Interaction Design

Chapter 2 (April 21, 2016, 9am-12pm):

Process Models, Elements and Usability

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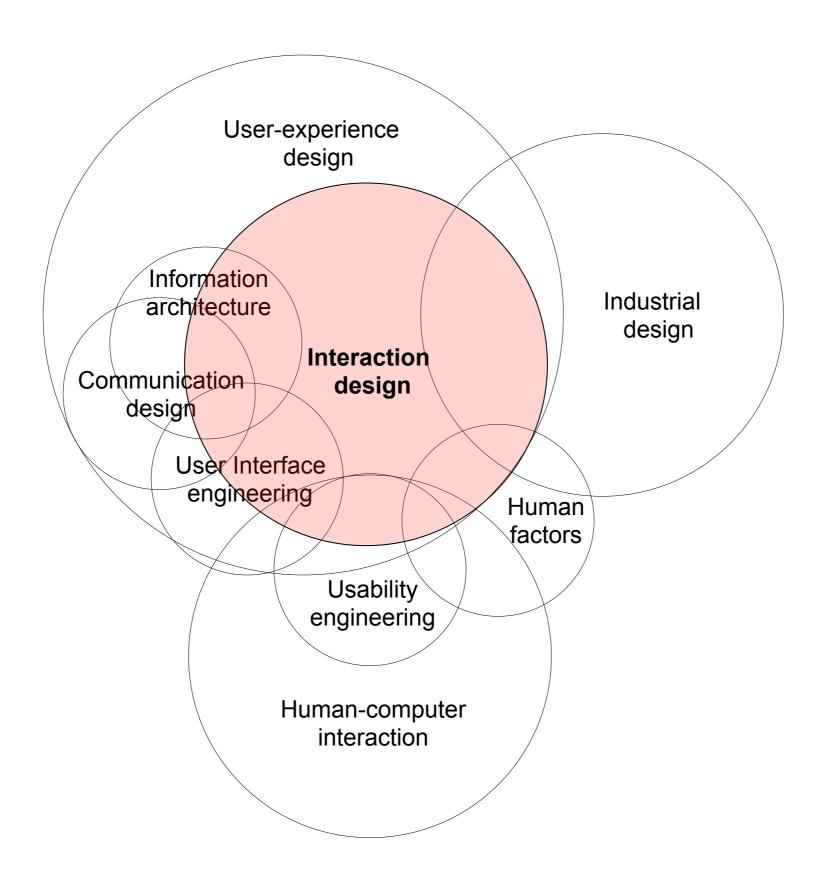
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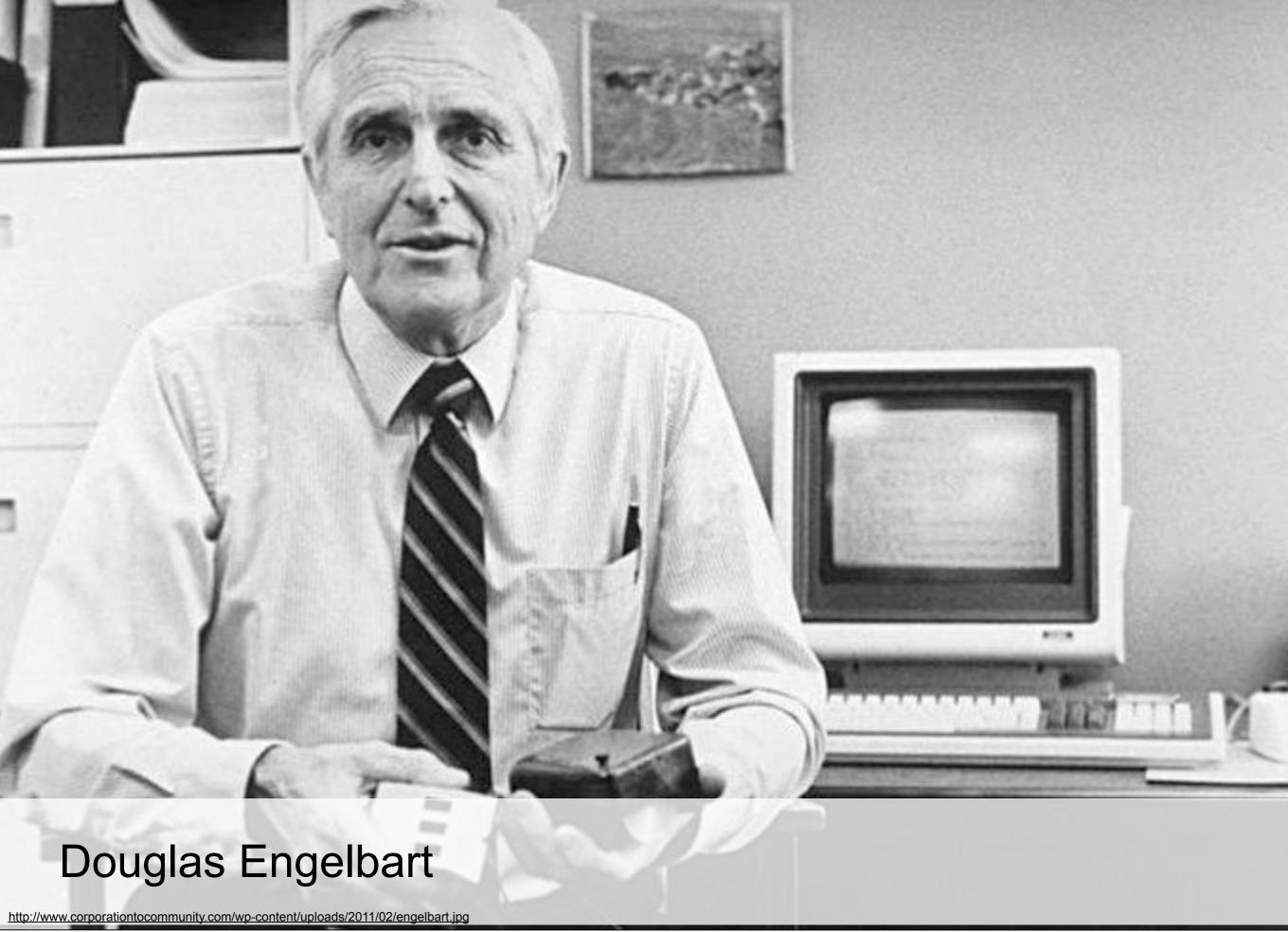
-established the first Interaction Design MA program at the Royal College of Art (RCA) -was the founder and academic director of the Interaction Design Institute Ivrea (IDII)



Looking back...

- -shaping our lives through digital artefacts...
- -good IxD refers to a "mental model"
- -good IxD provides a "map" of where you are in a system, how you can move around and how you get back to the point where you started
- -languages of interaction design
- -elements of interaction design
- -the part of the interaction designer is to design the **quality** on how the interaction is performed, how the system behaves



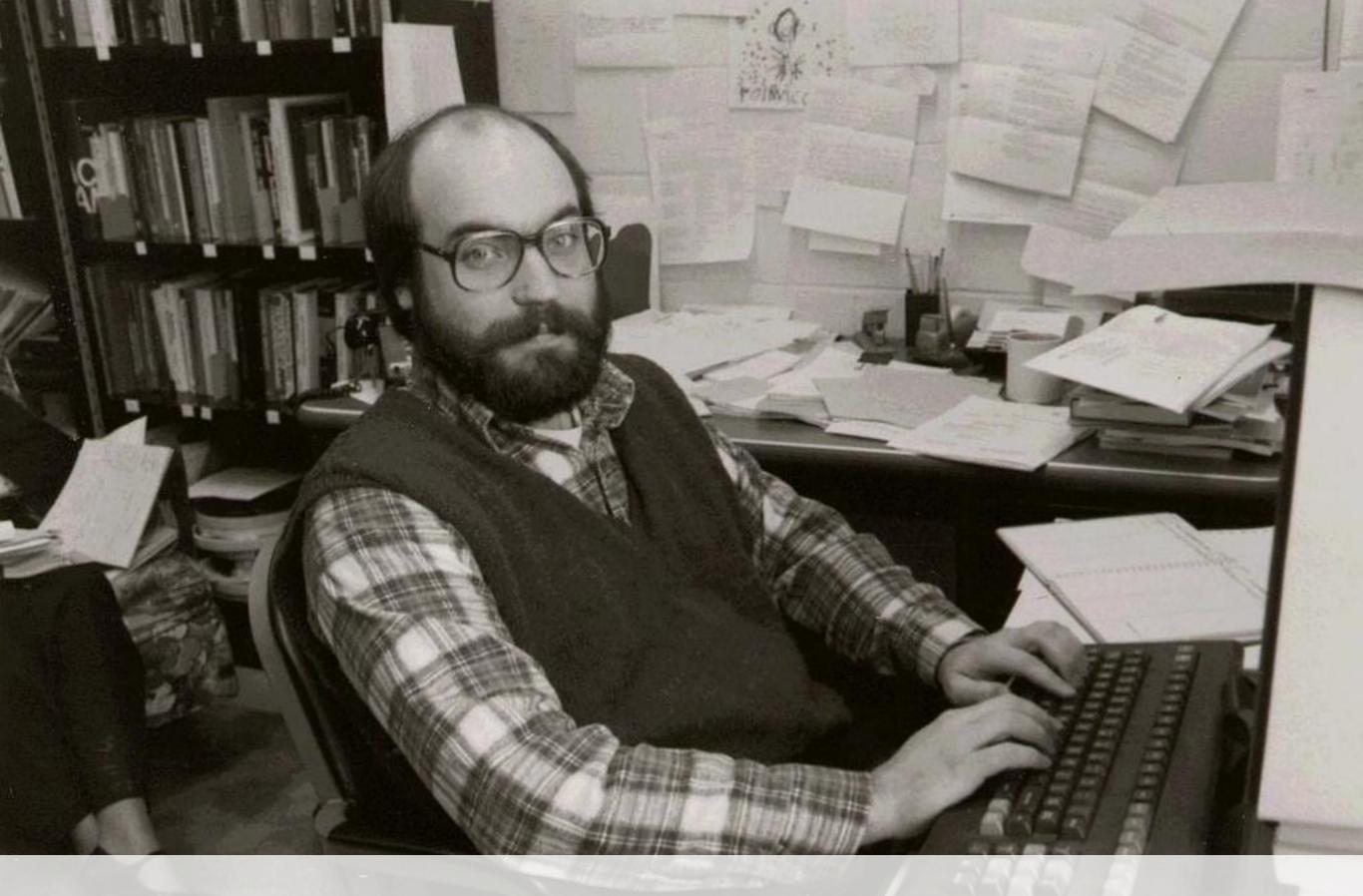


Douglas C. Engelbart: Augmenting human intellect: A Conceptual Framework
Stanford Research Institute (SRI), 1962.

- **1. Artefacts**—physical objects designed to provide for human comfort, the manipulation of things or materials, and the manipulation of symbols.
- 2. Language—the way in which the individual classifies the picture of his world into the concepts that his mind uses to model that world, and the symbols that he attaches to those concepts and uses in consciously manipulating the concepts ("thinking").
- **3. Methodology**—the methods, procedures, and strategies with which an individual organises his goal-centred (problemsolving) activity.
- **4. Training**—the conditioning needed by the individual to bring his skills in using augmentation means 1, 2, and 3 to the point where they are operationally effective.



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The Computer for the 21st Century

Specialized elements of hardware and software, connected by wires, radio waves and infrared, will be so ubiquitous that no one will notice their presence

by Mark Weiser

he most profound technologies are those that disappear. They weave themselves into the fabric of everyday life until they are indistinguishable from it.

Consider writing, perhaps the first information technology. The ability to represent spoken language symbolically for long-term storage freed information from the limits of individual memory. Today this technology is ubiquitous in industrialized countries. Not only do books, magazines and newspapers convey written information, but so do street signs, billboards, shop signs and even graffiti. Candy wrappers are covered in writing. The constant background presence of these products of "literacy technology" does not require active attention, but the information to be transmitted is ready for use at a glance. It is difficult to imagine modern

Silicon-based information technology, in contrast, is far from having become part of the environment. More than 50 million personal computers have been sold, and the computer nonetheless remains largely in a world of its own. It

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is approachable only through complex jargon that has nothing to do with the tasks for which people use computers. The state of the art is perhaps analogous to the period when scribes had to know as much about making ink or baking clay as they did about writing.

The arcane aura that surrounds personal computers is not just a "user interface" problem. My colleagues and I at the Xerox Palo Alto Research Center think that the idea of a "personal" computer itself is misplaced and that the vision of laptop machines, dynabooks and "knowledge navigators" is only a transitional step toward achieving the real potential of information technology. Such machines cannot truly make computing an integral, invisible part of people's lives. We are therefore trying to conceive a new way of thinking about computers, one that takes into account the human world and allows the computers themselves to vanish into the

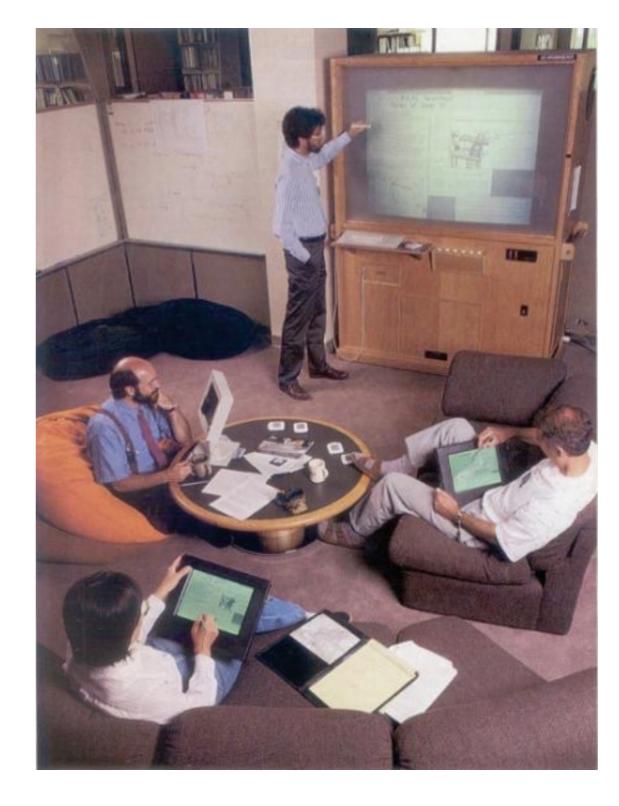
uch a disappearance is a funda-Smental consequence not of tech-nology but of human psychology. Whenever people learn something sufficiently well, they cease to be aware of it. When you look at a street sign, for example, you absorb its information without consciously performing the act of reading. Computer scientist, economist and Nobelist Herbert A. Simon calls this phenomenon "compiling"; philosopher Michael Polanyi calls it the "tacit dimension"; psychologist J. J. Gibson calls it "visual invariants"; philosophers Hans Georg Gadamer and Martin Heidegger call it the "horizon" and the "ready-to-hand"; John Seely Brown of PARC calls it the "periphery." All say, in essence, that only when things disappear in this way are we freed to use them without thinking and so to focus beyond them on new goals.

The idea of integrating computers seamlessly into the world at large runs counter to a number of present-day trends. "Ubiquitous computing" in this context does not mean just computers that can be carried to the beach, jungle or airport. Even the most powerful notebook computer, with access to a worldwide information network, still focuses attention on a single box. By analogy with writing, carrying a superlaptop is like owning just one very important book. Customizing this book, even writing millions of other books, does not begin to capture the real power of literacy.

Furthermore, although ubiquitous computers may use sound and video in addition to text and graphics, that does not make them "multimedia computers." Today's multimedia machine makes the computer screen into a demanding focus of attention rather than allowing it to fade into the background. Perhaps most diametrically opposed

to our vision is the notion of virtual reality, which attempts to make a world inside the computer. Users don special goggles that project an artificial scene onto their eyes; they wear gloves or even bodysuits that sense their motions and gestures so that they can move about and manipulate virtual objects. Although it may have its purpose in allowing people to explore realms otherwise inaccessible-the insides of cells, the surfaces of distant planets, the information web of data bases-virtual reality is only a map, not a territory. It excludes desks, offices, other people not wearing goggles and bodysuits, weather, trees, walks, chance encounters and, in general, the infinite richness of the universe. Virtual reality fo cuses an enormous apparatus on simulating the world rather than on invisibly enhancing the world that already exists.

Indeed, the opposition between the



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The Computer for the 21st Century, 1991

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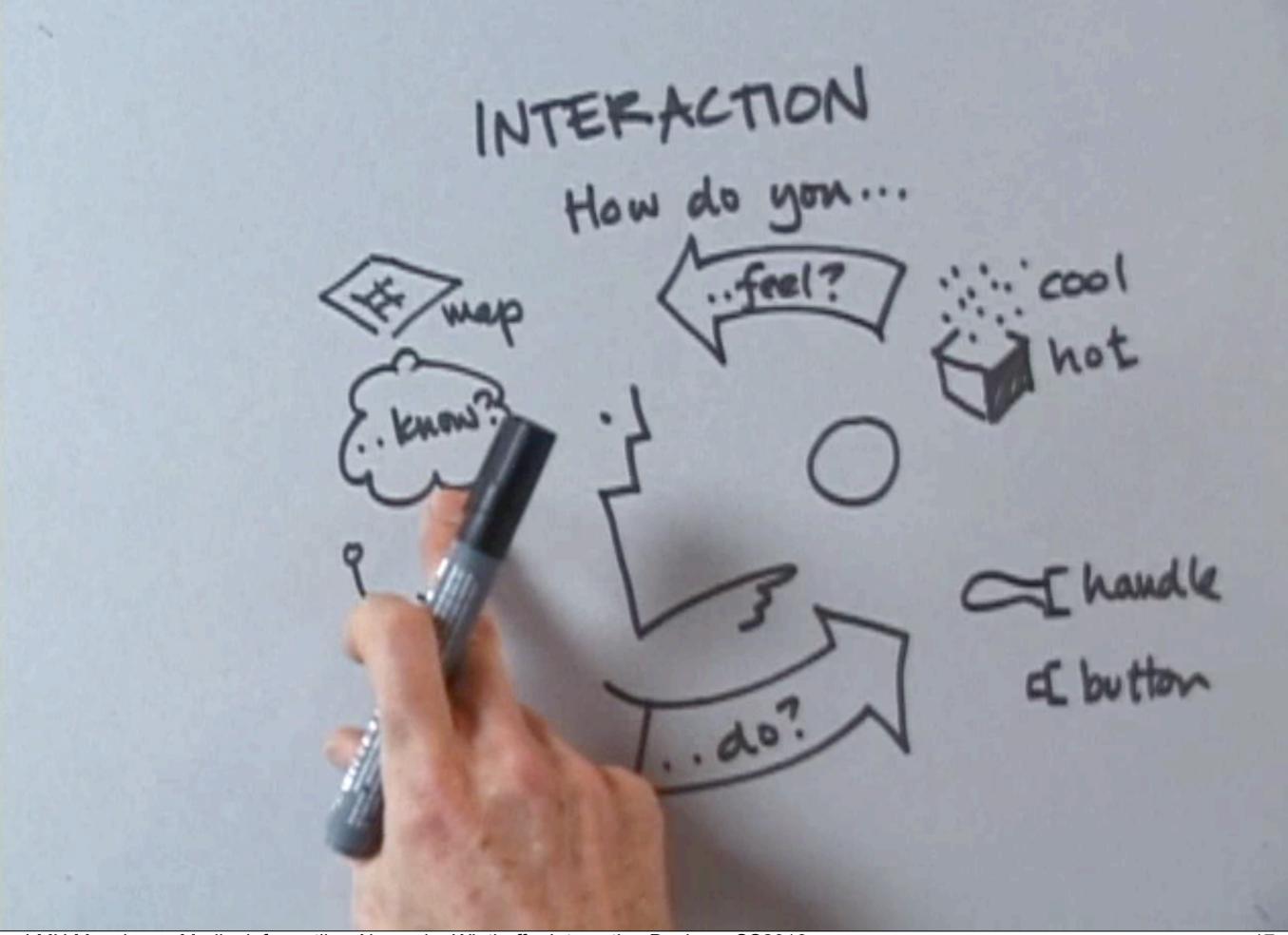
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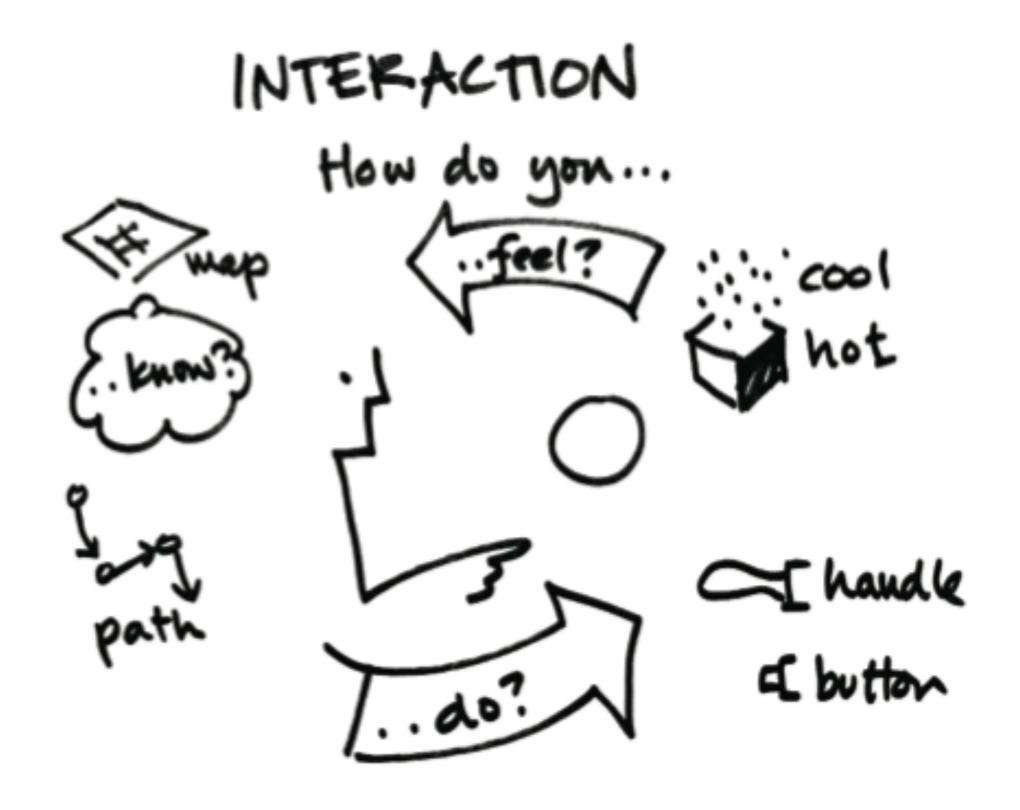
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Bill Verplank

says that the interaction designer has three questions to answer; they are all "How do you . . . ?" questions.

1. "How do you do?"

How do you affect the world? You can grab hold of a handle and manipulate it, keeping control as you do it.

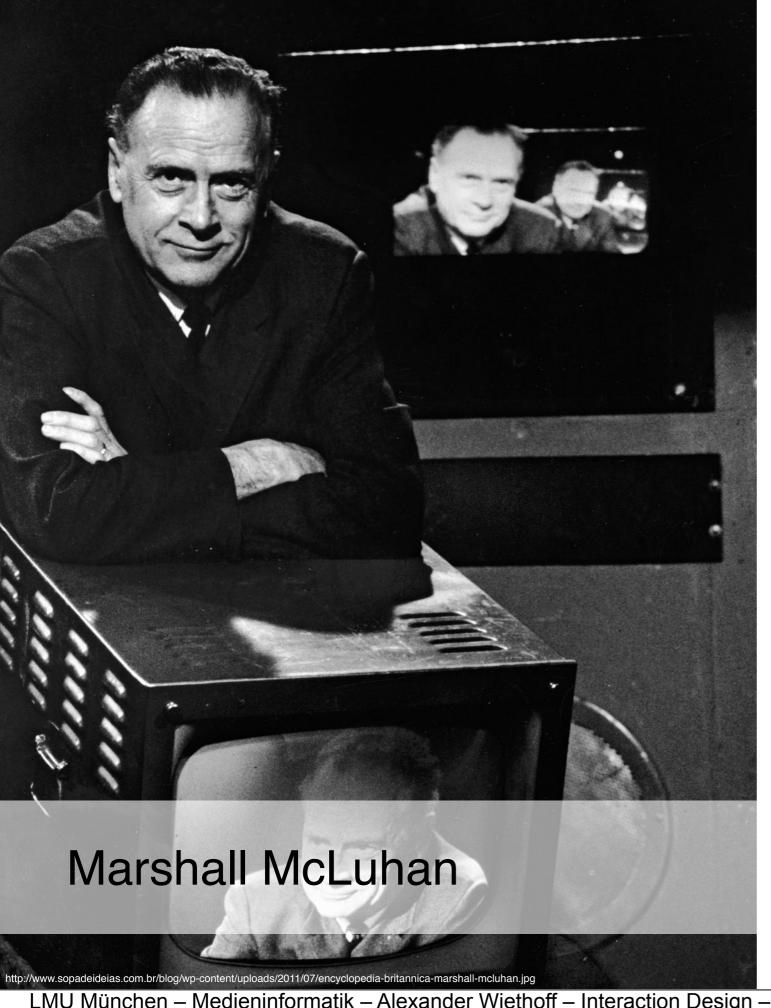
2. "How do you feel?"

How do you get feedback?

That's where a lot of feelings come from; a lot of our emotions about the world come from the sensory qualities of those media that we present things with.

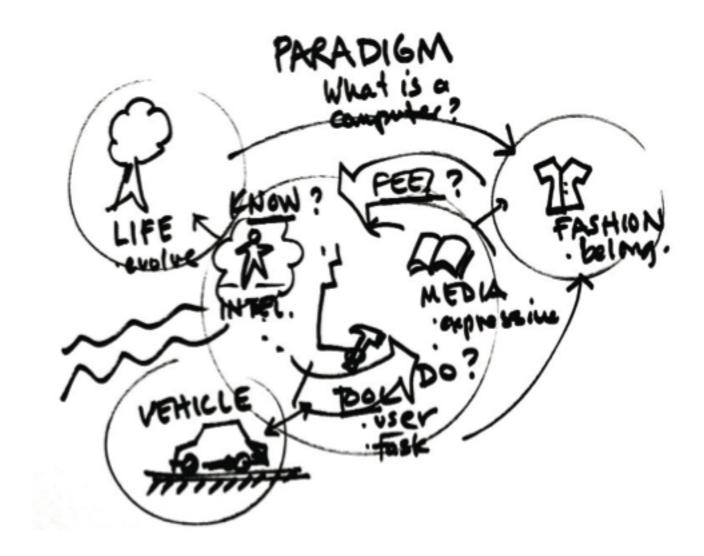
3 "How do you know?"

The map shows the user an overview of how everything works, and the path shows them what to do, what they need to know moment by moment



"Any hot medium allows of less participation than a cool one, as a lecture makes for less participation than a seminar, and a book for less than a dialogue."

Interaction Design Paradigms



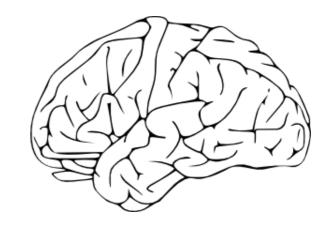
A paradigm is an example that serves as a pattern for the way people think about something.

It is the set of questions that a particular community has decided are important. For interaction design there is often some confusion about what paradigm you are working with. The basic question is, What is a computer?

Intelligence

In the early days, designers thought of computers as people and tried to develop them to become smart, intelligent, and autonomous.

The word "smart" is one that we associate with this paradigm, expecting the machine or product to be smart and to know how to do things for the person who uses it.



Tool

Doug Engelbart, the inventor of the computer mouse, thought of the computer as a tool.

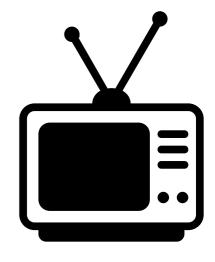
Styles of interaction changed from dialogs, where we talk to a computer and a computer will talk back to us, to direct manipulation, where we grab the tool and use it directly. The ideas of efficiency and empowerment are related to this tool metaphor.



Media

In the nineties, designers thought of computers as media, raising a new set of questions.

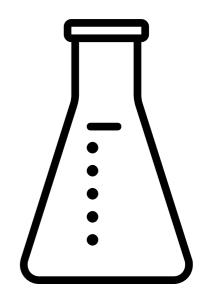
How expressive is the medium? How compelling is the medium? Here we are not thinking so much about a user interacting with or manipulating the computer, but more about them looking at and browsing in the medium.



Life

Starting in the mid nineties, people have been talking about computer viruses or computer evolution; they are thinking of artificial life.

When the program has been written, it is capable of evolving over time—getting better and adapting. The programmer is in a way giving up responsibility, saying that the program is on its own.



Vehicle

Another metaphor is the computer as vehicle, and we have to agree on the rules of the road.

There has to be some kind of infrastructure that underlies all computer systems. People spend their careers determining the standards that will define the infrastructures, and hence the limitations and opportunities for design.



Fashion

The media metaphor plays out to computers as fashion.

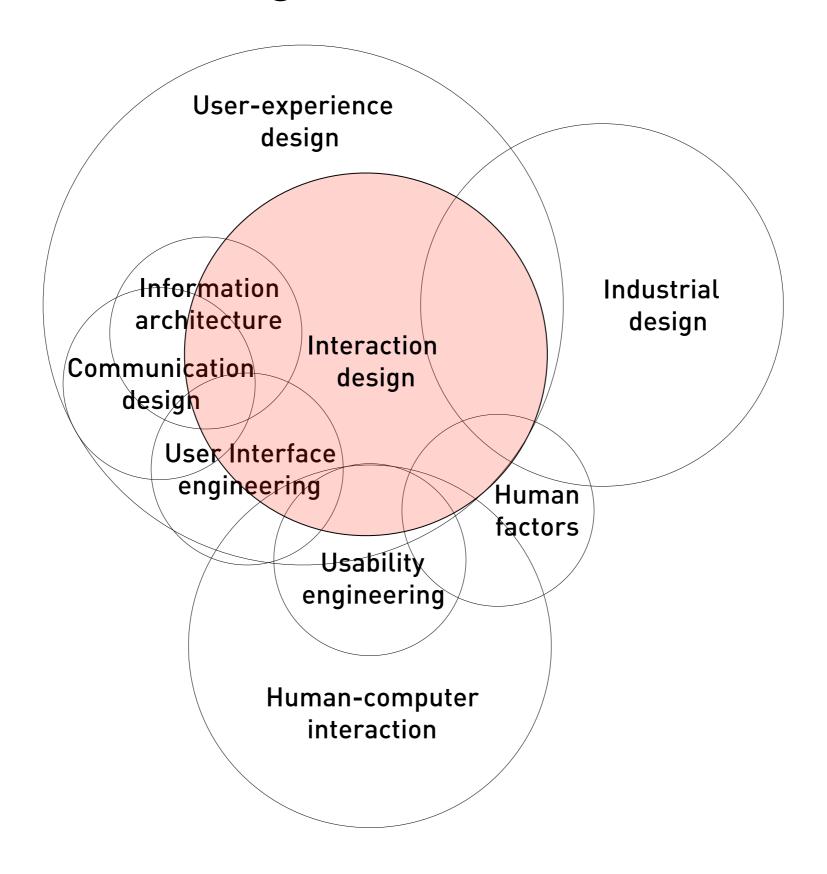
A lot of products are fashion products. People want to be seen with the right computer on. They want to belong to the right in-crowd. Aesthetics can dominate in this world of fashion, as people move from one fashion to another, from one style of interaction to another style.



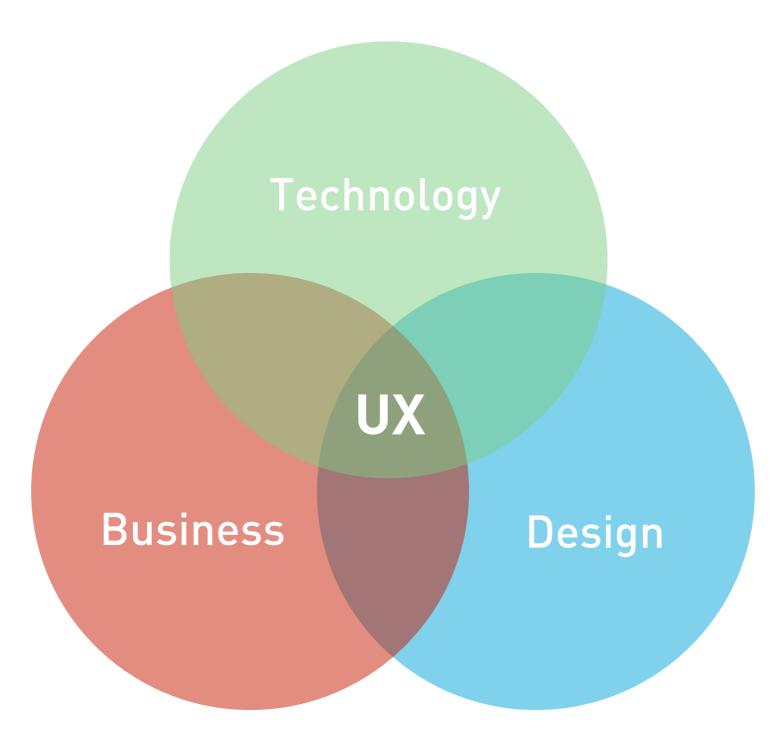
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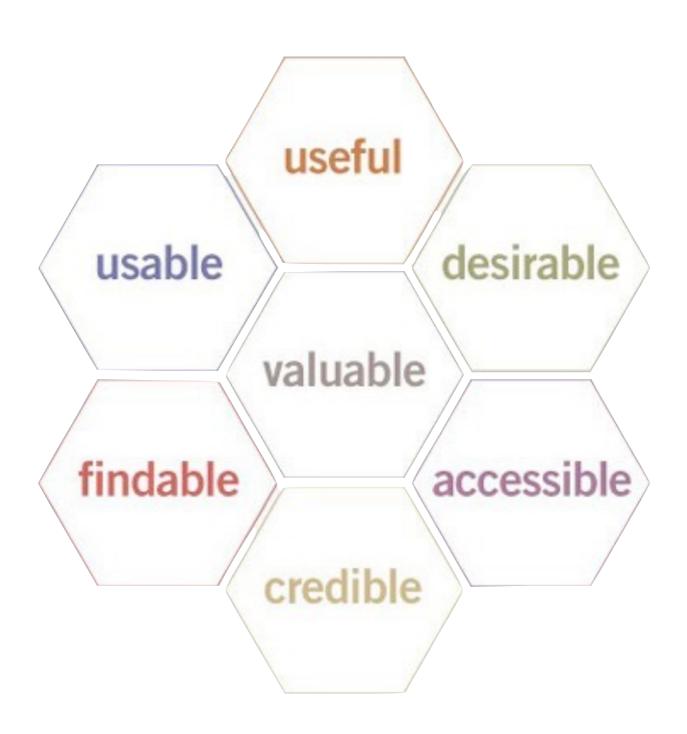


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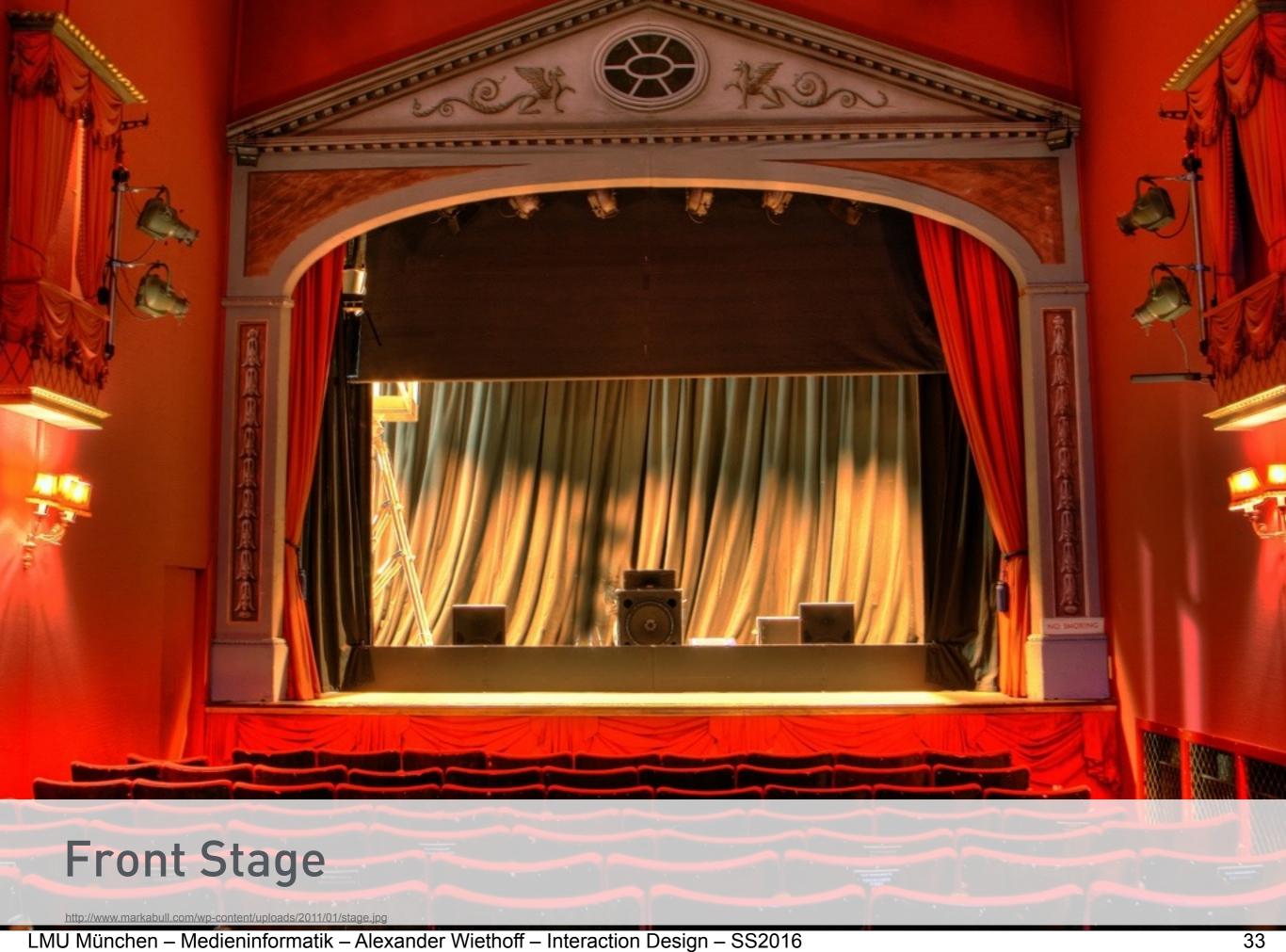
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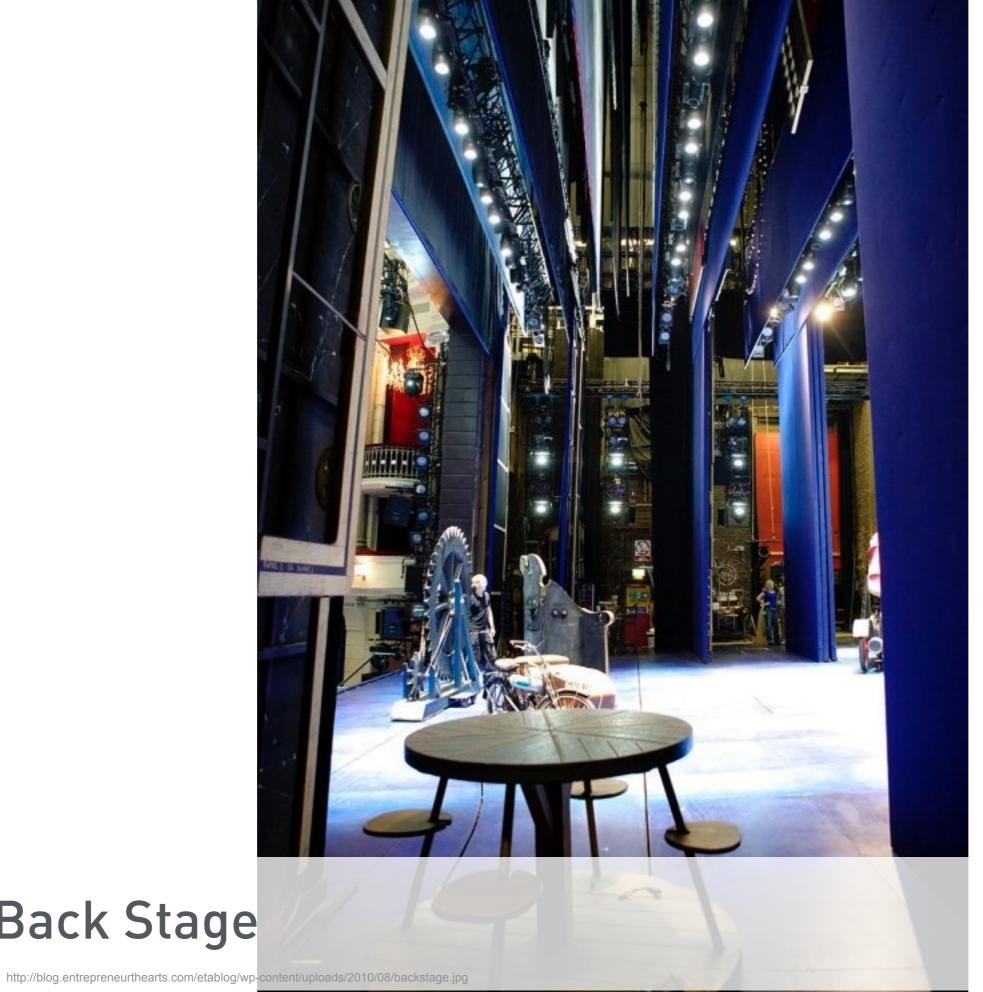
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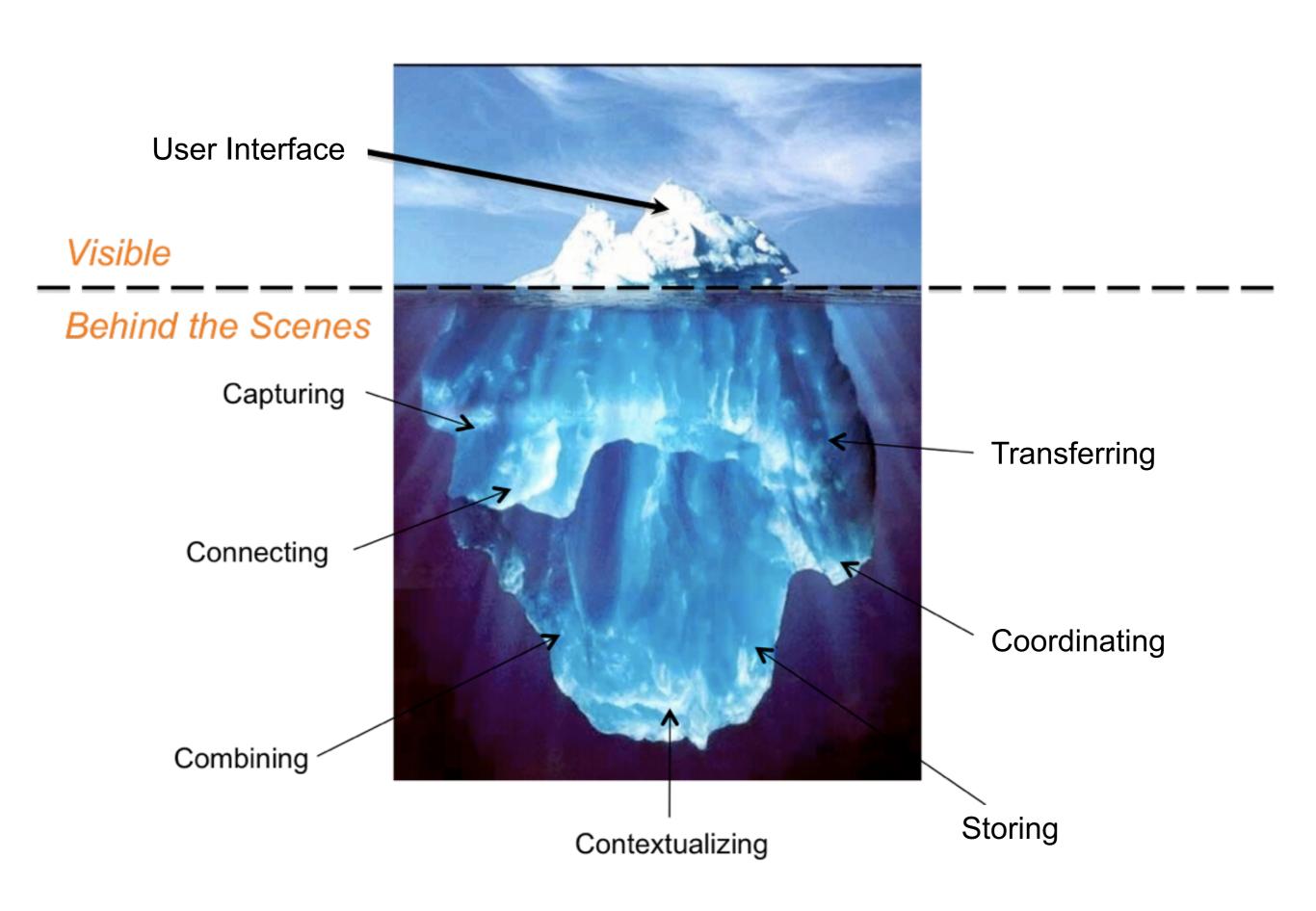
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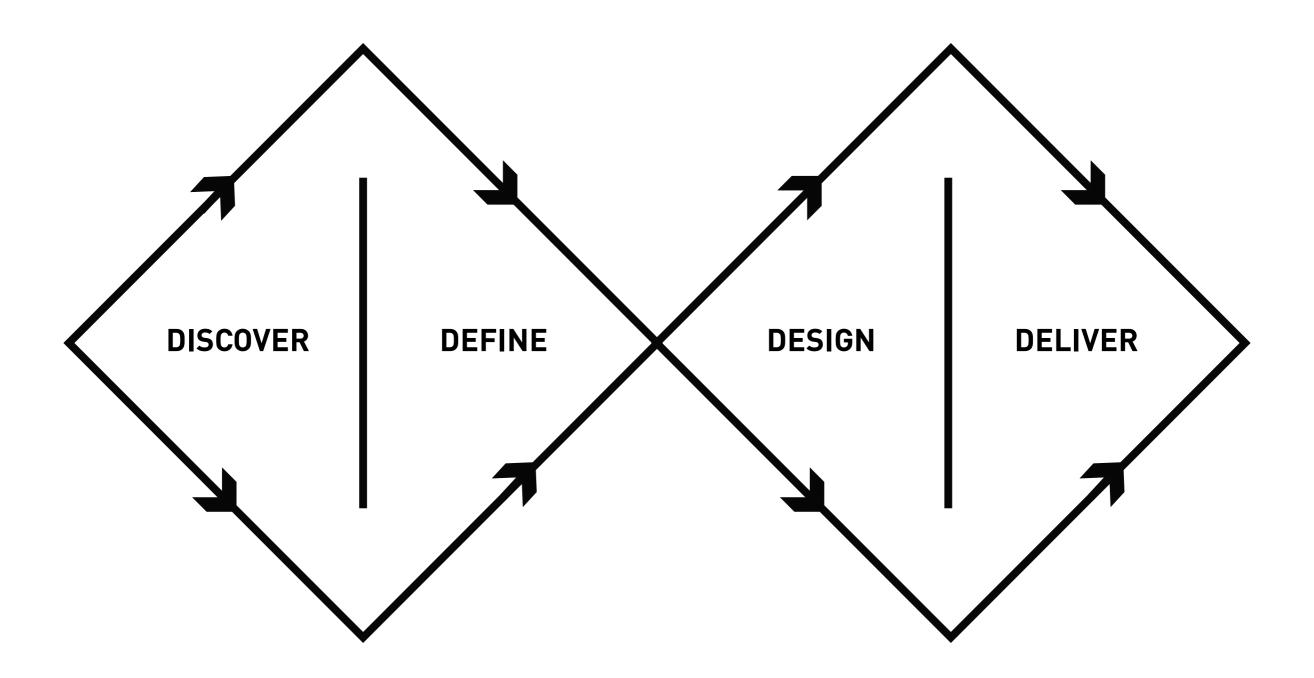




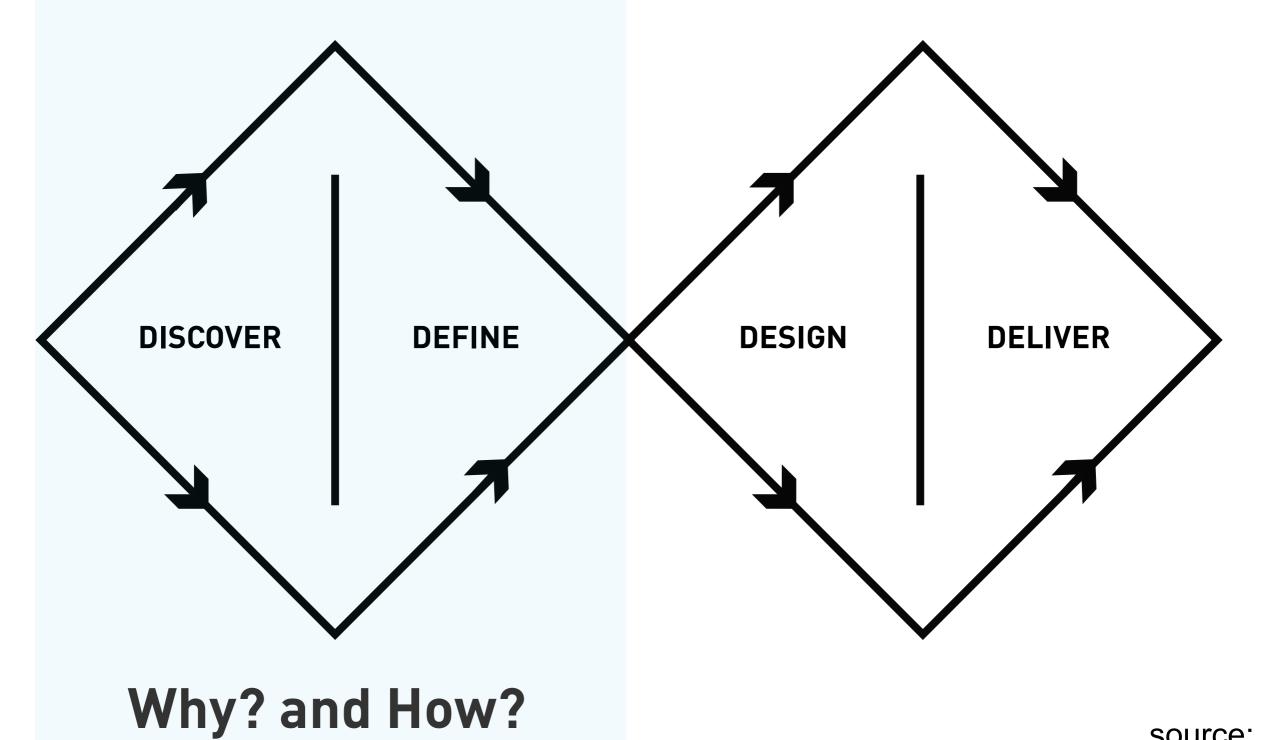
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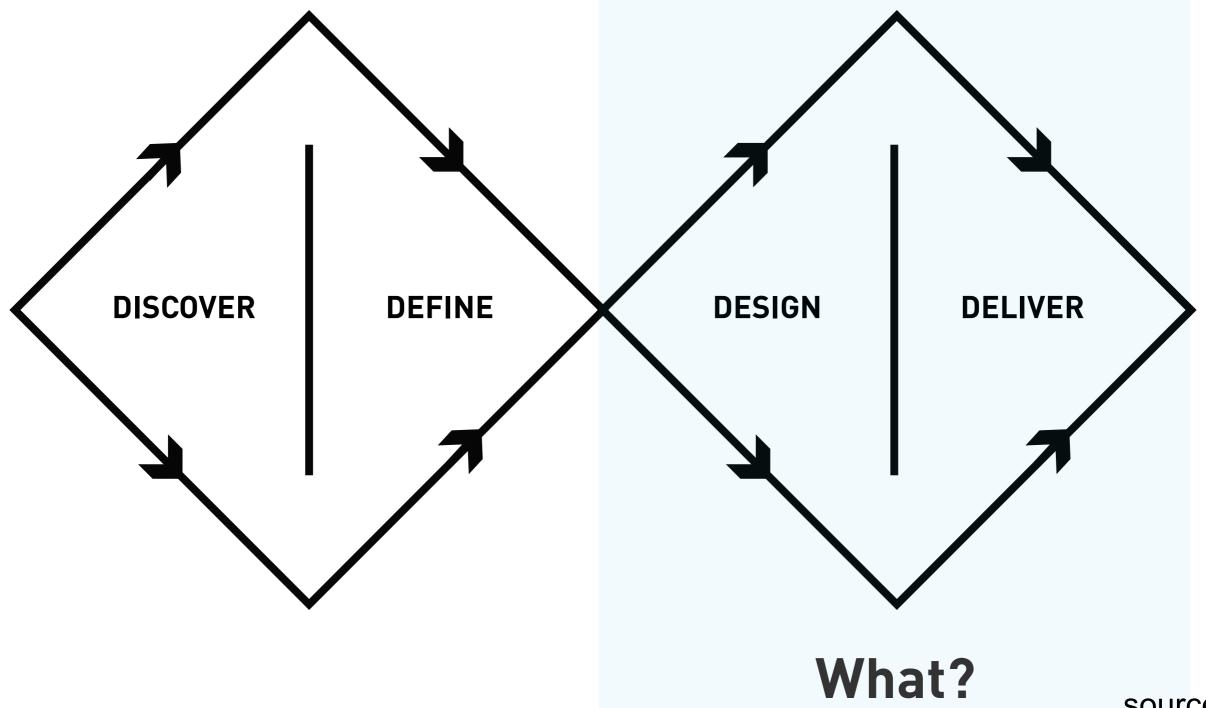
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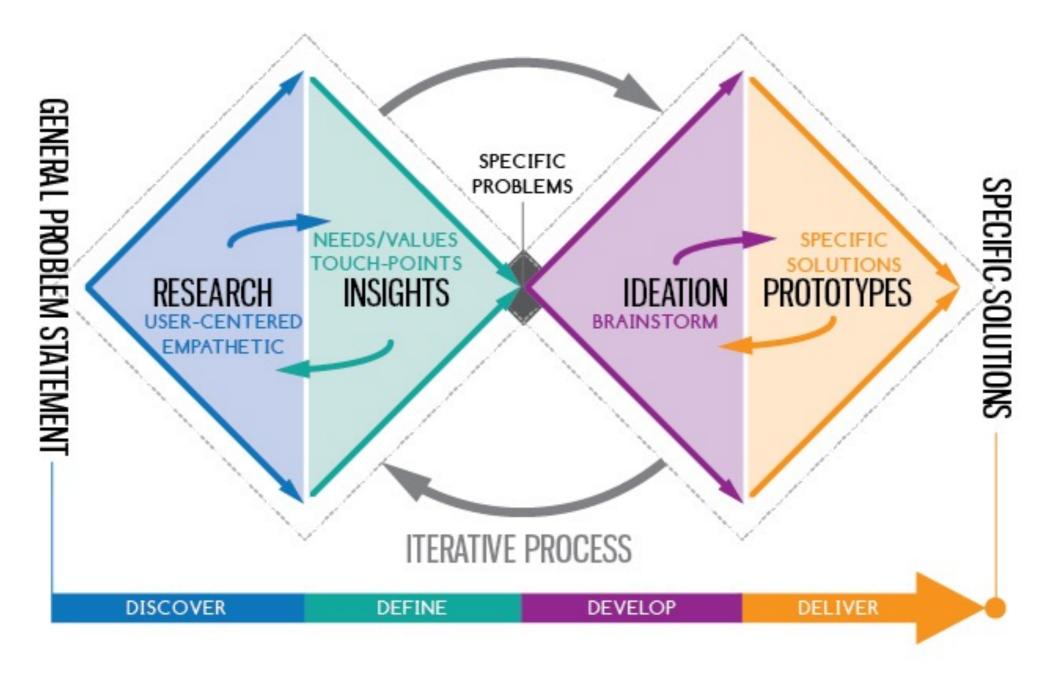
Getting the right Design and the Design right...

Bill Buxton - Sketching User Experiences

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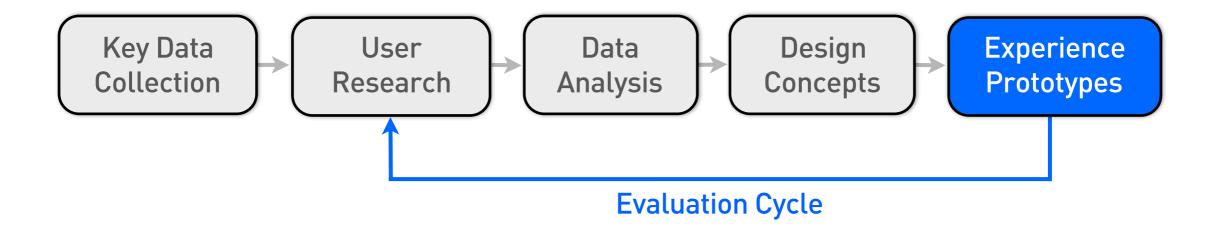




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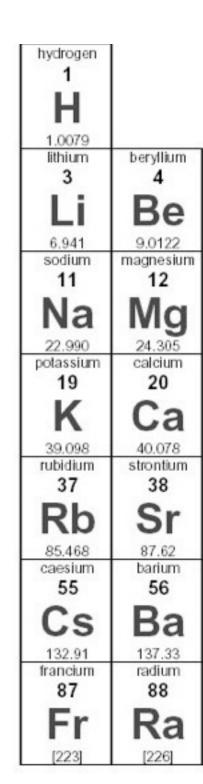


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Elements in Interaction Design

Within interaction design, products and services can be purely digital, physical and/or hybrid.

Therefore considerations on the different elements are necessary.







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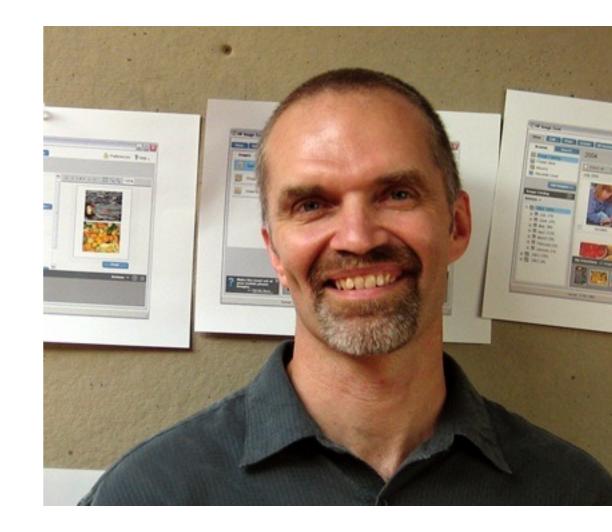
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Motion, Space, Time, Appearance, Texture and Sound: Cordell Ratzlaff: Developing OSX

Cordell Ratzlaff

- -managed the human interface group at Apple for 5 years
- -led the design team of OSX
- -founded the company GetThere.com
- -creative director at Frog Design SF, USA







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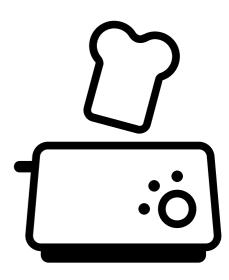
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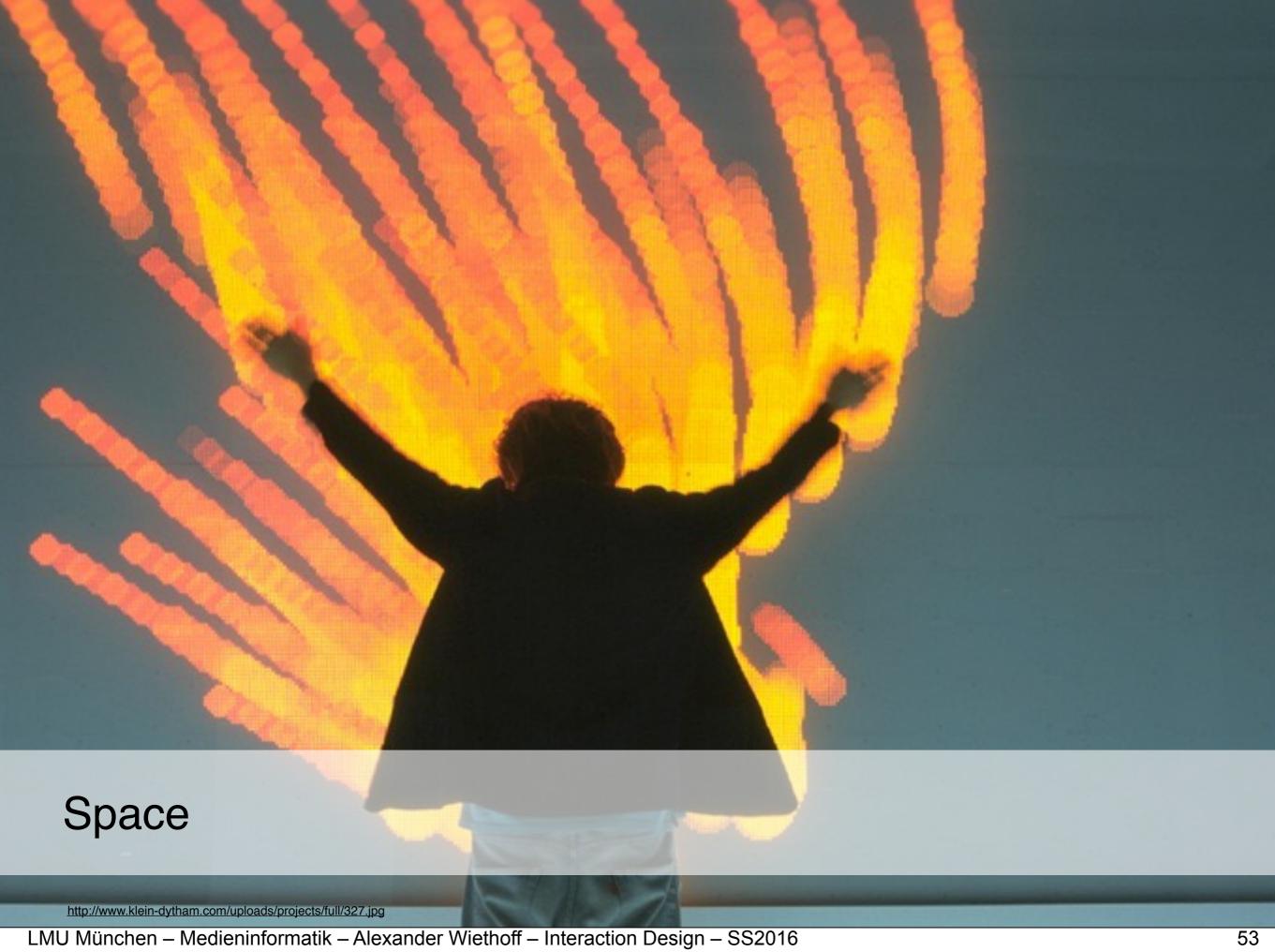
Motion

Motion is often a trigger for action.

The triggered action (or at least the feedback for that action) is often about motion as well.

Without motion, there can be no interaction.





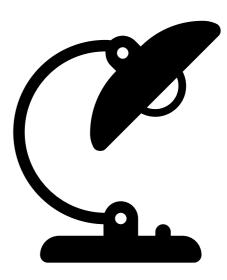
Space

Space provides a context for motion.

Where is the action taking place?

How are the constraints of the space?

All interactions take place in a space.





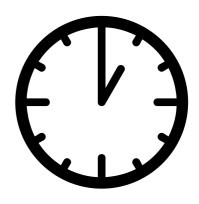
Time

Movement through space takes time to accomplish.

Interaction designers need an awareness of time. Some tasks are complicated and take a long time to complete.

Time creates rhythm.

All interactions take place over time.





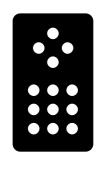
Appearance/Affordances

Appearance

Appearance is the major source (texture is the other) of what cognitive psychologist James Gibson, in 1966, called **affordances**.

Gibson explored the concept more fully in his 1979 book The Ecological Approach to Visual Perception, but it wasn't until Don Norman's seminal book The Psychology of Everyday Things, in 1988, that the term spread into design.

An **affordance** is a property, or multiple properties, of an object that provides some indication of how to interact with that object or with a feature on that object.



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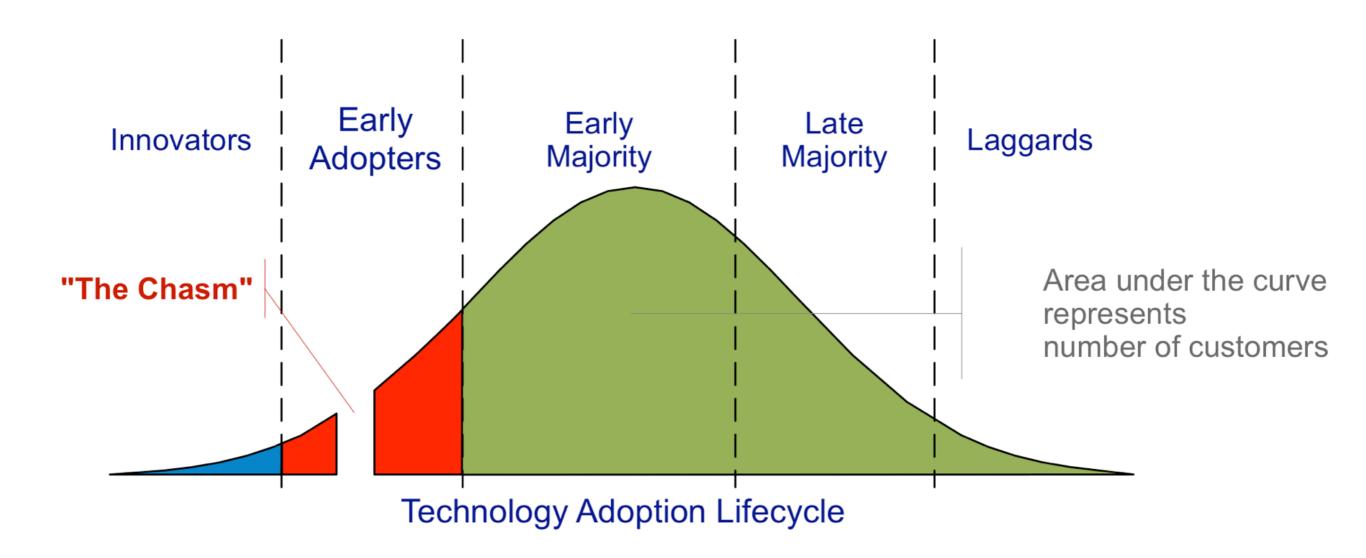
Appearance/Affordance has many variables for interaction designers to alter:

- 1. proportion
- 2. structure
- 3. size
- 4. shape
- 5. weight
- 6. color (hue, value, saturation)

All of these characteristics (and more) add up to appearance, and nearly every design has some sort of appearance, even if that appearance is a simple command line.

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- Usability



We interviewed some people with beautiful and very elaborate new media systems who were quite discouraged and quite unhappy with them.

The solution from the manufacturers of consumer products was to produce the most dumbfounding, enormous remote controls. Thirty buttons was not a large number for those controls. There was a period of suppression of the adoption of the best of this technology simply because it was too complicated to use.

David Liddle, 2003

Three Phases of Product Adaption

David Liddle

- -worked at PARC
- -was one of the lead designers creating the STAR workstation
- -founded a company named *Metaphor Computers*
- -set up a research laboratory, *Interval Research*, focused on interdisciplinary interaction design





Looking back...



- -different phases of adoption have different impacts on their usability
- -controls become automated in the final (consumer) phase



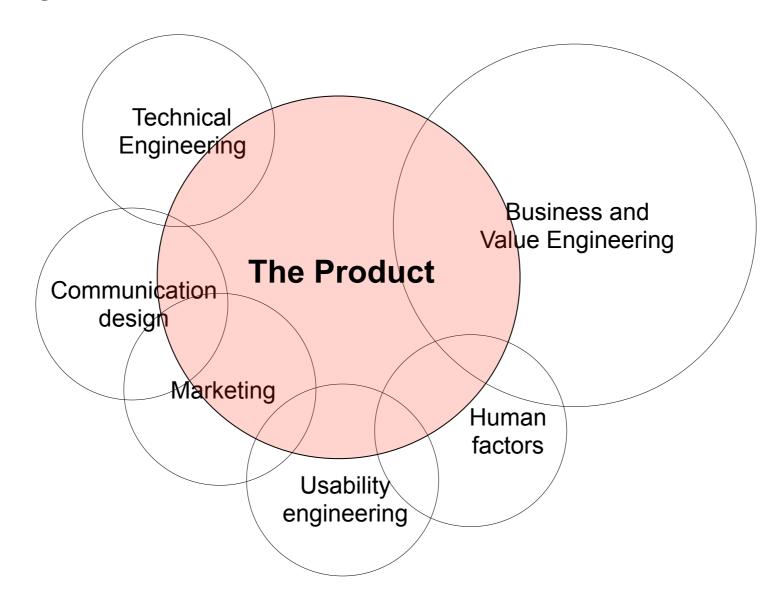
Enthusiast

Inventors are often good at coming up with the first version of a technology and can find the "enthusiasts" to adopt the technology by creating nothing more than an innovative solution.

The inventor, even when supported by a band of technicians, cannot develop the technology once it enters the "professional" phase.

Usability at this stage is perceived of **low value**.

Professional



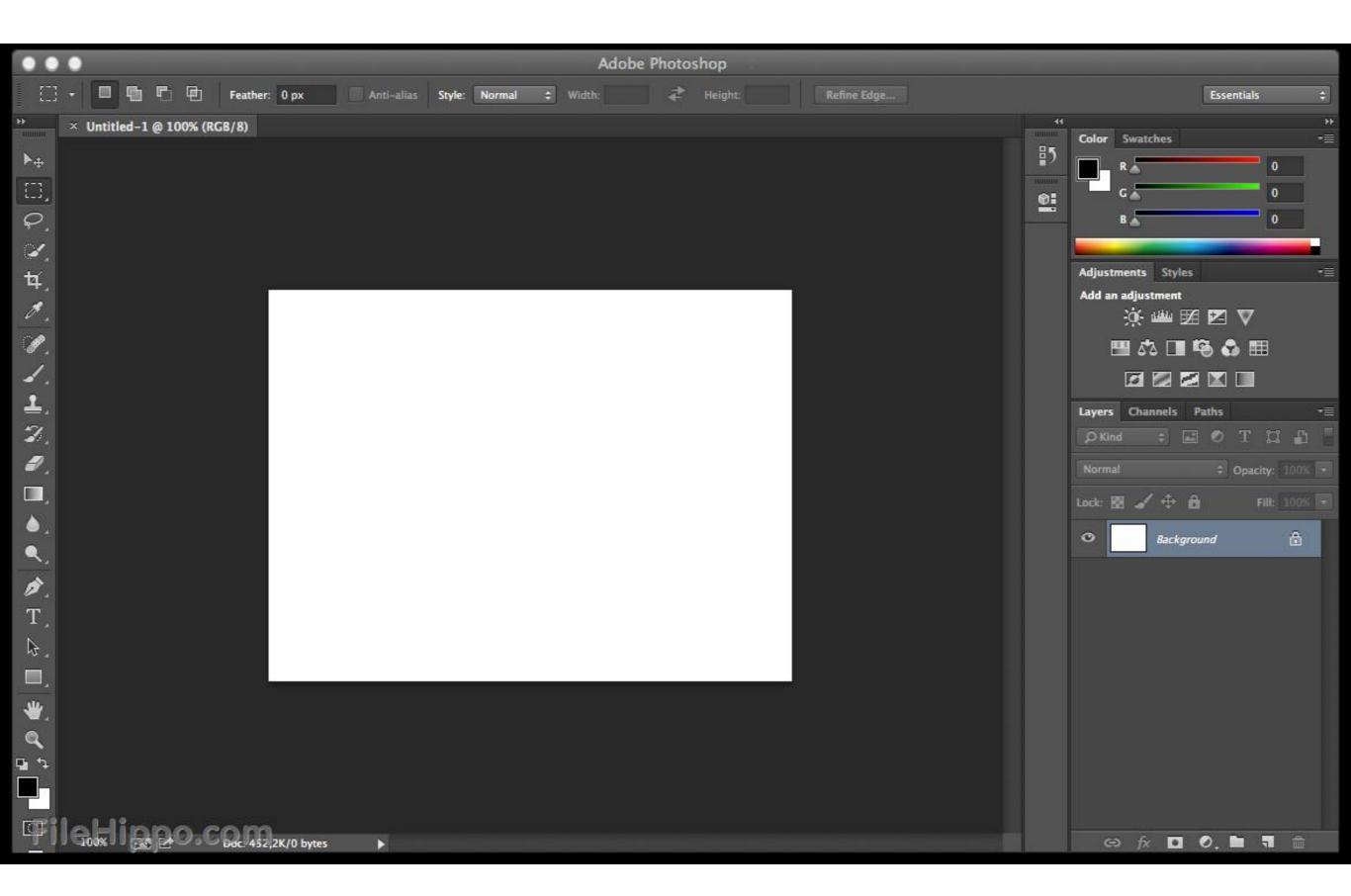
New design values apply when people adopt the technology for practical purposes. Now the design must be **reliable**, it must **perform consistently**, it must be **priced** to offer reasonable value, and above all it must be both **useful** and **usable**.

Professional

A design for the professional phase does not need necessarily to be **easy to use**, as people take pride in acquiring skill in their work; their learned skill separates them from the unskilled and allows them to feel expert.

The design does not have to be enjoyable, as people tend to take their work seriously and are willing to try hard to be productive, even if the experience is unpleasant.

Usability at this stage is perceived of mid value.



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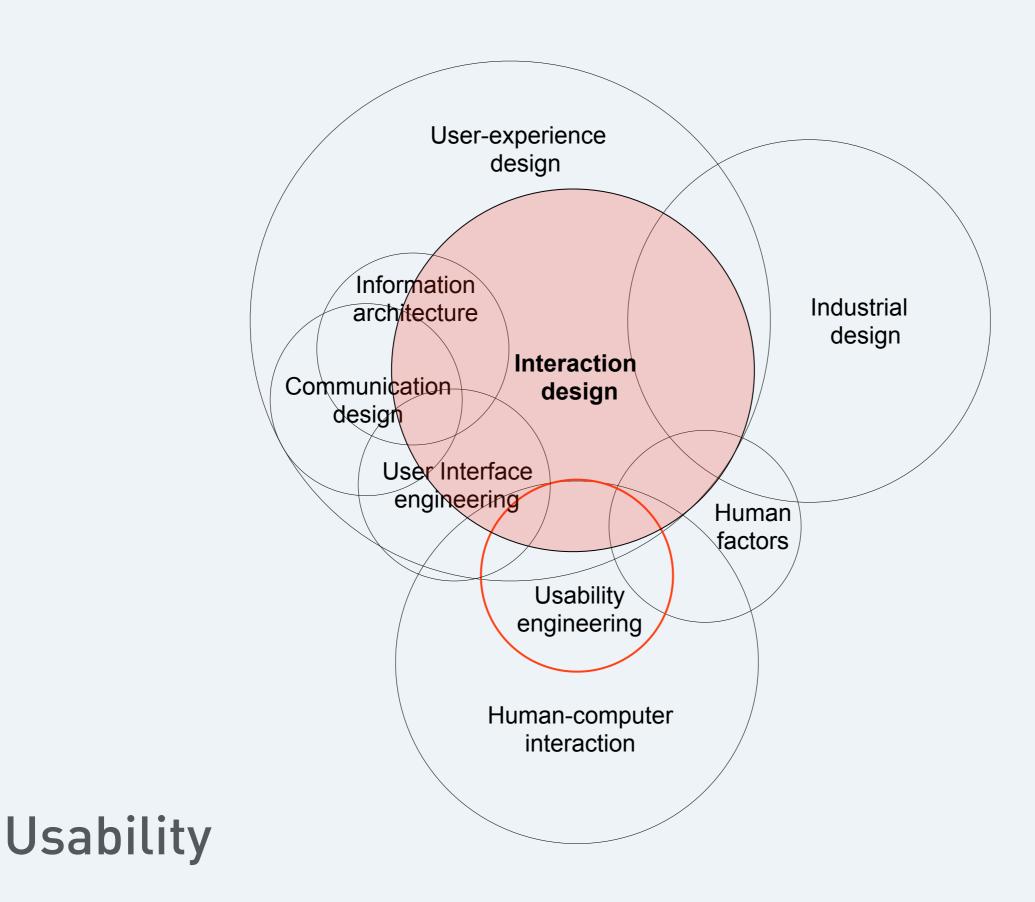
Consumer

Usability is of very **high value** at this stage an can result as a crucial advantage in competition.

Designs at this level should be: Enjoyable, robust and easy to use.

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Usability is a term used to denote the ease with which people can employ a particular tool or other human-made object in order to achieve a particular goal.

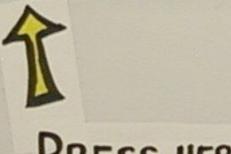
Benefits of usability testings

- Higher revenues through increased sales
- Increased user efficiency
- Reduced development costs
- Reduced support costs

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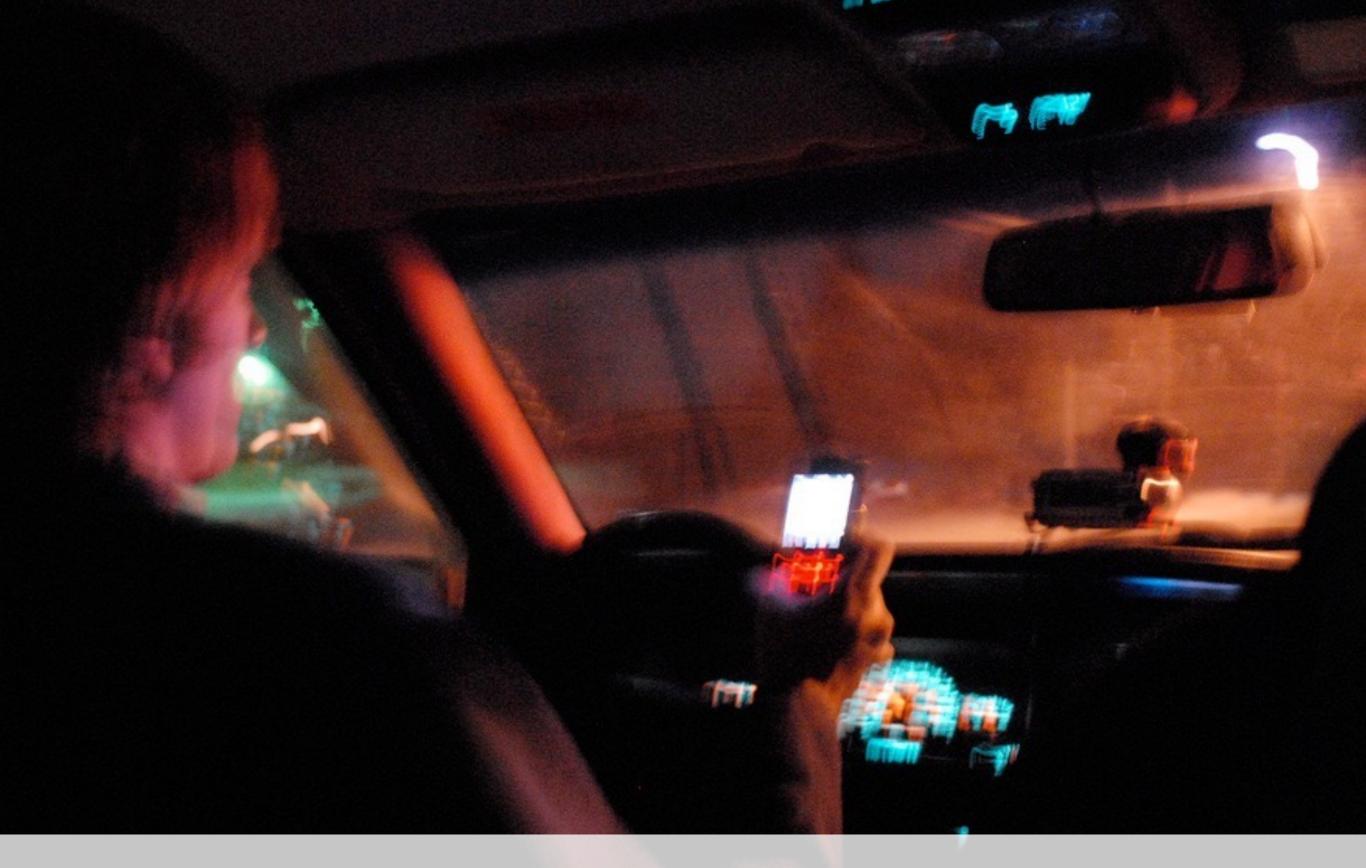


Remote Control



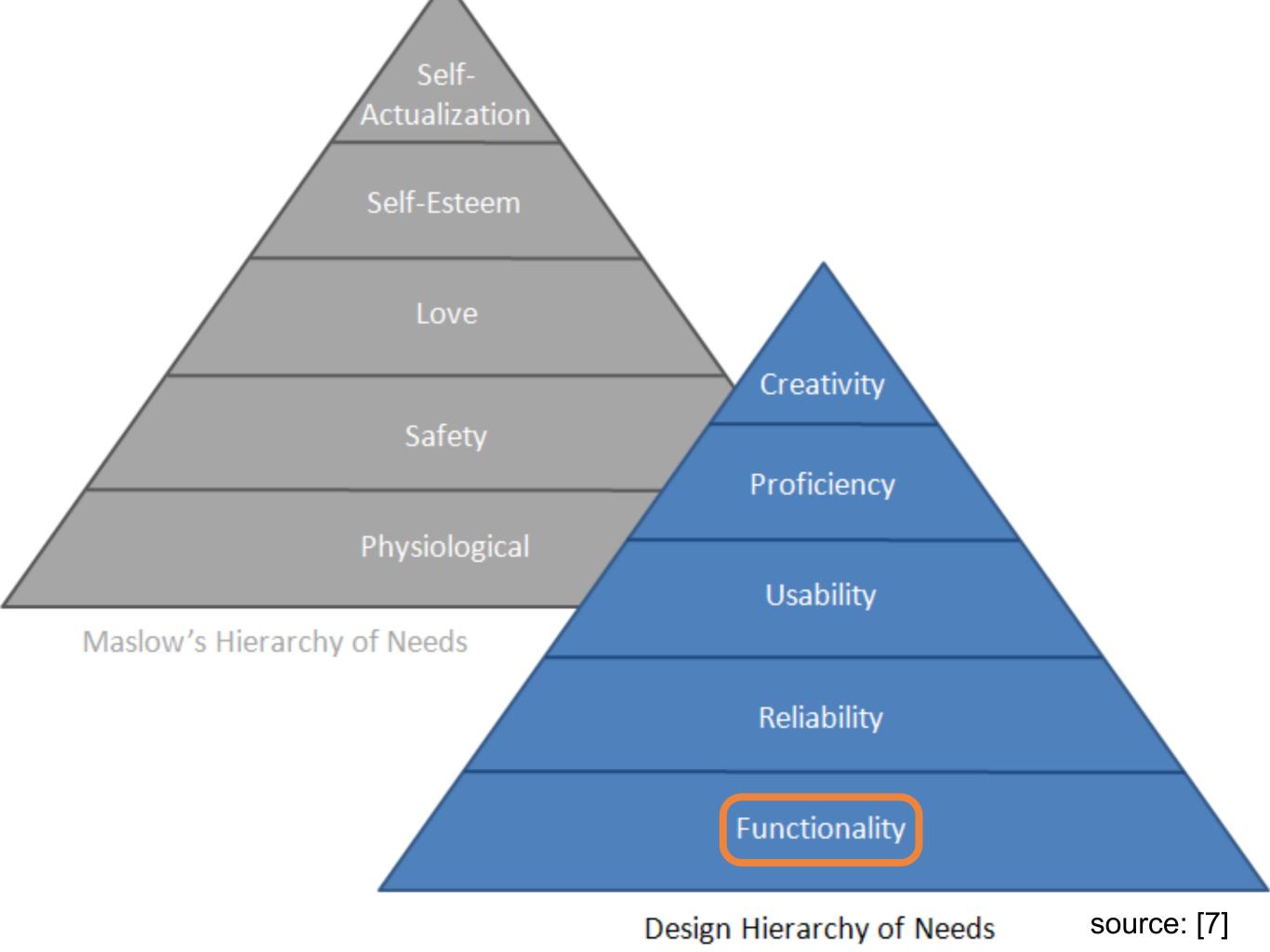


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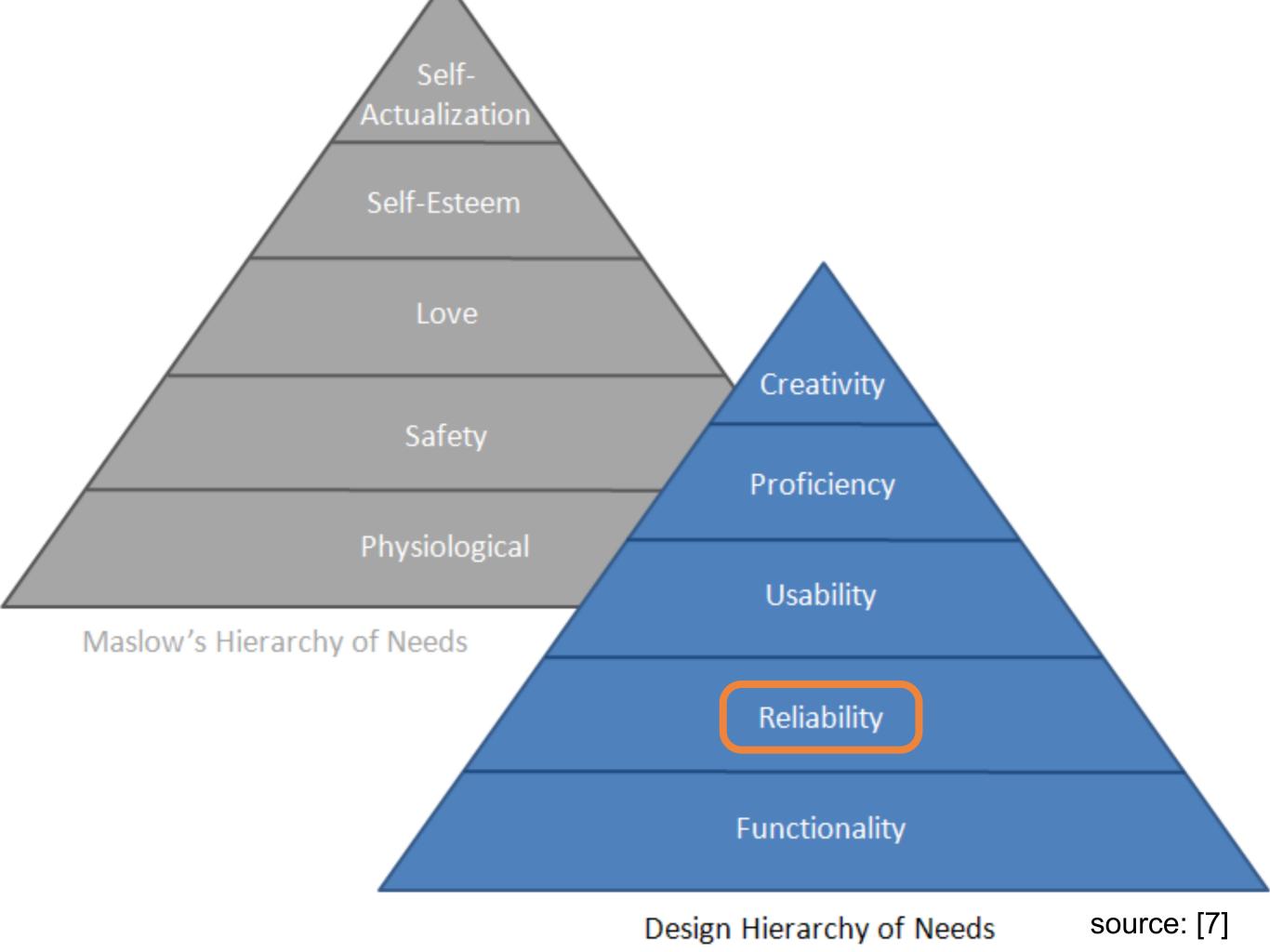
User Environment

Hierarchy of Design Needs (Lidwell: Universal Principles of Design, 2003)



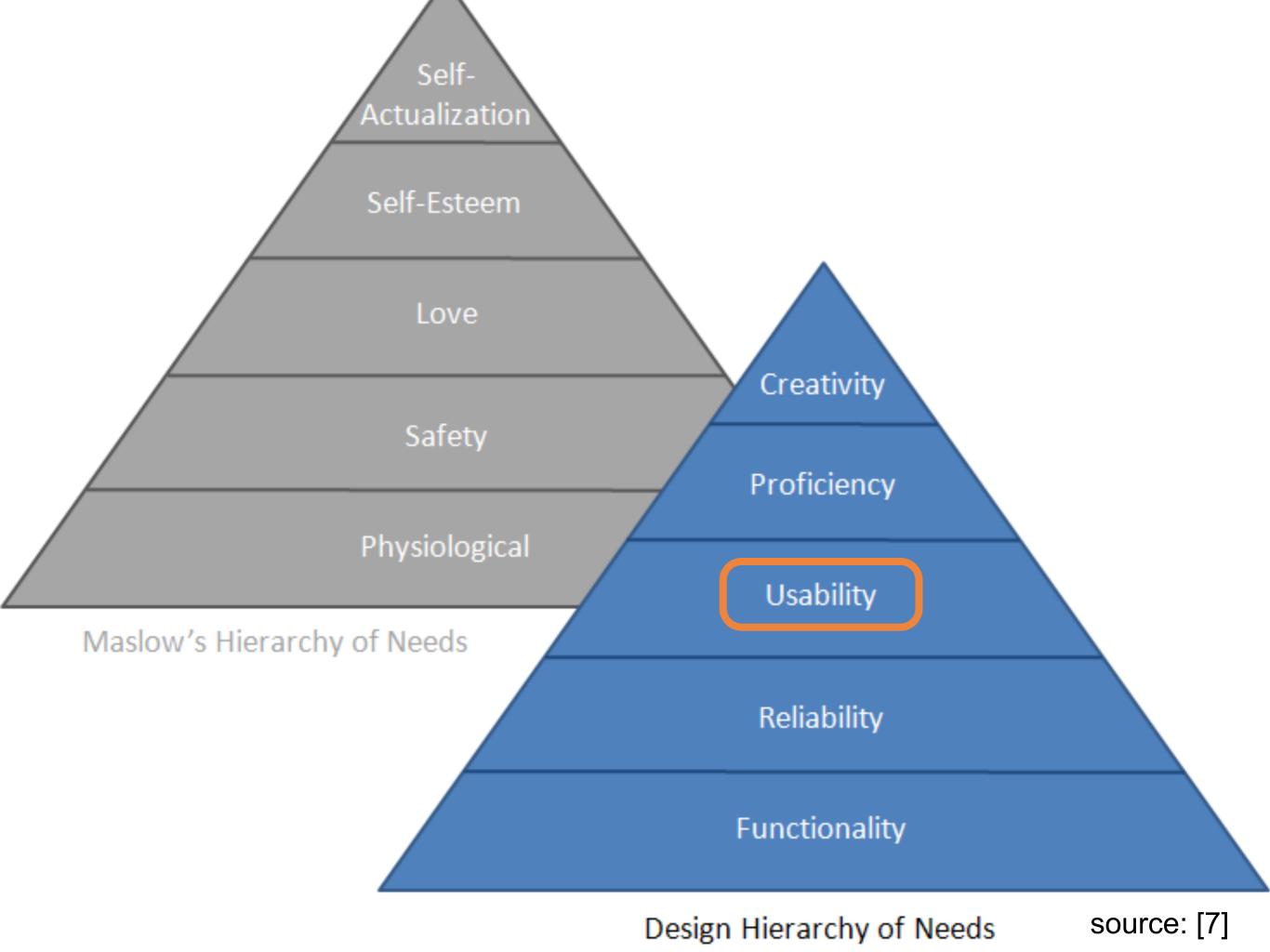
Functionality needs have to do with meeting the most basic design requirements.

For example a HDD recorder must, at minimum, provide the capability to record play, and review recorded programs. Designs at this level are perceived to be of little or no value.



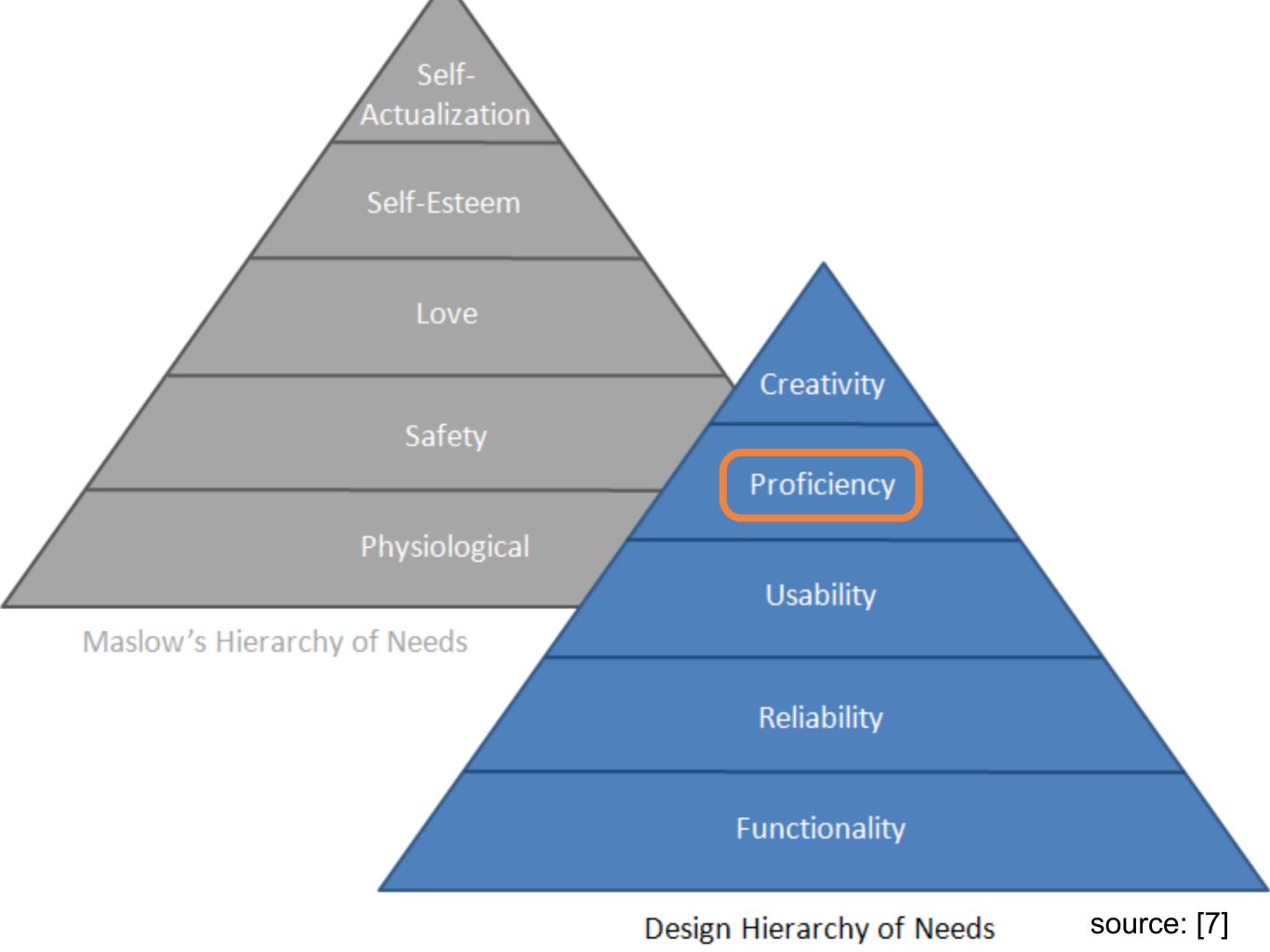
Reliability needs have to do with establishing stable and consistent performance.

For example a HDD recorder should perform consistently and play back recorded programs at an acceptable level of quality. If the design performs erratically, or is subject to frequent failure, reliability needs are not satisfied. Designs at this level are perceived to be of low value



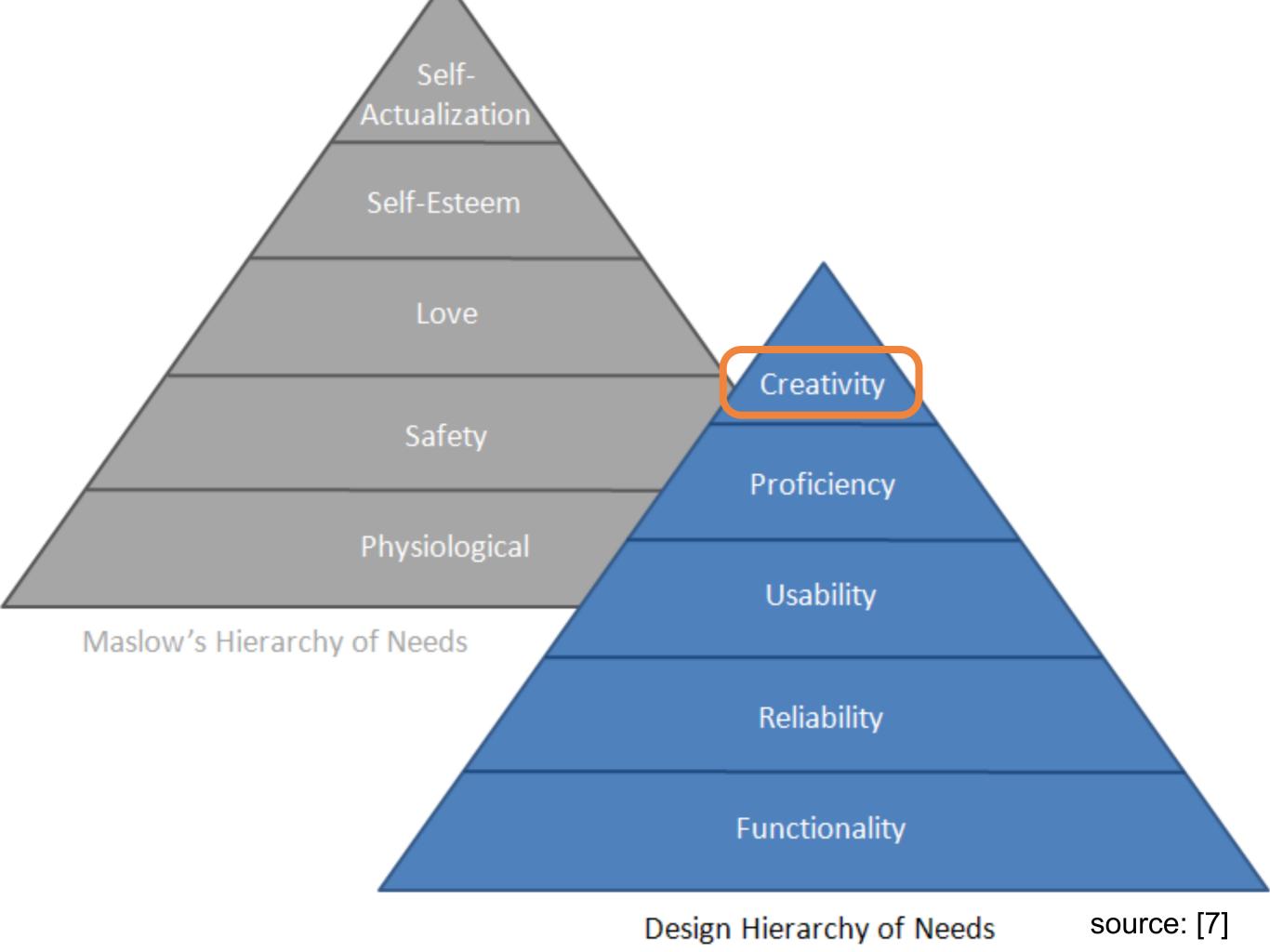
Usability needs have to do with how easy and forgiving a design is to use.

For example, configuring a HDD recorder to record programs at a later time should be easily accomplished, and the recorder should be tolerant of mistakes. If the difficulty is too great, or the consequences of simple errors too severe, usability needs are not satisfied. Designs at this level are perceived of moderate value.



Proficiency needs have to do with empowering people to do things better than they could previously.

For example, a HDD recorder that can seek out and record programs based on keywords is a significant advance in recording capability, enabling people to do things not previously possible. Designs at this level are perceived to be of high value.



Creativity is the level in the hierarchy where all needs have been satisfied and people begin interacting with the design in innovative ways.

The design, having satisfied all other needs, is now used to create and explore areas that extend both the design and the person using the design. Designs at this level are perceived to be of the highest value, and often achieve cult-like loyalty among users.



Aesthetic-Usability Effect Aesthetic designs are perceived as easier to use than less-aesthetic designs.

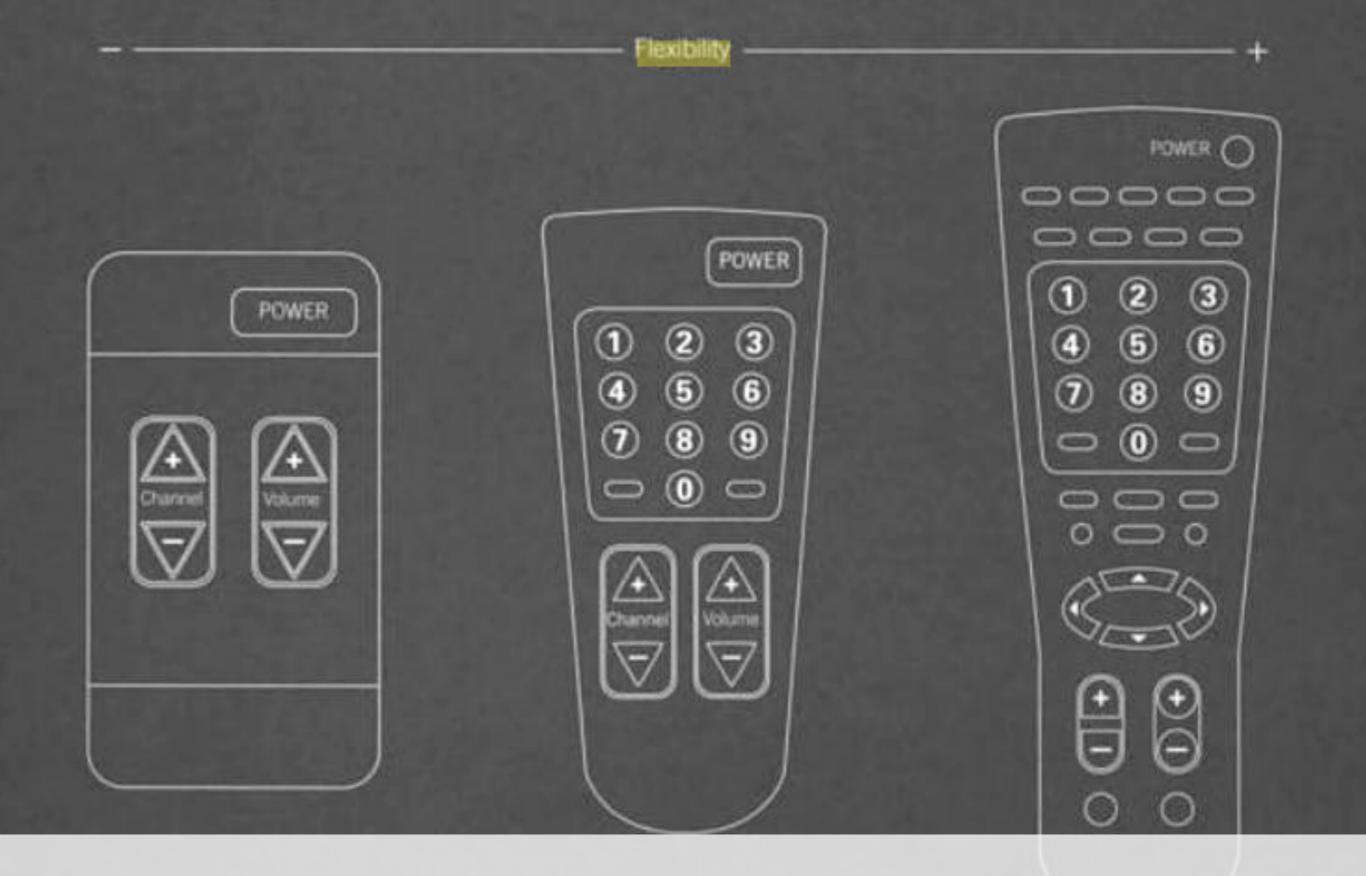
Aesthetic designs look easier to use and have a higher probability of being used, whether or not they actually are easier to use.



Flexibility-Usability Tradeoff

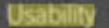
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The flexibility-usability tradeoff is exemplified in the well known maxim "jack of all trades, master of none". Flexible designs can perform more functions than specialised designs, but they perform the functions less efficiently.



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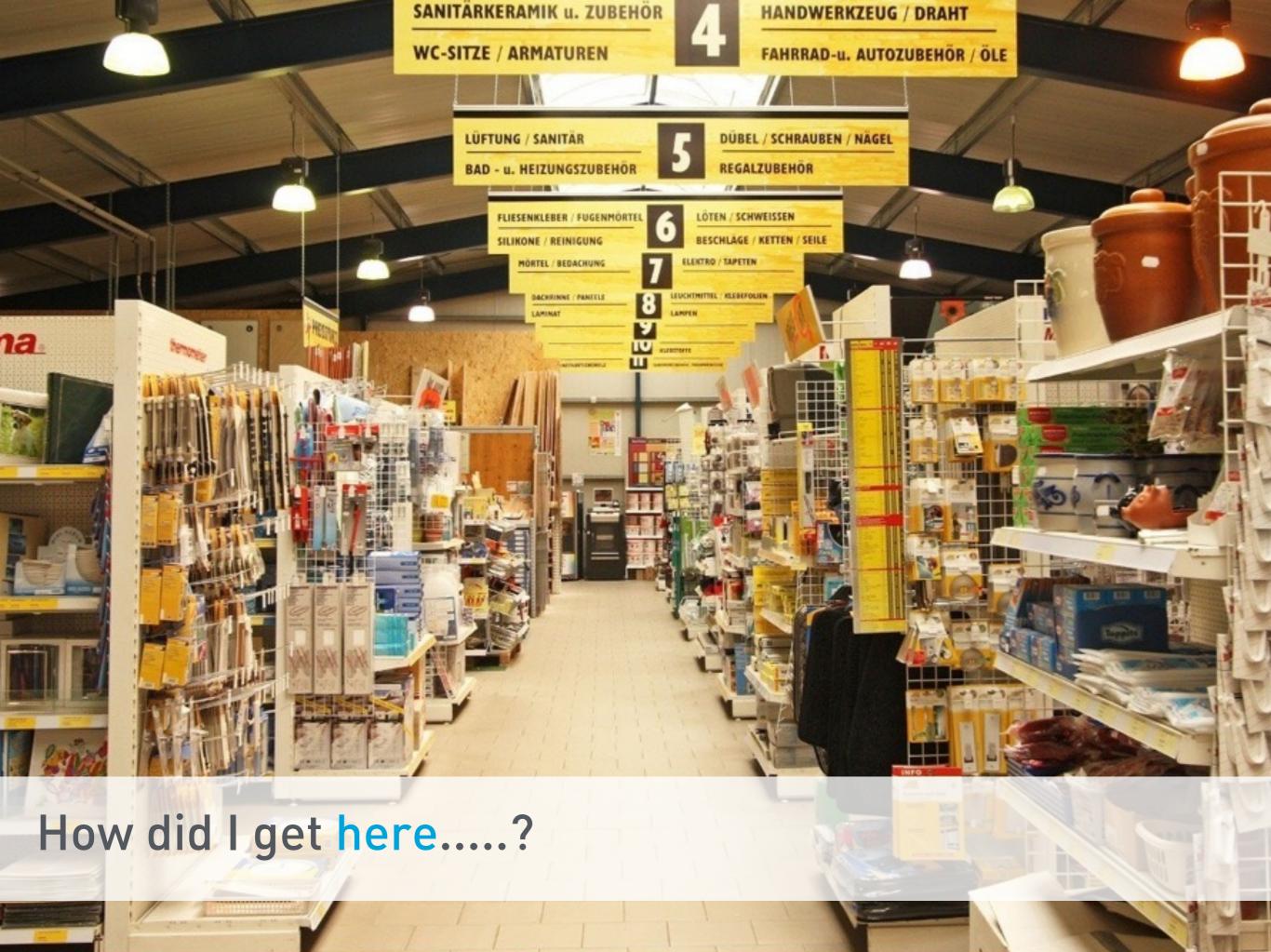
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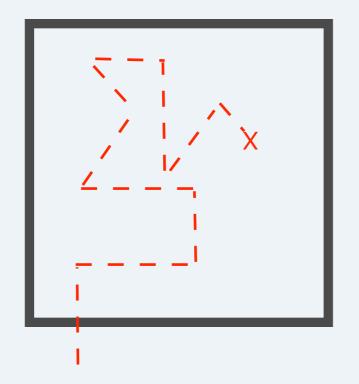


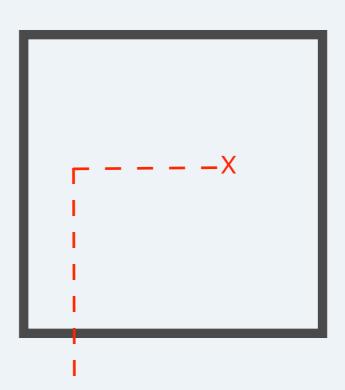


Navigation









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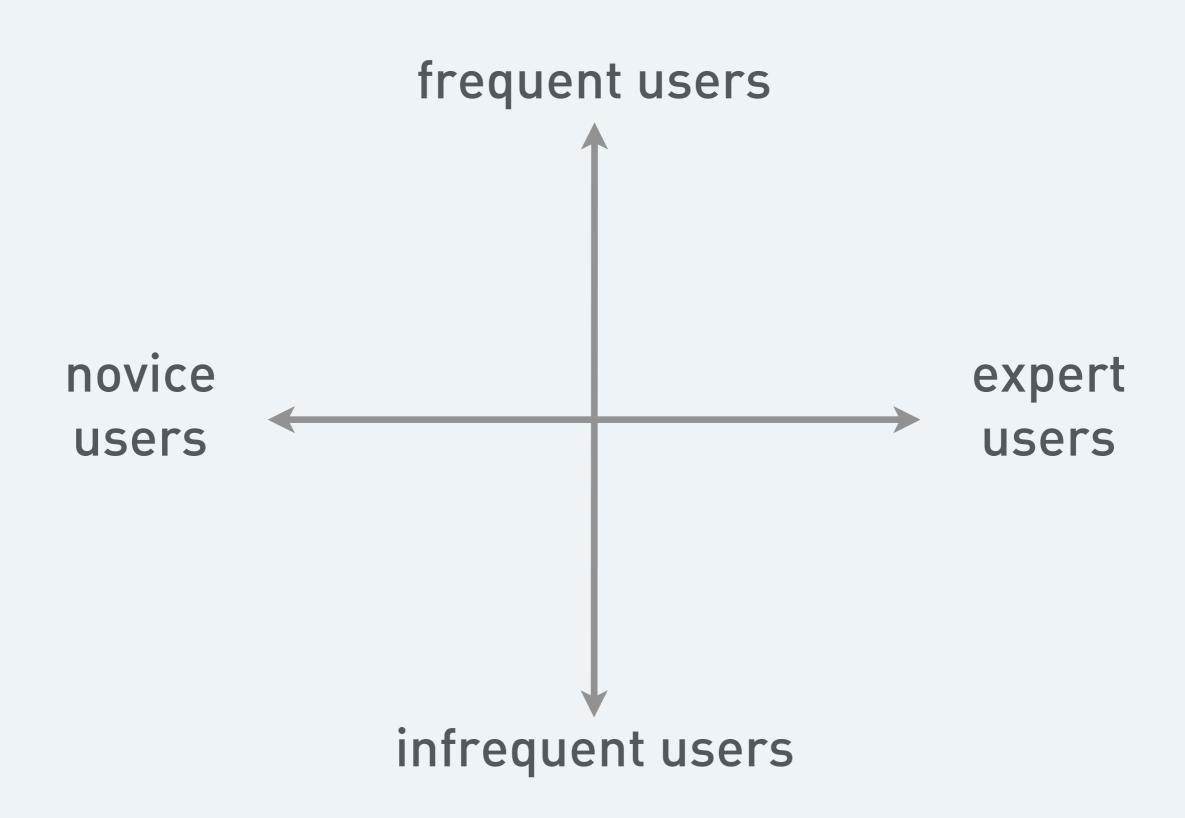


iPhone

Navigation gives us something "to hold on"

It tells us what we'll find and establishes a level of trust between the user and the people who build the system

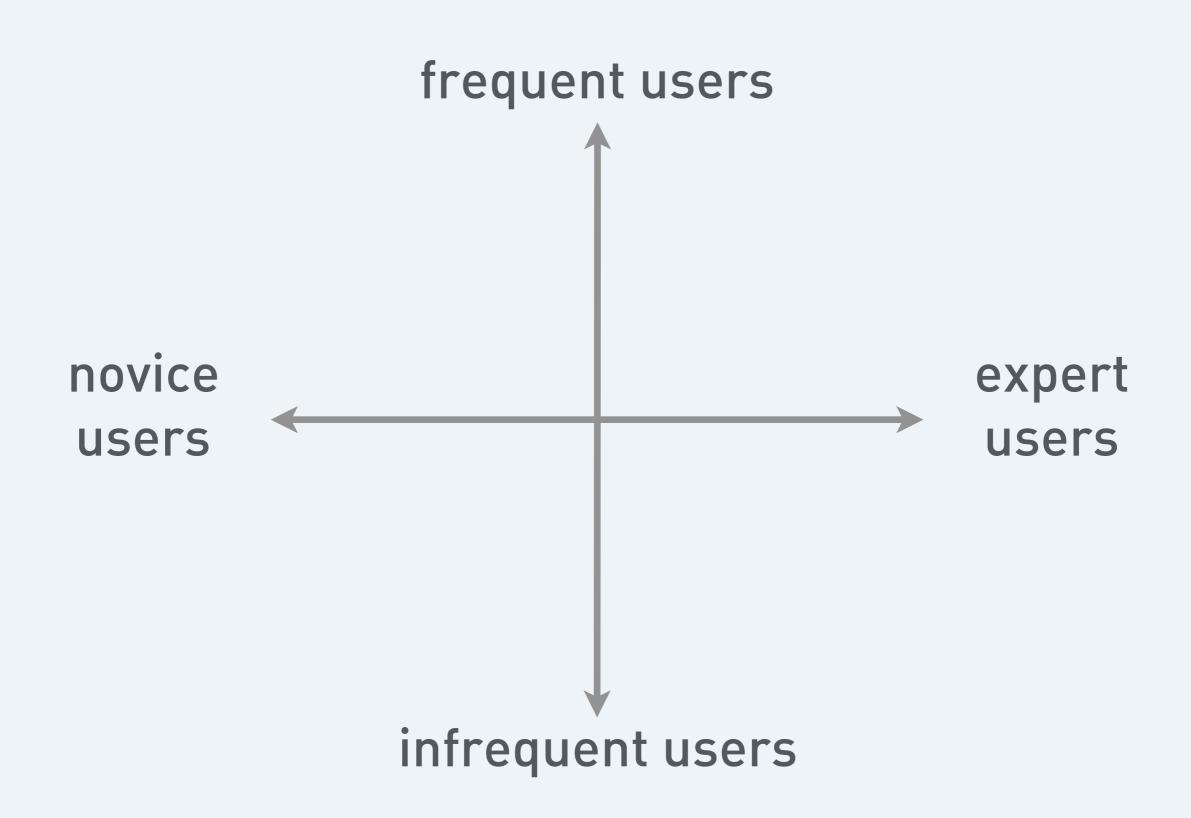
USABILITY IN EVERYDAY LIFE!





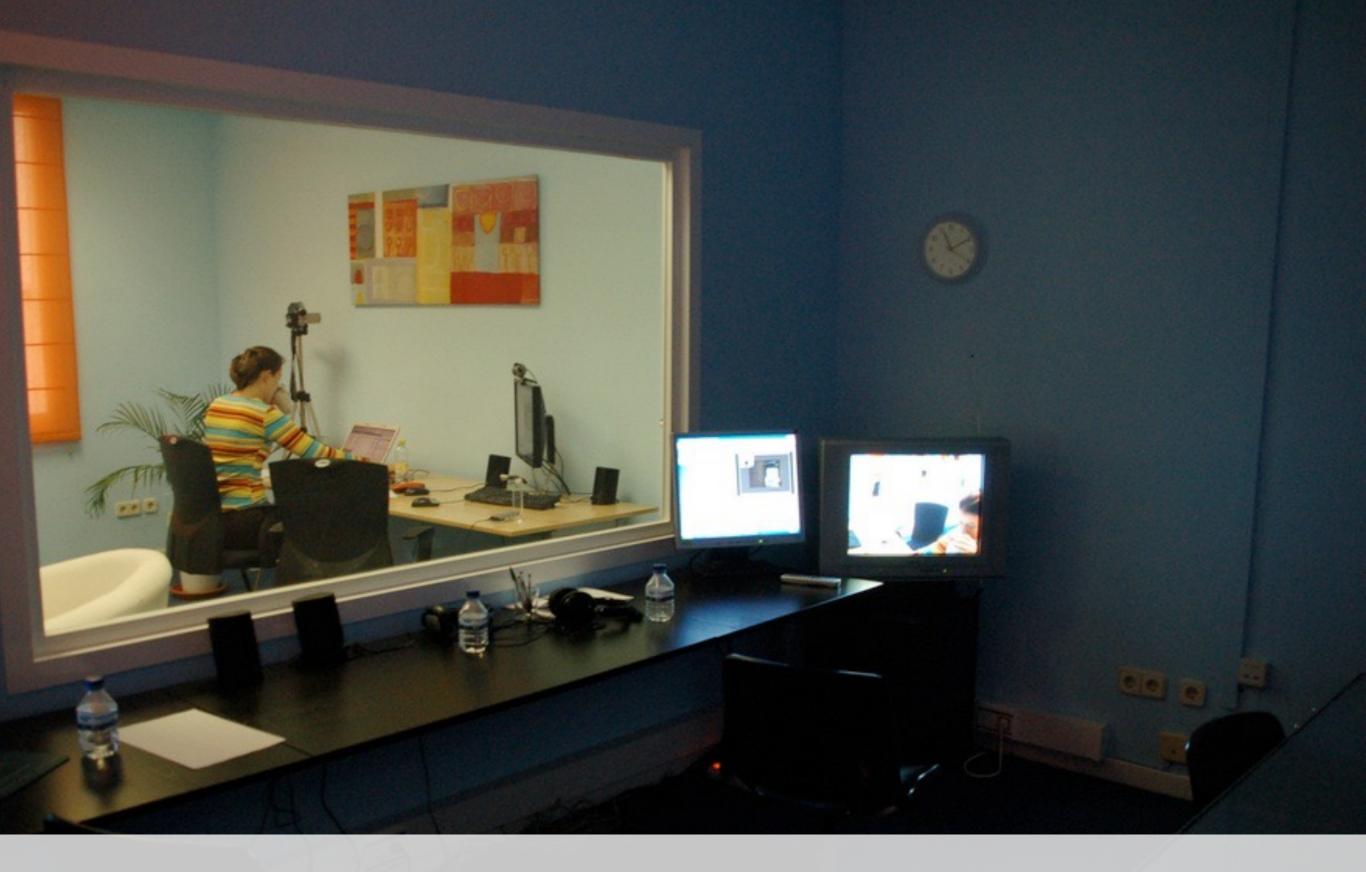
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Usability Inspection Methods....

Specifically constructed testing room

...instrumented with data collection devices

Separate observation room

...usually connected to the testing room by one-way mirror and audio system / data recording and analysis

Test users perform prepared scenarios

...and use the "Think aloud" technique

Problem

...very artificial setting

→ bias in test results

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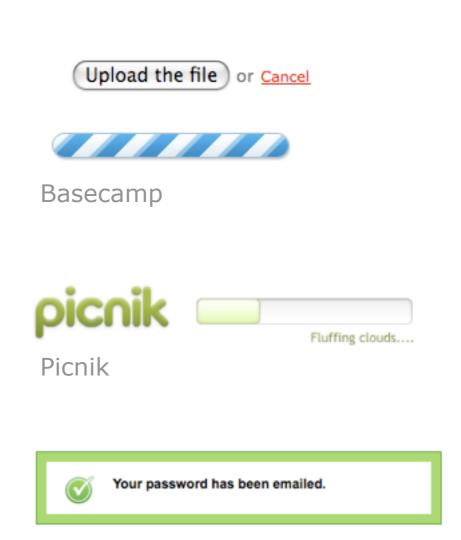
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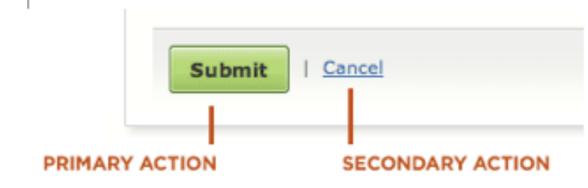
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Example: "Web Design, Filling the Blanks"



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Common Shortcuts

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Mac OSX 10.5

(Accelerators)

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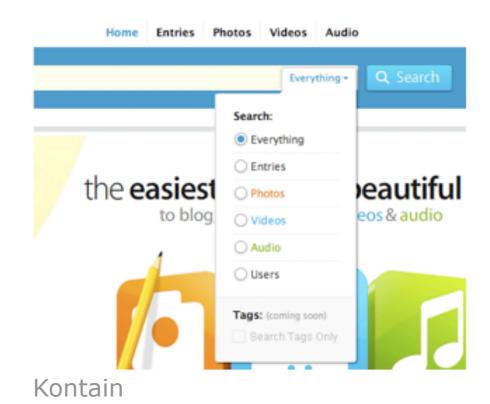
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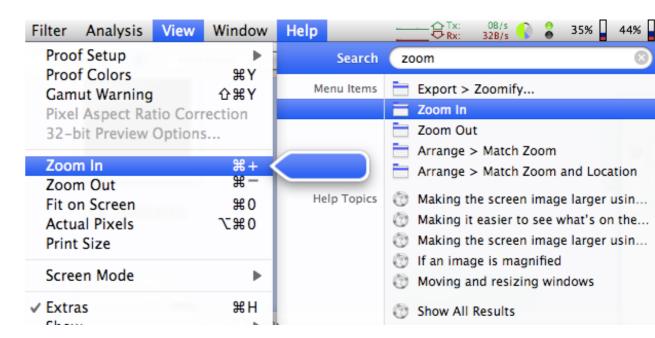
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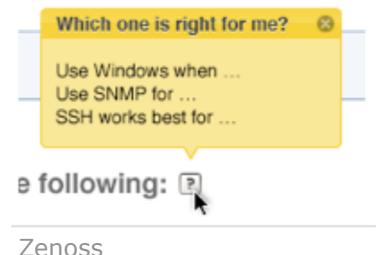
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