User Experience and HCI

What is HCI?

HCI is at the intersection of **Computer Science**, **Design**, and the **Behavioral Sciences**.

It's not only about **designing the thing right**, but also about **designing the right thing**.

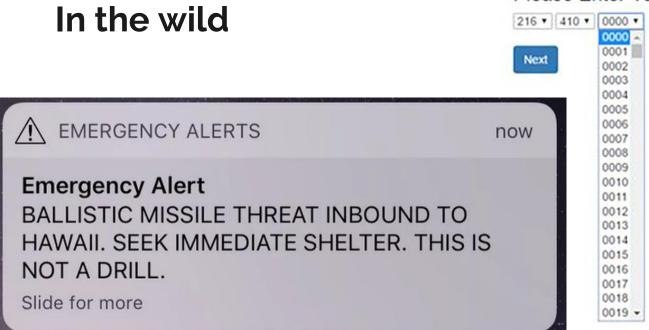


Did Windows focus on getting the design right or making sure they were designing the right thing?

Bad User Experience

- Feels bad
- Costs time and money
- Can cause real problems





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Term Projects



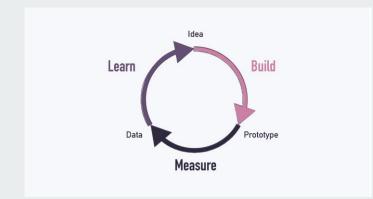
Welcome to the simulation. The computer's behavior has already been decided, and will be revealed to you after you make your choice. Press B to betray your partner. Press S to remain silent. Press Q to quit.

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You chose: silent. The computer chose: silent. You will be sent to prison for 1 years. The computer will be sent to prison for 1 years.

The game is over! After 5 rounds, your total prison sentence is: 11 years. The computer's total prison sentence is: 5 years. Good Job!

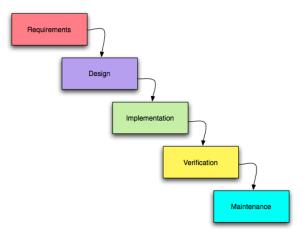
Iterative Design



"Fail Fast" so you can fix the issue early

Agile Development Model

Compare to the Waterfall Model No way to go back "up" to redesign something after implementing and testing it



Paper Prototyping



Try out designs as sketches on paper before implementing them for real

Very low-fidelity (doesn't look polished or final at all)

Benefits:

Lets people focus on the interactions and the flow without critiquing the visuals Cheap

Fast

Wizard of Oz



"Faking" the interactions before they actually exist, usually for proof of concept

For paper prototyping: when a user presses a button, hand them a different piece of paper

At higher fidelity: have someone manually suggest movies instead of having the very clever AI algorithm do it

Activity!

Design an app that adds filters to your photos that can be controlled with gestures!

Range/Future of HCI

Conversational User Interfaces

Peer Economy

Wearables/UbiComp/Internet of Things

Responsive Web Apps

Social Design

Computer Vision



The Secondary Major in HCI

Must apply to get into the major (relatively short application, more sophomores accepted than freshmen)

Four prereqs (including 112!)

Four core courses: Interaction Design Studio II PUI/SSUI User-Centered Research and Evaluation Capstone Project Course

Four electives of your choosing (very flexible)

Attendance

https://tinyurl.com/attendhci