## MMI 1 Different User Needs

DESIGN INTERACTION



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Purpose of this lecture: A basic understanding of the user centered design process plus how different contexts and user needs have a massive impact on the solution.

# What are the different types of users and usage context?

#### Some of the most relevant:

External context: Surroundings

Personal context: Novice or expert Frequent or infrequent usage Physical or psychological limitations

Modal context: Lean forward or lean backward Search or browse Front of attention or minimal attention

#### Most of these might be obvious, but it's always important to keep them in mind when designing your solution...

# The external context the surroundings









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unease between them, Riker was no longer so sure that they had set aside their old differences. Maybe being married to a veteran counselor is just making me hypersensitive to body language, he thought. But I think I could cut the tension between those two with a bat'leth.

"So Titan really has been tossed clear out of the galaxy," said Commander Christine Vale, Titan's ever-efficient executive officer.

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#### The external context will effect not only the physical device, but also the mindset of the user...

#### The personal context

#### novice user VS. expert user



#### novice user, limited eyesight...



#### expert user, high stress...





#### frequent usage vs. infrequent usage





### infrequent user, tired...





#### frequent user, in a hurry...



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#### Different user types and usage frequency will require dedicated solutions.

#### User modes

#### lean forward vs. lean backward



#### TV - Lean backward



Typically a TV viewer is "leaning back" in their sofa, using only a Remote Control or a game controller as a means of interaction.



#### PC - Lean forward



### While a PC user is 2ft or 3ft from his high resolution screen using a mouse and keyboard.






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**My Pictures** 

My TV

My Music

**More Programs** 

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The demands of distance, user input devices, and user mode - requires the application's UI to be designed accordingly. search vs. browsing

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But what about impulse shopping behaviors?





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## Different modes can require radically different solutions...



## 80/20 rule

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## 80/20 rule

A principle for setting priorities: users will use 20% of the features of your product 80% of the time. Focus the majority of your design and development effort (80%) on the most important 20% of the product.

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#### How to Perform a Requirements Analysis?

- General methods, before knowing user community in detail:
  - Surveys, opinion polls
  - E.g. Internet polls
- Methods applicable when user groups are roughly known:
  - Focus groups
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## Focus Group Basics





## informal group gathering 6-8 people





## focus on a specific topic





## get indication how people think and feel





## Collecting opinions, attitudes, feelings, perceptions, and ideas



# Understand why people act or react in a certain way

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#### Advantages

- -Wide range of information
- -In-depth information (Why user ...)
- Possibility to explore related topics or go into more detail
- -Cheap and easy to do

#### Disadvantages

- —The moderator plays a significant role and can influence the results
- -No quantitative information can be gathered
- -Findings can not be easily generalized

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User questionnaires

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## Informal gathering of qualitative user data





## Cheap and easy





### Creates a lot of data, potentially expensive to analyze



## Good for review / discussion with the user





# Example: User Research in an elderly home

## daily routines



## caretakers tasks

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#### caretakers tasks





## vs. elderly tasks





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## elderly's devices



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#### data extraction & analyzation





#### hierarchies of main findings

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### Clustering or creative writing

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# small teams are often more efficient

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### No early judgement (there are no "bad" ideas at this point)



### Also bringing in "crazy ideas" (sometimes crazy ideas can make a breakthrough)



## Constantly focused on the theme



## Silent voting of best Ideas

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# Scenarios and personas



### First details and interface sketches

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# "Low Fidelity" paper prototypes



### History of Paper Prototyping

Paper prototyping started in the mid 1980s and then became popular in the mid 1990s when companies such as IBM, Honeywell, Microsoft, and others started using the technique in developing their products.



Paper prototype of a typical form-filling screen



Paper prototype of a tabs-based design



User test of a low-fidelity paper prototype of a website

Typical set-up of the usability laboratory for a test session with a paper prototype

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User test of a paper prototype of a device-based interaction



Testing hardware user interfaces: mockup of a kiosk.



User test of a high-fidelity paper prototype of a homepage.

#### Example: Video Prototype (Low Fidelity)

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It's really hard to design products by focus groups. A lot of times, people don't know what they want until you show it to them.

**Steve Jobs** 



# "High Fidelity" Prototype Usability Test Sessions

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Like all forms of design, visual design is about problem solving, not about personal preference or unsupported opinion.

**Bob Baxley** 













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