

User Centered Design And Prototyping

Why User Centered Design is important

Approaches to User Centered Design

Rapid prototype techniques

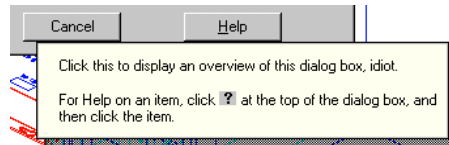
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The Design Of Well Crafted Tools



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The All Too Common Approach In The Design Of Software



AutoCAD Mechanical

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System Centered Design

- What can be built easily on this platform?



- What can I create from the available tools?



- What do I as a programmer find interesting to work on?



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User Centered System Design

Design is based upon a user's

- Abilities and real needs
- Context
- Work
- Tasks

...know the person you are designing for.



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User Centered System Design

Three assumptions

- A good design will satisfy the needs of the user group
- Collaborative
- Constant communication

Participatory Design

Problem

- Intuitions wrong
- Traditional methods (e.g., interviews) suffers from a number of weaknesses
- Designer cannot know the user sufficiently well to answer all issues that come up during the design



The user
is just
like me

Solution

- Designers should have access to pool of representative users
 - ACTUAL end users, not their managers or union reps!

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Participatory Design

Make the user a member of your design team

- Users become actual participating members in the design process
- Users considered subject matter experts
- Design becomes an iterative process



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Participatory Design (Up Side)

- Users are excellent at reacting to actual designs (prototypes).
- Users can bring in important “folk knowledge” of their work context.
- Often results in greater “buy in” for the final system



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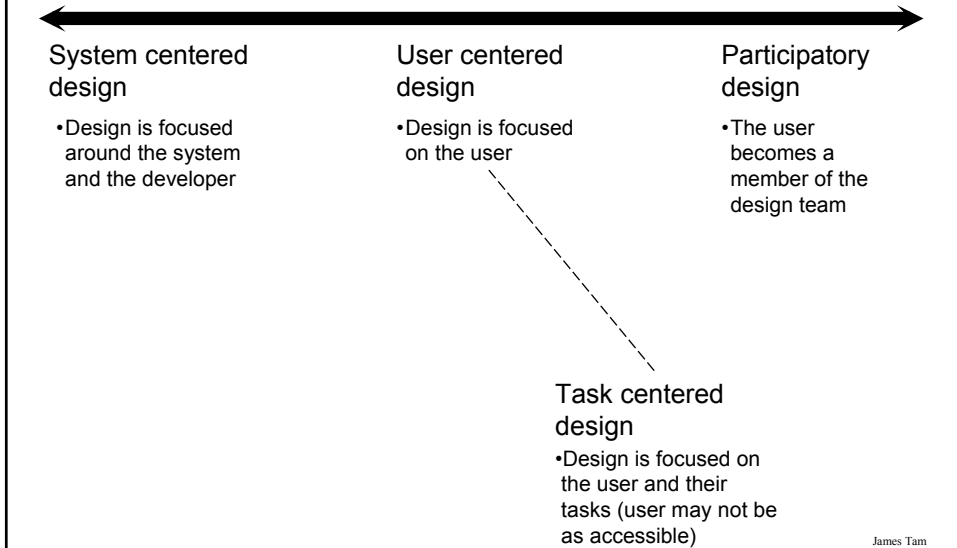
Participatory Design (Down side)

- Hard to get a good pool of end users.
- Users are not expert designers.
- The user is not always right.



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Contrasting The Approaches Towards Design



Methods For Involving The User

1) At the very least, talk to users

- It's surprising how many designers don't!

2) Contextual Inquiries

- Key characteristics:
 - Interview users **in their usage place** (e.g., office), **as they are going about their normal routine** (e.g., using your system while working)
- Purpose:
 - Used to discover user's culture, requirements, expectations, etc.



Methods For Involving The User (2)

3) Create prototypes

- It's hard to comment on something that doesn't yet exist



- Users are good at giving feedback for something that is even partially built



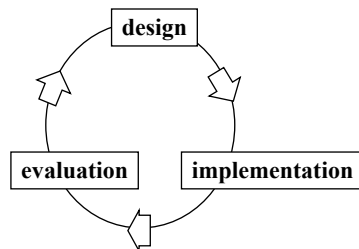
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Methods For Involving The User (3)

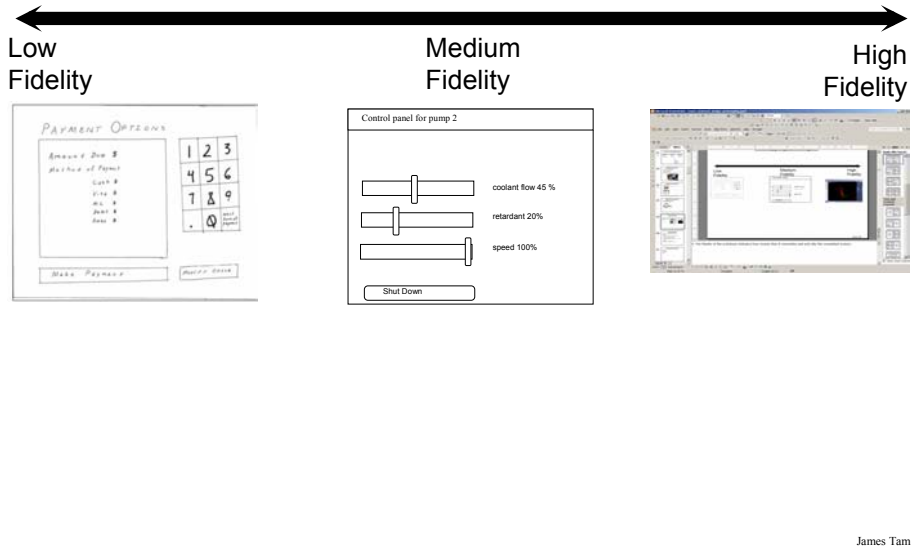
3) Create prototypes (continued)

- Get input at all design stages
All designs subject to revision



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Prototyping Techniques



Low Fidelity Prototypes

Hand drawn mockups of some design ideas

Focus on:

- Brainstorming as many ideas as possible (discount usability)
- Making it clear enough to be understandable

But don't focus on making it "pretty"

- They are not computer generated images (don't use drawing programs to generate them)

May be used to elicit feedback from the user

Types Of Low Fidelity Prototypes

- Sketches
- Storyboards
- Pictive

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Low Fidelity Prototypes

Sketches:

- A drawing of the high-level appearance of the intended system
- The crudity of the prototype means people concentrate on high level concepts
- It may be hard to envision the progression of a dialog

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Sketches

Screen 1: Initial order screen

THE HAPPY DUDE MENU

BURGERS	FRIES	BEVERAGES			
<p><i>BASIC MERRY BURGER \$1.50 (SINGLE BEEF PATTY)</i></p>	<p><i>SMILING SMALL FRIES \$0.75</i></p>	<p><i>POP (COKE, SPRITE OR ROOT BEER.)</i></p>	<p><small>LITTLE GIGGLE SIZED</small></p>	<p><small>MEDIUM CHUCKLE SIZED</small></p>	<p><small>GREAT GUFFIN SIZED</small></p>
		\$0.30	\$1.00	\$1.75	
<p><i>THE JOLLY BURGER \$2.25 (DOUBLE BEEF PATTY WITH LETTUCE & TOMATO)</i></p>	<p><i>MEDIUM GRINNER FRIES \$1.00</i></p>	<p><i>JUICE (APPLE, ORANGE OR CRANBERRY)</i></p>	\$1.00	\$1.50	\$1.75
<p><i>CLASSIC HAPPY BURGER \$2.75 (DOUBLE BEEF PATTY, SWISS CHEESE, LETTUCE & TOMATO)</i></p>	<p><i>LARGE SMILEY FRIES \$1.50</i></p>	<p><i>COFFEE (DECAF, REGULAR, STRONG OR INSOMNIAIC)</i></p>	\$0.75	\$1.00	\$1.25
<p><i>THE ECSTATIC BURGER \$3.50 (A TRIPLE DECKER BURGER DRIZZLING WITH SWISS CHEESE, LETTUCE & TOMATOES)</i></p>	<p><i>SUPER LARGE SMILEY FRIES \$1.75</i></p>	<p><i>TEA (HOT OR ICE)</i></p>	\$0.75	\$1.00	\$1.25

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Sketches (2)

Screen 2: Payment screen

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Amount Due \$

Method of Payment

Cash \$

Visa \$

MC \$

Debit \$

Amex \$

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
.	0	Next form of payment

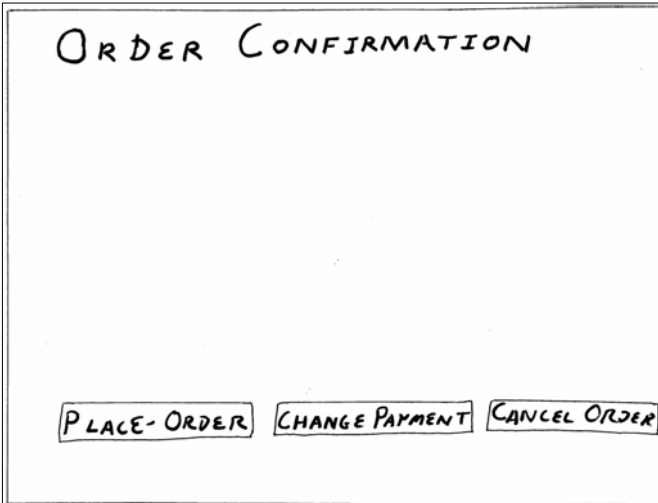
Make Payment

Modify Order

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Sketches (3)

Screen 3: Order confirmation screen



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Sketches (4)

Screen 4: Order is confirmed



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Sketches (5)

Screen 5: Inactivity screen



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Low Fidelity Prototypes

Storyboarding

- It's a series of key frames
 - Originally from film; used to get the idea of a scene
 - Snapshots of the interface at particular points in the interaction



- For interfaces it allows users to quickly evaluate the direction of the design

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Storyboarding

THE HAPPY DUDE MENU
(PUSH BUTTON TO PLACE ORDER)

BURGERS		FRIES		BEVERAGES		
				LEFTIE SINGLE STEAK	MEDIUM CHICKEN STEAK	GREAT GUYFON/STEAK
BASIC MERRY BURGER No. ORDERED \$1.50 EACH	SMIRKING SMALL FRIES No. ORDERED \$0.75 EACH	POP	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$0.30 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.00 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.75 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.75 EACH
THE JOLLY BURGER No. ORDERED \$2.25 EACH	MEDIUM GEMNER FRIES No. ORDERED \$1.00 EACH	JUICE	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.00 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.50 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.75 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.75 EACH
CLASSIC HAPPY BURGER No. ORDERED \$2.75 EACH	LARGE SMILEY FRIES No. ORDERED \$1.50 EACH	COFFEE	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$0.75 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.00 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.25 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.25 EACH
THE ECSTASY BURGER No. ORDERED \$3.50 EACH	SUPER LARGE SMILEY FRIES No. ORDERED \$1.75 EACH	TEA	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$0.75 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.00 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.25 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.25 EACH

Initial order screen

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Storyboarding (2)

THE HAPPY DUDE MENU
(PUSH BUTTON TO PLACE ORDER)

BURGERS		FRIES		BEVERAGES		
				LEFTIE SINGLE STEAK	MEDIUM CHICKEN STEAK	GREAT GUYFON/STEAK
BASIC MERRY BURGER No. ORDERED \$1.50 EACH	SMIRKING SMALL FRIES No. ORDERED \$0.75 EACH	POP	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$0.30 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.00 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.75 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.75 EACH
THE JOLLY BURGER No. ORDERED \$2.25 EACH	MEDIUM GEMNER FRIES No. ORDERED \$1.00 EACH	JUICE	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.00 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.50 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.75 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.75 EACH
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User orders an "Ecstatic Burger"

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Storyboarding (3)

THE HAPPY DUDE MENU

(PUSH BUTTON TO PLACE ORDER)

PLACE ORDER
CANCEL ORDER

BURGERS
FRIES
BEVERAGES

BURGERS	FRIES	POP	LITTLE GINGER SEED PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$ 0.50 EACH	MEDIUM CHUCKLE SEED PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$ 1.00 EACH	G-R-BAY GUFFAW SEED PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$ 1.75 EACH
BASIC MERRY BURGER No. ORDERED \$ 1.50 EACH	SMIRKING SMALL FRIES No. ORDERED \$ 0.75 EACH	POP			
THE JOLLY BURGER No. ORDERED \$ 2.25 EACH	MEDIUM GLEANER FRIES No. ORDERED \$ 1.00 EACH	JUICE	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$ 1.00 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$ 1.50 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$ 1.75 EACH
CLASSIC HAPPY BURGER No. ORDERED \$ 2.75 EACH	LARGE SMIRLEY FRIES No. ORDERED \$ 1.50 EACH	COFFEE	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$ 0.75 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$ 2.00 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$ 2.25 EACH
THE ECSTATIC BURGER No. ORDERED \$ 3.50 EACH	SUPER LARGE SMIRLEY FRIES No. ORDERED \$ 1.75 EACH	TEA	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$ 0.75 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$ 1.00 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$ 1.25 EACH

Order is placed

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Storyboarding (4)

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Amount Due \$

Method of Payment

Cash \$ 3.50

Visa \$

MC \$

Debit \$

Amex \$

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
.	0	Next form of payment

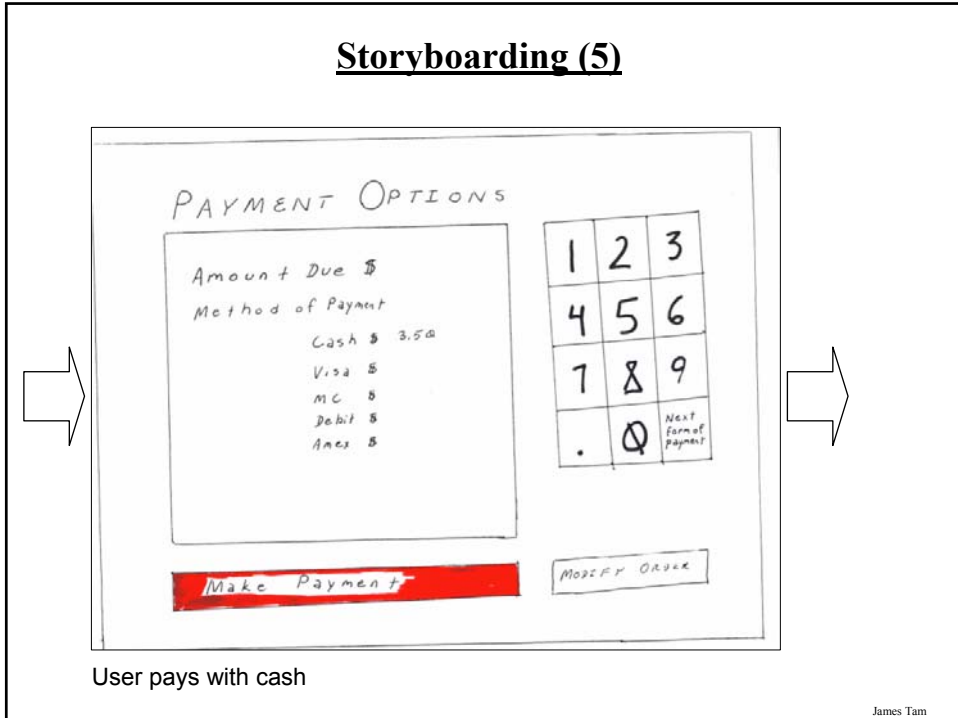
Make Payment

MODIFY ORDER

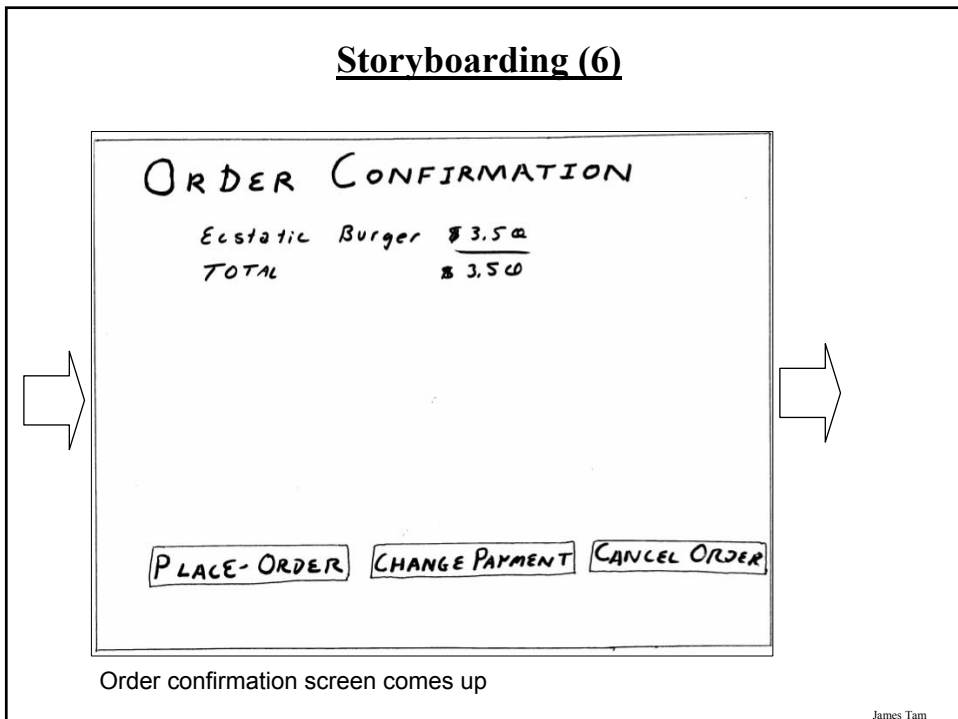
Payment screen comes up

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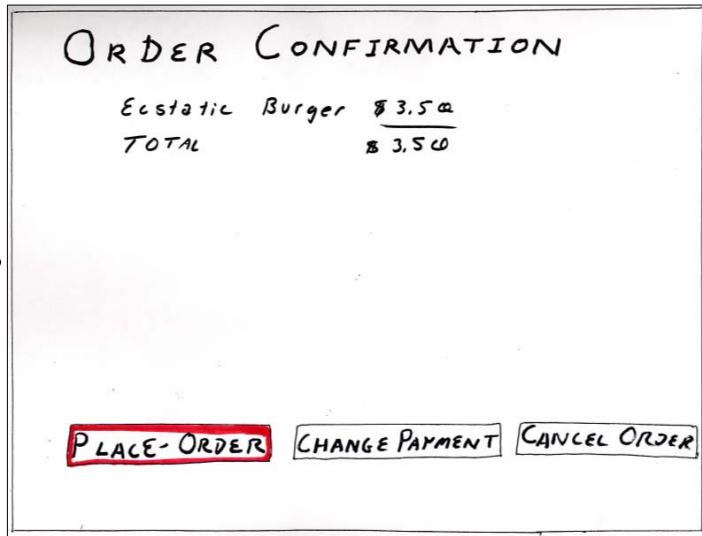
Storyboarding (5)



Storyboarding (6)



Storyboarding (7)



ORDER CONFIRMATION

Ecstatic Burger	\$ 3.50
TOTAL	\$ 3.50

PLACE-ORDER CHANGE PAYMENT CANCEL ORDER

Order is placed

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Storyboarding (8)



YOUR ORDER HAS
BEEN PLACED.

PLEASE TAKE YOUR RECEIPT TO
THE COUNTER TO GET YOUR
ORDER.

Thank you and come again!

Order confirmation is shown

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Storyboarding: Alternate Path

THE HAPPY DUDE MENU
(PUSH BUTTON TO PLACE ORDER)

BURGERS		FRIES		BEVERAGES		
				LEFTY GIGGLE STEED	MEDIUM CHUCKLE STEED	GREAT GOFFIN STEED
BASIC MERRY BURGER No. ORDERED \$1.50 EACH	SMOKING SMALL FRIES No. ORDERED \$0.75 EACH	POP	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$0.50 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.00 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.75 EACH	
THE JOLLY BURGER No. ORDERED \$2.25 EACH	MEDIUM GEMMER FRIES No. ORDERED \$1.00 EACH	JUICE	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.00 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.50 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.75 EACH	
CLASSIC HAPPY BURGER No. ORDERED \$2.75 EACH	LARGE SMILEY FRIES No. ORDERED \$1.50 EACH	COFFEE	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$0.75 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.00 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.25 EACH	
THE ECSTATIC BURGER No. ORDERED \$3.50 EACH	SUPER LARGE SMILEY FRIES No. ORDERED \$1.75 EACH	TEA	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$0.75 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.00 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.25 EACH	

Initial order screen

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Storyboarding: Alternate Path (2)

THE HAPPY DUDE MENU
(PUSH BUTTON TO PLACE ORDER)

BURGERS		FRIES		BEVERAGES		
				LEFTY GIGGLE STEED	MEDIUM CHUCKLE STEED	GREAT GOFFIN STEED
BASIC MERRY BURGER No. ORDERED \$1.50 EACH	SMOKING SMALL FRIES No. ORDERED \$0.75 EACH	POP	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$0.50 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.00 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.75 EACH	
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CLASSIC HAPPY BURGER No. ORDERED \$2.75 EACH	LARGE SMILEY FRIES No. ORDERED \$1.50 EACH	COFFEE	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$0.75 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.00 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.25 EACH	
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User orders a "Basic Merry Burger"

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Storyboarding: Alternate Path (3)

THE HAPPY DUDE MENU
(PUSH BUTTON TO PLACE ORDER)

BURGERS		FRIES	BEVERAGES		
			LEFTIE GIGGLE SIZED	MEDIUM GULFAN SIZED	GREAT GULFAN SIZED
BASIC MERRY BURGER No. ORDERED \$1.50 EACH	SMIRKING SMALL FRIES No. ORDERED \$0.75 EACH	POP	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$0.50 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.00 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.75 EACH
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User orders "Smirking small fries"

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Storyboarding: Alternate Path (4)

THE HAPPY DUDE MENU
(PUSH BUTTON TO PLACE ORDER)

BURGERS		FRIES	BEVERAGES		
			LEFTIE GIGGLE SIZED	MEDIUM GULFAN SIZED	GREAT GULFAN SIZED
BASIC MERRY BURGER No. ORDERED \$1.50 EACH	SMIRKING SMALL FRIES No. ORDERED \$0.75 EACH	POP	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$0.50 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.00 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.75 EACH
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User orders a "Giggle sized pop"

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Storyboarding: Alternate Path (5)

THE HAPPY DUDE MENU
(PUSH BUTTON TO PLACE ORDER)

PLACE ORDER CANCEL ORDER

BURGERS		FRIES	BEVERAGES		
			LETTUCE SMALL SIZED	MEDIUM CUP/SIZE SIZED	GREAT GUFFAW/SIZED
BASIC HERRY BURGER No. ORDERED \$1.50 EACH	SMIRKING SMALL FRIES No. ORDERED \$0.75 EACH	POP	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$0.50 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.00 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.75 EACH
THE JOLLY BURGER No. ORDERED \$2.25 EACH	MEDIUM GETAWAY FRIES No. ORDERED \$1.00 EACH	JUICE	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.00 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.50 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.75 EACH
CLASSIC HAPPY BURGER No. ORDERED \$2.75 EACH	LARGE SMIRK FRIES No. ORDERED \$1.50 EACH	COFFEE	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$0.75 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$2.00 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.25 EACH
THE ECSTATIC BURGER No. ORDERED \$3.50 EACH	SURE LARGE SMIRK FRIES No. ORDERED \$1.75 EACH	TEA	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$0.75 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.00 EACH	PUSH TO ORDER No. ORDERED \$1.25 EACH

Order is placed

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Storyboarding: Alternate Path (6)

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Amount Due \$

Method of Payment

- Cash \$
- Visa \$
- MC \$
- Debit \$ 3.05
- Amex \$

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
.	0	Next Form of payment

Make Payment MODIFY ORDER

Payment screen comes up

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Storyboarding: Alternate Path (7)

A hand-drawn storyboard for a payment screen. The screen is titled "PAYMENT OPTIONS". It features a central box with the following text: "Amount Due \$", "Method of Payment", "Cash \$", "Visa \$", "MC \$", "Debit \$ 3.05", and "Amex \$". To the right of this box is a numeric keypad with buttons for digits 1-9, a decimal point, and a "Next form of payment" button. Below the central box is a red button labeled "Make Payment" and a button labeled "MODIFY ORDER". Two large arrows point from the left and right sides of the screen towards the center.

User pays by debit

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Storyboarding: Alternate Path (8)

A hand-drawn storyboard for an order confirmation screen. The screen is titled "ORDER CONFIRMATION". It displays a list of items and their prices: "Basic Merry Burger \$1.50", "Small smirking Fries 0.75", and "Little giggle sized pop 0.80". Below these items, the word "TOTAL" is followed by a horizontal line and the price "\$3.05". At the bottom of the screen are three buttons: "PLACE-ORDER", "CHANGE PAYMENT", and "CANCEL ORDER". Two large arrows point from the left and right sides of the screen towards the center.

Order confirmation screen comes up

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Storyboarding: Alternate Path (9)

ORDER CONFIRMATION

Basic Merry Burger	\$1.50
Small smirking Fries	0.75
Little giggle sized pop	0.80
TOTAL	\$3.05

PLACE-ORDER CHANGE PAYMENT CANCEL ORDER

Order is placed

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Storyboarding: Alternate Path (10)

YOUR ORDER HAS
BEEN PLACED.

PLEASE TAKE YOUR RECEIPT TO
THE COUNTER TO GET YOUR
ORDER.

Thank you and come again!

Order confirmation is shown

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Low Fidelity Prototypes

Pictive

- “Plastic interface for collaborative technology initiatives through video exploration”
- Key points:
 - Design consists of multiple layers of sticky notes and plastic overlays
 - Interaction is demonstrated by manipulating notes
- Session is videotaped for later analysis
 - Usually end up with mess of paper and plastic!
 - “How does it work again?”



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Pictive

PAYMENT OPTIONS

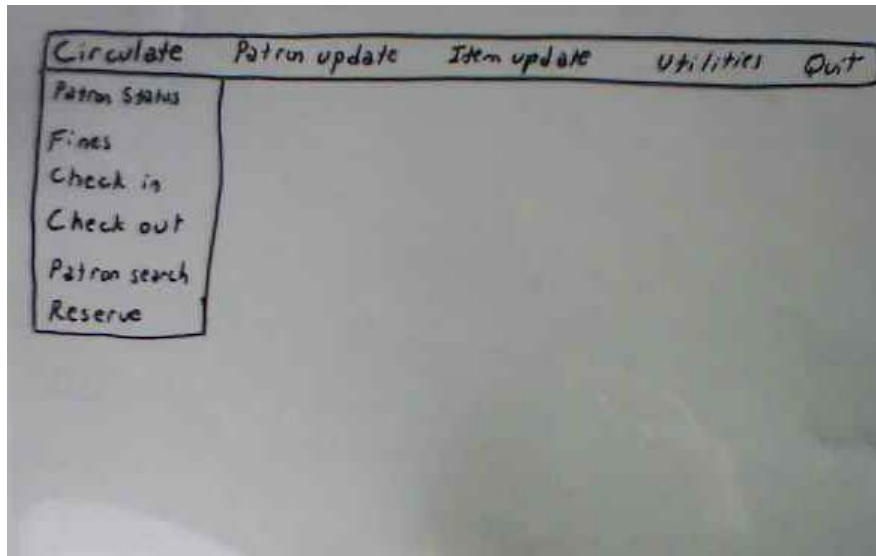
Amount Due \$	3.50
Method of Payment	3.50
Cash \$	
Visa \$	
MC \$	
Debit \$	
Amex \$	

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
.	0	Next form of payment

Make Payment Modify Order

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Pictive



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Medium Fidelity Prototypes

Many different types

- Range from simple computer draw images to partially working systems

They may take longer to generate and change than simple low fidelity representations

Benefits

- It seems more like the completed system so it provides a clearer idea of how it works
- May be used to elicit feedback from the user when low-fidelity approaches cannot be used
- Depending upon the type of medium fidelity prototype it may allow for some user testing.

Pitfalls

- User's reactions are usually "in the small"
 - Blinds people to major representational flaws
- Users reluctant to challenge / change the design itself
 - Designs are too "pretty", egos...
- Management may think its real!

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Medium Fidelity Prototypes

Tutorials and manuals

- Write them in advance of the system
- What are they?
 - **Tutorial** for step by step description of an interaction
an interface “walk-through” with directions
 - **Manual** for reference of key concepts
in-depth technical description of the different parts of the system
(a list of features)
- If highly visual, then storyboard is set within textual explanations
- Does this work?
 - People often read manuals of competing products to check:
 - interface
 - functionality
 - match to task
 - Acts as a design tool



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Tutorials



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Tutorials

DIPLOMACY

The Pakleds have offered you a Friendship treaty. To read and respond to their proposal, right-click to call up the Marker window. Click the bottom left button to bring up the Diplomacy screen.



Since you just received this proposal, you are automatically in Event mode. This mode is used to view diplomatic messages you have received. The buttons at the left side of the screen are used to change modes: Active lists active treaties involving your empire, Propose is used to propose new treaties, and Race Info is used to view reference material on races you have encountered. For now, stay in Event mode.

The proposed Friendship treaty is of indefinite length and will allow you to establish trade with the Pakleds.



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Tutorials

There are three things you can do with this proposal:

1. You can accept it by clicking the Accept button.
2. You can reject it by clicking the Reject button.
3. You can ignore it by leaving this screen.

Your decision will be final when you end this turn. Click the Accept button and then right-click to call up the Marker window. Click the top button to return to the Main Galactic screen. Click the Turn button to send your diplomatic response to the Pakleds.

THE SUMMARY WINDOW

Since you accepted the Pakled proposal and clicked the Turn button, the Summary window will appear which tells you what happened during your turn. This window will appear whenever anything happens to a race you have encountered. Click the Summary button in the top left corner of the screen to bring up the Summary window at any time.

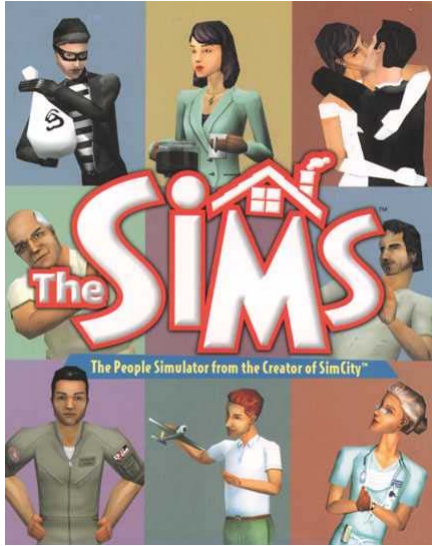
The Summary window has three modes: Events (provides up-to-date information on events), Relationships (shows current treaties) and Systems (shows vital statistics of systems you control). When you're finished, click the Close button to close the Summary window.



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Manuals



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Manuals

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Manuals

MOVING IN

Getting other folks to move in might seem like an invitation to more lost socks in the laundry, but it really can enhance your household and move your game forward. The Moving In proposition is very similar to the marriage proposal, except that the preconditions are less restrictive, and it's available only for same-sex friends. Opposite-sex friends never have Move In available as a pie menu choice. Characters who move in to another household lose their last name and take on the names of the new household.

Here are the basics for mixing the Neighborhood nuts—we mean Sims—together. First of all, and pretty obviously, a neighbor has to be in a Sim's house for it all to happen. Both Sims must be the same sex, and they've both got to be in pretty good moods. Once that's cooking, the household Sim finds "Move In" is a pie menu choice when the visiting Sim is clicked on. So if you've got a situation where a couple of opposite-sex Sims are living together and you're looking for a neighbor to move in, you need to have the Sim that's the same sex as the neighbor be the one that extends the invitation.

The plot thickens: If the two Sims' relationship is good enough, the visitor accepts. Bingo instant housemate! If the conditions aren't ripe, the visitor declines, and so do both parties' Relationship points. The person moving in doesn't require a specific amount of household Simoleons, so watch out for moochers.

If the Sim refuses the invitation, they tell you why: "Your place isn't big enough," or "We don't know each other well enough," or "I'm in a bad mood today."



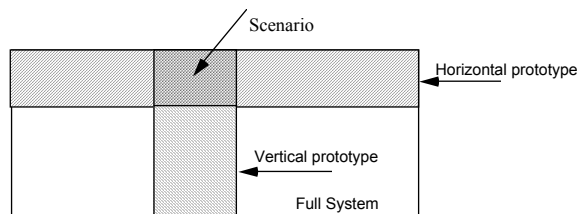
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Medium Fidelity Prototypes

Approaches to limiting prototype functionality

- Vertical prototypes
 - Includes in-depth functionality for only a few selected features
 - Common design ideas can be tested in depth
- Horizontal prototypes
 - Surface layers includes the entire user interface with no underlying functionality
 - A simulation; no real work can be performed
- Scenario
 - Scripts of particular fixed uses of the system; no deviation allowed



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Medium Fidelity Prototypes

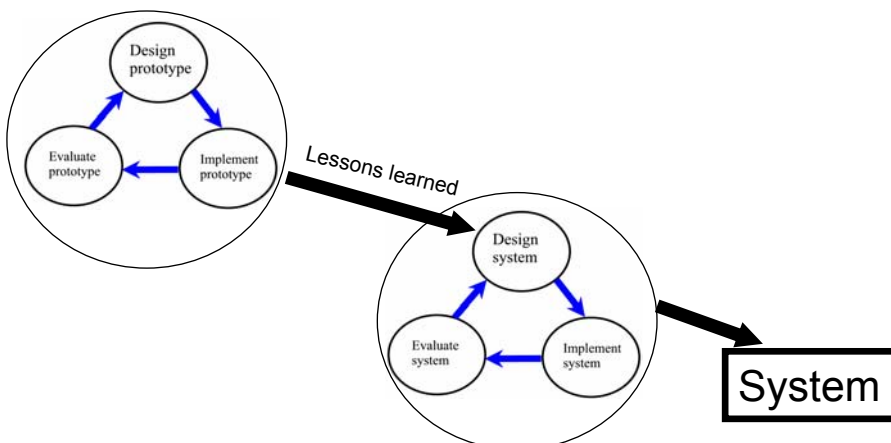
Approaches to integrating prototypes and the final product:

- Throw-away
- Incremental
- Evolutionary

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Throw-Away Approach To Prototyping

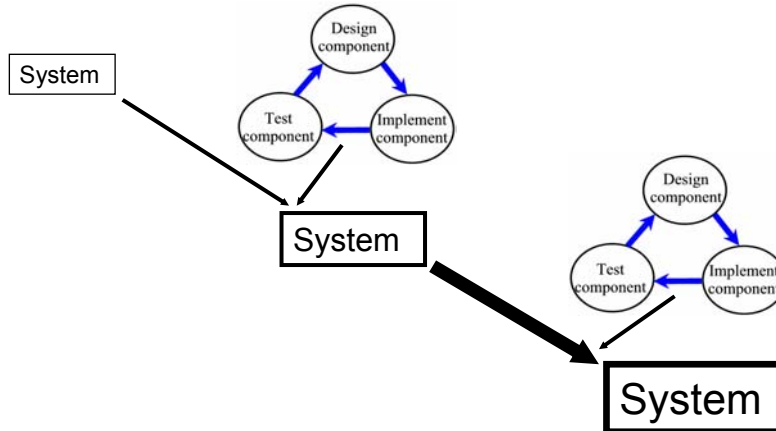
- **The prototype only is used to get feedback**
- **The prototype is built, tested and then discarded**



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Incremental Approach To Prototyping

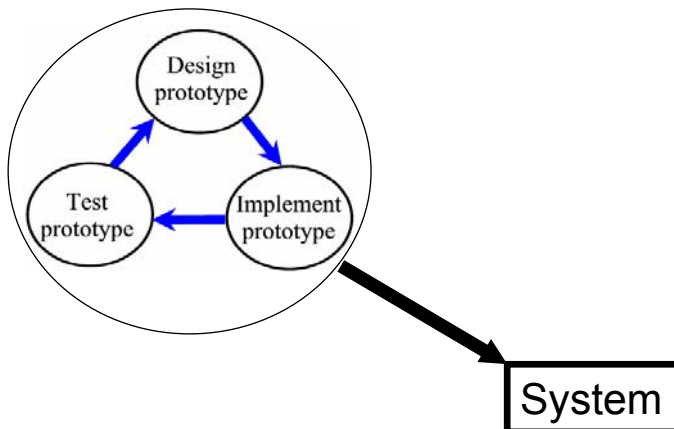
- Build the system as separate modules (component)
- Each module is designed, prototyped and completed separately before being added to the final system



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Evolutionary Approach To Prototyping

- Change the entire prototype itself in order to incorporate changes
- Eventually the reworked prototype becomes the final system

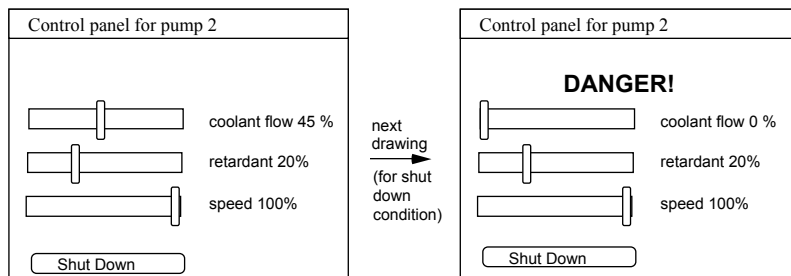


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Painting/drawing packages

- Draw each storyboard scene on computer
 - Neater/easier (?) to change on the fly than paper
- A very thin horizontal prototype
- Does not capture the interaction “feel”
- NOT the approach to take for the first assignment

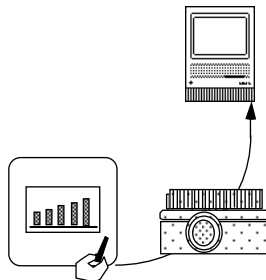


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Medium Fidelity Prototypes

Scripted simulations and slide shows


- Encode the storyboard on the computer
 - Created with media tools
 - Scene transition activated by simple user inputs
 - A simple horizontal and vertical prototype
- User given a very tight script/task to follow
 - Appears to behave as a real system
 - Deviations from the script blows the simulation



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Scripted Simulations



What to do Find the item you want in the catalog and scan the bar code next to it.	What you selected	
		
Item	Style	Cost
		tax: _____
		Total: \$ 0.00
All done?		
<input type="button" value="Place your order"/>	<input type="button" value="Print this list"/>	<input type="button" value="Throw this list away"/>

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Scripted Simulations

What to do Touch a different color or scan another item.	What you selected	
	 JPG Stroller For children between 1-3 years old ... \$98. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Green <input type="checkbox"/> Blue <input type="checkbox"/> Red (out of stock)	
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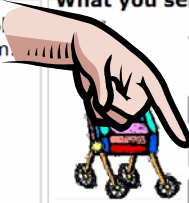
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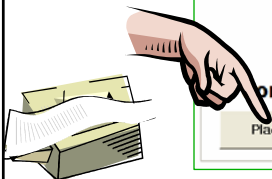

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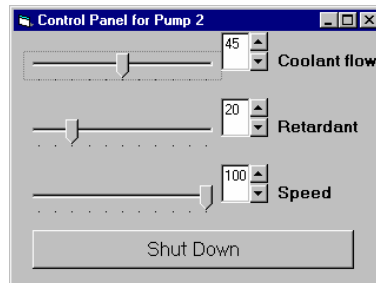


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Medium Fidelity Prototypes

Interface builders

- Tools for letting a designer lay out the common widgets
- Construct mode
 - Change attributes of objects
- Test mode:
 - Objects behave as they would under real situations
- Excellent for showing look and feel
 - A broader horizontal prototype
 - But constrained to widget library
- Vertical functionality added selectively
 - Through programming



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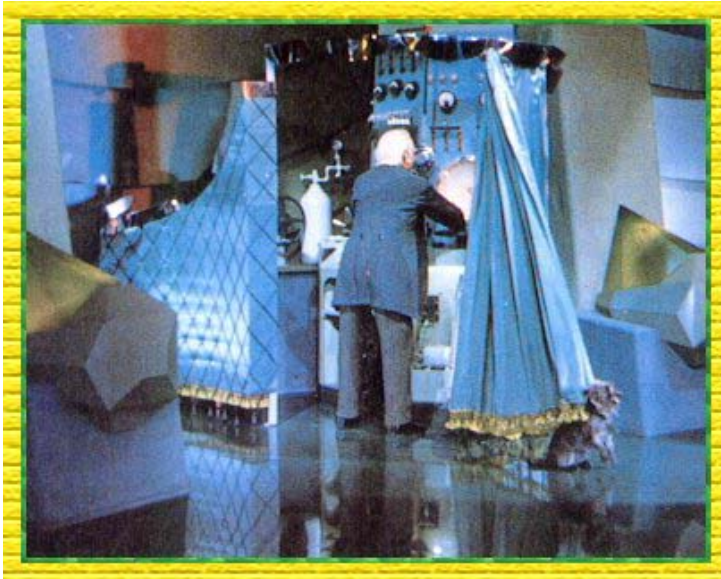
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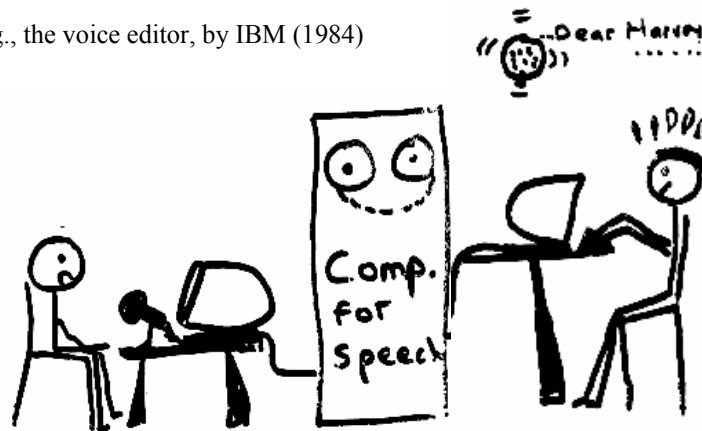
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Wizard Of Oz: The Prototyping Technique

A method of testing a system that does not exist

- Human simulates the system's intelligence and interacts with user
- e.g., the voice editor, by IBM (1984)



What the user sees

The Wizard

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Wizard Of Oz: Examples

IBM: an imperfect listening typewriter using continuous speech recognition

- Secretary trained to:
 - Understand key words as “commands”
 - Types responses on screen as the system would
 - Manipulating graphic images through gesture and speech

Intelligent Agents / Programming by demonstration

- Person trained to mimic “learning agent”
 - User provides examples of task they are trying to do
 - Computer learns from them
- Shows how people specify their tasks

In both cases, system very hard to implement!

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The Prototyping Process

Early designs

Brainstorm different representations
Choose a representation
Rough out interface style
Task centered walkthrough and redesign

Fine tune interface, screen design
Heuristic evaluation and redesign

Usability testing and redesign

Limited field testing

Alpha/Beta tests

Low fidelity paper prototypes

Medium fidelity prototypes

High fidelity prototypes / restricted systems

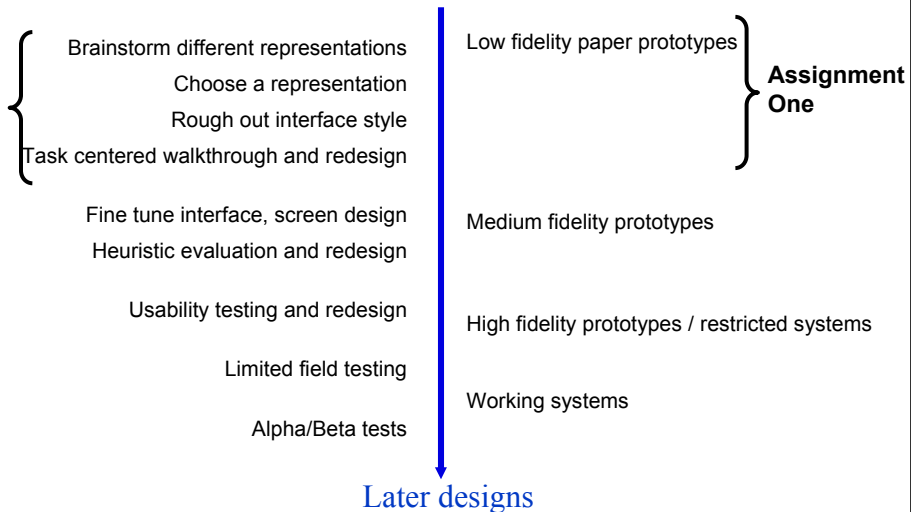
Working systems

Later designs

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The Prototyping Process

Early designs



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What You Now Know

User centered design

- The design is based upon a user's real needs, tasks, and work context

Participatory design

- Make the **end-user** a member of the design team

Prototyping

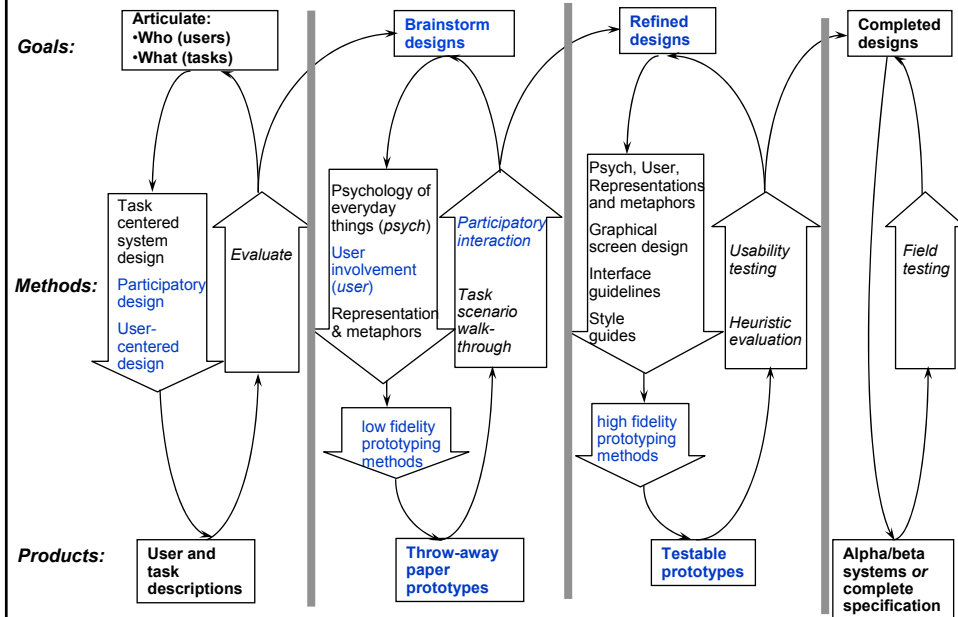
- Allows users to react to the design and suggest changes
- Low-fidelity prototypes best for brainstorming and choosing representations
- Medium-fidelity prototypes best for fine-tuning the design

Prototyping methods

- Storyboarding
- Pictive
- Vertical, horizontal and scenario prototyping
- Scripted simulations
- Wizard of Oz

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Interface Design And Usability Engineering



This diagram is a variation of the one presented by Saul Greenberg

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