## Vorlesung Mensch-Maschine-Interaktion

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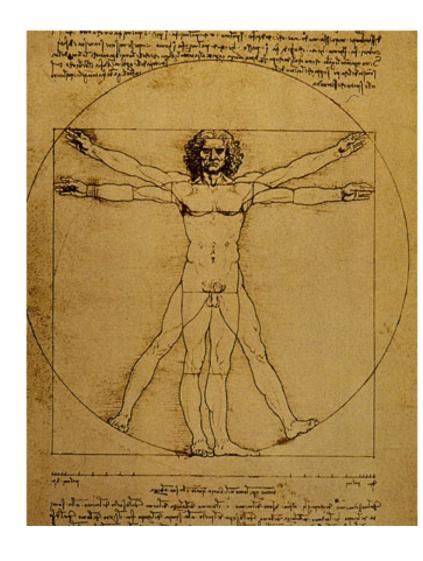
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### Designing for humans What has to be considered?

- Humans are very complex! Even psychology only explains parts...
- Physiology (e.g. size, strength, degrees of freedom, fatigue)
- Psychology (e.g. memory, perception, cognition)
- Variety (e.g. gender, abilities and disabilities)
- Soft factors (e.g. aesthetics, motivation, pleasure, experience) related to psychology and physiology



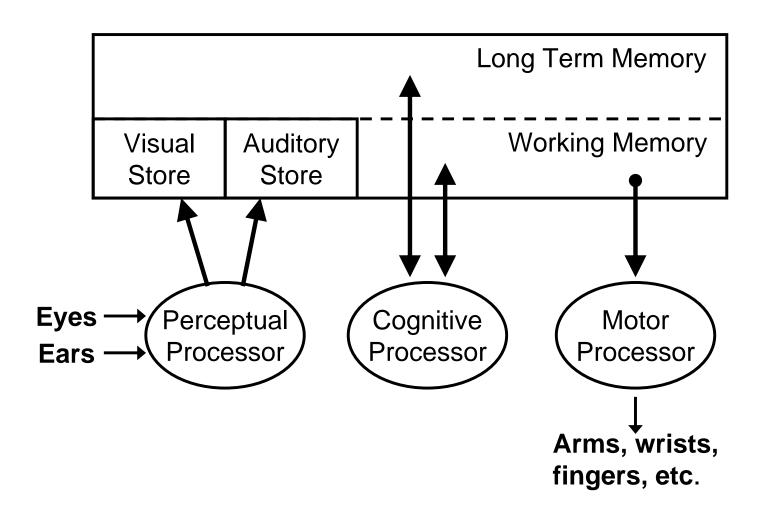
#### Model Human Processor (1)

- Very simple "model" of a human interacting with a computer
- The model describes the human as three sub-systems
  - Perceptual system (acquire input from the real world)
  - Motor system (manipulate the real world)
  - Cognitive system (connection between input and output, basic processing and memory)
- Each subsystem includes
  - Processing
  - Memory
- See Card, Moran and Newell 1983, and Dix chapter 1

### Model Human Processor (2)

- Reaction/processing time, example
  - Perception (stimulus); typical time: TP ~ 100ms
  - Simple decision; typical time: TC ~ 70ms
  - Minimal motion; typical time: TM ~ 70ms (example for complex motor action see Fitts' law, KLM)
- Overall time for operation where there is a sequential processing
  - pressing a button when a light comes on is about 240ms
     T = TP + TC + TM
  - Matching a symbol and then pressing one of two buttons is about 310ms (2TC because there is comparison and decision) T = TP + 2TC + TM
- Processing can also be parallel (e.g. phoning while writing, talking while driving, ...)

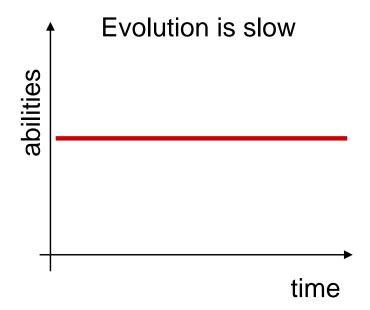
### Model Human Processor (3)



 From Brian P. Bailey, Computer Science 498bpb, Psychology of HCI http://www-faculty.cs.uiuc.edu/~bpbailey/teaching/2004-Fall/cs498/

#### Human abilities

- Abilities of un-augmented users in general do not change a lot over time, e.g.
  - ability to cope with cognitive load
  - willingness to cope with stress
  - time one can concentrate on a particular problem
- Abilities between individual users vary a lot
  - long term, e.g. gender, physical and intellectual abilities
  - short term, e.g. effect of stress or fatigue
- Abilities of one individual users changes over time (e.g. getting old)





### Physiology

- Examples
  - Size of objects one can grasp
  - Weigh one can lift or hold
  - Reach while seated or while standing
  - Optical resolution of the human vision system
  - Frequencies humans can hear
  - Conditions people can life in
  - ...
- How does this relate to computer science?
  - Device and systems that are build
  - Processes we expect humans to perform
- If we ignore it...
  - People may not be able to use it
  - Performs will be sub optimal







## Discussion 3D-Mouse vs. Physiology?



www.vrealities.com

# Discussion Gesture Input vs. Physiology?





 From the movie Minority Report <u>http://www.minorityreport.com/</u>

# Example: Wearable Computing

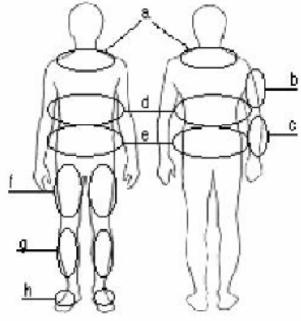
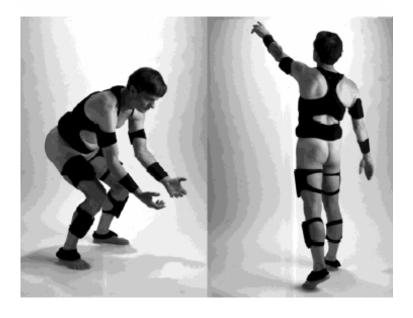


Fig. 1, The general areas we have found to be the most unobtrusive for wearable objects are: (a) collar area, (b) rear of the upper arm, (c) forearm, (d)rear, side, and front ribcage, (e) waist and hips, (f) thigh, (g) shin, and (h) top of the foot.



Figure 4, Aura around the human body that the brain will perceive as part of the body.



- F. Gemperle, C. Kasabach, J. Stivoric, M. Bauer, and R. Martin. *Design for wearability*. In IEEE International Symposium on Wearable Computers, Pittsburgh PA, USA, October, 1998.
- http://www.ices.cmu.edu/design/wearability

# General Principle Designing for humans

- Design systems that fit humans
  - Physiological
  - Psychological
  - Emotional
- Augment the human intellect and the human capabilities
- Basic design guideline
  - Let the computer do what the computer is good at
  - Let the human do what the human is good at
  - Consider human and computer always as one system (Sheiderman: concentrating on what people can do with computers)

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#### Types of Distance

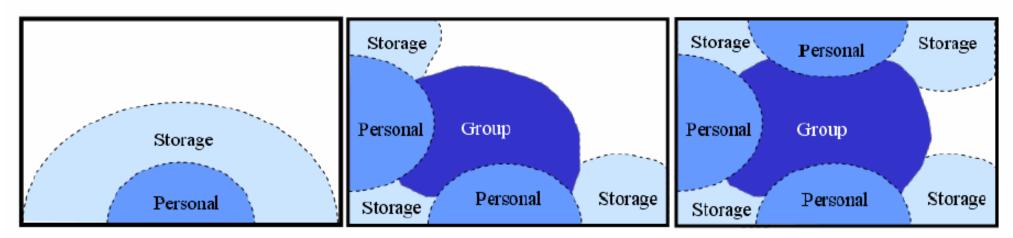
Category	Approximate Distance	Kind of interaction
Intimate distance	Up to 0.5 meters	Comforting, threatening
Personal distance	0.5-1.25 meters	Conversation between friends
Social distance	1.25-3.5 meters	Impersonal business dealings
Public distance	More than 3.5 meters	Addressing a crowd

Hall, E.T. (1966). *The Hidden Dimension: Man's Use of Space in Public and Private*. Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday.

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#### Territories at a table

- Humans have territories
- Example for territories at a table for a single person and for groups
- Scott, S.D. (2003). Territory-Based Interaction Techniques for Tabletop Collaboration. Conference Companion of the ACM Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology UIST'03, November 2-5, 2003.



**Figure 4.** Territories on a tabletop display. The left picture illustrates an arrangement of territories with only one user located at the table, thus no group territory is necessary. The centre and right pictures illustrate 2 and 3 users at the tabletop, respectively.

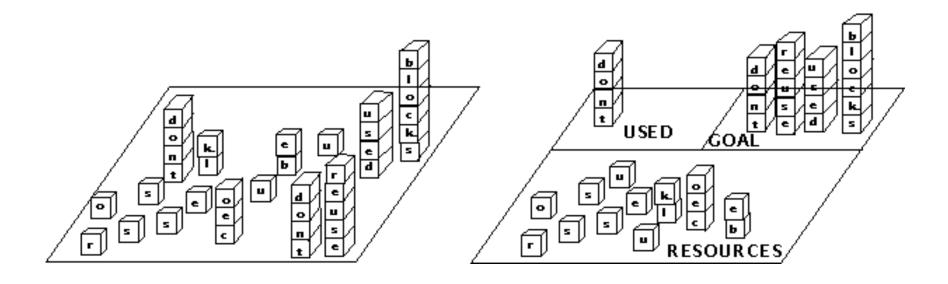
#### Space matters

- Humans use space to ease tasks
- Computer systems often do not support this well
- "How we manage the spatial arrangement of items around us is not an afterthought: it is an integral part of the way we think, plan, and behave."

David Kirsh. The Intelligent Use of Space. Artificial Intelligence (73), Elsevier, p31-68, 1995.

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### The intelligent use of space Motivation



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### The intelligent use of space (1)

- Space is used to
  - Simplify choice
  - Simplify perception
  - Simplify internal computation



- Some effects
  - Reduce cognitive load (space complexity)
  - Reduce number of steps required (time complexity)
  - Reduce probability of errors (unreliability)
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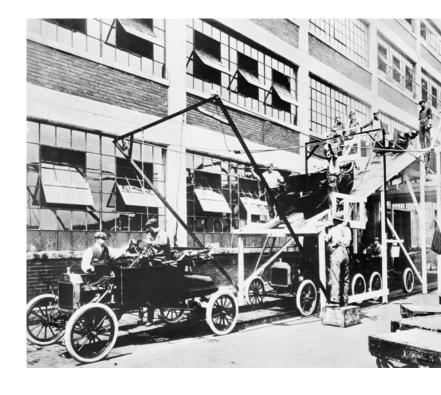




- Organizing storage
- Arranging tools
- Easing processing (e.g. sorting)

### Designing with space Example: assembly line

- Pre-structured environment
- serially decomposed tasks
- dividing task into subtasks
- Subtasks are done in a certain space
- Limited availability of tools and parts in a space

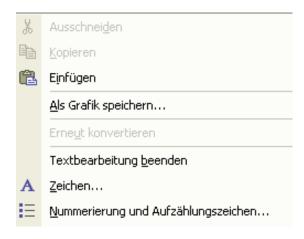


"...by regionalizing subtasks we restrict the kind of actions an agent will consider undertaking. Only certain inputs find their way into each region, only certain tools are present, and so only certain actions are afforded. " (Kirsh, intelligent use of space)

## Equivalent to an assembly line in computer science / software?

- Wizards
- Guided tours
- (Distributed) workflow
- Tools that have support for different roles
- User interfaces that restrict choice as appropriate for a given context
- Different applications for different tasks
- Different work environments for different tasks (e.g. CAD workstation, video editing station, POS terminal)
- ...





# General principles Designing with space

- When designing systems and solutions
  - Utilize space as much as possible
  - Use space in the physical world and on screen
  - Allow users to customize special arrangements
  - Provide interactive means for manipulation of objects in space
- The physical space and spatial arrangement
  - provides constraints and guidance
  - implies behavior
  - eases categorization
  - Search and retrieval
  - Allows to make (internal human) computation easier
- Segment problems and task
  - Spatial
  - Temporal

Think of the assembly line

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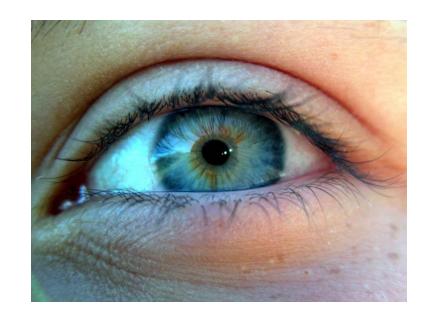
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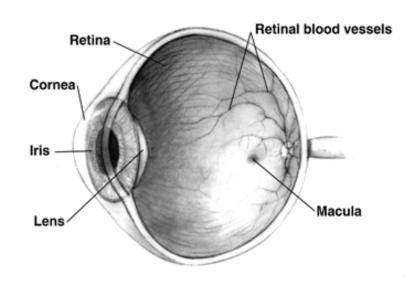
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### The human eye

- See Digitale Medien (Grundstudium)
- Basics again
  - Very high dynamic range
  - Bad color vision in dark conditions
  - Best contrast perception in red/green
  - Limited temporal resolution (reaction speed)
  - Good resolution and color in central area (macula)
  - Maximum resolution and color only in the very center (fovea)





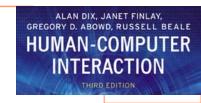
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## Temporal resolution of visual perception

- Images to movie
- Flicker



#### Vision

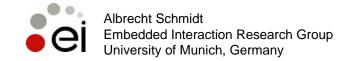


#### Two stages in vision

- physical reception of stimulus
- processing and interpretation of stimulus

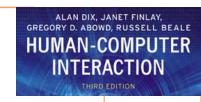
#### The Eye - physical reception

- mechanism for receiving light and transforming it into electrical energy
- light reflects from objects
- images are focused upside-down on retina
- retina contains rods for low light vision and cones for colour vision
- ganglion cells (brain!) detect pattern and movement

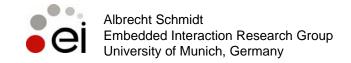




### Interpreting the signal

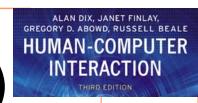


- Size and depth
  - visual angle indicates how much of view object occupies
    - (relates to size and distance from eye)
  - visual acuity is ability to perceive detail (limited)
  - familiar objects perceived as constant size (in spite of changes in visual angle when far away)
  - cues like overlapping help perception of size and depth





### Interpreting the signal (cont)



#### Brightness

- subjective reaction to levels of light
- affected by luminance of object
- measured by just noticeable difference
- visual acuity increases with luminance as does flicker

#### Colour

- made up of hue, intensity, saturation
- cones sensitive to colour wavelengths
- blue acuity is lowest
- 8% males and 1% females colour blind

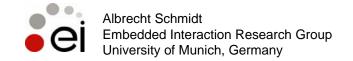






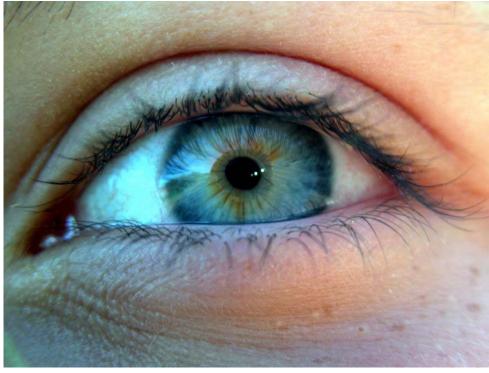


- The visual system compensates for:
  - movement
  - changes in luminance.
- Context is used to resolve ambiguity
- Optical illusions sometimes occur due to over compensation



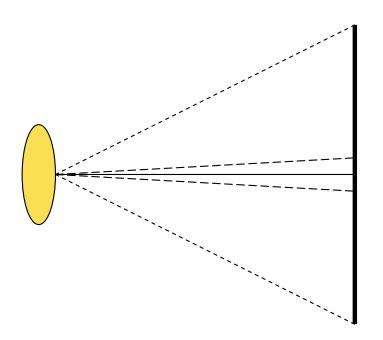
### Eye movement





- Eye movement can be visually detected and used for eye-tracking
- You can tell where someone looks

#### How much resolution do we need?



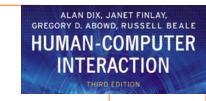
- Assumption: viewing distance = horiz. image width
- Horiz. Viewangle = 2\*atan 0.5 = 53 degrees
- Max. angular resolution of the eye = 1/60 degree
- $\rightarrow$  Max. horiz. resolution = 53 \* 60 = 3.180 pixels
- Viewing distance of A4 paper = 10 inch → 300dpi

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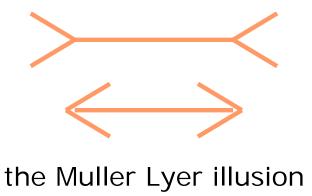
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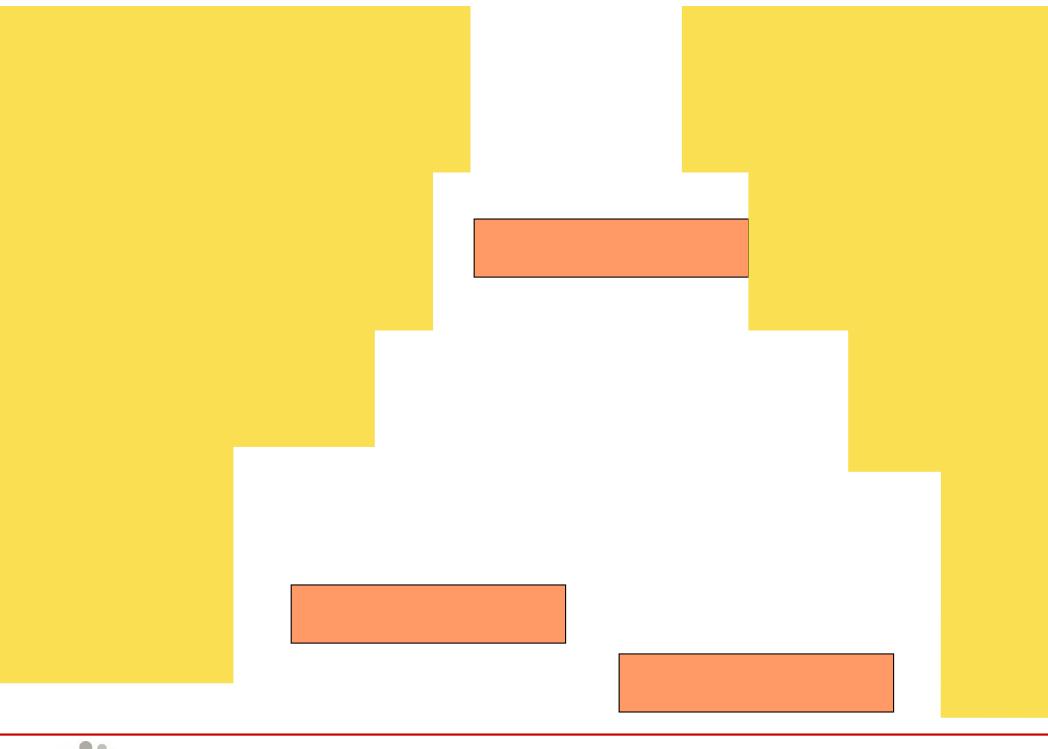


### **Optical Illusions**

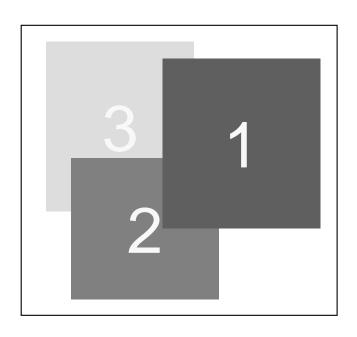


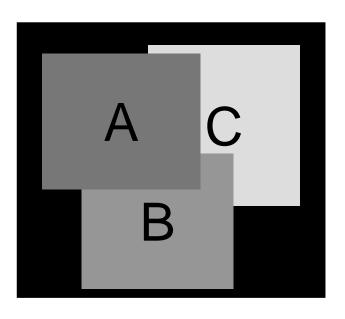




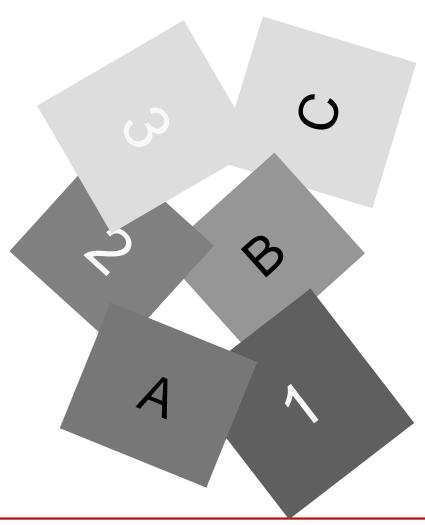


### Match the gray squares





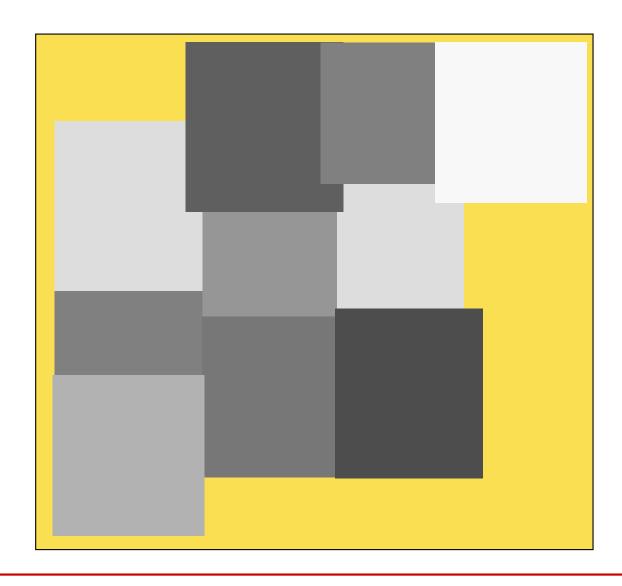
### Match the gray squares



A != 1 B != 2 C = 3

### Color keys can be really difficult

1mg 2mg 5mg 10mg 20mg 50mg 80mg >200mg



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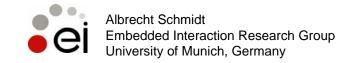
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### Reading



- Several stages:
  - visual pattern perceived
  - decoded using internal representation of language
  - interpreted using knowledge of syntax, semantics, pragmatics
- Reading involves saccades and fixations
- Perception occurs during fixations
- Word shape is important to recognition
- Negative contrast improves reading from computer screen



# Reading is a central activity when using a computer

- Reading: controls, labels, information chunks
- Background on reading and online reading
  - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reading\_%28activity%29
  - <a href="http://www.medien.ifi.lmu.de/fileadmin/mimuc/mmi\_ws0304/exercise/aufsaetze.html">http://www.medien.ifi.lmu.de/fileadmin/mimuc/mmi\_ws0304/exercise/aufsaetze.html</a>
- Some basic facts
  - Typical reading speeds are 100 (memorizing) to 1000 (scanning) words per minute
  - Reading skills differ to a great extend (according to PISA more than 20% have difficulties in reading)
  - Reading speed has for many tasks a significant impact on overall user performance
  - Good readers "recognize" words (they do not read them letter by letter)
  - Providing a visual presentation that supports reading is important (font, size, color, length of lines, structure, ...)
  - Reading from a computer screen is in general slower than from paper

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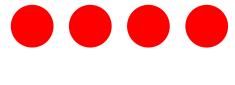
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Grouping items into group based on

Proximity

Similarity







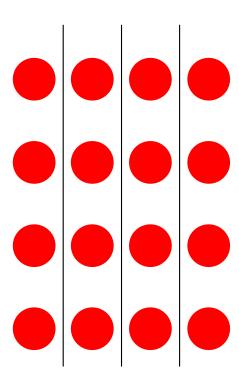


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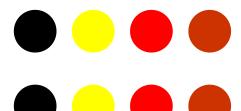


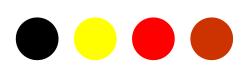
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# Gestalt Perception Example

Keep red

Off line

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# Gestalt Perception Example

Keep off red lines

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### Change Blindness

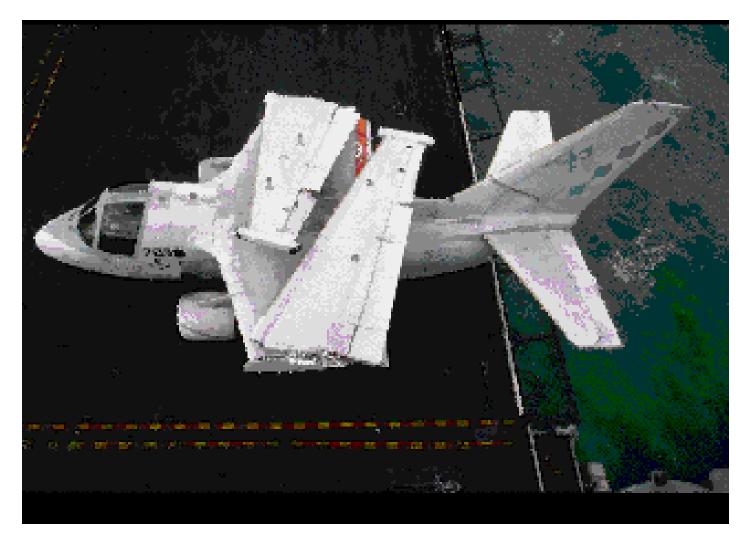
- phenomenon in visual perception
- large changes in a scene are not noticed
- Happens when there is a short distraction, e.g.
  - "mud splashes"
  - "brief flicker"
  - "cover box"

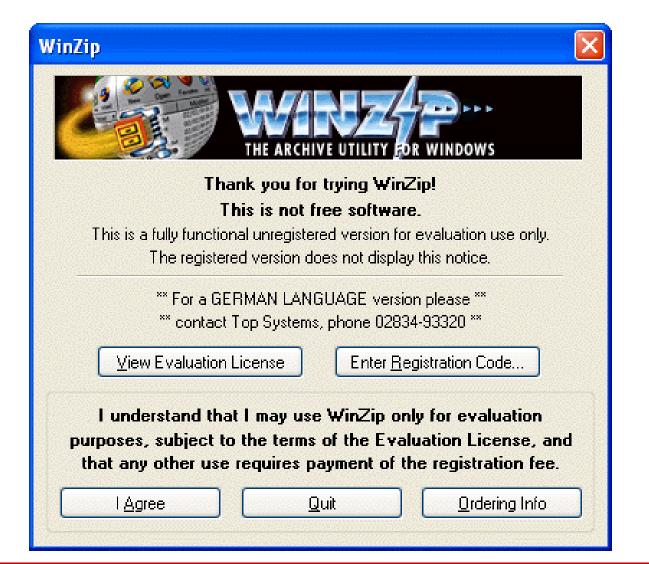
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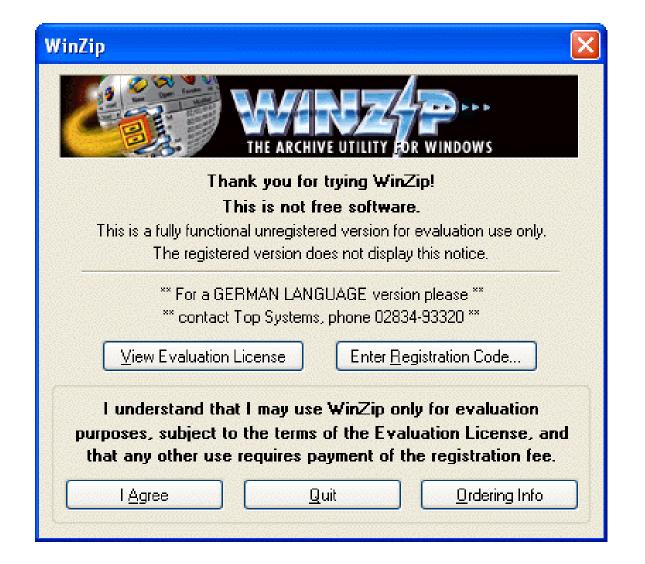
# Change blindness example: mud splashes



# Change blindness example: flicker







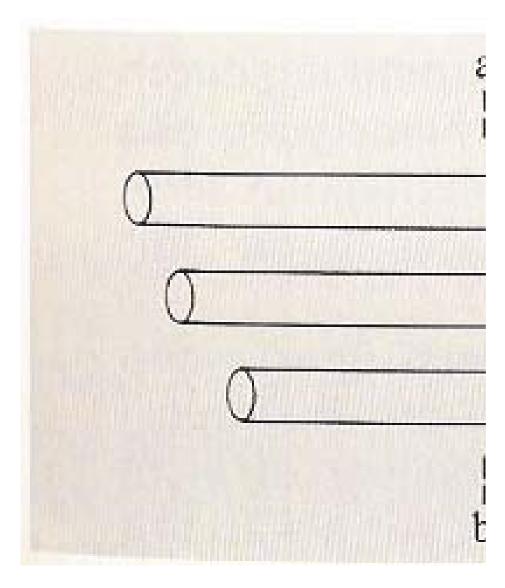
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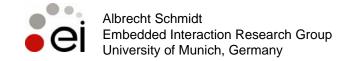
# Seeing in 2D and 3D Views and Displays

- Everything on a 2D display is 2D!
  - If we see it 3 dimensional we imagine it...
  - Expectations and experience as basis
  - Displaying a projection of a 3D model
- "real" 3D needs requires a image for each eye
  - Happens naturally when looking at 3D objects in physical space
  - Can be simulated by providing a separate image for each eye using technology
- Options to visualize 3D graphics
  - Create a 2D image that the user translates in 3D in his head
  - Provide images (that represent a 3D model from a particular view point) for both eyes
  - Create 3D structures (static or dynamic)

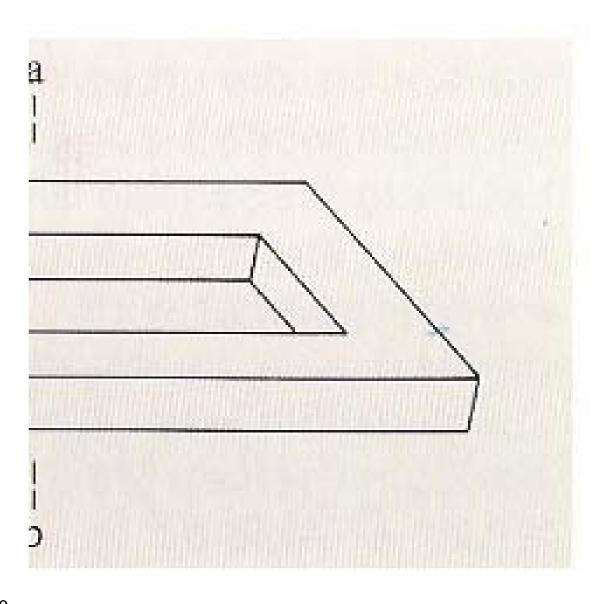
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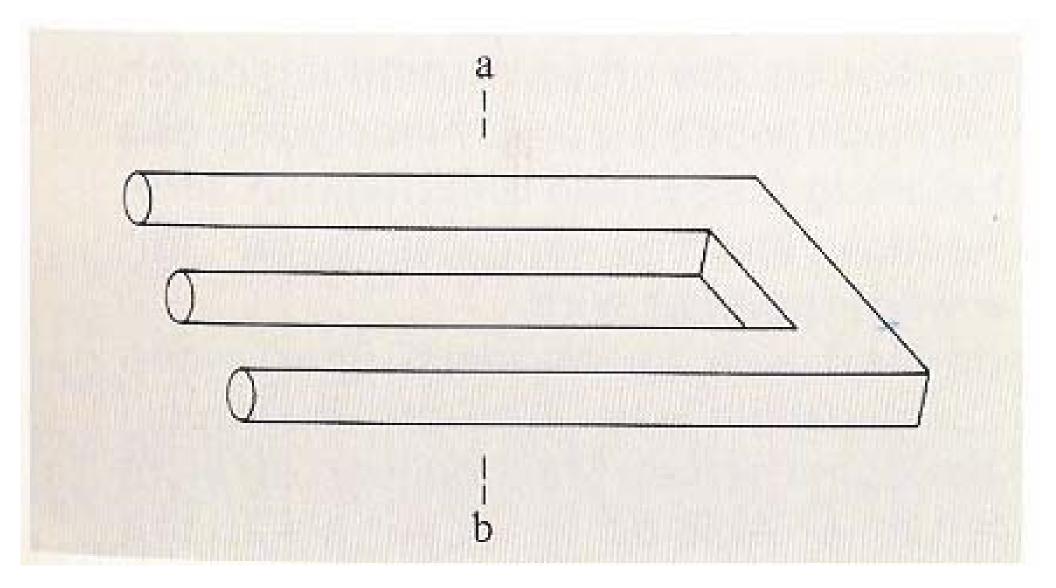


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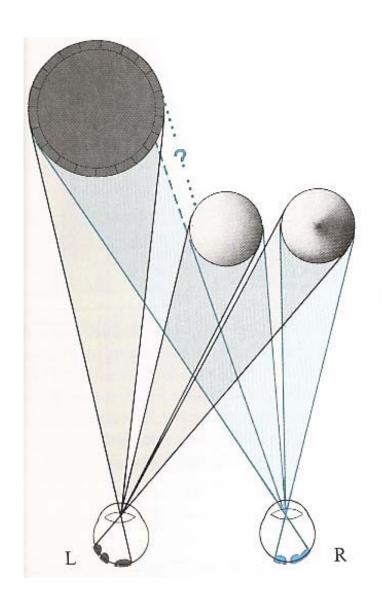
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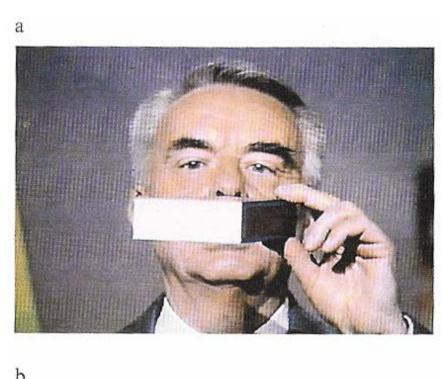


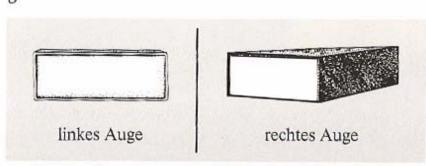
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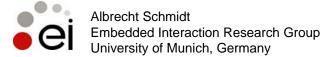
### Stereo 3D Vision Basics







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#### Stereo 3D Vision Basics

- Image for each object is dependent on the spatial relation between object and observer
  - changing viewpoint changes the images
  - Different people at different view points see different pictures

## General principles Designing for human visual perception

- Visual design guidelines result from how humans perceive visual information
- Be aware of visual perception when designing nonstandard UI components (e.g. in games and on the WWW)
  - Consider color perception
  - Consider central and peripheral vision
  - Gestalt Laws
  - Change blindness
  - Visual 3D impressions
- Be careful to make reading easy as it is an import time factor in many applications
- For more see Advanced topics in HCI (information visualization) and Smart Graphics

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### Human Ear Hearing

- 2 Ears
  - information about the environment
  - type of sound source
  - distance and direction



outer ear — protects inner and amplifies sound (3khz-12khz)

middle ear – transmits sound waves as vibrations to inner ear

inner ear – chemical transmitters are released and cause impulses in auditory nerve

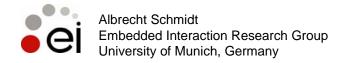
Sound

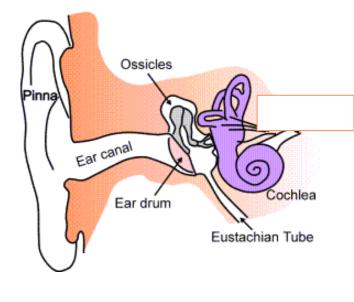
pitch – sound frequency

loudness – amplitude

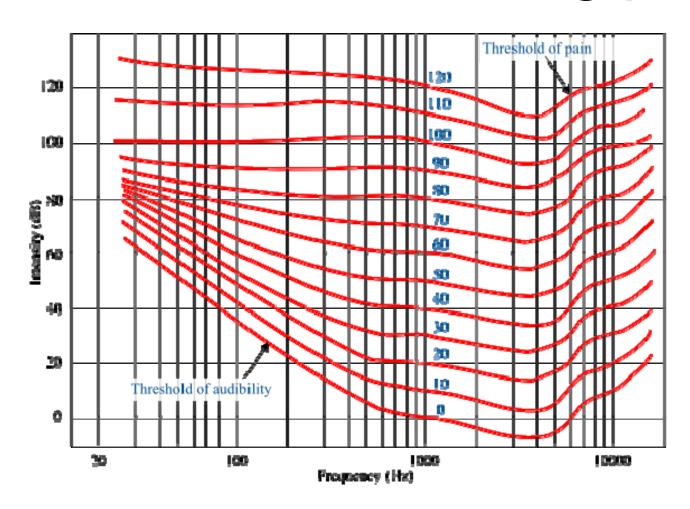
timbre — type or quality

Source: Wikipedia and Dix et al.



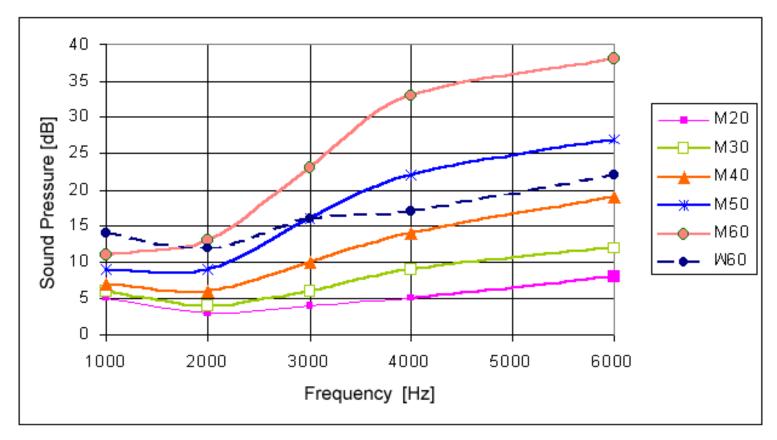


### Threshold of hearing/pain



 Fletcher-Munson equal-loudness contours (image from <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Absolute\_threshold\_of\_hearing">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Absolute\_threshold\_of\_hearing</a>)

# Threshold of hearing for different age groups



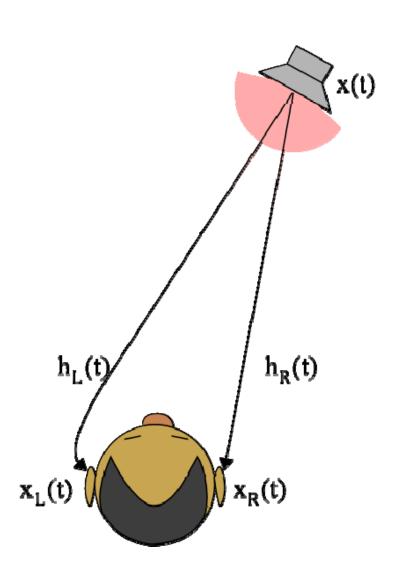
Thresholds of hearing for male (M) and female (W) subjects between the ages of 20 and 60 (for details see <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Absolute threshold of hearing">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Absolute threshold of hearing</a>)

## Hearing – Words and conversations

#### Examples:

- You are in a noisy environment like a crowded underground train and you can still have a conversation. You can even direct your attention to another conversation and "listen in".
- You are in a conversation and somewhere else someone mentions your name. You realize this even if you have not been listening actively to this conversation before.
- The auditory system filters incoming information and allows selective hearing
  - Selectively hearing sound in environment with background noise
  - Spotting keyword, e.g. cocktail party phenomenon

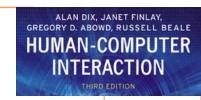
### Spatial hearing



- Caused by:
  - Interaural time difference (ITD)
  - Interaural intensity difference (IID)
  - Head related transfer functions (HRTF)
- Better for high than for low frequencies



#### Touch



- Provides important feedback about environment.
- May be key sense for someone who is visually impaired.
- Stimulus received via receptors in the skin:
  - thermoreceptors heat and cold

nociceptors

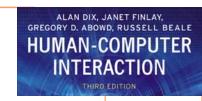
- pain
- mechanoreceptors
- pressure (some instant, some continuous)
- Some areas more sensitive than others e.g. fingers.
- Kinesthesis: the ability to feel movements of the limbs and body
- Proprioception: unconscious perception of movement and spatial orientation arising from stimuli within the body itself.
- affects comfort and performance.

(see http://www.isr.syr.edu/course/neu211/lecture\_notes/lec14.html)





### Movement



- Time taken to respond to stimulus: reaction time + movement time
- Movement time dependent on age, fitness etc.
- Reaction time dependent on stimulus type:
  - visual ~ 200ms
  - auditory ~ 150 ms
  - pain ~ 700ms
- Increasing reaction time decreases accuracy in the unskilled operator but not in the skilled operator.
- See Fitts' law





#### (experiment for visual reaction time see:

http://biology.clc.uc.edu/fankhauser/Labs/Anatomy & Physiology/A&P202/Nervous System Physiology/Visual Reaction.htm

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### Motivation: basic calculation

Calculate: 35 \* 6

How do you do it?

## **Human Memory**

 "Memory is the process involved in retaining, retrieving, and using information about stimuli, images, events, ideas, and skills after the original is not longer present." (Goldstein, p. 136)

## Memory Model

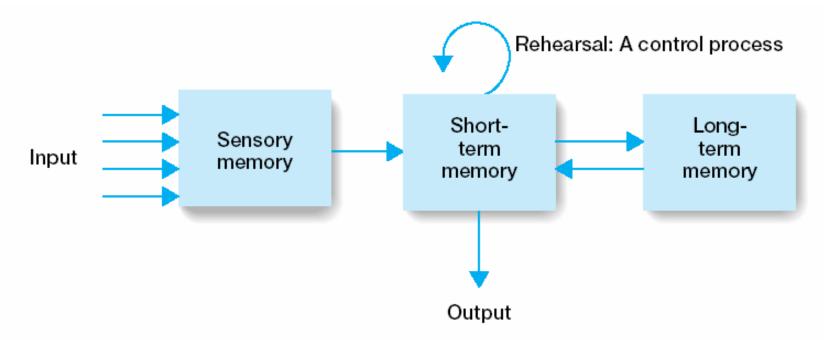


Figure 5.3 Flow diagram for Atkinson and Shiffrin's (1968) model of memory. This model, which is described in the text, is called the *modal model* because of the huge influence it has had on memory research.

(from: Goldstein, p. 139)

## Memory



- Involves encoding and recalling knowledge and acting appropriately
- We don't remember everything involves filtering and processing
- Context is important in affecting our memory
- We recognize things much better than being able to recall things
  - The rise of the GUI over command-based interfaces
- Better at remembering images than words
  - The use of icons rather than names

## Motivation: memorizing

Memorize

2 7 5 9 2 8 1 2 9 1 6 3

49 179 23 89 481

49 1 pizza now

heh ousew asg reena ndb igt

## The problem with the classic '7±2'

- George Miller's theory of how much information people can remember
- http://www.well.com/user/smalin/miller.html
   (The Psychological Review, 1956, vol. 63, pp. 81-97)
- People's immediate memory capacity is very limited
- In general you can remember 5-9 chunks and chunks can be letters, numbers, words, sentences, images, …

## Wrong application of the theory

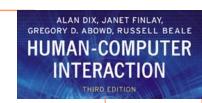
- Many designers have been led to believe that this is a useful finding for interaction design
  - Present only 7 options on a menu
  - Display only 7 icons on a tool bar
  - Have no more than 7 bullets in a list
  - Place only 7 items on a pull down menu
  - Place only 7 tabs on the top of a website page

#### But this is wrong! Why?

- Inappropriate application of the theory
- People can scan lists of bullets, tabs, menu items till they see the one they want
- They don't have to recall them from memory having only briefly heard or seen them









If a card has a vowel on one side it has an even number on the other

Is this true?

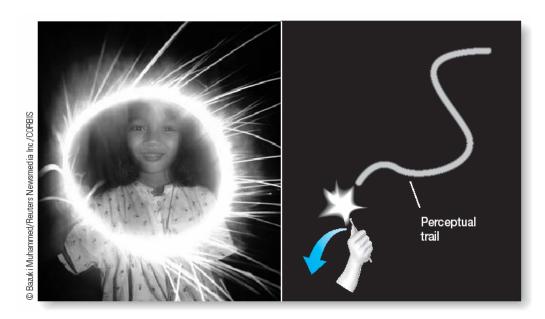
How many cards do you need to turn over to find out?

.... and which cards?



## Sensory Memory

- "Sensory Memory is the retention, for brief periods of time, of the effects of sensory stimulation." (Goldstein, p. 140)
- E.g. Persistence of vision



(Image from Goldstein, p. 142)

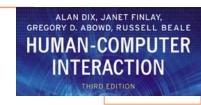
# Sensory Memory functions

- 1. collecting information for processing
- holding information briefly while initial processing is going on
- filling in the blanks when stimulation is intermittent

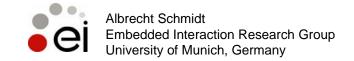
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## sensory memory

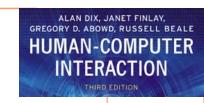


- Buffers for stimuli received through senses
  - iconic memory: visual stimuli
  - echoic memory: aural stimuli
  - haptic memory: tactile stimuli
- Examples
  - "sparkler" trail
  - stereo sound
  - watching a film
- Continuously overwritten





# Short-term memory (STM)



- Scratch-pad for temporary recall
  - rapid access ~ 70ms
  - rapid decay ~ 200ms
  - limited capacity 7± 2 chunks

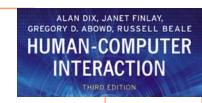


## Coding of information

- Visual image of a person
- Phonological sound of a voice
- Semantic meaning of what a person is saying
- Coding in Short Term Memory
  - Sound is most efficient
- When users have to remember something in the application → make it possible to code it phonological



## Long-term memory (LTM)



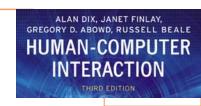
- Repository for all our knowledge
  - slow access ~ 1/10 second
  - slow decay, if any
  - huge or unlimited capacity
- Two types
  - episodic serial memory of events
  - semantic— structured memory of facts, concepts, skills

semantic LTM derived from episodic LTM





## Long-term memory (cont.)



- Semantic memory structure
  - provides access to information
  - represents relationships between bits of information
  - supports inference
- Model: semantic network
  - inheritance child nodes inherit properties of parent nodes
  - relationships between bits of information explicit
  - supports inference through inheritance



# Motivation: Decisions and long term memory

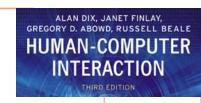
Do dogs bark? Yes/No

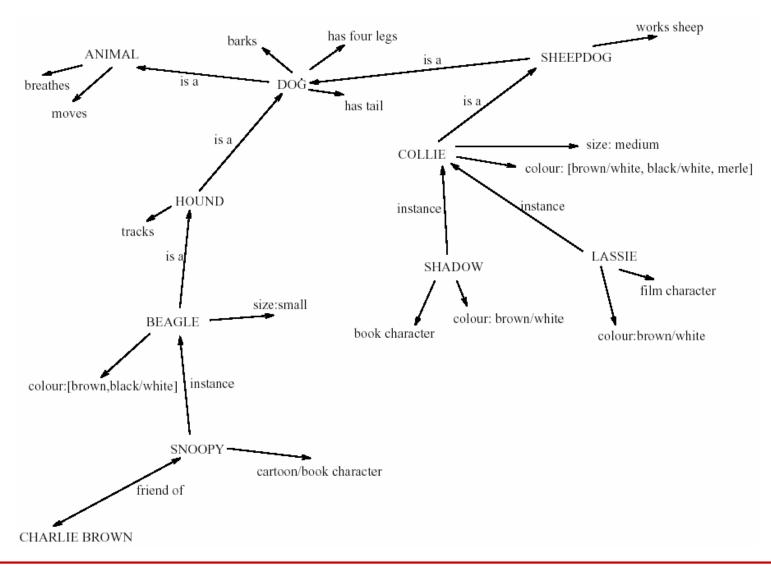
Do dogs breathe? Yes/No

The second question takes longer to answer → this indicates semantic coding!













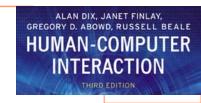
## LTM - Storage of information

- rehearsal
  - information moves from STM to LTM
- total time hypothesis
  - amount retained proportional to rehearsal time
- distribution of practice effect
  - optimized by spreading learning over time
- structure, meaning and familiarity
  - information easier to remember





## LTM - Forgetting



#### decay

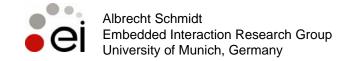
information is lost gradually but very slowly

#### interference

- new information replaces old: retroactive interference
- old may interfere with new: proactive inhibition

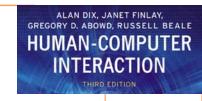
so may not forget at all memory is selective ...

... affected by emotion – can subconsciously `choose' to forget





### LTM - retrieval



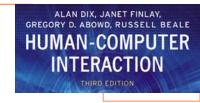
#### recall

 information reproduced from memory can be assisted by cues, e.g. categories, imagery

### recognition

- information gives knowledge that it has been seen before
- less complex than recall information is cue





## **Thinking**

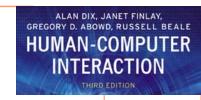
Reasoning

deduction, induction, abduction

Problem solving

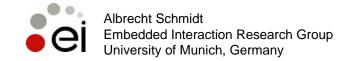


## Deductive Reasoning

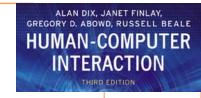


#### Deduction:

- derive logically necessary conclusion from given premises.
  - e.g. If it is Friday then she will go to work
    It is Friday
    Therefore she will go to work.
- Logical conclusion not necessarily true:
  - e.g. If it is raining then the ground is dry
    It is raining
    Therefore the ground is dry







## Deduction (cont.)

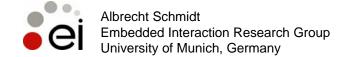
- When truth and logical validity clash ...
  - e.g. Some people are babies

    Some babies cry

    Inference Some people cry

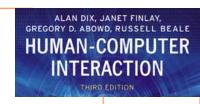
Correct?

People bring world knowledge to bear

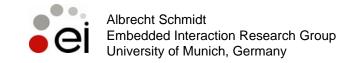




## Inductive Reasoning

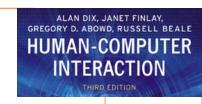


- Induction:
  - generalize from cases seen to cases unseen e.g. all elephants we have seen have trunks therefore all elephants have trunks.
- Unreliable:
  - can only prove false not true
  - ... but useful!
- Humans not good at using negative evidence e.g. Wason's cards.









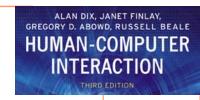
- reasoning from event to cause
  - e.g. Sam drives fast when drunk.

    If I see Sam driving fast, assume drunk.

- Unreliable:
  - can lead to false explanations



## Problem solving



#### Analogy

- analogical mapping:
  - novel problems in new domain?
  - use knowledge of similar problem from similar domain
- analogical mapping difficult if domains are semantically different

#### Skill acquisition

- skilled activity characterized by chunking
  - lot of information is chunked to optimize STM
- conceptual rather than superficial grouping of problems
- information is structured more effectively

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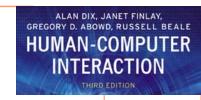
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# Emotions Attractive Things Work Better

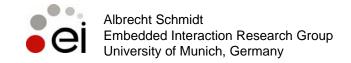
- Experiment
  - Six ATM identical in function and operation
  - Some aesthetically more attractive than others
  - Result: the nicer one's are easier to use...
- Aesthetics can change the emotional state
- Emotions all us to quickly assess situations
  - Positive emotion make us more creative
- Attractive things make feel people good
  - → they are more creative
  - → things are easier to use...
- See D. Norman, Emotional Design (Chapter 1)



### **Emotion**

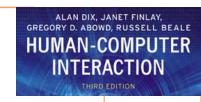


- Various theories of how emotion works
  - James-Lange: emotion is our interpretation of a physiological response to a stimuli
  - Cannon: emotion is a psychological response to a stimuli
  - Schacter-Singer: emotion is the result of our evaluation of our physiological responses, in the light of the whole situation we are in
- Emotion clearly involves both cognitive and physical responses to stimuli





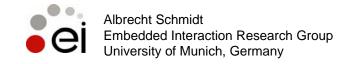
## Emotion (cont.)



- The biological response to physical stimuli is called affect
- Affect influences how we respond to situations
  - positive → creative problem solving
  - negative → narrow thinking

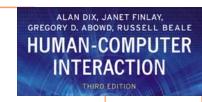
"Negative affect can make it harder to do even easy tasks; positive affect can make it easier to do difficult tasks"

(Donald Norman)









- Implications for interface design
  - stress will increase the difficulty of problem solving
  - relaxed users will be more forgiving of shortcomings in design
  - aesthetically pleasing and rewarding interfaces will increase positive affect

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## Affordance Theory

- Affordance is the perceived possibility for action
- Objective properties that imply action possibilities how we can use things – independent of the individual. (Gibson)
- Perceived Affordance includes expierence of an individual (Norman)
- Example: vandalism at a bus stop
  - Concrete → graffiti
  - Glass → smash
  - Wood → carvings

Gibson, J.J. (1979). *The Ecological Approach to Visual Perception*, Houghton Mifflin, Boston. (Currently published by Lawrence Eribaum, Hillsdale, NJ.)

Norman, D. A. (1988). The Psychology of Everyday Things. New York: Basic Books. (The paperback version is Norman, 1990.)

# Natural and Intuitive User Interfaces?

- Very little is intuitive and natural with regard to computer user interfaces!
- To make it feel intuitive and natural
  - Base UIs on previous knowledge of the user
  - Use clear affordances and constraints

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