Human Computer Interaction



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Goals of HCI

- Make the world a better place
- Understand data
- Help people interact, communicate with one another
- Give people better control over tools (machines)



Goals of HCI – How?

- Study, plan, design, apply interaction between people and computers
- Use results from computer science, cognitive & behavioral psych, design, media studies, etc.



Douglas Englebart

- 1950 had no idea what he wanted to do
- Responsible in a large part for how computers are used today





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Englebart's Motivations

- Make the world a better place
- That requires organized effort
- Harnessing collective intellect of people working on solutions was key
- If that process was made easier, it would boost every effort working on those problems
- Computers could be the tool needed

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First Computer Mouse

- First example of a computer "mouse" ever built
- Initially applied in 1967 for an "X-Y position indicator for a display system"



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oN-Line System (NLS)

- First operating system to include:
 - Mouse

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- Hypertext links
- Raster-scan video monitors
- Screen windowing
- Presentation programs
- Organized information
- Collaborative editing and messaging

The Mother of All Demos

- December of 1968, he assembled over 1000 computer professionals for a NLS demo
- Used it to control his computer 30 miles away
- Left audience spellbound The Mother of All Demos

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The Mother of All Demos

- December 9, 1968
- Over 1000 computer professionals
- Combined state-of-the-art technology in a single demo:
 - Live Video Projection
 - Tele / Video Conferencing
 - Computer Displays



Demo Clips



Video Clip Archive

Desktop Metaphor

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- NLS was revolutionary, but hard to use
- A more approachable design was found called the "desktop metaphor"
- First introduced in 1970
- Xerox Star Workstation (1981)



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Desktop Metaphor-Macintosh Desktop (1984)

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Pirates of Silicon Valley



What makes a *good* computer interface?



"Good" HCI

- Functionality
- Reliability
- Usability
- Efficiency
- Maintainability
- Portability



Iterative Design





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Related Fields

- Psychology (memory and perception)
- Sociology
- Cognitive Science
- Ergonomics

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- Graphic Design
- Interaction Design
- Speech-language Pathology
- Phenomenology (consciousness)

Automated Adaptive Instruction

- Providing the user with instructions based on previous actions and possible next actions
- Users were overwhelmed by the technology
- Companies like Microsoft turned to this area of research

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Assistive Agents

- Similar ideas were still used for other Microsoft products
 - Clippy Office Assistant from Microsoft Office '97
- These weren't very popular, but companies were able to learn and shape them into what we know today







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Virtual Assistants





Lessons Learned

- Led to lots of ideas
 - Search hints on Google
 - Context clues on touch interfaces
- Legacy: instead of changing human behavior, change the program to fit their expected behavior

Put things where people expect them to be



Don Norman

- 2006 Franklin Medalist
- How things are designed versus how we expect them to be designed
- Short Clip





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Design Changes Over Time

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A problem has been detected and Windows has been shut down to prevent damage to your computer.

The problem seems to be caused by the following file: SPCMDCON.SYS

PAGE_FAULT_IN_NONPAGED_AREA

If this is the first time you've seen this Stop error screen, restart your computer. If this screen appears again, follow these steps:

Check to make sure any new hardware or software is properly installed. If this is a new installation, ask your hardware or software manufacturer for any Windows updates you might need.

If problems continue, disable or remove any newly installed hardware or software. Disable BIOS memory options such as caching or shadowing. If you need to use Safe Mode to remove or disable components, restart your computer, press F8 to select Advanced Startup Options, and then select Safe Mode.

Technical information:

*** STOP: 0x00000050 (0xFD3094C2,0x00000001,0xFBFE7617,0x00000000)

*** SPCMDCON.SYS - Address FBFE7617 base at FBFE5000, DateStamp 3d6dd67c

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Your PC ran into a problem and needs to restart. We're just collecting some error info, and then we'll restart for you. (0% complete)

If you'd like to know more, you can search online later for this error: HAL_INITIALIZATION_FAILED

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- Ubiquitous Computing
- Augmented Reality
 - Google Glass
- 3D Vision
 - Oculus Rift
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