



CSE 440: Introduction to HCI

User Interface Design, Prototyping, and Evaluation!

Lecture 15: Interface Implementation

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Today's Topics

- UI Hall of Fame and Shame
- Where are we now?
- Interface Implementation
 - UI toolkits
 - Design patterns
- Any remaining class time for group work on 3c

UI Hall of Fame and Shame









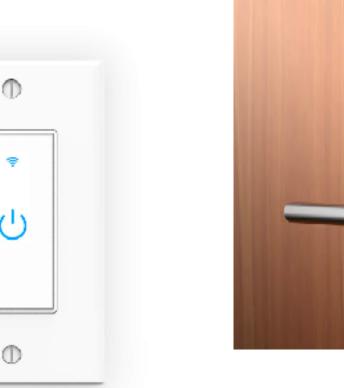
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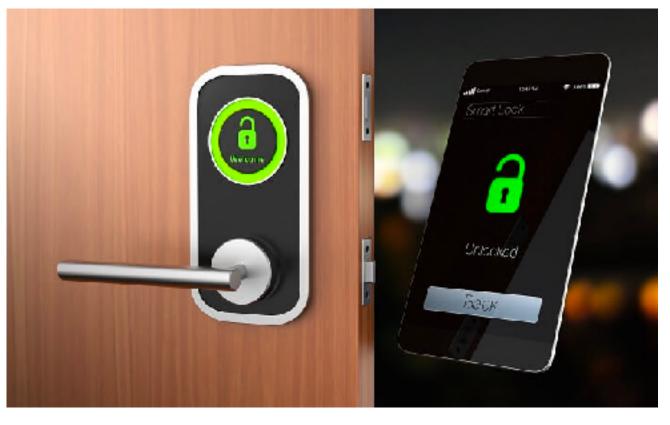
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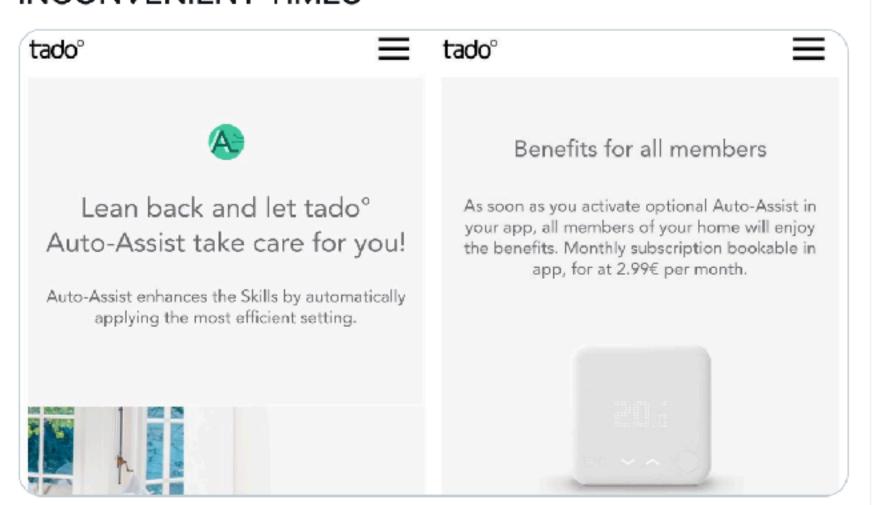








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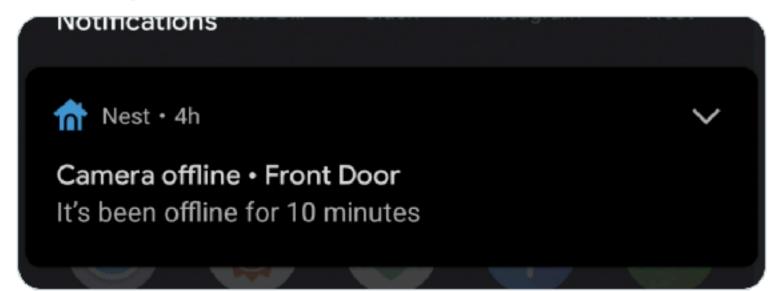
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if anyone wants to rob my house, doing it while Google is down would make it easy



Where are we now?

Looking Forward

- Your blog posts are up!! https://cse440.medium.com/ Check out other groups' work!
- Last 2 steps of the design process (for this course at least)
 - 3c usability testing, this week
 - 3d, 3e two iterations of digital mockups, next week (3d will be released after lecture today)
- Remainder of class:

Exam

- Next Thursday in lecture over Zoom, open book and notes, covering the topics from lectures
- Exam prep and Q&A on Tuesday
- I'm already aware of DRS accommodations for students, and we will be emailing those students about our plan for accommodations for the exam

Presenting your work

- another blog post (3e), with both blog posts featured on our course website and on Medium
- Assignment 4a, 4b: culminating in final pitches on the last day of class to a panel of judges

UI Toolkits

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

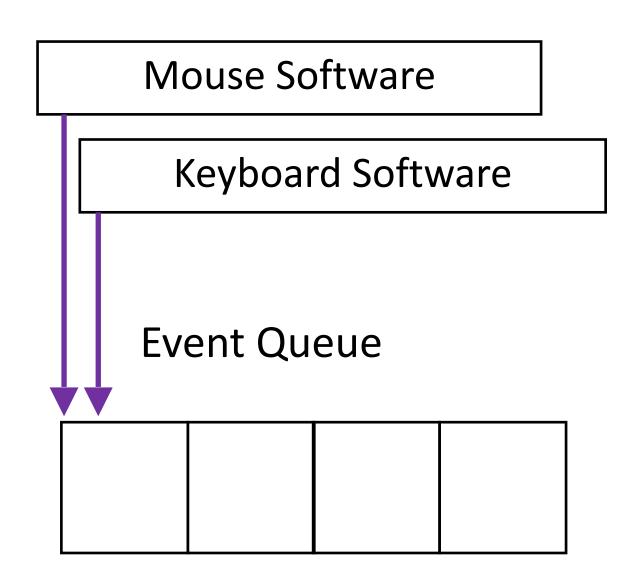
```
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
 Volume in drive C has no label.
                                          24 autoexec.bat
                                          10 config.sys
                                      54,784 msvci70.dll
                            <DIR>
<DIR>
<DIR>
                                              Program Files
ProgramDataTechSmith
                            (DIR)
                 7 Dir(s) 24,839,090,176 bytes free
C:\>ls -1
ls: reading directory .: Permission denied
                            4096 2006-10-13 15:24 $Recycle.Bin
```

Sequential Programs: basic software loop

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

Event-Driven Programs

- Flow of the program execution is determined by events
 - User interaction: "mouse down", "item drag", "key up"
 - Also messages from operation system, etc.
- All events go into a queue
 - Ensures events are handled in order
- How many event queues does your operating system have?
 - One per top-level application!



Event-Driven Programs: basic software loop

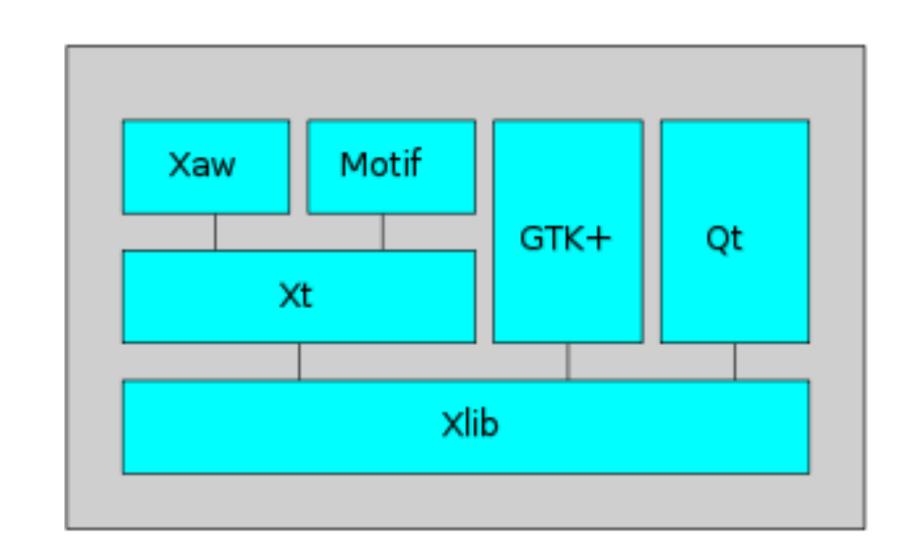
```
do {
    e = read_event()
    dispatch_event(e)
    update_display()
} while (e.type != QUIT)
Input
Processing
Output
```

Event-Driven Programs: basic software loop

In the 1990s:

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

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



Toolkits

We use toolkits because they:

Identify common or important practices

Package those practices into a framework

Make it easy to follow those practices

Make it easier to focus on our application

What other benefits?

Faster = more iterative design

Implementation is generally better in the tool

Consistency across applications using same tool

Raw event handling and Document Object Model (DOM) manipulation via JavaScript

```
var myElementsArray = document.querySelectorAll('.btn');
myElementsArray.forEach(function(element, index {
    element.addEventListener("click", function() {
        //inside my click event!
    });
});
```

One level up: JavaScript wrapper libraries like jQuery, which has predefined events for almost all DOM actions

```
$('.btn').click(function () {
  //inside my click event!
});
```

Another level up: interactions, widgets, components, and templates

Examples: jQuery UI, Bootstrap, Semantic UI

jQuery UI Demos

jQuery UI offers a combination of interaction, effects, widgets, utilities, and themes designed to work well together or on their own. Play with the demos, view the source, build a theme, read the API documentation and start using jQuery UI today.

Interactions

Interactions add basic mouse-based behaviors to any element. You can create sortable lists, resizable elements, drag & drop behaviors and more with just a few lines of code. Interactions also make great building blocks for more complex widgets and applications.

- Draggable
- Droppable
- Resizable
- Selectable
- Sortable

Widgets

Widgets are full-featured UI controls that bring the richness of desktop applications to the Web. All widgets provide a solid core with plenty of extension points for customizing behavior, as well as full theming support.

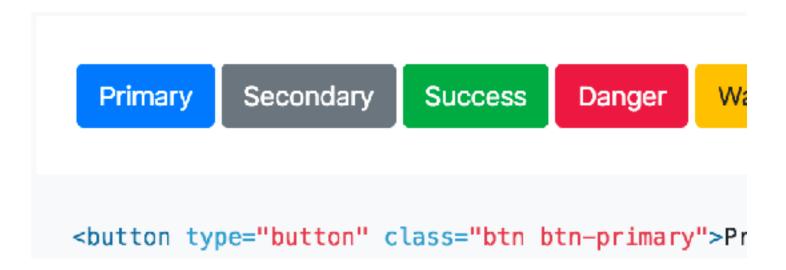
- Accordion
- Autocomplete
- **Button**
- Checkboxradio

https://jqueryui.com/demos/

Another level up: interactions, widgets, components, and templates

Examples: jQuery UI, Bootstrap, Semantic UI

purpose, with a few extras thrown in for more control.



Custom Components

Brand new components and templates to help folks quickly get started with Bootstrap and demonstrate best practices for adding onto the framework.







Album

Cover

Simple one-page template for photo galleries, portfolios, and more



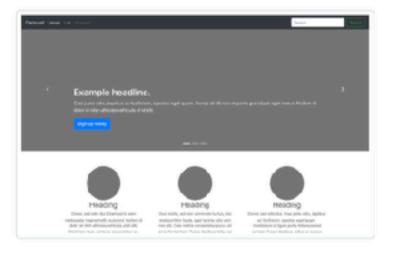
A one-page template for building simple

and beautiful home pages.

Pricing

Carousel

Example pricing page built with Cards and featuring a custom header and footer



Customize the navbar and carousel, then

add some new components.

Checkout

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Custom checkout form showing our form components and their validation features.



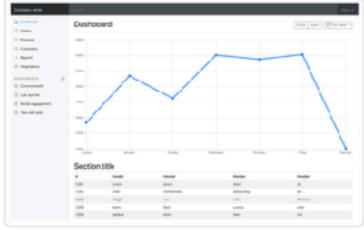
Product

Lean product-focused marketing page with extensive grid and image work.



Blog

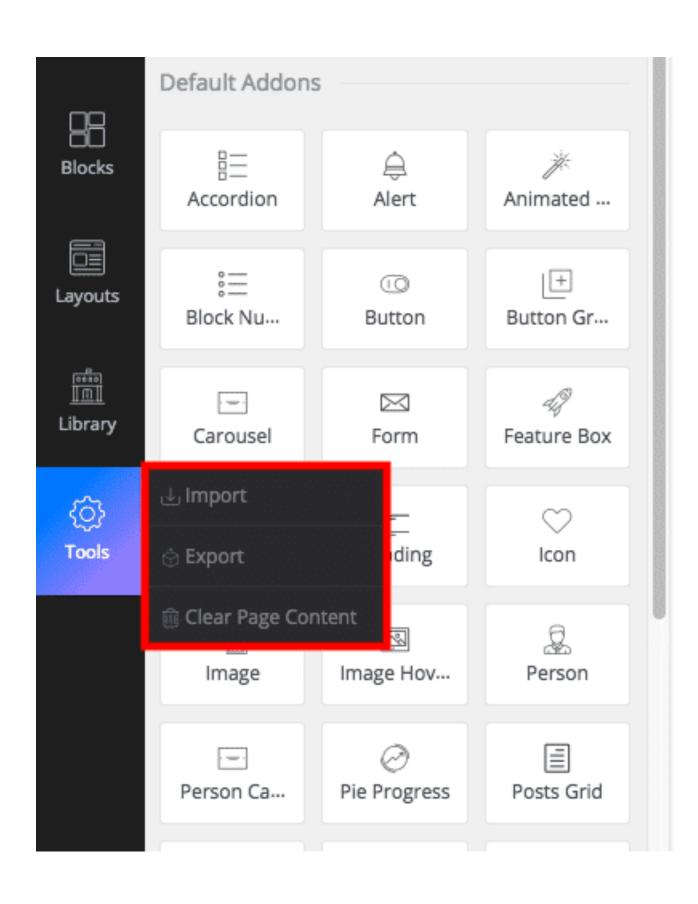
Magazine like blog template with header, navigation, featured content.

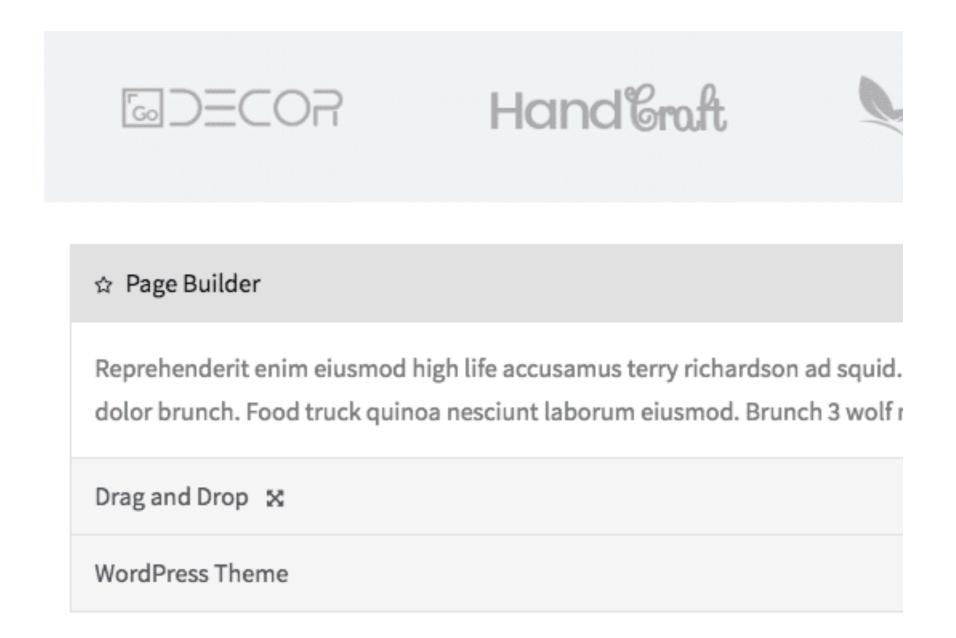


Dashboard

Basic admin dashboard shell with fixed sidebar and navbar.

GUI Builder:
Adobe
Dreamweaver,
Wix, Wordpress,
Squarespace,
Weebly





Another example: interactive web visualization

Raw JavaScript

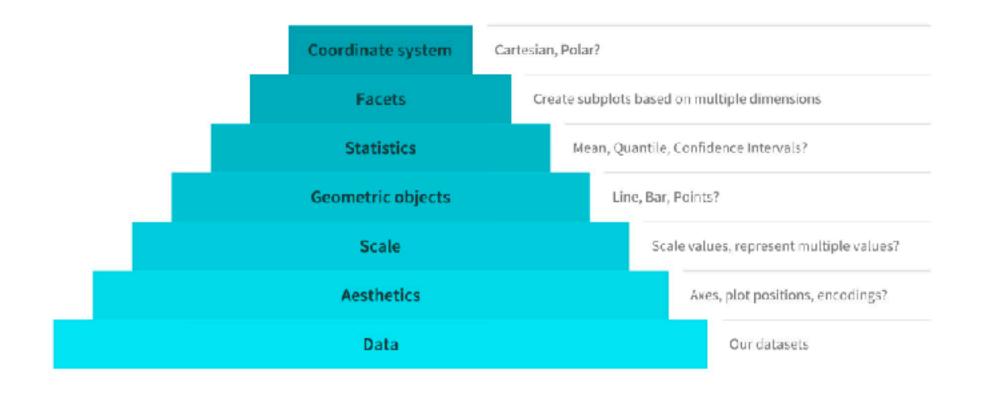
d3.js (JavaScript library)

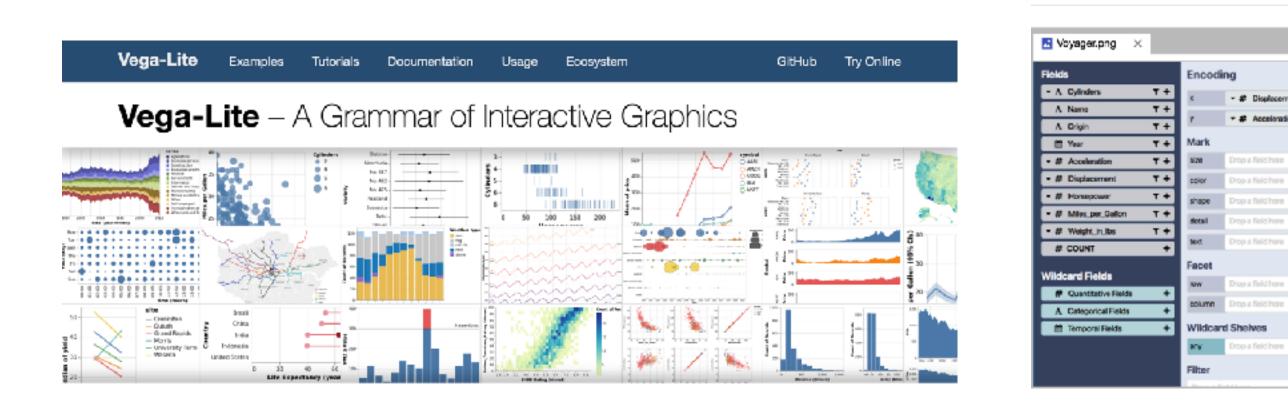
Vega (visualization grammar)

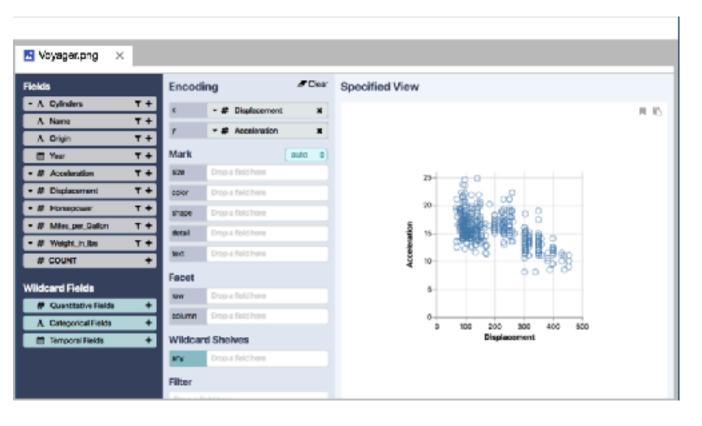
Vega-Lite (simplified grammar)

Voyager (web-based GUI builder)

Major Components of the Grammar of Graphics





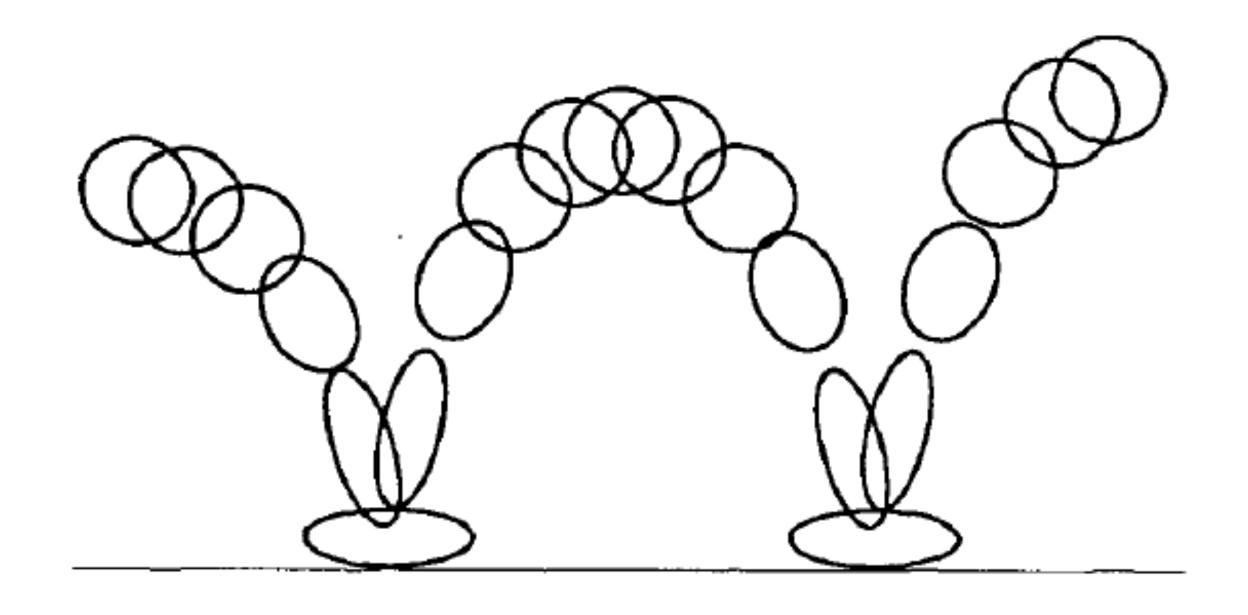


One more example: animation!

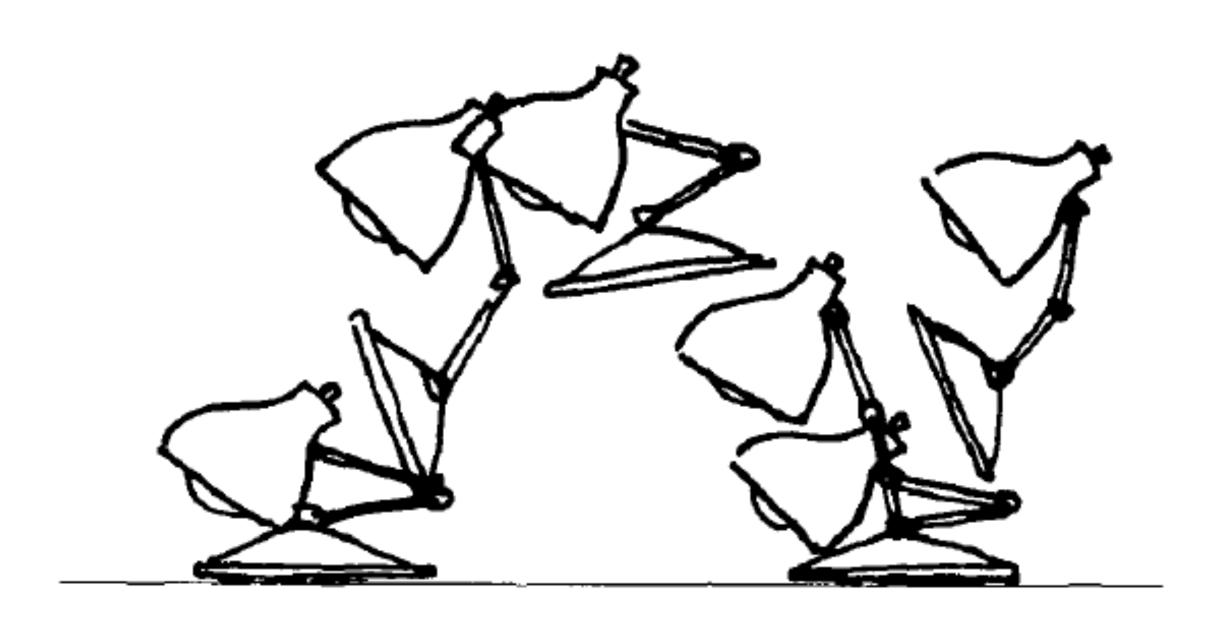
What are some common animation techniques you see here to convey something?



Squash and Stretch



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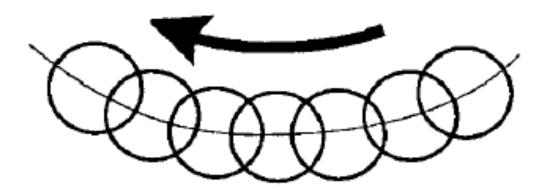


FIGURE 4a. In slow action, an object's position overlaps from frame to frame which gives the action a smooth appearance to the eye.

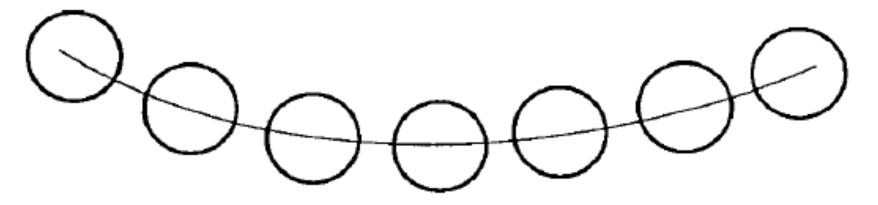


FIGURE 4b. Strobing occurs in a faster action when the object's positions do not overlap and the eye perceives seperate images.

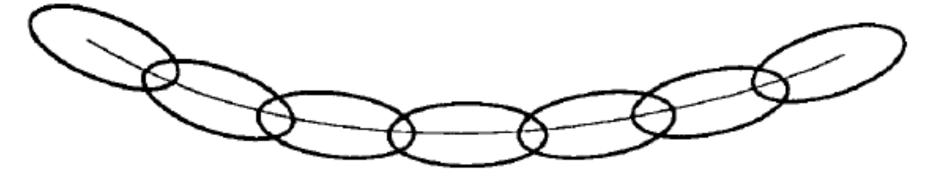


FIGURE 4c. Stretching the object so that it's positions overlap again will relieve the strobing effect.

Anticipation



Slow in, Slow out

Objects with mass must accelerate and decelerate

Interesting frames are typically at ends, tweaks perception to emphasize these poses

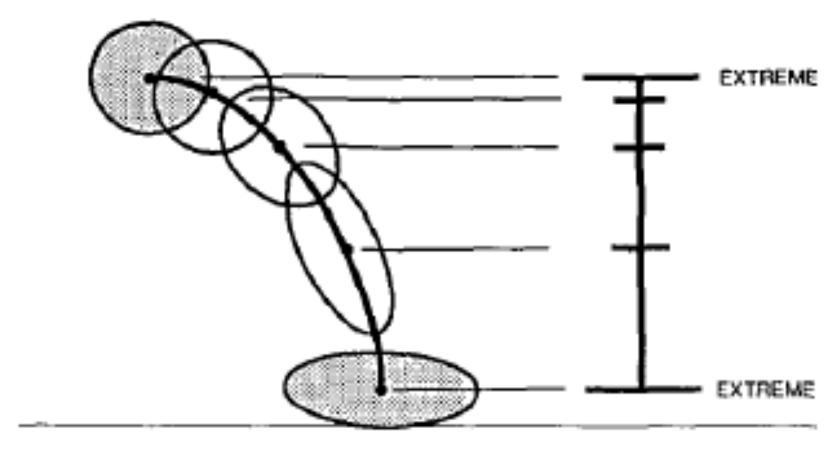


FIGURE 9. Timing chart for ball bounce.

Combine principles into an animation toolkit



Kazi, R. H., Grossman, T., Umetani, N., & Fitzmaurice, G. (2016, May). Motion amplifiers: sketching dynamic illustrations using the principles of 2D animation. In *Proceedings of the 2016 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems* (pp. 4599-4609).

What can UI toolkits also learn from animation?

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

Using principles of animation makes it easier for the user to track objects and understand what is changing on the screen.

Published in UIST'93: User Interface Software and Technology, Atlanta, GA, November 3-5, 1993. pp. 45-55

Animation: From Cartoons to the User Interface

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You must learn to respect that golden atom, that single frame of action, that 1/24th 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 frigodoms

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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

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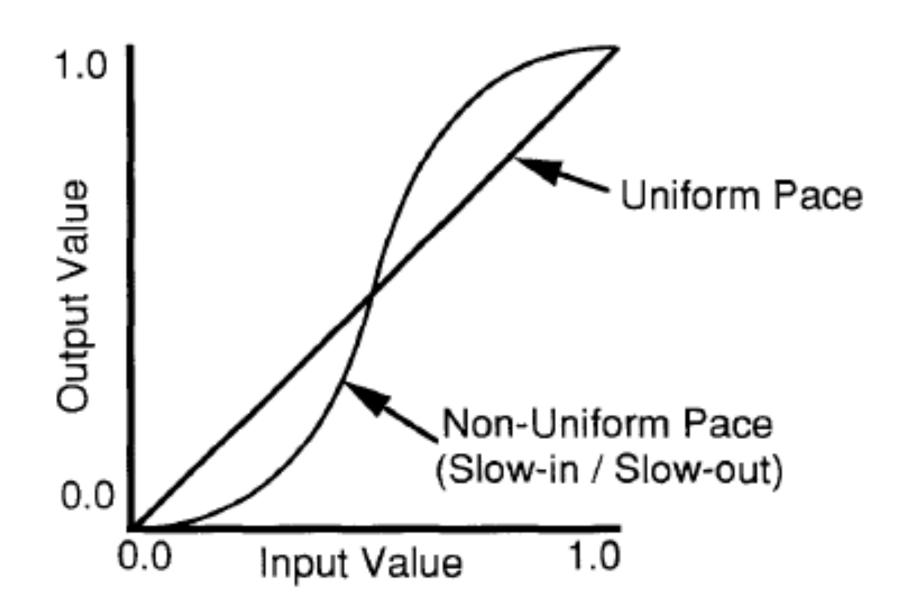


Figure 4. Two Example Pacing Functions

Now in almost every major UI toolkit out there! (e.g., Microsoft's WPF, JavaFX, jQuery)

Animation Support in a User Interface Toolkit: Flexible, Robust, and Reusable Abstractions

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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.

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.

Ul Patterns

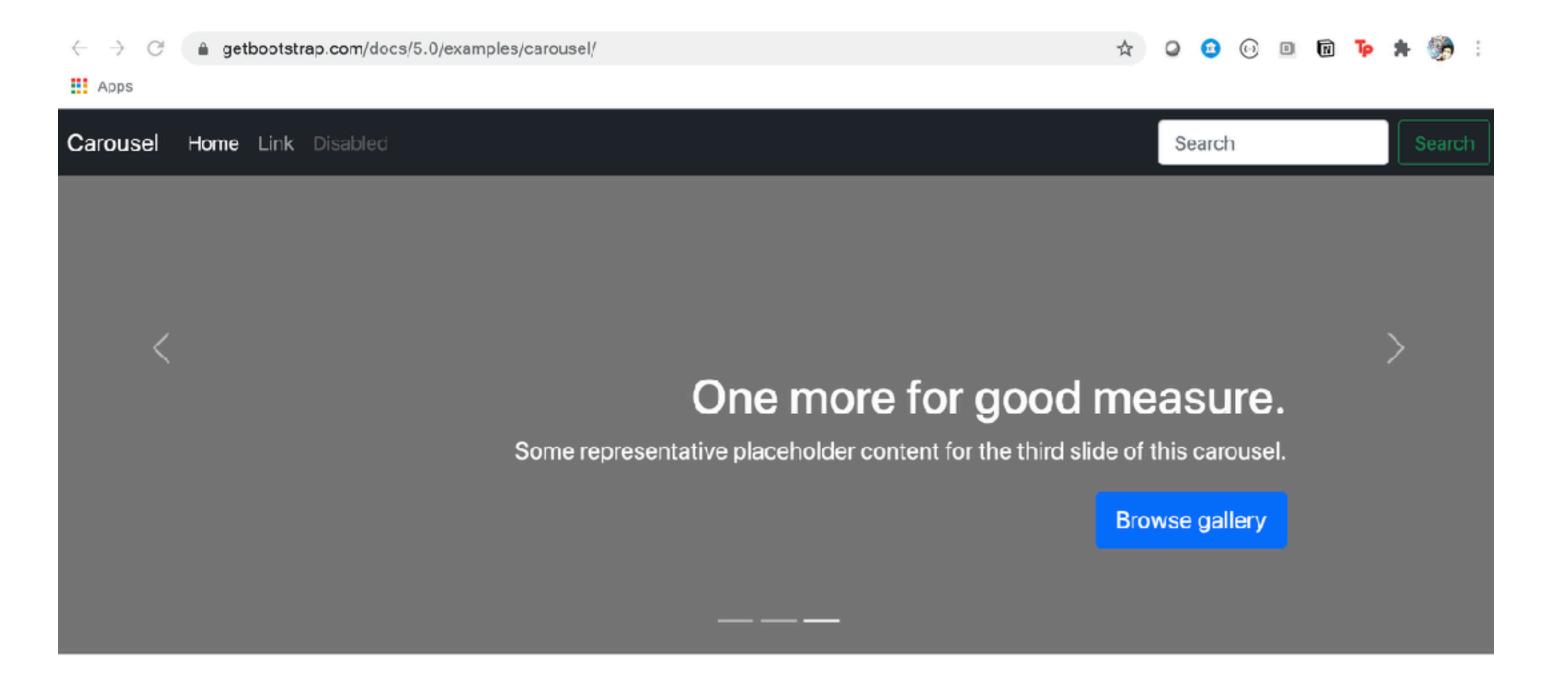
What is a UI or interaction design pattern?

• "... a general repeatable solution to a commonly-occurring usability problem in interface design..."

- Different from design principles in that they provide abstractions of tangible **solutions**, as opposed to guidelines to follow. Patterns often *incorporate* principles.
- UI toolkits oftentimes incorporate patterns.

Example

- Ul **Toolkit**: Bootstrap
- ...includes the design pattern: picture carousel landing page
- ...can incorporate important design principles such as:
 - [Heuristic #7] Flexibility and efficiency of use (can wait for items to swipe OR click to speed ahead)



Activity

Rock, Hip Hop/Rap,

Country, Pop, eBay

items, & more...

Movies/DVDs

Games

Action, Comedy,

Children's, Romance,

PS2, Xbox, GameCube,

Animation, & more..

Dreamcast, N64, &

- Here's a really old website!
- But I bet you can still answer questions about this site, how it works, and what it's for.
- Why? Many UI patterns used on this page are still used today.
- Try to spot some patterns that you recognize as still in use today and note them here: www.yellkey.com/ <u>believe</u>



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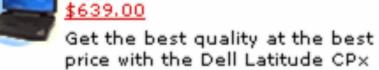
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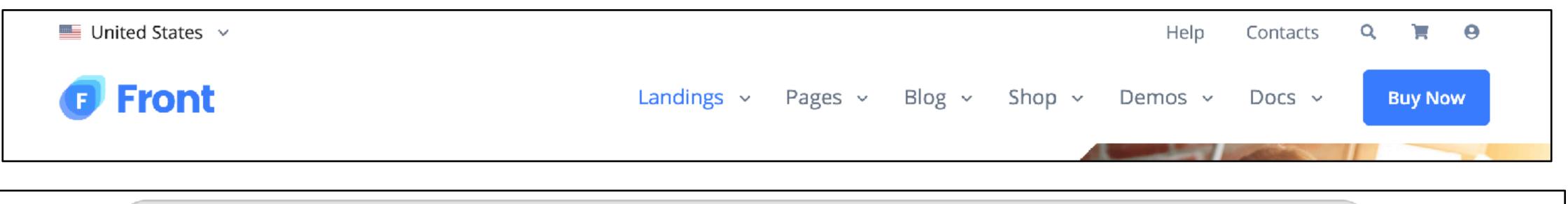
navigation bar in the top of the page

account settings, cart, login in top right

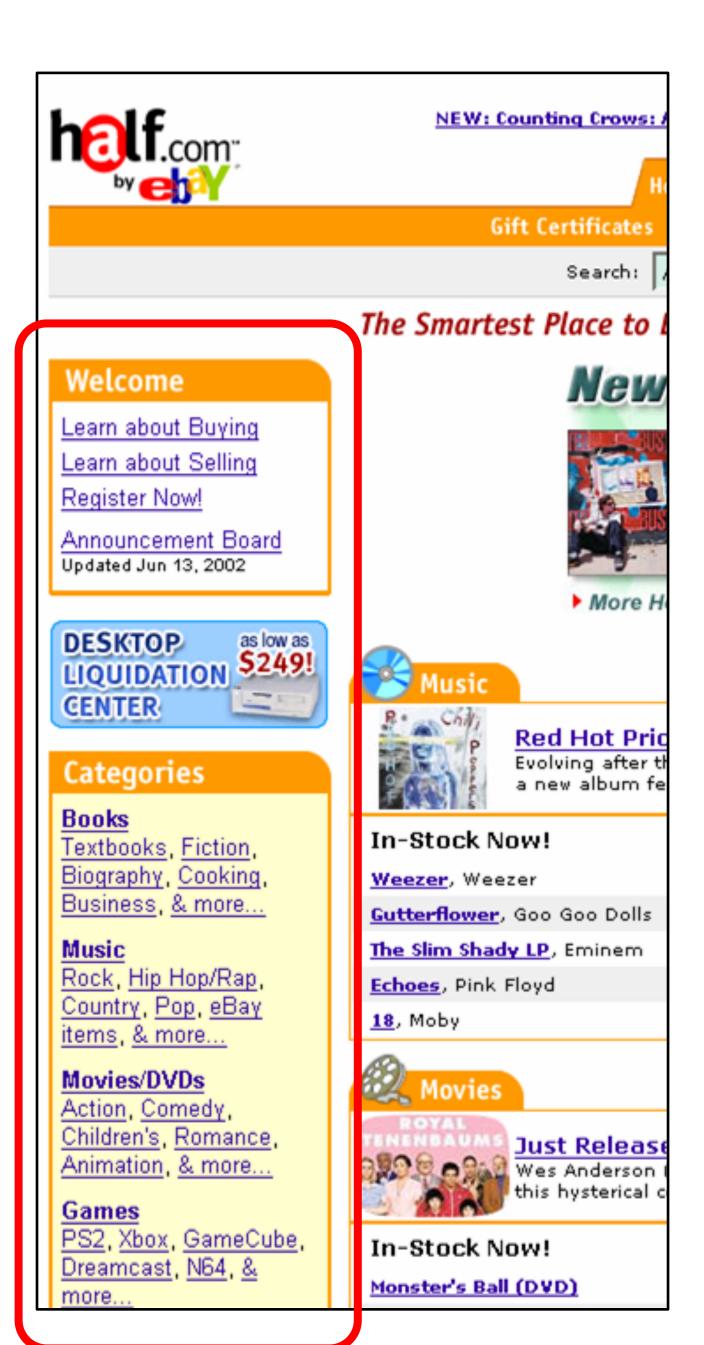


Below: Bootstrap templates and real websites today

Some visual cues are different and a different look and feel is in vogue but much of the design pattern of the navbar is the same.



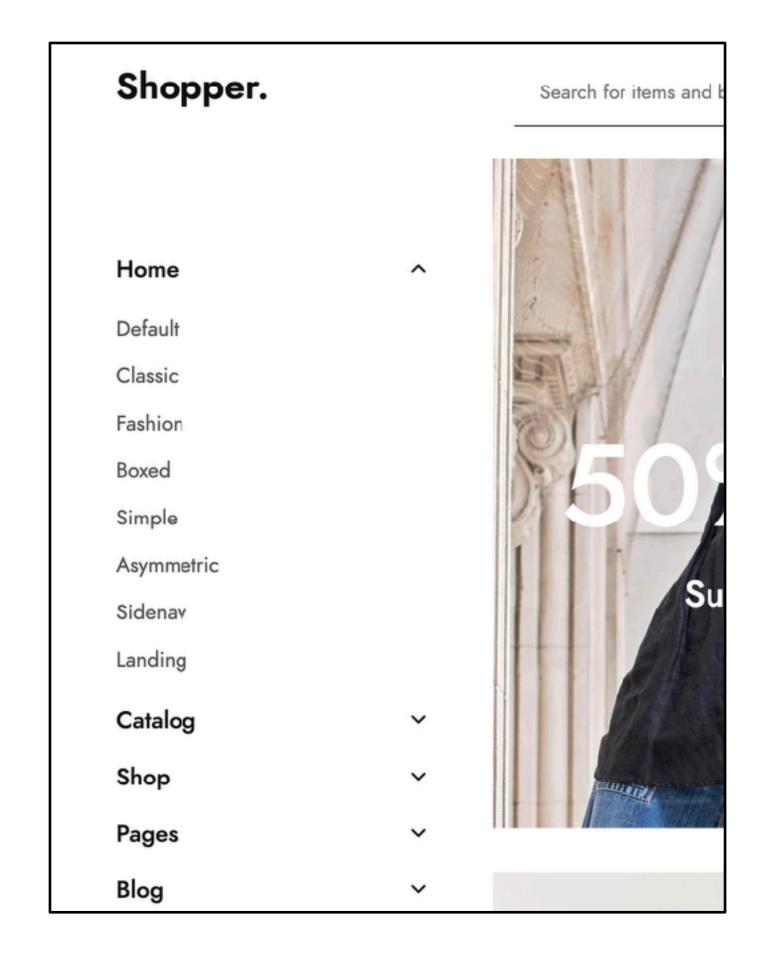




sidebar faceted browsing

Sidebars

Bootstrap template



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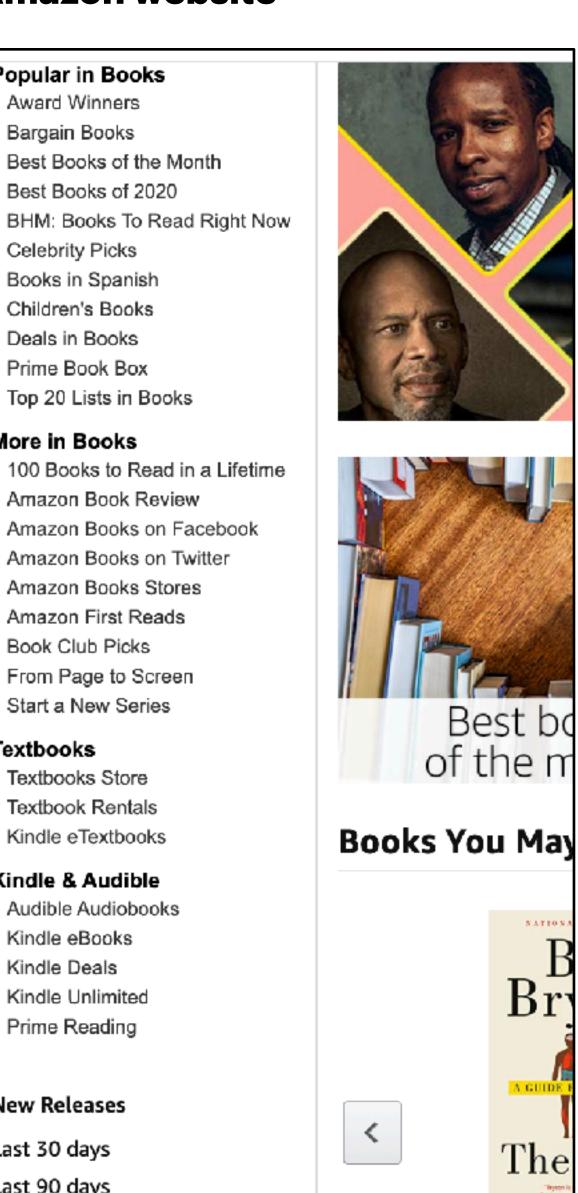
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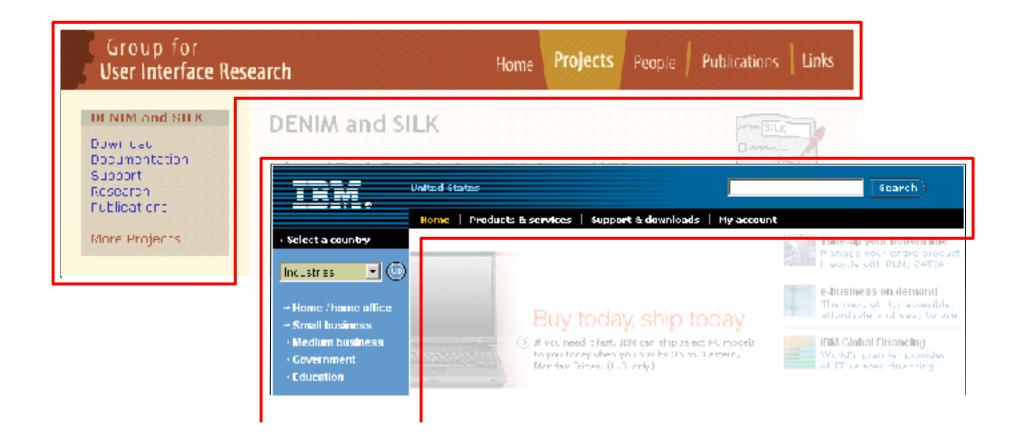
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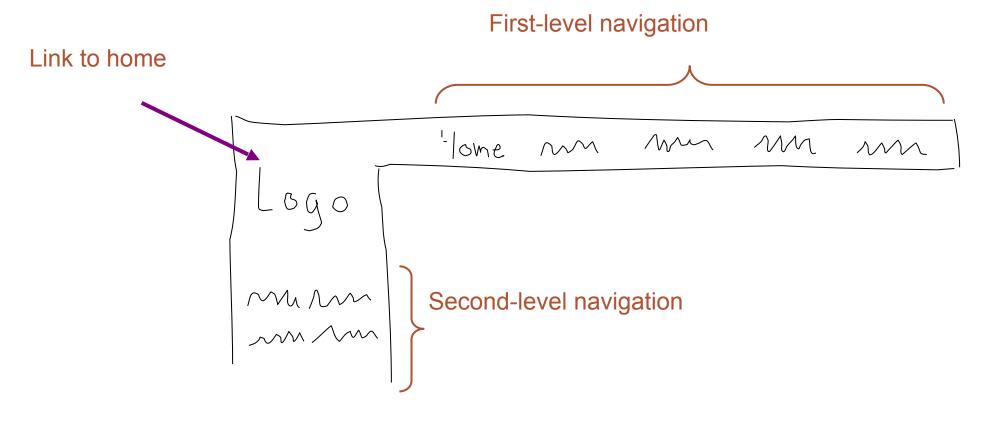
Best Books of 2020





The "L" shape navigation





Tables

Tabular view of data

Alternate colors of rows, gray and white

Column headers at the top, bolded Left column is left aligned Numerical columns are centeraligned (maybe should be rightaligned)



Similar Bootstrap component

Striped rows

Use .table-striped to add zebra-striping to any table row within the .

1MarkOtto@mdo2JacobThornton@fat	#	First	Last	Handle
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	2	Jacob	Thornton	@fat
3 Larry the Bird @twitter	3	Larry the Bird		@twitter

Grid Layout

Grid layout with header, 3 columns, and a main center column

These layouts have been with us since paper newspapers and pamphlets!

Grid layouts are such a common pattern that they are now buildable using vanilla CSS and recognized in all major browsers as of 2017



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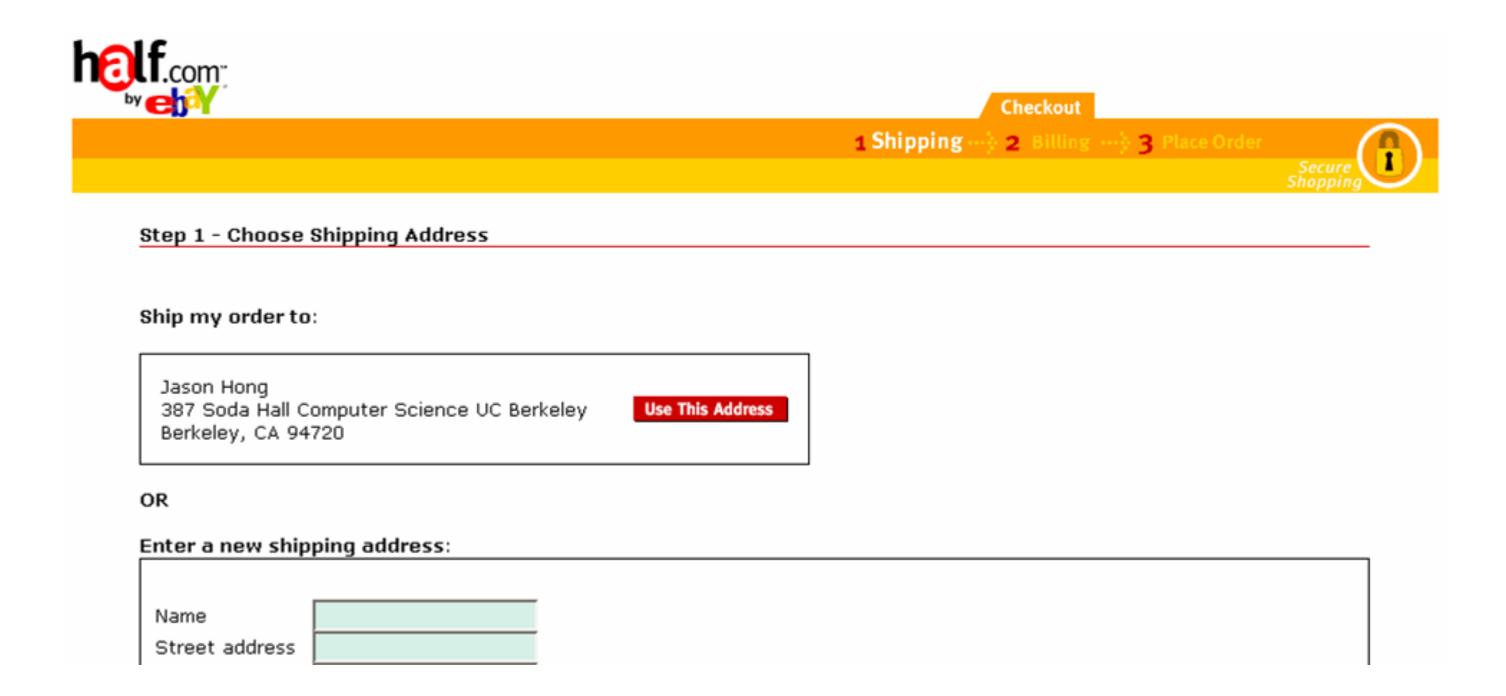
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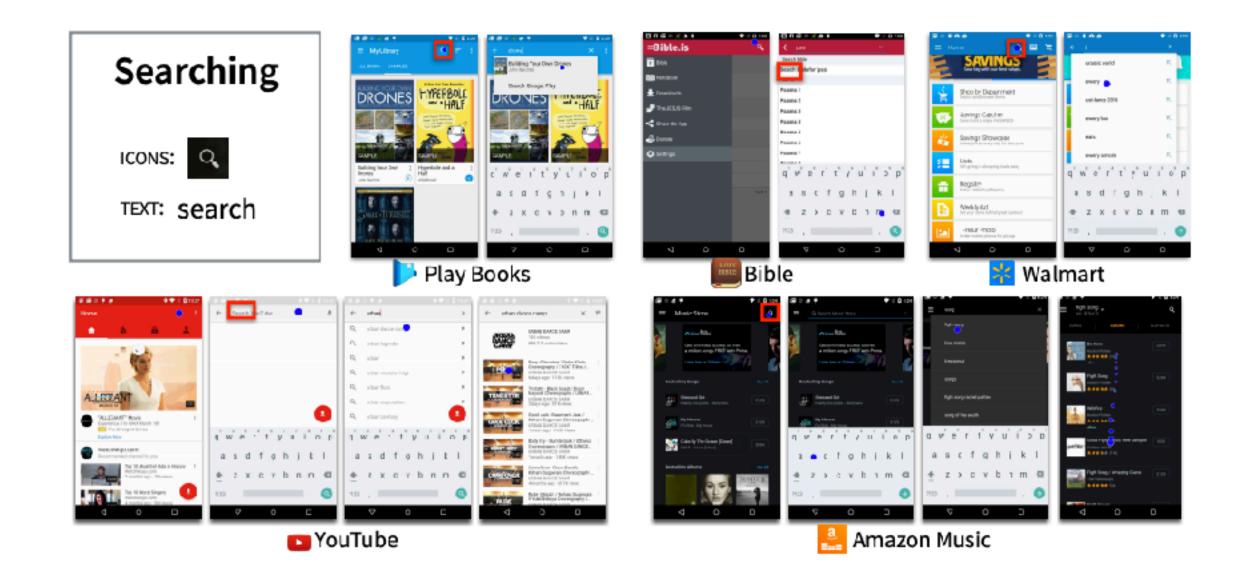
Patterns can also describe common user flows

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- **User flows** are an important component of user experience (UX) design and consists of a sequence of UI states that represent semantically meaningful tasks such as searching or composing.

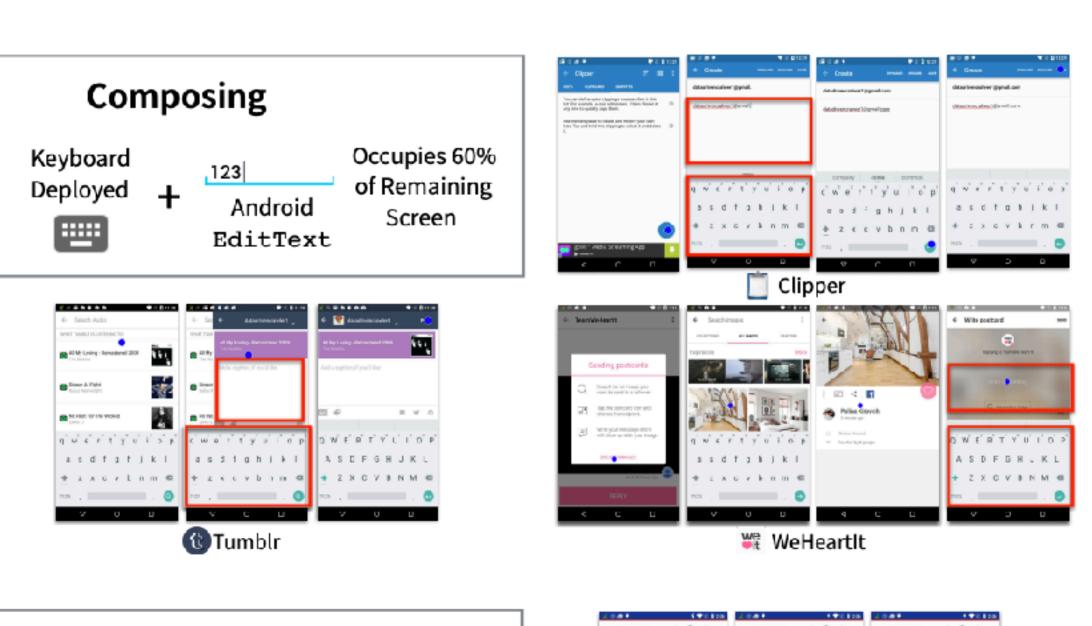


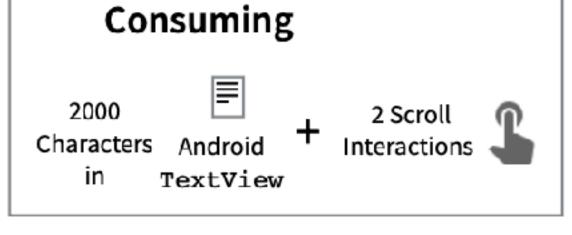
Patterns can also describe common user flows

common mobile app UI flows



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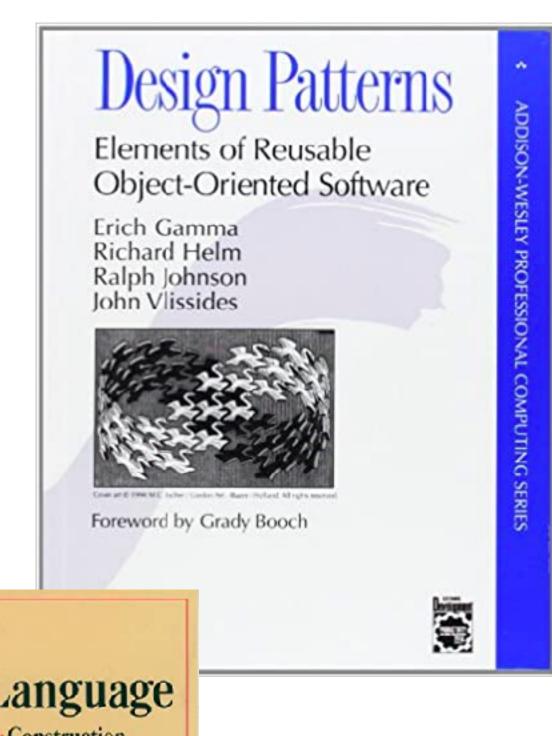


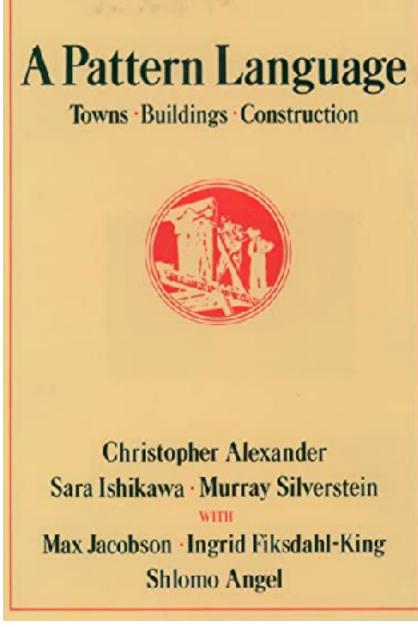




Design patterns aren't just for Uls

- Very popular in software engineering and OOP after the mid 90s.
 - Model-View-Controller (MVC) is a common software design pattern for developing Uls.
- A 1970s book talks about "pattern languages" and relates it to architecture and the planning of cities and towns. This book later influenced software engineering and the first wiki.





Why use design patterns?

- Design is about finding solutions to problems
- Many problems are shared
- Some solutions are better than others
- Designers often reinvent because they don't realize a pattern exists
 - Sometimes it's better to reuse a common solution for a common problem
- Design patterns are a tool for knowledge sharing

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
- Patterns help design without over-constraining

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

Pre-patterns, Anti-patterns, and Dark patterns

- When you see advice, consider its depth
 - Result of an individual study
 - Pre-pattern based on some meta-analysis
 - Established pattern
- Be aware of misapplying patterns
 - And be aware of anti-patterns (e.g., "Click here")
- Don't recreate dark patterns
 - Unethical patterns that trick users

UI Patterns for your Digital Mockup

- Don't need to reinvent the wheel!
- You want to focus on where your UI is interesting and innovative, not in the login flow (probably)
- Find patterns for your digital mockup (3d and 3e):
 - http://www.welie.com/patterns/index.php
 - http://ui-patterns.com/
 - Many more out there!

User Interface Design Patterns

Getting input

Getting the user to input data is a task that should be tailored to the context of use.

Dealing with data

Data can be searched, formatted, overviewed, and browsed in a variety of ways.

Miscellaneous

Patterns that haven't found their main category yet.

Navigation

The user needs to locate specific features and content and needs navigation to accomplish this.

Social

Allow the user to associate, communicate, and interact with other people online.

Onboarding

The user needs to acquire the necessary knowledge, skills, and behaviors to become effective.

Persuasive Design Patterns

Cognition

Patterns of psychological tendencies that cause the human brain to draw incorrect conclusions.

Perception and memory

Patterns in how we visually perceive, interpret, and remember meanings as we interact with systems.

Game mechanics

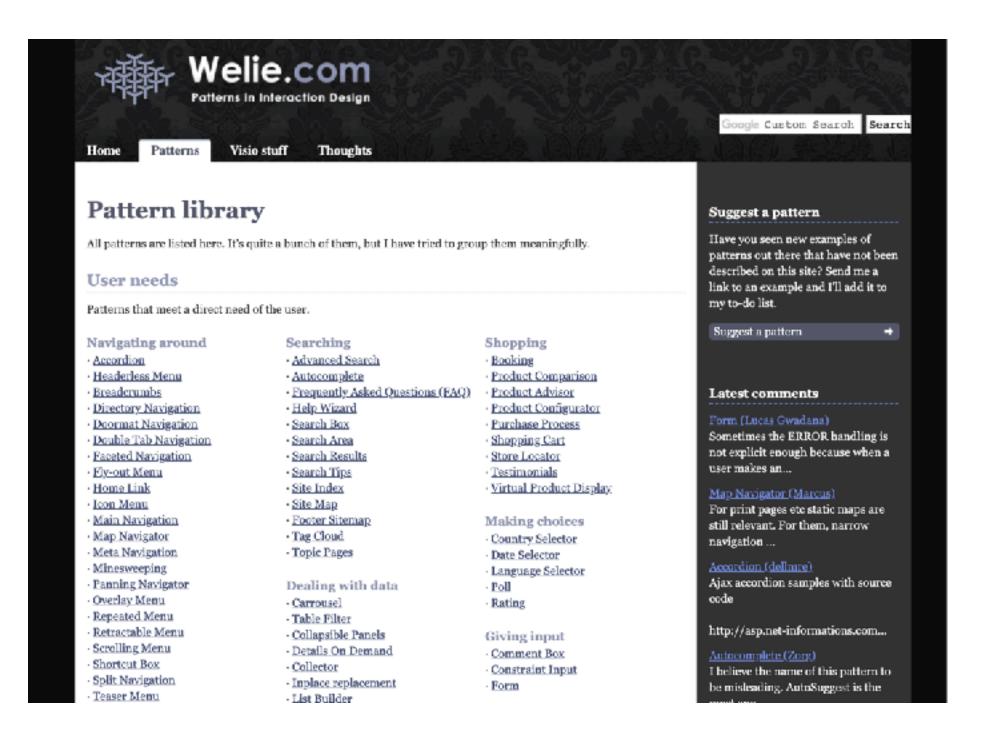
Games engage, involve, and influence us through its playful nature.

Feedback

As the users interacts with your system feedback motivate them to take the next step.

Social

Allow the user to associate, communicate, and interact with other people online.



Group work time!

- Continue planning tests and revising your paper prototype based on usability testing and heuristic feedback (3c)
- On Thursday, you'll present 3c so far to another group to get feedback before the deadline at 8PM.