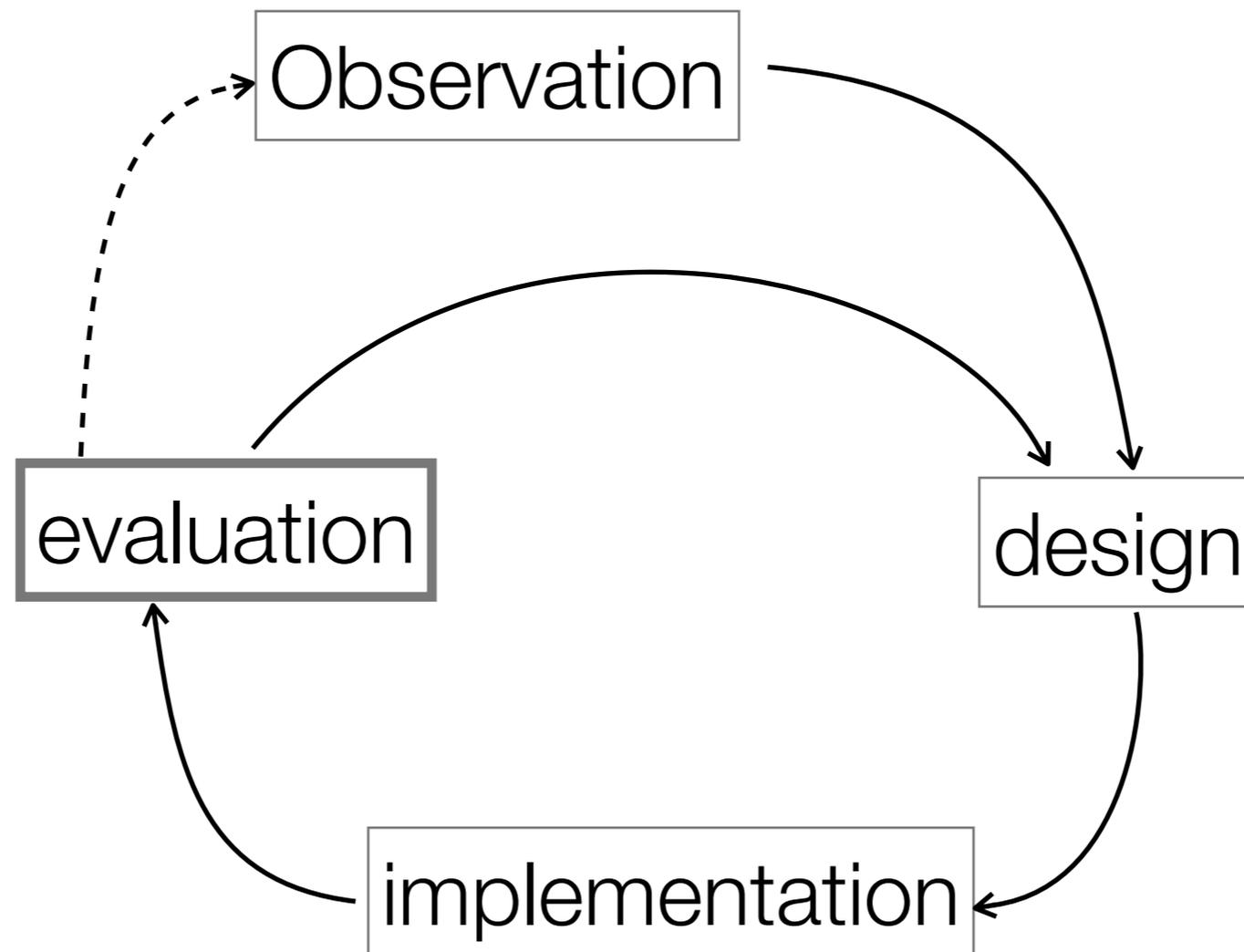


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Evaluate your project

Iterative design



Heuristic Evaluation

Heuristic evaluation is a “discount” usability inspection method

- ▶ Quick, cheap and easy evaluation of UI design
- ▶ <http://www.useit.com/papers/heuristic/>

Implicit assumptions:

- ▶ There is a fixed list of desirable properties of user interfaces (the “heuristics”)
- ▶ These heuristics can be checked by experts with a clear and defined result

Ten Usability Heuristics



<http://www.useit.com/jakob/photos/>

- ▶ Meet expectations

1. Match the real world
2. Consistency & standards
3. Help & documentation

- ▶ User is boss

4. User control & freedom
5. Visibility of system status
6. Flexibility & efficiency

- ▶ Errors

7. Error prevention
8. Recognition, not recall
9. Error reporting, diagnosis, and recovery

- ▶ Keep it simple

10. Aesthetic & minimalist design

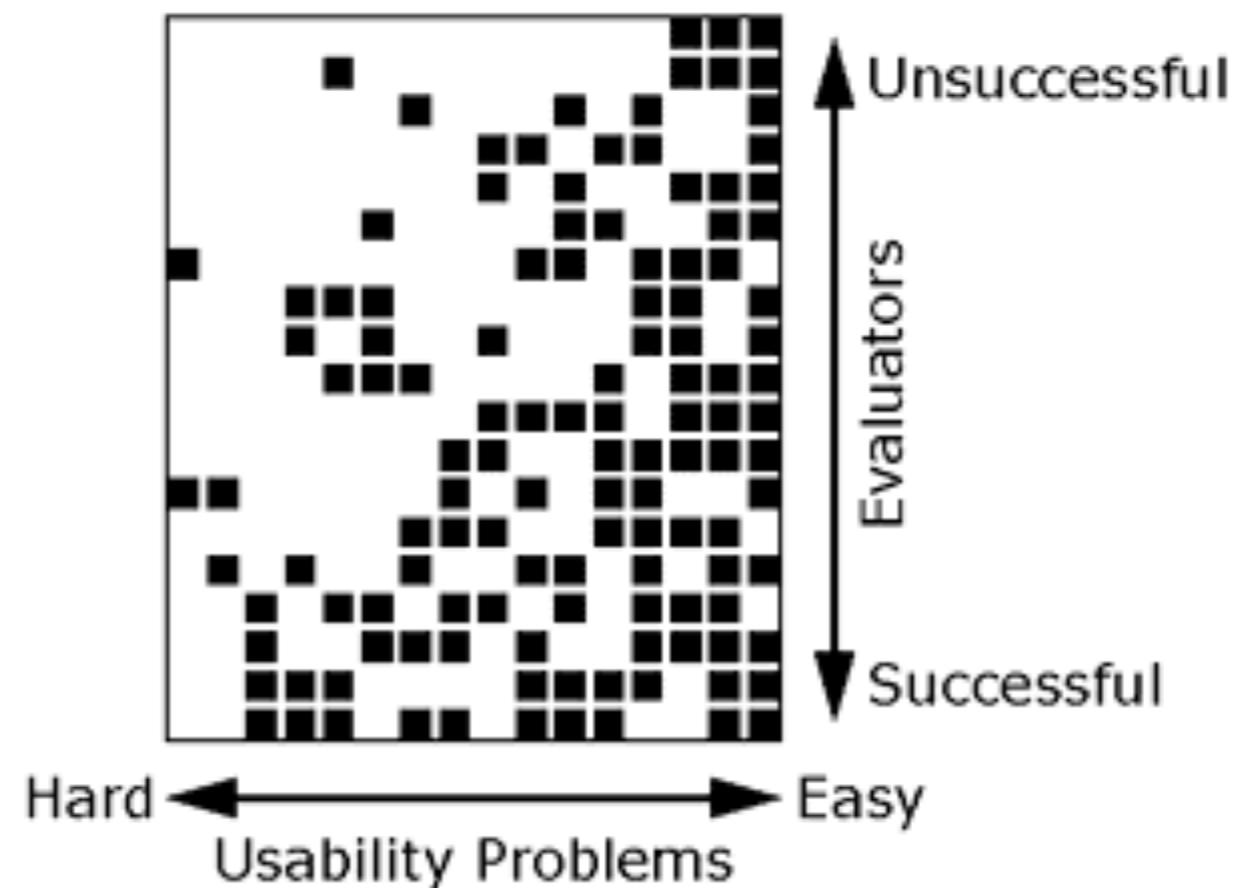
Procedure

- ▶ Small set of evaluators examine the interface and judge its compliance with recognized usability principles (the "heuristics").
- ▶ Either just by inspection or by scenario-based walkthrough
- ▶ Critical issues list, weighted by severity grade
- ▶ Opinions of evaluators are consolidated into one report

Number of evaluators

Every evaluator doesn't find every problem

Good evaluators find both easy & hard ones

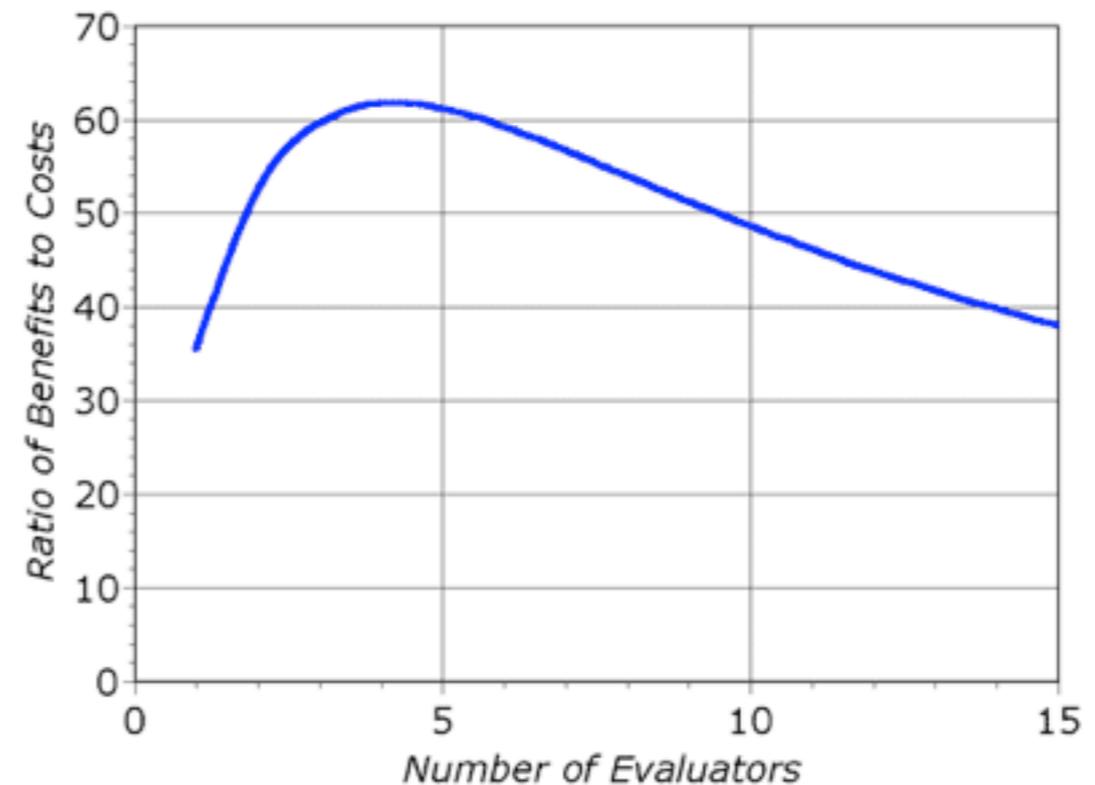
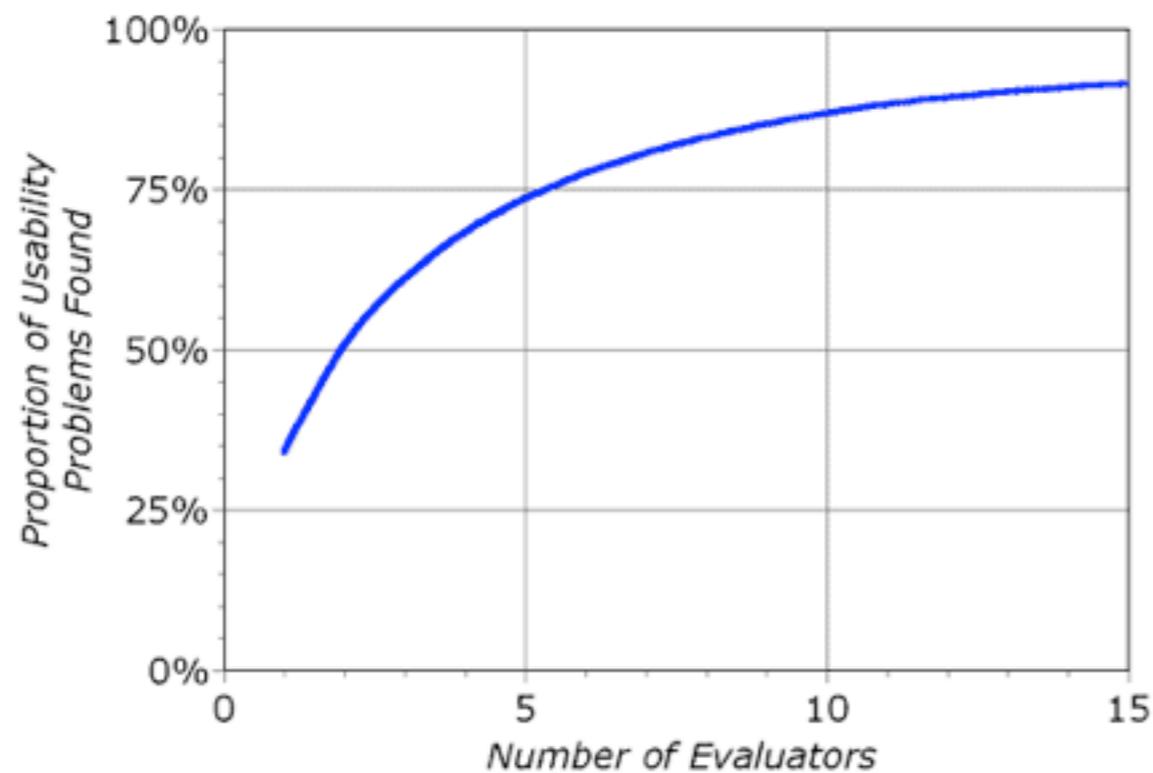


Number of evaluators

Single evaluator achieves poor results

Only finds 35% of usability problems

5 evaluators find ~ 75% of usability problems



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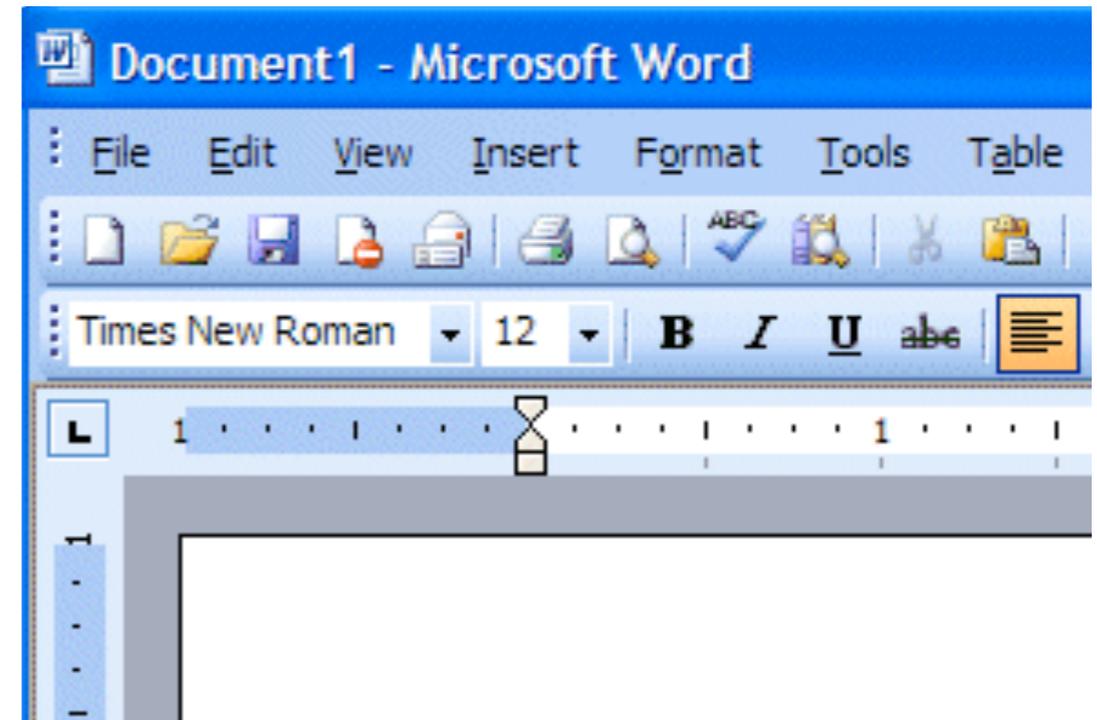


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ADJ142	Open-M3: Smart Space with COTS devices	Monday	quiet (no sound produced)
ADJ151	CastOven: A Microwave Oven with Just-in-time Video Clips	Lobby - Tuesday	produces sound preferably a place quiet (uses audio input)
ADJ153	Serendipitous Family Stories: Using Findings from a Study on Family Communication to Share Family History	Tuesday	quiet (no sound produced)
ADJ155	Remote Virtual Devices: Middleware for Dynamic Device Composition	Tuesday	quiet (no sound produced)
ADJ157	Groupie: The Wearable Wireless Group Coordinator	Lobby - Monday	quiet (no sound produced)
ADJ163	Demonstrating EnTrack: a System for Energy-Efficient Position Tracking for Mobile Devices	Tuesday	no requirements
ADJ170	Computational Materials	Lobby for the Planks, Tuesday for the tiles	no requirements
ADJ173	Gaze-Based Interaction with Public Displays Using Off-the-Shelf Components	D	no requirements
ADJ178	NeuroWander : a BCI game in the form of interactive fairy tale	D	produces sound quiet (no sound produced)
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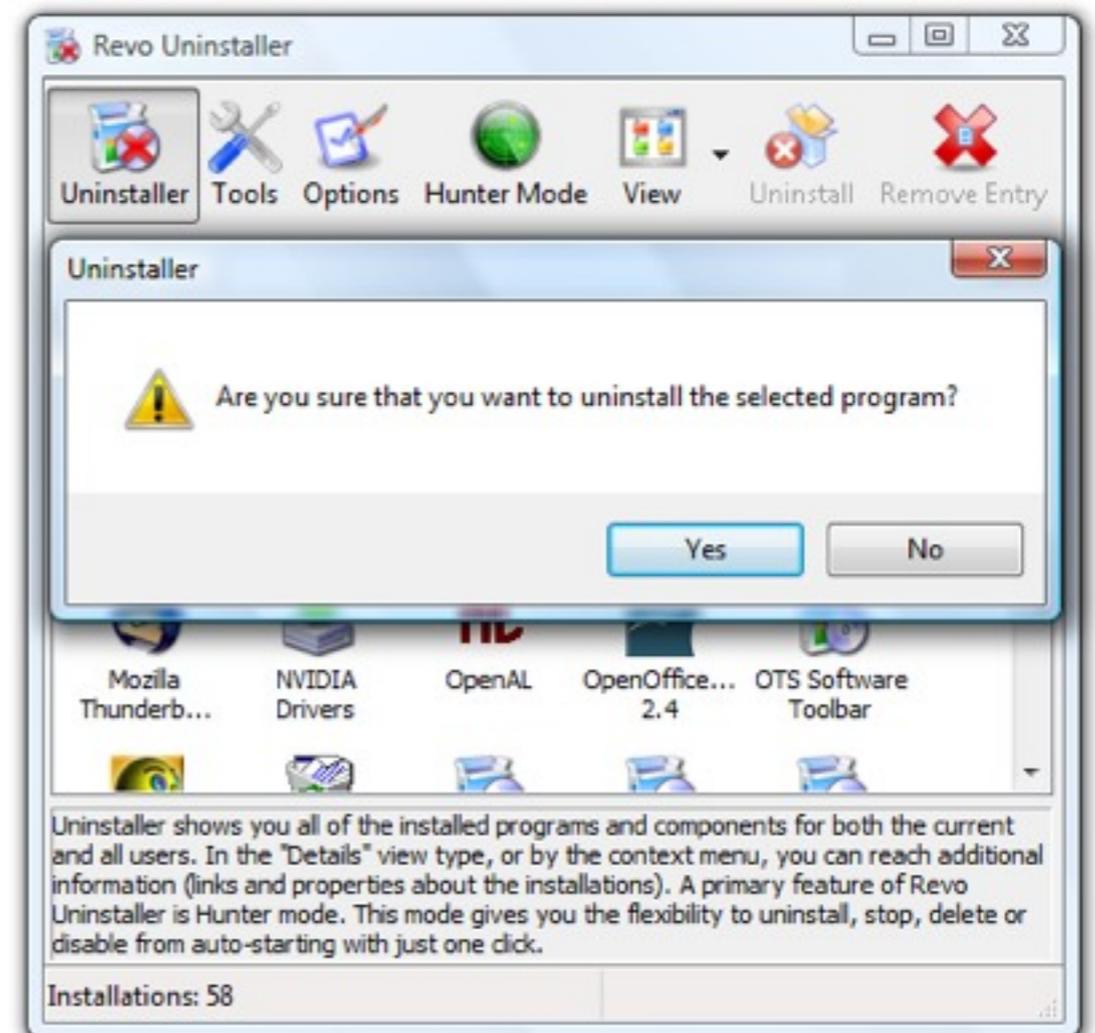
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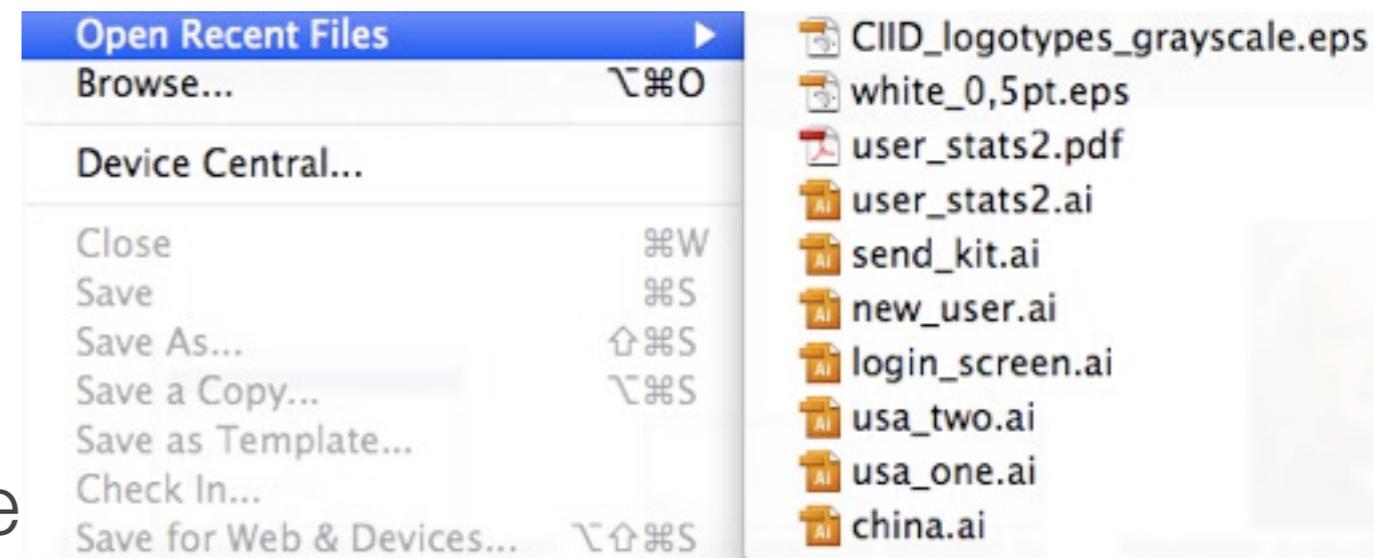
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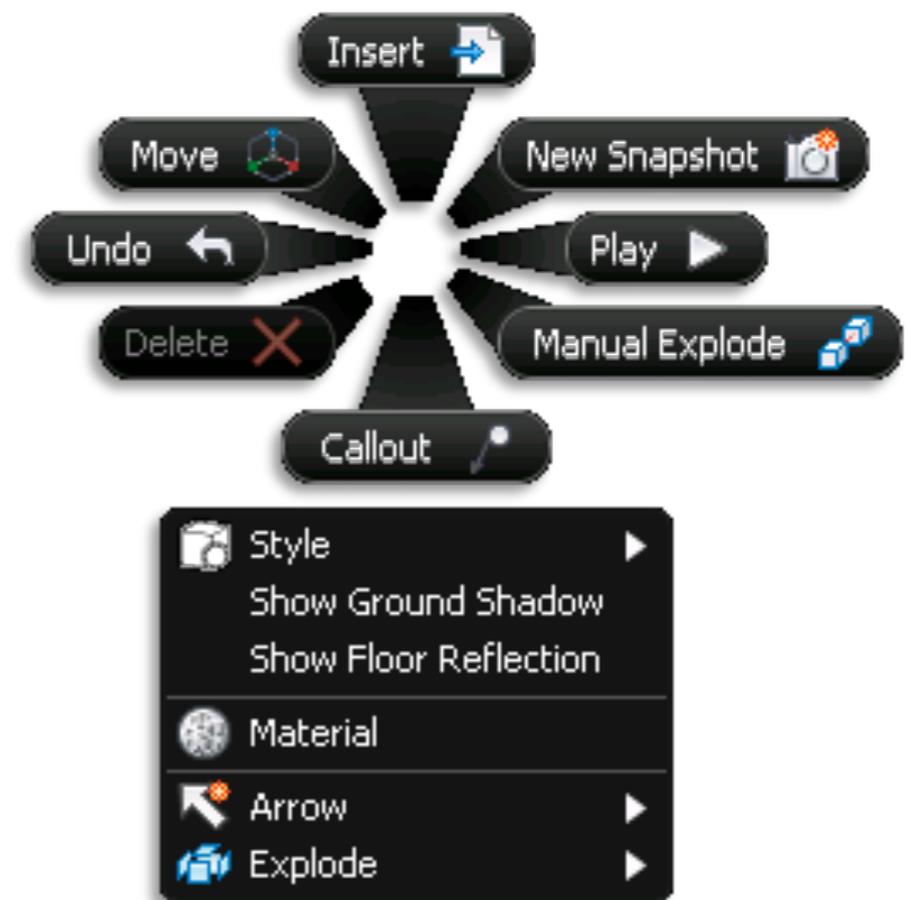
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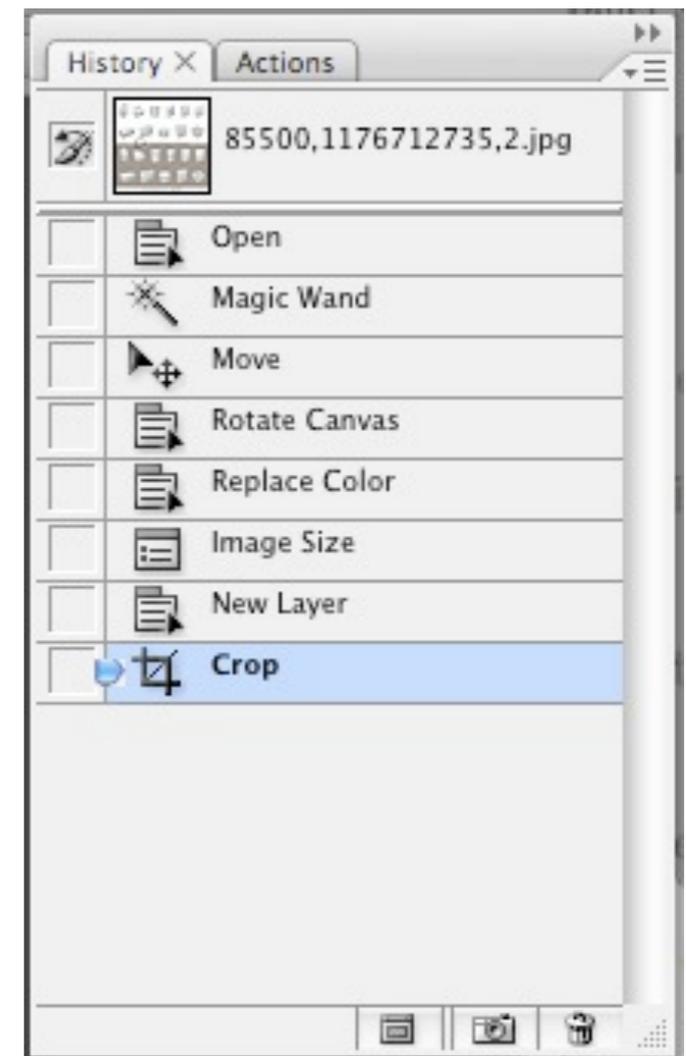
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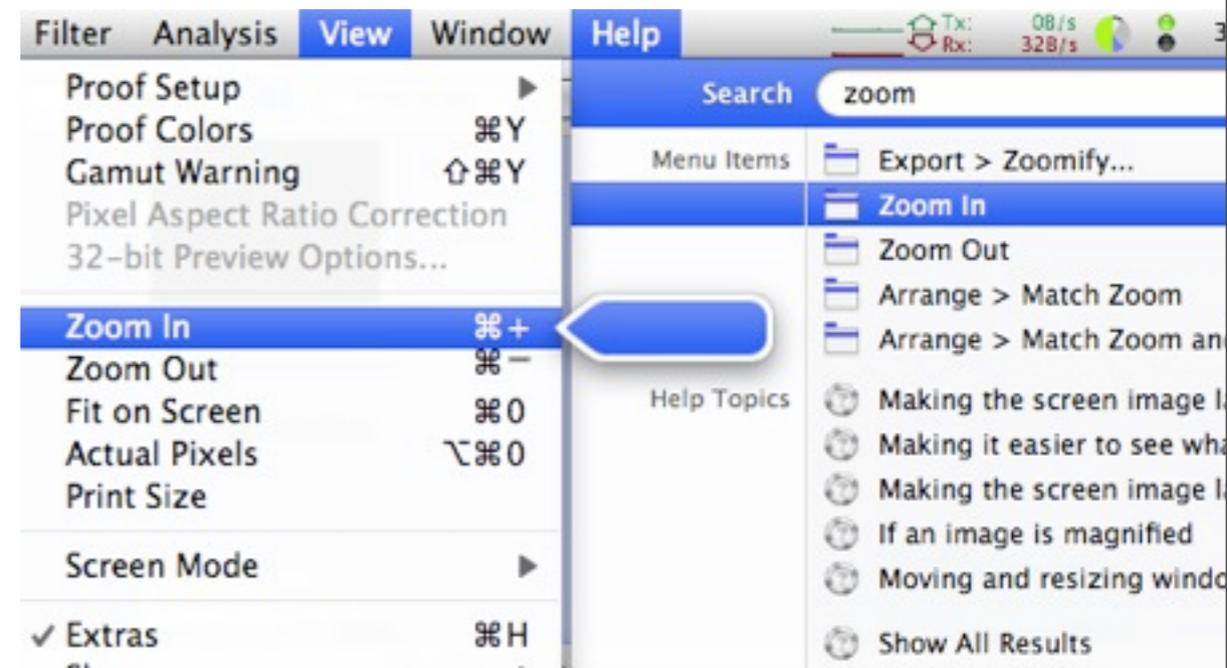
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Severity scale

Contributing factors

- ▶ Frequency: how common?
- ▶ Impact: how hard to overcome?
- ▶ Persistence: how often to overcome?

Severity scale

- ▶ Cosmetic: need not be fixed
- ▶ Minor: needs fixing but low priority
- ▶ Major: needs fixing and high priority
- ▶ Catastrophic: imperative to fix

Writing good heuristic evaluations

- ▶ Heuristic evaluations must communicate well to developers and managers
- ▶ Include positive comments as well as criticisms
 - Good: Toolbar icons are simple, with good contrast and few colors (minimalist design)
- ▶ Be tactful
 - Not: the menu organization is a complete mess
 - Better: menus are not organized by function
- ▶ Be specific
 - Not: text is unreadable
 - Better: text is too small, and has poor contrast (black text on dark green background)

Example

What to include:

- ▶ Problem
- ▶ Heuristic
- ▶ Description
- ▶ Severity
- ▶ Recommendation (if any)
- ▶ Screenshot (if helpful)

Severe: User may close window without saving data (error prevention)

If the user has made changes without saving, and then closes the window using the Close button, rather than File >> Exit, no confirmation dialog appears.



Recommendation: show a confirmation dialog or save automatically

Summary

- ▶ Heuristic evaluation is a discount method
- ▶ Have evaluators go through the UI twice
 - Ask them to see if it complies with heuristics
 - Note where it doesn't and say why
- ▶ Have evaluators independently rate severity
- ▶ Combine the findings from 3 to 5 evaluators
- ▶ Discuss problems with design team
- ▶ Cheaper alternative to user testing
- ▶ Finds different problems, so good to alternate