CSE 440:
Introduction to HCI

07: Task Analysis

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Project Status

2c: Design Research Check-In due Yesterday

Looking Forward

- 2d: Design Research Review due Thursday
- 2e: Task Review due Monday
- 2f: Design Check-In due Wednesday

2d: Design Research Review

Core Components:

- Eight Research Findings / Design Insights
- Themes and High-Level Insights
- Task Analysis Questions

EXP:

- Conduct an “Uncommon Method” you proposed in 2b EXP
- If you did not do 2b EXP:
  - Pick from Card Sorting OR Personal Inventory
  - Must include Methods Details / Rationale

Design Research Reminders

You are not doing science

- You seek design insight,
  not knowledge, truth, or generality

Do the best design work you can

- Follow design opportunities as they arise!
- We designed the project sequence, but be flexible

Capture and keep your raw work products

- Dedicate a note keeper, consider recording
- Our collection is minimal, but you will want them

Objectives

Be able to:

Describe how taking different perspectives on design research data can help to surface design insights.

Given design research data, be able to analyze that data in terms of people and their tasks.

Describe personas, their purpose, how and why we emphasize design research data in their creation.

Define and describe relationships between tasks, personas, and scenarios.

The Homer

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Don Norman:

> *Some problems are not solved by adjustments or averages: Average a left-hander with a right-hander and what do you get?*

Andrew Robinson:

> *When your head is in a refrigerator and your feet on a burner, the average temperature is okay. I am always cautious about averages.*

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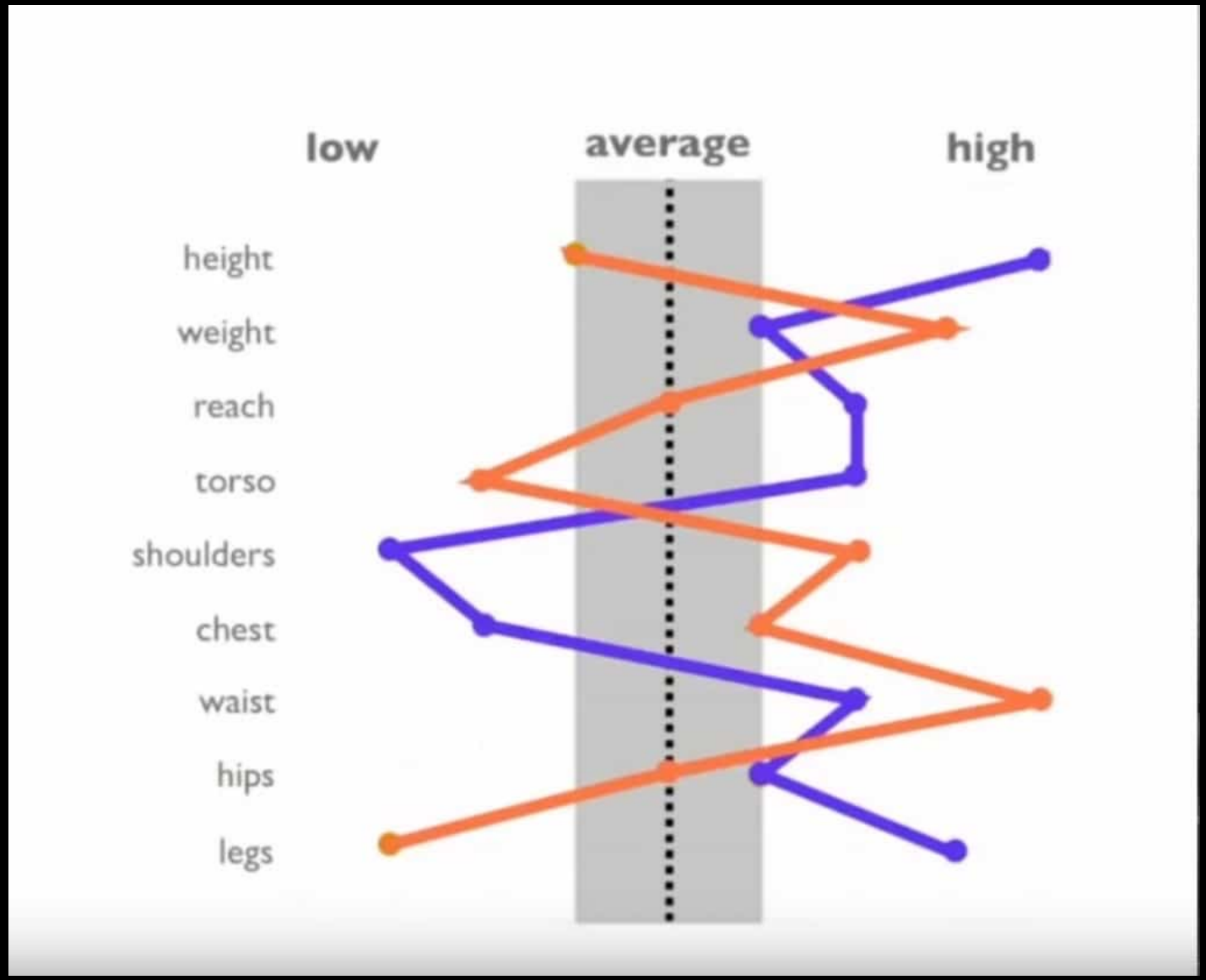

Graph: WorldWarWings

Turning Insights into Designs

Not EVERY design insight can (or should!)
make it into your final design

Which begs the question:

How the hell do I figure out what to design for??

Affinity Diagrams

Generated during group session

Each observation, idea, note to a post-it

Notes are hierarchically organized into themes, based on project focus

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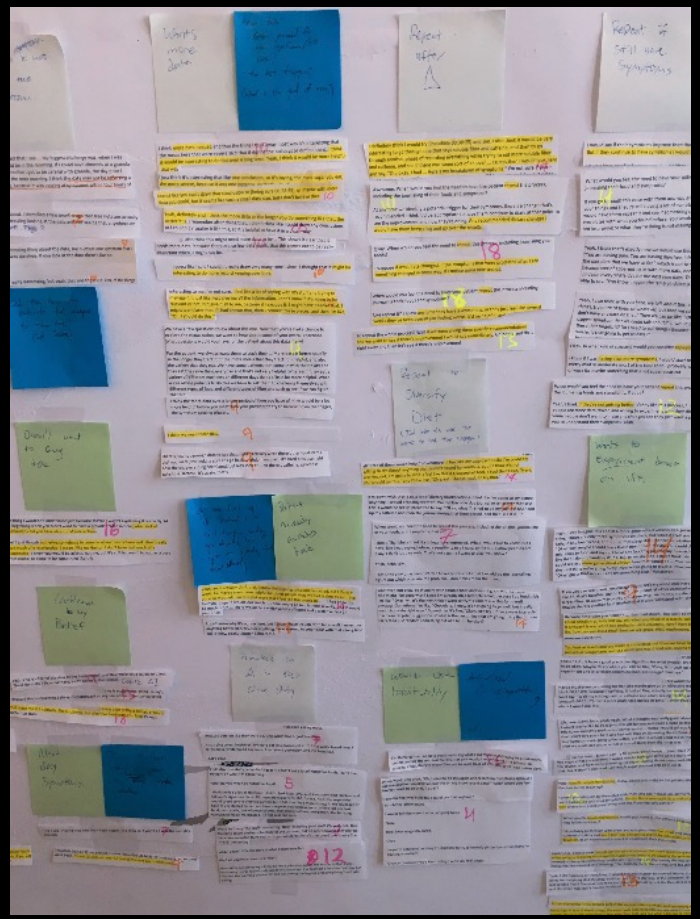

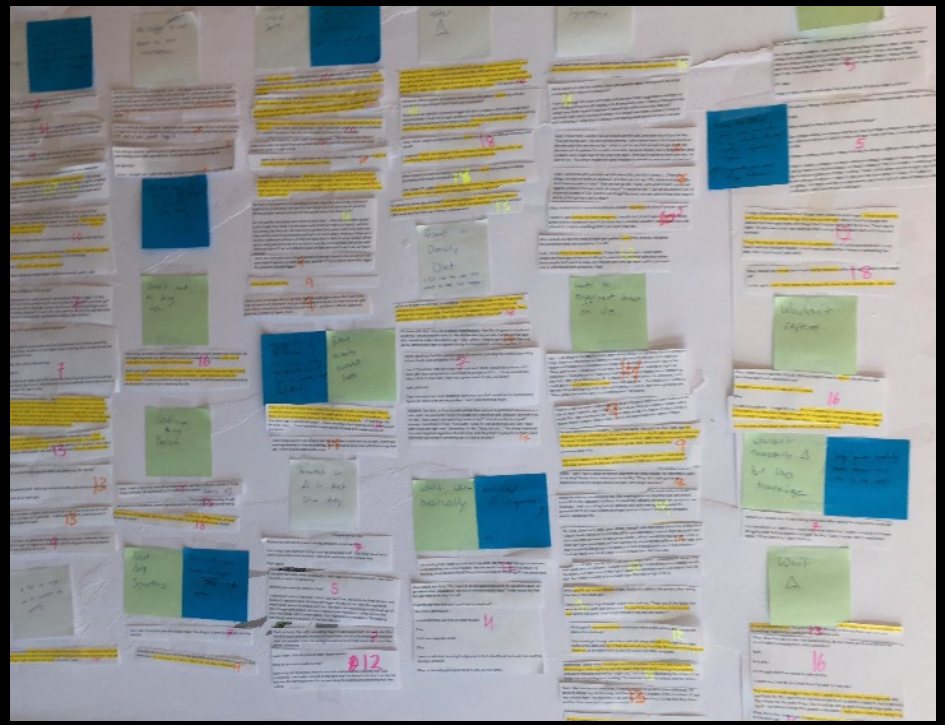

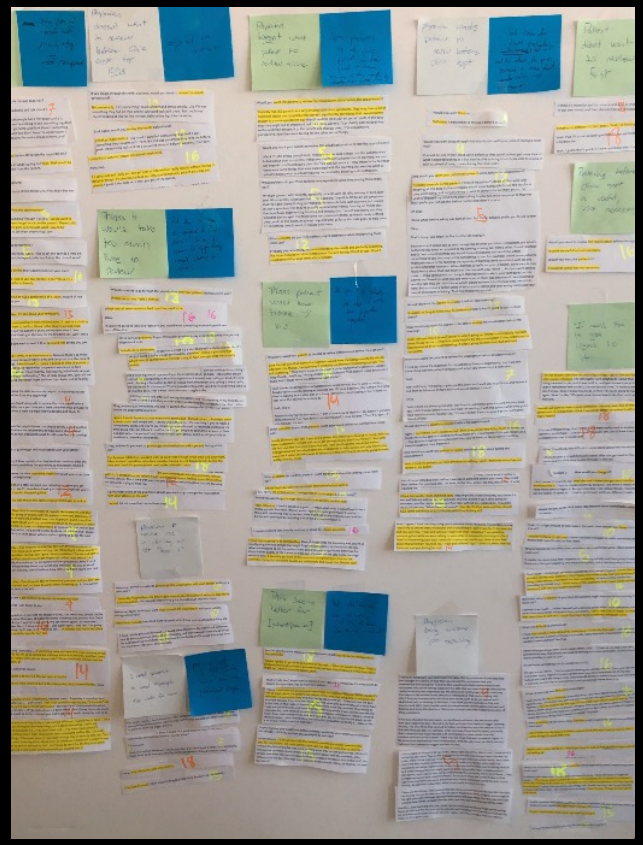

Joint interview structure

Developing Models

Distilling models that summarize data

- Highlights gaps in understanding, identify breakdowns

Many types of models

- e.g., Flow, Sequence, Artifact, Cultural, Physical
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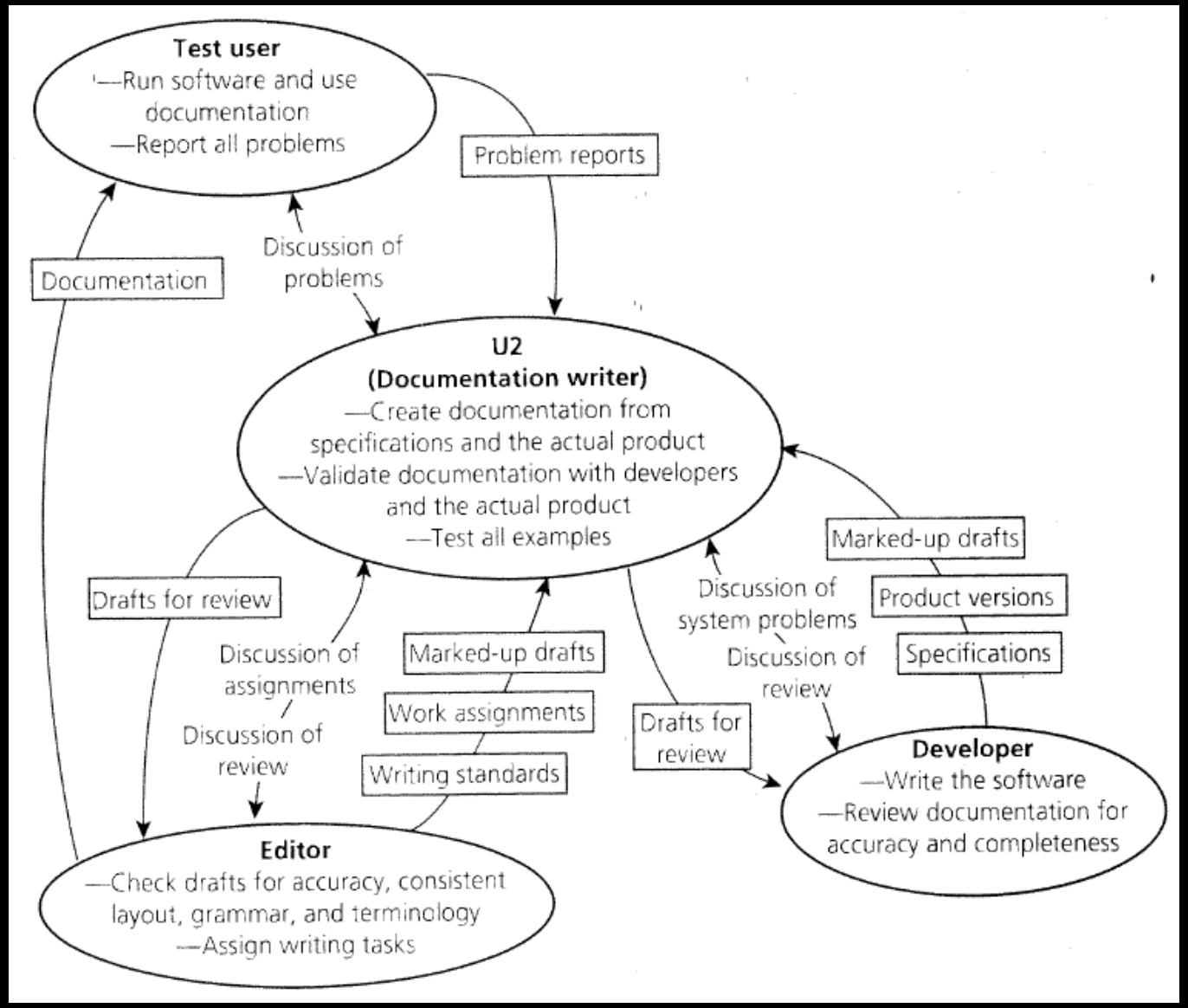
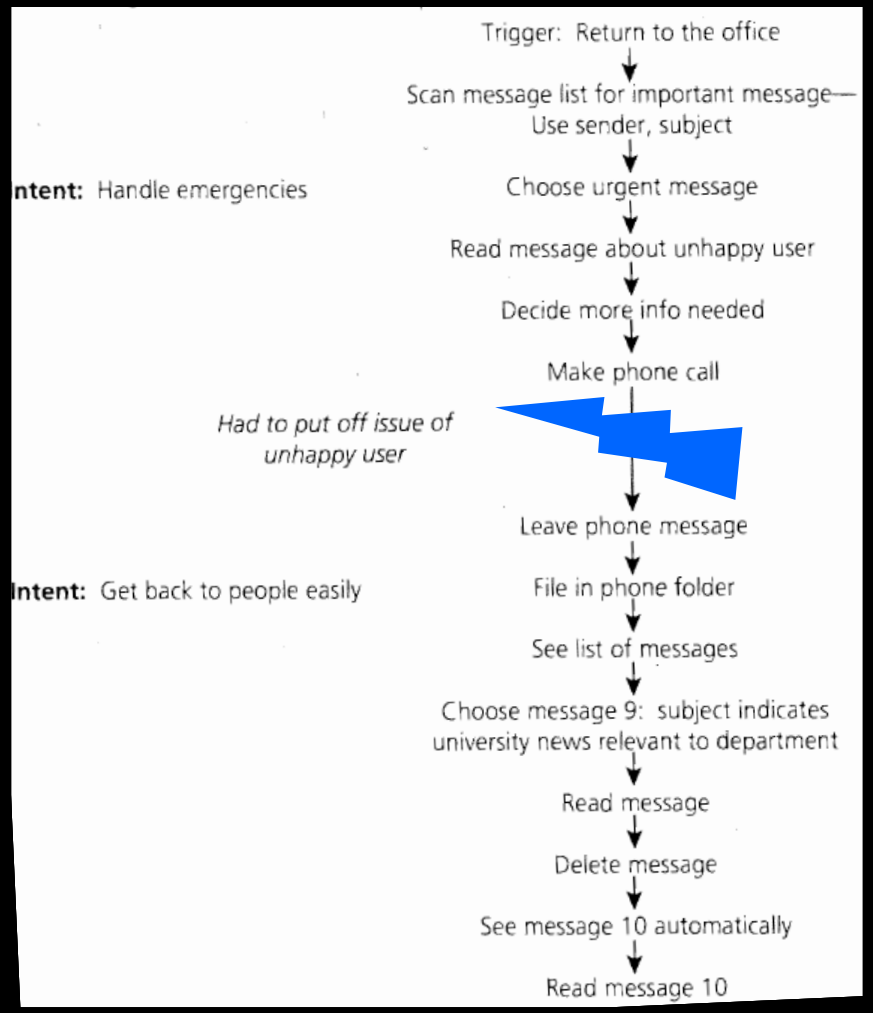
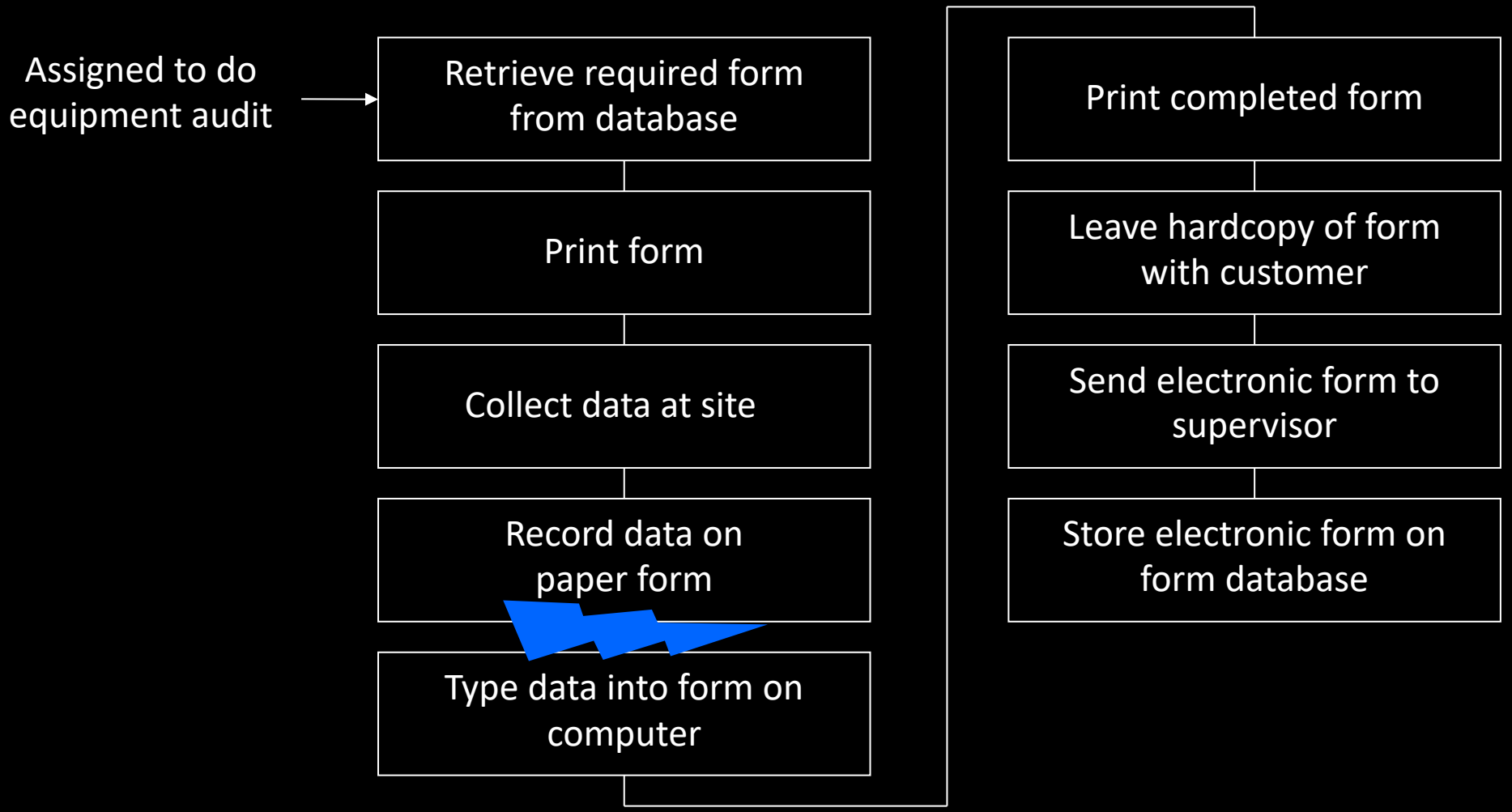
Flow Model: Creative Work



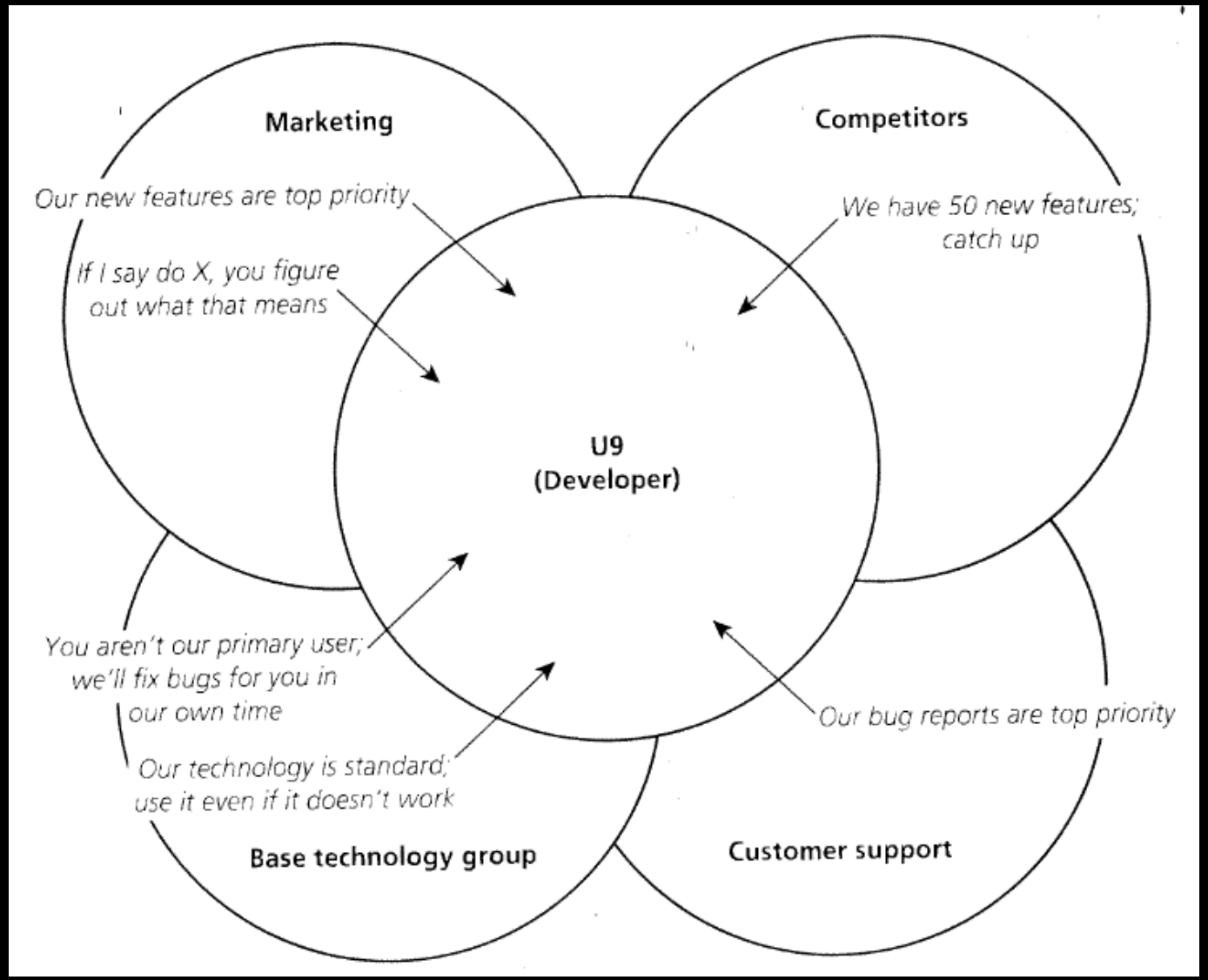
Sequence Model: Doing Email



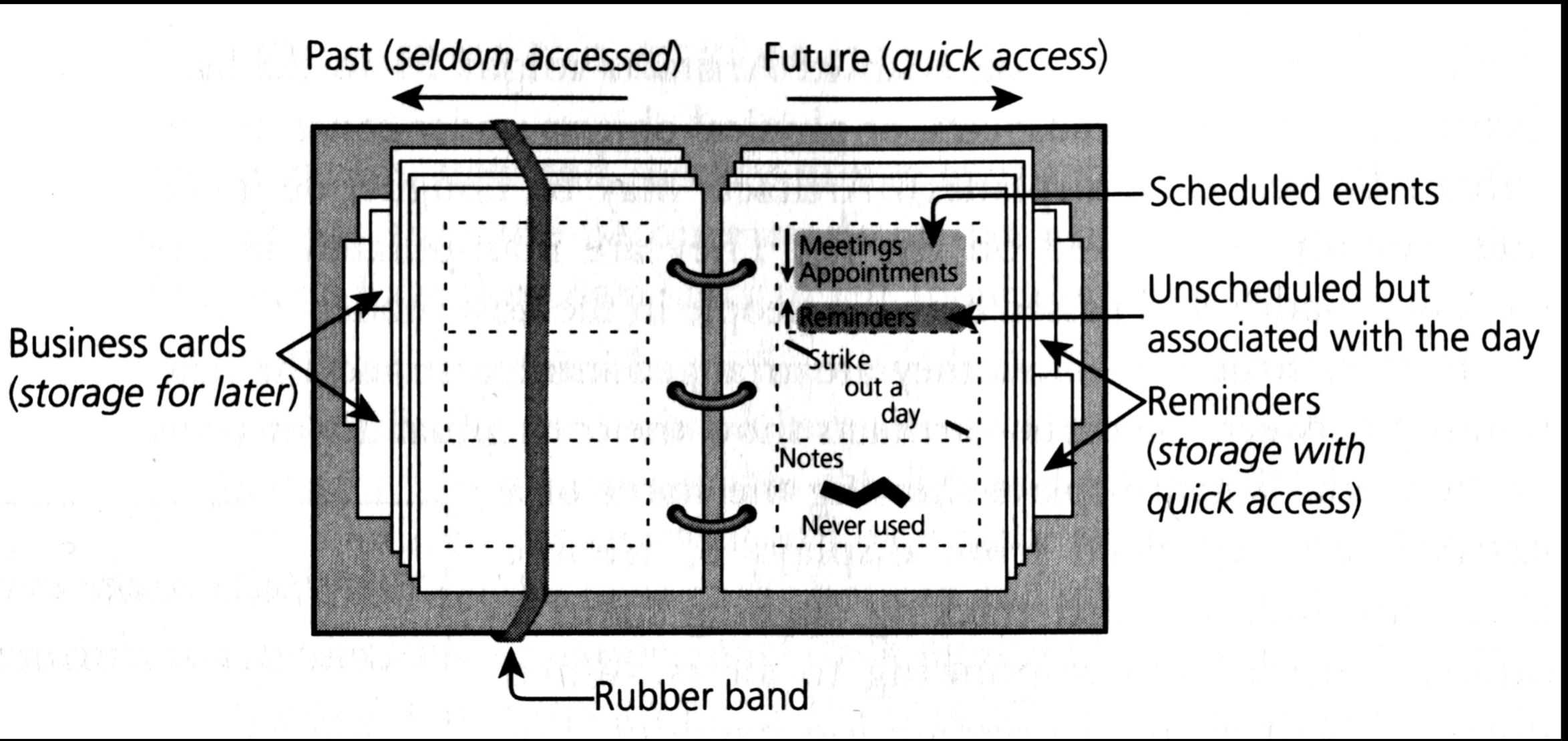
Sequence Model: Equipment Audit



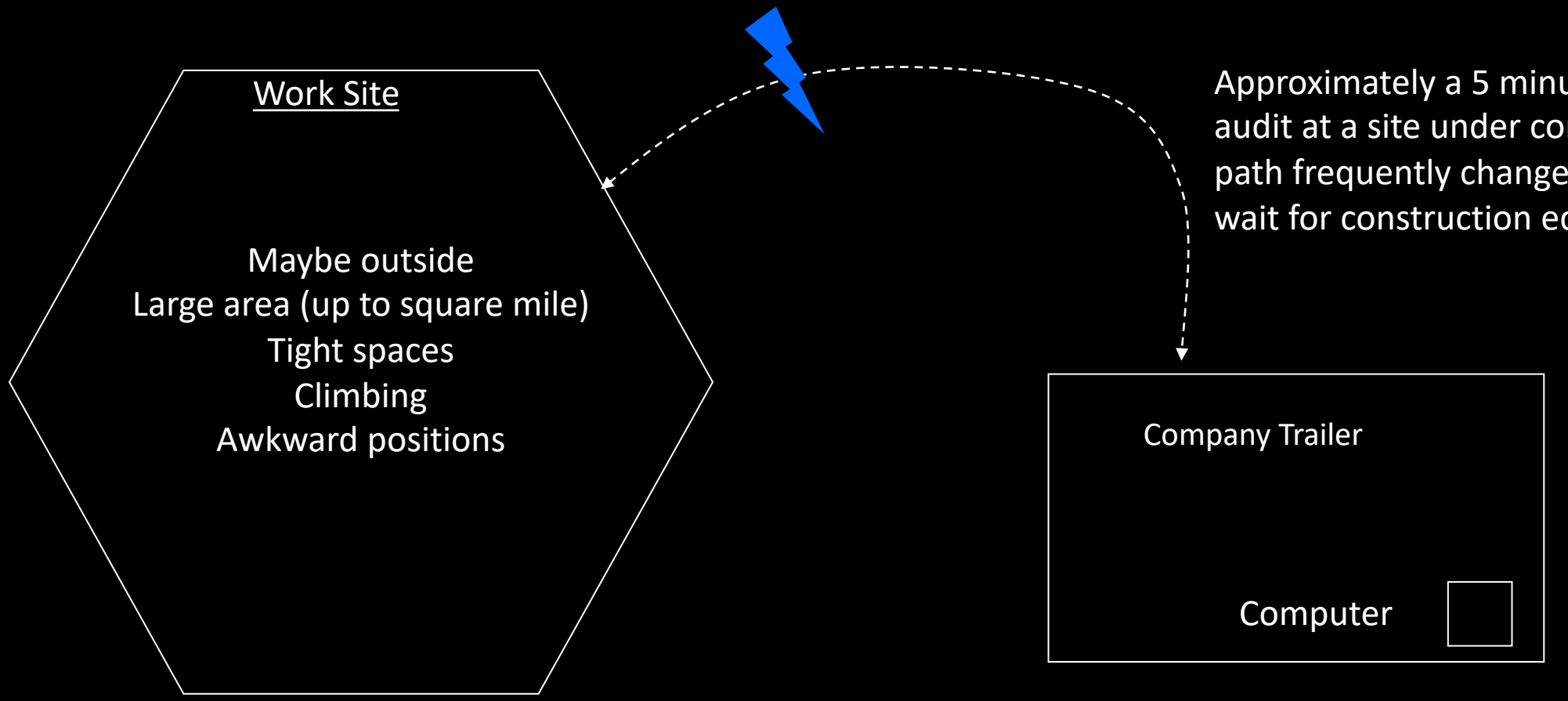
Cultural Model: Developer



Artifact Model: Calendar

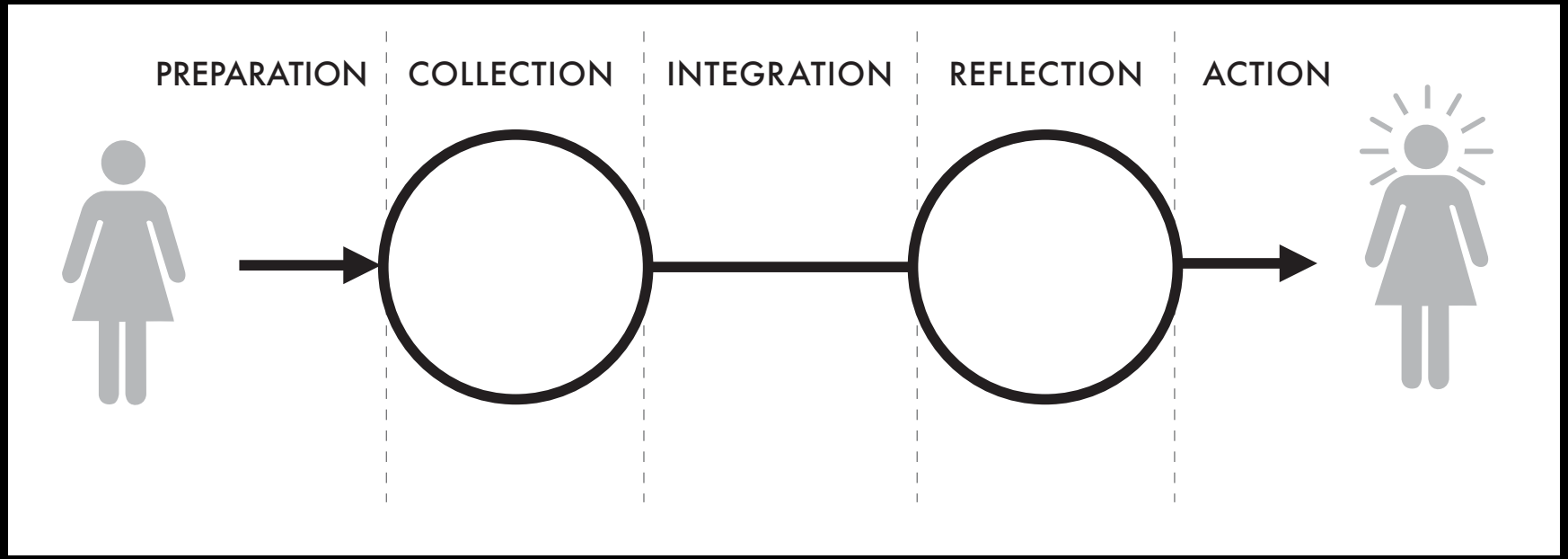


Physical Model: Work Site



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.

Five-Stage Model of Personal Informatics



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Five-Stage Model of Personal Informatics

20 years old

Has a family history
of heart disease

Wants to be more active

Does not know how,
because she is busy

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Preparation

Collection

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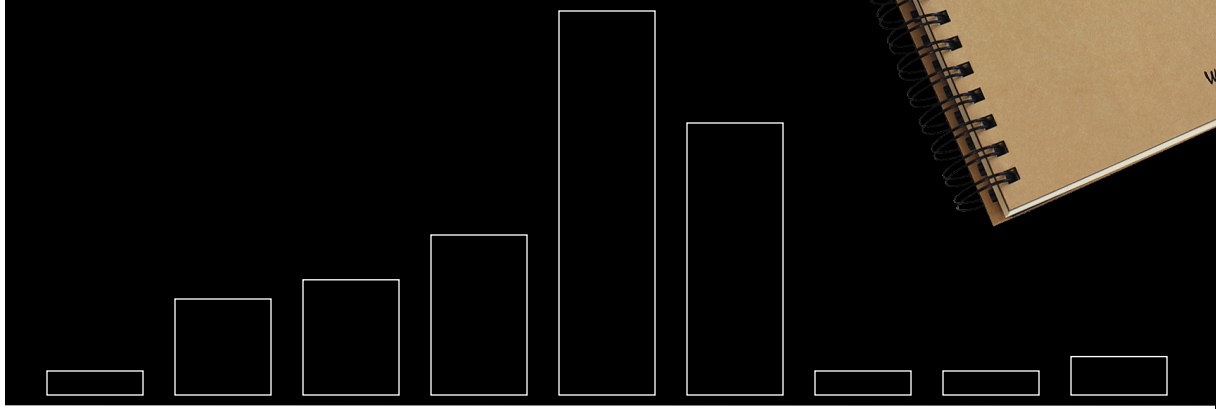
Integration



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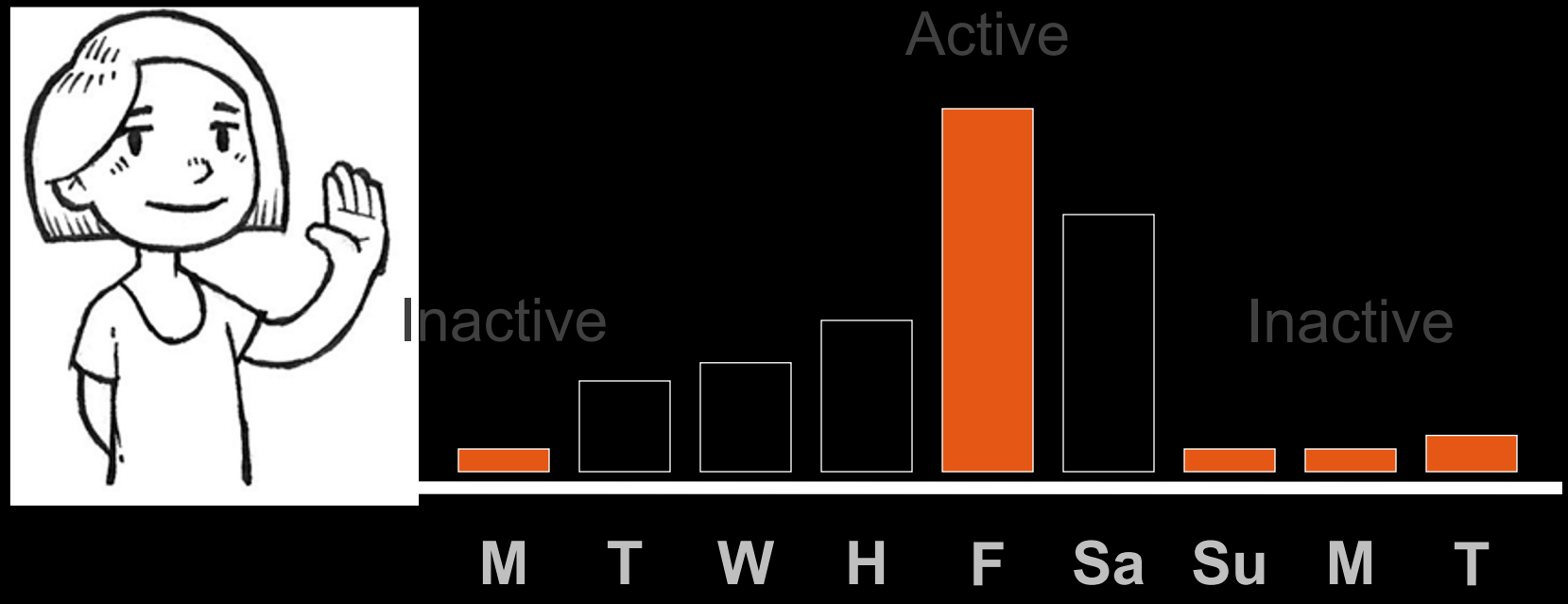

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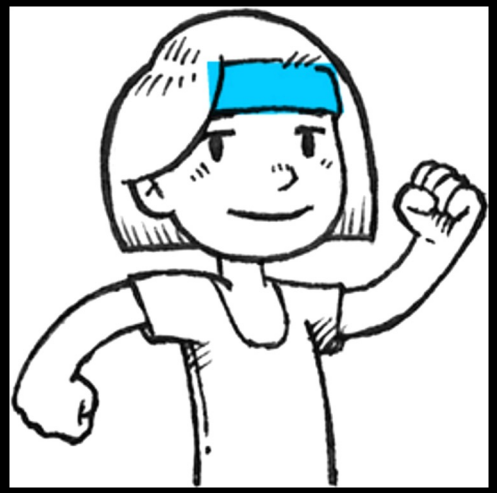

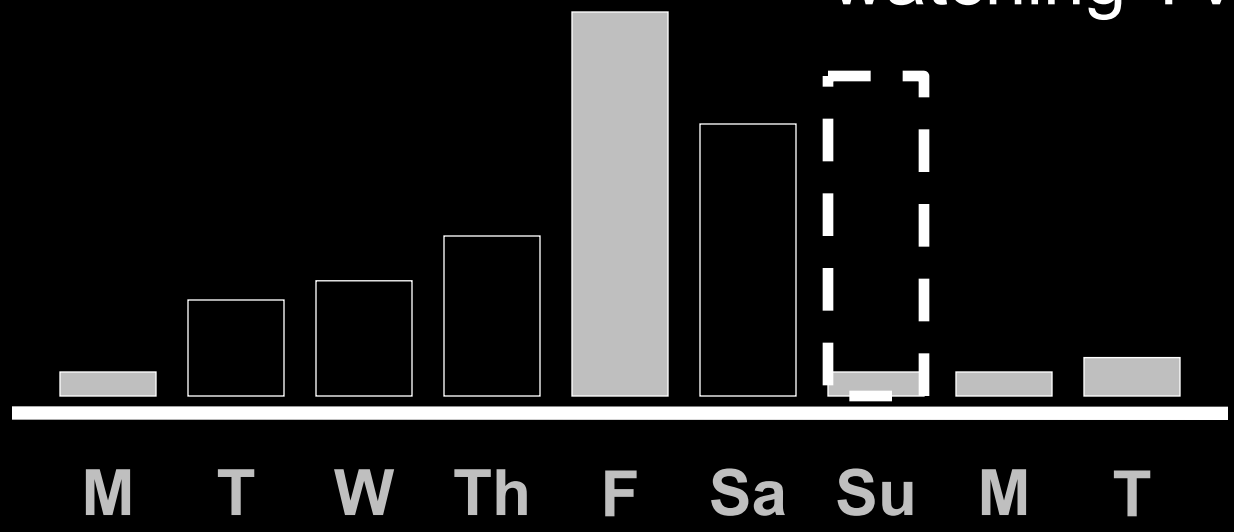

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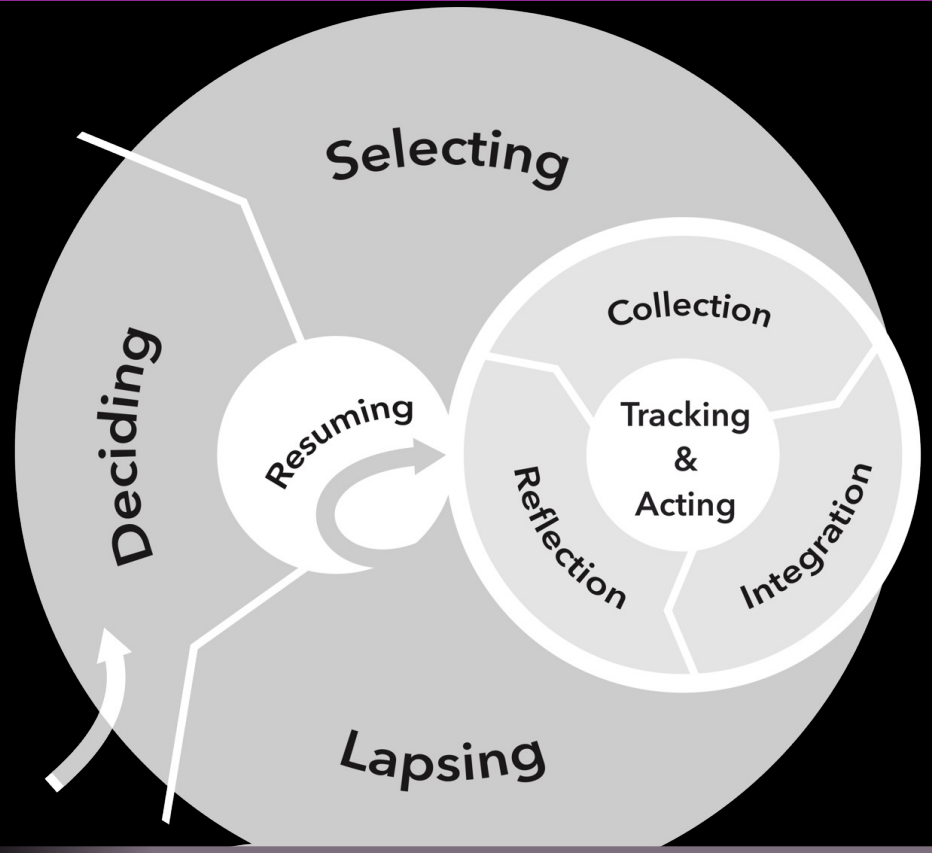
A Model of Lived Informatics

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)



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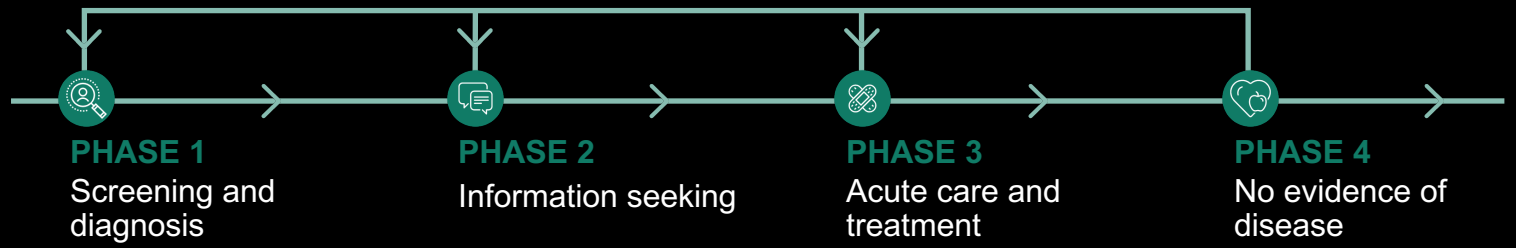
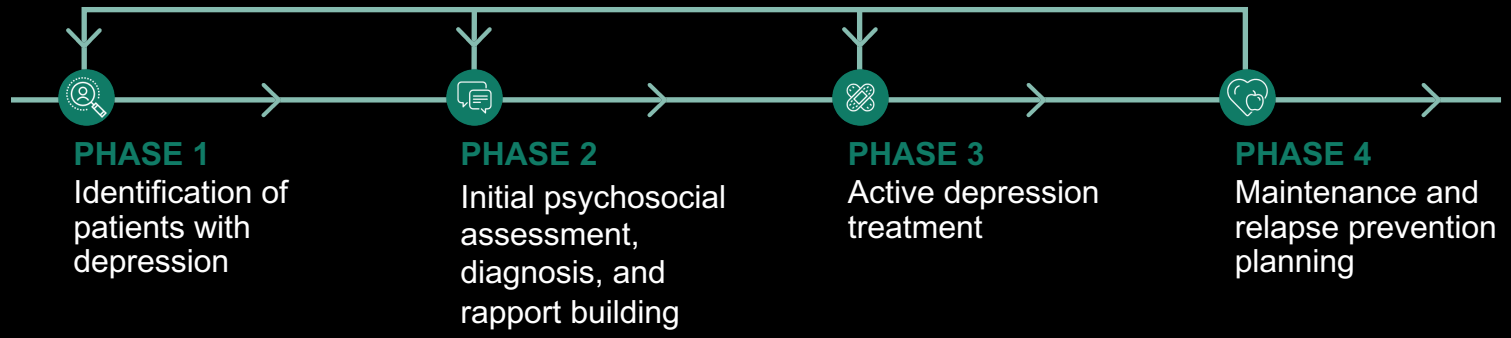
Parallel Journeys Framework

Cancer care journey



Psychosocial care journey



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Designing with Tasks

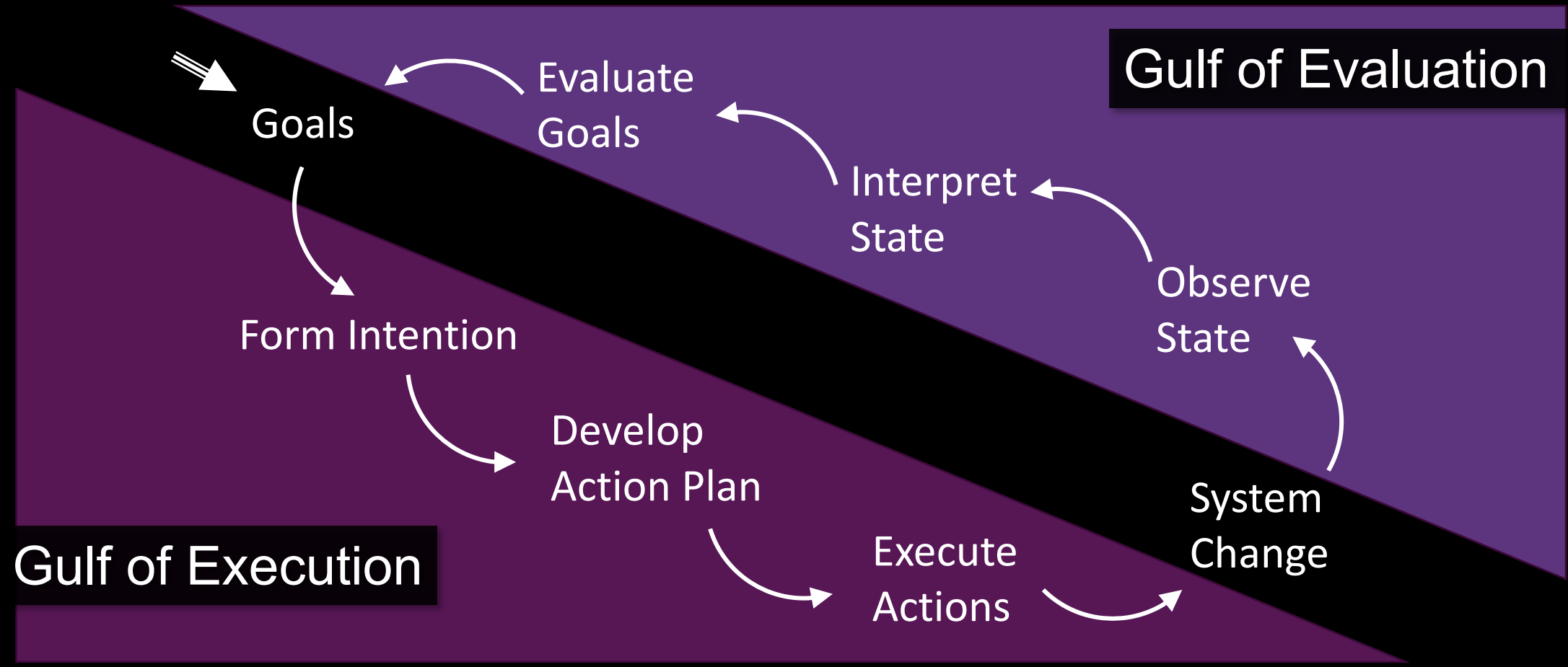
We will primarily emphasize designing with **tasks**

…remember those?

Recap: Intro to Task-Based Design

L02: Design Language 101

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

Tasks are a useful model for understanding and describing what people are trying to do

Intro to Task-Based Design

A **Task** represents something that a user is trying to accomplish

A task can be:

Based on a Long- or Short-term Goal

Long-term goal: Brad wants to get in shape by working out more
Related Tasks: "Track physical fitness progression"
"Schedule more workouts"

Short-term goal: Nina wants to go see a movie right now
Related Tasks: "Find nearby theaters"
"Learn what movies are playing"

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A task can be:

Oriented around an outcome in any part of the System

Goal: Be able to read in a dark room

Related Tasks: "Increase the light in the room"
"Find the book on a smartphone with a lit screen"
"Acquire night-vision"

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A task can be:

Composed of Other Tasks

Long-term goal: Increase the light in the room

Subtasks: "Determine if opening the curtains would fix this"
"Learn if there are lamps in the room"
"Turn on a lamp"

Tasks Matter

System will fail if:

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

Your design research 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

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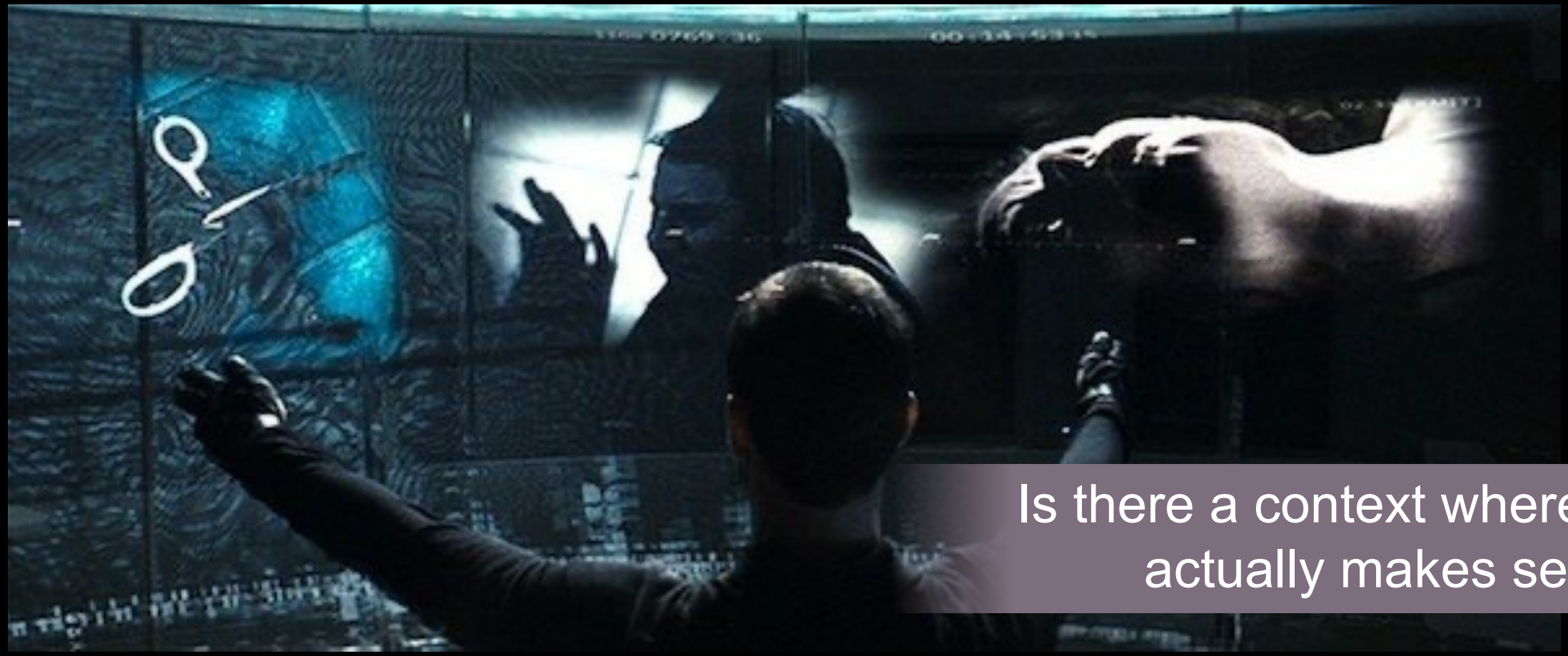

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Why Task Analysis?

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

Project sequence orders 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 – more on that later!
- Background
  - Existing systems, training
  - **Values** (remember VSD?)
- Skills
- Work habits and preferences
- Physical characteristics and abilities

Seattle Parking Meter

Seattle Parking Meter

Who is going to use the system?

Identity?

- "People who park in Seattle"
- Businesspeople, students, older adults, 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?

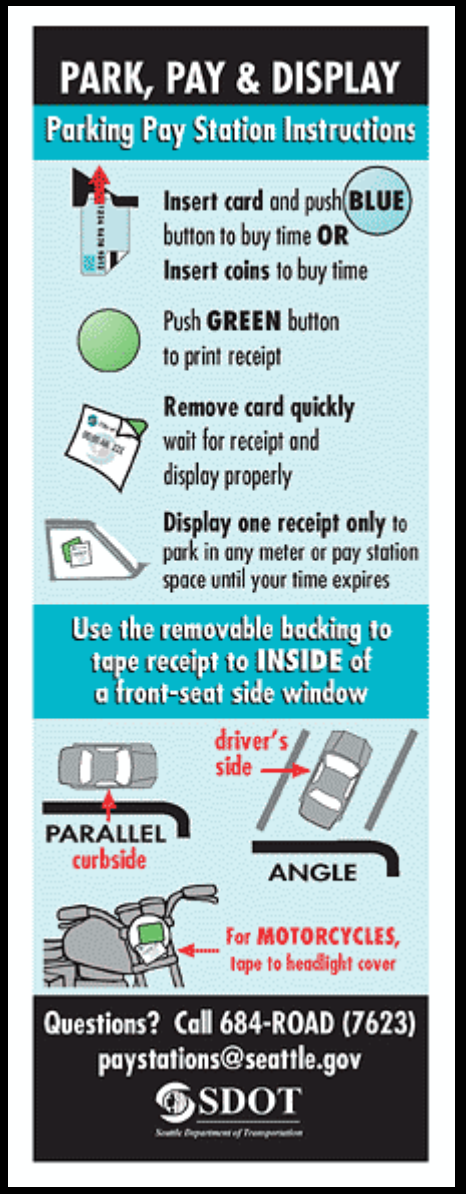
- Park several times a week, a month, a year

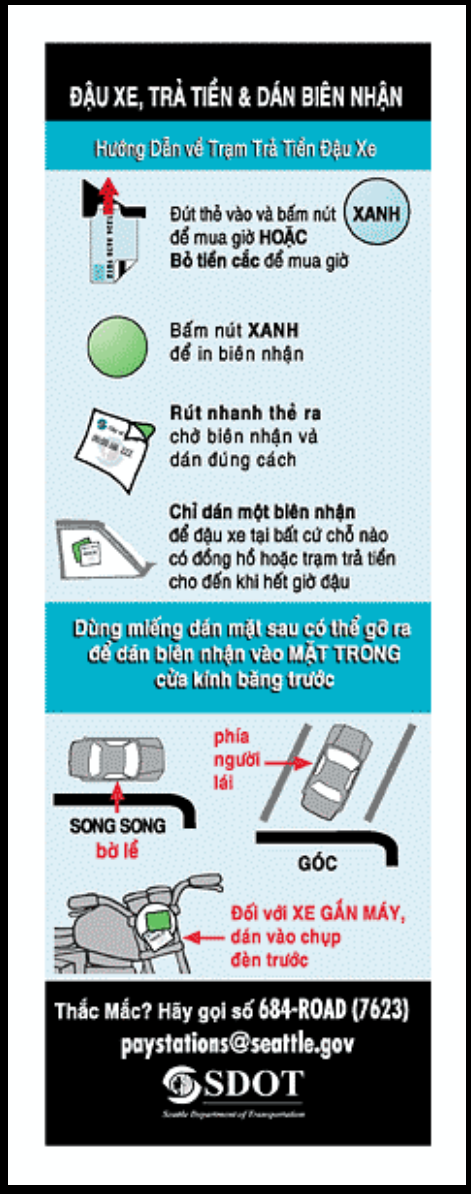
Physical characteristics and abilities?

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

Anything else?

Seattle Parking Meter





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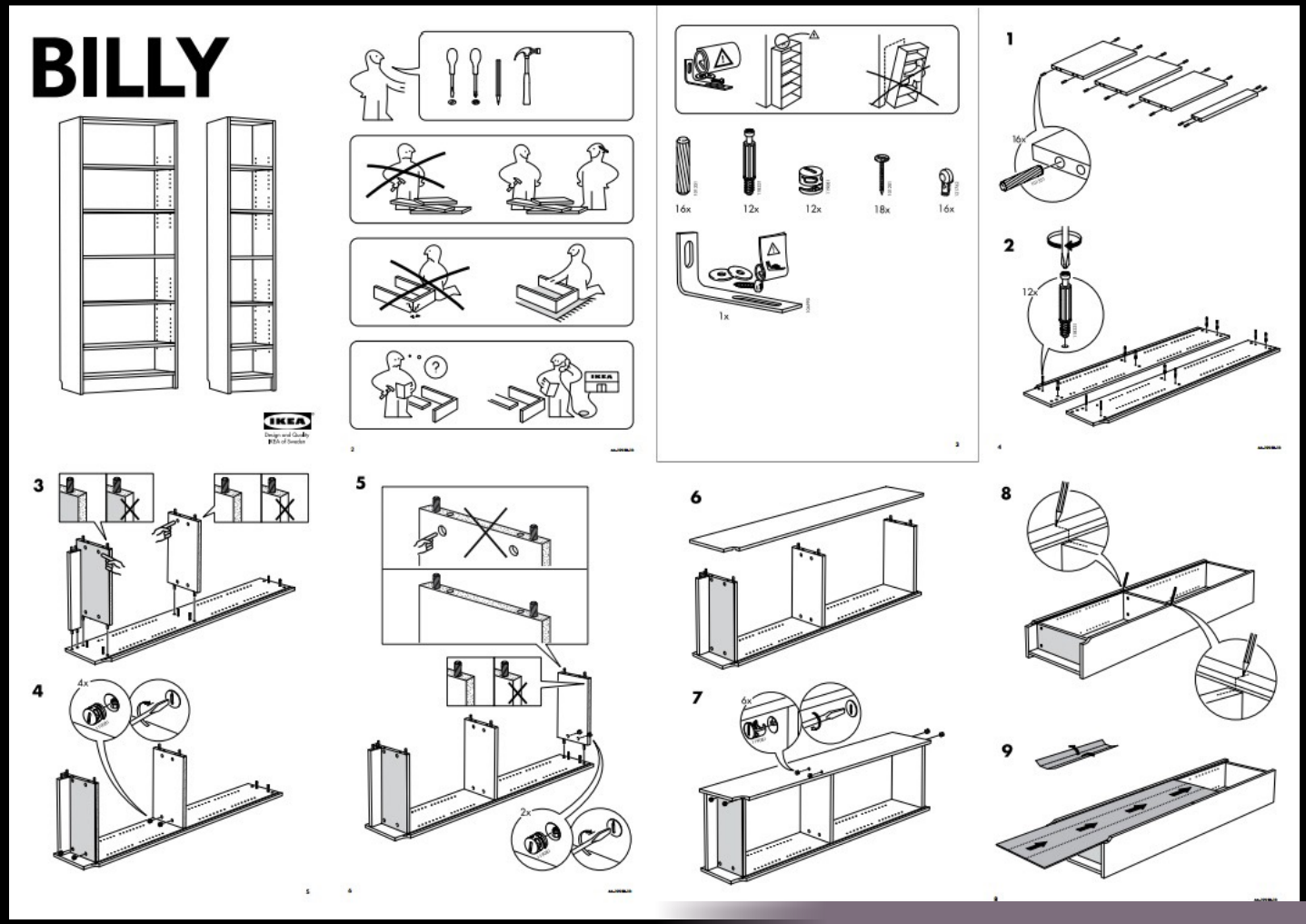

There are limits, a tradeoff in this design

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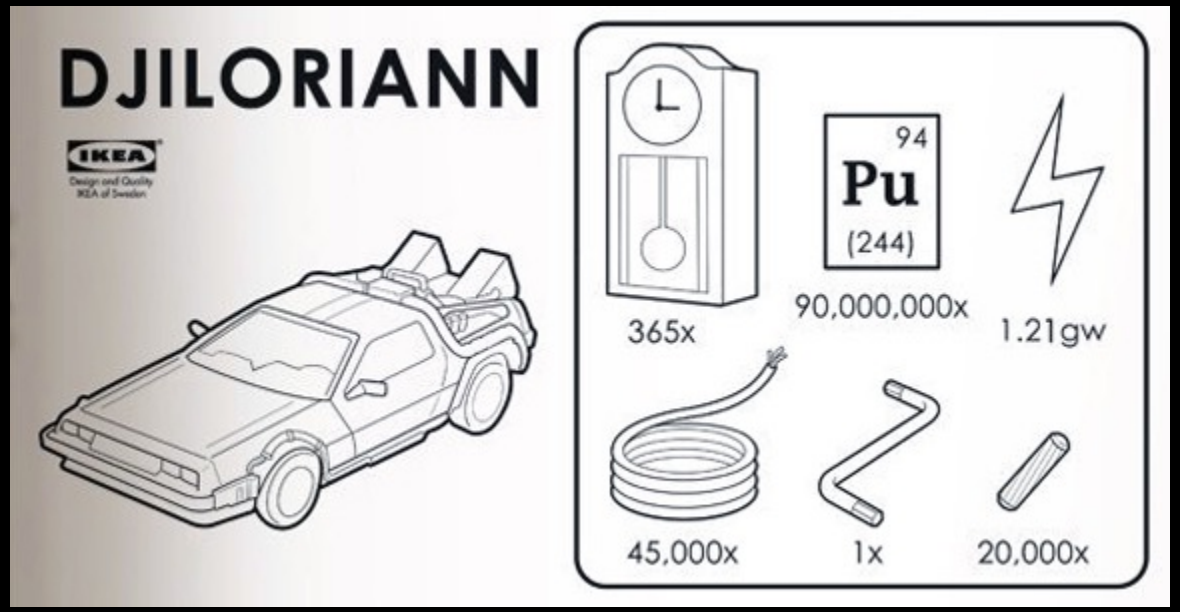

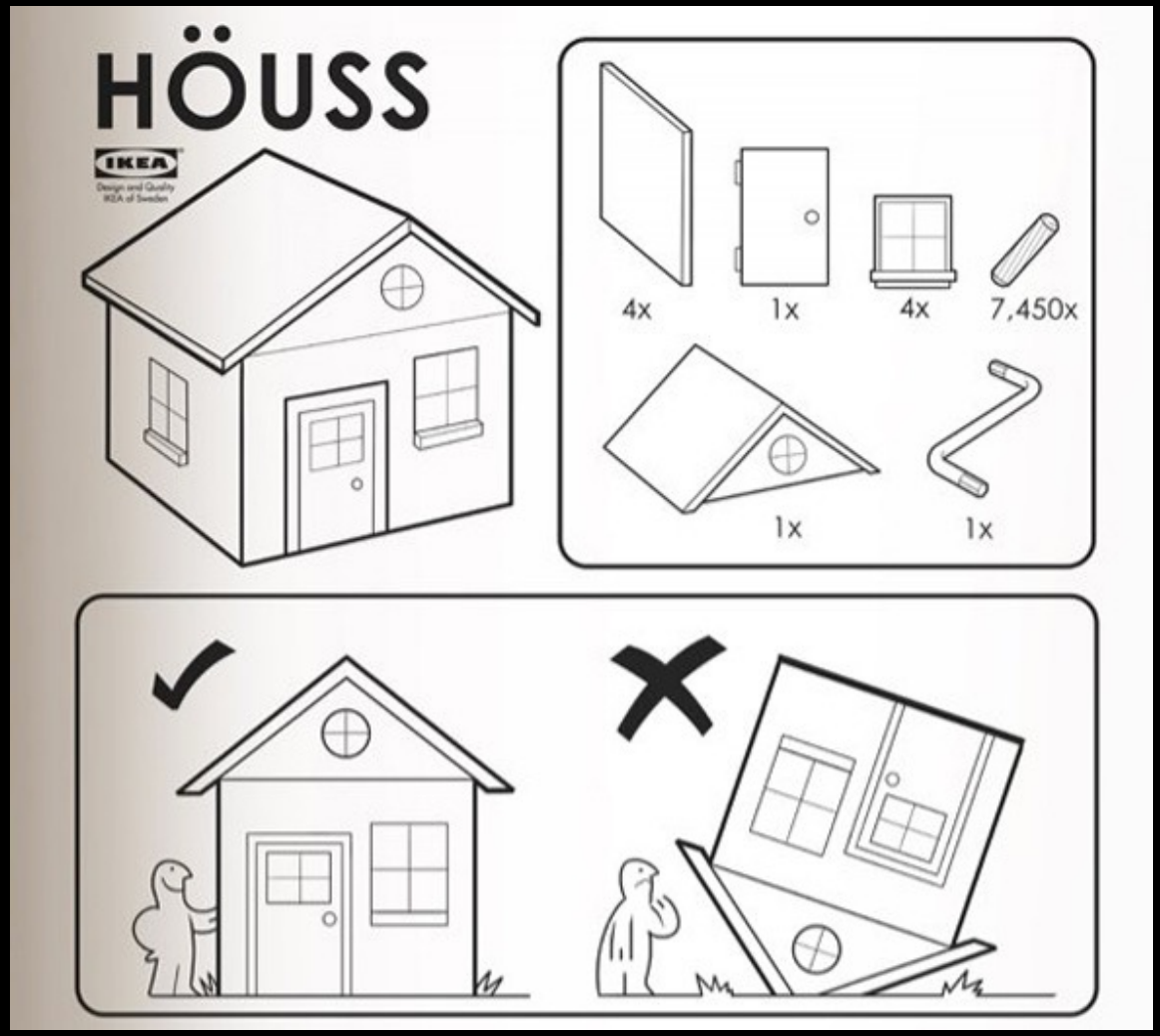

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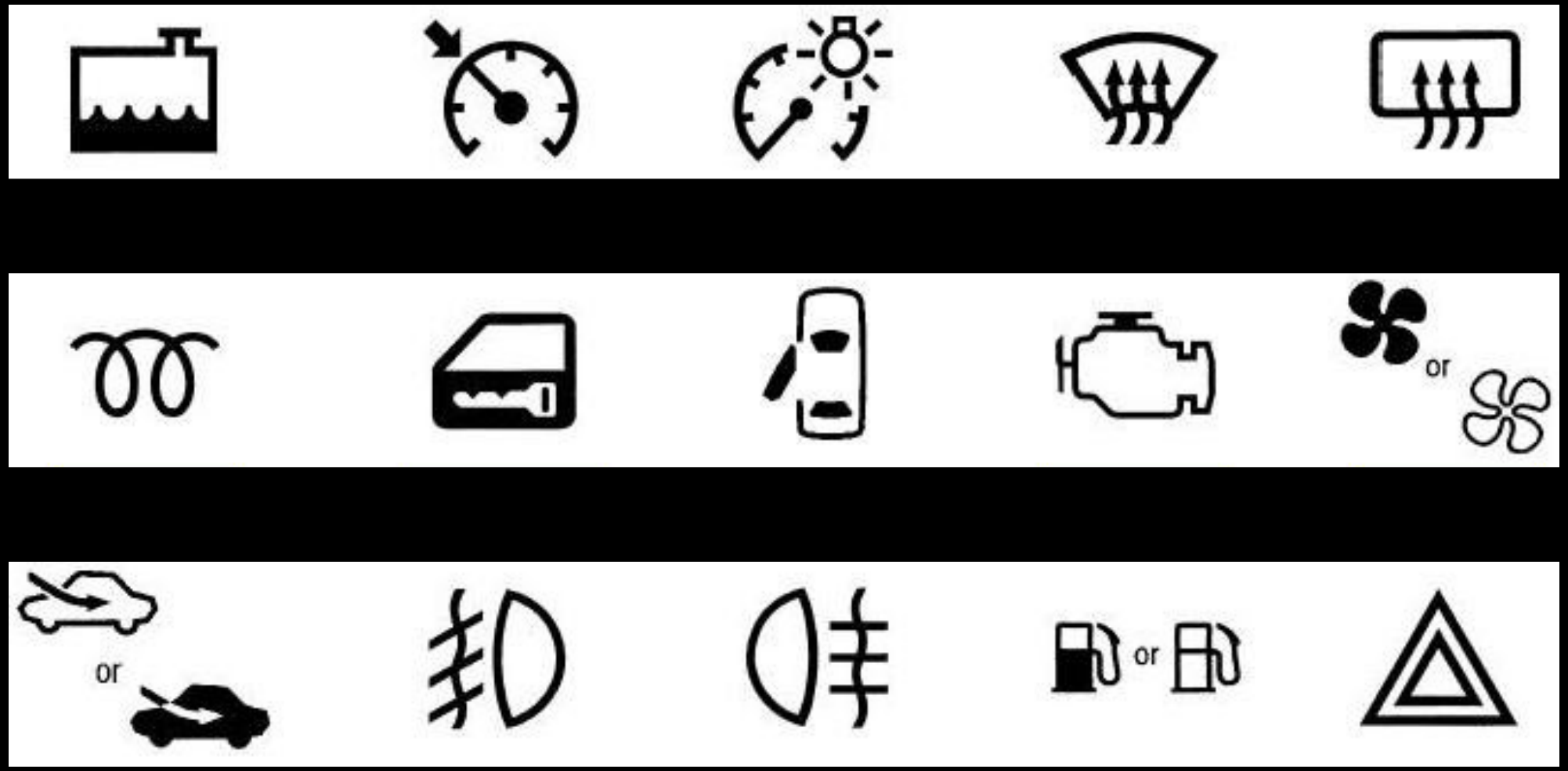


Non-Textual Communication

Is this actually "Knowledge in the World"?

Tangent: “The User Should Know…”

Be VERY careful when assuming what knowledge a user has AND how they will use it

- Learned it once ≠ Knows it now
- What happens if they “Didn’t get the reference”?
- Might be distracted, might not have all the info available
- NEVER assume you’re the user’s #1 priority

Pissed off guy at the construction site on Brooklyn: here’s to you!

Question 2 and Question 3

What tasks do they now perform?

What tasks are desired?

Important for both automation and new functionality

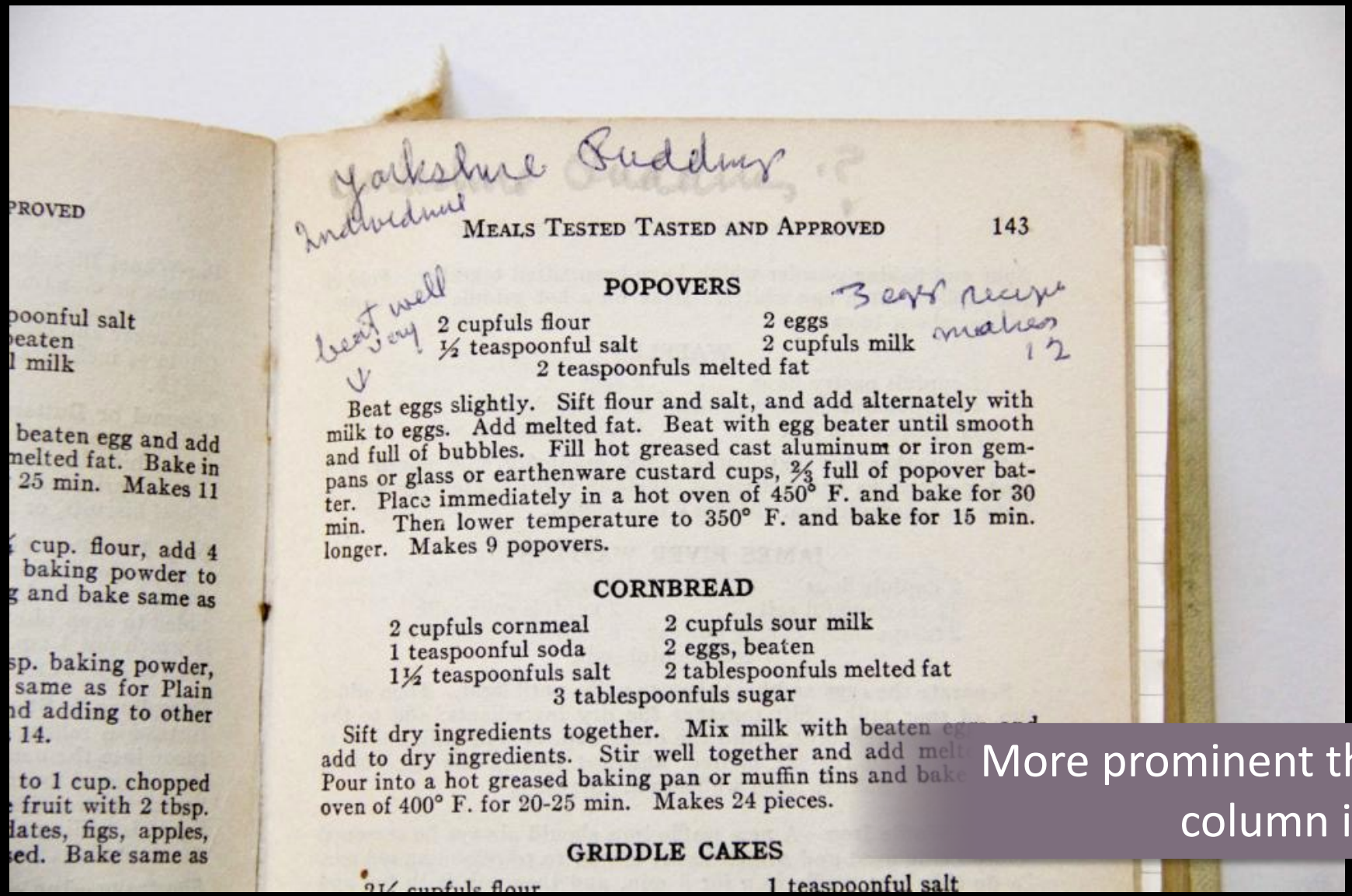
Relative importance of tasks?

Observe people, see it from their perspective

Automated Billing Example

- small dentist 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

Marginalia



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poonful salt
eaten
l milk

beaten egg and add
melted fat. Bake in
25 min. Makes 11

cup. flour, add 4
baking powder to
and bake same as

sp. baking powder,
same as for Plain
nd adding to other
14.

to 1 cup. chopped
fruit with 2 tbsp.
lates, figs, apples,
ed. Bake same as

Yorkshire Puddings
Individual

MEALS TESTED TASTED AND APPROVED 143

POPOVERS

3 eggs recipe makes 12

beat well

2 cupfuls flour 2 eggs
½ teaspoonful salt 2 cupfuls milk
2 teaspoonfuls melted fat

Beat eggs slightly. Sift flour and salt, and add alternately with milk to eggs. Add melted fat. Beat with egg beater until smooth and full of bubbles. Fill hot greased cast aluminum or iron gem-pans or glass or earthenware custard cups, ⅔ 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
1½ 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 oven of 400° F. for 20-25 min. Makes 24 pieces.

GRIDDLE CAKES

2½ cupfuls flour 1 teaspoonful salt

More prominent than ‘just another column in a spreadsheet’

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

Tangent: On Tutorials

What Tutorials Are Good At:

- Teaching a user a conceptual model of a system
- Translating a user's existing model to the specifics of a new system

What Tutorials ARE NOT Good At:

- Teaching a user every feature they can use
- Ensuring a user has any idea what's going on the NEXT time they use a system

Tangent: On Discovery

"Well if I can't use a tutorial, how am I supposed to teach my user all the features that exist in my tool?"

Who here knows every feature in Photoshop?

Learning features is HARD, especially for infrequently used applications

My opinion (often):

Cutting a feature > complicating learning

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?

Patient-provider curation example, Fitbit example

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?

Enhanced Field Biologist Notebooks, Navigating by Sextant

Question 8

How do people communicate with each other?

Who communicates with whom?

About what?

Follow lines of the organization? Against it?

Old Email Adoption Example, Contrasted to Current Expectations

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?

Target example, versus 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?

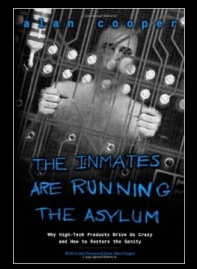
Combine with Other Methods

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."



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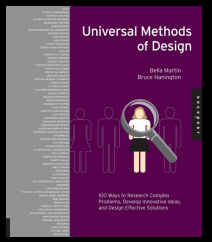


Personas

Archetypal character meant to represent a group of people in a role who share common goals, attitudes, and behaviors when interacting with a particular product or service

"This is what I need in order to do my job."

NAME: Vivica Parker

AGE: 32

OCCUPATION: Journalist

PROFILE:
Born in Washington, DC
Lives and works in New York City (far from family)
Lives by herself in a small apartment
Has a driver's license
Calls parents and older brother on weekends
Works for an online art magazine and is currently in charge of writing a blog about graffiti. In order to do that she needs to do the following tasks:

- **Walk/drive around the city**
- **Take pictures**
- **Talk with artists and keep record of that info (place, time, people)**
- **Work day/night**
- **Share the collected information with editor and magazine's readers**

To do her job, usually carries notebooks, camera and cell phone to keep in touch with her editor.

INTERESTS:
Amateur theater actress since she was 23
Travel and merge in different cultures
Architecture

ACTIVITIES:
Did research on ancient Egyptian architecture
Member of the Art Society of NY

TECH EXPERIENCE:
Basic knowledge about operating systems
Uses the Internet frequently either for personal or business purposes

TECH ATTITUDE:
Always open to new technology, but she feels annoyed with complex applications and discards them very often
Tends to feel numb using the latest high-tech gadgets and needs time to get used to them

GOALS & SITUATED BLOGGING NEED:
Needs to keep track of her location and time when she (a) finds and photographs graffiti and street art for her blog and (b) conducts audio interviews of artists and enthusiasts
Needs to have a quick way of keeping track of content gathered from separate locations in order to post articles before editorial deadlines

Personas

Purpose

- Empathy: characters to engage and relate to
- Focus: can focus on specific people and needs, versus always attempting to design for everybody
- Communication: conveys range of data, can help make assumptions more explicit

Multiple Types

- Primary, Secondary, Supplemental,
- Customer, Served, Negative

Personas

Goals

Life Goals: personal aspirations

e.g., to retire before the age of 50

Experience Goals: how to feel with a product

e.g., to be competent while using the product

End Goals: tangible outcomes with a design

e.g., to be updated about finances over last month

Personas

Roles

- Personas do not necessarily equal roles
  - e.g., parent, doctor, programmer, actor
- People can have multiple roles
- People in a role can have different needs and goals
  - e.g., new programmer vs. experienced programmer
  - e.g., parent of 1 vs. parent of 8
  - e.g., oncologist vs. podiatrist

Personas

Critical to avoid using stereotypes as personas

> “The whole point in creating personas is
> to get past our personal opinions and presuppositions."
> Goodwin, 2002

Not a substitute for design research, but a tool for summarizing and conveying that research

- Collect design research data
- Segment people
- Create personas for segments

Personas

Parxat Practical

Primary Motivation to acquire phone:
I got my mobile phone to make calls when I am away from work or home

Associated motivations:
I got a good price on my phone and mobile phones are cheaper than landlines

Personal Profile

"Mobile phones are part of your communications its like eyes and ears"

For Parxat, mobile phones have provided a key way to stay in contact with work, family and friends.

He owns and manages a small computer game club with eight computers. His club does not yet have internet or a landline; however, he would like to add the internet and more computers when he can afford them.

Currently, Parxat maintains all of the computers but knows he may need help with some computer problems in the future. Other club owners that he has known have had to shut down after two to three years because the equipment has broken down and the owners cannot get the old equipment fixed or afford new. Right now he is not sure who he would ask for help if one of his computers needed maintenance that he could not perform himself.

Parxat has always relied heavily on a system of personal recommendations when looking for professional services. He feels that one should *"trust the advice of friends because they are to be trusted."*

Parxat's Goals for MoSoSo Directory

- Would seek recommendations for professional help such as plumbers and computer maintenance
- Would like to create a public recommendation for his computer club
- Groups he would join or create
  - Family
  - Clients from his computer club
  - Friends through work

Key Significant Differences

- **Uses the phone for work calls**
- **Bought his mobile phone (not a gift)**
- **Tech savvy compared to other groups**

Personal Information

Age: 43 years
Profession: Owns and manages computer game club with eight computers
Lives: In the capital city of Bishkek
Home Life: Lives with his wife and two sons
Russian: Can speak and read fluently
Primary Home Language: Kyrgyz
Primary Work Language: Russian
Schooling: He has a degree in economics focused on finance and credit from Kyrgyzstan Slavonic University
Income: 5200 soms a month (approx $140.00)

Technical Information

Internet Use: Yes, at least occasionally
- **Length of use**: 36 months
- **Use how often:** 1-2 days a week
- **Where use:** Most often at a friend's internet cafe

Computer User: Yes
- **How often:** Several times a day at work

Cable or Satellite TV: Yes
Home Landline: Yes

Mobile Phone Use

Length of use: 28 months
How acquired: Bought his phone new
Use how often: Usually a few times a day
For: 60% personal calls, 40% work calls
SMS: Yes: 70% voice, 30% text
Feelings and concerns:
- Concerned that mobile phone activity is monitored
- Would miss his phone very much if he did not have it (rated 4 on a scale of 1-4)
- Feels mobile phone access is too expensive

Primary persona: represents 55% of survey respondents who own mobile phones 1

Shirin Social

Primary Motivation to acquire phone:
I like people to reach me at all times

Associated motivations:
My friends all have mobile phones

Personal Profile

"We just talk to our friends....things like did you hear that this or that happened - in our communication rumors are the official news, and gossip works"

For Shirin, keeping in contact with friends is the most important thing about mobile phones.

She is a full time student (junior) at American University of Central Asia (AUCA), studying business administration. She also works part time as a bartender in a cafe .

Shirin is part of an unregistered student association at school that organizes cultural and historical meetings at a local cafe. She also enjoys arranging parties for her friends.

She is interested in social networking applications on the internet, but has found it boring, stating" *the first time is interesting then you get bored because you already know everybody."*

Shirin's Goals for MoSoSo Directory

- Would use the service most to create groups of friends
- Would like to broadcast messages to particular groups or to tell people where there will be social gatherings
- Would like to retrieve messages from other members of a group
- Groups she would join or create
  - Family
  - Friends from work and school
  - Associations through her unregistered student organization

Key Significant Differences

- **Uses the phone to primarily to call friends**
- **Least likely to feel mobile access is too expensive**
- **Somewhat tech savvy**

Personal Information

Age: 20 years
Profession: Student and works part time as a bartender in a local cafe
Lives: In the capital city of Bishkek
Home Life: Lives with her dad and an older brother. She also has around 30 cousins in towns.
Russian: Can speak and read fluently
Primary Home Language: Kyrgyz
Primary Work Language: Kyrgyz
Schooling: She is a full time student (junior) at the American University of Central Asia studying business administration
Income: 2000 soms a month (approx $55.00)

Technical Information

Internet Use: Yes, at least occasionally
- **Length of use**: 33 months
- **Use how often:** About once a week
- **Where use:** Most often at an internet cafe

Computer User : Yes
- **How often:** A few times a week at school

Cable or Satellite TV: Yes
Home Landline: Yes

Mobile Phone Use

Length of use: 25 months
How acquired: Was given the phone by a cousin
Use how often: Several times a day
For: 80% personal calls, 20% work calls
SMS: Yes: 65% voice, 35% text
Feelings and concerns:
- The least likely of any group to feel that mobile phones are too expensive
- Feels that mobile phones are important to her future career

Primary persona: represents 32% of survey respondents who own mobile phones 2

Roza Replacement

Primary Motivation to acquire phone:
I have no home phone

Associated motivations:
It takes too long to get a home phone

Personal Profile

"There are only so many services provided, but not enough for middle class people... it would be nice if there was the one server that gave the information about everything that was needed for marshukas (buses) and other things."

For Roza, who does not have a landline at home, a mobile phone is a very important device that allows her to stay in contact with her friends and family; however, she would like to see more affordable mobile phone services for "middle class" people like her.

There is only one landline in a community building in her village that closes at 5 PM every day.

While Roza herself is not tech savvy; she does not use the internet or computers. However, she recognizes the importance of technology for her daughters, and would like to have a computer at home while they are in school.

Roza and her husband rely on their friends and family to find specialist to complete services they need. Recently, she needed to find a mechanic and used her social network, stating *"...it's better to find someone through your friends."*

Roza's Goals for MoSoSo Directory

- Would be more likely to seek a recommendation for services than to make one
- Would want to access the service without using text
- Would like to find recommendations for professional services from other members of a group
- Groups she would join
  - Family
  - Neighbors
  - May look in the public area for professional services

Key Significant Differences

- **Least likely to use the phone for work**
- **Lives in a rural area**
- **Not tech savvy**

Personal Information

Age: 35 years
Profession: Housewife - her husband is a driver for an agricultural corporation (for 23 years)
Lives: In Ceragulak, a rural village
Home Life: Lives with her husband, son and two daughters
Russian: Can speak and read Russian
Primary Home Language: Kyrgyz
Primary (Husband's)Work Language: Kyrgyz
Schooling: Completed secondary school
Income: (Husband's income) 4200 soms a month (approx $110.00)

Technical Information

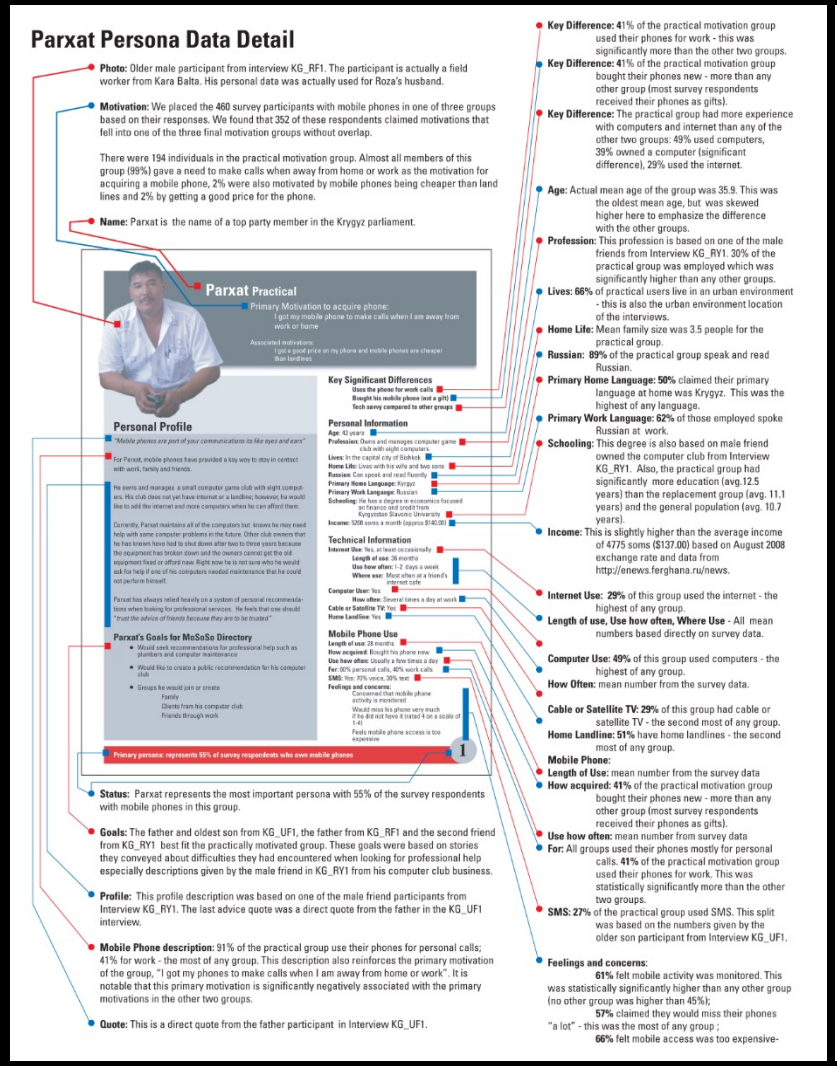
Internet Use?: No
Computer User? : No, but she would like to get a computer for her two daughters who are still in school
Cable or Satellite TV: No
Home Landline: No

Mobile Phone Use

Length of use: 17 months
How acquired: Was given the phone by her brother
Use how often: Three to five days a week
For: Primarily for personal calls
SMS: No, but has considered it
Feelings and concerns:
- She feels it is difficult to use a mobile phone when you do not know English
- She is concerned that mobile phones represent a threat to local culture and ways
- She feels strongly that mobile phones allow her access to important and relevant information

Secondary persona: represents 13% of survey respondents who own mobile phones 3

Personas


Parxat Persona Data Detail
Photo: Older male participant from interview KG_RF1. The participant is actually a field worker from Kara Balta. His personal data was actually used for Roza's husband.
Motivation: We placed the 460 survey participants with mobile phones in one of three groups based on their responses. We found that 352 of these respondents claimed motivations that fell into one of the three final motivation groups without overlap.
There were 194 individuals in the practical motivation group. Almost all members of this group (99%) gave a need to make calls when away from home or work as the motivation for acquiring a mobile phone, 2% were also motivated by mobile phones being cheaper than land lines and 2% by getting a good price for the phone.
Name: Parxat is the name of a top party member in the Kryzyz parliament.
Parxat Practical
Primary Motivation to acquire phone:
I got my mobile phone to make calls when I am away from work or home
Associated motivations:
I get a good price on my phone and mobile phones are cheaper than landlines
Personal Profile
"Mobile phones are part of your communications its like eyes and ears"
For Parxat, mobile phones have provided a key way to stay in contact with work, family and friends.
He owns and manages a small computer game club with eight computers. His club does not yet have internet or a landline; however, he would like to add the internet and more computers when he can afford them.
Currently, Parxat maintains all of the computers but knows he may need help with some computer problems in the future. Other club owners that he has known have had to shut down after two to three years because the equipment has broken down and the owners cannot get the old equipment fixed or afford new. Right now he is not sure who he would ask for help if one of his computers needed maintenance that he could not perform himself.
Parxat has always relied heavily on a system of personal recommendations when looking for professional services. He feels that one should "trust the advice of friends because they are to be trusted."
Parxat's Goals for MoSoSo Directory
Would seek recommendations for professional help such as plumbers and computer maintenance
Would like to create a public recommendation for his computer club
Groups he would join or create
Family
Clients from his computer club
Friends through work
Primary persona: represents 55% of survey respondents who own mobile phones
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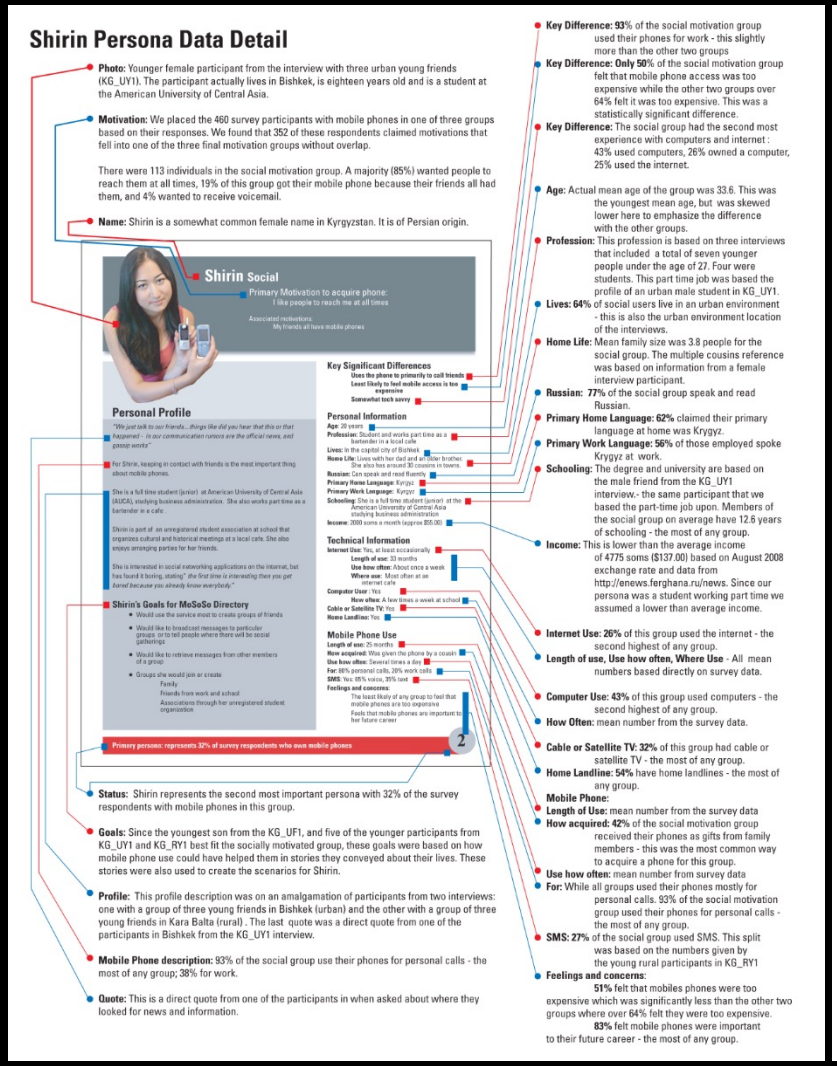
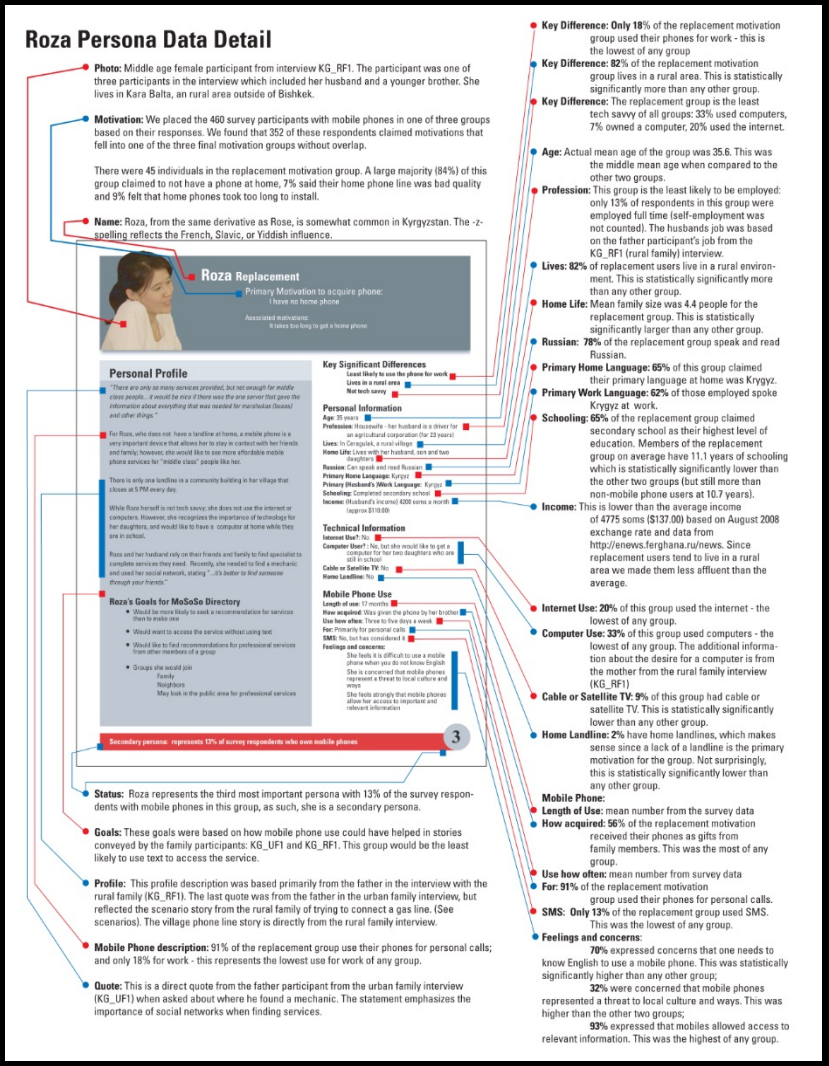
Key Significant Differences
Uses the phone for work calls
Bought his mobile phone (not a gift)
Tech savvy compared to other groups
Personal Information
Age: 43 years
Profession: Owns and manages computer game club with eight computers
Lives: In the capital city of Bishkek
Home Life: Lives with his wife and two sons
Russian: Can speak and read fluently
Primary Home Language: Kyrgyz
Primary Work Language: Russian
Schooling: He has a degree in economics focused on finance and credit from Kyrgyzstan Slavonic University
Income: 5200 soms a month (approx $140.00)
Technical Information
Internet Use: Yes, at least occasionally
Length of use: 36 months
Use how often: 1-2 days a week
Where use: Most often at a friend's internet cafe
Computer User: Yes
How often: Several times a day at work
Cable or Satellite TV: Yes
Home Landline: Yes
Mobile Phone Use
Length of use: 28 months
How acquired: Bought his phone new
Use how often: Usually a few times a day
For: 90% personal calls, 40% work calls
SMS: few 70% voice, 30% text
Feelings and concerns:
Concerned that mobile phone activity is monitored
Would miss his phone very much if he did not have it (rated 4 on a scale of 1-4)
Feels mobile phone access is too expensive
Status: Parxat represents the most important persona with 55% of the survey respondents with mobile phones in this group.
Goals: The father and oldest son from KG_UF1, the father from KG_RF1 and the second friend from KG_RY1 best fit the practically motivated group. These goals were based on stories they conveyed about difficulties they had encountered when looking for professional help especially descriptions given by the male friend in KG_RY1 from his computer club business.
Profile: This profile description was based on one of the male friend participants from Interview KG_RY1. The last advice quote was a direct quote from the father in the KG_UF1 interview.
Mobile Phone description: 91% of the practical group use their phones for personal calls; 41% for work - the most of any group. This description also reinforces the primary motivation of the group, "I got my phones to make calls when I am away from home or work". It is notable that this primary motivation is significantly negatively associated with the primary motivations in the other two groups.
Quote: This is a direct quote from the father participant in Interview KG_UF1.
Key Difference: 41% of the practical motivation group used their phones for work - this was significantly more than the other two groups.
Key Difference: 41% of the practical motivation group bought their phones new - more than any other group (most survey respondents received their phones as gifts).
Key Difference: The practical group had more experience with computers and internet than any of the other two groups: 49% used computers, 39% owned a computer (significant difference), 29% used the internet.
Age: Actual mean age of the group was 35.9. This was the oldest mean age, but was skewed higher here to emphasize the difference with the other groups.
Profession: This profession is based on one of the male friends from Interview KG_RY1. 30% of the practical group was employed which was significantly higher than any other groups.
Lives: 66% of practical users live in an urban environment - this is also the urban environment location of the interviews.
Home Life: Mean family size was 3.5 people for the practical group.
Russian: 89% of the practical group speak and read Russian.
Primary Home Language: 50% claimed their primary language at home was Krygyz. This was the highest of any language.
Primary Work Language: 62% of those employed spoke Russian at work.
Schooling: This degree is also based on male friend owned the computer club from Interview KG_RY1. Also, the practical group had significantly more education (avg.12.5 years) than the replacement group (avg. 11.1 years) and the general population (avg. 10.7 years).
Income: This is slightly higher than the average income of 4775 soms ($137.00) based on August 2008 exchange rate and data from http://enews.ferghana.ru/news.
Internet Use: 29% of this group used the internet - the highest of any group.
Length of use, Use how often, Where Use - All mean numbers based directly on survey data.
Computer Use: 49% of this group used computers - the highest of any group.
How Often: mean number from the survey data.
Cable or Satellite TV: 29% of this group had cable or satellite TV - the second most of any group.
Home Landline: 51% have home landlines - the second most of any group.
Mobile Phone:
Length of Use: mean number from the survey data
How acquired: 41% of the practical motivation group bought their phones new - more than any other group (most survey respondents received their phones as gifts).
Use how often: mean number from survey data
For: All groups used their phones mostly for personal calls. 41% of the practical motivation group used their phones for work. This was statistically significantly more than the other two groups.
SMS: 27% of the practical group used SMS. This split was based on the numbers given by the older son participant from Interview KG_UF1.
Feelings and concerns:
61% felt mobile activity was monitored. This was statistically significantly higher than any other group (no other group was higher than 45%);
57% claimed they would miss their phones "a lot" - this was the most of any group ;
66% felt mobile access was too expensive-


Shirin Persona Data Detail
Photo: Younger female participant from the interview with three urban young friends (KG_UY1). The participant actually lives in Bishkek, is eighteen years old and is a student at the American University of Central Asia.
Motivation: We placed the 460 survey participants with mobile phones in one of three groups based on their responses. We found that 352 of these respondents claimed motivations that fell into one of the three final motivation groups without overlap.
There were 113 individuals in the social motivation group. A majority (85%) wanted people to reach them at all times, 19% of this group got their mobile phone because their friends all had them, and 4% wanted to receive voicemail.
Name: Shirin is a somewhat common female name in Kyrgyzstan. It is of Persian origin.
Shirin Social
Primary Motivation to acquire phone:
I like people to reach me at all times
Associated motivations:
My friends all have mobile phones
Personal Profile
"We just talk to our friends...things like did you hear that this or that happened - In our communication rumors are the official news, and gossip works"
For Shirin, keeping in contact with friends is the most important thing about mobile phones.
She is a full time student (junior) at American University of Central Asia (AUCA), studying business administration. She also works part-time as a bartender in a cafe.
Shirin is part of an unregistered student association at school that organizes cultural and historical meetings at a local cafe. She also enjoys arranging parties for her friends.
She is interested in social networking applications on the internet, but has found it boring, stating "the first time is interesting then you get bored because you already know everybody."
Shirin's Goals for MoSoSo Directory
Would use the service most to create groups of friends
Would like to broadcast messages to particular groups or to tell people where there will be social gatherings
Would like to retrieve messages from other members of a group
Groups she would join or create
Family
Friends from work and school
Associations through her unregistered student organization
Primary persona: represents 32% of survey respondents who own mobile phones
2
Key Significant Differences
Uses the phone to primarily to call friends
Least likely to feel mobile access is too expensive
Somewhat tech savvy
Personal Information
Age: 29 years
Profession: Student and works part time as a bartender in a local cafe
Lives: In the capital city of Bishkek
Home Life: Lives with her dad and an older brother. She also has around 30 cousins in towns.
Russian: Can speak and read fluently
Primary Home Language: Kyrgyz
Primary Work Language: Kyrgyz
Schooling: She is a full time student (junior) at the American University of Central Asia studying business administration
Income: 2000 soms a month (approx $55.00)
Technical Information
Internet Use: Yes, at least occasionally
Length of use: 33 months
Use how often: About once a week
Where use: Most often at an internet cafe
Computer User: Yes
How often: A few times a week at school
Cable or Satellite TV: Yes
Home Landline: Yes
Mobile Phone Use
Length of use: 25 months
How acquired: Was given the phone by a cousin
Use how often: Several times a day
For: 86% personal calls, 20% work calls
SMS: Yes 85% voice, 35% text
Feelings and concerns:
The least likely of any group to feel that mobile phones are too expensive
Feels that mobile phones are important to her future career
Status: Shirin represents the second most important persona with 32% of the survey respondents with mobile phones in this group.
Goals: Since the youngest son from the KG_UF1, and five of the younger participants from KG_UY1 and KG_RY1 best fit the socially motivated group, these goals were based on how mobile phone use could have helped them in stories they conveyed about their lives. These stories were also used to create the scenarios for Shirin.
Profile: This profile description was on an amalgamation of participants from two interviews: one with a group of three young friends in Bishkek (urban) and the other with a group of three young friends in Kara Balta (rural) . The last quote was a direct quote from one of the participants in Bishkek from the KG_UY1 interview.
Mobile Phone description: 93% of the social group use their phones for personal calls - the most of any group; 38% for work.
Quote: This is a direct quote from one of the participants in when asked about where they looked for news and information.
Key Difference: 93% of the social motivation group used their phones for work - this slightly more than the other two groups
Key Difference: Only 50% of the social motivation group felt that mobile phone access was too expensive while the other two groups over 64% felt it was too expensive. This was a statistically significant difference.
Key Difference: The social group had the second most experience with computers and internet : 43% used computers, 26% owned a computer, 25% used the internet.
Age: Actual mean age of the group was 33.6. This was the youngest mean age, but was skewed lower here to emphasize the difference with the other groups.
Profession: This profession is based on three interviews that included a total of seven younger people under the age of 27. Four were students. This part time job was based the profile of an urban male student in KG_UY1.
Lives: 64% of social users live in an urban environment - this is also the urban environment location of the interviews.
Home Life: Mean family size was 3.8 people for the social group. The multiple cousins reference was based on information from a female interview participant.
Russian: 77% of the social group speak and read Russian.
Primary Home Language: 62% claimed their primary language at home was Krygyz.
Primary Work Language: 56% of those employed spoke Krygyz at work.
Schooling: The degree and university are based on the male friend from the KG_UY1 interview.- the same participant that we based the part-time job upon. Members of the social group on average have 12.6 years of schooling - the most of any group.
Income: This is lower than the average income of 4775 soms ($137.00) based on August 2008 exchange rate and data from http://enews.ferghana.ru/news. Since our persona was a student working part time we assumed a lower than average income.
Internet Use: 26% of this group used the internet - the second highest of any group.
Length of use, Use how often, Where Use - All mean numbers based directly on survey data.
Computer Use: 43% of this group used computers - the second highest of any group.
How Often: mean number from the survey data.
Cable or Satellite TV: 32% of this group had cable or satellite TV - the most of any group.
Home Landline: 54% have home landlines - the most of any group.
Mobile Phone:
Length of Use: mean number from the survey data
How acquired: 42% of the social motivation group received their phones as gifts from family members - this was the most common way to acquire a phone for this group.
Use how often: mean number from survey data
For: While all groups used their phones mostly for personal calls. 93% of the social motivation group used their phones for personal calls - the most of any group.
SMS: 27% of the social group used SMS. This split was based on the numbers given by the young rural participants in KG_RY1
Feelings and concerns:
51% felt that mobiles phones were too expensive which was significantly less than the other two groups where over 64% felt they were too expensive.
83% felt mobile phones were important to their future career - the most of any group.


Roza Persona Data Detail
Photo: Middle age female participant from interview KG_RF1. The participant was one of three participants in the interview which included her husband and a younger brother. She lives in Kara Balta, an rural area outside of Bishkek.
Motivation: We placed the 460 survey participants with mobile phones in one of three groups based on their responses. We found that 352 of these respondents claimed motivations that fell into one of the three final motivation groups without overlap.
There were 45 individuals in the replacement motivation group. A large majority (84%) of this group claimed to not have a phone at home, 7% said their home phone line was bad quality and 9% felt that home phones took too long to install.
Name: Roza, from the same derivative as Rose, is somewhat common in Kyrgyzstan. The -z- spelling reflects the French, Slavic, or Yiddish influence.
Roza Replacement
Primary Motivation to acquire phone:
I have no home phone
Associated motivations:
It takes too long to get a home phone
Personal Profile
"There are only so many sciences provided, but not enough for middle class people...it would be nice if there was the one server that gave the information about everything that was needed for mainstream (busas) and other things."
For Roza, who does not have a landline at home, a mobile phone is a very important device that allows her to stay in contact with her friends and family; however, she would like to see more affordable mobile phone services for "middle class" people like her.
There is only one landline in a community building in her village that closes at 5 PM every day.
While Roza herself is not tech savvy; she does not use the internet or computers. However, she recognizes the importance of technology for her daughters, and would like to have a computer at home while they are in school.
Roza and her husband rely on their friends and family to find specialist to complete services they need. Recently, she needed to find a mechanic and used her social network, stating "...it's better to find someone through your friends."
Reza's Goals for MoSoSo Directory
Would be more likely to seek a recommendation for services then to make one
Would want to access the service without using text
Would like to find recommendations for professional services from other members of a group
Groups she would join
Family
Neighbors
May look in the public area for professional services
Secondary persona: represents 13% of survey respondents who own mobile phones
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Key Significant Differences
Least likely to use the phone for work
Lives in a rural area
Not tech savvy
Personal Information
Age: 35 years
Profession: Housewife - her husband is a driver for an agricultural corporation (for 23 years)
Lives: In Ceragolek, a rural village
Home Life: Lives with her husband, son and two daughters
Russian: Can speak and read Russian
Primary Home Language: Kyrgyz
Primary (Husband's)Work Language: Kyrgyz
Schooling: Competent secondary school
Income: (Husband's Income) 4200 soms a month (approx $119.00)
Technical Information
Internet Use?: No
Computer User?: No, but she would like to get a computer for her two daughters who are still in school
Cable or Satellite TV: No
Home Landline: No
Mobile Phone Use
Length of use: 17 months
How acquired: Was given the phone by her brother
Use how often: Three to five days a week
For: Primarily for personal calls
SMS: No, but has considered it
Feelings and concerns:
She feels it is difficult to use a mobile phone when you do not know English
She is concerned that mobile phones represent a threat to local culture and ways
She feels strongly that mobile phones allow her access to important and relevant information
Status: Roza represents the third most important persona with 13% of the survey respondents with mobile phones in this group, as such, she is a secondary persona.
Goals: These goals were based on how mobile phone use could have helped in stories conveyed by the family participants: KG_UF1 and KG_RF1. This group would be the least likely to use text to access the service.
Profile: This profile description was based primarily from the father in the interview with the rural family (KG_RF1). The last quote was from the father in the urban family interview, but reflected the scenario story from the rural family of trying to connect a gas line. (See scenarios). The village phone line story is directly from the rural family interview.
Mobile Phone description: 91% of the replacement group use their phones for personal calls; and only 18% for work - this represents the lowest use for work of any group.
Quote: This is a direct quote from the father participant from the urban family interview (KG_UF1) when asked about where he found a mechanic. The statement emphasizes the importance of social networks when finding services.
Key Difference: Only 18% of the replacement motivation group used their phones for work - this is the lowest of any group
Key Difference: 82% of the replacement motivation group lives in a rural area. This is statistically significantly more than any other group.
Key Difference: The replacement group is the least tech savvy of all groups: 33% used computers, 7% owned a computer, 20% used the internet.
Age: Actual mean age of the group was 35.6. This was the middle mean age when compared to the other two groups.
Profession: This group is the least likely to be employed: only 13% of respondents in this group were employed full time (self-employment was not counted). The husbands job was based on the father participant's job from the KG_RF1 (rural family) interview.
Lives: 82% of replacement users live in a rural environment. This is statistically significantly more than any other group.
Home Life: Mean family size was 4.4 people for the replacement group. This is statistically significantly larger than any other group.
Russian: 78% of the replacement group speak and read Russian.
Primary Home Language: 65% of this group claimed their primary language at home was Krygyz.
Primary Work Language: 62% of those employed spoke Krygyz at work.
Schooling: 65% of the replacement group claimed secondary school as their highest level of education. Members of the replacement group on average have 11.1 years of schooling which is statistically significantly lower than the other two groups (but still more than non-mobile phone users at 10.7 years).
Income: This is lower than the average income of 4775 soms ($137.00) based on August 2008 exchange rate and data from http://enews.ferghana.ru/news. Since replacement users tend to live in a rural area we made them less affluent than the average.
Internet Use: 20% of this group used the internet - the lowest of any group.
Computer Use: 33% of this group used computers - the lowest of any group. The additional information about the desire for a computer is from the mother from the rural family interview (KG_RF1)
Cable or Satellite TV: 9% of this group had cable or satellite TV. This is statistically significantly lower than any other group.
Home Landline: 2% have home landlines, which makes sense since a lack of a landline is a primary motivation for the group. Not surprisingly, this is statistically significantly lower than any other group.
Mobile Phone:
Length of Use: mean number from the survey data
How acquired: 56% of the replacement motivation received their phones as gifts from family members. This was the most of any group.
Use how often: mean number from survey data
For: 91% of the replacement motivation group used their phones for personal calls.
SMS: Only 13% of the replacement group used SMS. This was the lowest of any group.
Feelings and concerns:
70% expressed concerns that one needs to know English to use a mobile phone. This was statistically significantly higher than any other group;
32% were concerned that mobile phones represented a threat to local culture and ways. This was higher than the other two groups;
93% expressed that mobiles allowed access to relevant information. This was the highest of any group.

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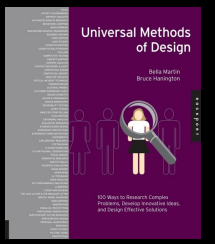

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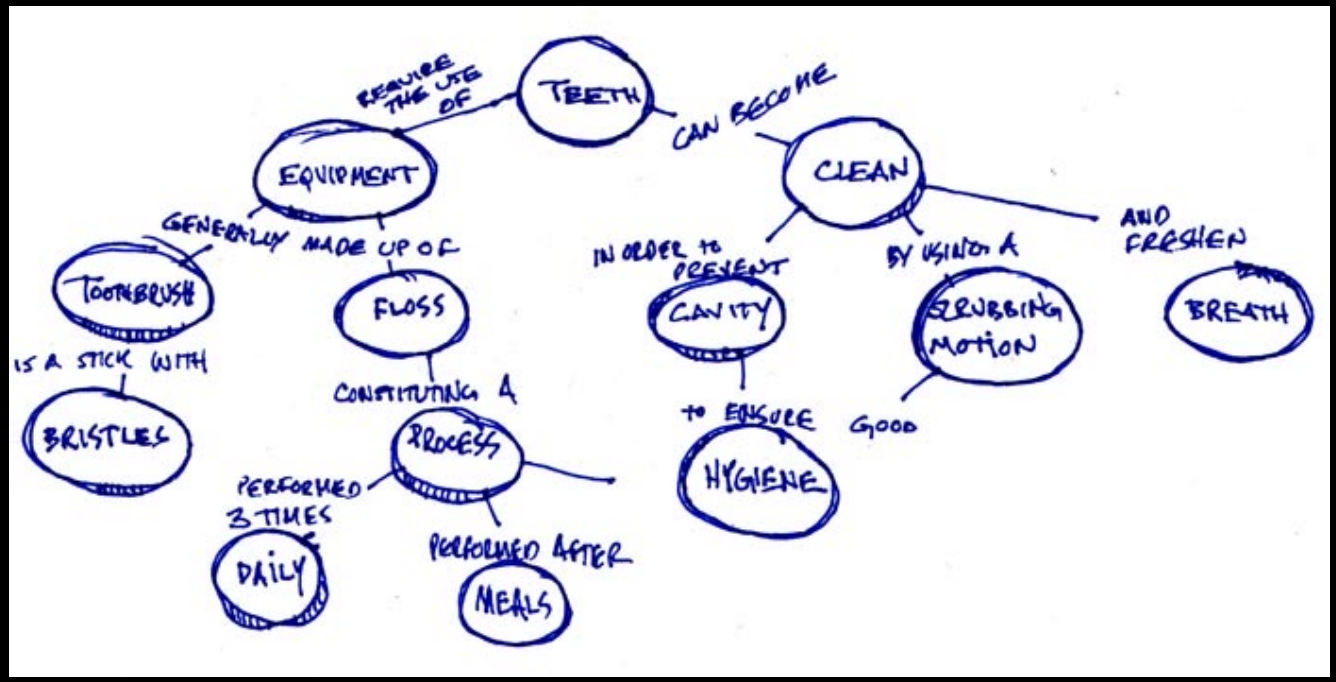

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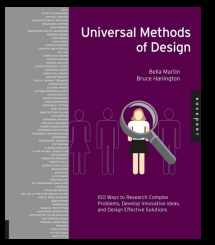

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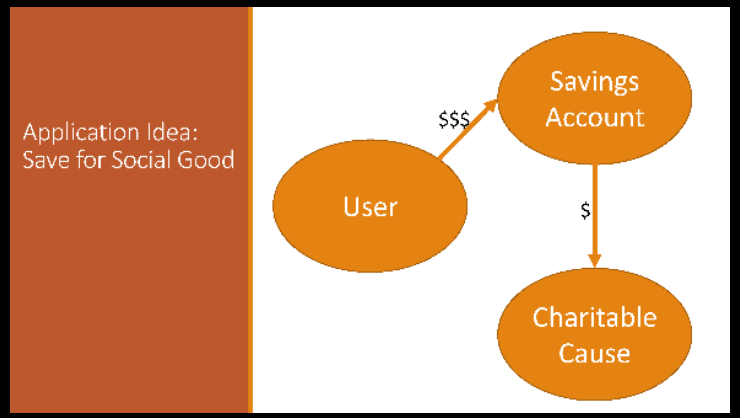

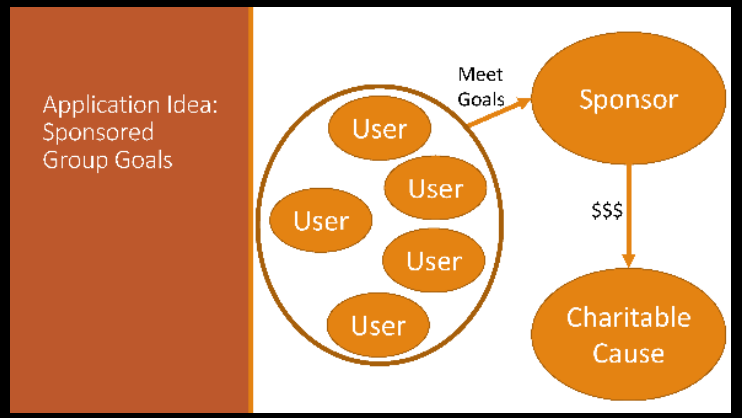

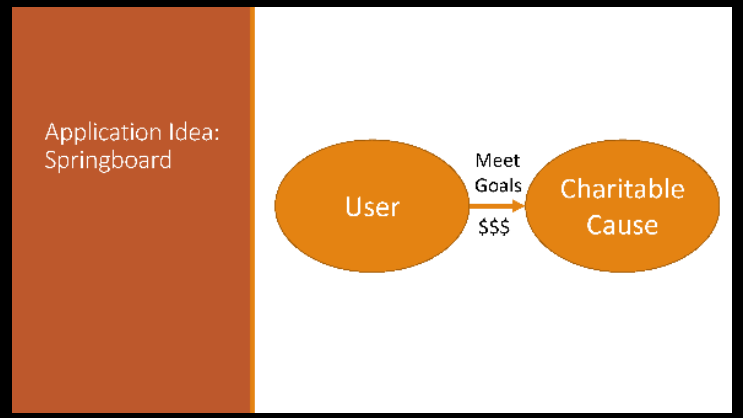

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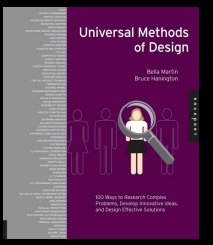

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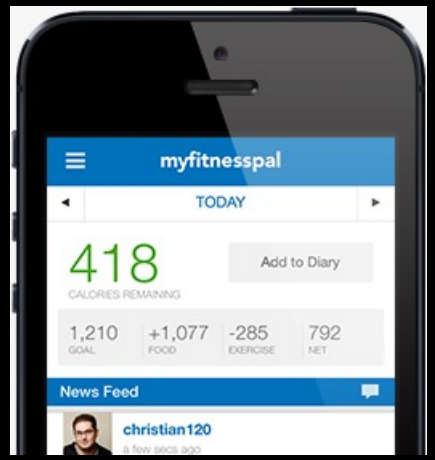
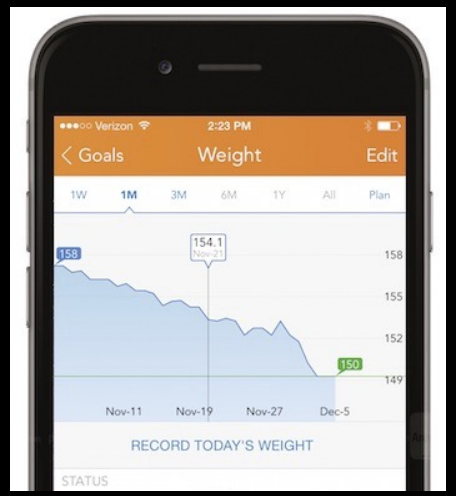
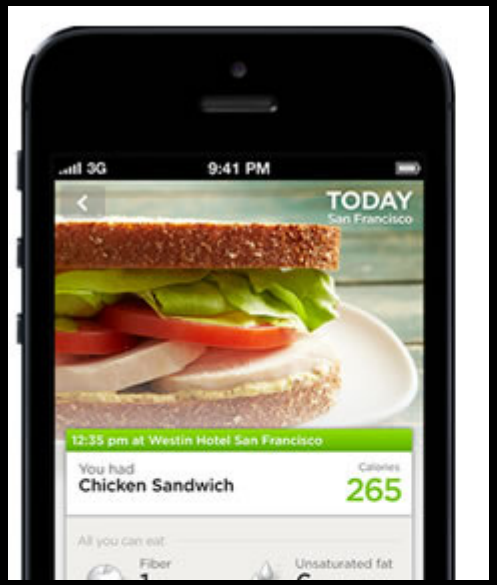






Project Status

2c: Design Research Check-In due Yesterday

Looking Forward

- 2d: Design Research Review due Thursday
- 2e: Task Review due Monday
- 2f: Design Check-In due Wednesday

Selecting Tasks

Real tasks people have faced or requested
- as supported by your design research
- collect any necessary materials

Should provide reasonable coverage
- compare check list of functions to tasks

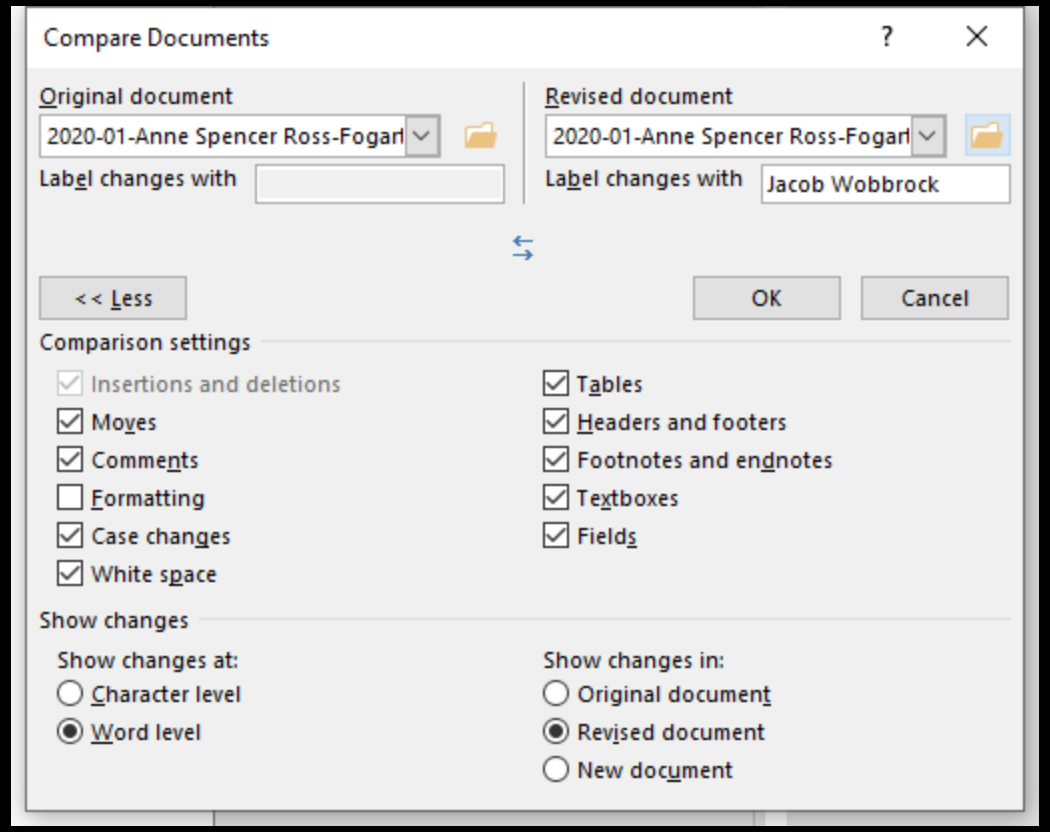
Mixture of simple and complex tasks
- easy tasks (common or introductory)
- moderate tasks
- difficult tasks (infrequent or for power use)

Easy / Moderate / Hard Tasks:
Not Required, Could be Useful

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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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)

determine destination

drive to destination

locate parking spot

secure parking spot

park

enter address in GPS

follow directions

arrive at destination

...

Hierarchical Task Analysis

Steps of the task execution (detailed in a hierarchy)

Or step back a level and motivate ridesharing

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

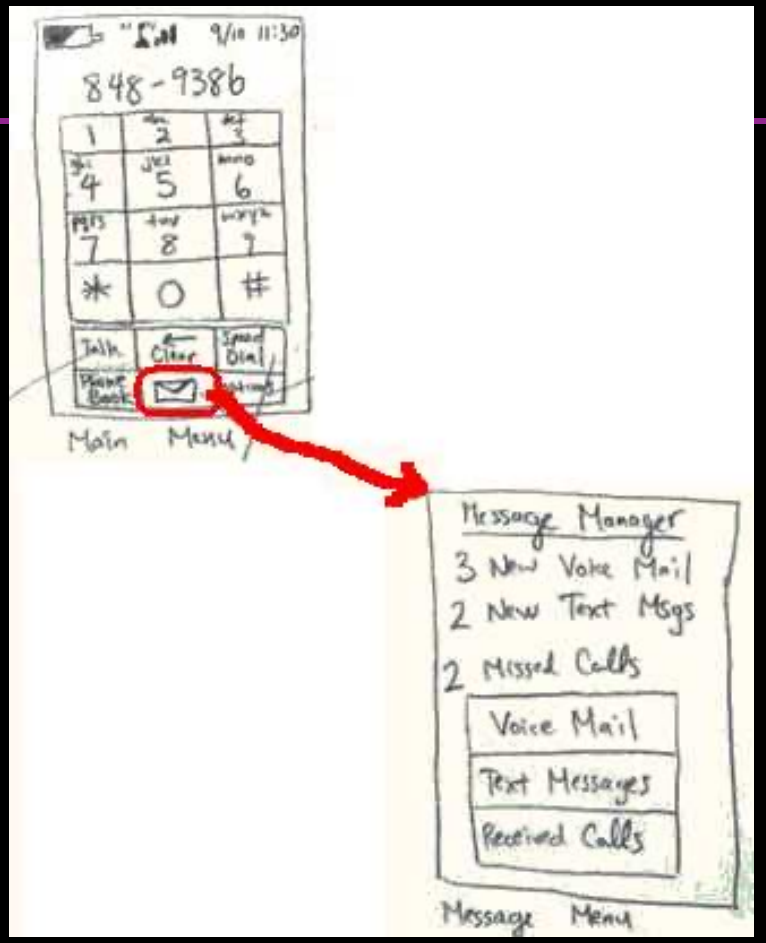
show how things work together

settle arguments with examples

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

Show people storyboards

topic for next 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 in a New Neighborhood (near the zoo)
- Park in a New Neighborhood (Friday night in Ballard)
- Park in a New Neighborhood (at the airport)

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PS: Plantr Task Analysis

Plantr Task Analysis

Example abbreviated task analysis

- Be sure to see other examples on website

As with models, no question promises insight

Plantr Task Analysis

1. Who is going to use the system?

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

Plantr Task Analysis

2. What are the currently possible tasks?

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

Plantr Task Analysis

3. What are currently unavailable, desired tasks?

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

Plantr Task Analysis

4. How are tasks learned?

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

Plantr Task Analysis

5. Where are the tasks performed?

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

Plantr Task Analysis

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

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

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

Plantr Task Analysis

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

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

Plantr Task Analysis

7. What other tools do people have?

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

Plantr Task Analysis

8. How do people communicate with each other?

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

Plantr Task Analysis

9. How often are the tasks performed?

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

Plantr Task Analysis

10. What are time constraints on the tasks?

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

Plantr Task Analysis

11. What happens when things go wrong?

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