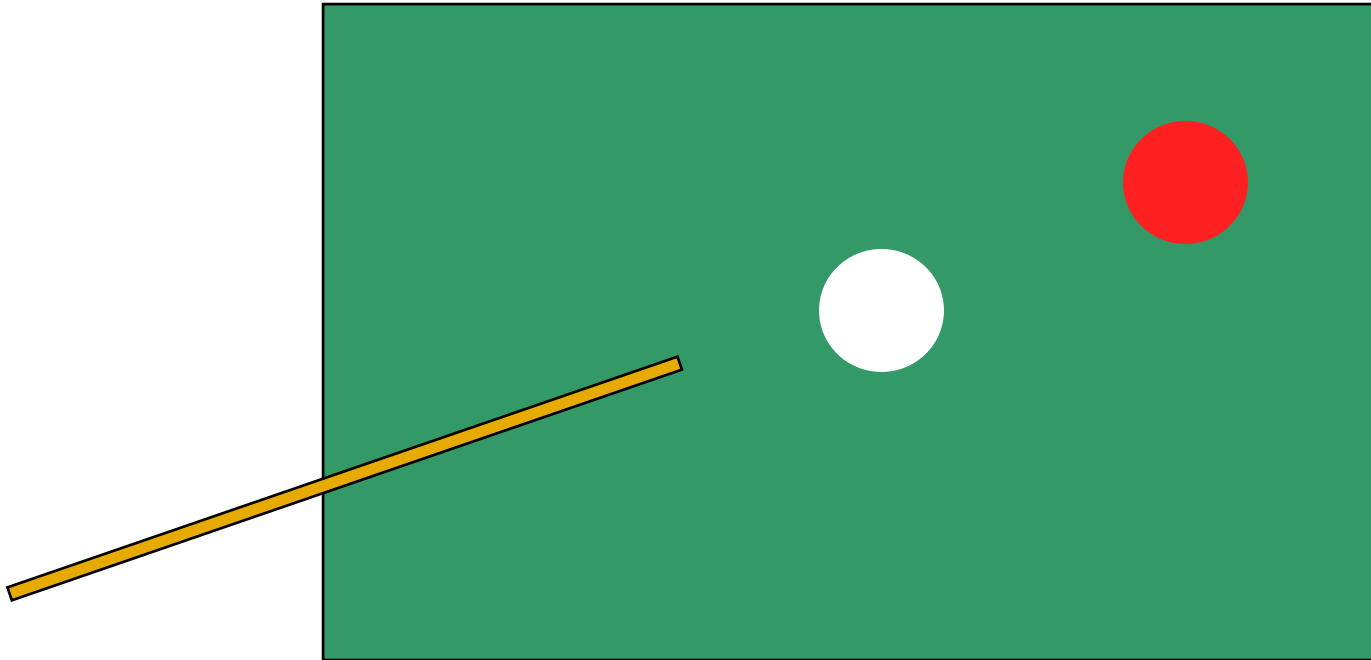
Discrimination Principle

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

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Reaching for a control in a cockpit

Moving across a dashboard

Pulling defective items from a conveyor belt

Clicking on icons using a mouse

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

Allows for comparison among different experiments

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but most people say Fitts' Law

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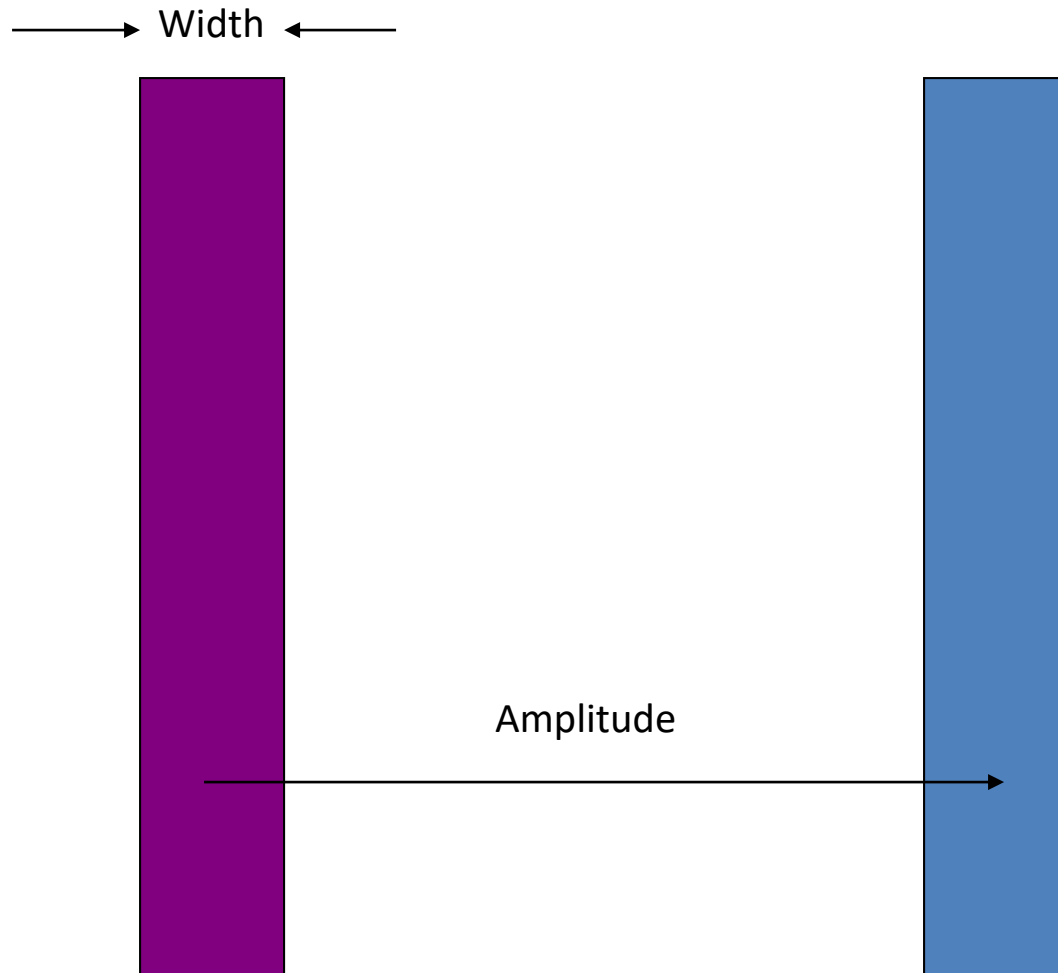
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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fitts's_law

Reciprocal Point-Select Task



Closed Loop versus Open Loop

What is closed loop motion?

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Rapid aimed movements with feedback correction

Fitts's law models this

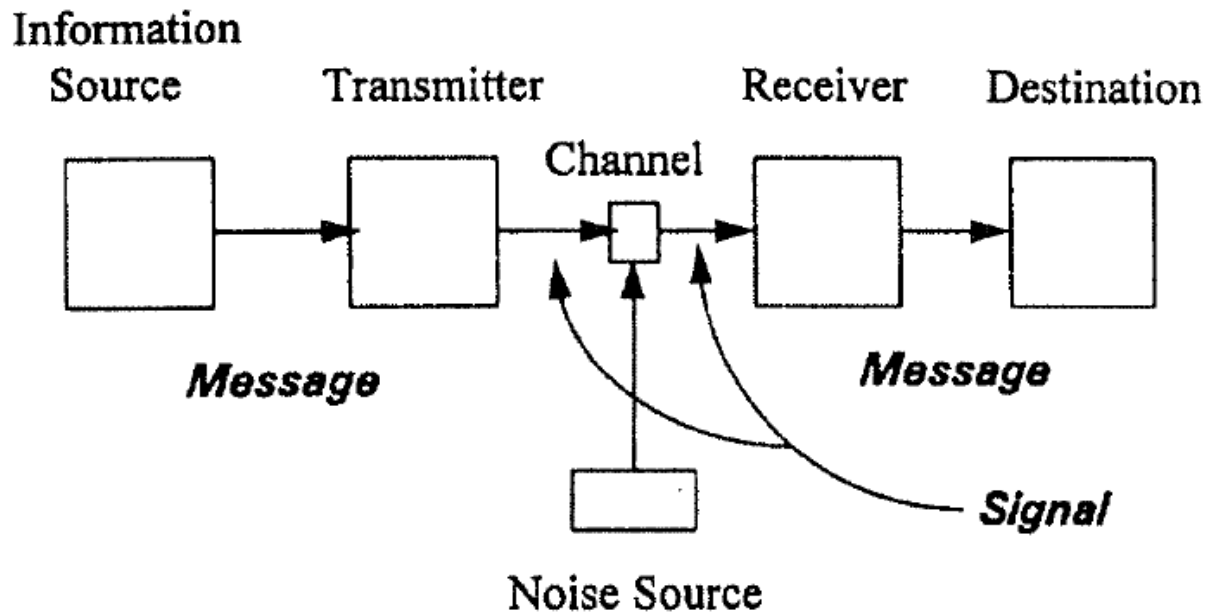
What is open loop motion?

Ballistic movements without feedback correction

Example: Throwing a dart

See Schmidt's Law (1979)

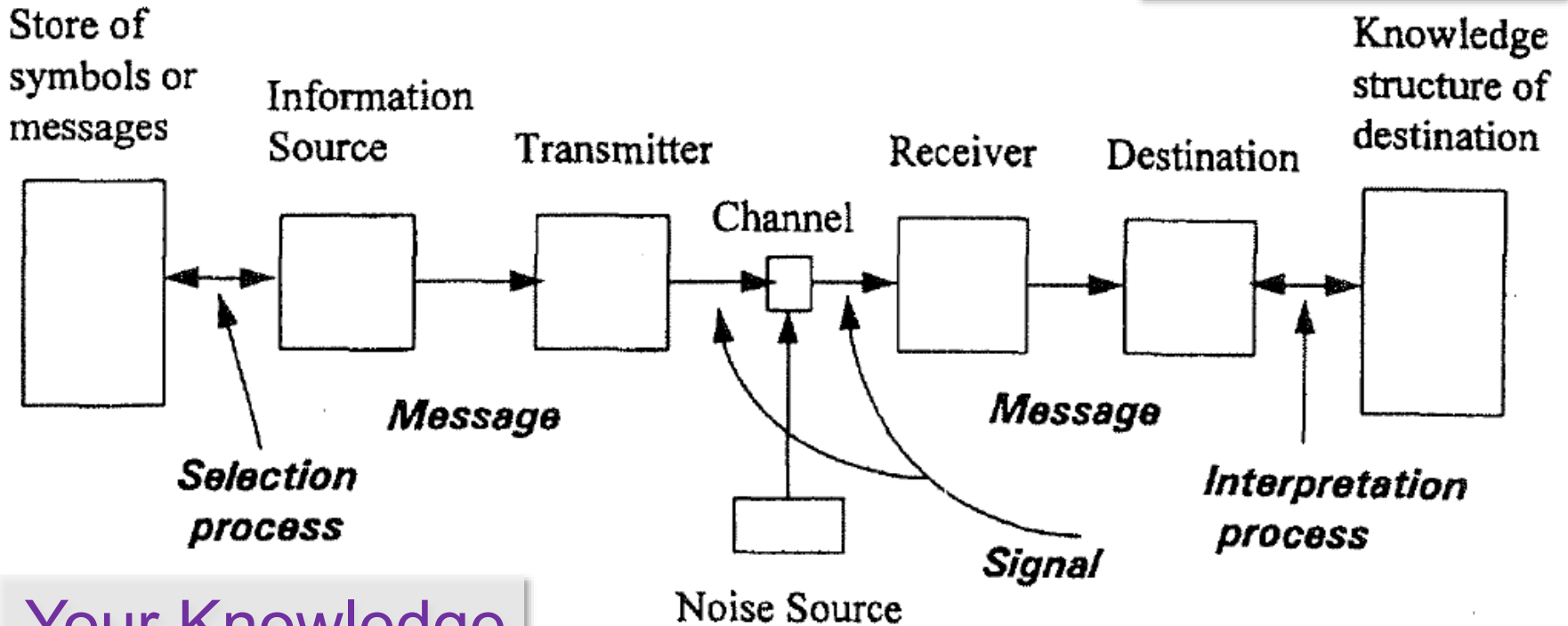
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Analogy to Information Transmission
Shannon and Weaver, 1959

Model by Analogy

The Interface



Your Knowledge

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Fitts's Law

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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

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Units of A and W don't matter

Allows comparison across experiments

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ID units typically in “bits”

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

Index of Performance (IP)

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

b is slope

1/b is called Index of Performance (IP)

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

Also called “throughput” or “bandwidth”

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

A Fitts's Law Experiment

Experimental Design and Analysis

Factorial Design

Experiment with more than one manipulation

Within vs. Between Participant Design

Statistical power versus potential confounds

Carryover Effects and Counterbalanced Designs

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

Latin
Square
Design

“Beating” Fitts’s law

It is the law, right?

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

So how can we reduce movement time?

Reduce A

Increase W

Fitts's Law Related Techniques

Put targets closer together

Make targets bigger

Make cursor bigger

Area cursors

Bubble cursor

Use impenetrable edges

Fitts's Law Examples

Which will be faster on average?

Pop-up Linear Menu



Pop-up Pie Menu



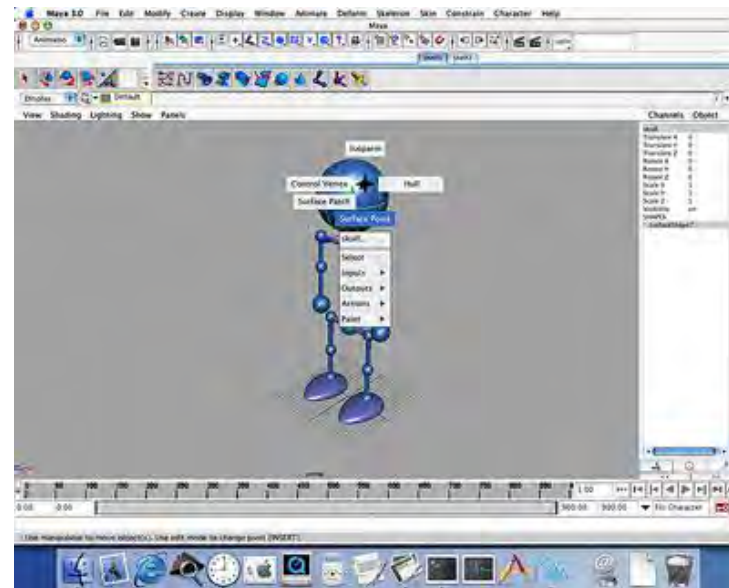
Pie Menus in Use



The Sims



Rainbow 6



Maya

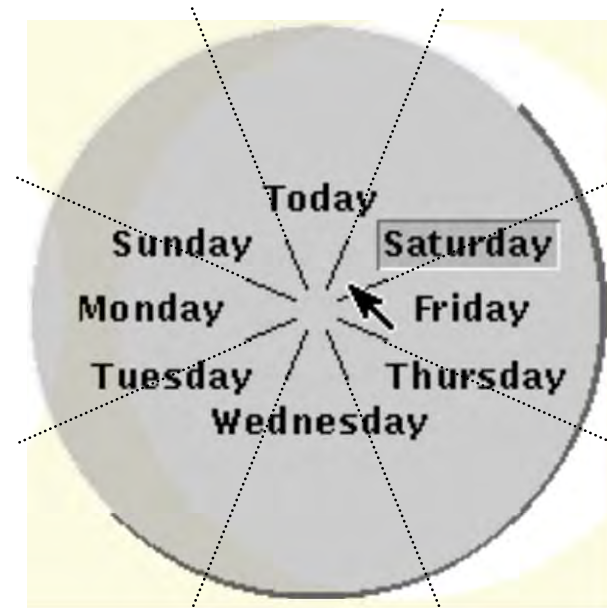
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What about adaptive menus?

Fitts's Law in Windowing



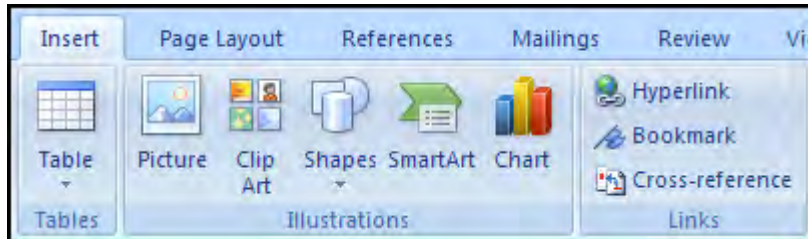
Windows 95: Missed by a pixel

Windows XP: Good to the last drop



Macintosh Menu

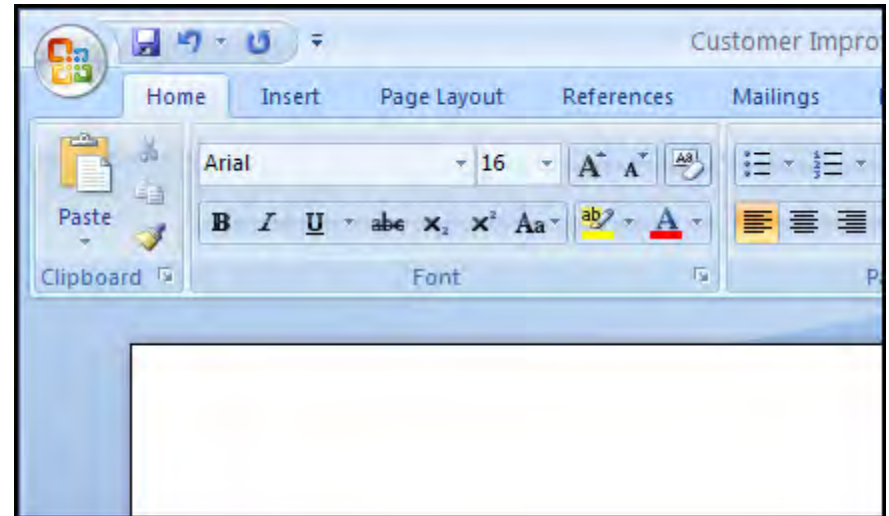
Fitts's Law in MS Office 2007



Larger, labeled controls
can be clicked more quickly



Mini toolbar is close to the cursor



Magic Corner:
Office Button in the upper-left corner

Bubble Cursor



Grossman and Balakrishnan, 2005

Bubble Cursor



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Bubble Cursor with Prefab



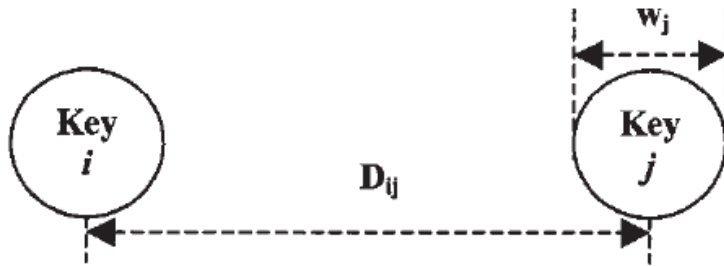
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Bubble Cursor with Prefab



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Fitts's Law and Keyboard Layout



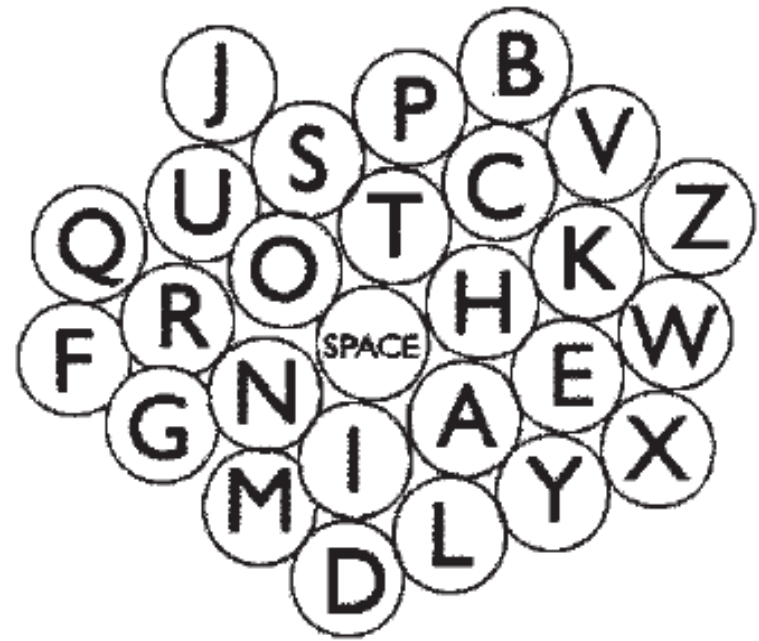
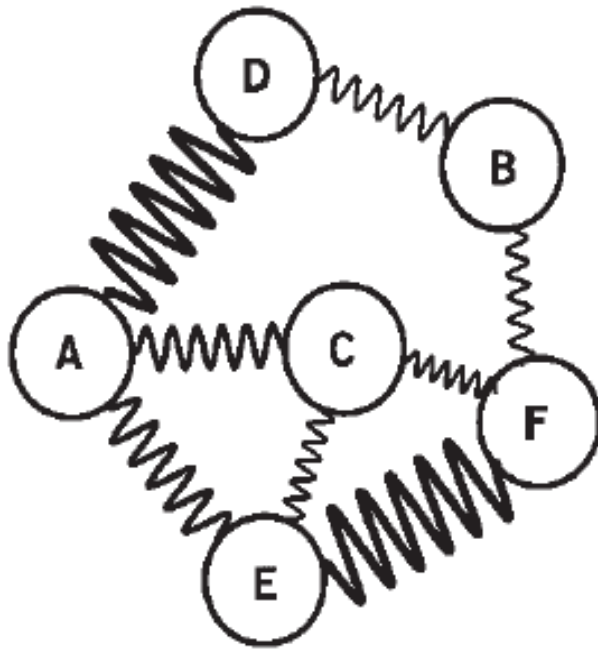
Zhai et. al (2002) pose stylus keyboard layout as an optimization of all key pairs, weighted by language frequency

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

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

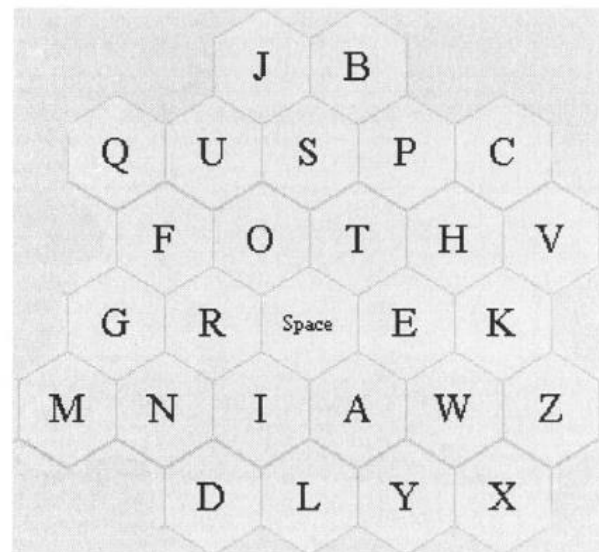
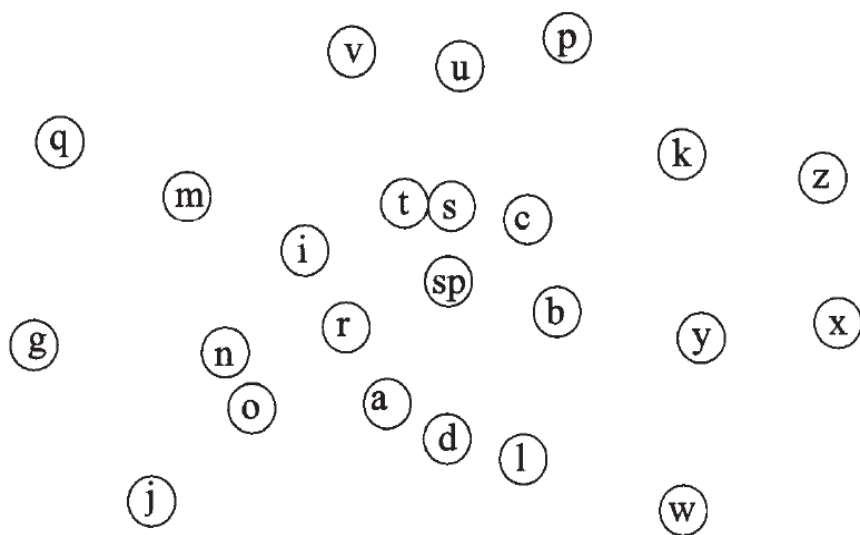
Hooke's Keyboard

Optimizes a system of springs



Metropolis Keyboard

Random walk minimizing scoring function



Considering Multiple Space Keys

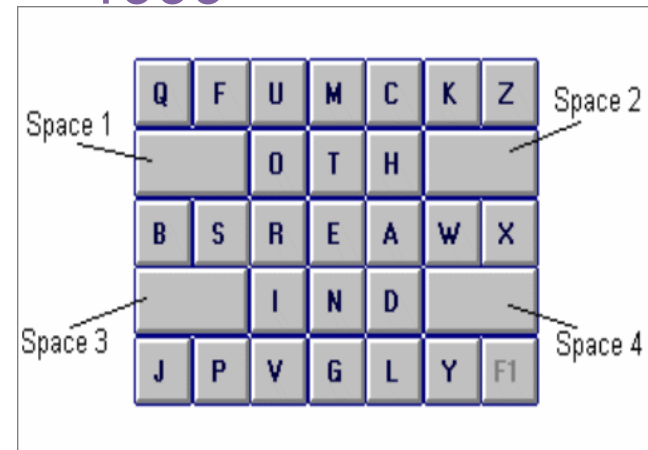
FITALY Keyboard

Textware Solutions

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

OPTI Keyboard

MacKenzie and Zhang
1999



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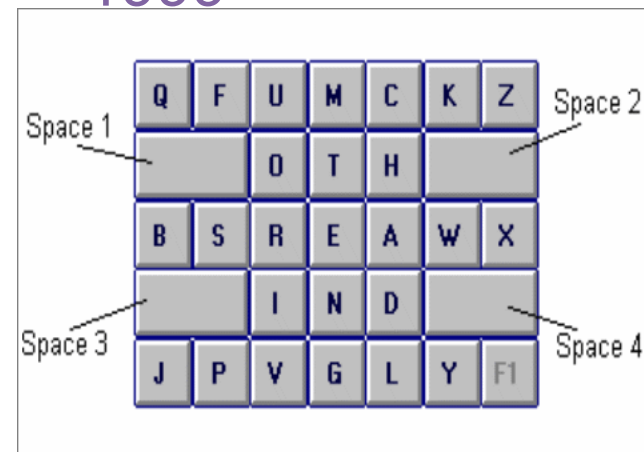
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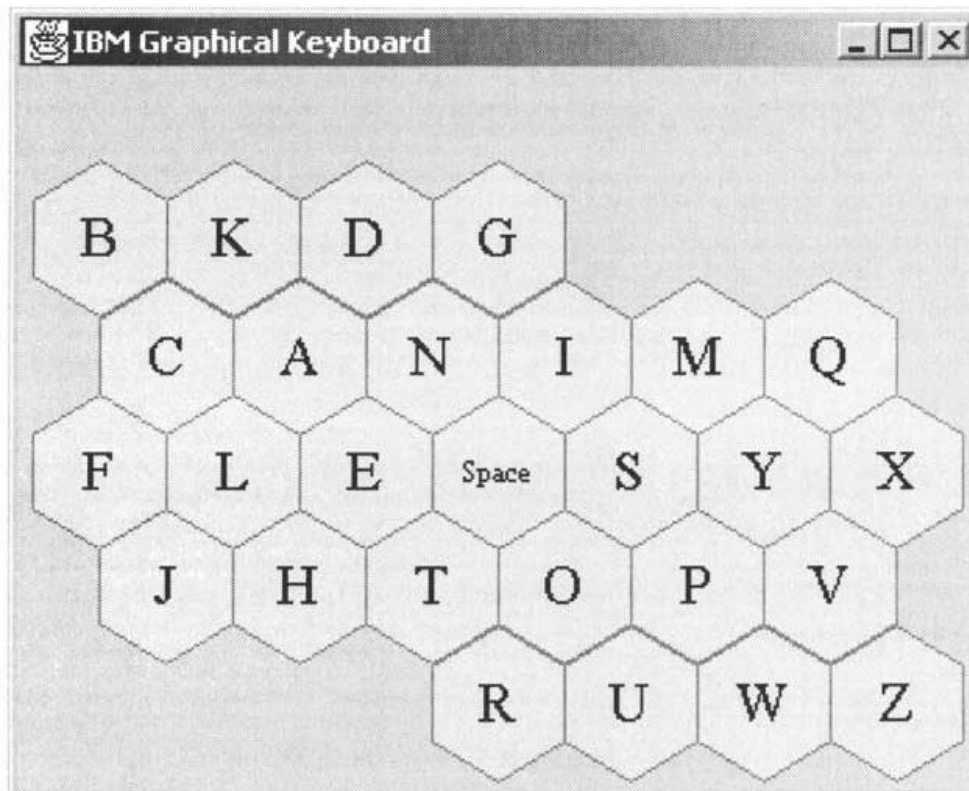


Correct choice of space key becomes important

Requires planning head to be optimal

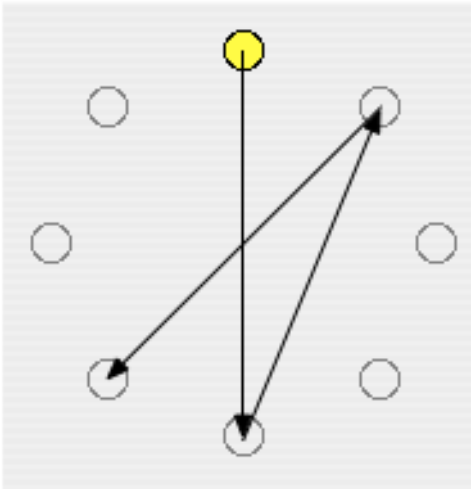
ATOMIK Keyboard

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

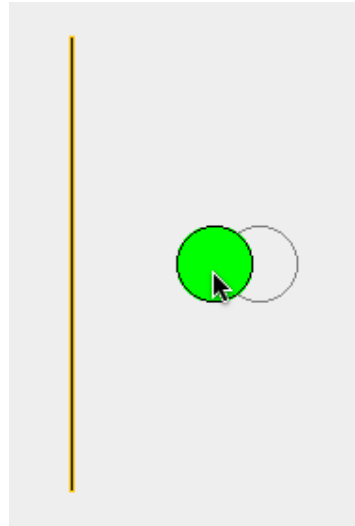


Using Motor Ability in Design

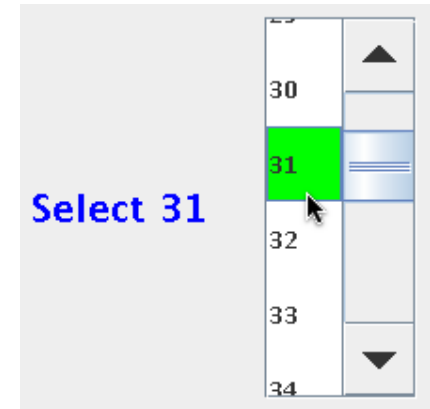
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Dragging

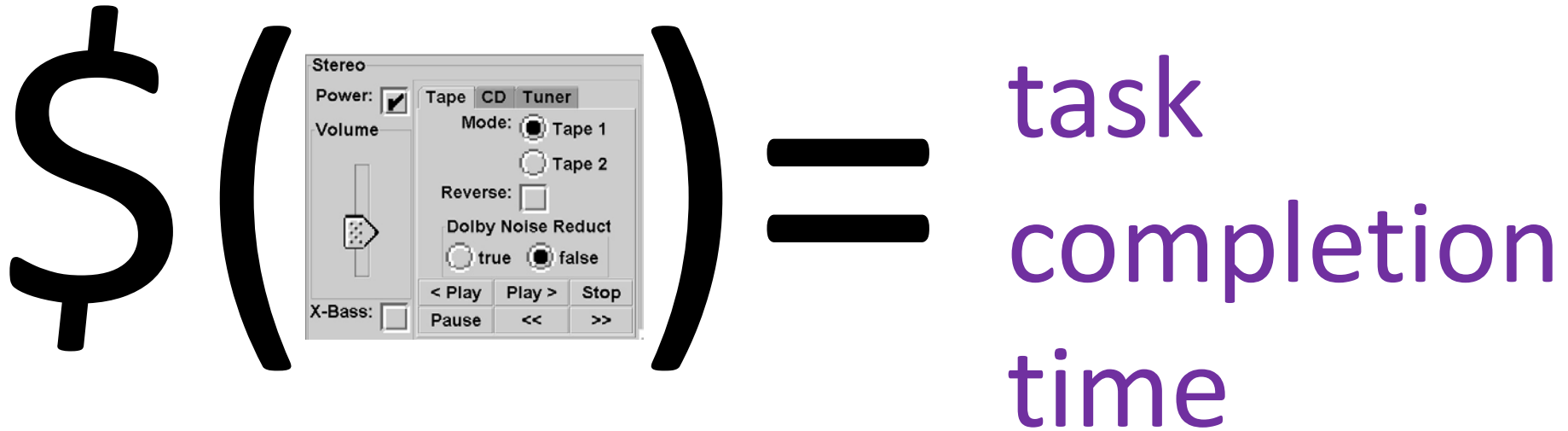


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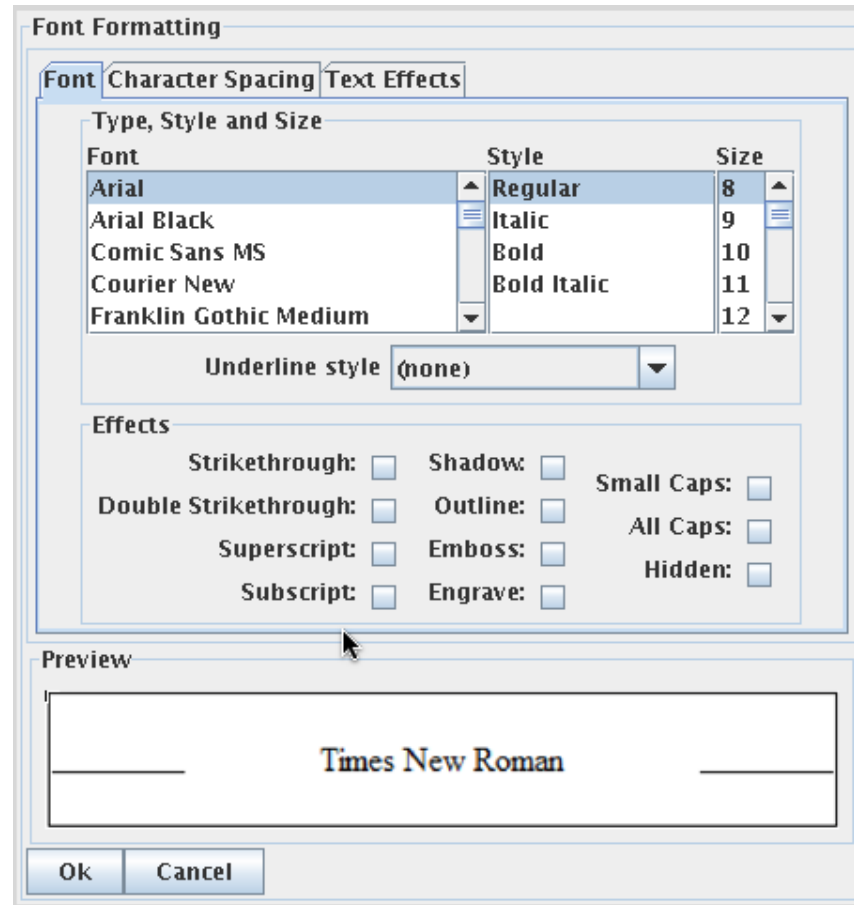


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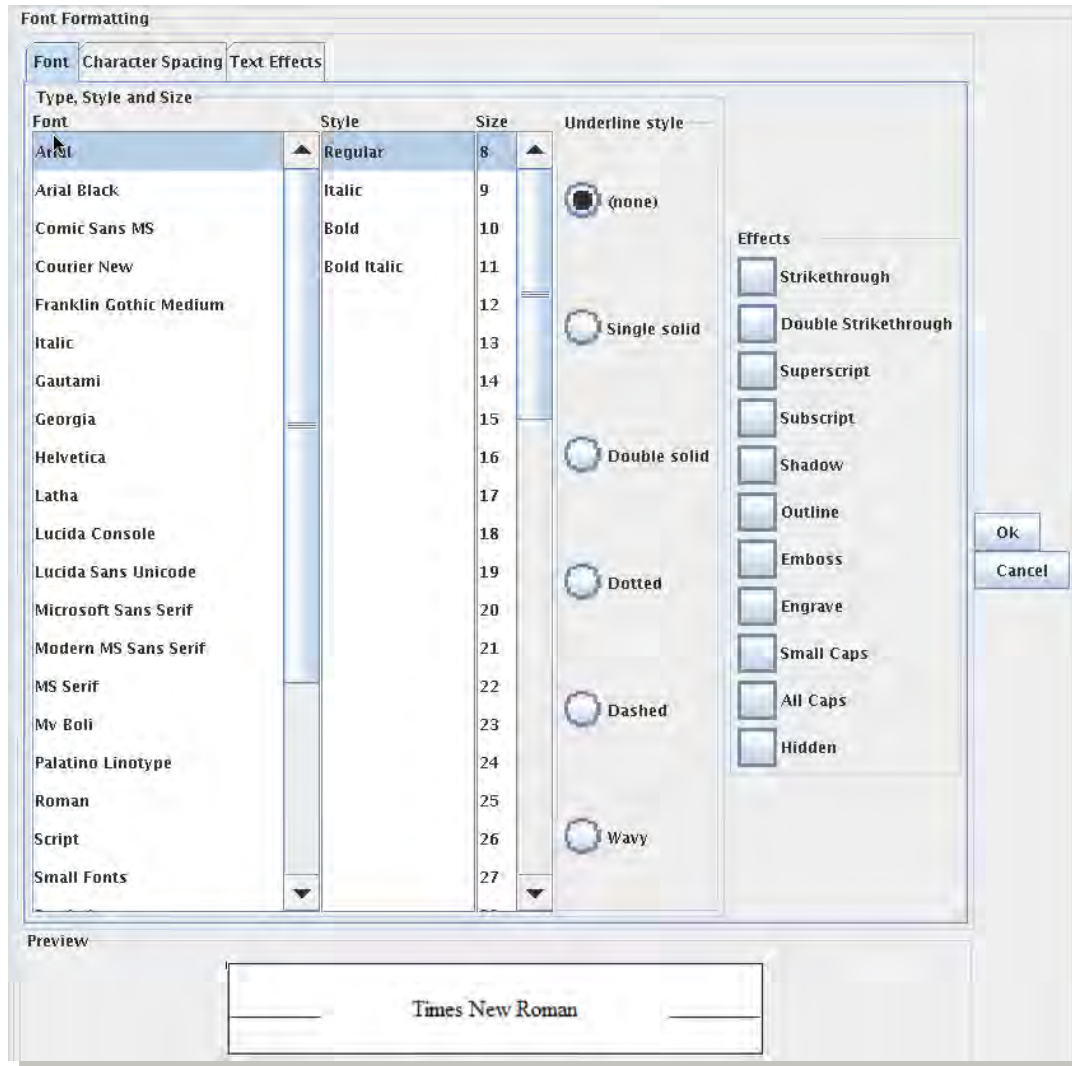
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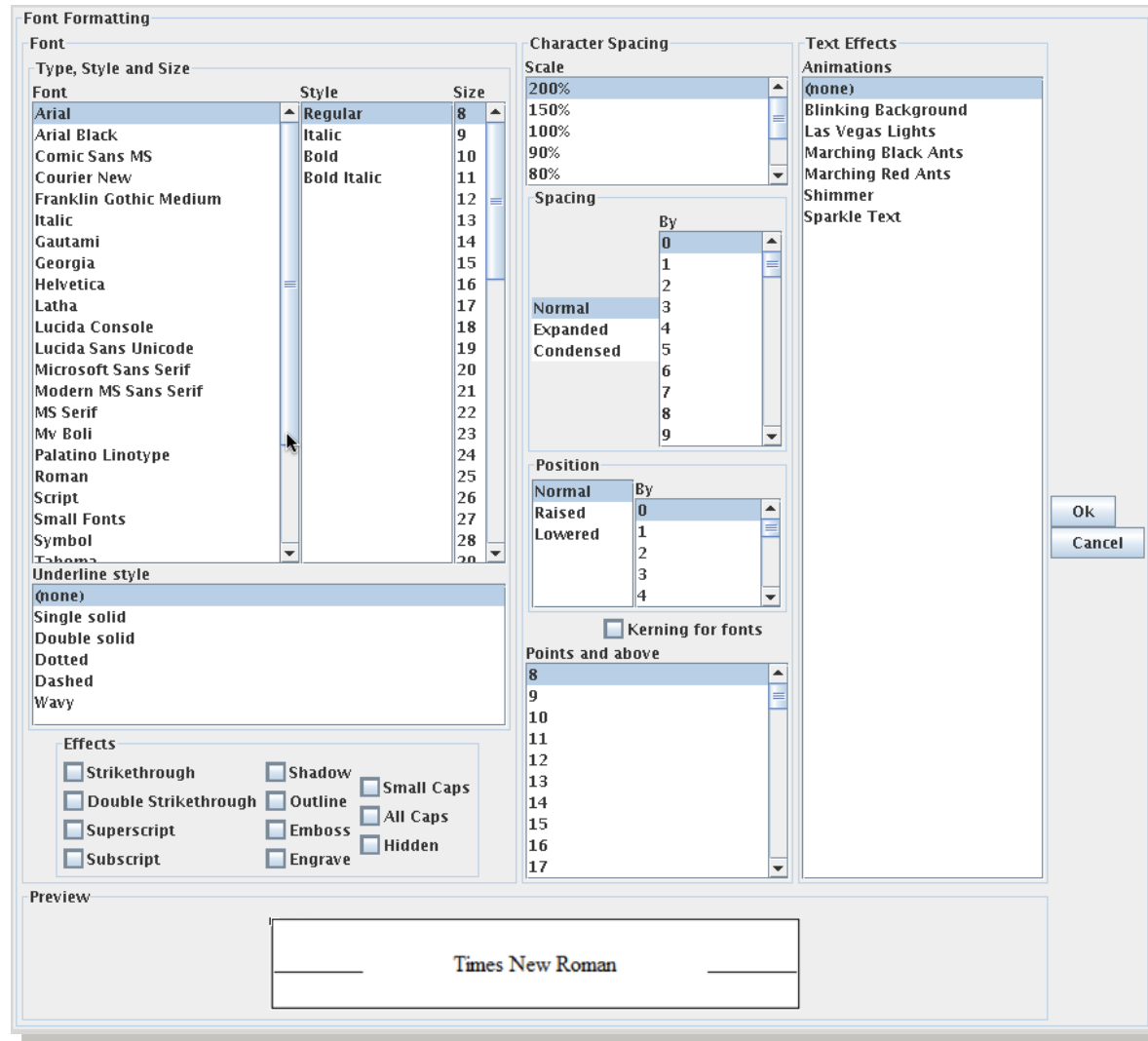
Manufacturer Interface



Person with Cerebral Palsy



Person with Muscular Dystrophy



Interface Generation As Optimization

In a study with 11 participants with diverse motor impairments:

Consistently faster with generated interfaces (26%)

Fewer errors with generated interfaces (73% fewer)

Strongly preferred generated interfaces

Fitts's Law Related Techniques

Gravity Fields

Pointer gets close, gets “sucked in” to target

Sticky Icons

When within target, pointer “sticks”

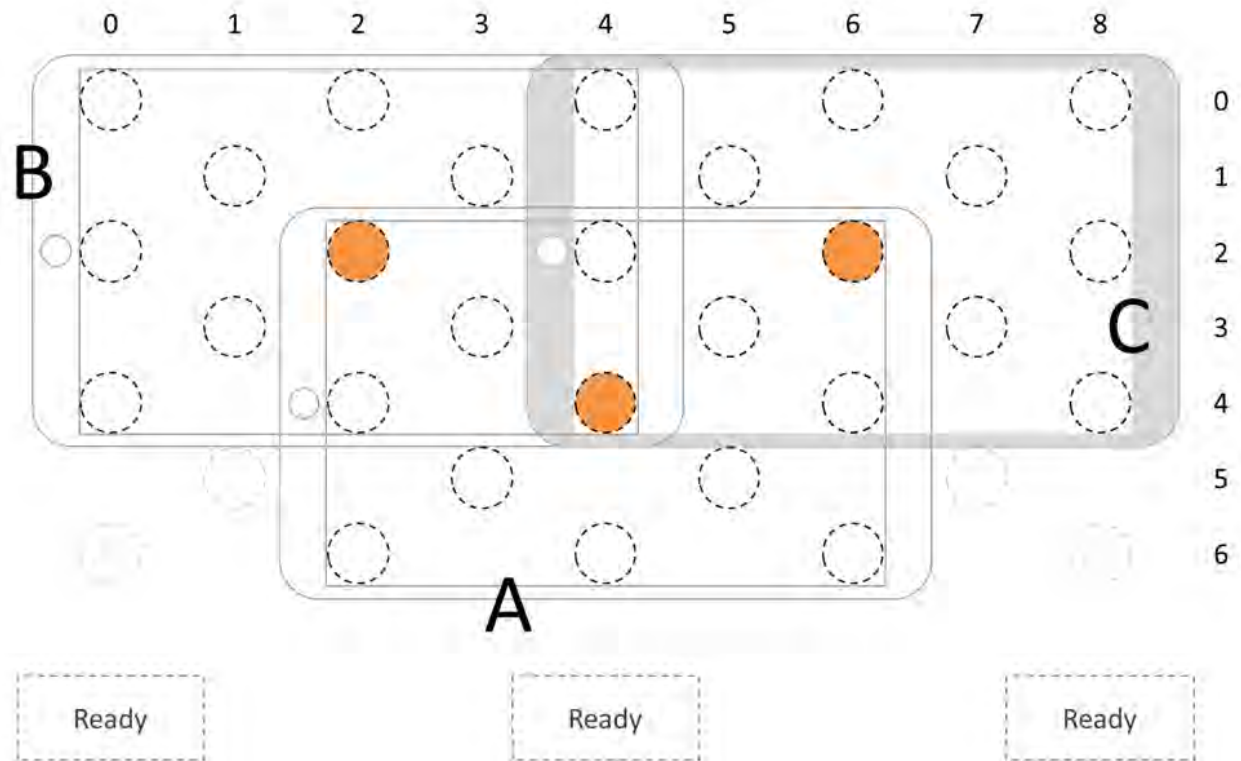
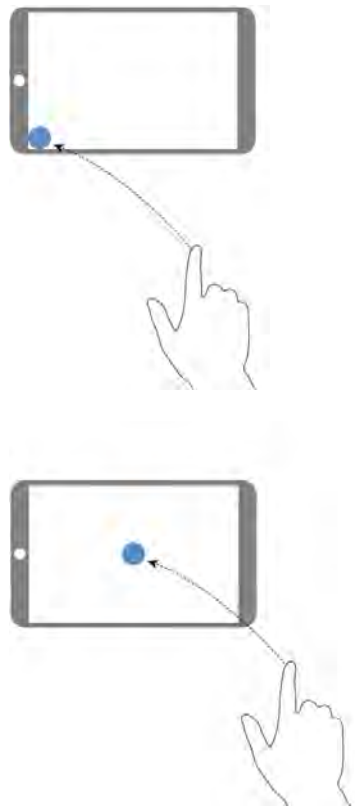
Constrained Motion

Snapping,
holding Shift to limit degrees of movement

Target Prediction

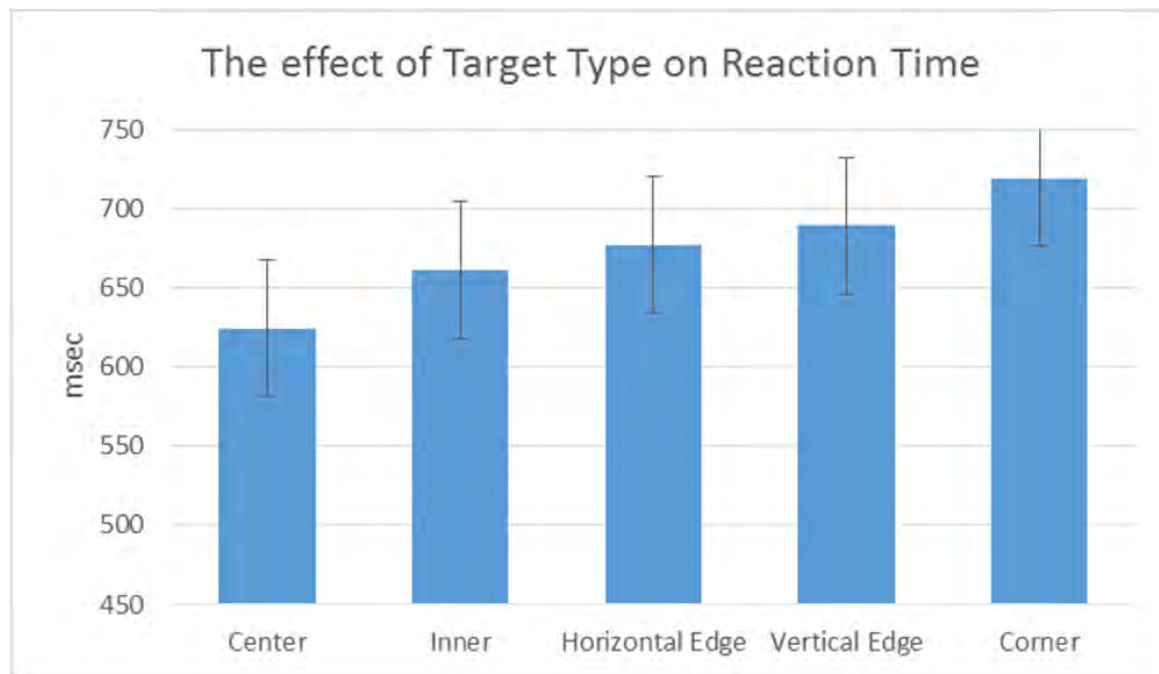
Determine likely target,
move it nearer or expand it

Fitts's Law, Edge Targets, and Touch



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



Are people border cautious?

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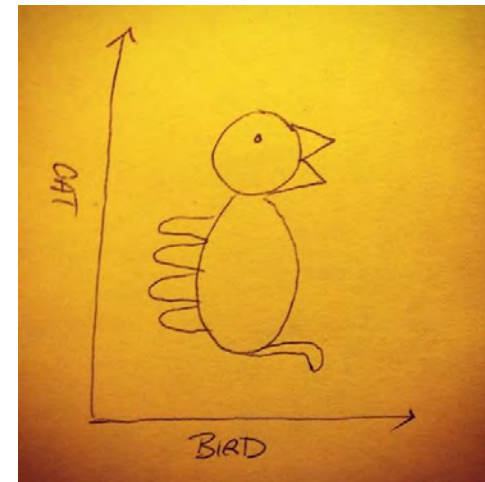
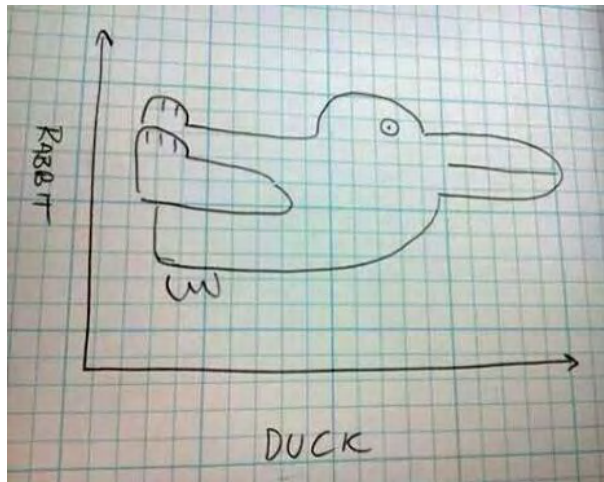
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Gestalt Psychology

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

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



Gestalt Psychology

You can still see the dog...

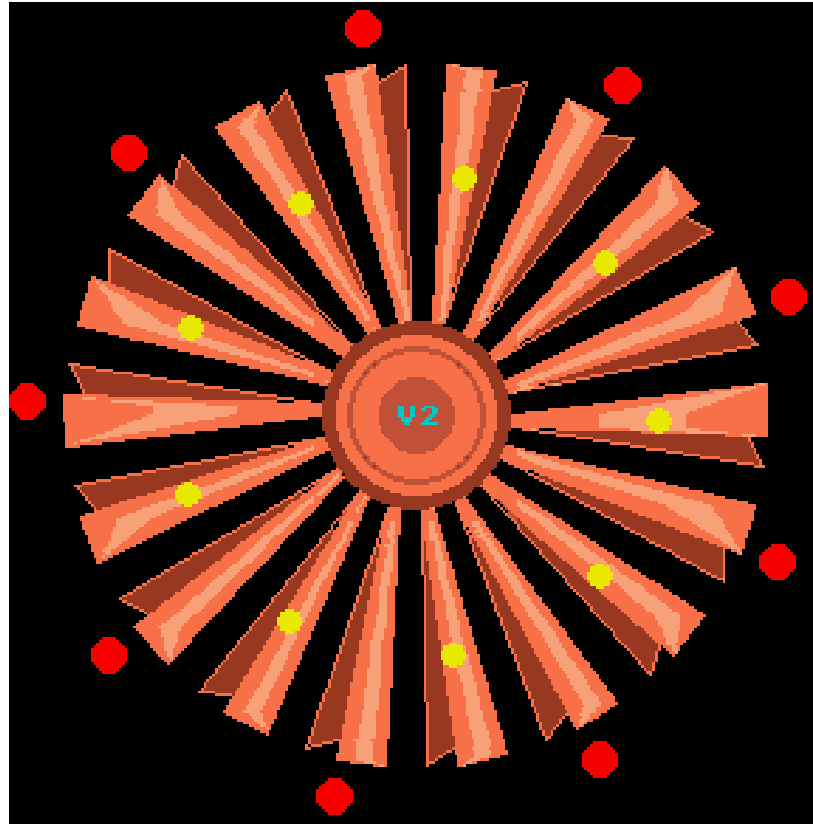


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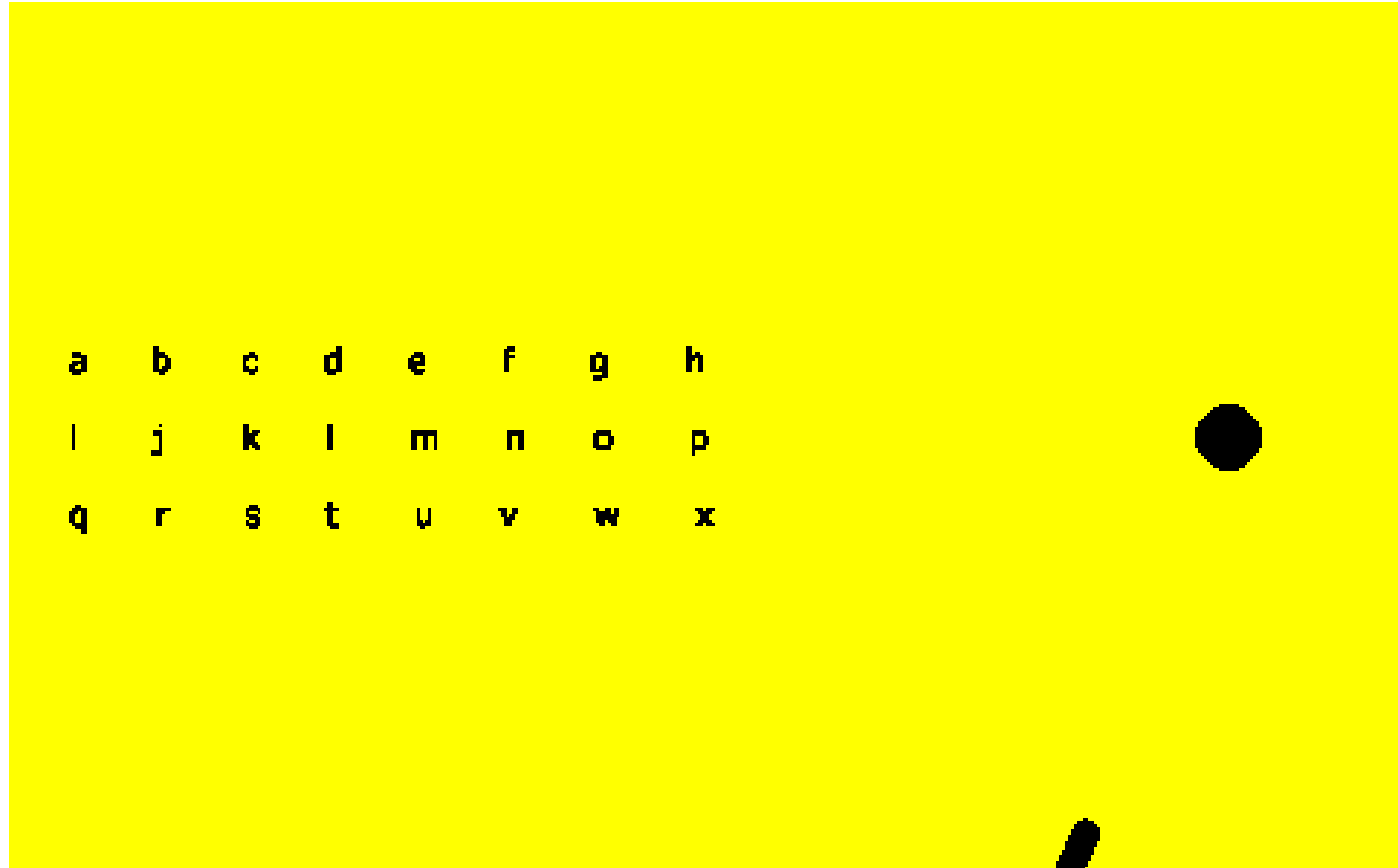


Spinning Wheel



Follow the red dots vs
follow the yellow dots

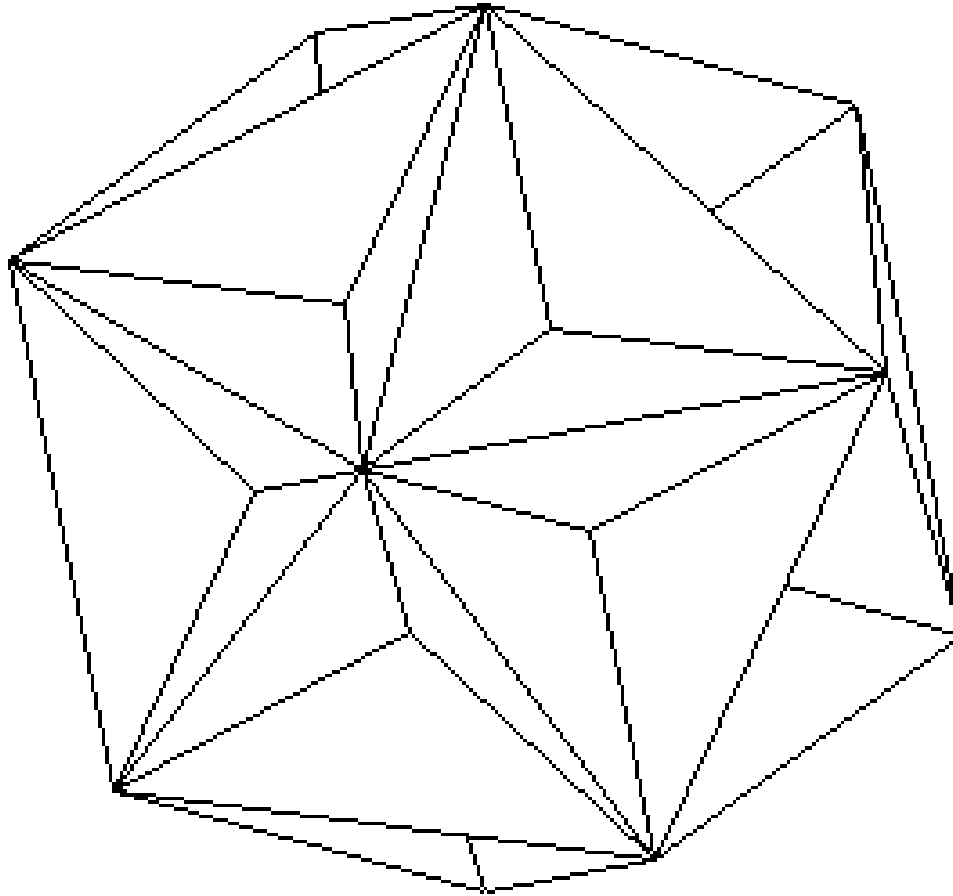
Blind Spot Interpolation



Use right eye, look at letters

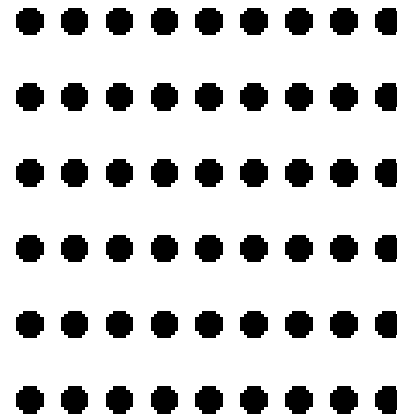
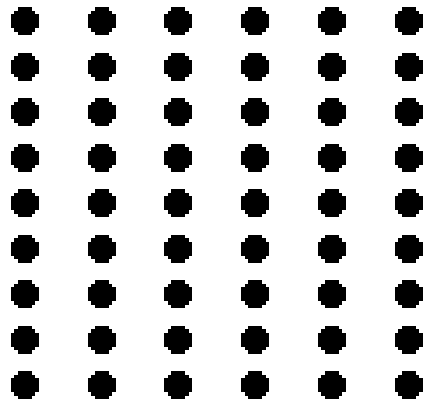
Painful Image Warning

Difficult to Reconcile



Proximity

Objects close to each other form a group



Proximity

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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

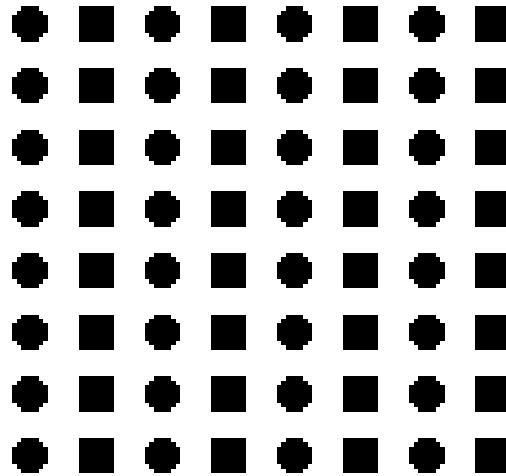
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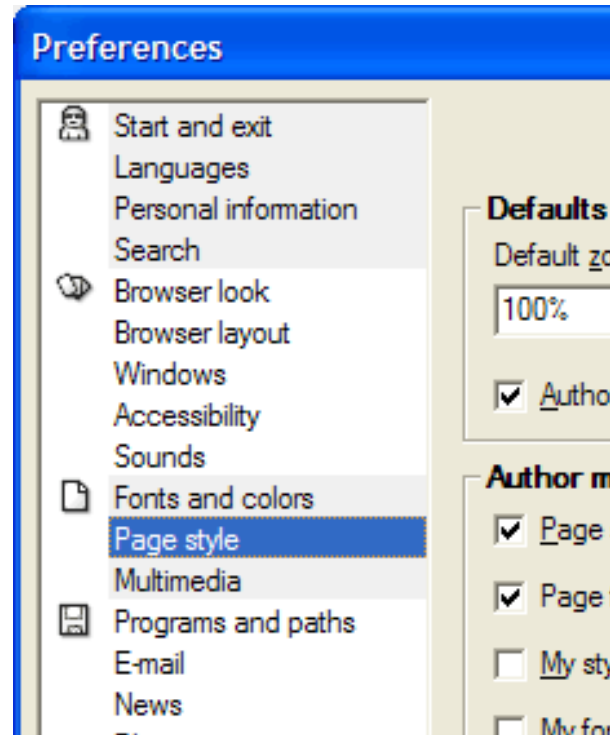
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Similarity

Objects that are similar form a group



Similarity



Proximity and Similarity



Proximity and Similarity

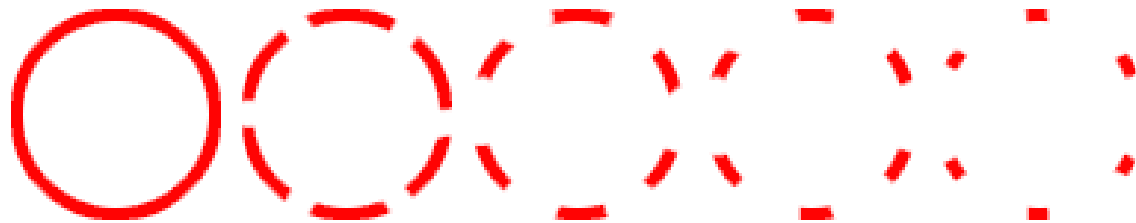


After discovering that one of these accesses a menu, people will expect they all access a menu. They are the same.

Closure

Even incomplete objects are perceived as whole

Increases regularity of stimuli



Closure



The Sims



Rainbow 6

Symmetry

Objects are perceived as symmetrical and forming around a center point



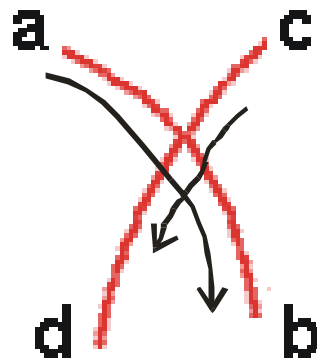
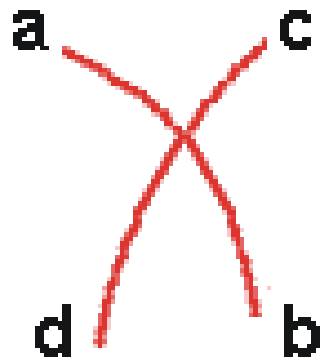
If you fight
symmetry,
be sure you
have a reason

Continuity

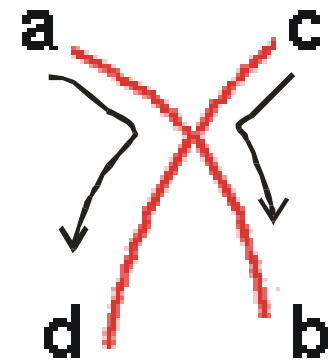
Objects perceived as grouped when they align

Remain distinct even with overlap

Preferred over abrupt directional changes



what most
people see



not this

Continuity



The image shows a screenshot of a website interface, likely for 'Anderzorg'. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Top Left:** A dark area with the text "met uw bezoekers." and "nversie!" (likely "conversie!").
- Top Center:** A navigation menu with items like "Home", "Over ons", "Diensten", "Contact", and "Nieuws".
- Top Right:** A section titled "Dienstverlening" (Service) with a sub-heading "Uitbreiding van de dienstverlening" (Expansion of the service) and a list of services.
- Bottom:** A dark grey banner with the text "Met Concept7 realiseert Anderzorg toppositie in klanttevredenheid" (With Concept7, Anderzorg achieves top position in customer satisfaction). An arrow points from the text to the right.

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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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

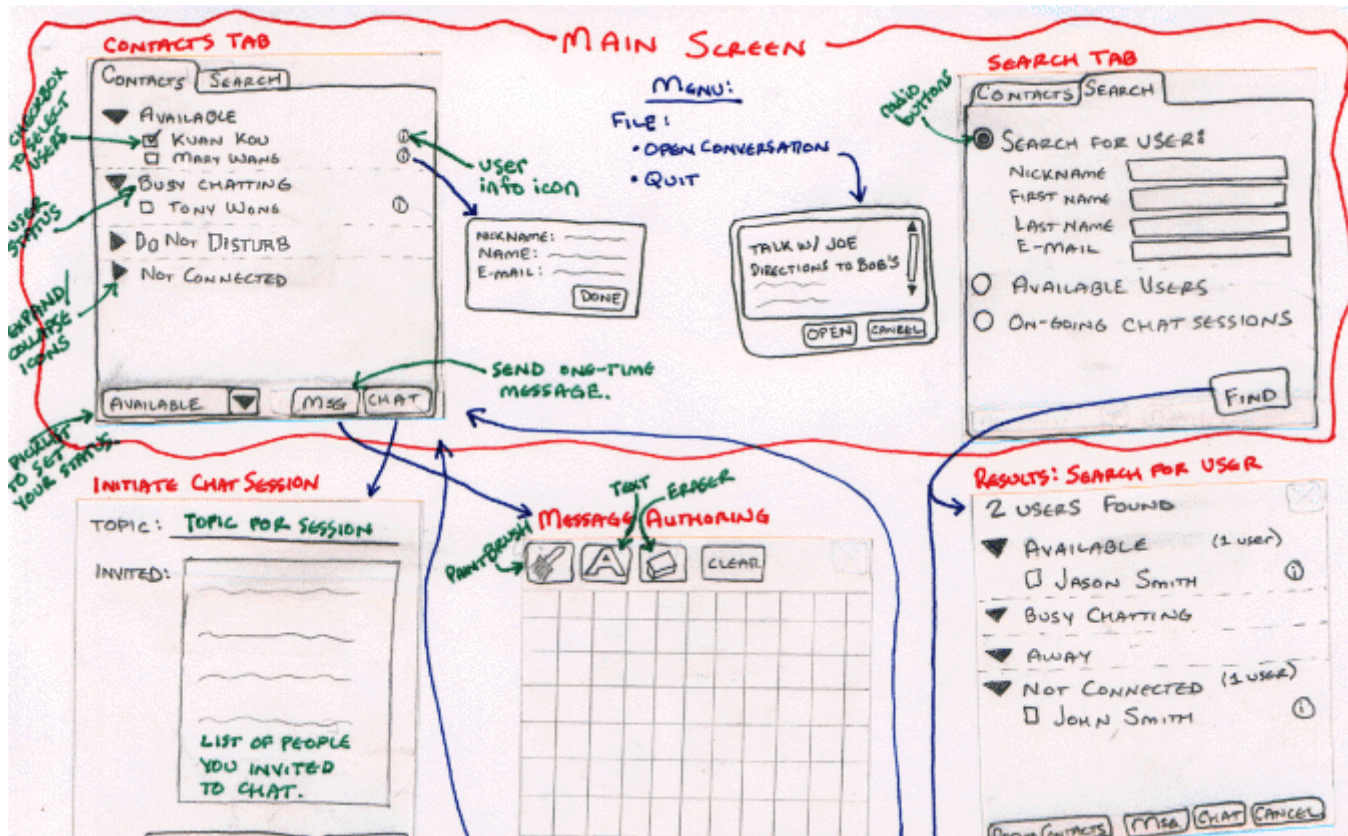
Sketches act as prototypes

A designer “plays computer”

Other design team members observe & record

Kindergarten implementation skills reduce barriers to participation in design and testing

Sketches



Basic Materials

Heavy, white paper

Index cards

Post-its

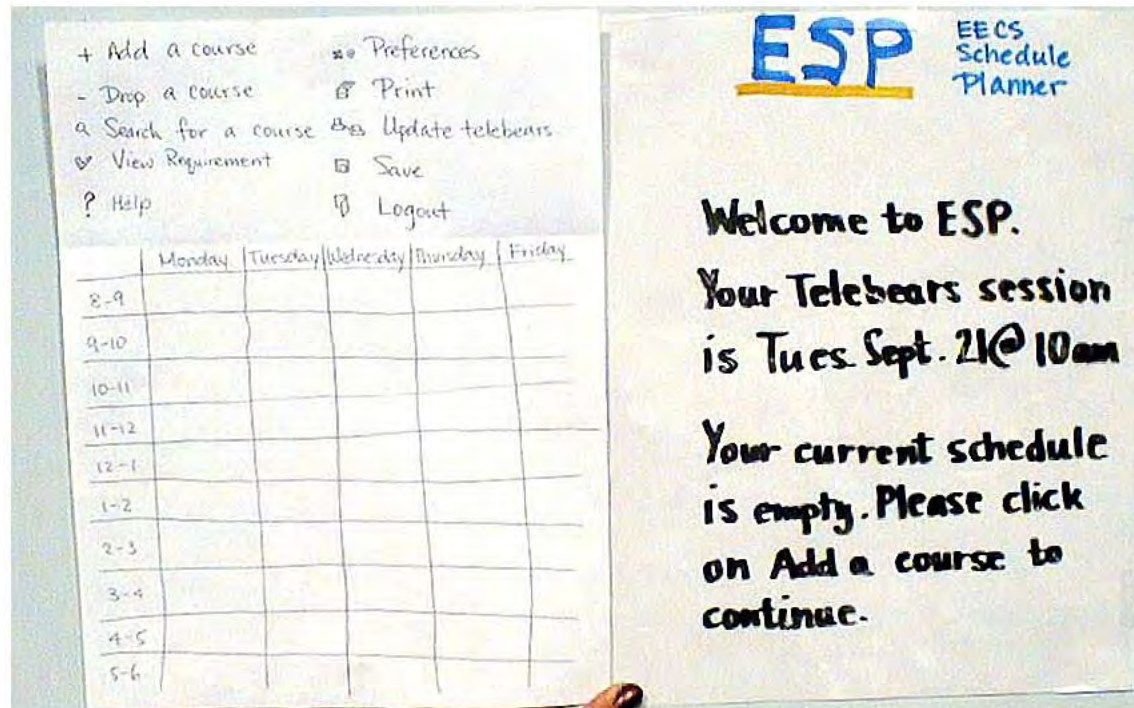
Tape, stick glue, correction tape

Pens and markers in many colors and sizes

Overhead transparencies

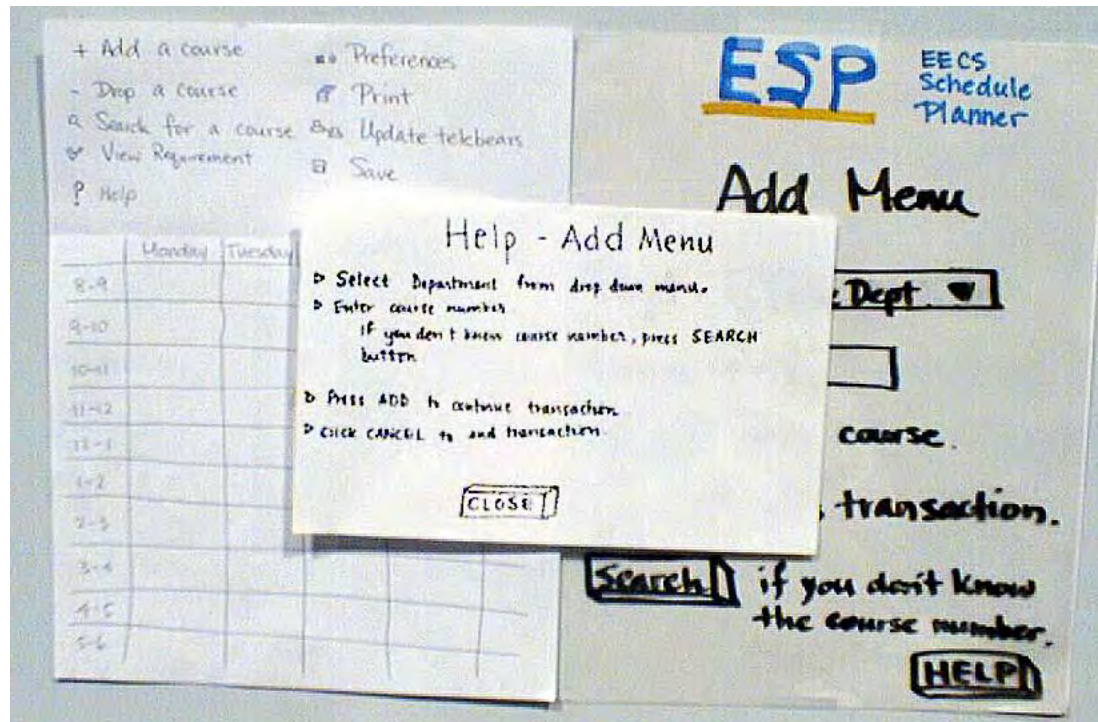
Scissors, X-Acto knife

Paper Prototype



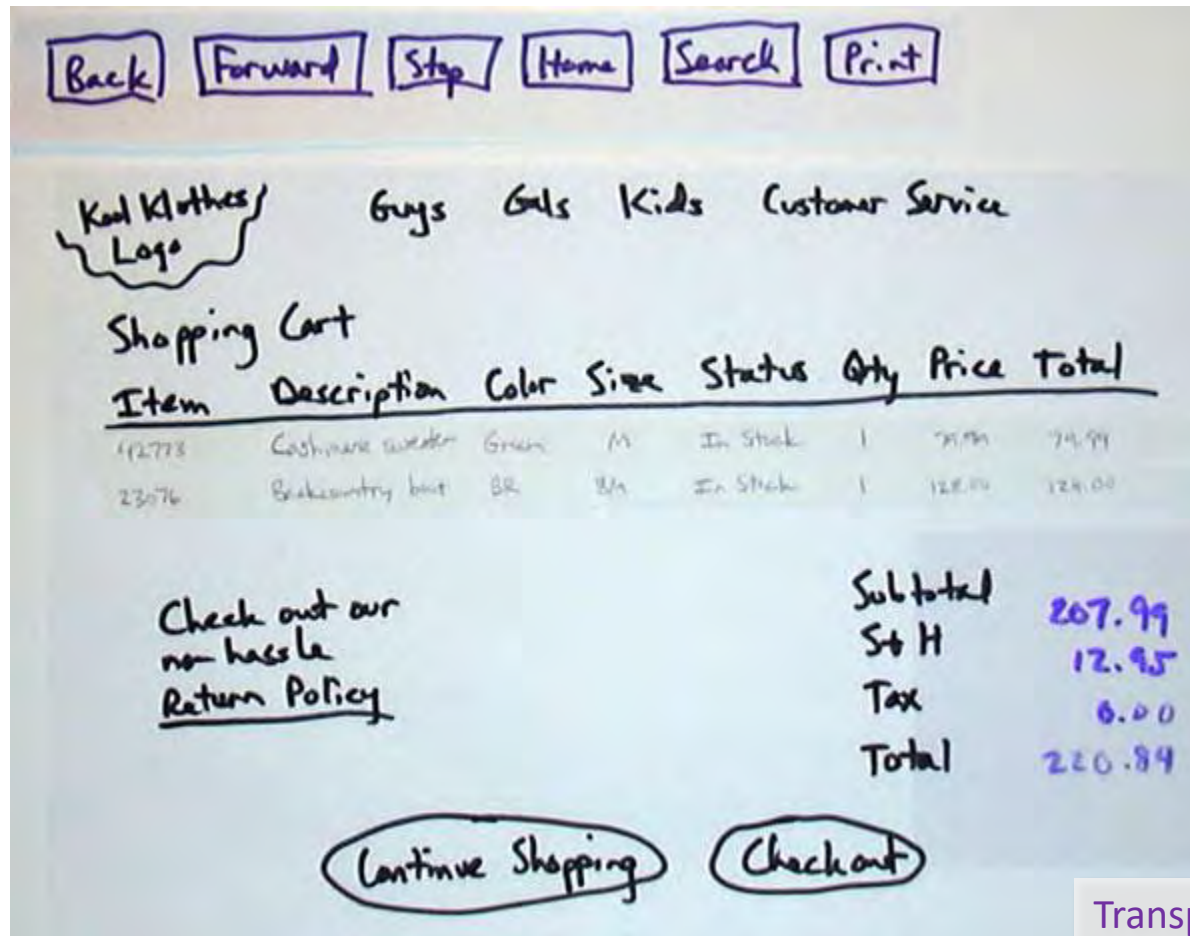
“Screen” faked with
pre-constructed pieces

Paper Prototype



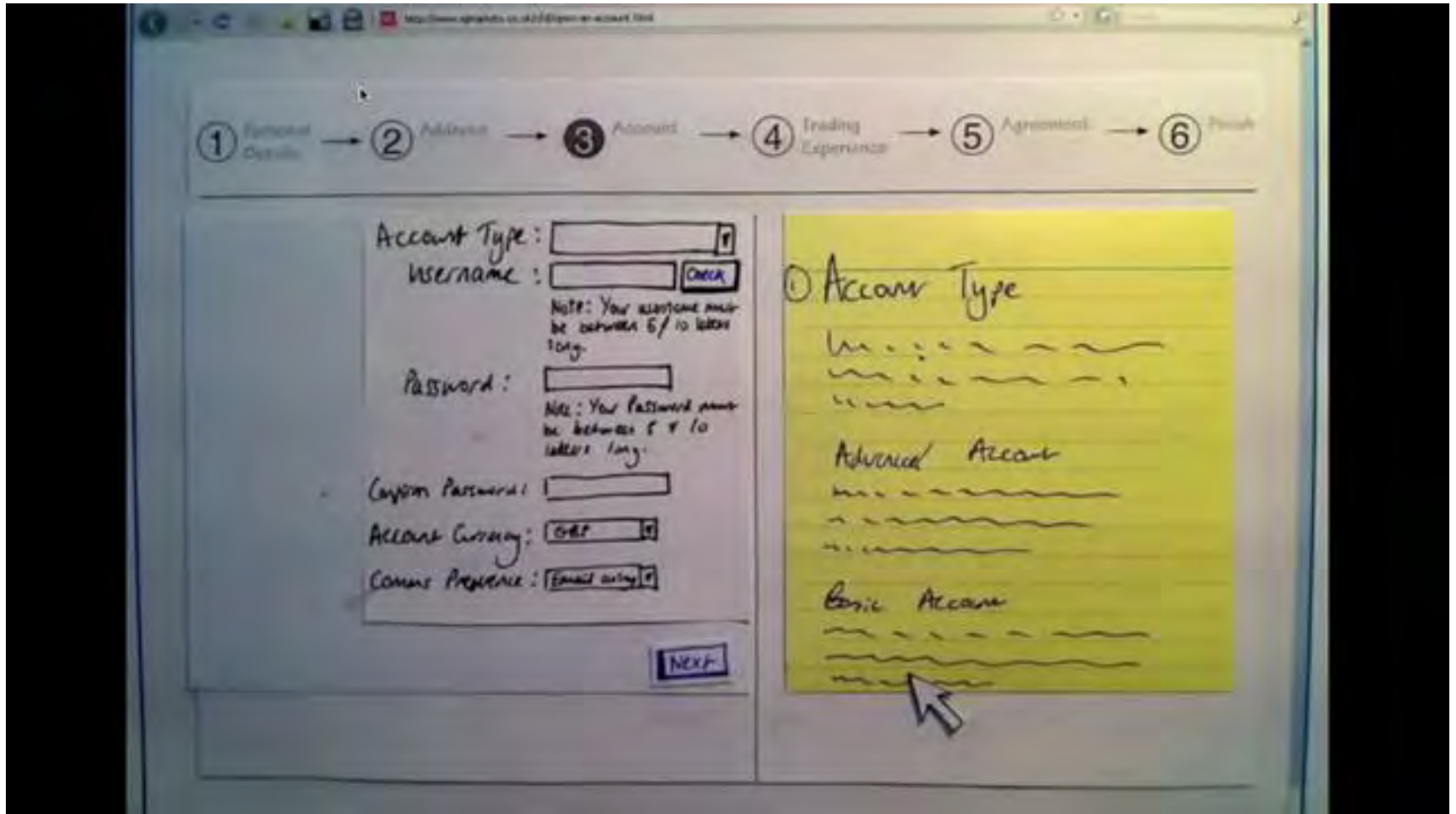
New pieces added in response to interaction

Paper Prototype

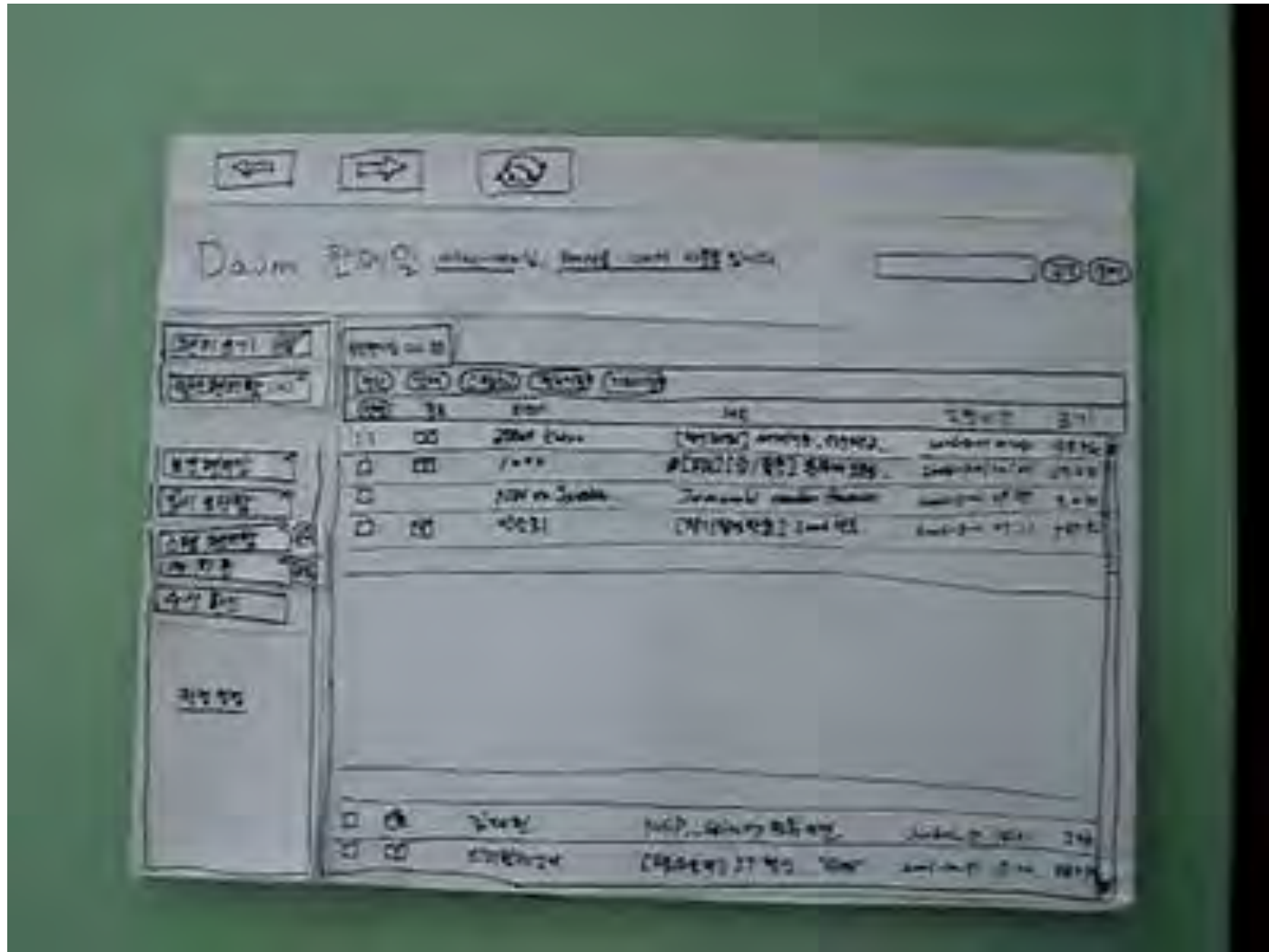


Transparencies allow flexible use of text

Paper Prototype as Communication



Paper Prototype as Evaluation



Constructing the Prototype

Set a deadline

Do not think too long

Instead build it, then learn and iterate as you go

Put different screen regions on cards

Anything that moves, changes,
appears/disappears

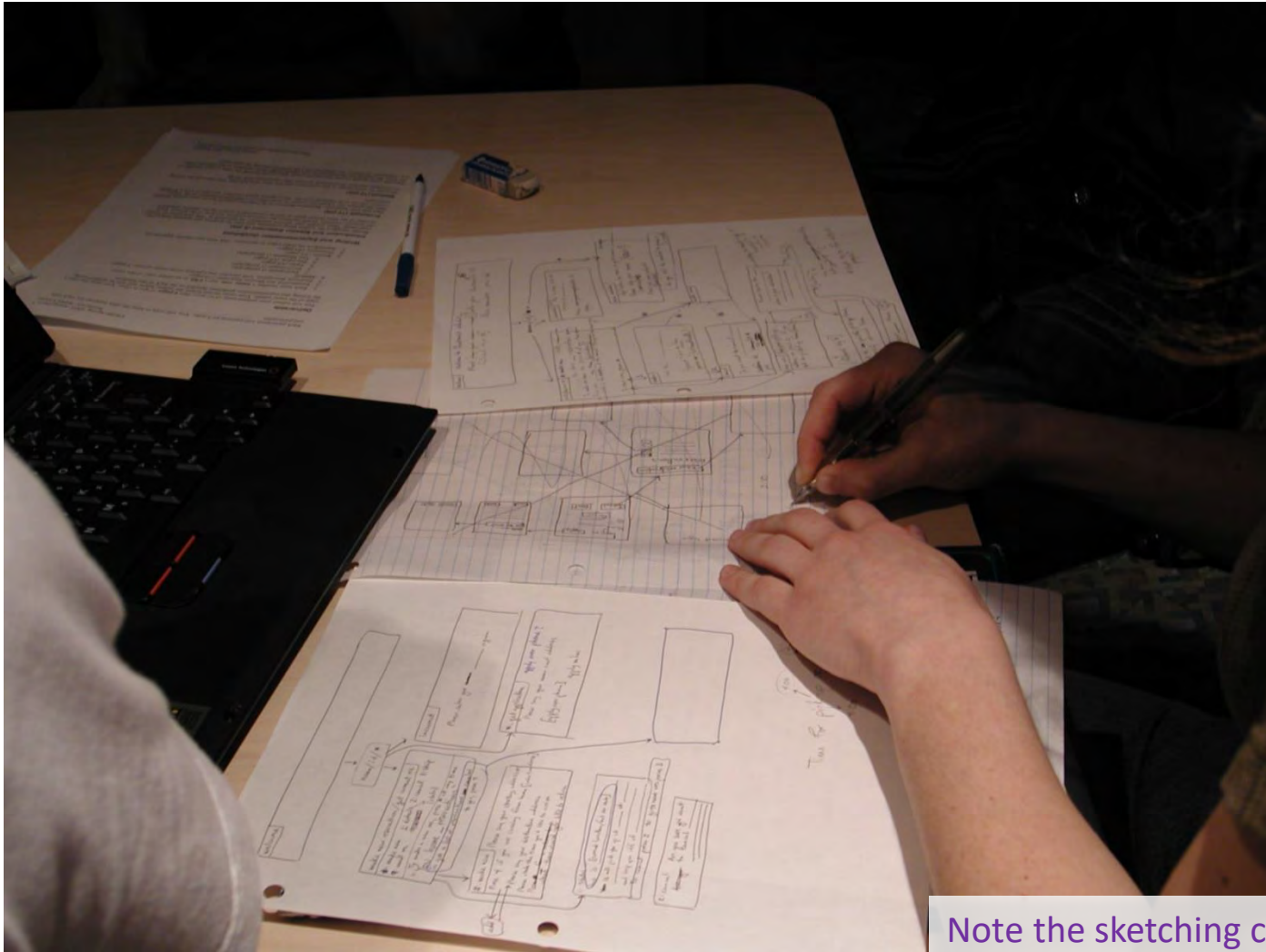
Ready responses for actions

Have those pull-down menus already made

Planned tasks can guide this

Use photocopier to make many versions

Constructing the Prototype



Note the sketching continues

Constructing the Prototype



Planning what is needed given tasks

Constructing the Prototype



Prototyping physical form

Constructing the Prototype



Prototyping physical form

Constructing the Prototype



Remember your target platform constraints

Constructing the Prototype



Remember your target platform constraints

Why Usability Test?

Find and fix problems in a design

- Removes the expert blind spot

- Obtain data to unify team around changes

- Uncover unexpected behaviors

Results drive changes, sometimes innovations

In the long run, this is a win-win

- Both improves design and saves money

Deciding What Data to Collect

Process data

Observations of what people do and think

Focused on improving this process

Summary, statistical, or bottom-line data

Summary of what happened

(time, errors, success)

Focused on measurement

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Gives overview of where the problems are

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

Not a Scientific Experiment

Focus is on improving the design

Experimental control is not as necessary

Data measurement is not as precise

Number of participants is fairly small

Changes can be made

Fix the obviously broken design

Quickly explore alternatives

Modify the focus of testing between participants

Task-Based Usability

Set up an overall context

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

Then prescribe tasks

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

Tasks can be chained to naturally lead to next

Stages of a Usability Test

Preparation

Introducing the Test

Conducting the Test

Debriefing

Analyzing the Data

Creating the Report

Preparing for a Test

Select your participants

Friends and family are not your design targets

Understand background, consider recruiting questionnaire

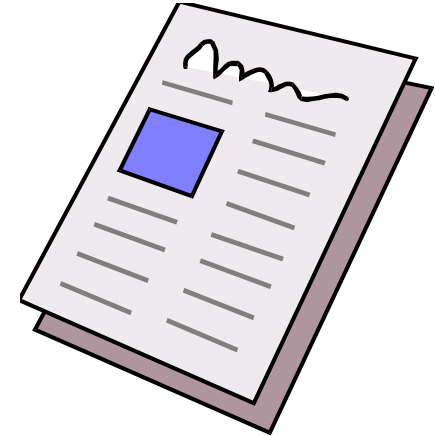
Prepare tasks and paper prototype

Practice to avoid “bugs” in your prototype

Usability Test Proposal

A report that contains

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



Work through it with colleagues to debug test

Reuse when presenting report of testing results

Introducing the Test

Address Feelings of Judgment

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

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

“It is X being tested here, not you.”

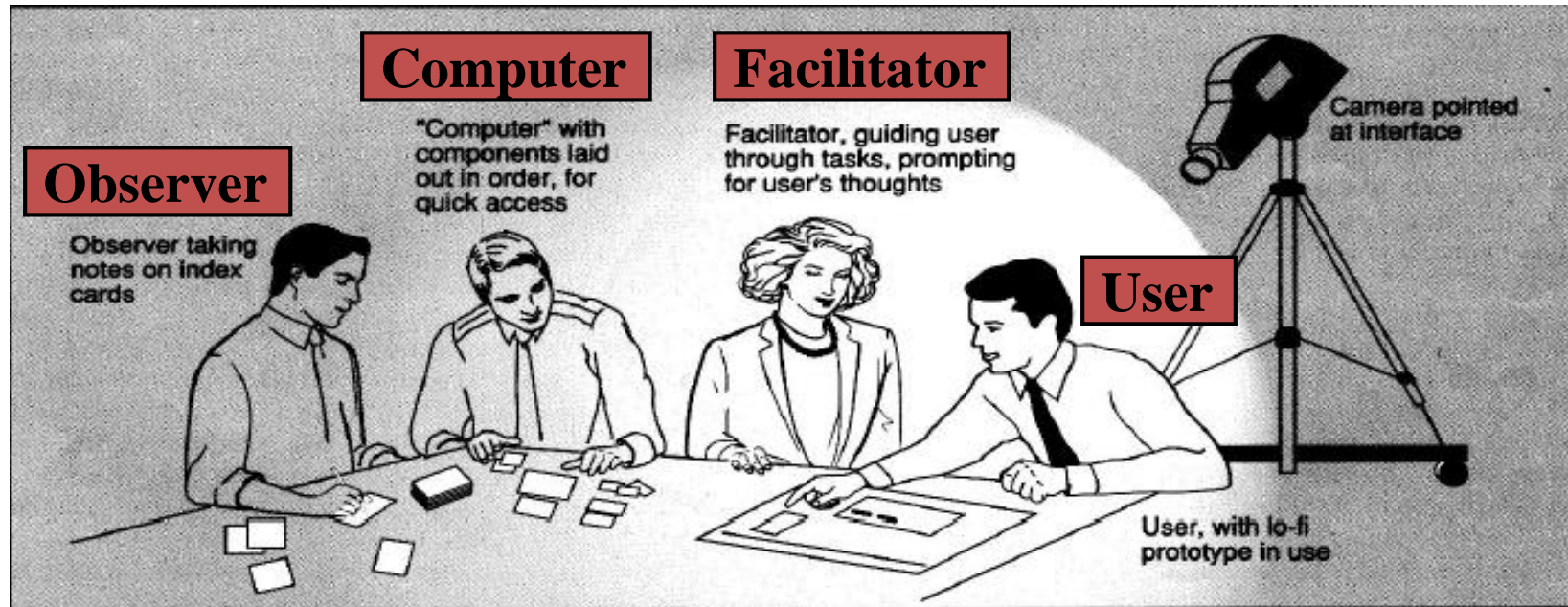
Introducing the Test

Set Expectations for Process

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

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

Conducting a Test



See the Gommol reading tips on a test session

Talk-Aloud Prompts

“Tell me what you are trying to do.”

“Please keep talking.”

“Tell me what you are thinking.”

“Are you looking for something? What?”

“What did you expect to happen just now?”

“What do you mean by that?”

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

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

Insight Problems

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

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

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

Retrospective talk-aloud

Record session,
talk through immediately afterward

Answering Questions

Remember the purpose of this test

You would not be there “in real life”

You want to see if they can figure it out

You want to see how hard it is

You want to see how catastrophic the outcome is

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

Note any help you provide as a major failure

Do not allow observing engineers to help

Debriefing

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

Answer any questions they have

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

Thank them for their time

Appropriate to give some compensation

Analyzing and Reporting the Results

Tests yield many forms of data

Quantitative counts

time, success/failure

confusions, errors, workarounds

Observations

notes about when, where, why, how above occur

Participant comments and feedback

during session or via a questionnaire

Analyzing and Reporting the Results

Summarize the data

Make a list of critical incidents

can be positive and negative

include references back to original data

try to judge why each difficulty occurred

Sort and prioritize findings

what does data tell you

what are the important results

anything missing from test

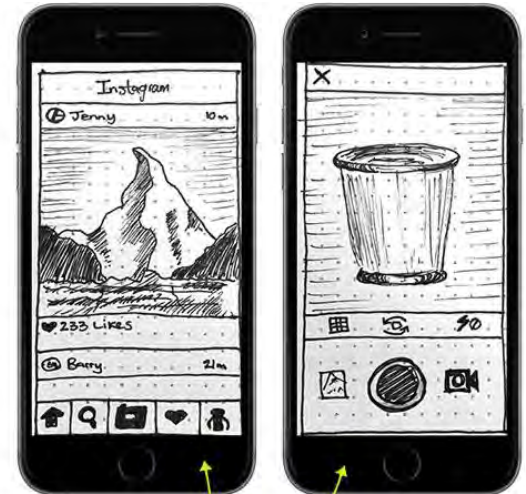
Careful Certain Temptations



Take a photo of your wireframe sketch



Add clickable areas and transitions between screens



"Use" the prototype on your own device

Ethical Considerations



Testing is stressful, can be distressing

people can leave in tears

You have a responsibility to alleviate

make voluntary with informed consent

avoid pressure to participate

let them know they can stop at any time

stress that you are testing the system, not them

make collected data as anonymous as possible

Human Subjects Approvals

Research requires human subjects review of process

This does not formally apply to your design work

But understand why we do this and check yourself

Companies are judged in the eye of the public

Public Announcement

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

Persons Needed for a Study of Memory

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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YALE UNIVERSITY, NEW HAVEN, CONN. I want to take part in
this study of memory and learning. I am between the ages of 20 and
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NAME (Please Print)

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE NO. Best time to call you

AGE OCCUPATION SEX

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Why Interface Tools?

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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-D369

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 msoci70.dll
10/17/2006  01:41 AM                <DIR>          Perl
10/29/2006  11:41 PM                <DIR>          Program Files
10/13/2006  04:41 PM                <DIR>          ProgramDataTechSmith
10/13/2006  02:24 PM                <DIR>          users
10/21/2006  06:04 PM                <DIR>          Windows
10/13/2006  05:58 PM                <DIR>          Windows.old
10/13/2006  03:40 PM                146 YServer.txt
               4 File(s)              54,964 bytes
               7 Dir(s)      24,839,090,176 bytes free

C:\>ls -l
ls: reading directory -: Permission denied
total 472
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 14:57 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    10 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
C:\>
```

Sequential Programs

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

Person is literally modeled as a file

Event-Driven Programming

A program waits for a person to provide input

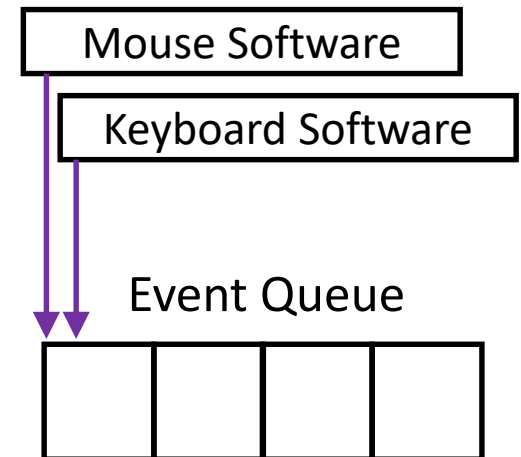
All communication done via events

“mouse down”, “item drag”, “key up”

All events go to a queue

Ensures events handled in order

Hides specifics from applications



How many of these queues? How can you tell?

Basic Interactive Software Loop

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

} input
} processing
} output

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

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- Being faster allows more iterative design
- Implementation is generally better in the tool
- Consistency across applications using same tool

Understanding Tools

Why is designing tools difficult?

Need to understand the core practices and problems

Those are often evolving with technology and design

Example: Responsiveness in event-driven interface

Event-driven interaction is asynchronous

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

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Cursor:

WaitCursor vs. CWaitCursor vs. In Framework

Progress Bar:

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

Fundamental Tools Terminology

Threshold vs. Ceiling

Threshold: How hard to get started

Ceiling: How much can be achieved

These depend on what is being implemented

Path of Least Resistance

Tools influence what interfaces are created

Moving Targets

Changing needs make tools incomplete or obsolete

Myers et al, 2000

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

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Model-View-Controller

How to organize the code of an interface?

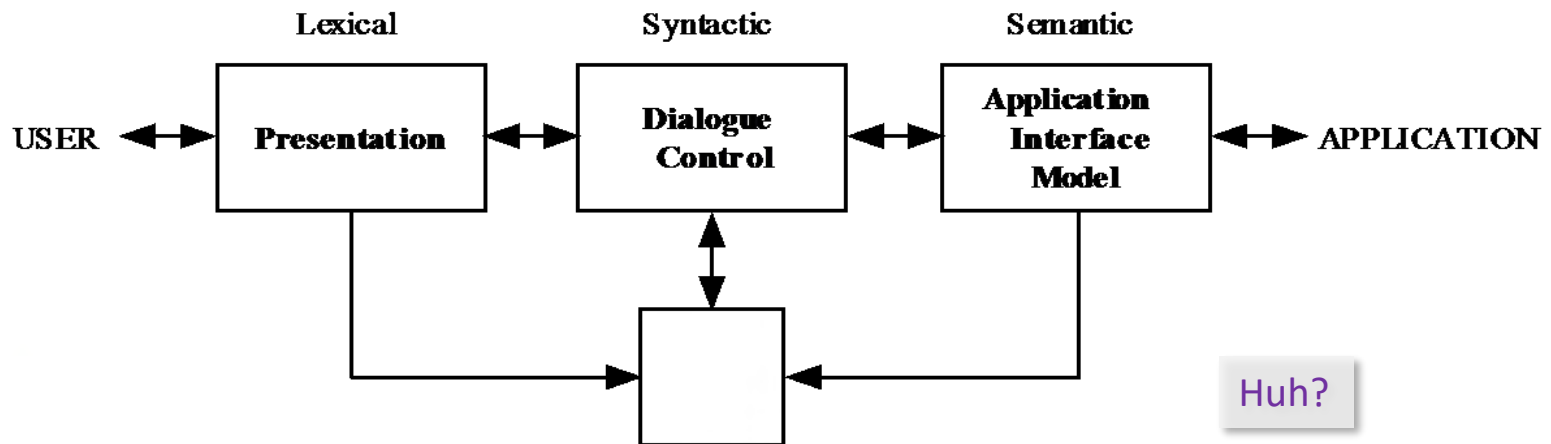
This is a surprisingly complicated question, with unstated assumptions requiring significant background to understand and resolve

Seeheim Model

Buxton, 1983

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

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



Seeheim Model

Lexical - Presentation

External presentation of interface

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

Generates the display, receive input

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

Syntactic - Dialog Control

Parsing of tokens into syntax

e.g., three-state model, interface modes

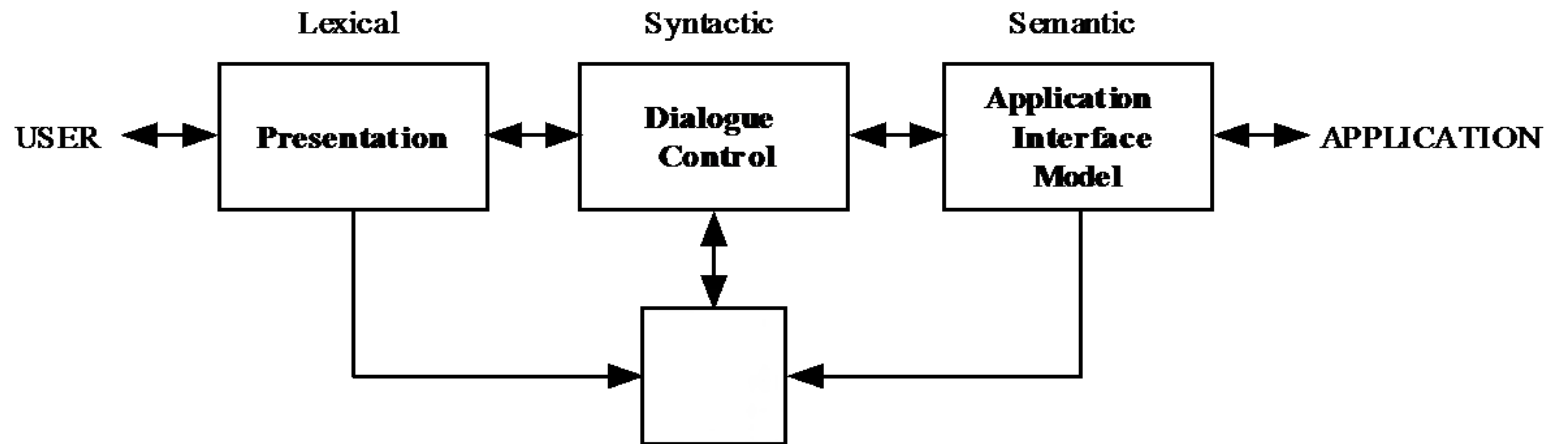
Maintain state

Semantic - Application Interface Model

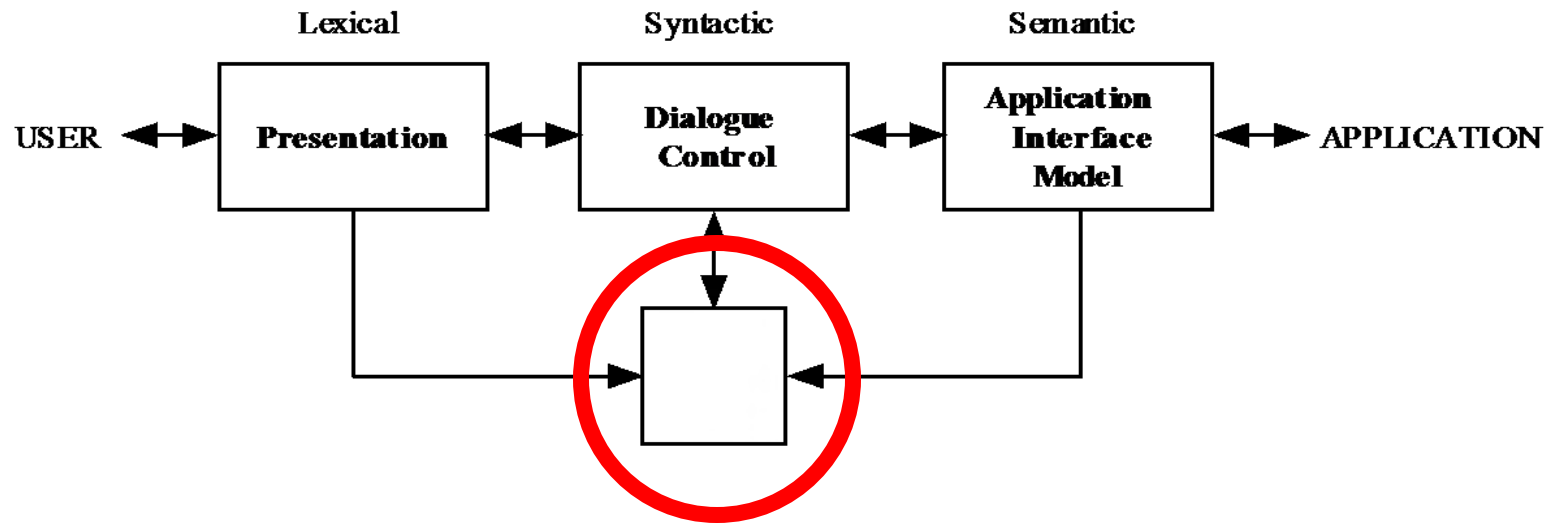
Defines interaction between interface and rest of software

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

Seeheim Model

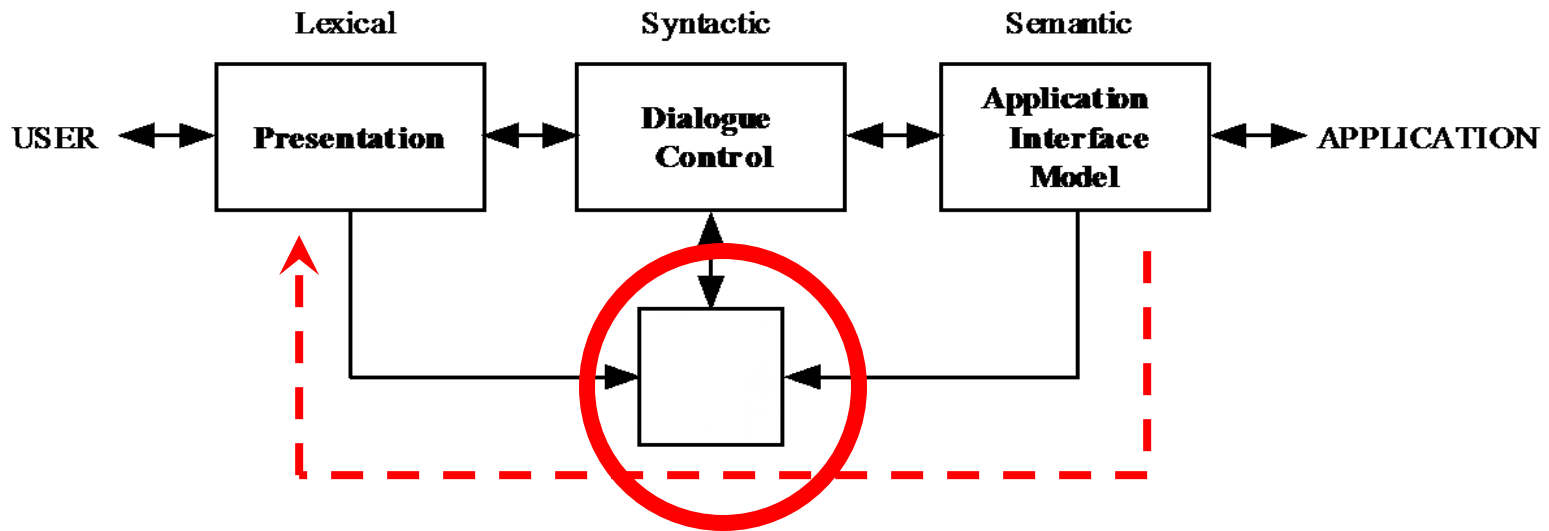


Seeheim Model



Huh?

Seeheim Model



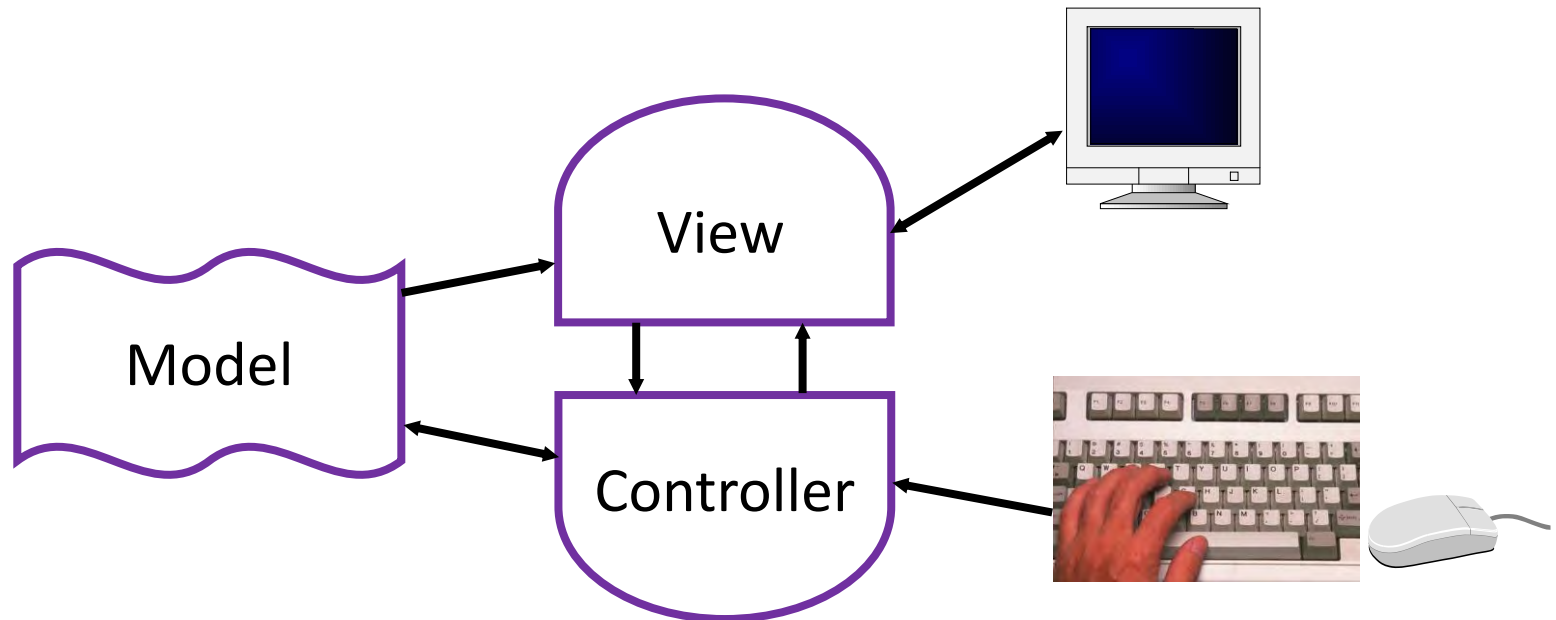
Rapid Semantic Feedback

In practice, all of the code goes in here

Model-View-Controller

Introduced by Smalltalk developers at PARC

Partitions application to be scalable, maintainable



View / Controller Relationship

In theory:

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

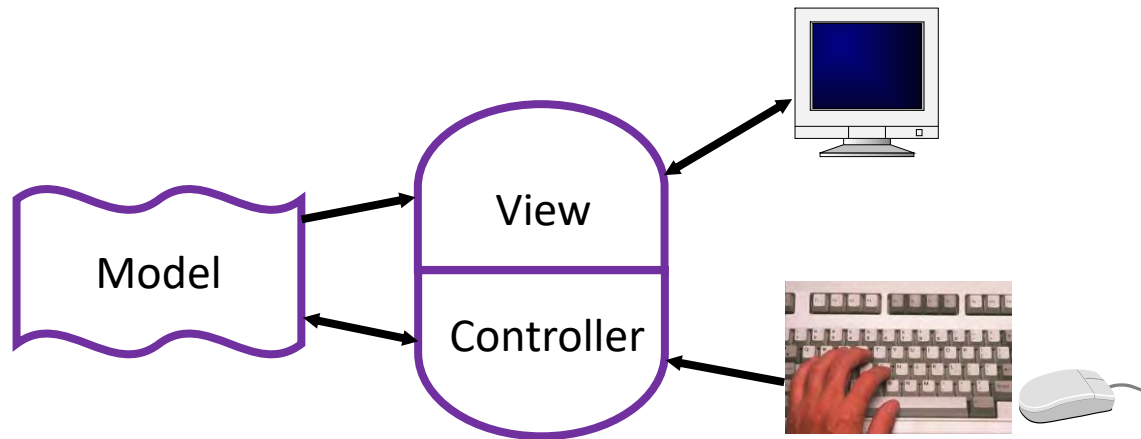
Controller contacts view to interpret what input events mean in context of a view (e.g., selection)

View / Controller Relationship

In practice:

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

Many architectures combine into a single class



Model-View-Controller

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

Separation eases maintenance

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

Can replace model without changing views

Separation of “business logic” can require care

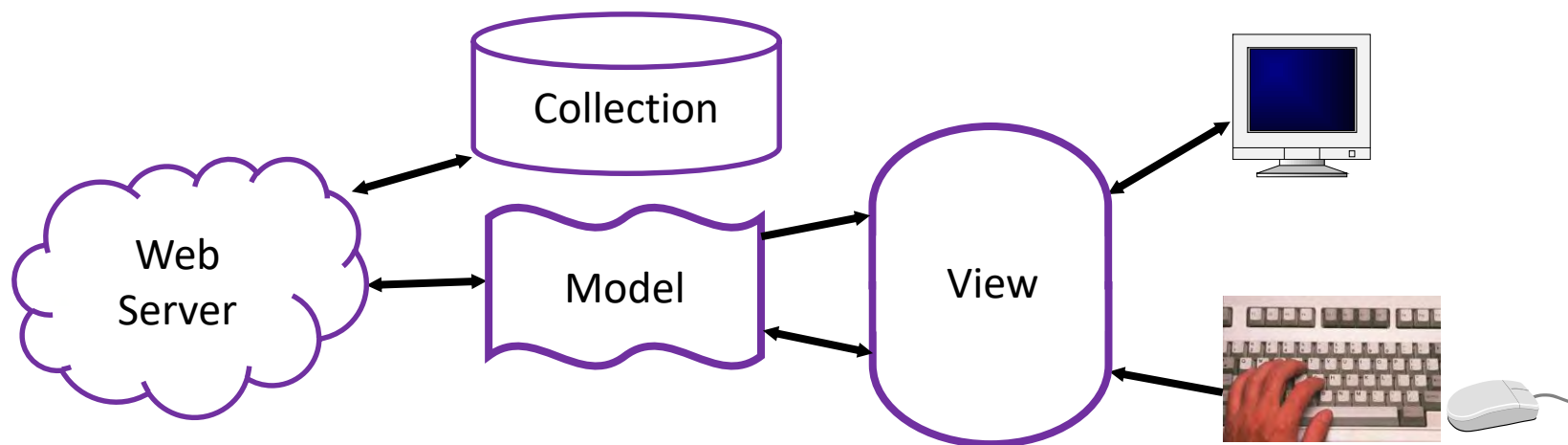
May help to think of model as the client model

Model-View-Collection on the Web

Core ideas manifest differently according to needs

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

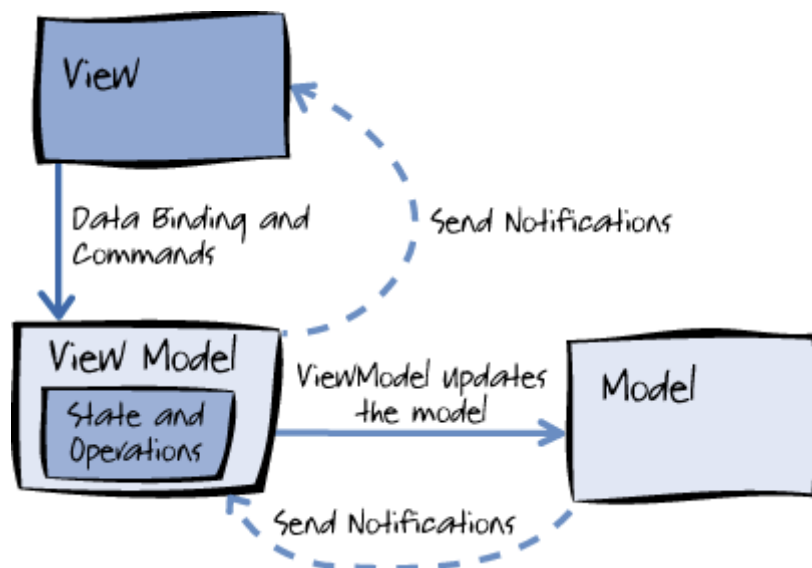
Web tools often implement views as templates



Model View View-Model

Design to support data-binding
by minimizing functionality in view

Also allows greater separation of expertise



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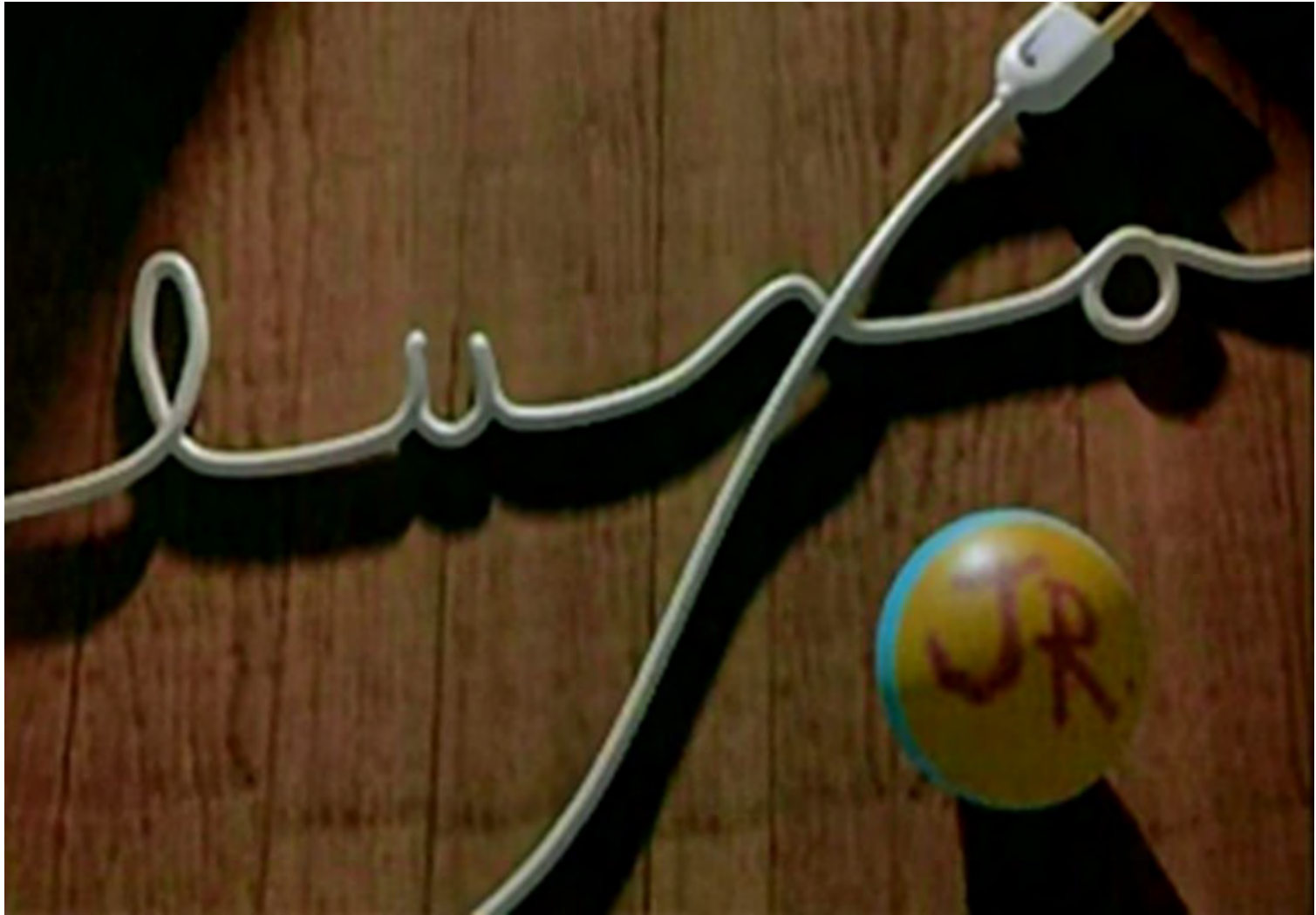
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Animation Case Study

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 Tytla at the Walt Disney Studio, June 28, 1937. [14]

ABSTRACT

This paper describes the basic principles of traditional 2D hand-drawn animation and their application to 3D computer animation. After describing how these principles 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] subframe, [16,22] scan/paint, and multipane 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 [25], [1] Vertigo 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.

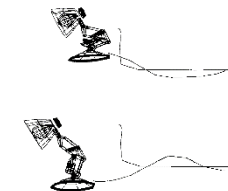
Much of this bad animation will be due to unfamiliarity with the fundamental principles that have been used for hand-drawn character animation for over 50 years. Understanding these principles of traditional animation is essential to producing good computer animation. Such an understanding should also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

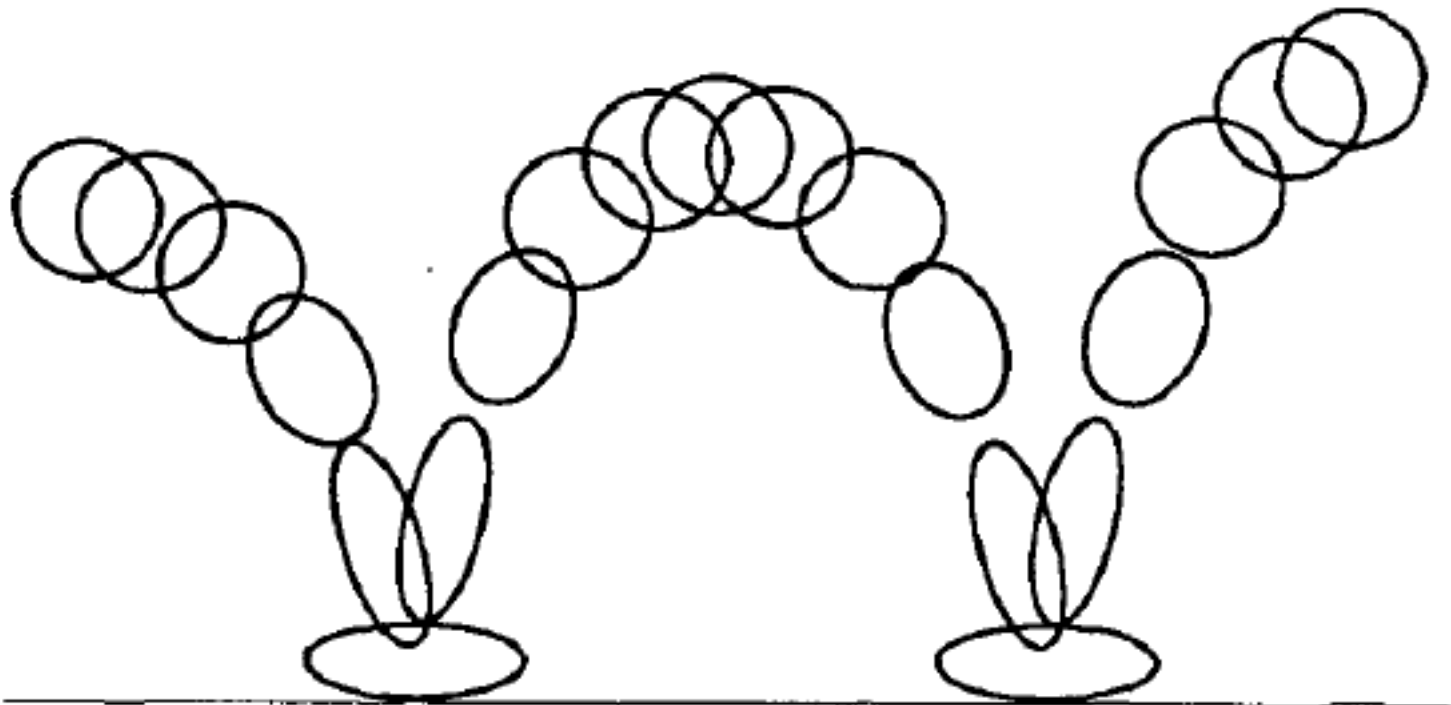
2. PRINCIPLES OF ANIMATION

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].

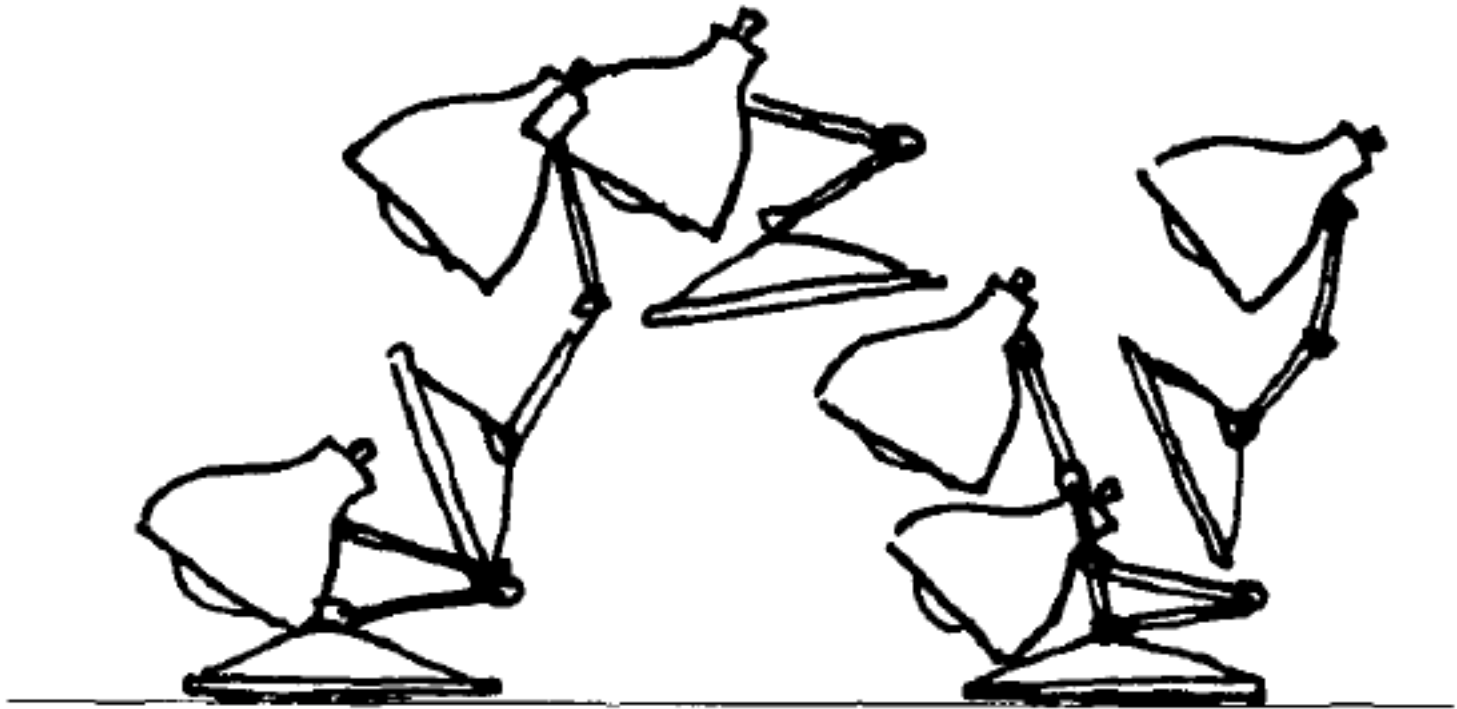
FIGURE 1. Lasso Jr.'s hop with overlapping action on cont. Flip pages from last page of paper to front. The top figures are frames 1-5, the bottom are frames 6-10.



Squash and Stretch



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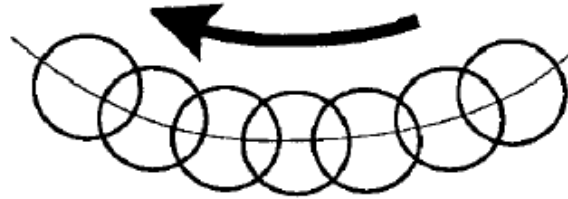


FIGURE 4a. In slow action, an object's position overlaps from frame to frame which gives the action a smooth appearance to the eye.

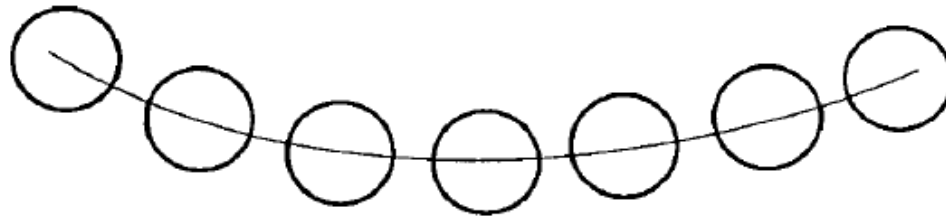


FIGURE 4b. Strobic occurs in a faster action when the object's positions do not overlap and the eye perceives separate images.

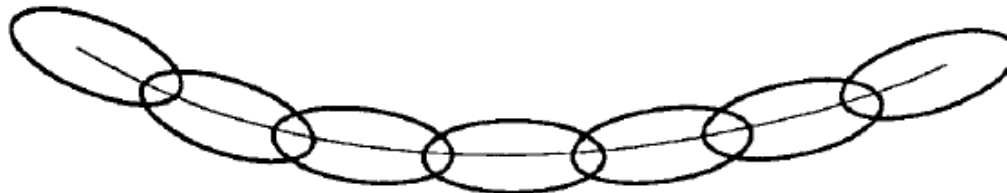


FIGURE 4c. Stretching the object so that its positions overlap again will relieve the strobic effect.

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

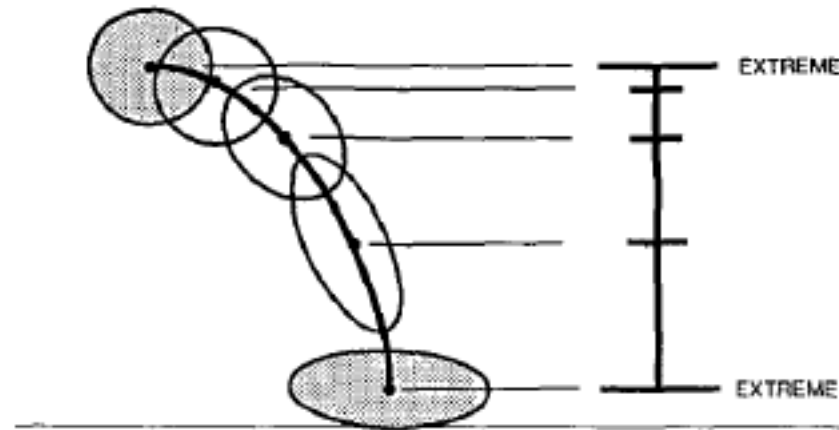
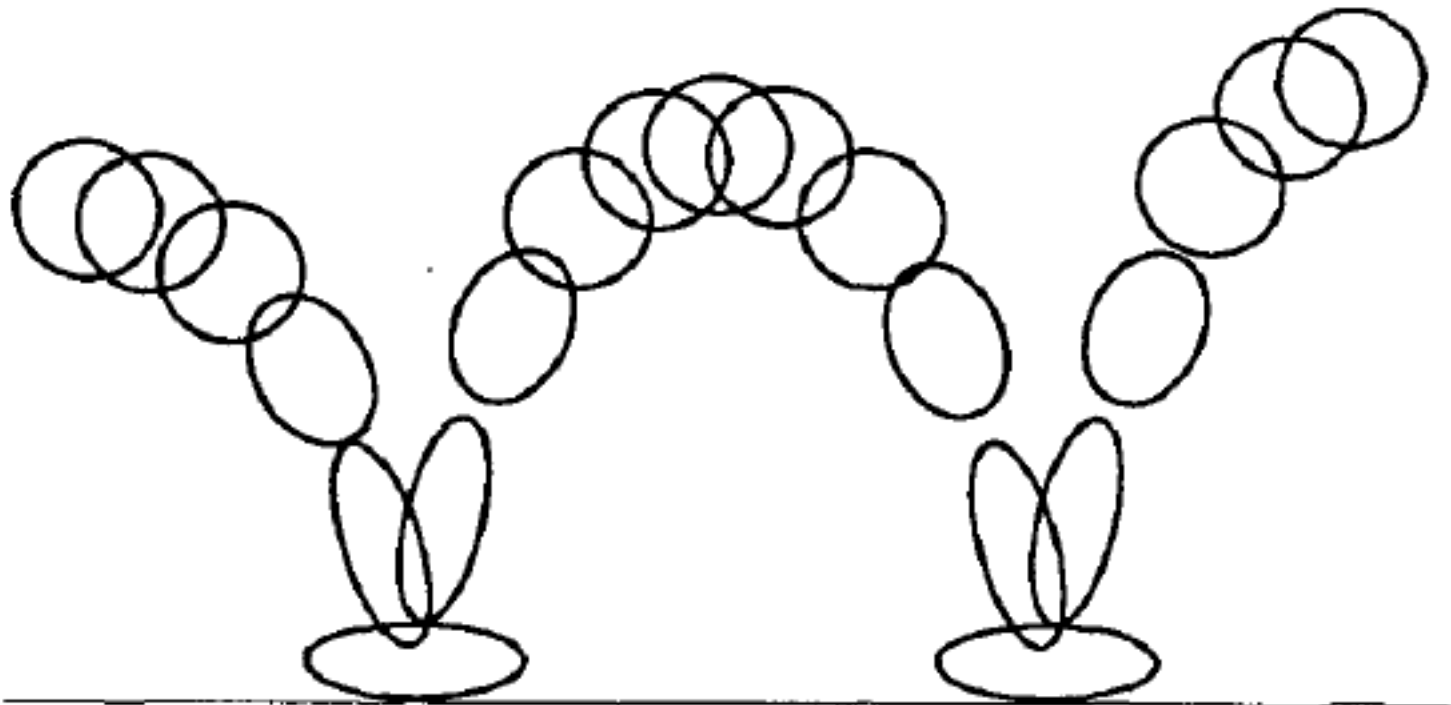


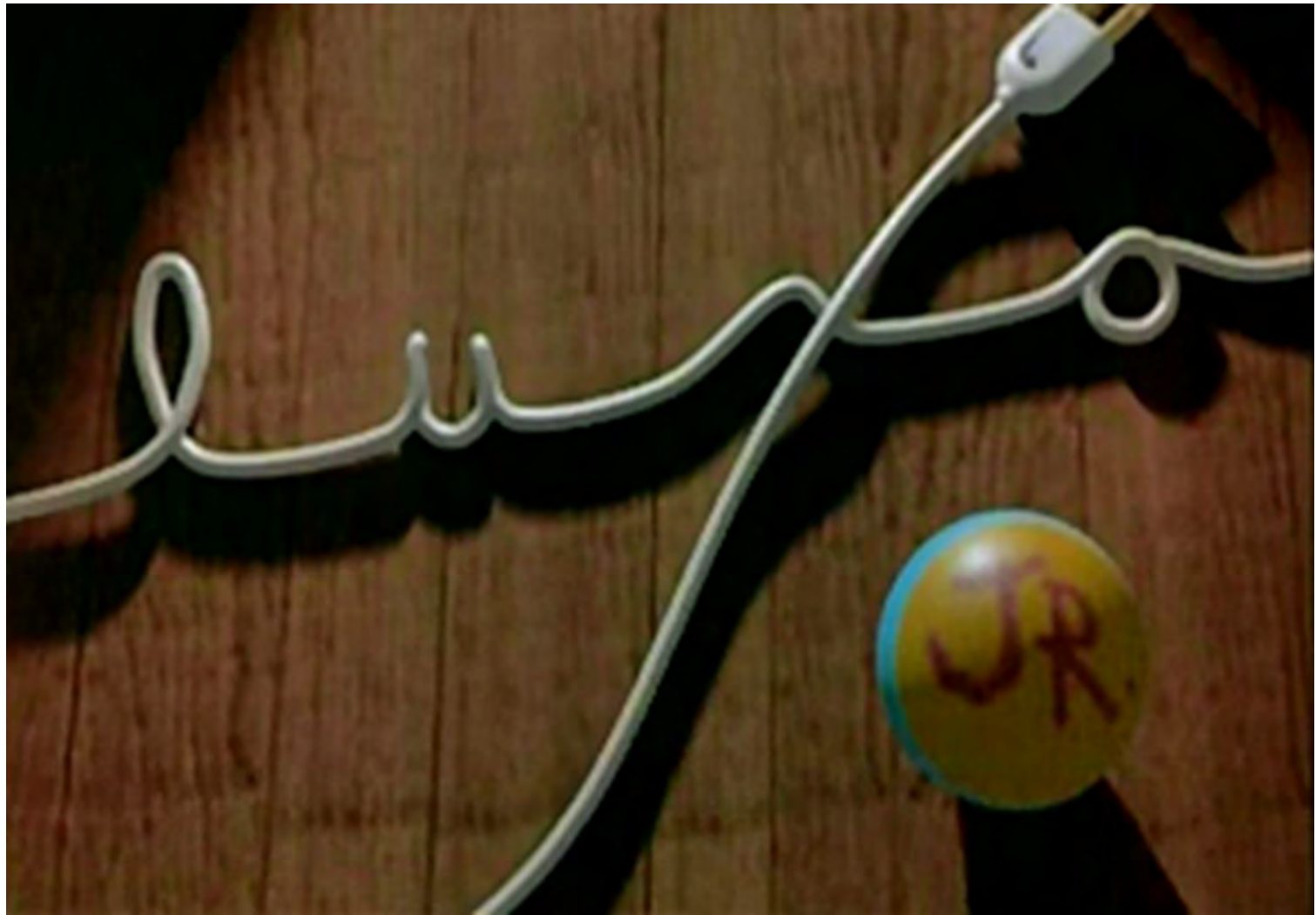
FIGURE 9. Timing chart for ball bounce.

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

Arcs



Luxor Jr.



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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

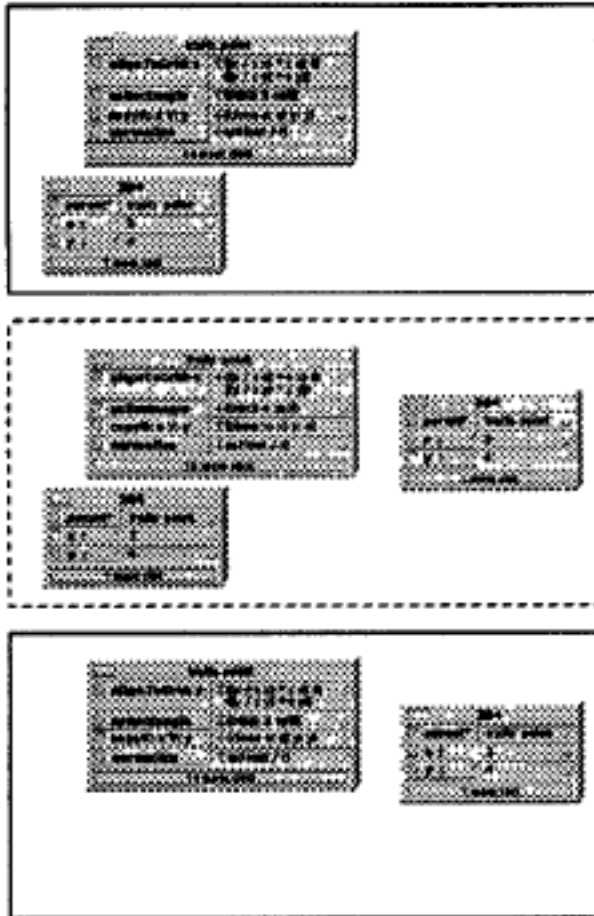
Exaggerate physical actions to enhance perception

Reinforcement

Use effects to drive home feeling of reality

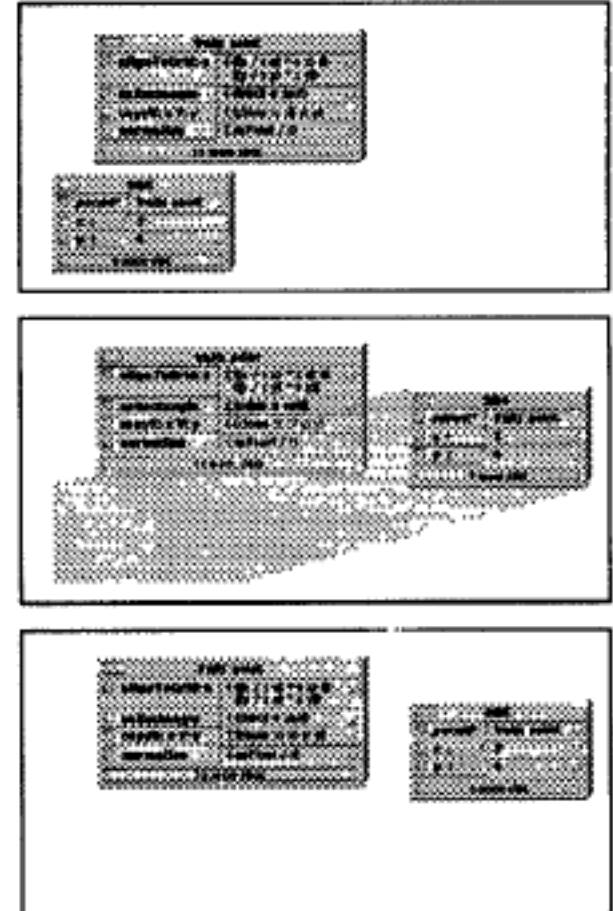
Solidity: Motion Blur

No Motion Blur

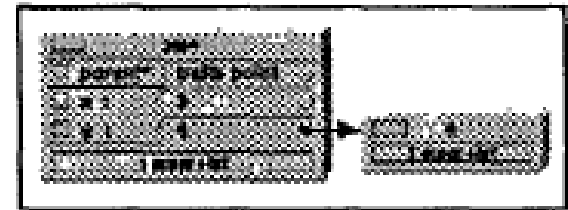
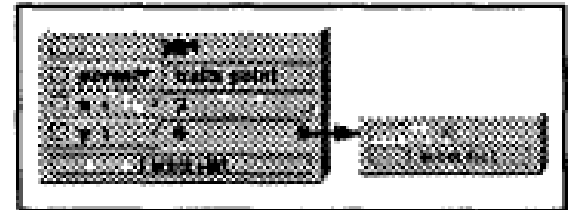
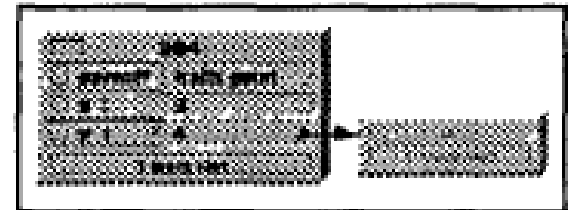
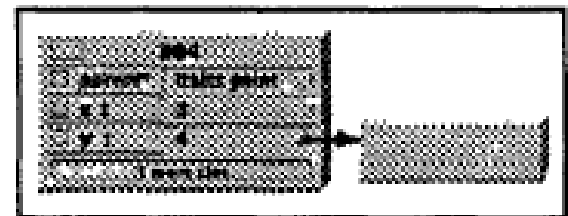
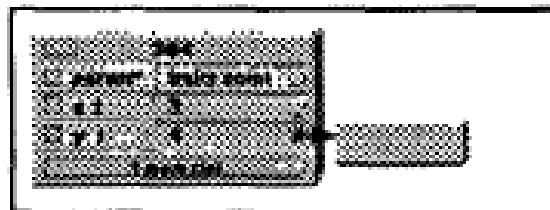
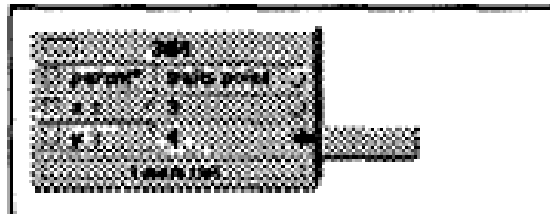
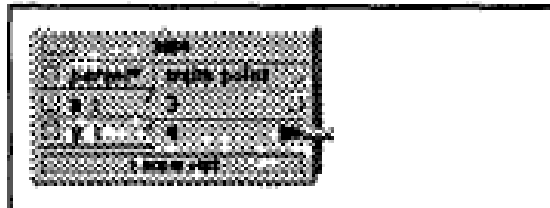
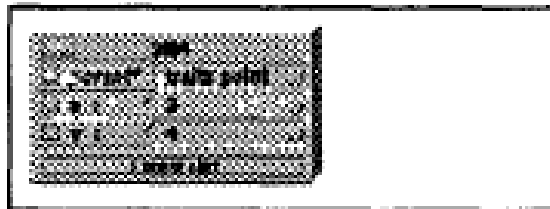


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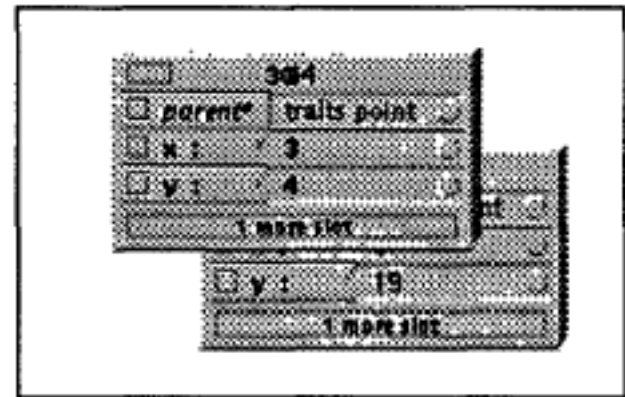
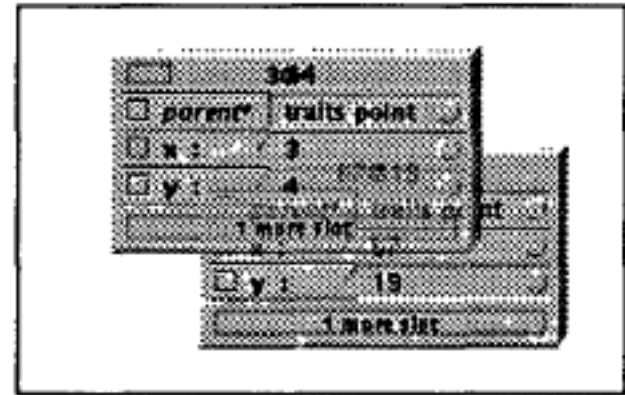
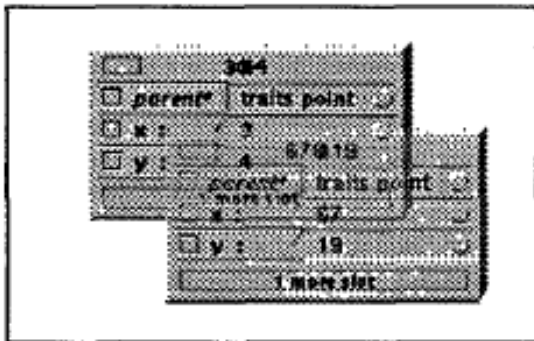
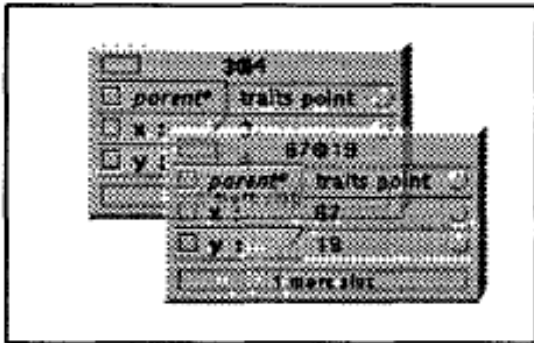
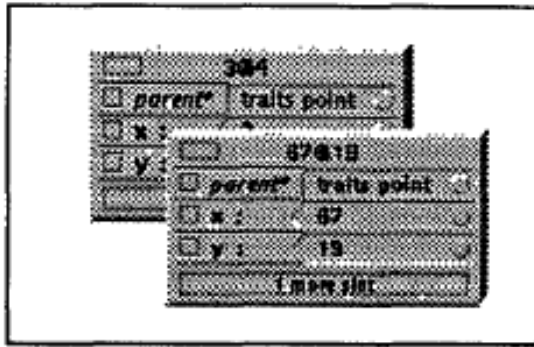
Motion Blur



Solidity: Arrival and Departure



Solidity: Arrival and Departure



Exaggeration: Anticipation

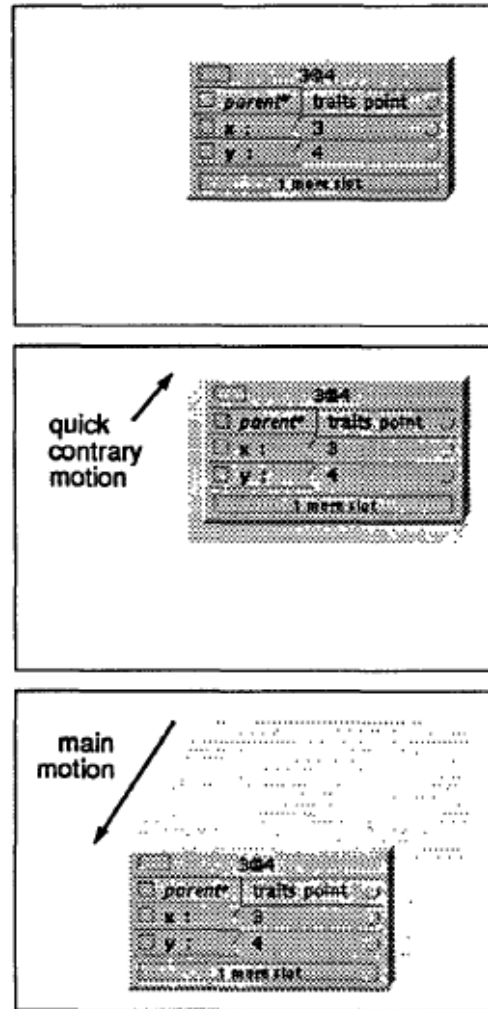


Figure 7. Objects anticipate major actions with a quick contrary motion that draws the user eye to the object in preparation for the main motion to come.

Reinforcement: Slow In Slow Out

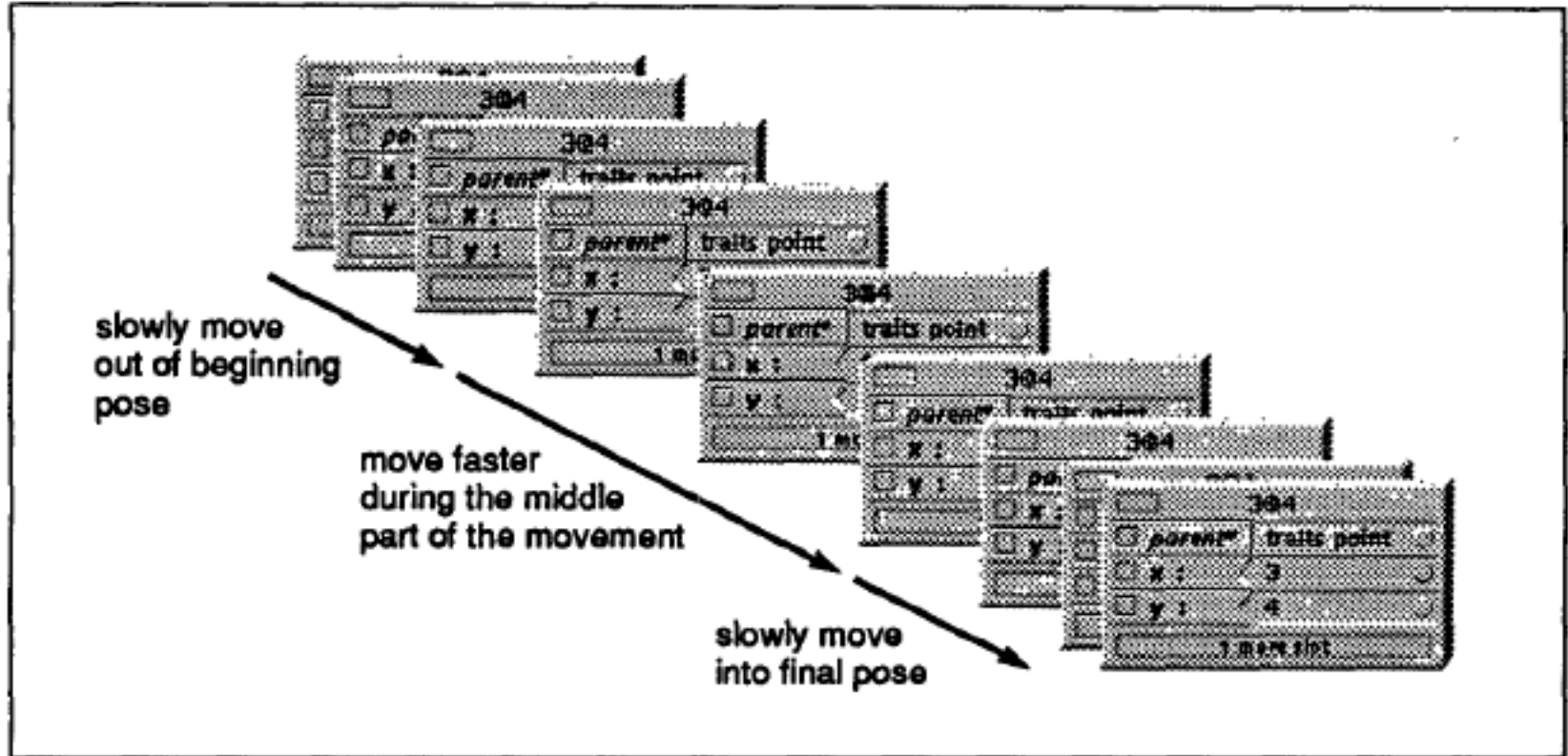


Figure 8. Objects ease out of their beginning poses and ease into their final poses. Although these motions are slower than that during the main portion of the movement, they are still quite fast.

Reinforcement: Arcs

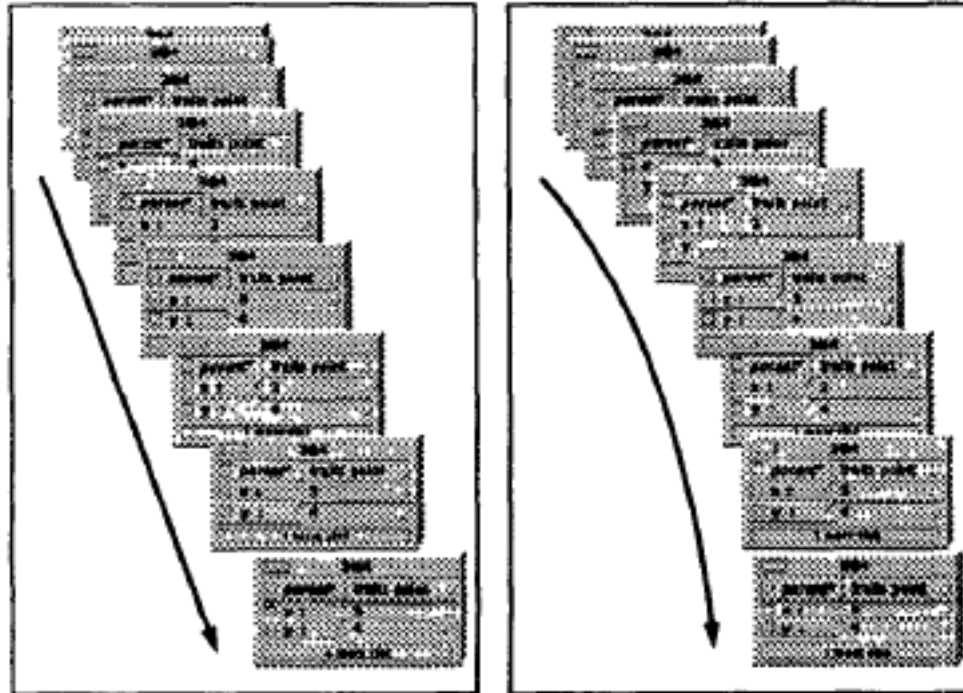


Figure 9. When objects travel under their own power (non-interactively), they move in arcs rather than straight lines.

Reinforcement: Follow Through

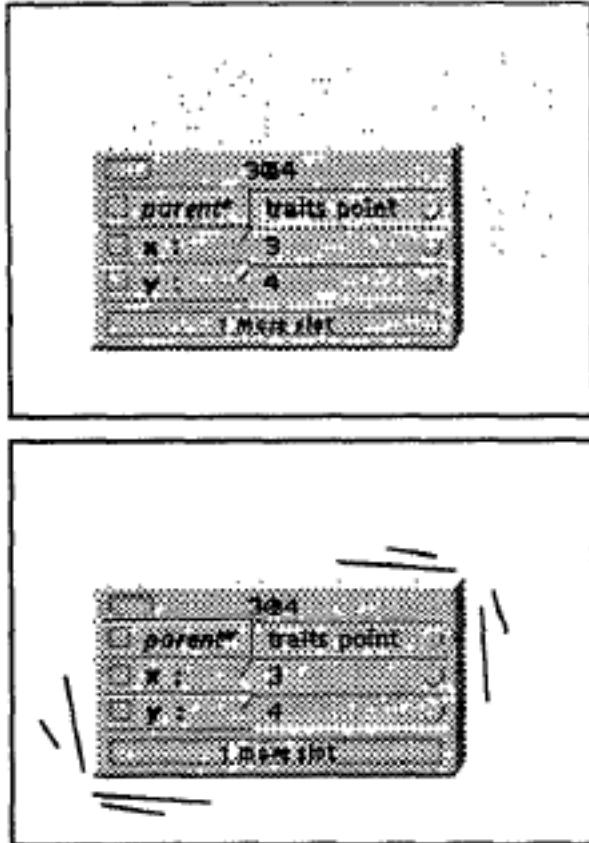


Figure 10. When objects come to a stop after moving on their own, they exhibit follow through in the form of wiggling back and forth quickly. This is just suggested by the "wobble lines" in the figure—in actuality, the object moves back and forth, with motion blur.

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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

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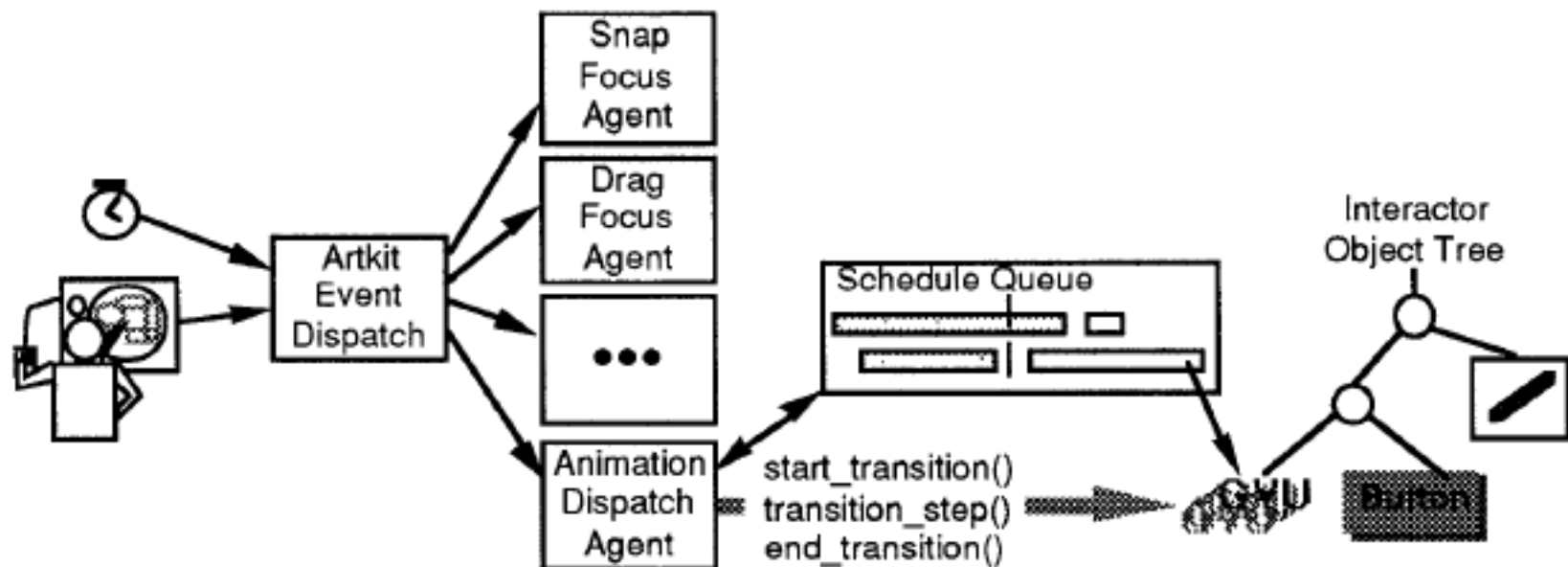


Figure 5. Animation Event Translation and Dispatch

Not Just an Implementation

Provides tool abstractions for implementing previously presented styles of animation

Overcomes a fundamental clash of approaches

Event loop receives input, processes, repaints

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

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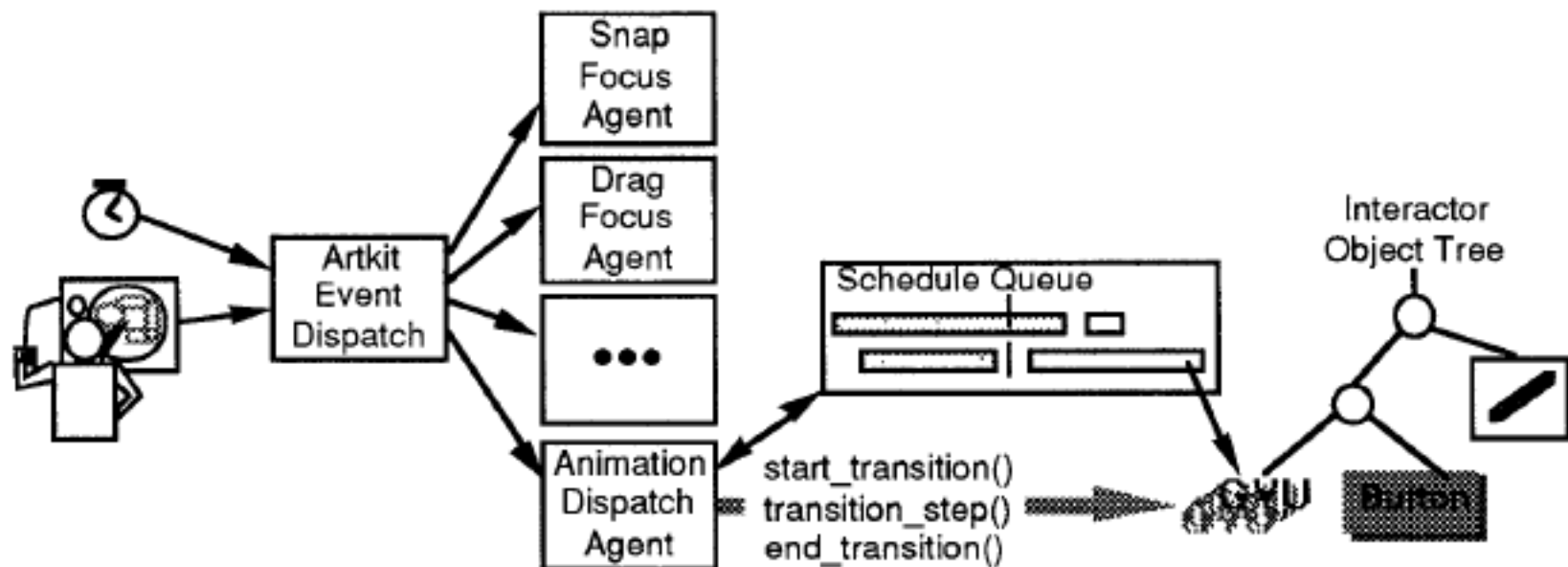


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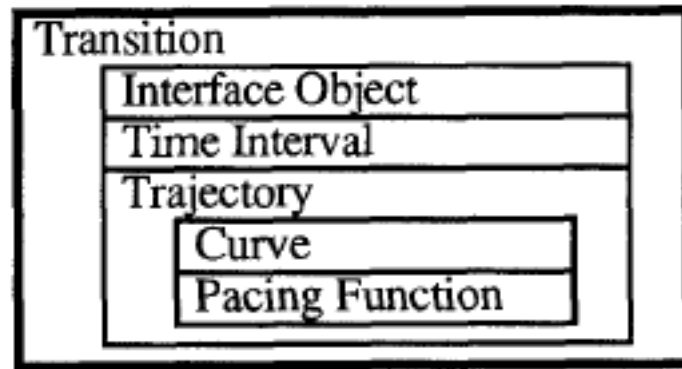


Figure 3. Parts of a Transition Object

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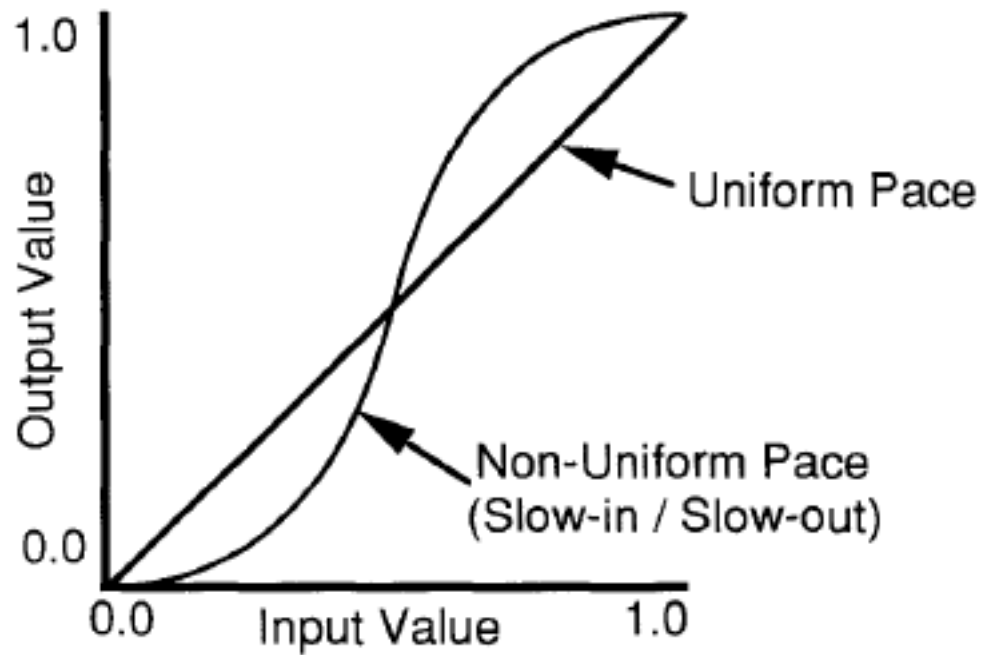


Figure 4. Two Example Pacing Functions

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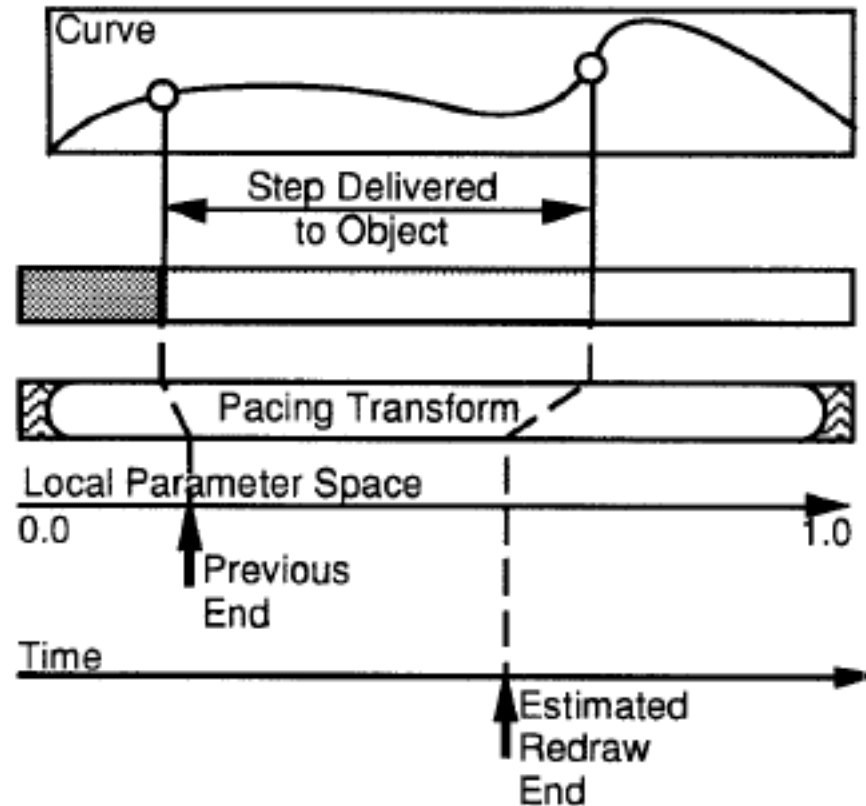


Figure 8. Translation from Time to Space

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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 [Fitts84]. 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

Animation Composition

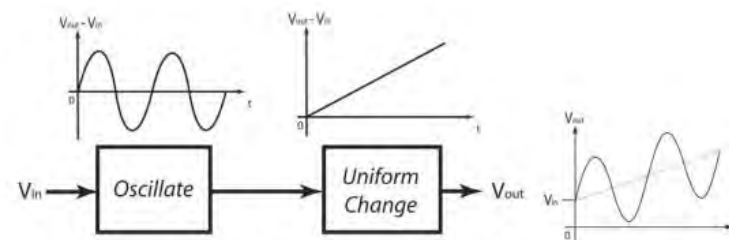


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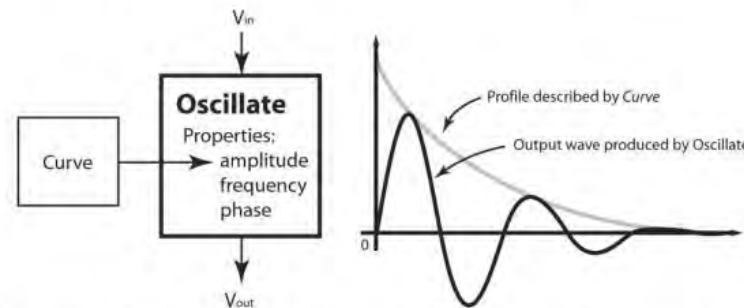


Figure 7. Waveform scaling by functional composition with amplitude

Tools and Interfaces

Why Interface Tools?

Case Study of Model-View-Controller

Case Study of Animation

Sapir-Whorf Hypothesis

Thoughtfulness in Tools

Case Study in Self-Tracking

Sapir-Whorf Hypothesis

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

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

Our tools define the language of interaction

Beyond the simple matter of code

Frame how we think about possibilities

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

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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 do 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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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.

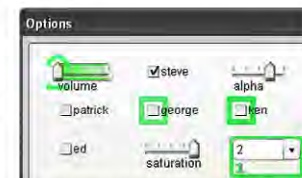


Figure 1: These phosphor widgets use green afterglow effects to show how they have changed. The slider labeled “volume” was dragged all the way to the left. Two of the checkboxes in the next row were unchecked. The combo box was set from 1 to 2.

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

Too fast increases error rate

Too slow increases task time

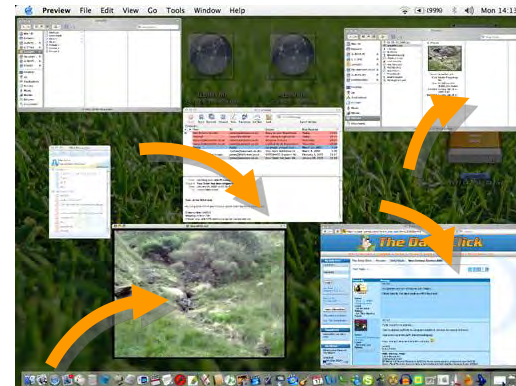
The right speed depends on familiarity, distraction, etc.

It cannot be determined

Windows Media Player

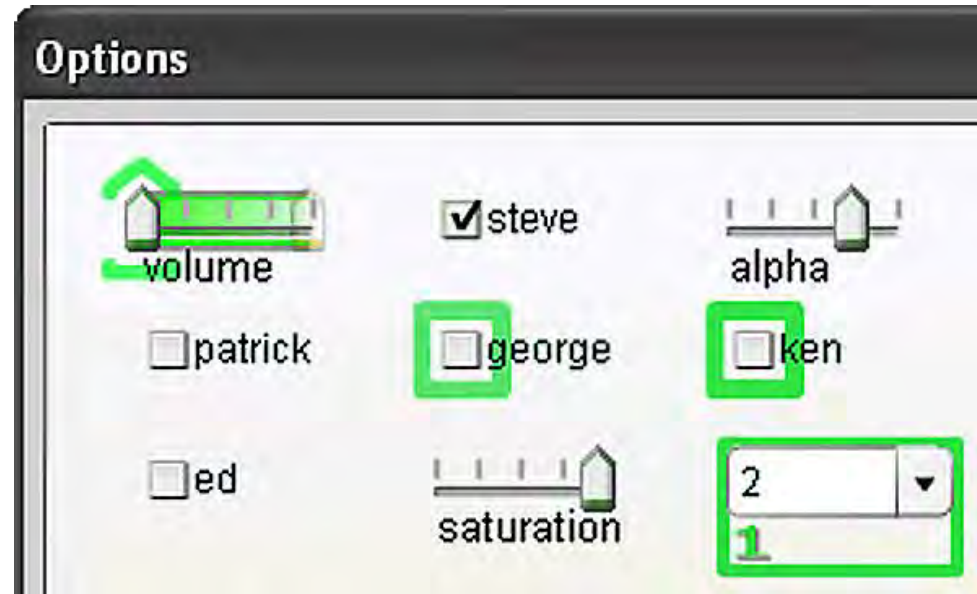


Apple Exposé



Phosphor

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



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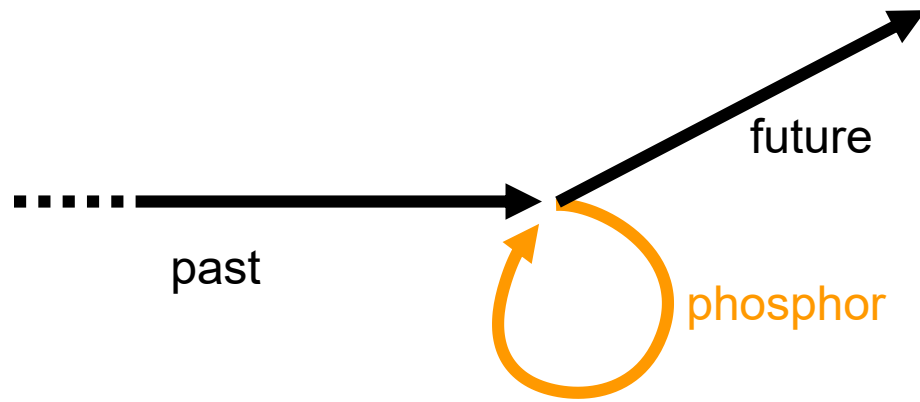
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Challenging Assumptions of Tools

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

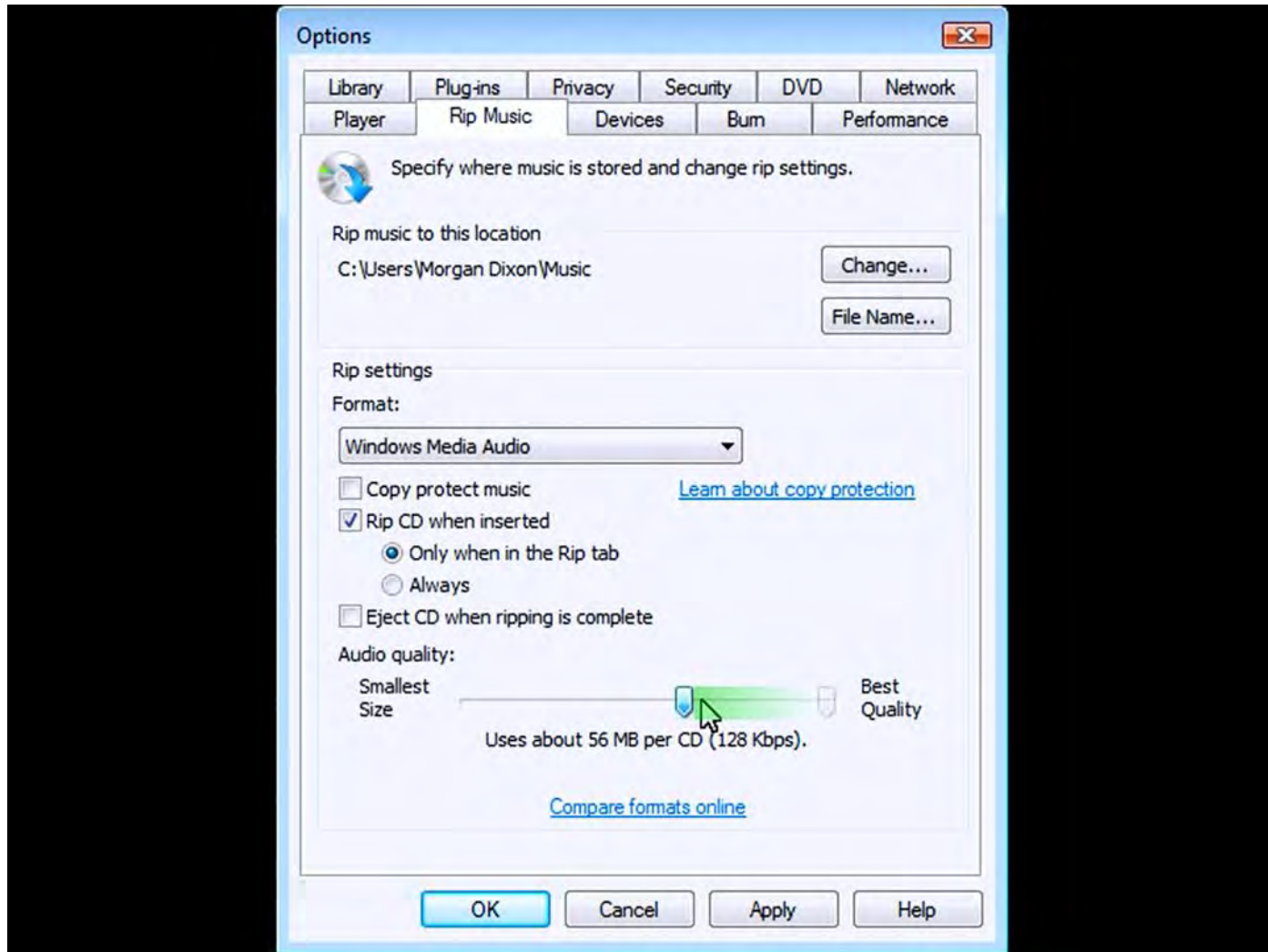
Prefab

Prefab uses pixel analysis to modify existing applications from the outside, using only pixels

Prefab is informed by how toolkits work, but not linked to any particular toolkit implementation

Allows trying and fielding new ideas that are not supported by existing applications or toolkits

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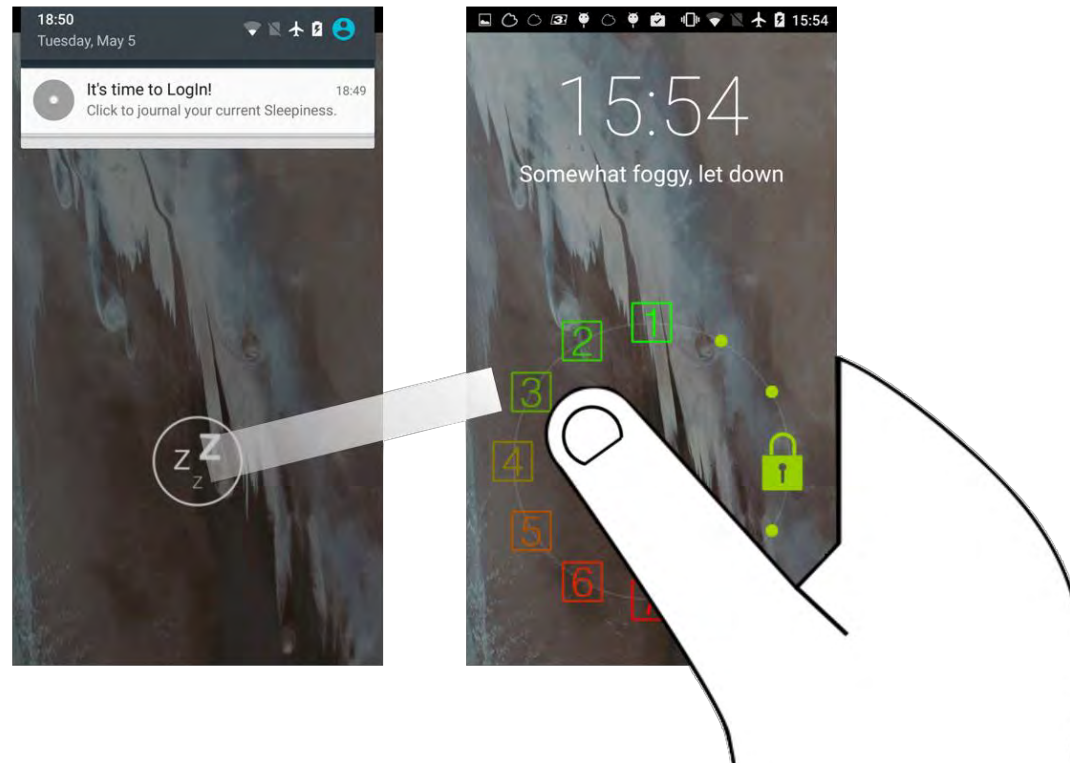
Mobile Phones as Pagers

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

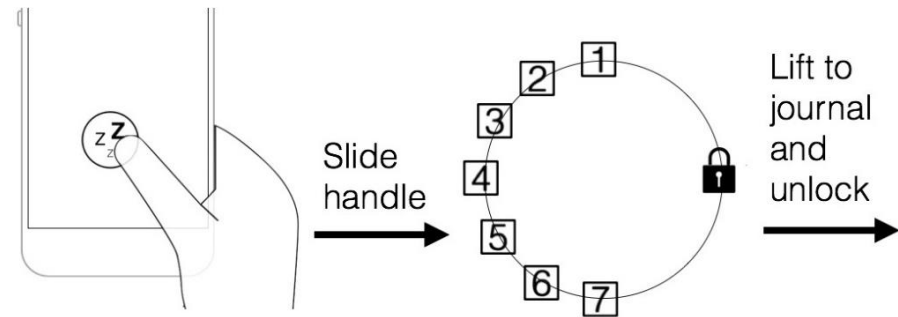
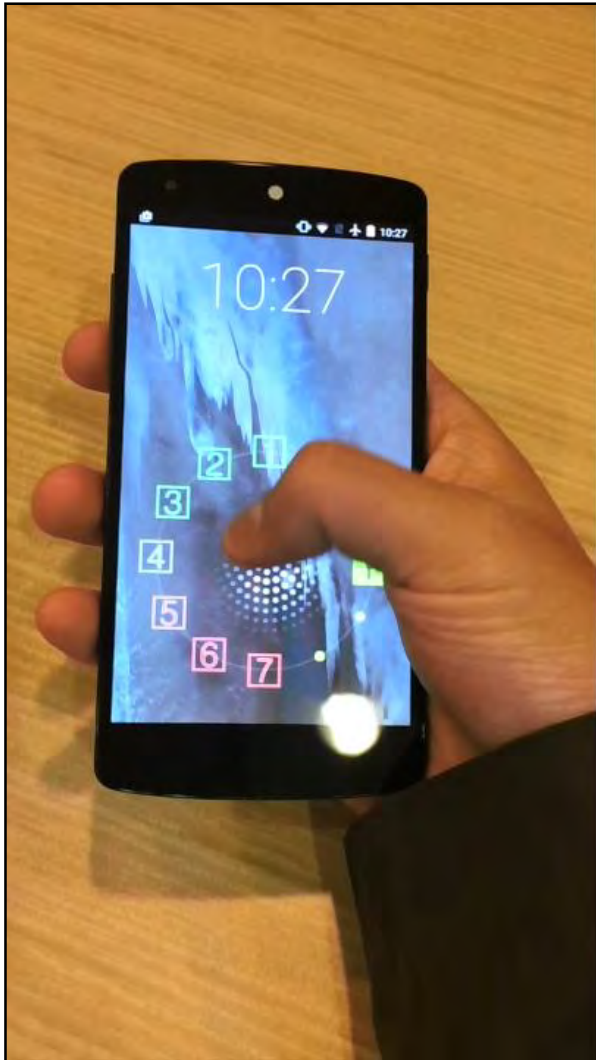


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Unlock Journaling for Self-Report

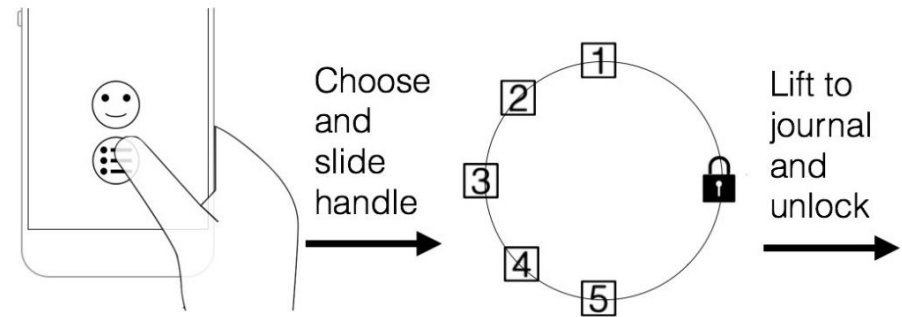
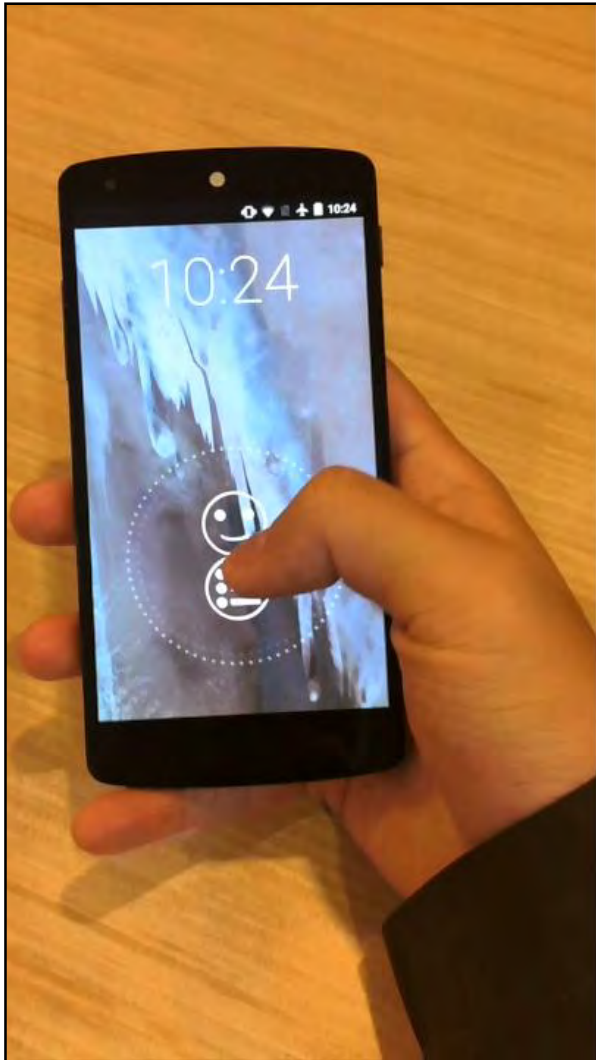


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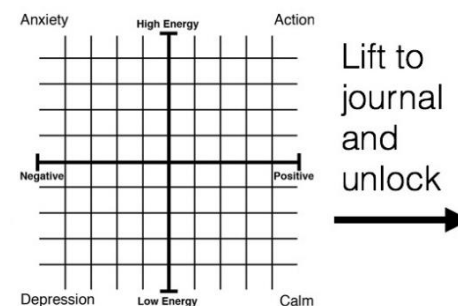
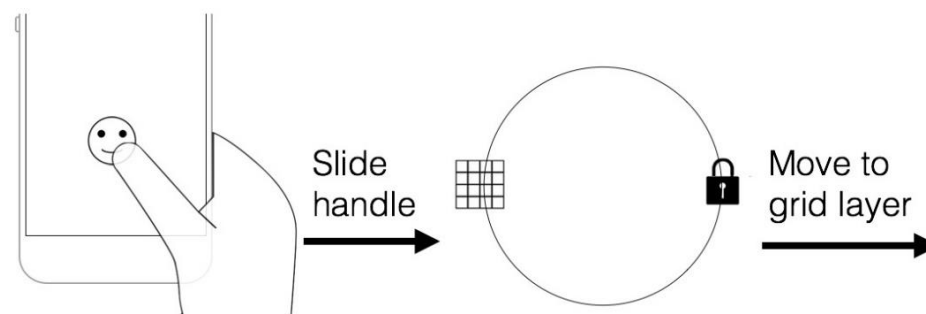
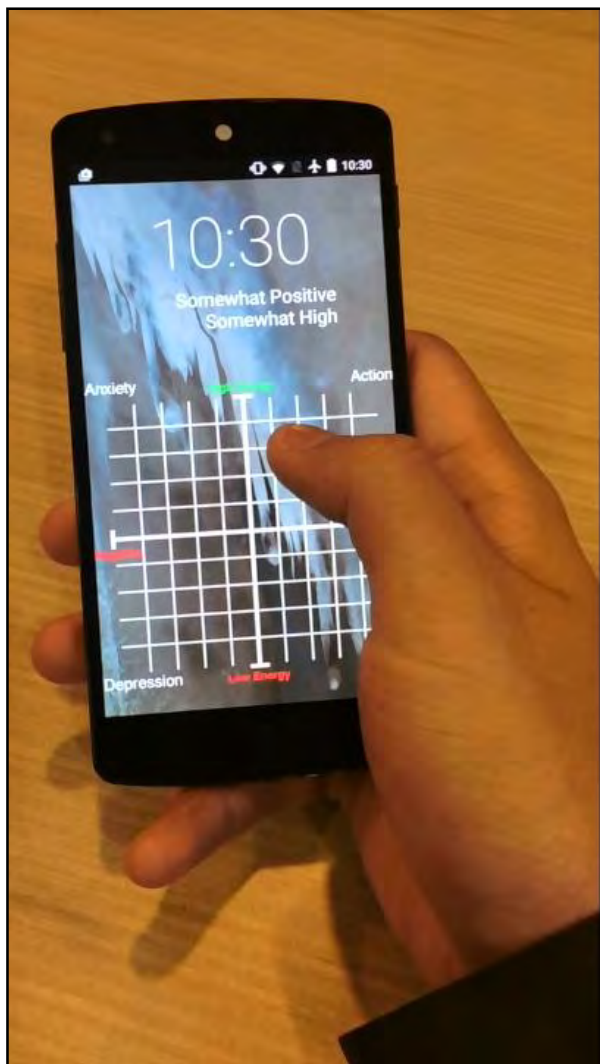
Stanford Sleepiness Scale

Unlock Journaling for Self-Report



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

Unlock Journaling for Self-Report



Russell's Affect Grid

Unlock Journaling vs. Notifications

Unlock journaling is:

rated less intrusive

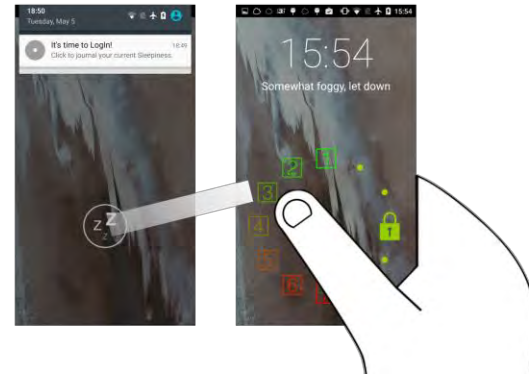
(1.77 vs. 2.22 on a 5-point scale)

yields greater frequency

(15.0 vs. 9.8 per 12-hour day)

comparable timeliness

(8.6 vs. 9.3 minutes)



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

It should not have taken 10 years to get here

Mobile Food Journals

Origins in daily recall

Self-monitoring of food can support many goals

Weight Loss

Diabetes Management

Trigger Identification

High burdens detract from potential benefit, data is often wrong

Stanford Hospital and Clinics
Digestive Health
Food/GI Symptoms Record

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

Date: 6/22

Time	Food & Beverages and Amount	Symptoms if any (circle)
Breakfast Time: 7:30	1/4 c oatmeal w/ 1/2 T rice snack apple juice - 116 sugar 1/2 Tr. Tosts wheat-free waffle 10oz. Peppermint tea	Nausea Vomiting Heartburn Stomach Pain Diarrhea Constipation Sense of Urgency Gas Bloating Cramping Other: severe breakfast
Snack Time: 11:00	1 slice french toast egg white, olive oil 4oz cashewy fruit 4oz flour tortilla, 4oz avocado, cilantro 1 can, 1 banana, 1 orange, 1 T. vanilla rice IT. 1/2 pb, ginger cookie whole foods	Nausea Vomiting Heartburn Stomach Pain Diarrhea Constipation Sense of Urgency Gas Bloating Cramping Other:
Lunch Time: 12:30	3oz fresh cold brailed salmon 4oz organic brailed chicken breast Baked sweet yam, steamed carrots, zucchini, cranberry sauce, tea, raspberry sorbet, homemade cake	Nausea Vomiting Heartburn Stomach Pain Diarrhea Constipation Sense of Urgency Gas Bloating Cramping Other: after dinner
Snack Time: 3:30	1 c chicken broth 1 T rice 4oz crackers, 1/2 c sugar jam	Nausea Vomiting Heartburn Stomach Pain Diarrhea Constipation Sense of Urgency Gas Bloating Cramping Other:
Date: 6/25	1/4 c oatmeal w/ 1 T rice cereal, 2 T rice milk - CA enriched - Trader Joe's wheat-free waffle, maple syrup, it. 1 pb, nutella	Nausea Vomiting Heartburn Stomach Pain Diarrhea Constipation Sense of Urgency Gas Bloating Cramping Other:
Breakfast Time: 9:30	water zucchi	
Snack Time: 11:00	1/2 c soy yogurt fruit blueberries, mashed strawberries, yellow peach	Nausea Vomiting Heartburn Stomach Pain Diarrhea Constipation Sense of Urgency Gas Bloating Cramping Other:
Lunch Time: 1:00	1/4 avocado, mustard, ranch hard boiled egg white, baked potato snips - tea, 2oz cranberry juice	Nausea Vomiting Heartburn Stomach Pain Diarrhea Constipation Sense of Urgency Gas Bloating Cramping Other:
Snack Time: 4:00	2oz pretzels, 1/2 pb, peanut butter, 2 crackers	Nausea Vomiting Heartburn Stomach Pain Diarrhea Constipation Sense of Urgency Gas Bloating Cramping Other:
Dinner Time: 6:30	Flour tortilla - 4oz tilapia pan sardines, 1 lemon, avocado, 1/2 c peas zucchini, green beans, fresh carrots + peas, apple sauce, 1/2 c blueberries tea, 1/2 ginger cookie	Nausea Vomiting Heartburn Stomach Pain Diarrhea Constipation Sense of Urgency Gas Bloating Cramping Other:
Snack Time: 8:00	1 pb, 1/2 c sugar jam, 1/2 c blueberries Beetroot-water 600mg gabapentin - every night align probiotic - 4-6 times a week after lunch	

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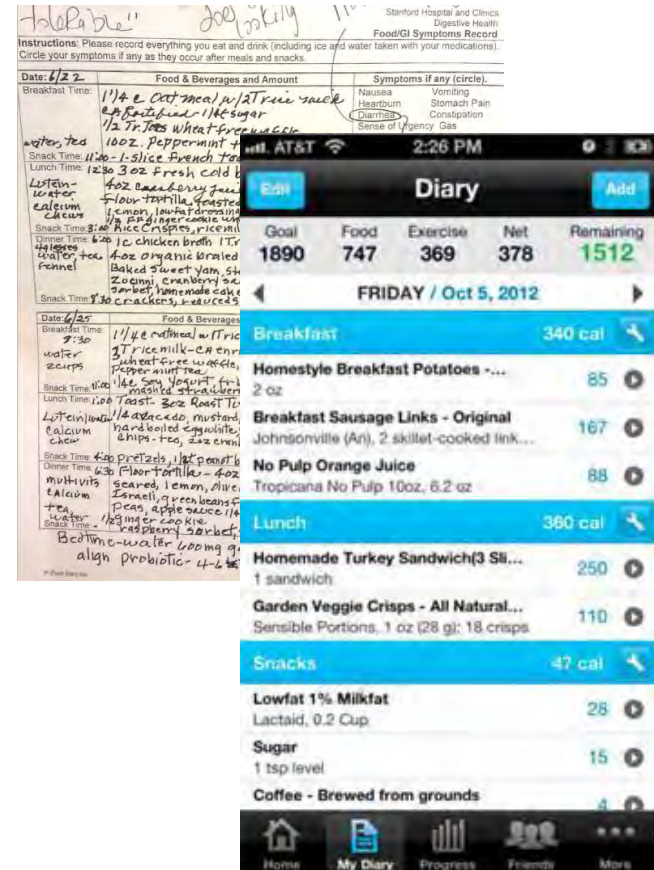
Mobile Food Journals

Mobile devices provide real-time feedback

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

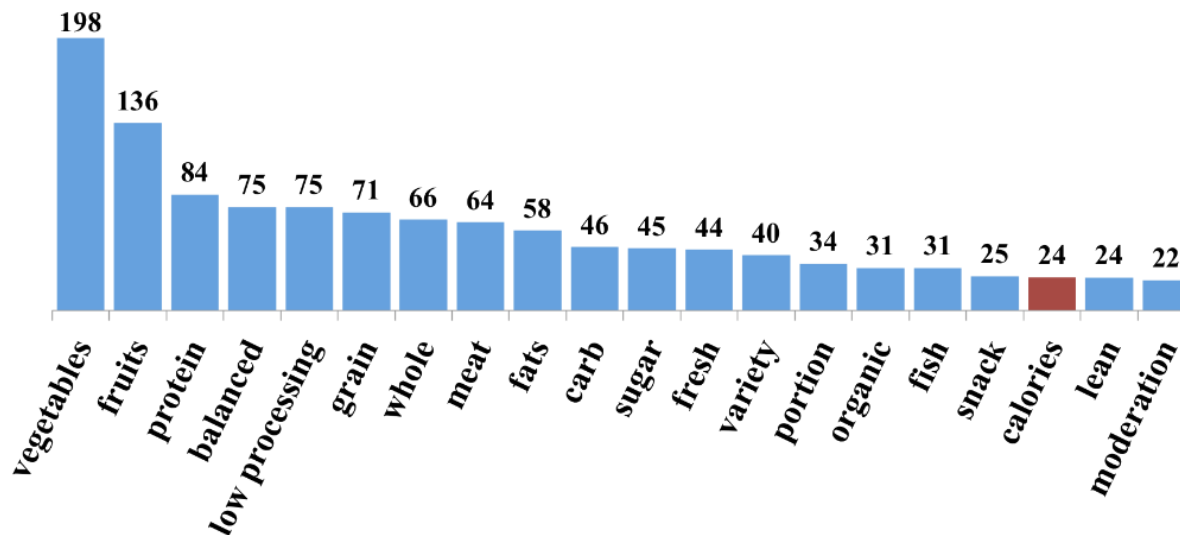
Typically provide calorie-based feedback

High burdens detract from potential benefit, data is often wrong



Perceptions of Healthy Eating

“What does healthy eating look like to you?”



Food types:

“vegetables”

“fruits”

“protein”

Food qualities:

“low processed”

“organic”

“fresh”

Diet qualities:

“balanced”

“variety”

“portion”

Difficulty as a Negative Nudge

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

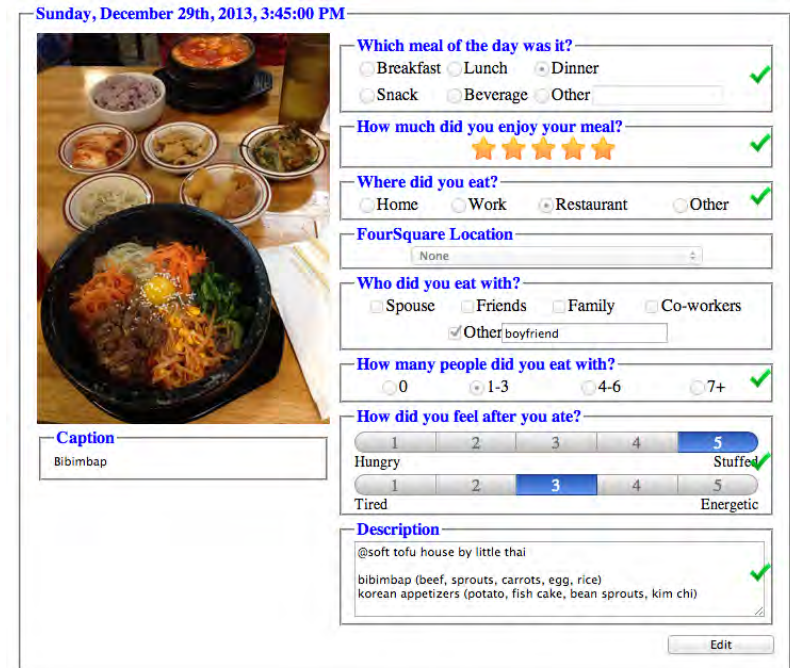
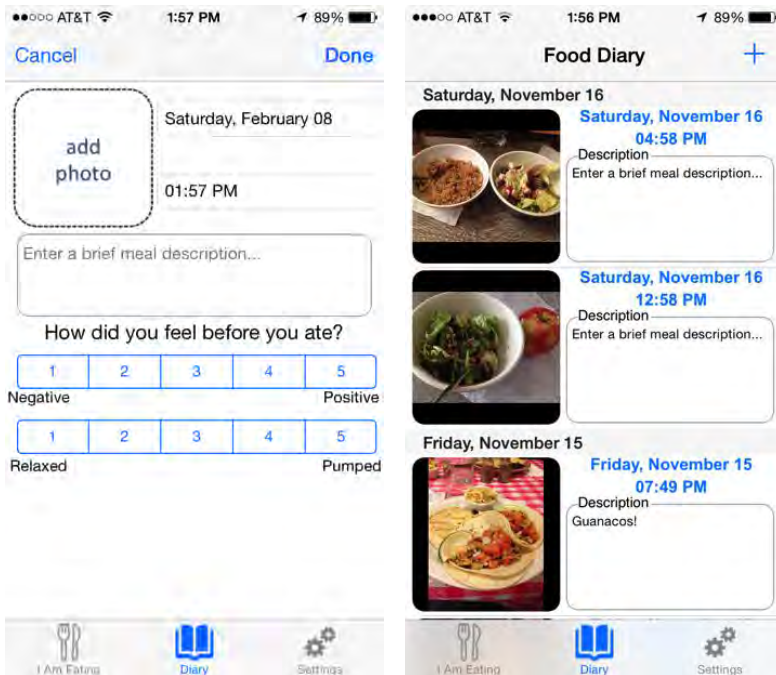
“Prepackaged meals were the easiest because of bar codes but those aren't healthy” – SP123

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

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



Deploying a Photo-Based Journal



Mobile capture and review

Web review and annotation

Leveling the Difficulty of Journaling

With prior techniques:

60% report not journaling
because it was too difficult

65% report not journaling
because they did not know

With photo-based capture:

22% report not journaling
because it was too difficult

None report not journaling
due to food knowledge



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

Journaling without Judgment

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

13% of survey participants

45% of field participants

Photos enable mindfulness while avoiding judgment

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

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

Triggers and Trends

“I eat too much pizza” – FP10

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

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



Food Journals as Daily Recall

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

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

– Actual Anonymous Grumpy R3

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In-Class Design, Prototype, Test

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

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

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

Guests will interact with the alarm via a touch panel.

Task Design is Important

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

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

- The interface does not have significant problems

- The test itself has significant problems

Task Design is Important

Testing is not entirely in the wild

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

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

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

Bad: Artificial Subgoals

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

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

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

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

Bad: Artificial Ordering

Without an artificial ordering of information or subgoals, people might not proceed in this order

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

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

Bad: Changing the Task

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

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

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

Bad: Giving the Answers

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

lighten = contrast, sorted = collated?

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

Good: Giving Context

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

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

Have others help you “debug” them before testing

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Today

Project Status

Exam Discussion

Inspection-Based Methods

Time for Heuristic Evaluation of Paper Prototypes

Exam

In-Class

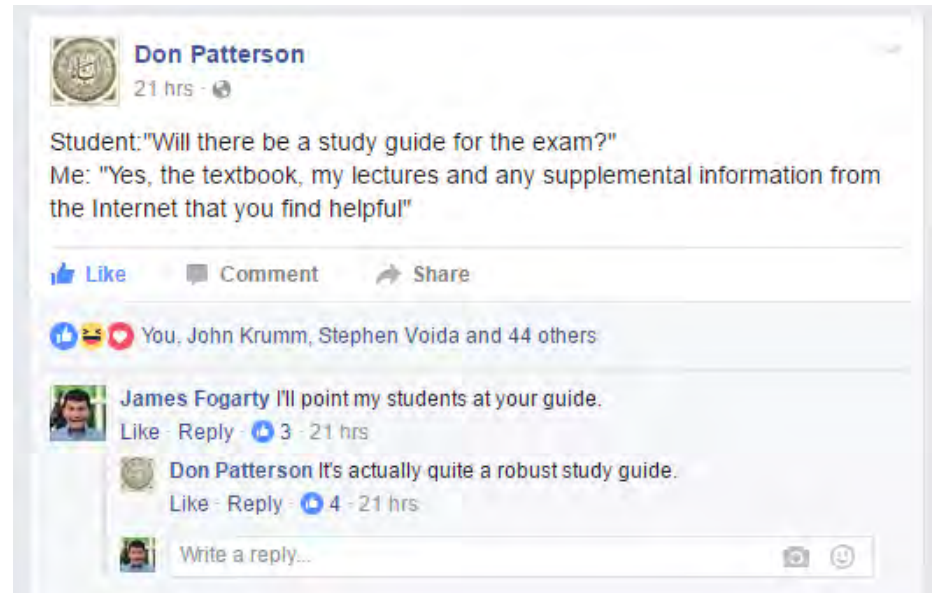
Next Tuesday 2/21

Mostly short answer,
some long answer

Content drawn from
lecture and readings

Will post a compilation of the lecture slides

Schedule a time for Q&A?



Inspection-Based Methods

We have cut prototyping to its minimum

Sketches, storyboards, paper prototypes

Rapid exploration of potential ideas

But we need evaluation to guide improvement

Can become relatively slow and expensive

Study participants can be scarce

Can waste participants on obvious problems

Inspection-Based Methods

Simulate study participants

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

Inspection methods are rational, not empirical

Today we cover two complementary methods

Heuristic Evaluation

Cognitive Walkthrough

Heuristic Evaluation

Developed by Jakob Nielsen

Helps find usability problems in a design

Not a method for “coming up with” a design

Small set of evaluators examine interface

Three to five evaluators

Independently check compliance with principles

Different evaluators will find different problems

Evaluators only communicate afterwards

Can perform on working interfaces or sketches

Nielsen's 10 Heuristics

Too few unhelpful, too many overwhelming

“Be Good” versus thousands of detailed rules

Nielsen seeks to create a small set

Collects 249 usability problems

Collects 101 usability heuristics

Rates how well heuristics explain problems

Factor analysis to identify key heuristics

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

Flexibility and efficiency of use

Aesthetic and minimalist design

Help recognize, diagnose, and recover from errors

Help and documentation

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Refers to both visibility of system status and providing appropriate feedback

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

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

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Support undo and redo.

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

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

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

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People should never carry a memory load

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

7. Flexibility and Efficiency

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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.

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

Heuristic Evaluation Process

Evaluators go through interface several times

Inspect various dialogue elements

Compare with list of usability principles

Usability principles

Nielsen's "heuristics"

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

Use violations to redesign/fix problems

Examples

Can't copy info from one window to another

violates “Minimize memory load” (H6)

fix: allow copying

Typography uses different fonts in 3 dialog boxes

violates “Consistency and standards” (H4)

slows users down

probably wouldn't be found by usability testing

fix: pick a single format for entire interface

Heuristics



Heuristics

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Heuristics

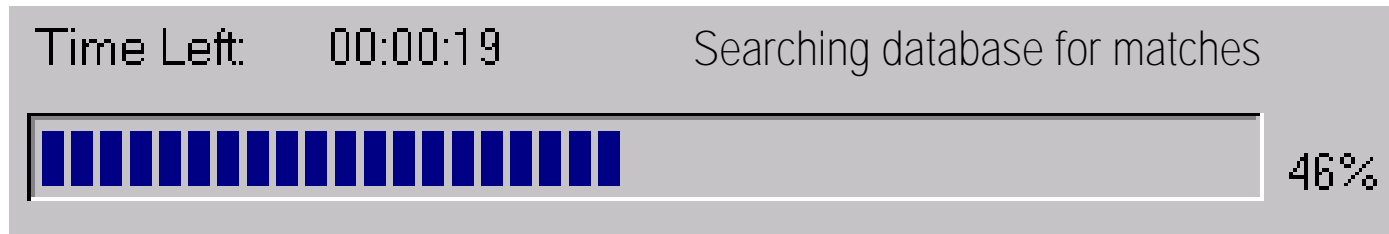
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Searching database for matches



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Heuristics



Visibility of system status

pay attention to response time

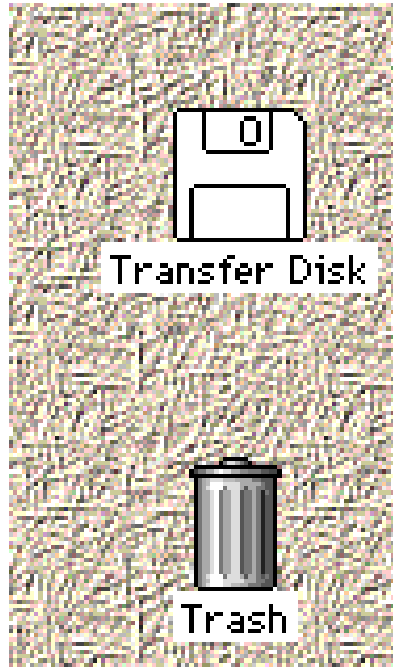
0.1 sec: no special indicators needed (why?)

1.0 sec: user tends to lose track of data

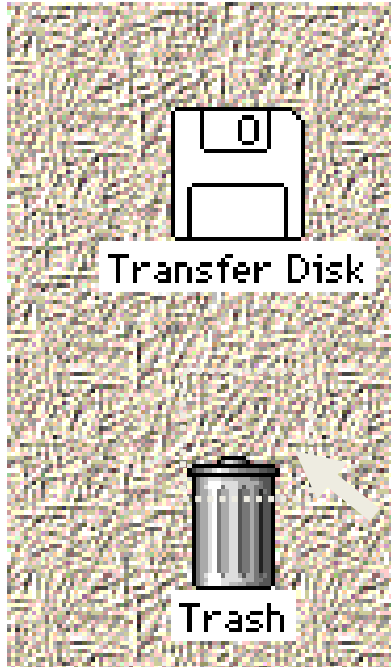
10 sec: maximum duration if user to stay focused on action

longer delays require percent-done progress bars

Heuristics



Heuristics



Mac desktop

Dragging disk to trash
should delete, not eject it

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

Heuristics



Heuristics

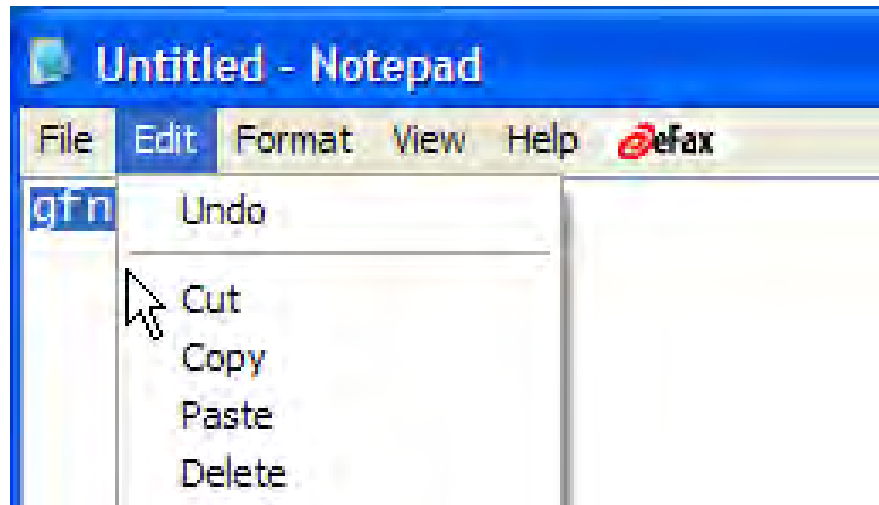


“Mailto”, “protocol”?

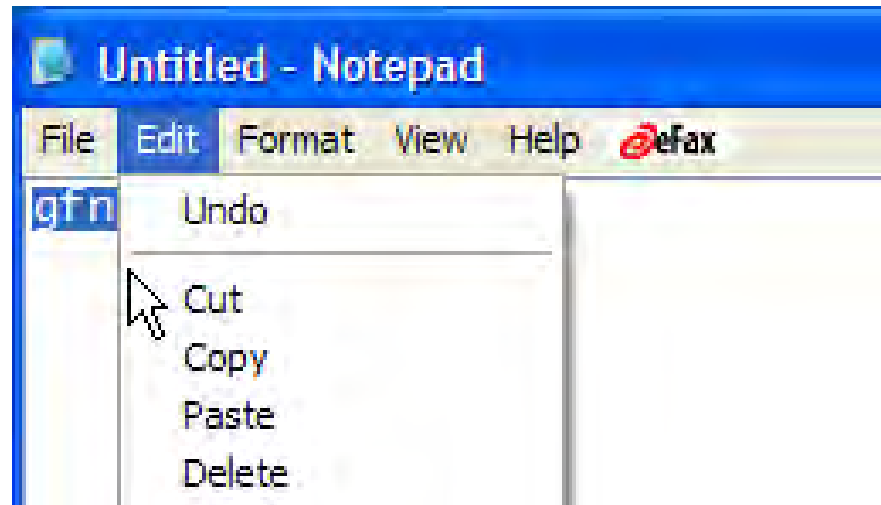
Match system to real world

Speak the person's language

Heuristics



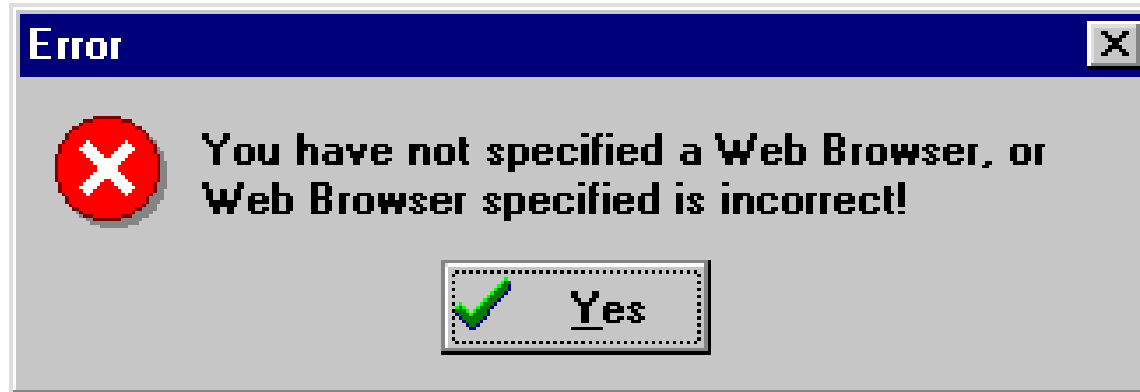
Heuristics



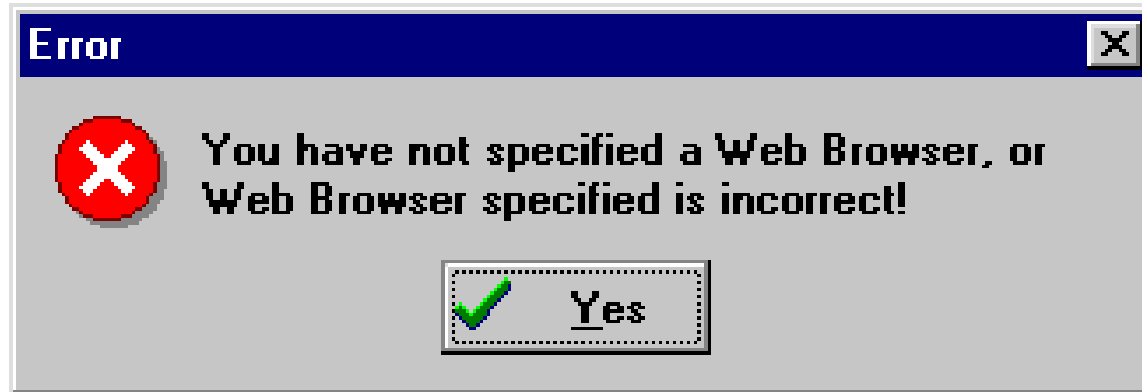
Flexibility and Efficiency of Use

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

Heuristics



Heuristics



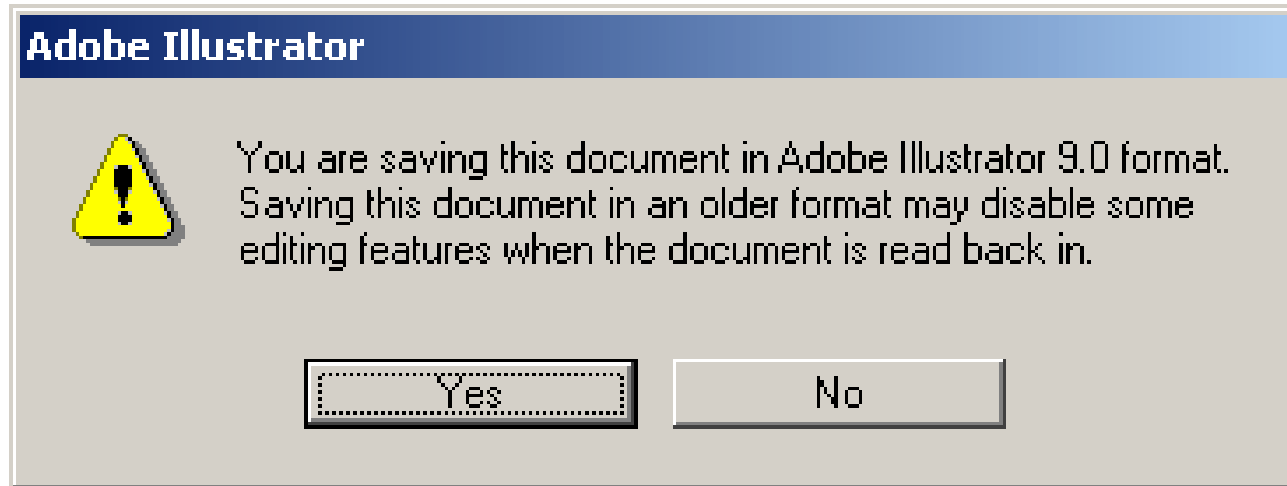
Help recognize, diagnose, & recover from errors

error messages in plain language

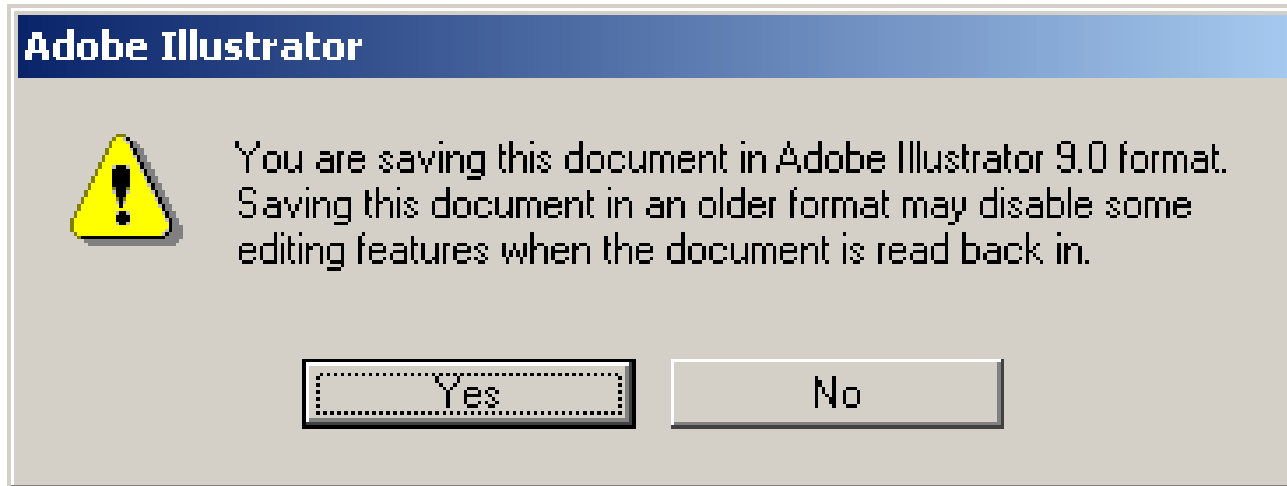
precisely indicate the problem

constructively suggest a solution

Heuristics



Heuristics



User Control and Freedom

Prevent Errors

Heuristics

The Radiation Dosimetry Program

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Enter Substance	Polonium
Isotope Number	211

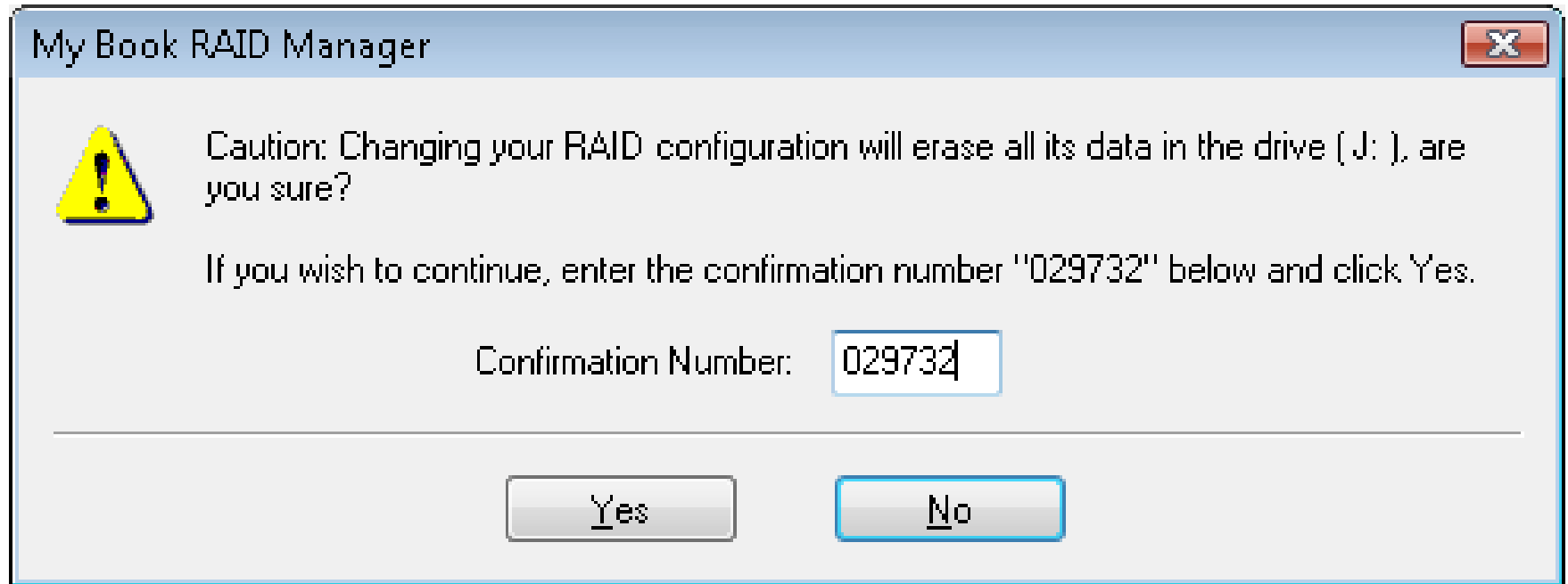
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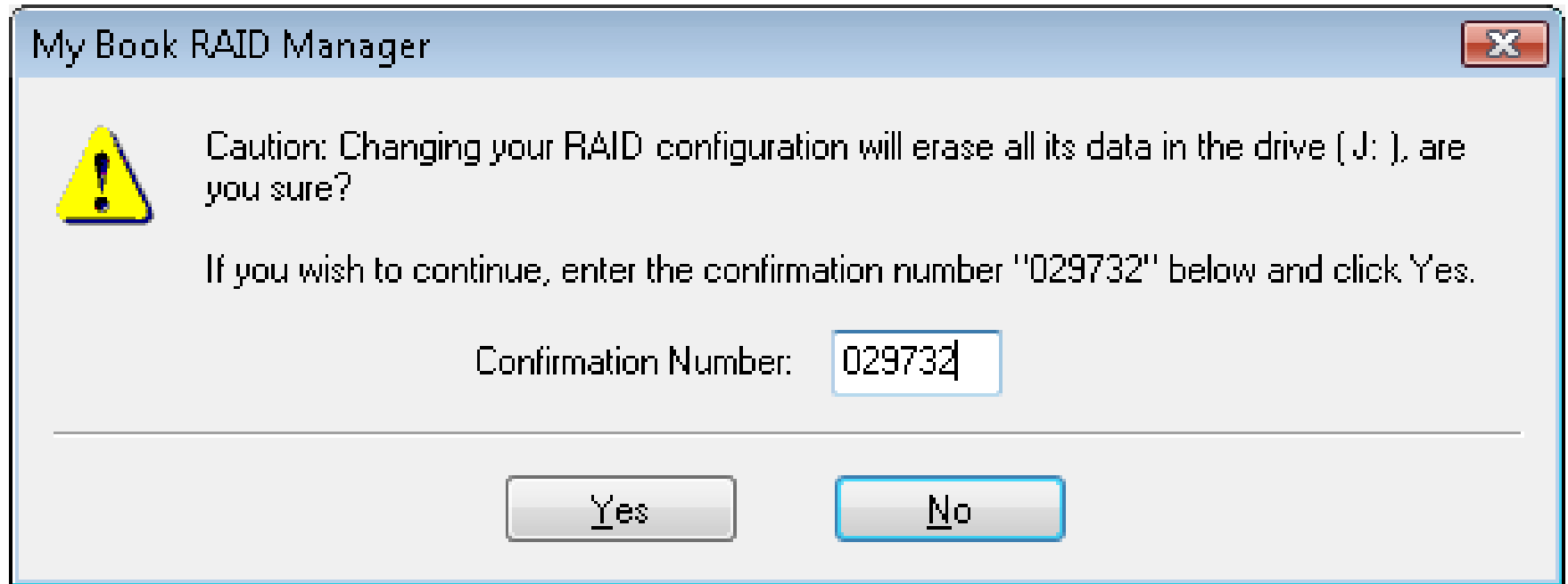
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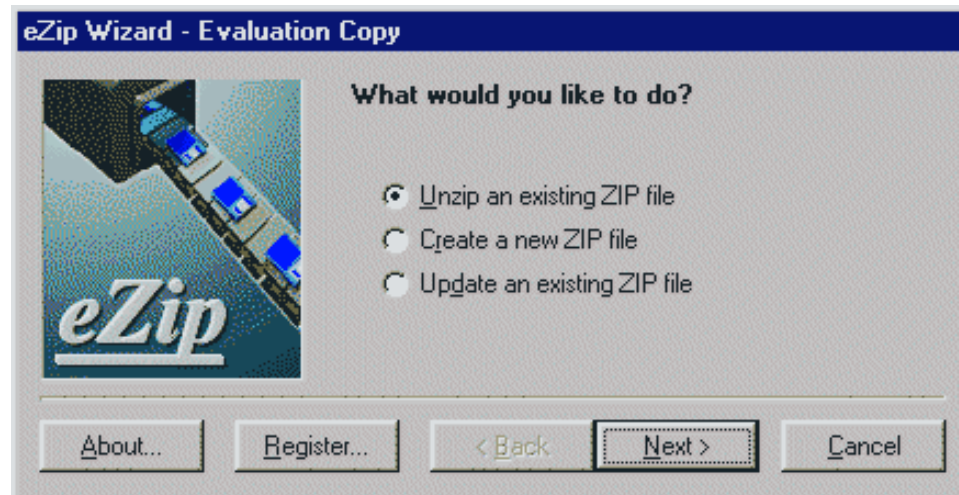


Heuristics



Prevent Errors

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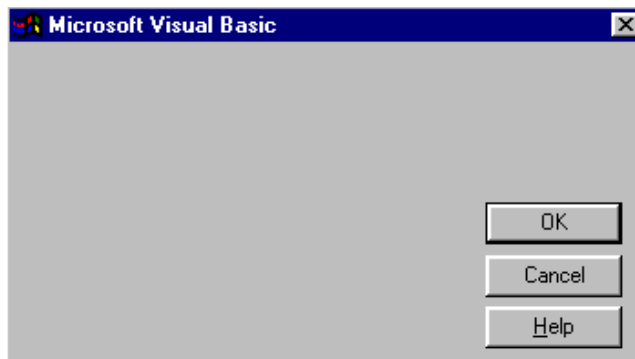
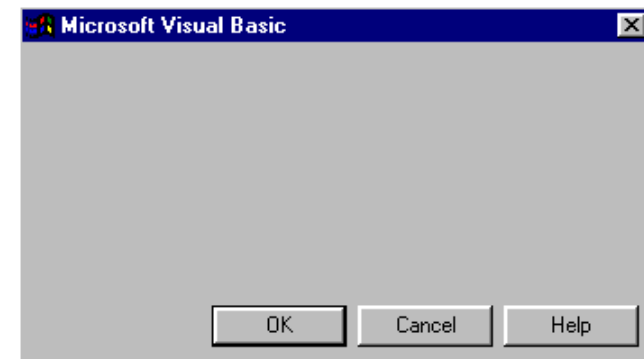
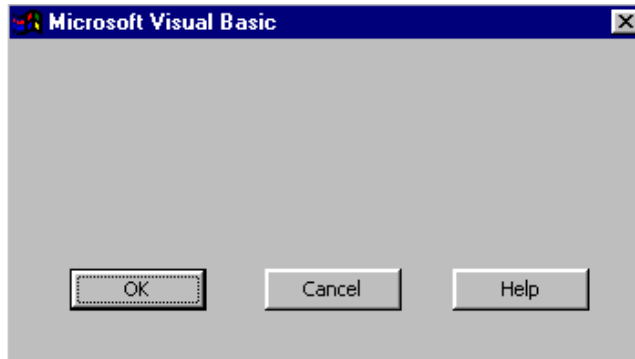
User control & freedom

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

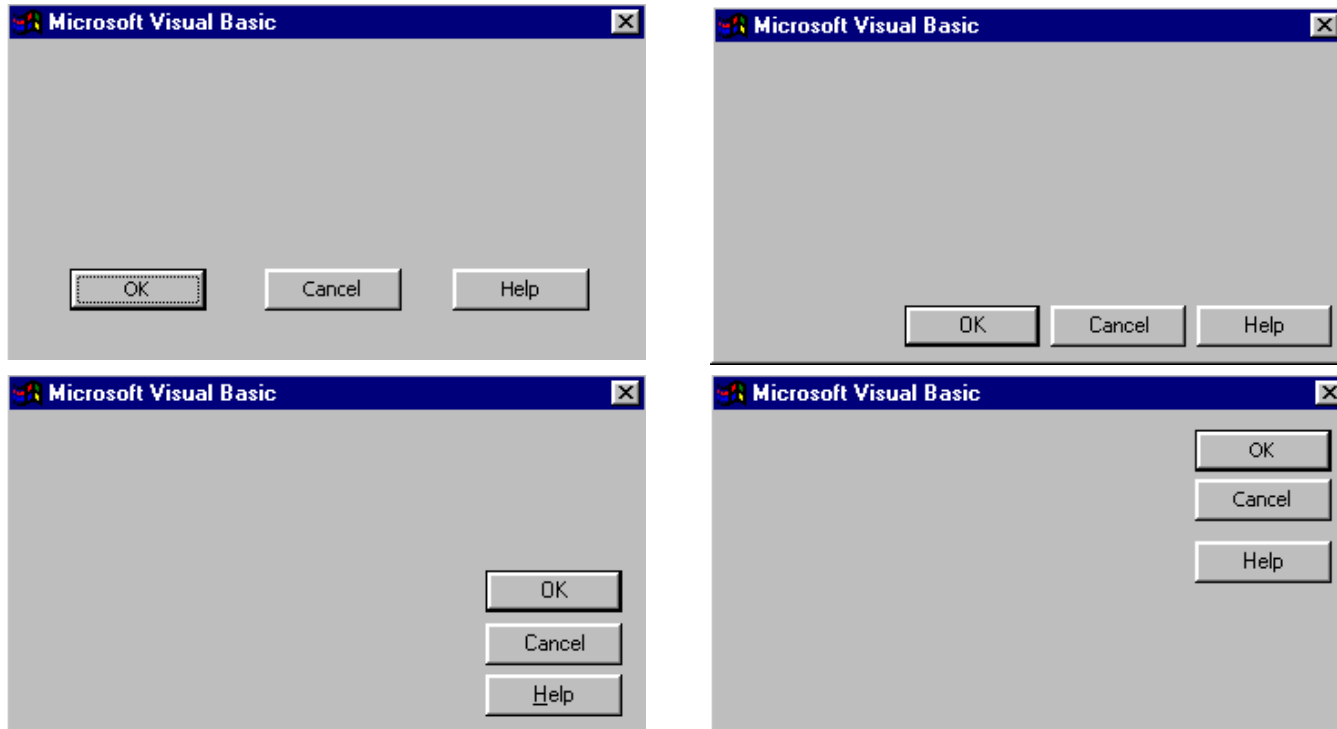
Wizards

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

Heuristics



Heuristics

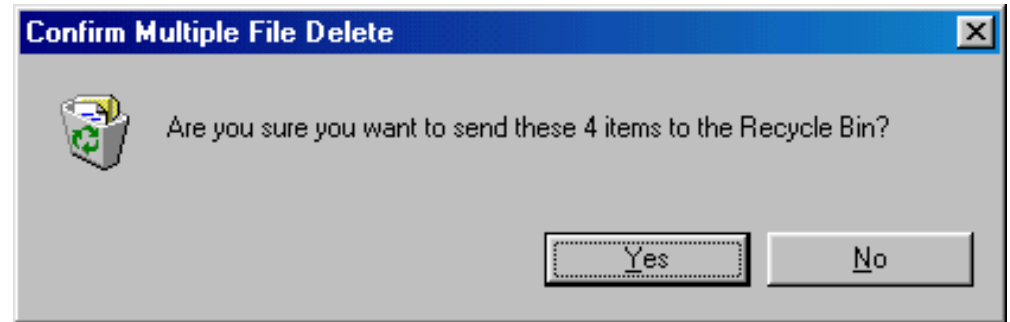


Consistency & Standards

Heuristics

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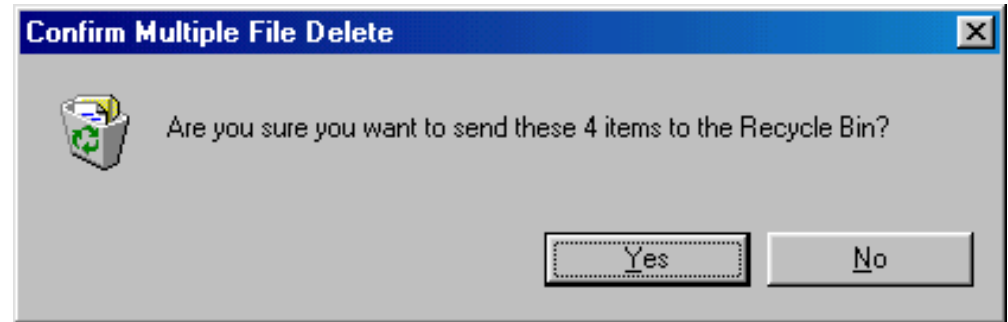
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Heuristics

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Error prevention

Recognition rather than recall

Visibility

Heuristics

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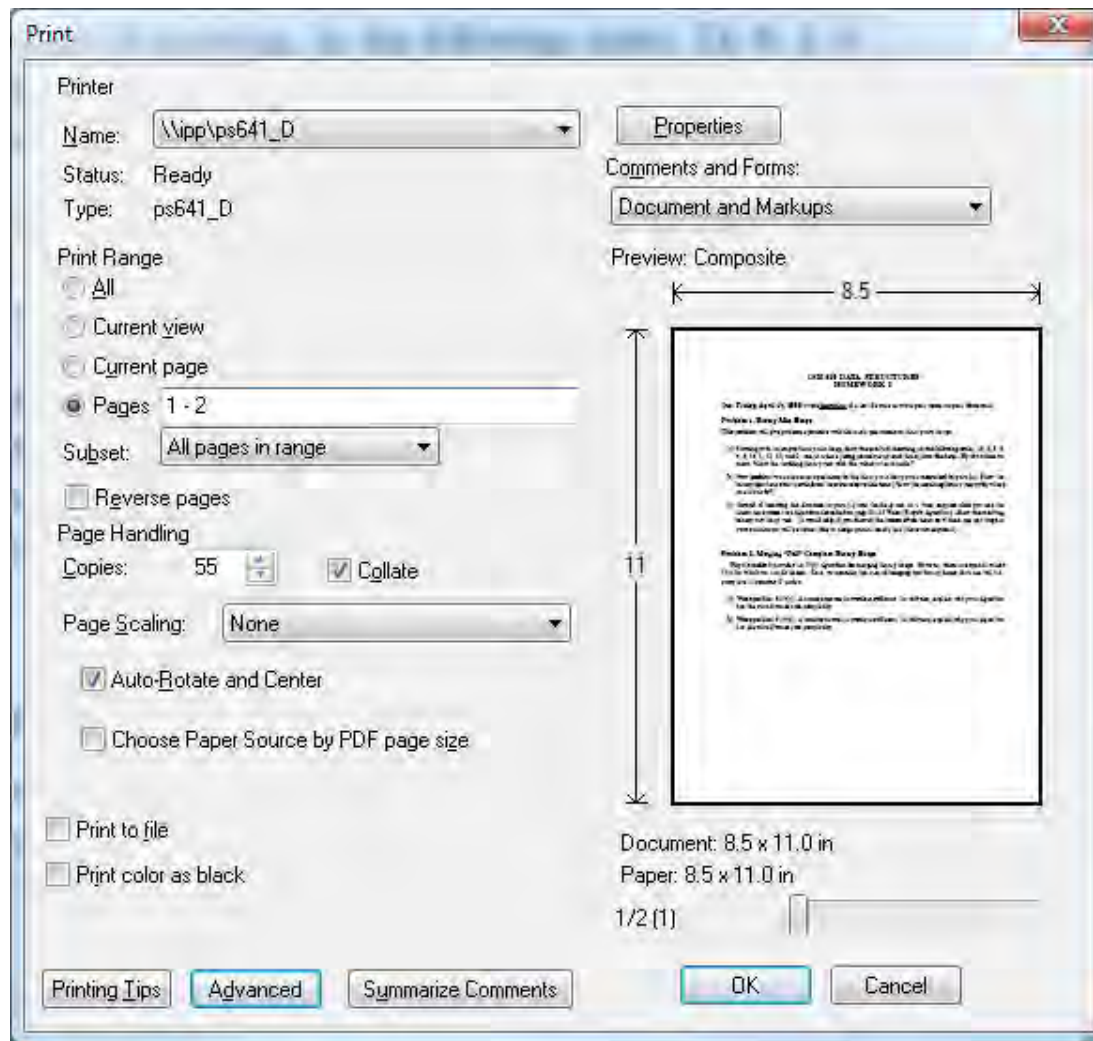
Aesthetic & Minimalist design

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 'UR ultimate rewards'. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for 'Rewards Home', 'Travel', 'Experiences', 'Merchandise', 'Gift Cards', 'Cash Back', 'Earn Faster', and 'Spotlight'. A status bar indicates 'Your rewards balance is 25,601 Points' and includes a search bar for 'All Rewards'.

The main content area is titled 'Featured Experiences & Auctions'. It features a large banner for a 'Five-Night Vacation to Rome for Two' auction, showing an image of the Colosseum. The auction details include 'Auction', 'Rome, Italy', and an 'Opening Bid: 128,575 points'. A 'View Details' button and a link to 'View More Like This' are provided.

Below the banner is a 'Quick Search' section with dropdown menus for 'City' (set to 'All Cities') and 'Category' (set to 'All Categories'), along with 'From' and 'To' date fields and a 'Search' button.

The 'Featured Experiences & Auctions' section is divided into three columns:

- Culinary & Wine:** Includes 'Culinary Experiences (29)', 'Wine Experiences (2)', and 'Restaurants (1)'. A link to 'See All Culinary & Wine' is at the bottom.
- Sports & Leisure:** Includes 'Car Racing (38)', 'Adventure (27)', and 'Outdoor Activities (24)'. A link to 'See All Sports & Leisure' is at the bottom.
- Art & Entertainment:** Includes 'More Art & Entertainment (4)', 'Museums (1)', and 'Music (1)'. A link to 'See All Art & Entertainment' is at the bottom.

At the bottom of the page, there are three sections:

- Gift Ideas:** Lists 'Cook up Sweet Chocolate Creations' (43,400 points or \$434 on your Chase Card), 'Private Photography Lesson' (Current Bid: 12,519 points), and 'DJ Delights' (14,400 points or \$144 on your Chase Card).
- Featured Experiences:** Titled 'These new Experiences offer excitement on land, on sea and in the air!', it lists 'Ride shotgun in a dragster at Brainerd International Raceway' (\$184 or 18400 points) and 'Dance and dine on a Washington, D.C. dinner cruise for two' (\$249 or 24900 points).
- How It Works:** Explains that there are two types of rewards: 'Auctions' (where you can bid on rewards using points) and 'Redeem Now' (where you can redeem points for various experiences).

The footer of the browser window shows 'Transferring data from ultimaterewardsit.chase.com...' and a small 'FAQs' link.

Phases of Heuristic Evaluation

1) Pre-evaluation training

give expert evaluators needed
domain knowledge & information on the scenario

2) Evaluation

individuals evaluate interface
and make lists of problems

3) Severity rating

determine how severe each problem is

4) Aggregation

group meets and aggregates problems (w/ ratings)

5) Debriefing

discuss the outcome with design team

How to Perform Evaluation

At least two passes for each evaluator

- first to get feel for flow and scope of system

- second to focus on specific elements

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

- otherwise might supply evaluators with scenarios

Each evaluator produces list of problems

- explain why with reference to heuristic

- be specific & list each problem separately

Example Heuristic Violation

1. [H4 Consistency]

The interface used the string "Save" on the first screen for saving the person's file, but used the string "Write file" on the second screen. People 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 people from completing tasks. Highly confusing or unclear. Difficult to avoid. Likely to occur more than once.

4 - Critical usability problem.

People will not be able to accomplish their goals.

People may quit using system all together.

Example Heuristic Violation

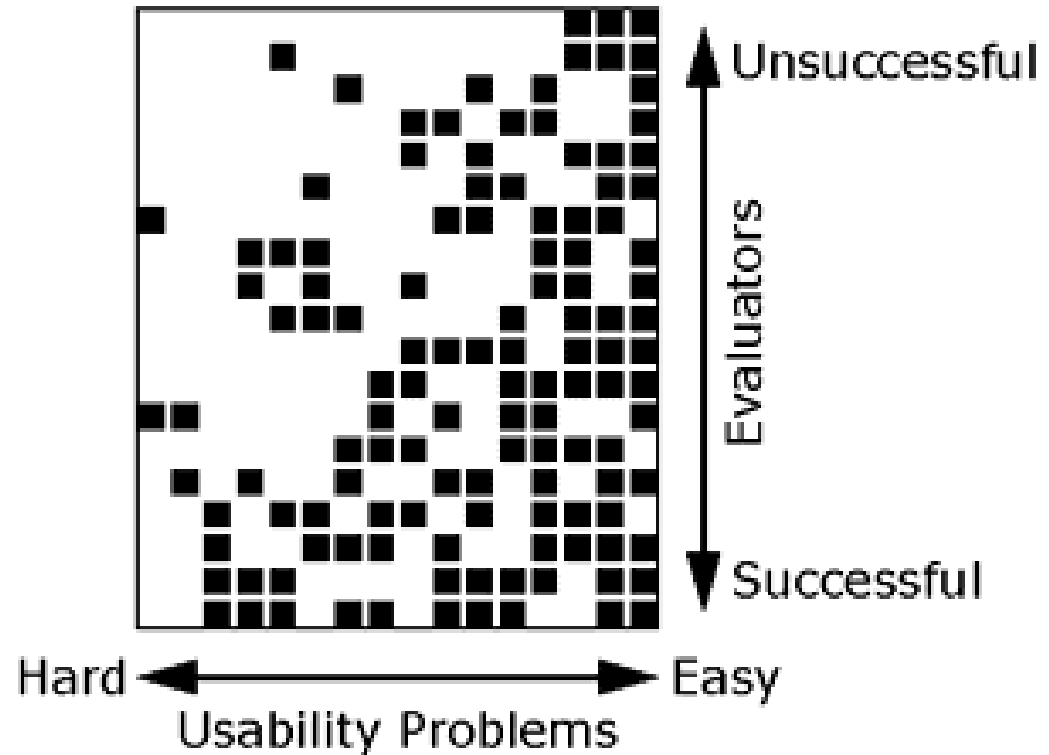
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Why Multiple Evaluators?

Every evaluator does not find every problem

Good evaluators find both easy & hard ones



Debriefing

Conduct with evaluators, observers,
and development team members

Discuss general characteristics of interface

Suggest potential improvements to address
major usability problems

Development team rates how hard to fix

Make it a brainstorming session

Fixability Scores

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

Example Heuristic Violation

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The interface used the string "Save" on the first screen for saving the person's file, but used the string "Write file" on the second screen. People 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

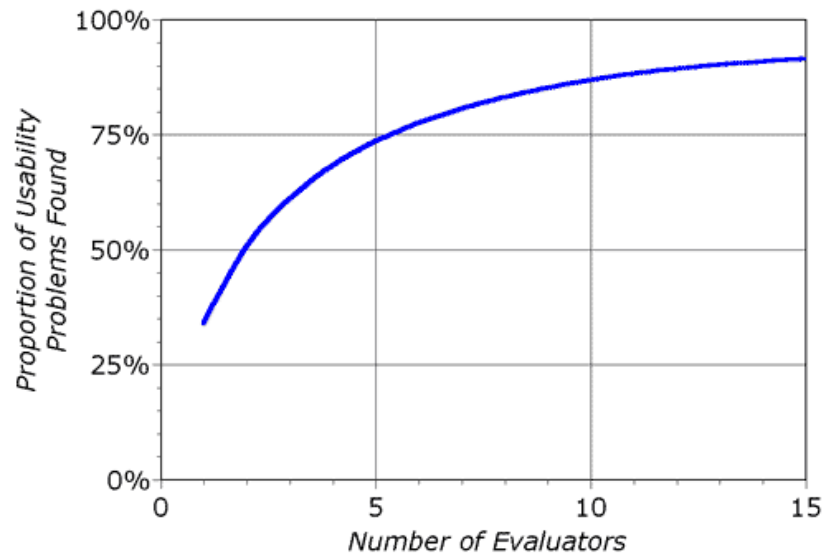
only finds 35% of usability problems

5 evaluators find ~ 75% of usability problems

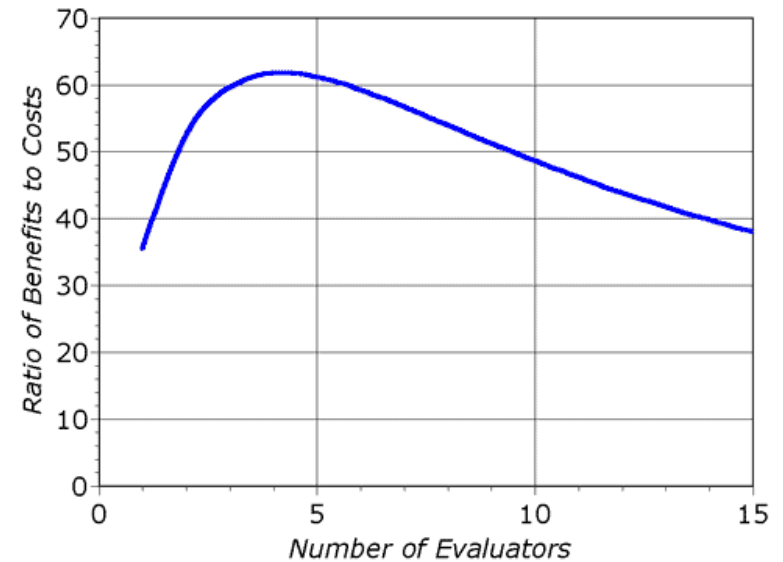
why not more evaluators?

Decreasing Returns

problems found



benefits / cost



Alternative Inspection-Based Methods

Cognitive Walkthrough

Surfaces different types of usability problems

Consider as a complement to heuristic evaluation

Action Analysis

Low-level modeling of expert performance

Be aware of GOMS, but may never encounter it

Cognitive Walkthrough

Evaluation method based on:

A person works through an interface in an exploratory manner

A person has goals

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

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

Preparation: Need Four Things

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

Cognitive Walkthrough Process

Designer/Developer prepares the required documents described on previous slide

Gives these documents to the usability expert

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

At each step in action list, asks four questions

Record problems similar to heuristic evaluation

Believability

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

Action Analysis / Cognitive Modeling

GOMS: Goals, Operators, Methods, Selection

Developed by Card, Moran and Newell

Walk through sequence of steps

Assign each an approximate time duration

Sum to estimate overall performance time

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

Inspection vs. Usability Testing

Inspection is

- Is much faster

- Does not require interpreting participant actions

- May miss problems or find false positives

Usability testing is

- More accurate, by definition

- Account for actual people and tasks

One approach is to alternate between them

- Find different problems, conserve participants

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Project Status

Looking Forward

3c: Usability Testing Check-In due Today

- Changes from Inspection

- Changes from First Usability Test

3d: Usability Testing Review due Thursday 2/23

Other Assignments

Reading 4 Posted, Due Friday 2/24

(you should engage before that if you can)

Exam

In-Class

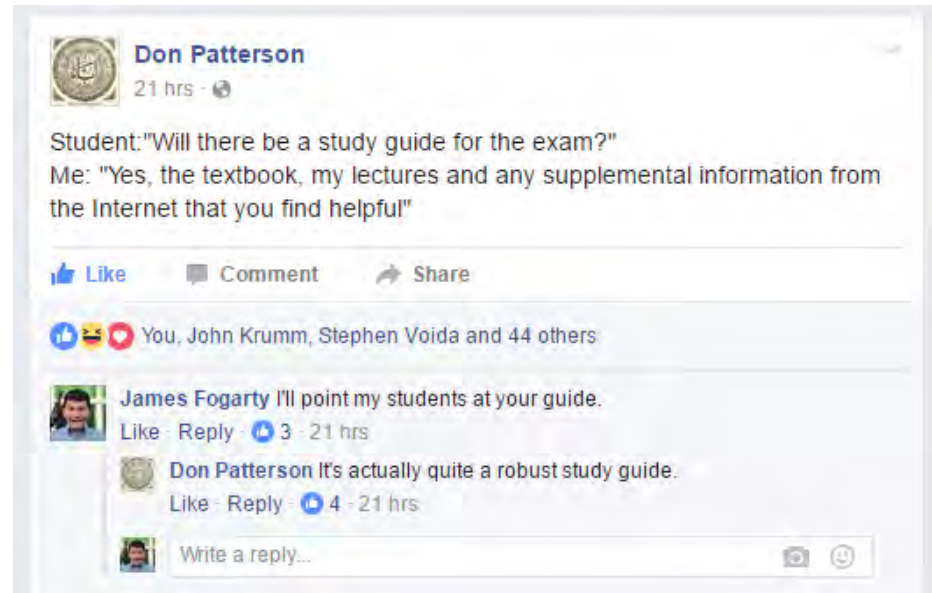
Next Tuesday 2/21

Mostly short answer,
some long answer

Content drawn from
lecture and readings

Compilation of the lecture slides is posted

Q&A scheduled Monday at 1:30 in CSE 403



Testing and Patterns

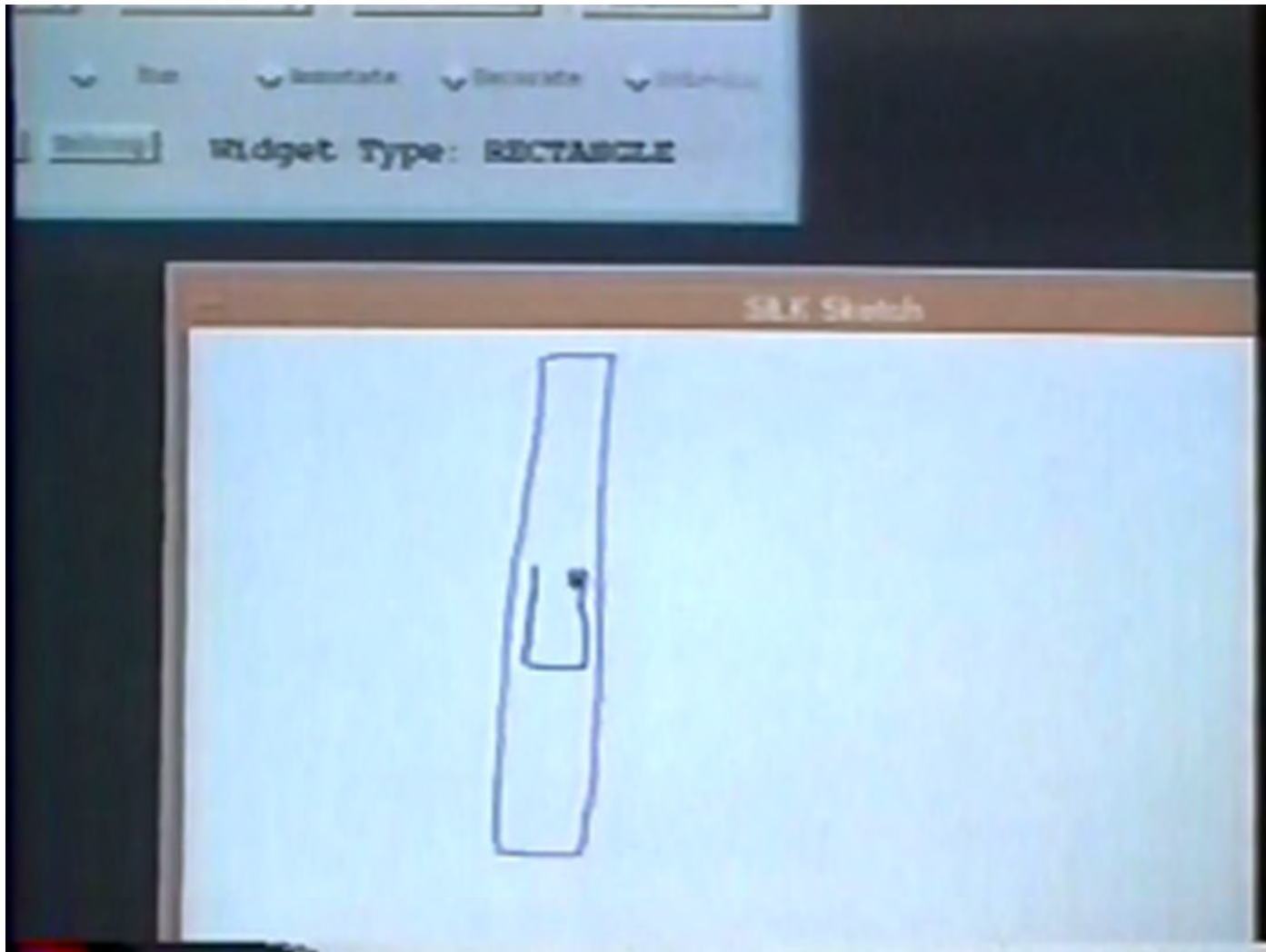
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Remote Usability Testing

Controlled A/B Experiments

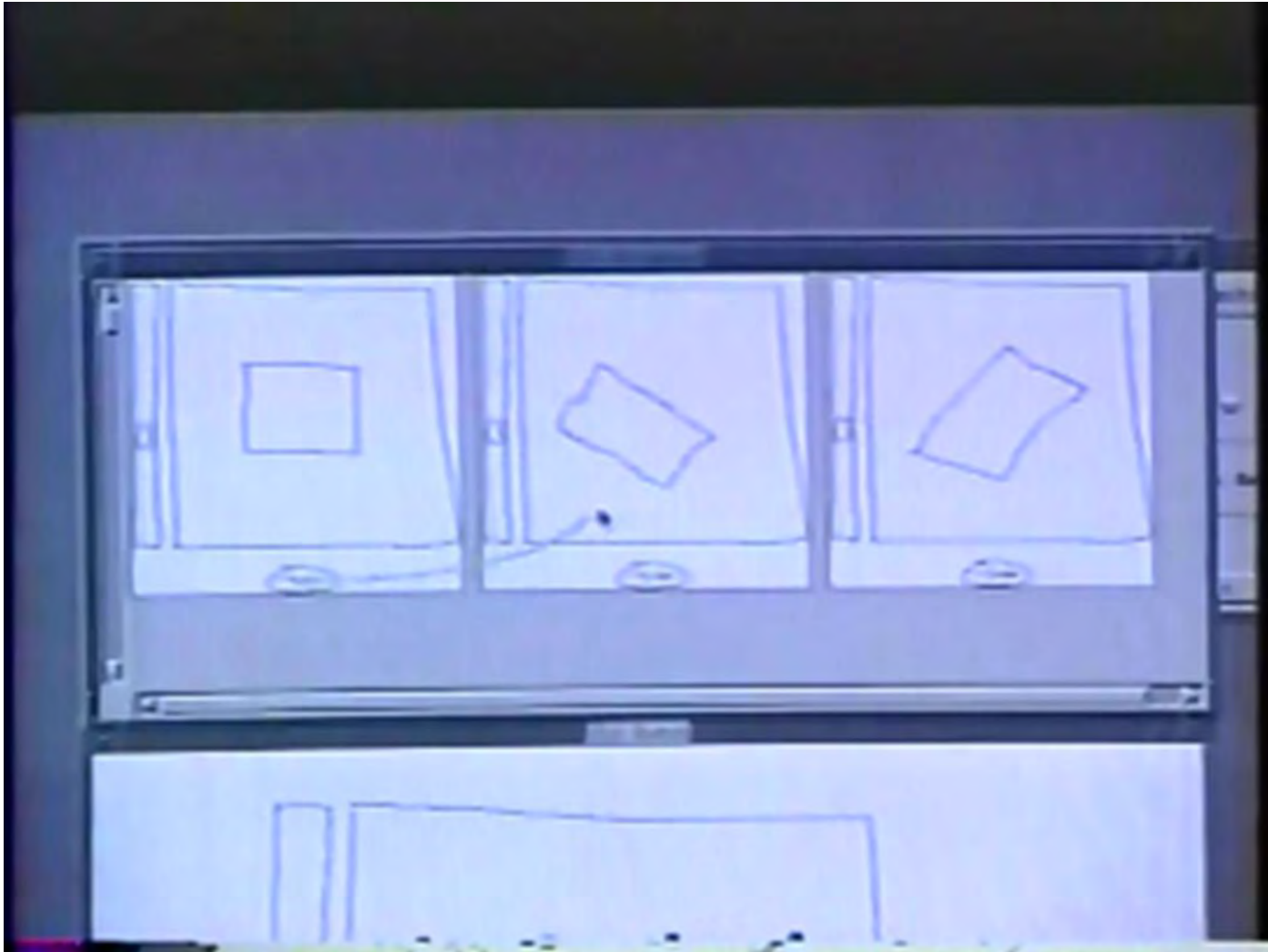
Patterns

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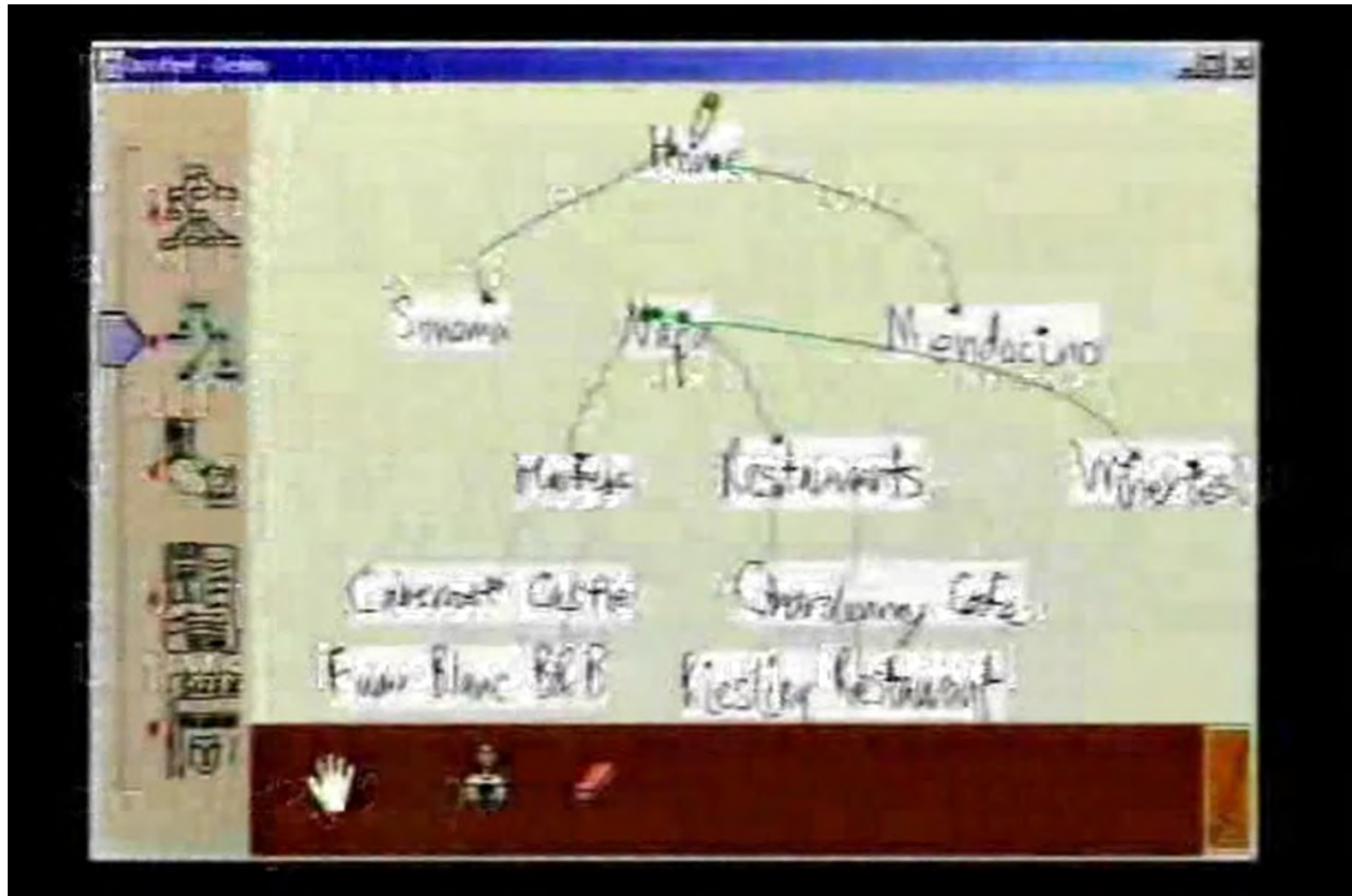
Informal Interaction

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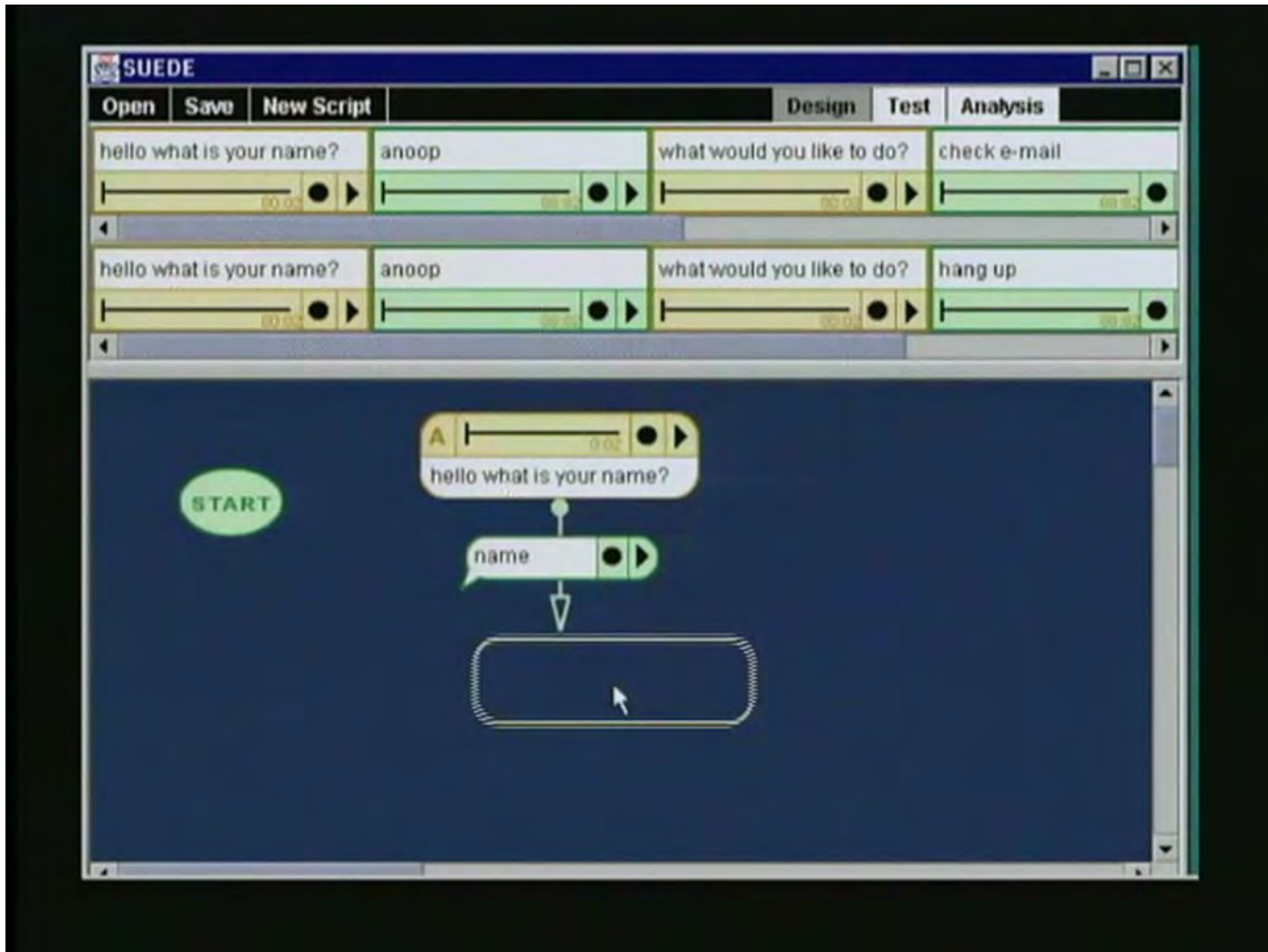
Migrate to Prototype, Storyboard-Based Programming

DENIM (2000)



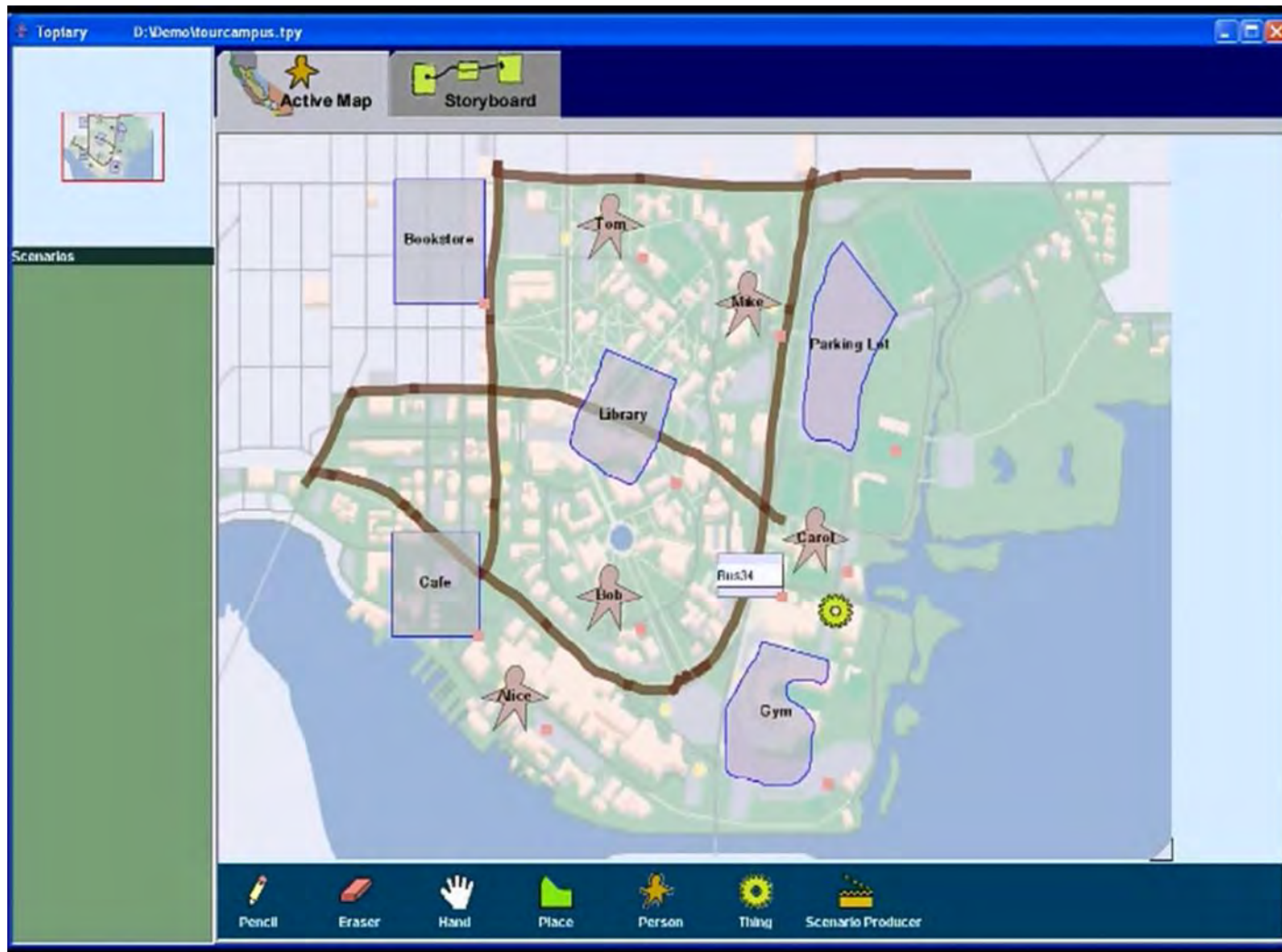
Early Stage, Multiple Levels of Details, Sketching, Pen Interaction

SUEDE (2000)



Low-Fidelity Is Not Just About Ink

Topiary (2004)



Location Awareness, Wizard of Oz

Activity Designer (2008)

ActivityDesigner

Activity-Based Prototyping of Ubicomp Applications

Yang Li & James Landay

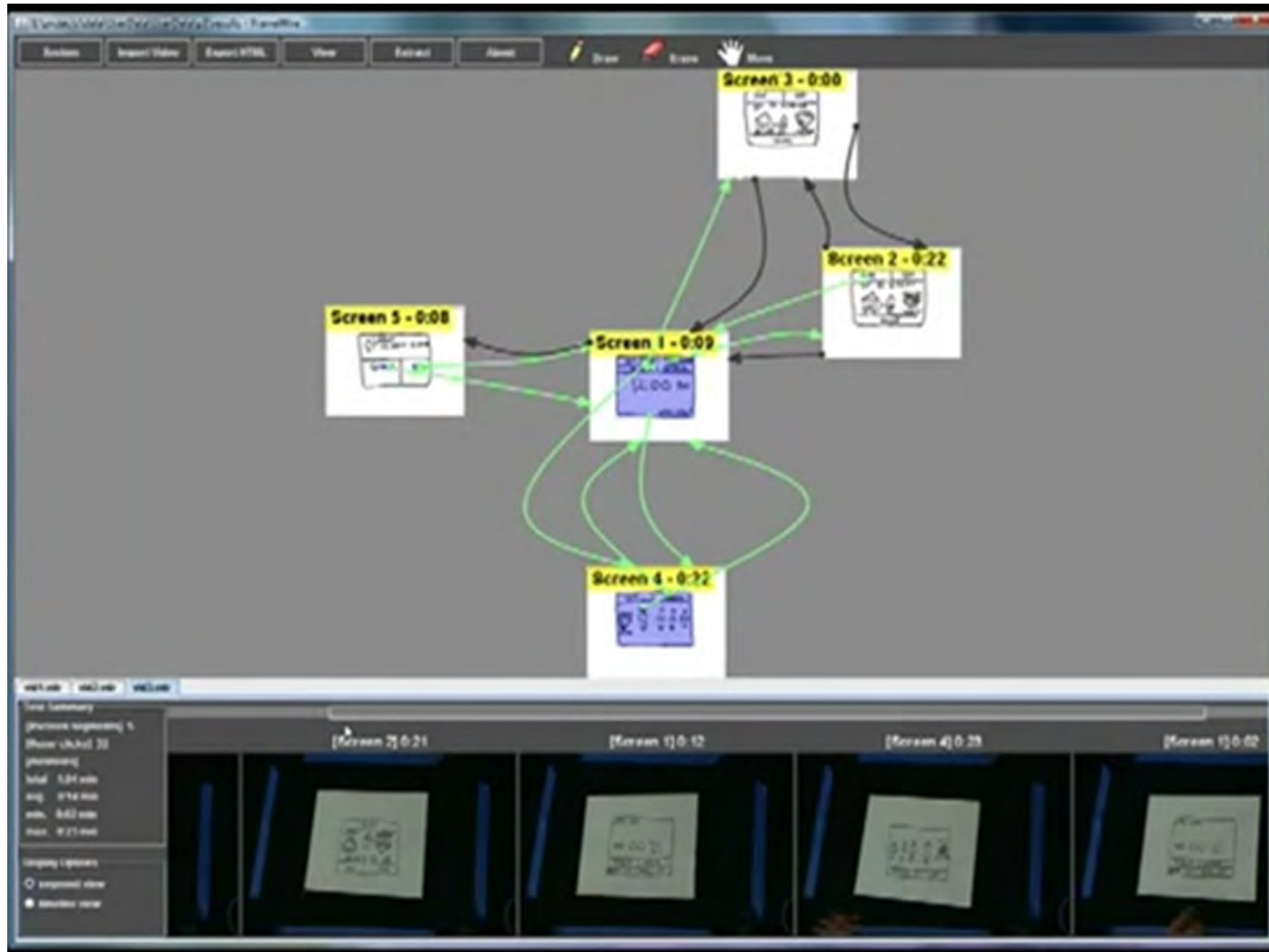
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Intel Research Seattle

January 2008



FrameWire (2010)



Tangible Interaction

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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

Now available through a variety of services

Loop11

UserZoom

TryMyUI

Validately

Userlytics

WhatUsersDo

Usertesting.com

YouEye

Unlikely you need to bake your own

Some include mobile testing

Crowds for automated testing in build processes

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 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", and "Help". The toolbar contains icons for "Back", "Forward", "Reload", "Home", "Search", "Netscape", "Print", "Security", "Shop", and "Stop".

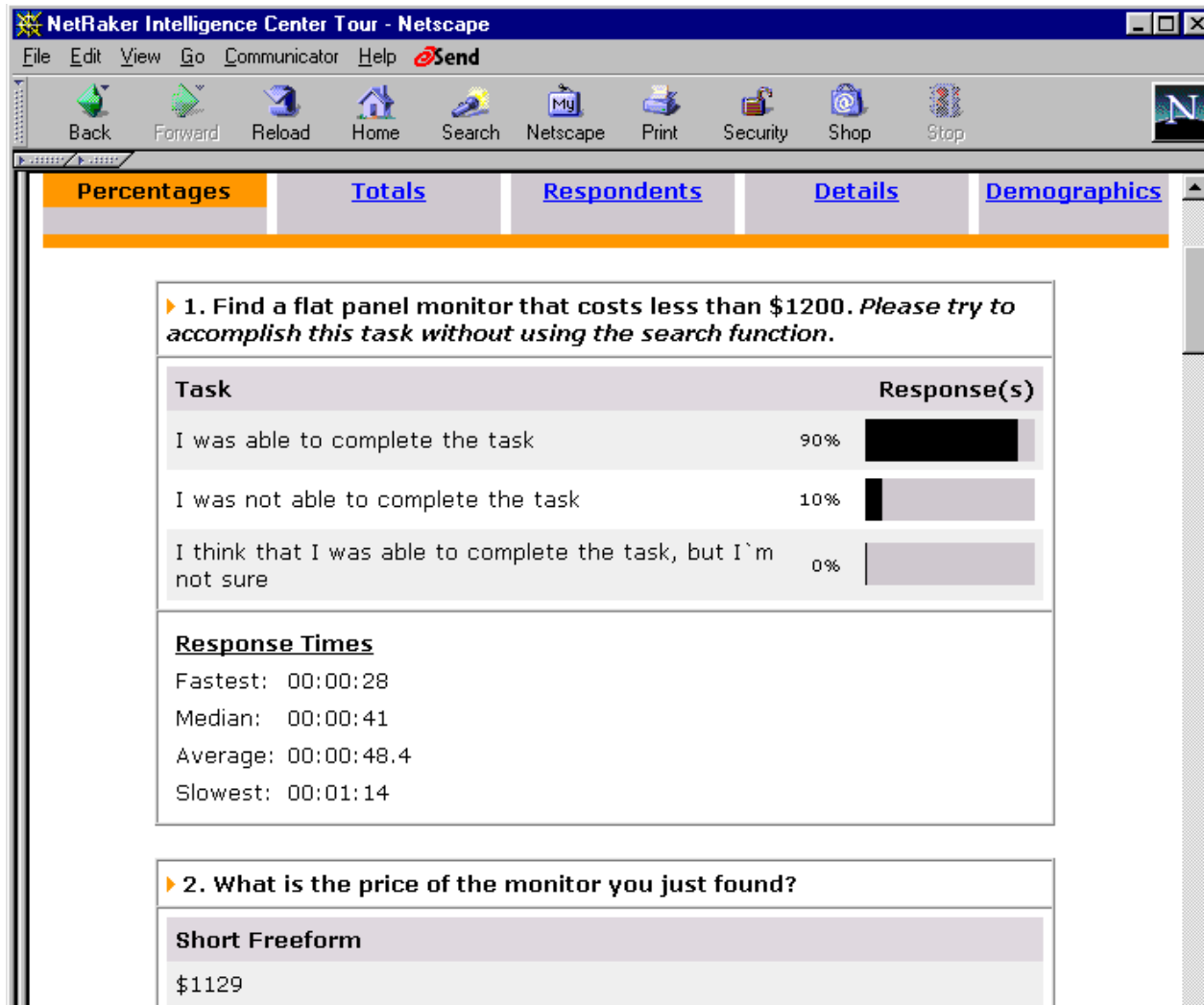
The main content area displays a usability task from the "netRaker" system. The task text reads: "Please refer to the web site below for the following... (1) Find a flat panel monitor that costs less than \$1200. Please try to accomplish this task without using the search function." Below the task are three radio button options: "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 to the right of the options.

The website being visited is "ACME Computers". The page features a navigation menu on the left with the following 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 "LCD Flat Panel Displays" and lists three products:

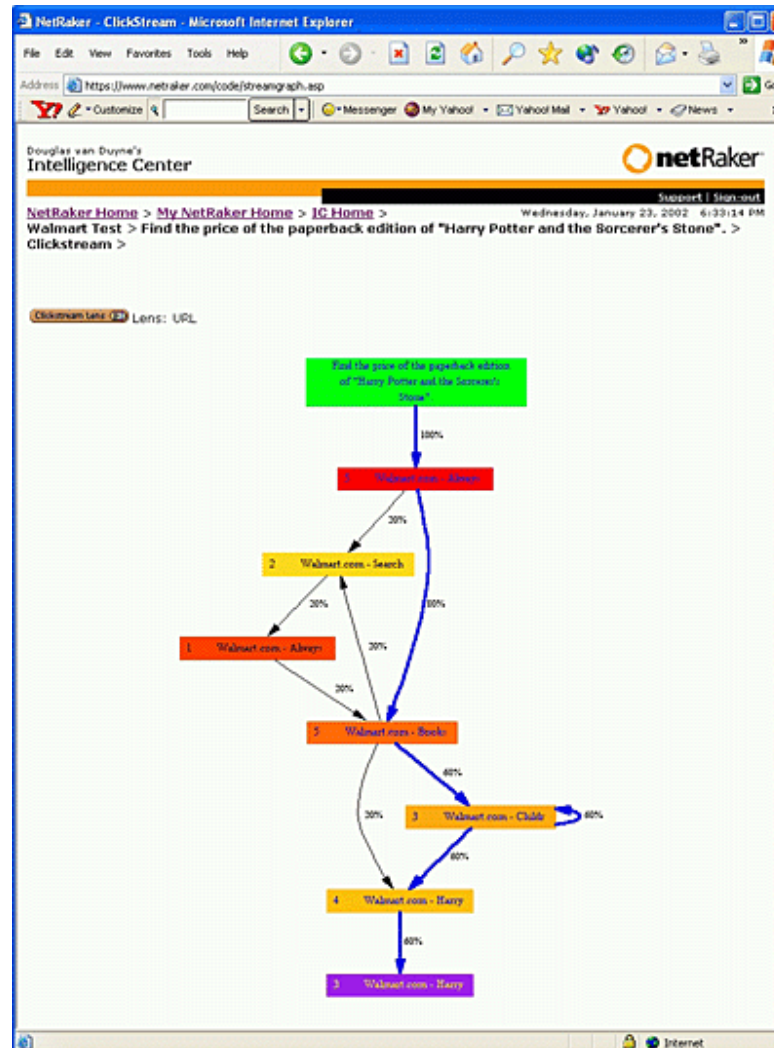
Product	Price
Mitsubishi 18IN LCD PANEL	\$3,460.00
Compaq 18IN TFT 28MM 1280X1024	\$3,839.00
IBM 18IN/18.0V ANALOG TFT	\$4,099.00

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

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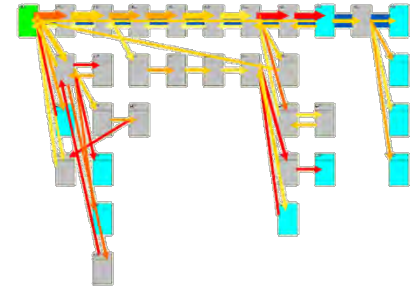
Semi-Automated Remote Usability



WebQuilt: Visual Analysis

Goals

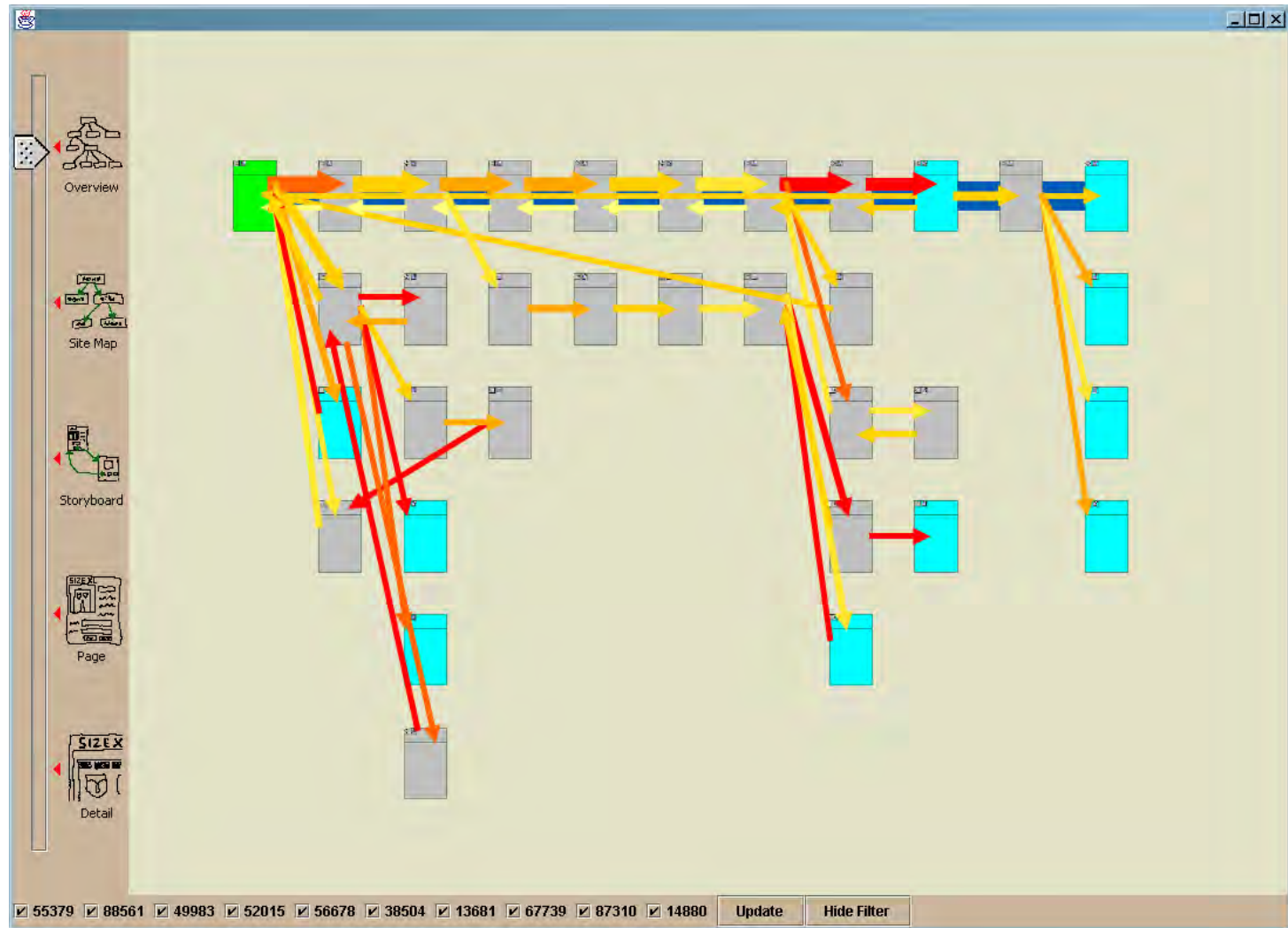
- link page elements to actions
- identify behavior/navigation patterns
- highlight potential problems areas



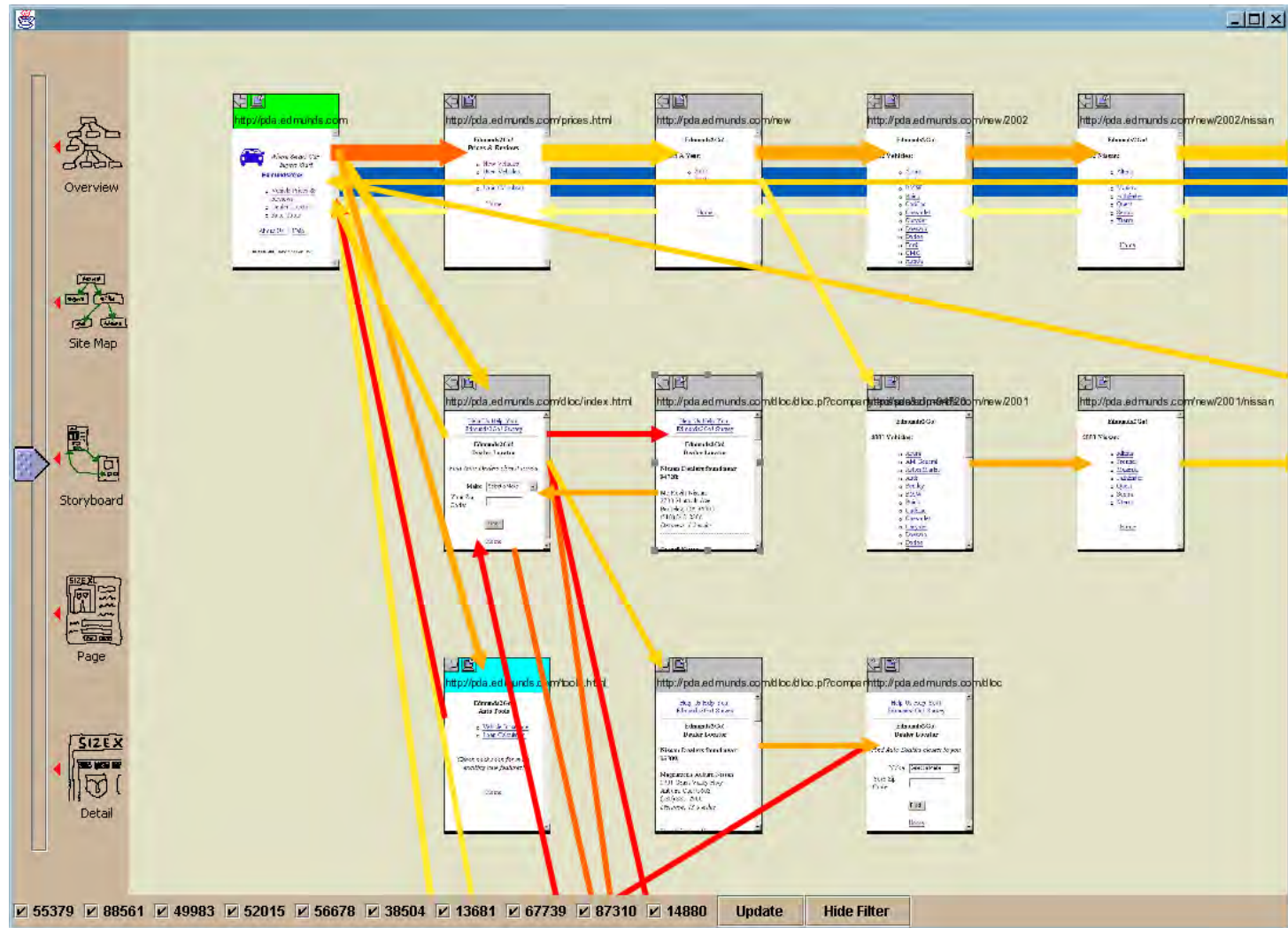
Interactive graph based on web content

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

WebQuilt: Visual Analysis



WebQuilt: Visual Analysis



WebQuilt: Visual Analysis

The screenshot displays the WebQuilt interface for visual analysis. On the left, a vertical sidebar contains five icons and labels: Overview, Site Map, Storyboard, Page, and Detail. The central area features a preview window of a mobile website. The website's address bar is highlighted in green and shows the URL `http://pda.edmunds.com`. The website content includes a blue car icon, the text "Where Smart Car Buyers Start", the brand name "Edmunds2Go!", and a list of links: "Vehicle Prices & Reviews", "Dealer Locator", and "Auto Tools". Below these are links for "About Us" and "Help", and a copyright notice "© 2000-2001 Edmunds.Com Inc.". To the right of the preview window, a network diagram is visible, consisting of orange and yellow lines connecting various points on the website. At the bottom of the interface, a status bar contains a list of IDs: 55379, 88561, 49983, 52015, 56678, 38504, 13681, 67739, 87310, and 14880. To the right of this list are two buttons: "Update" and "Hide Filter".

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Remote Usability Testing

Controlled A/B Experiments

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Controlled A/B Experiments

Many names for it

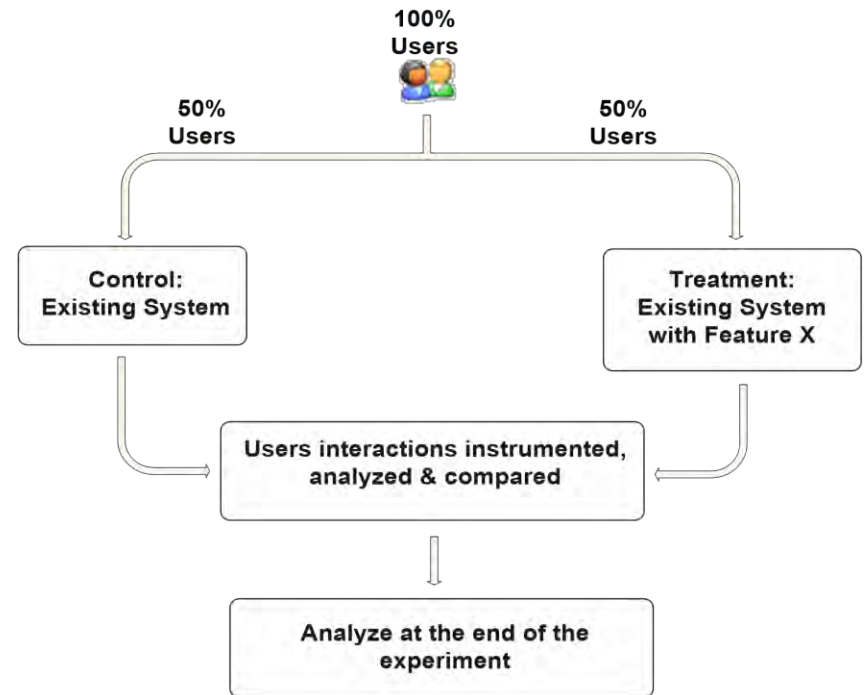
A/B tests or
Control/Treatment

Randomized
Experimental Design

Controlled experiments

Split testing

Parallel flights



(this section mostly due Ronny Kohavi)

Controlled A/B Experiments

Example: Amazon Shopping Cart Recommendations

Add an item to your shopping cart

Most sites show the cart

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

Controlled A/B Experiments

Evaluation

Pro: cross-sell more items

Con: distract people from checking out

Highest Paid Person's Opinion:

Stop the project

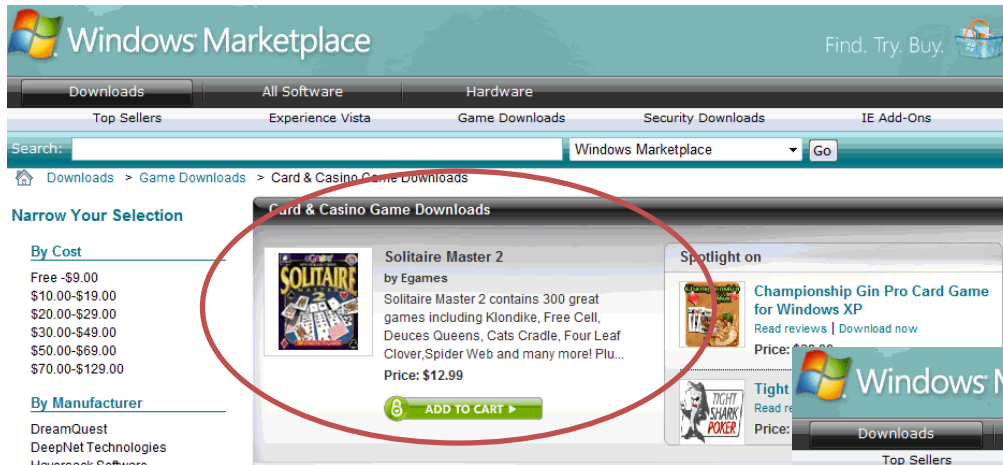
Simple experiment run:

Wildly successful

Marketplace: Solitaire vs Poker

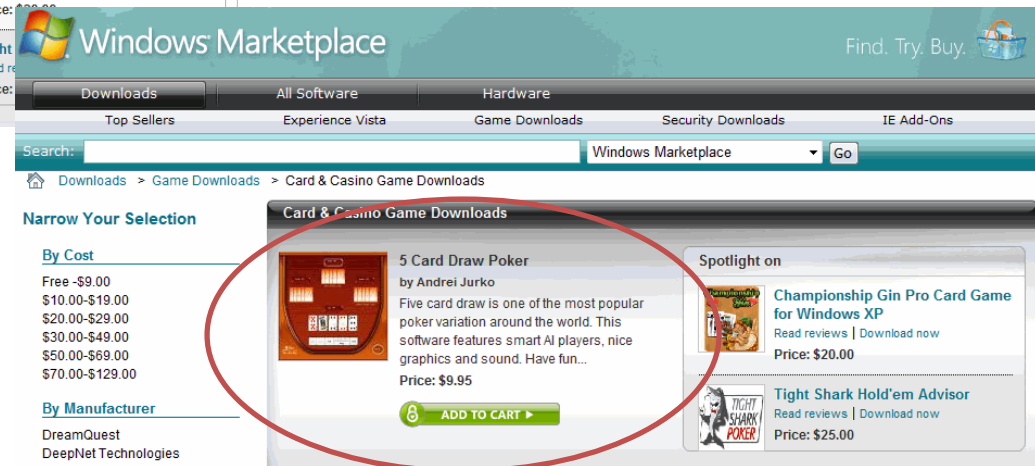
Experiment run in Windows Marketplace / Game Downloads

Which image has the higher clickthrough? By how much?



A: Solitaire game

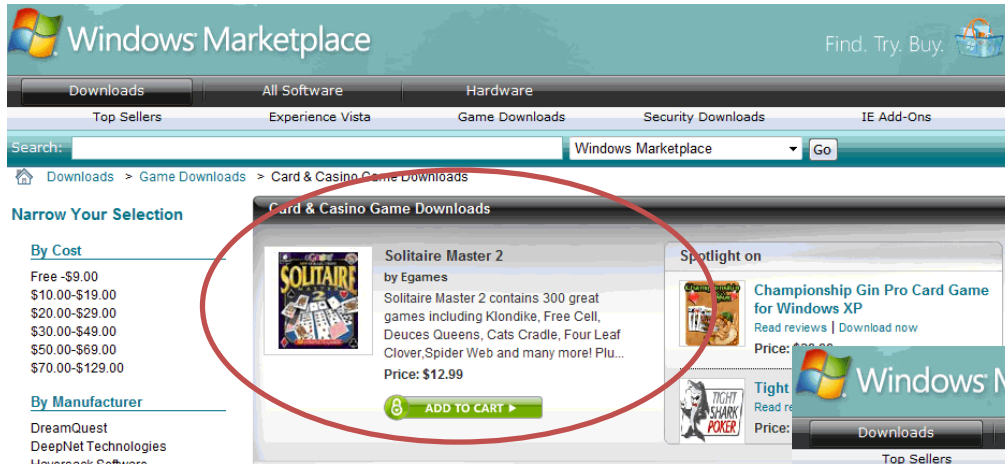
B: Poker game



Marketplace: Solitaire vs Poker

Experiment run in Windows Marketplace / Game Downloads

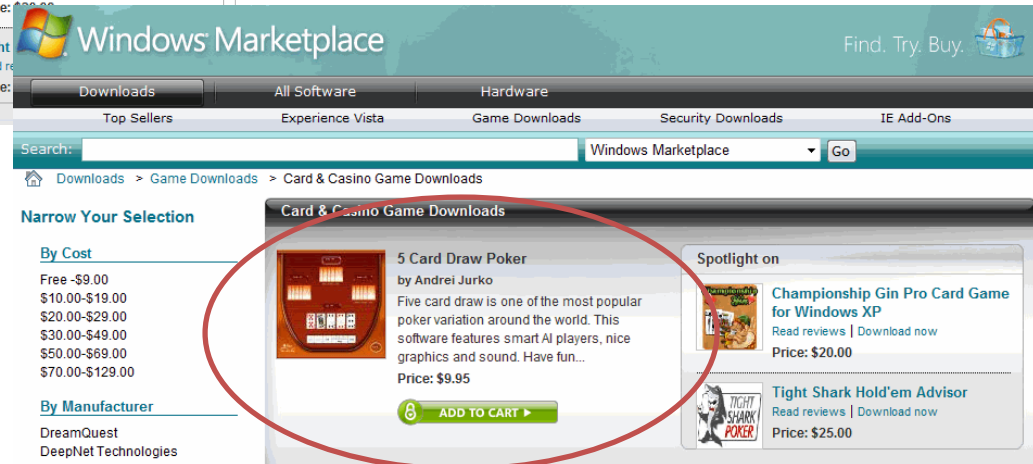
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A is 61% better

B: Poker game



Never Underestimate Solitaire

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The image is a screenshot of a web browser displaying a Fortune magazine article. The browser's address bar shows the URL fortune.com/2015/11/03/activision-king-digital/. The page features the Fortune logo at the top left and navigation tabs for NEWS, POPULAR, VIDEOS, and FORTUNE 500. The main article title is "Activision Acquires Candy Crush Maker King Digital For \$5.9 Billion" by Mathew Ingram, dated November 3, 2015. A large image shows a tablet displaying the Candy Crush game interface. The article text discusses the acquisition price as a premium to the current price but a discount to the IPO price. A sidebar on the left lists various news items, and a sidebar on the right includes a "MORE" section with related articles.

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

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

Activision's purchase price for the game maker is a premium to its current price but a discount to its recent IPO price.

King Digital Entertainment, the company behind popular Facebook games such as Candy Crush, seems to have decided that being a publicly-traded entity isn't all it's cracked up to be. King announced late Monday that it is being acquired by Activision Blizzard, the maker of popular console and PC games such as Call of Duty, for \$5.9 billion.

The purchase price of \$18 a share amounts to a premium of about 16% over the recent closing price for King's stock (KING \uparrow 19.32%)—but it's about 20% lower than the price at which the company went public 18 months ago. At that

Is Candy Crush over?
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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

Submit

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

Submit

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

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

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B gets more than double 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

The flowchart for feedback variant C starts with the question "Was this information helpful?". It has three possible responses: "Yes", "No", and "I don't know".

- If the user selects "Yes", the flow goes to the question "How was this information helpful?". Below this question is a text input field with up and down arrows on the right side, and "Back" and "Submit" buttons.
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C

Was this information helpful?

Yes No I don't know

How was this information helpful?

What are you trying to do?

How can we make this information more helpful?

Back Submit

Back Submit

Back Submit

The diagram illustrates a two-stage feedback process. It begins with the question 'Was this information helpful?' and three response options: 'Yes', 'No', and 'I don't know'. From the 'Yes' option, the flow goes to a text box asking 'How was this information helpful?'. From the 'No' option, the flow goes to a text box asking 'How can we make this information more helpful?'. From the 'I don't know' option, the flow goes to a text box asking 'What are you trying to do?'. Each text box has a 'Back' and a 'Submit' button.

C outperforms B by a factor of 3.5

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B gets more revenue

Examples Where Data Is Wrong

If something is “amazing,” find the flaw!

If you have a mandatory birth date field, and people think it's unnecessary, you will find lots of 11/11/11 or 01/01/01

If you have an optional drop down, do not default to the first alphabetical entry, or you will have lots of: jobs = Astronaut

Traffic to doubled between 1-2am Nov 6, 2011 for many web sites, relative to same hour week prior

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Experiment Results

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Clickthrough:

Page views per person-day:

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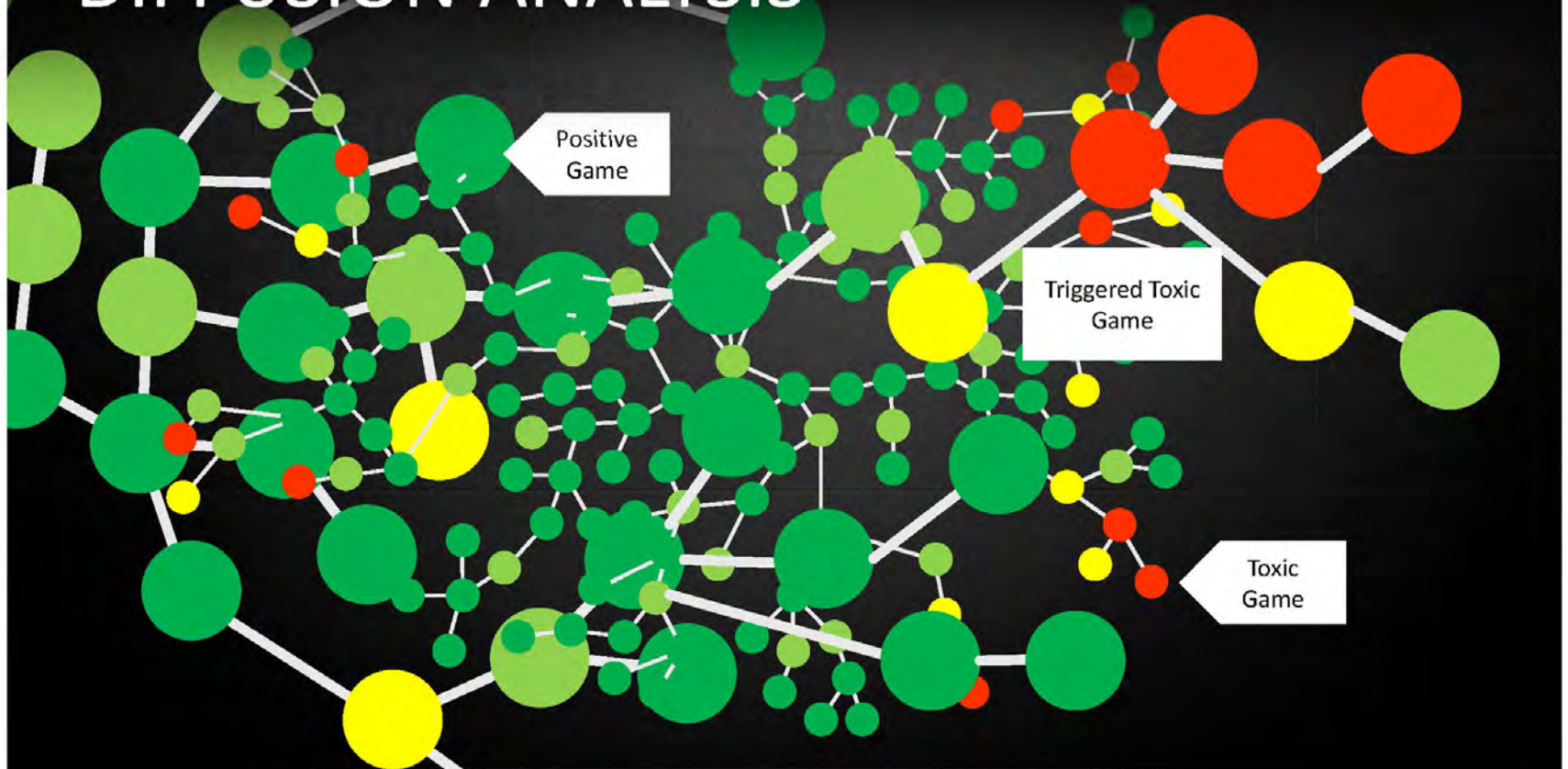
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offers module did not launch

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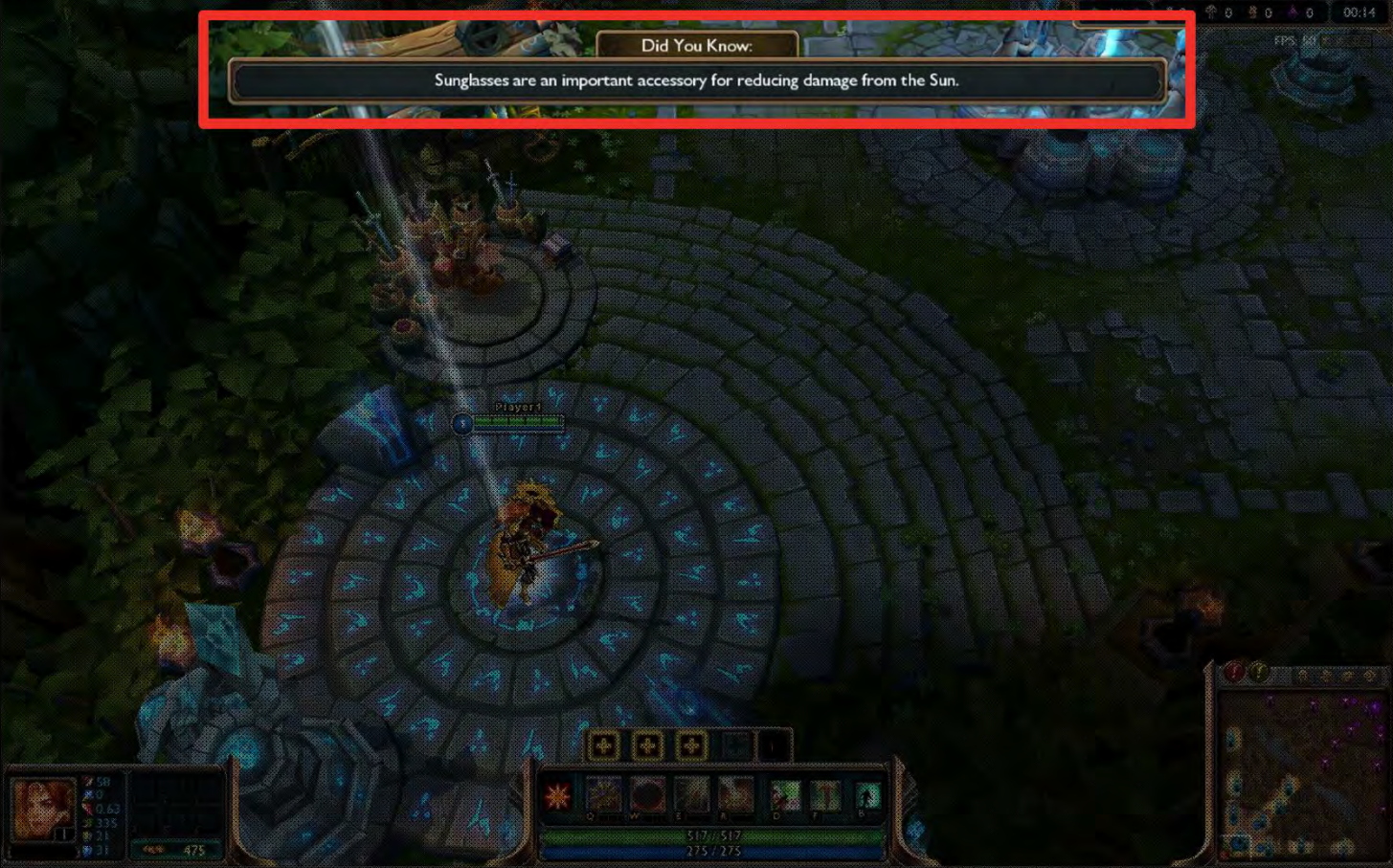
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Did You Know:
Sunglasses are an important accessory for reducing damage from the Sun.



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C1

CATEGORY 1: FUN FACTS

“Nautilus’ /joke makes him swim through air. He’s weird like that.”

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EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN

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C2

CATEGORY 2:

POSITIVE BEHAVIOR

“Players perform better if you give them constructive feedback after a mistake.”

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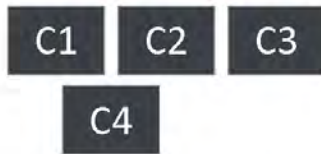
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NEGATIVE BEHAVIOR

“Players who verbally abuse their teammates lose 16% more games.”

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CATEGORY 4:

SELF-REFLECTION

“Who will be the most sportsmanlike player in this game?”

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CATEGORY 5: GAMEPLAY TIPS

“Hold down the ALT key while casting an ability to cast it on yourself.”

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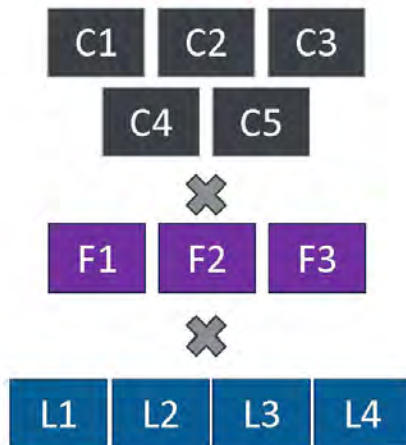


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Font Color 2 | Blue
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LOCATIONS

LOCATION 1: Loading Screen

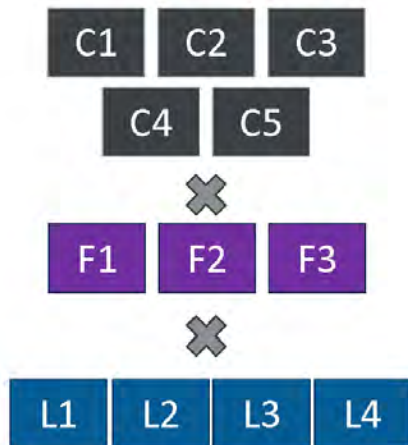
LOCATION 2: In-Game

LOCATION 3: Both

LOCATION 4: None (Control)

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COMPLETE EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN:

24 TIPS ACROSS 5 CATEGORIES

X

3 FONT COLORS

X

3 LOCATIONS + 1 OVERALL CONTROL

=

217 UNIQUE CONDITIONS

EVERY GAME OF *LEAGUE OF LEGENDS* GOT A
RANDOM TIP, LOCATION & FONT COLOR

(10% OF GAMES GOT NOTHING TO ACT AS CONTROLS)

OPTIMUS PRIME RESULTS

TIP: "X% of players punished by the Tribunal improve their behavior and are never punished again"

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LOCATION: Loading Screen



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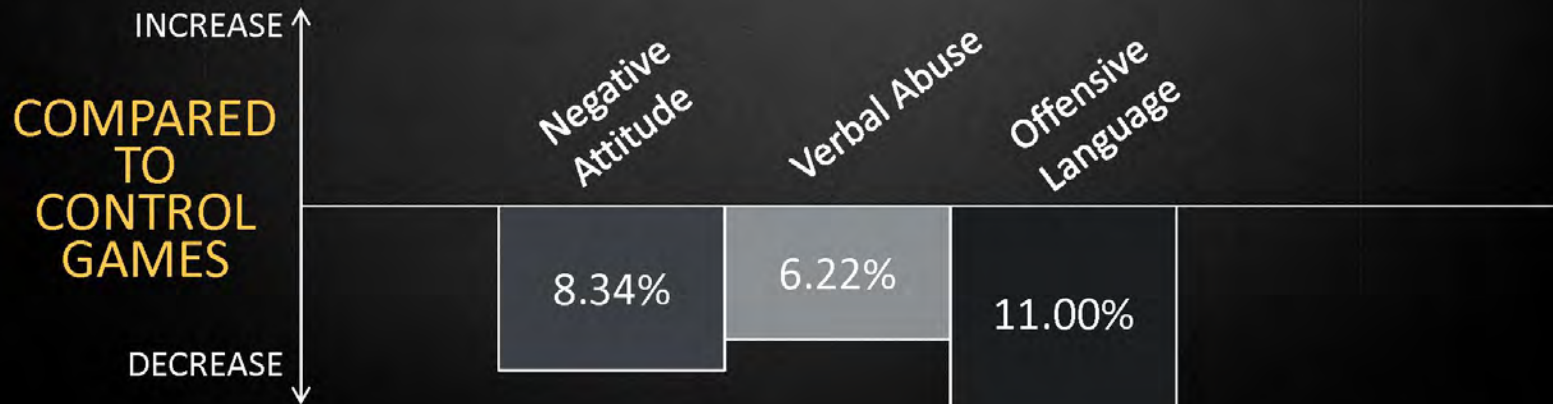
HOW DO **FONT COLORS** INTERACT
WITH TIP CATEGORIES?

OPTIMUS PRIME RESULTS

TIP: "Teammates perform worse if you harass them after a mistake."

FONT: Red

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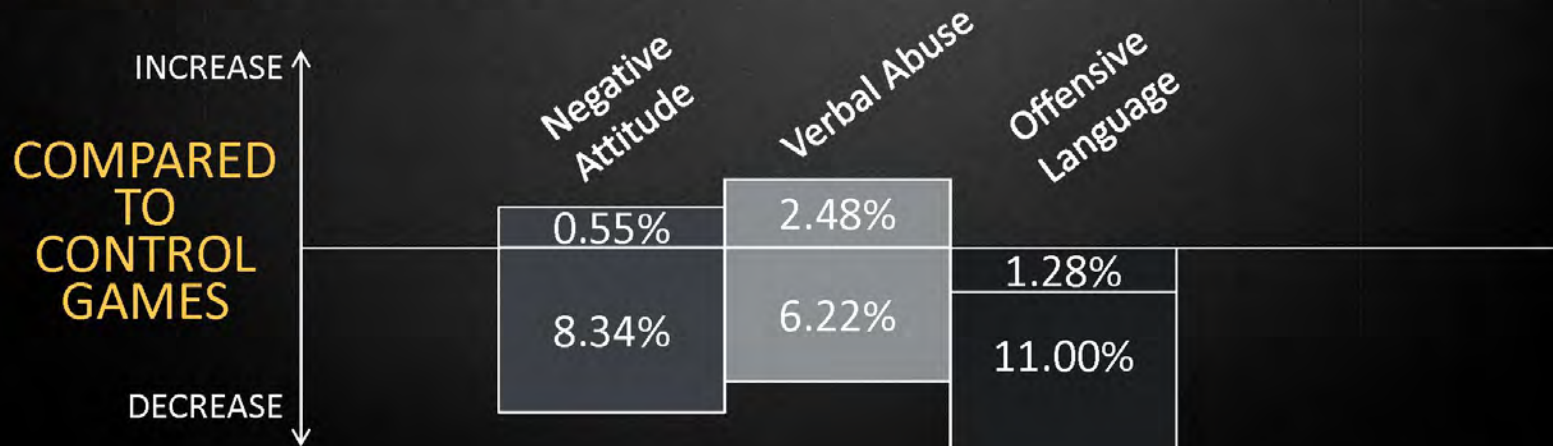
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TIP: "Teammates perform worse if you harass them after a mistake."

FONT: White

LOCATION: Loading Screen



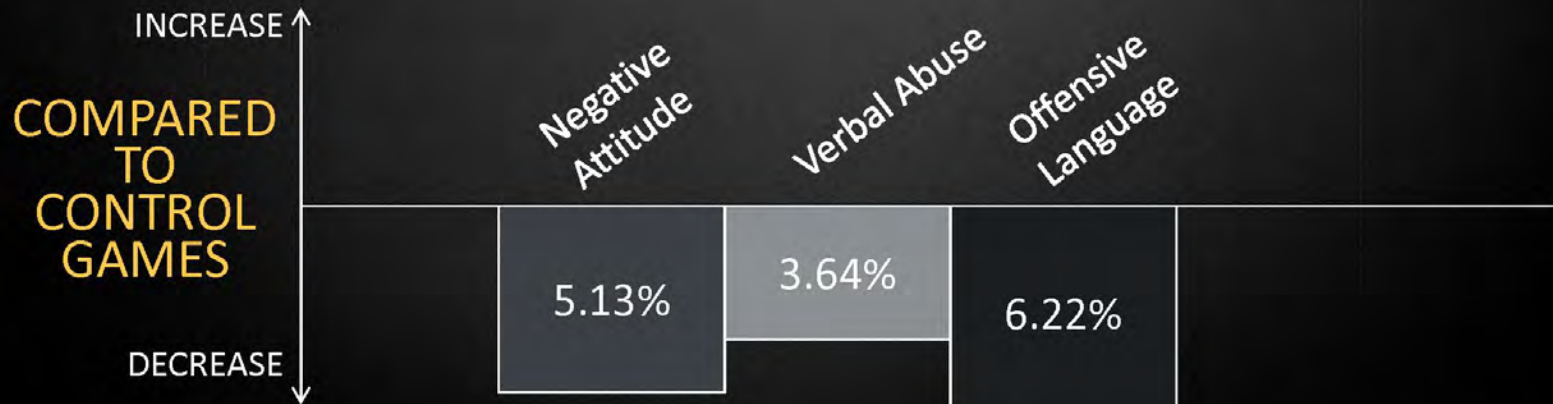
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TIP: "Players who cooperate with their teammates win X% more games."

FONT: Blue

LOCATION: Loading Screen



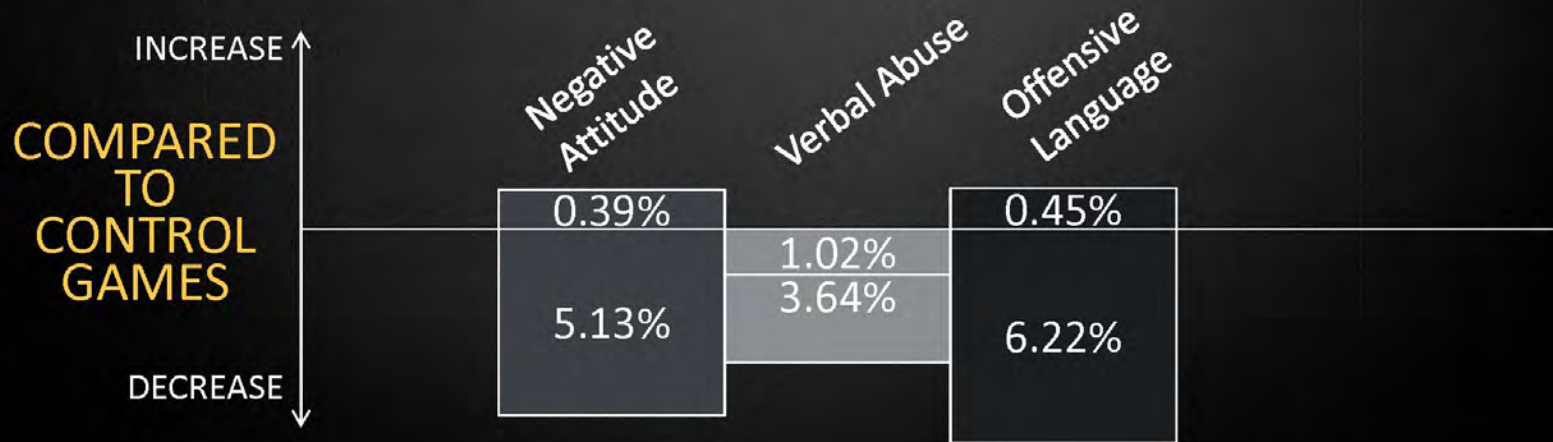
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Made from cardboard, the first Netflix mailer weighs more than an ounce. But with only 100,000 customers, reducing material and shipping costs is not yet a priority for the company.


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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.

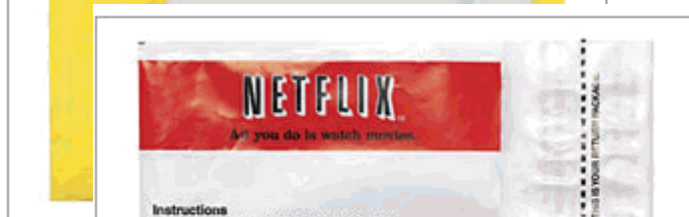
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2000

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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Drives hill-climbing, but not overall design

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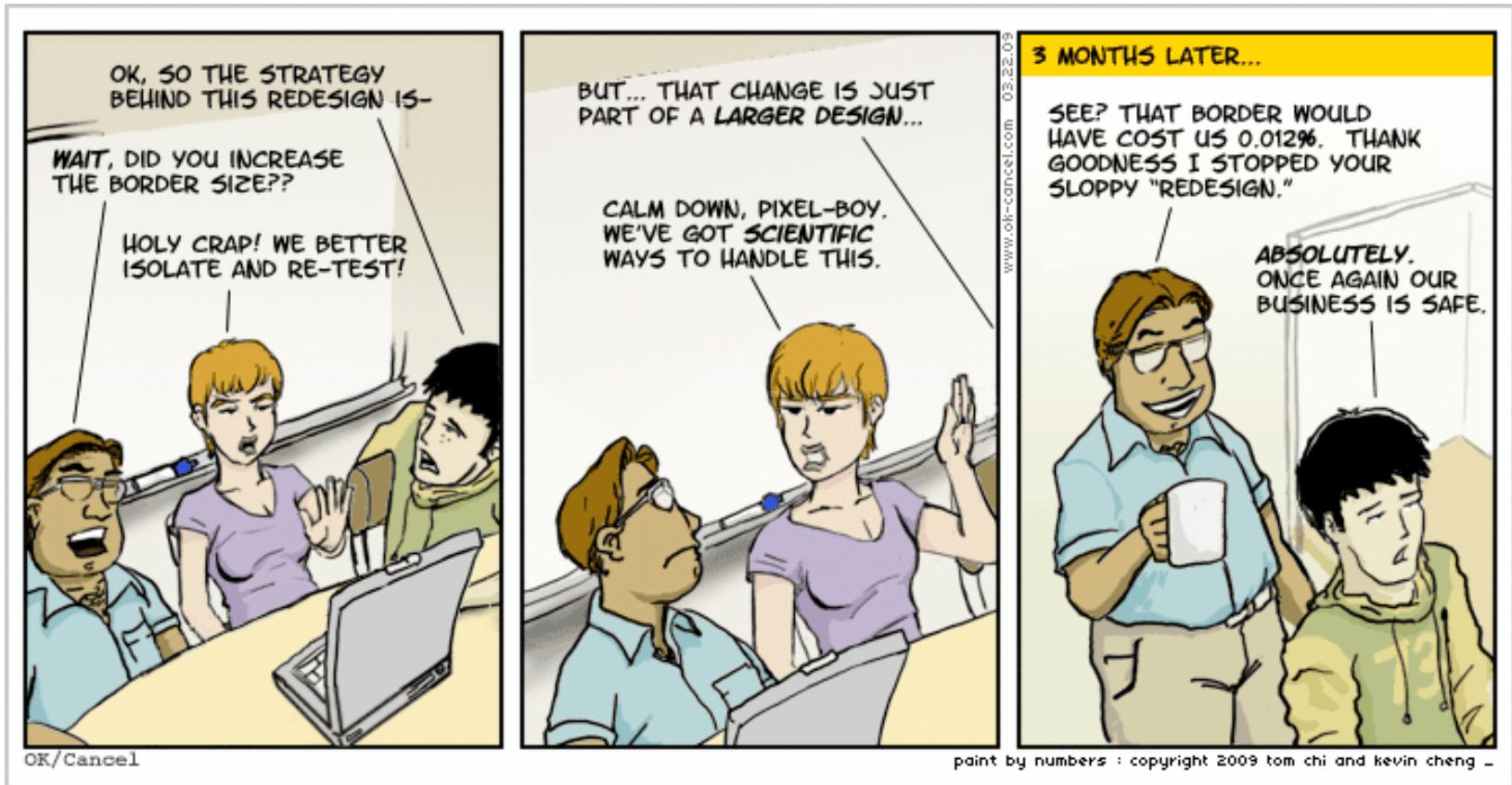
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Today is my last day at Google.

I started working in-house at Google almost three years ago. I built a team from scratch. I was fortunate to hire a team of a very talented designers. We introduced Visual Design as a discipline to Google. And we produced amazing work together. I'm very proud of my team, and I wish them well. They have a lot of challenging work ahead. But for me, it's time to move on.

Do I have something else lined up? Yes. That will be covered in Part 2. So I'm not leaving just to leave. But I'm not going to sugarcoat the reasons for my departure either. The scale at which Google operates was an early attractor for me. Potential to impact millions of people? Where do I sign? Unfortunately for me, there was one small problem I didn't see back then.

When I joined Google as its first visual designer, the company was already seven years old. Seven years is a long time to run a company without a classically trained designer. Google had plenty of designers on staff then, but most of them had backgrounds in CS or HCI. And none of them were in high-up, respected leadership positions. Without a person at (or near) the helm who thoroughly understands the principles and elements of Design, a company eventually runs out of reasons for design decisions. With every new design decision, critics cry foul. Without conviction, doubt creeps in. Instincts fail. "Is this the right move?" When a company is filled with engineers, it turns to engineering to solve problems. Reduce each decision to a simple logic problem. Remove all subjectivity and just look at the data. Data in your favor? Ok, launch it. Data shows negative effects? Back to the drawing board. And that data eventually becomes a crutch for every decision, paralyzing the company and preventing it from making any daring design decisions.

Yes, it's true that a team at Google couldn't decide between two blues, so they're testing 41 shades between each blue to see which one performs better. I had a recent debate over whether a border should be 3, 4 or 5 pixels wide, and was asked to prove my case. I can't operate in an environment like that. I've grown tired of debating such minuscule design decisions. There are more exciting design problems in this world to tackle.

I can't fault Google for this reliance on data. And I can't exactly point to financial failure or a shrinking number of users to prove it has done anything

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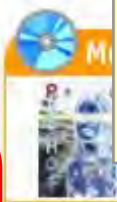
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Home > Music

• Where am I in the site?

- "Home > Music" are LOCATION BREAD CRUMBS
- TAB ROW says "Music"
- Album cover, "Product Highlights", and CD cover



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Product Highlights

CD
May 2001

List Price: ~~\$18.97~~
28 minutes
UPC 606949-30452-2
Geffen Records
Catalog 493 045

Standard shipping ([USPS Media Mail](#)) for this item is \$2.30.

About this album:
[» Song List](#)
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• Can I trust these sellers?

- Who am I buying from?
- Are they reputable?
- What about shipping?

Home > Music



Weezer
Weezer

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List Price: \$18.97 (Save: \$11.98)



Find out more...

Full product info, Product Reviews



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may we also suggest...

» People who bought "Weezer (2001)" also bought:



[Weezer \(1994\)](#) CD, Release Year: 1994
Weezer
Save \$6.97 - Best price: **\$5.00**



[Pinkerton](#) CD, Release Year: 1996
Weezer
Save \$10.95 - Best price: **\$6.00**



[Hybrid Theory](#) CD, Release Year: 2000
Linkin Park
Save \$11.68 - Best price: **\$6.29**

About this album

Song List

1. Don't Let Go
2. Photograph
3. Hashpipe
4. Island In The Sun
5. Crab
6. Knock-Down Drag-Out
7. Smile
8. Simple Pages
9. Glorious Days
10. O Girlfriend

Album Credits

[Ken Allerdyce](#), Engineer
[Ric Ocasek](#), Producer

- Impulse buy
 - PERSONALIZED RECOMMENDATIONS
- About this album
- Lots of unused space
- Still more info below...

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Album Notes

Weezer: Rivers Cuomo (vocals, guitar); Brian Bell (guitar); Matt Sharp (bass); Patrick Wilson (drums). Recorded at Cello Studios, Los Angeles, California in December 2000. In 1994 Weezer burst onto the music scene, reaching platinum status with their debut, and in the process proving that there was still room in an airbrushed MTV world for unrepentant power pop played by decidedly non-airbrushed guys. Following a brief sojourn into semi-deconstructionism, 1997's PINKERTON, the four men who make up Weezer serve up a third offering, WEEZER 2001, returning to the sound and producer of their successful debut. Nowhere does producer Ric Ocasek define his trademark refined power pop style more than with Weezer. Unlike the immediate, obvious pop hooks of the string of singles on the first album, though, the songs on WEEZER 2001 may take a few listens to settle in. However, once the subtle-yet-undeniable refrains of such tracks as "Crab," "Don't Let Go," and first single "Hash Pipe" make their way into your skull, they're there to stay, as furious, fuzzy, layered guitars compliment Rivers Cuomo's raw, vulnerable vocals. While this disc clocks in at less than a half-hour long, it packs more hooky wallop than many double live albums.

Product Reviews

Editorial Reviews

Spin (01/01/2002)

Ranked #9 in Spin's Albums of the Year 2001
Ranked #13 in AP's 25 Best Albums of 2001
beast...Rolling Stone (6/7/01, p.110) - 4
excellent tunes in less than half an hour
Rivers Cuomo's shrink another hot tub...C
observed power pop of their '94 debut, a

Customer Reviews

Rated 4.3 out of 5.0 by 29 raters.

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- **Is this product any good?**
 - Editorial reviews
 - Customer reviews
 - **RECOMMENDATION COMMUNITY**

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TOTAL: \$10.75

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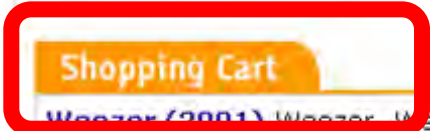
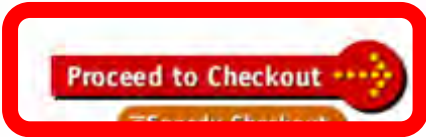
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Redeem

• **What site am I at?**

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

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

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Redeem

- **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 **Redeem**

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

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Are you a **half.com™** user having
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Step 1 - Choose Shipping Address

Ship my order to:

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Berkeley, CA 94720

Use This Address

OR

Enter a new shipping address:

Name

Street address

City

State

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Save Changes

- What site?

- Logo, layout, color, fonts

- Where in site?

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



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Save Changes

- **Note what's different**

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

- **This is a PROCESS FUNNEL**

- Extraneous info and links removed to focus customers

 Place my order!

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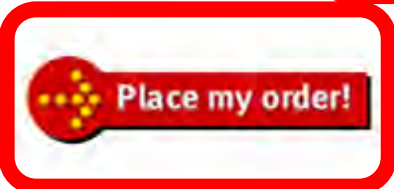
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- **Last step of process**
 - Step 3, “Place Order”
 - “Place my order” button
- **TWO HIGH-VISIBILITY ACTION BUTTONS for fold**

- **No nasty surprises**

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

order!

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

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Design Equals Solutions

Design is about finding solutions

Designers often reinvent

- Hard to know how things were done before

- Why things were done a certain way

- How to reuse solutions

One option is patterns

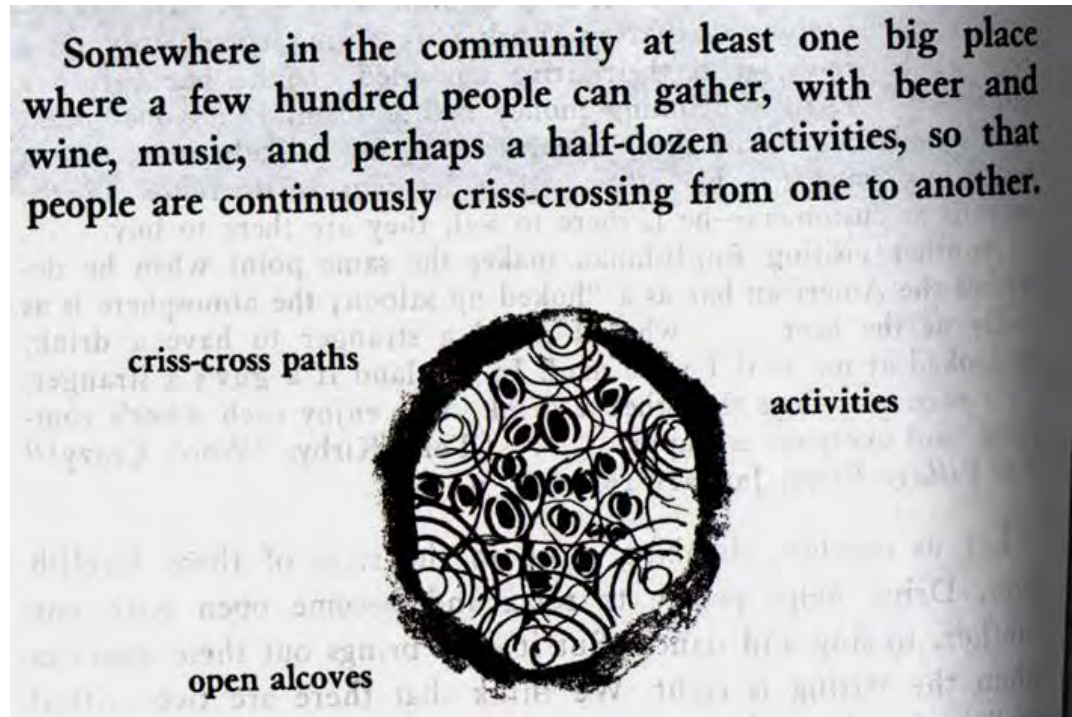
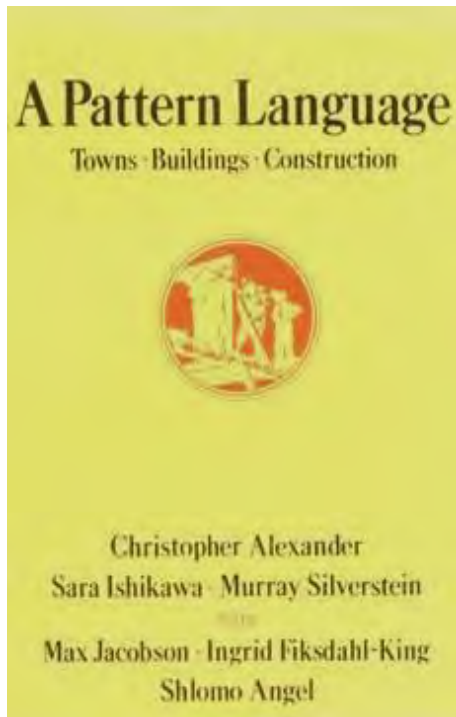
- But this is also why we point you at research

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

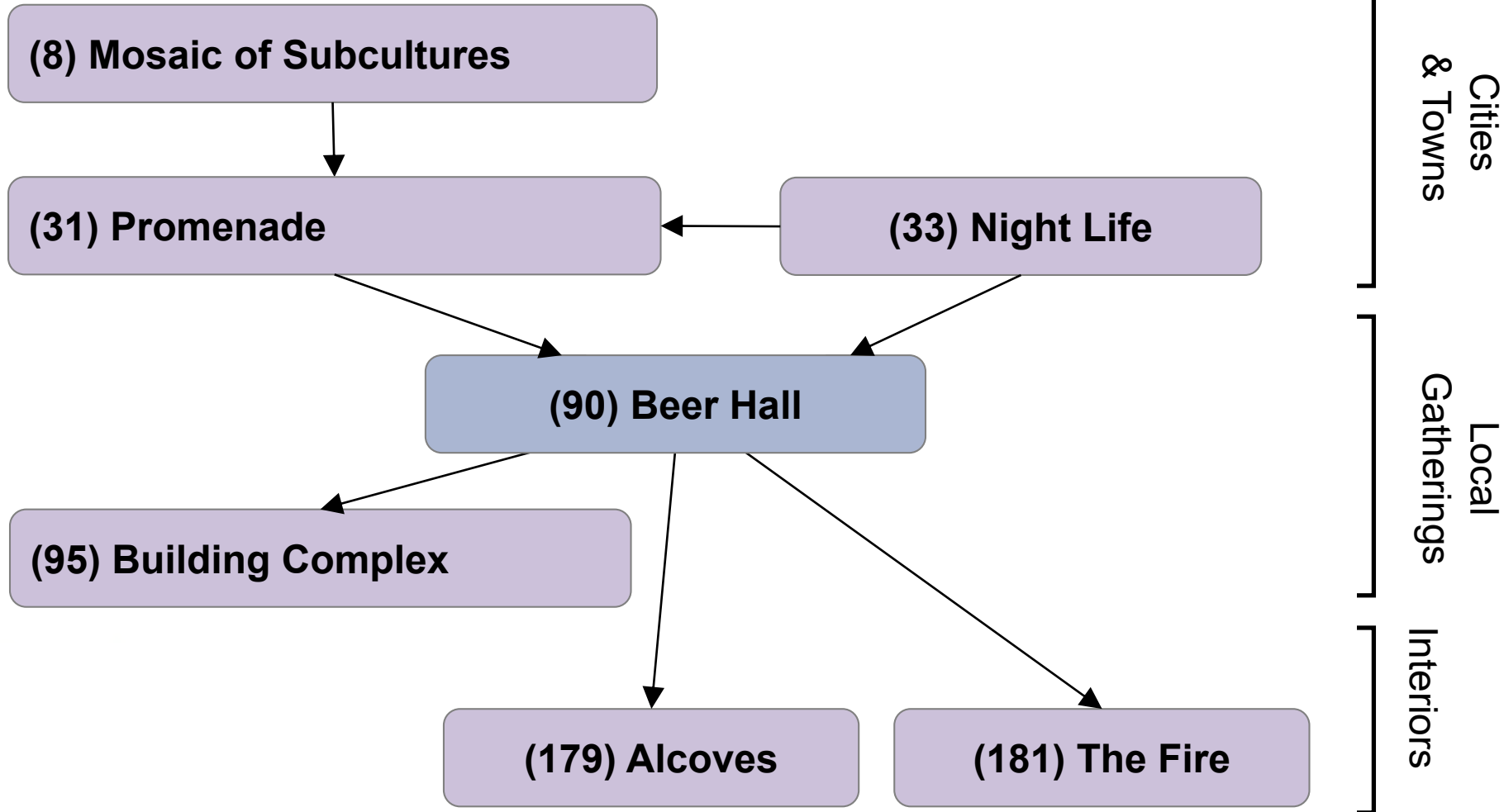
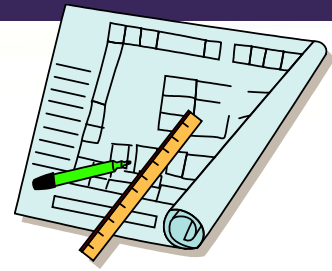
for “building and planning towns,
neighborhoods, houses, gardens, and rooms”

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

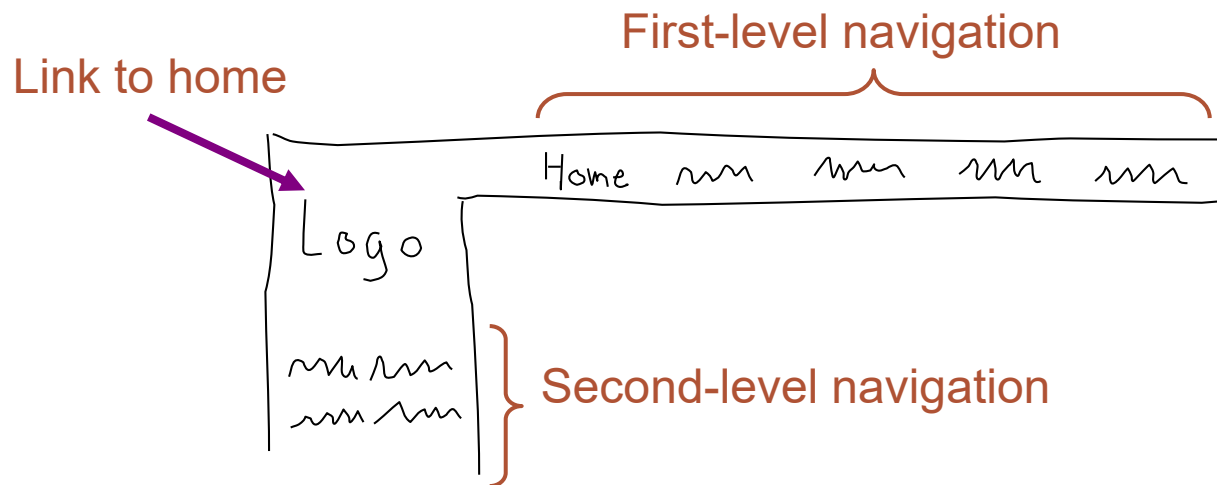
The image shows a screenshot of a website with several navigation elements highlighted by red boxes:

- 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 box 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 Header:** A blue bar with the IBM logo, "United States", a search box, and a "Search" button.
- Navigation Menu:** A dark blue bar with links for "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 categories: "Home / home office", "Small business", "Medium business", "Government", and "Education".
- Promotional Banner:** A white box with a laptop image and the text "Buy today, ship today" and "If you need it fast, IBM can ship select PC models to you today when you buy by 3 p.m. Eastern, Monday-Friday, (U.S. only)".
- Product Highlights:** Three small boxes on the right side of the page, each with an icon and text: "Tune-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 displays 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, a section titled 'People with similar tastes also enjoyed...' 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 starburst icon and a 'Speedy Checkout' button. Below this is the 'Shopping Cart' section, which lists the item 'Weezer (2001) Weezer, Weezer (Music)'. The item details include: CD, Release Year: 2001, Seller: naotia@hotmail.com (35), Condition: Like New, Notes: Perfect condition. The price is \$8.30, and the Media Mail shipping cost is \$2.45. A '(Change Shipping Method)' link is provided. The total for the cart is \$10.75. Below the cart is a 'Gift Certificates and Coupons' section with a 'Redeem' button and a text input field for the claim code.

At the bottom right, there are two more 'Proceed to Checkout' buttons with starburst icons and 'Speedy Checkout' buttons.

PROCES

- 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 "Shipping" (1), "Checkout" (2), and "Secure Shipping" (3). 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 contains a pre-filled address for Jason Hong at UC Berkeley, with a "Use This Address" button. The "Enter a new shipping address:" section contains a form with fields for Name, Street address, City, State (a dropdown menu), ZIP code, and Country (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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CONTEXT-SENSITIVE HELP (H8)

The screenshot shows the Dell website interface. At the top, there are navigation links: "About Dell", "Contact", "Search", "Support", "Order Status", and "My Cart". Below this is the Dell logo and a navigation bar with categories: "Computers", "Software & Accessories", "Service & Support", and "Learning Center".

The main content area features a "FEATURED" section for the "Dimension 4100" computer. It includes a "Buy Online or Call 1-800-915-3355" button, a "Purchase Assistance" sidebar with links for "Payment Solutions", "Tax & Shipping Info", "Secure Shopping Guarantee", and "Privacy Policy", and a "Recommended Systems" section. The computer specifications listed are: "Intel® Pentium® III processor 933Mhz", a price of "\$1,199", and a note "As low as \$36⁴ /45⁵ pmts No payment for 90 days (Click or scroll for details)⁴". A "Customize It" button is highlighted with a red arrow.

A context-sensitive help window titled "Keyboards - Netscape" is open over the keyboard product. It features a "LEARN MORE" button and a "Close" button. The window content includes:

- Keyboards**
Great Keyboard Choices to Suit Your Needs:
- Choose from standard-size and "space-saver" designs
- Ergonomic design for added comfort
- Hot Keys provide quick, one-touch access to frequently used programs and Web sites
- USB ports allow for quick and easy access to USB peripherals, such as digital cameras, scanners and joysticks

An image of a "Dell™ Enhanced Performance Keyboard" is shown. Below the text is a "DELL GLOSSARY" section with the text "Need a definition? Click on a term." and a table of keyboard types:

Keyboard Type	Dell™ QuietKey	Microsoft® Internet Keyboard, Dell Edition	Dell™ Enhanced QuietKey	Dell™ Enhanced Performance
ZOOM! For a closer look.				
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

At the bottom of the help window, there are "speeds." and "More Details" links. The background shows a partial view of the computer's configuration table:

Processor	Intel® Pentium® III processor at 933MHz
Keyboard	QuietKey™ Keyboard
Hard Drive	40GB ⁵ Ultra ATA-100 Hard Drive (7200 RPM)
	Epson 640U Scanner

FLOATING WINDOWS (H6)



The screenshot shows the Netflix interface with a red header and navigation tabs. The 'Recommendations' tab is active, displaying a list of movie suggestions. A tooltip window is overlaid on the 'Gladiator: Extended Edition' recommendation, providing detailed information about the film.

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

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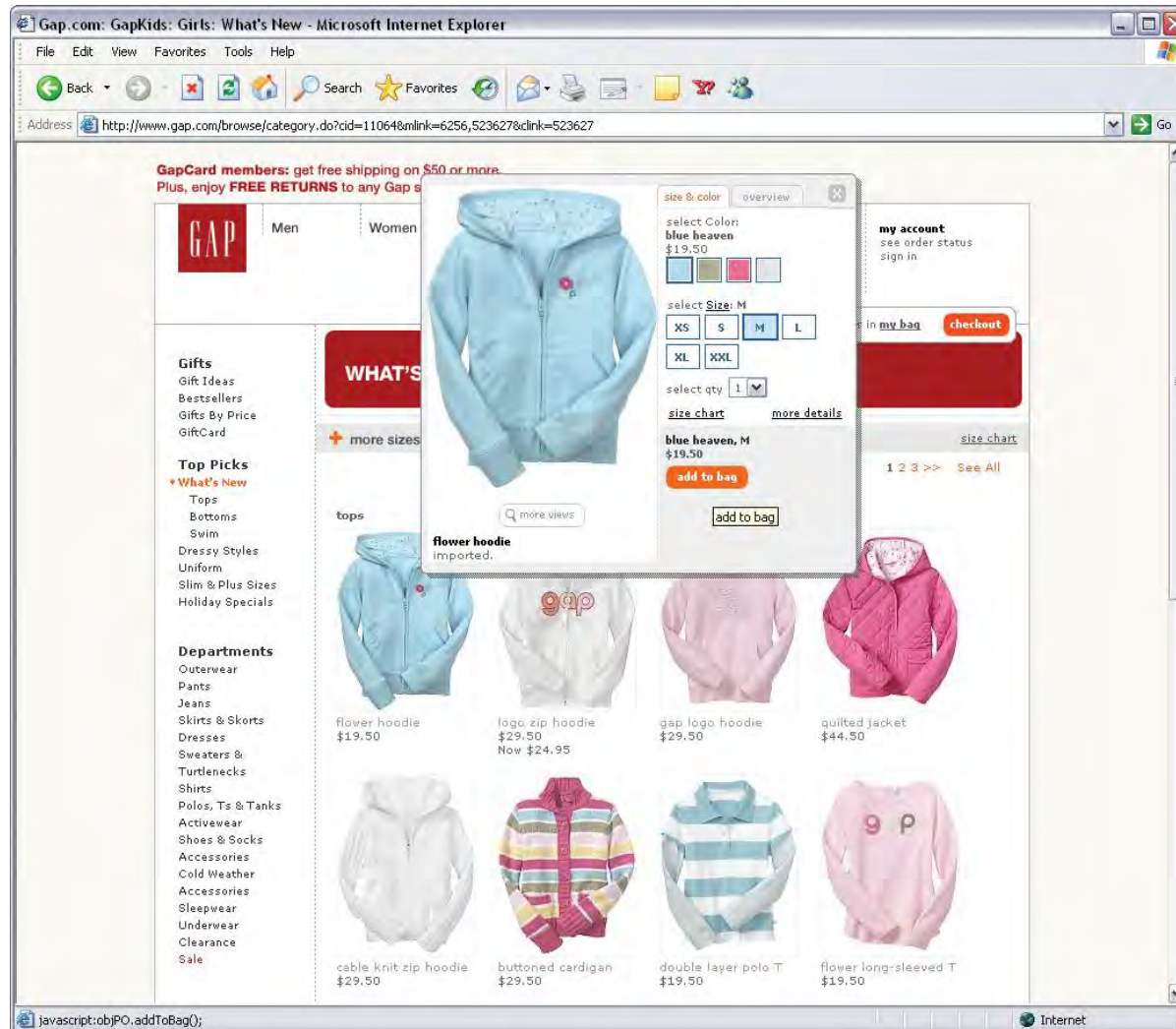
Samurai Champloo (7-

★★★★★
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](#)

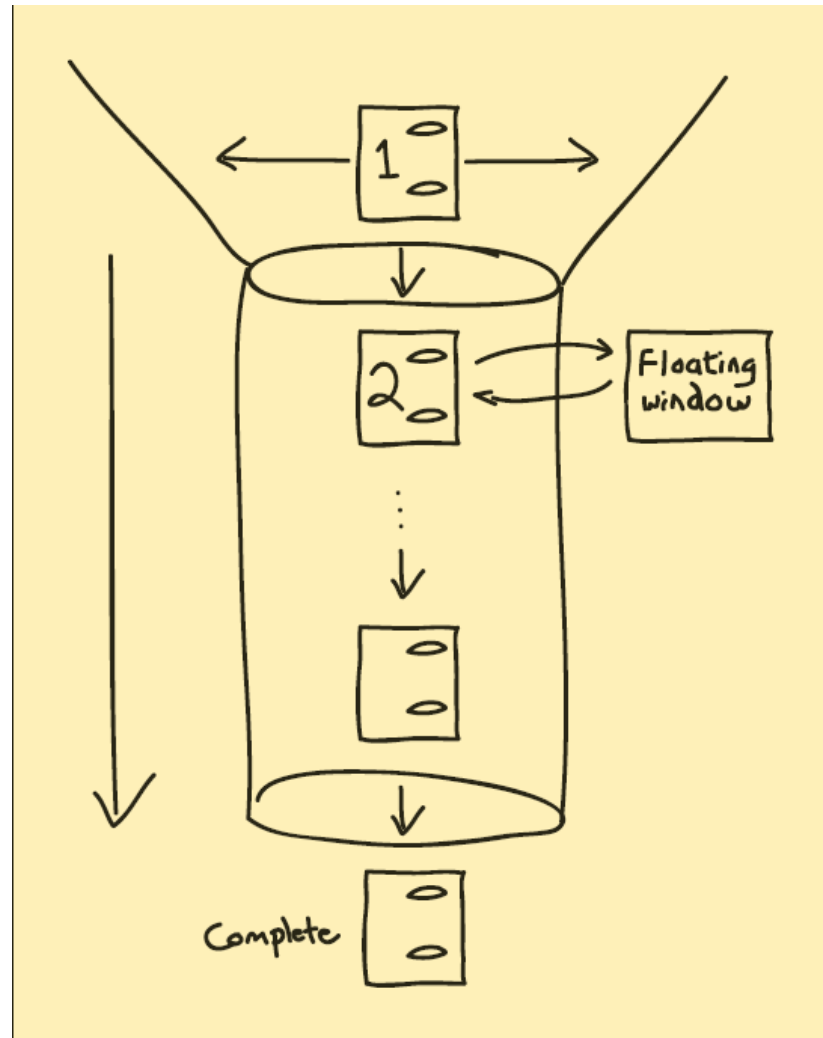
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FLOATING WINDOWS (H6)

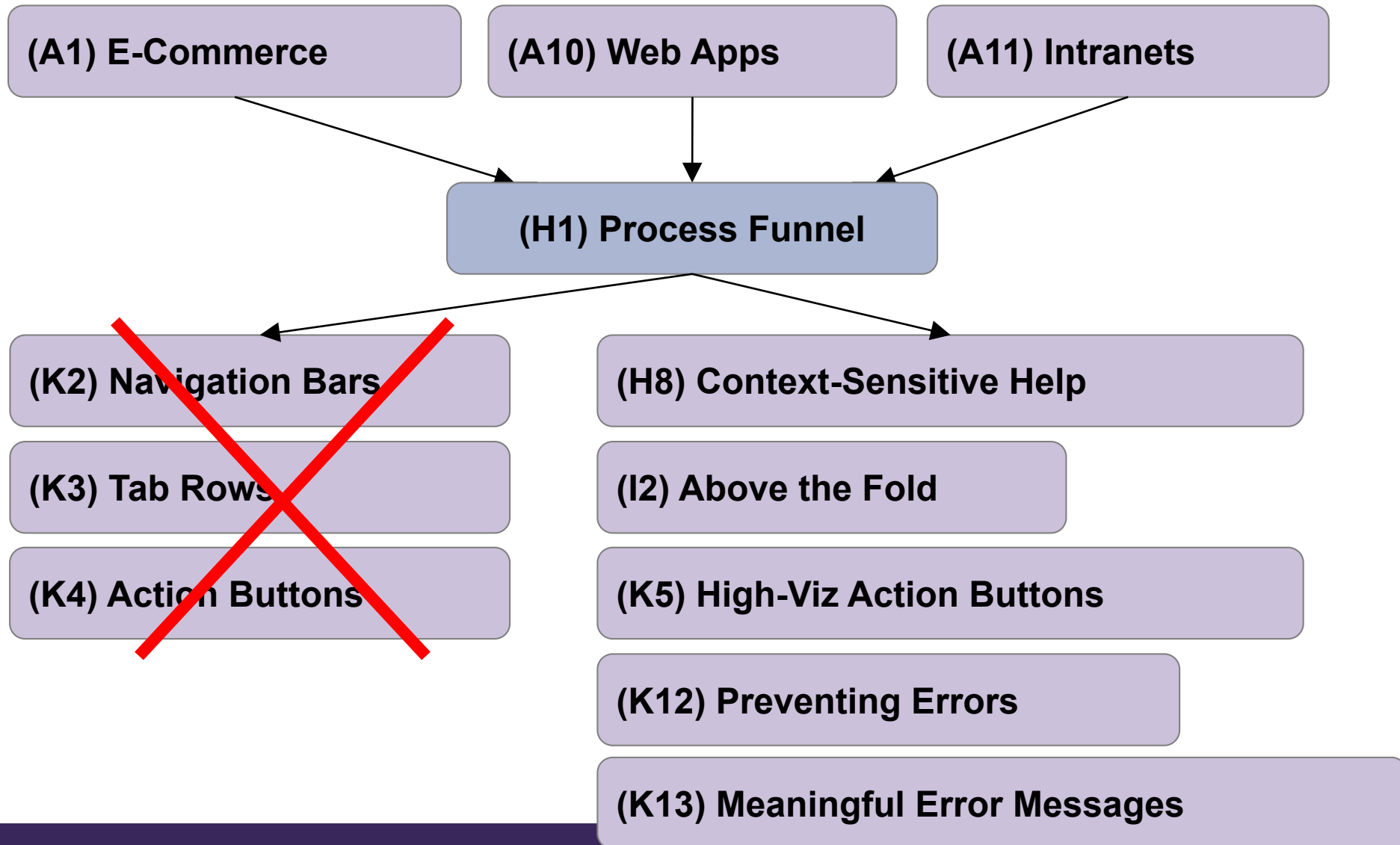


PROCESS FUNNEL (H1)

Solution Diagram



Related Patterns



Patterns Support Creativity

Patterns come from successful examples

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

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

Not too general and not too specific

you need to specialize to your needs

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

Principles, Guidelines, Templates

Patterns help design without over-constraining

unlike principles, patterns are not too general

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

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

unlike templates, patterns illustrate flows and relationships among different pages

Web Design Patterns

H1 PROCESS FUNNEL

Pattern Name and Number

PROCESS FUNNEL H1



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

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 two goals can be challenging.

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 Know How Far They Have Come • Showing a progress bar at the end of a process funnel lets 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 that is not clickable because doing so does not benefit for customers.

Forces & Solution

Remove Unnecessary Links and Content While Reinforcing the Brand • Removing links and content unrelated to the task at hand will reduce the number of distractions, 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 LINKS (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 throughout the Web site so that no one is confused, and people know they're still on the same site.

* BACKGROUND

All Web applications that lead visitors through stepped tasks—PERSONAL E-COMMERCE (A1), SELF-SERVICE GOVERNMENT (A4), WEB APIS 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

Background

Problem Statement

where they are in the process funnel and how much farther they have to go.



(www.half.com, October 24, 2001)

Web Design Patterns

H1 PROCESS FUNNEL

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

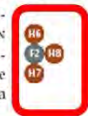
Make Sure the Back Button Always Works • Customers often use the **Back** button on browsers to modify answers they have typed in on previous pages. However, if the Web site is not implemented correctly, the information they have already entered may be lost when they hit the **Back** button, forcing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

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

Prevent Errors Where Possible, and Provide Meaningful Error Messages When Errors Do Occur • People will always make errors. You can provide good customer support and sample input to help PREVENT ERRORS, and provide MEANINGFUL ERROR MESSAGES (K13) when errors do occur.

* SOLUTION

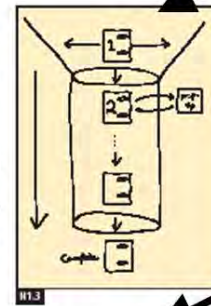
Minimize the number of steps required to complete a task, keeping them between two and eight. Remove unnecessary and potentially confusing links and content from each page, while reinforcing the brand to maintain a sense of place. Use pop-up windows to provide extra information, without leading people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



Bus Stops

Figure H1.3

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



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.

- A1 A4
- A10 A11
- F1
- H2
- G4

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.

- K2 K3
- K4 K6 K7

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

- E1
- K12
- K13
- H5

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).

- H8
- H7 H6
- I2 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
Describes broad classes of emerging applications, providing many examples and ideas	Associating physical objects and spaces with information and meaning; location-based services; helping users navigate such spaces	Policy, systems, and interaction issues in designing privacy-sensitive systems	How to design for interactions involving dozens or even hundreds of sensors and devices while making users feel like they are in control
Upfront Value Proposition (A1) Personal Ubiquitous Computing (A2) Ubiquitous Computing for Groups (A3) Ubiquitous Computing for Places (A4) Guides for Exploration and Navigation (A5) Enhanced Emergency Response (A6) Personal Memory Aids (A7) Smart Homes (A8) Enhanced Educational Experiences (A9) Augmented Reality Games (A10) Streamlining Business Operations (A11) Enabling Mobile Commerce (A12)	Active Map (B1) Topical Information (B2) Successful Experience Capture (B3) User-Created Content (B4) Find a Place (B5) Find a Friend (B6) Notifier (B7)	Fair Information Practices (C1) Respecting Social Organizations (C2) Building Trust and Credibility (C3) Reasonable Level of Control (C4) Appropriate Privacy Feedback (C5) Privacy-Sensitive Architectures (C6) Partial Identification (C7) Physical Privacy Zones (C8) Blurred Personal Data (C9) Limited Access to Personal Data (C10) Invisible Mode (C11) Limited Data Retention (C12) Notification on Access of Personal Data (C13) Privacy Mirrors (C14) Keeping Personal Data on Personal Devices (C15)	Scale of Interaction (D1) Sensemaking of Services and Devices (D2) Streamlining Repetitive Tasks (D3) Keeping Users in Control (D4) Serendipity in Exploration (D5) Context-Sensitive I/O (D6) Active Teaching (D7) Resolving Ambiguity (D8) Ambient Displays (D9) Follow-me Displays (D10) Pick and Drop (D11)

Patterns

When you see advice, consider its depth

Result of an individual study / rant

Pre-pattern based on some meta-analysis

Established pattern

Be aware of misapplying patterns

And be aware of anti-patterns

Consistency vs. Specialization

Beware of simply copying a design language

Consistency is your friend
until it is not your friend

Not limited to platform-level decisions

One “look” for your app
Or targeted at each device

Dark Patterns

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

Disguised Ads

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

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Friend Spam

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

Dark Patterns

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL https://www.fastcodesign.com/3051906/fast-feed/after-lawsuit-settlement-linkedin-dishonest-design-is-now-a-13-million-problem?utm_source=facebook. The article is titled "After Lawsuit Settlement, LinkedIn's Dishonest Design Is Now A \$13 Million Problem" and is categorized under "EVIDENCE". The article text discusses how LinkedIn's design practices, which were used to trick users into signing up, are now a \$13 million problem for the company. It mentions that LinkedIn is paying for a class-action lawsuit. Below the text is a photo of a smartphone displaying the LinkedIn login page. To the right of the article is a sidebar with a section titled "EVID3NCE" and a list of trending articles.

EVIDENCE

After Lawsuit Settlement, LinkedIn's Dishonest Design Is Now A \$13 Million Problem

HOPEFULLY, THIS WILL BE A LESSON TO OTHER COMPANIES WHO USE DARK UX PATTERNS TO TRICK THEIR USERS.

10 NOTES 5 PIN 108 PLUS 853 SHARE 1.2K TWEET 1.5K LIKE

Anyone who has ever signed up, or even known anyone who has signed up, for LinkedIn has probably found themselves on the receiving end of dozens of follow-up emails, inviting you to "expand your professional network." Even worse, they're virtually impossible to opt-out of. It's a scummy use of dark UX patterns by a company that should know better. Now, LinkedIn is going to be paying for it as part of a class-action lawsuit, to the tune of \$13 million.




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

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

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