

Input (and output) approaches

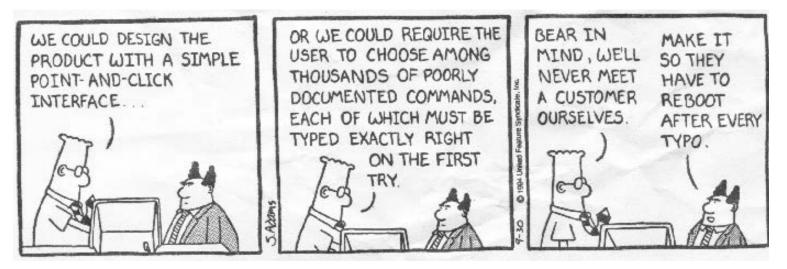




- Command languages
- ➤WIMP
- Gestures/touch
- Direct manipulation/VR/AR
- ➢ Speech



How does a user interact with the interface?



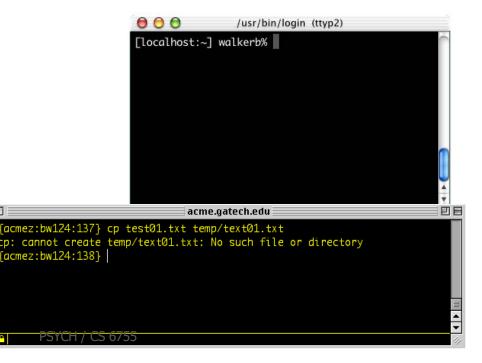


1. Command Languages

Earliest UI interaction paradigms

(after punch cards gave way to interaction)

Examples
 MS-DOS shell
 UNIX shell
 dBase
 GPSS





Command Line Attributes

> Work primarily by recall, not recognition

- Heavy memory load
- Little or nothing is visible

SO...

Poor choice for novices but...



Command Line Advantages

> Advantages for experts

Speed, conciseness
% ls (hard to beat)

Can express actions beyond a limited set Flags, piping one command to another

Repetition, extensibility
 Scripting, macros

Easier implementation, less overhead Abstraction, wild cards

Power



Command Line Dangers

With added power, comes added responsibility and danger

UNIX

- % rm -r *
- Deletes every file that you have, and you can't get them back





> Consistency

Syntax

Order

Good naming and abbreviations

Doing your homework in design can help alleviate some of the negatives



Consistency: Syntax

Pick a consistent syntax strategy

- UNIX fails here because commands were developed by lots of different people at different organizations
 - No guidelines provided
- Simple command list
 - e.g, vi, minimize keystrokes
- Commands plus arguments
 - realistic, can provide keyword parameters
 - % cp from=foo to=bar



Keep ordering consistent

- VO seems to be the most natural
- Typically need to pick where options go

> Example

- * % In -s file1 file2 (how to remember?)
- Think of % cp file1 file2 for parallel command
- Or "make a link of the symbolic type, pointing to file1, and called file2"



Consistency: Terminology

Same concept expressed with same options

- Setul to provide symmetric (congruent) pairings
 - forward/backward
 - next/prev
 - control/meta



vi text editor
w - forward word
b - backward word
Wouldn't 'f' be better for forward?
'f' already used
How about 'fw' and 'bw'?
Extra keystrokes

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Abbreviations

>Abbrevs. allow for faster actions

- Expert performance begins to be dominated by motor times such as # of keystrokes
- Not good idea for novices
- (Allow but don't require)



Picking Good Abbreviations

Strategies

- Simple truncation (works best, but conflicts)
- Vowel drop plus truncation (avoid conflicts)
- First and last letters
- First letters of words in a phrase
- Standard abbrev from other contexts
 - qty, rm, bldg
- Phonics
 - Xqt



Abbreviation Guidelines

Use single primary rule (with single fallback for conflicts)

Solution & Use fallback rule as little as possible

Mark use of fallback in documentation

> Let user know primary and secondary rules

- > Truncation is good but generates conflicts
- > Don't use abbrevs. in system output

2. WIMP

Windows, Icons, Menus, Pointers

- Focus: Menus, Buttons, Forms
- Predominant interface
 paradigm, but giving way to
 touch

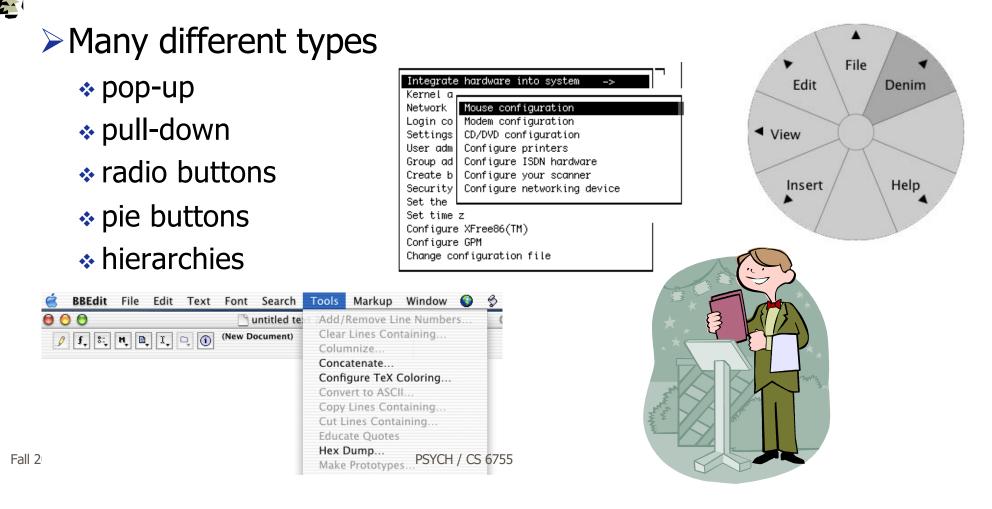




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3. Menus





>Key advantages:

- * 1 keystroke or mouse operation vs. many
- No memorization of commands
- Limited input set
- Organization strategies
 - Create groups of logically similar items
 - Cover all possibilities
 - Ensure that items are non-overlapping
 - Keep wording concise, understandable



Presentation Sequence

Use natural sort/list order if available

✤ Time

- e.g. Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Numeric ordering
 - e.g. Point sizes for font
- Size
 - e.g. USA > Georgia > Fulton Co. > Atlanta
- Other Choices
 - Alphabetical; Group related items
 - Frequently used first; Most important first
- User studies
 - Novices: alpha > functional > random
 - Experts: categorization



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Menus Today??









Menu Issues?...

Pros?Cons?

Usability of these input methods?Accessibility

…of the method?

…of the method embedded in a system?

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4. Pen Input

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Personal Digital Asst. (PDA)



Apple Newton (1993)





Palm VII Palm IIIc



Handspring Visor





Yet More Pen Input...



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> Main pen input techniques

- ✤ Free-form ink
- Soft keyboards
 - Tapping (pointing) & double tapping
- Recognition systems

Free-form Ink

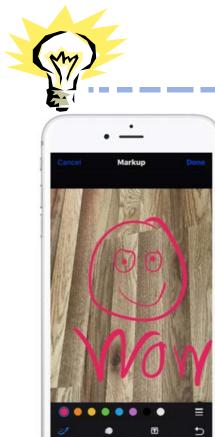
Ink is the data, take as is Like a sketch pad Human is responsible for understanding and interpretation







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Pen Input??





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Handwriting Recognition

Lots of systems (commercial too)

≻English, kanji, etc.

> Not perfect, but people aren't either!

- People 96% handprinted single characters
- ✤ Computer >97% is really good

>OCR (Optical Character Recognition)



Recognition Issues

Off-line vs. On-line

- Off-line: After all writing is done, speed not an issue, only quality
- On-line: Must respond in real-time

>Bitmapped vs. Vectorized

- Sitmapped: Usually off-line, like OCR
- Vectorized: On-line, uses angle, direction, speed, pressure, acceleration, etc.



More Issues

➢ Boxed vs. Free-Form input

Sometimes encounter boxes on forms

Printed vs. Cursive
 Cursive is much more difficult

Letters vs. WordsCursive is easier to do words



More Issues

Using context & words can help

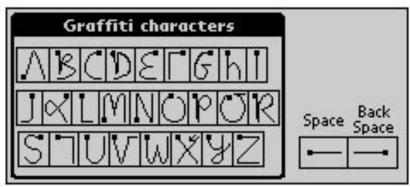
- Usually requires existence of a dictionary
- Check to see if word exists
- Consider 1/I/I

Training - Many systems improve a lot with training data

Special Alphabets

➢ Graffiti - Unistroke alphabet on Palm PDA

Serience?



> Other alphabets or purposes

- Gestures for commands
- iPhone "pinches"



Pen Gesture Commands

- Might mean delete

Define a series of (hopefully) simple drawing gestures that mean different commands in a system



Error Correction

Having to correct errors can slow input tremendously

Strategies
 Erase and try again
 n-best list
 ...

Interesting Applications





Signature verification
 Note-taking

 Academic course
 Corporate meeting

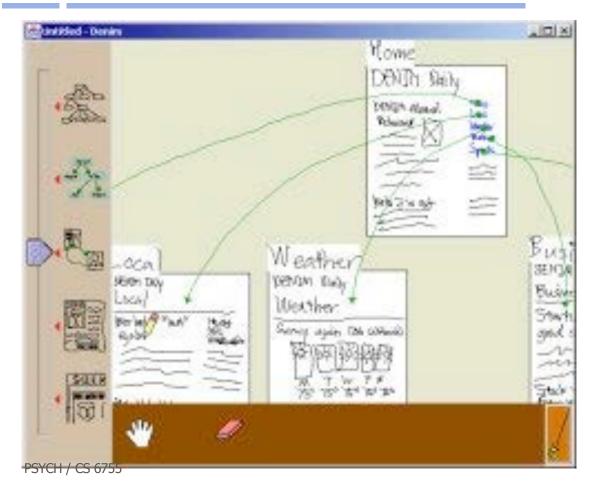
 Sketching systems

 Designers' aids

Archeological Example

 Denim - J. Landay, Berkeley GUIR
 Video, CHI '96
 Software download

Handwriting recognition



Another Example

EdgeWrite and Wheelchair text entry

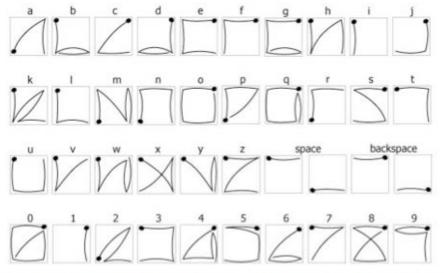


Figure 2. The EdgeWrite alphabet. Alternate forms exist for most characters (not shown). The bowing of line segments is only illustrative and does not depict actual movement, which is in straight lines. For more detail, see [27].

Modified graffiti for joystick entry



Figure 6. The selection keyboard used in our experiment. This keyboard was based on 3 selection keyboards from Microsoft's Xbox. Here the selector is positioned over the letter "a." The dark buttons are Xbox-specific and were not used in the study.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=381xrjMzqvo PSYCH / CS 6755



Pen vs. Touchscreen?

Similarities?

Differences?

iPad, iPod, iPhone vs. desktop?

> Form factor of device vs. input mode?

- Is pen input slow to take off because tablets are so bulky?
- Resolution of screen for input needs to be higher?
- Losing the pen/stylus?

Soft Keyboards

"Pen" is your finger

 (securely attached to you)

 Common everywhere, now
 Many varieties

 Tapping interface
 Stroking interface











Soft keyboard with sweeping gestures <u>http://www.swype.com/</u>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BCTjgbEtYKY



Simply trace a path

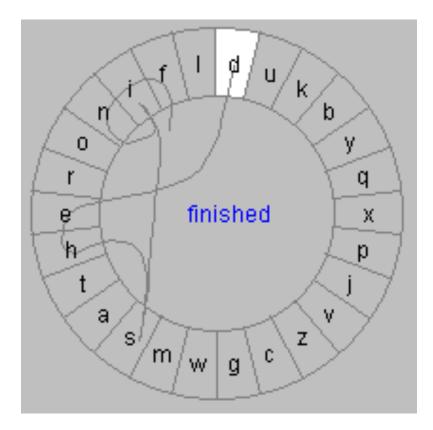
The word "quick" was generated from tracing the path shown above in a fraction of a second, by roughly aiming to pass through the letters of the word. As you can see, there is generally no need to be very accurate, enabling very rapid text entry.

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CIRcular INput

Developed by Jen Mankoff (GT->Cal->CMU)

Word-level unistroke technique

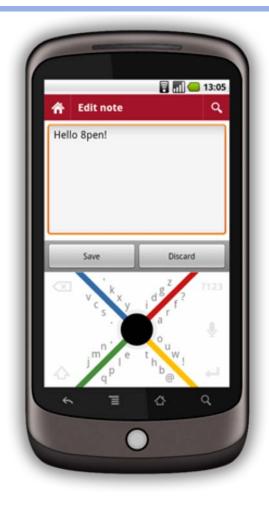


The 8 Pen

Figure-8 swiping gestures

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=99vsUF4NuLk

Usability?Utility?







Pen/finger input?...

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Direct Manipulation

Representation of reality that can be manipulated

The user is able to apply intellect directly to the task

> The tool itself seems to disappear



Direct Manipulation Details

>1) Continuous visibility of the objects and actions of interest

2) Rapid, reversible, incremental actions whose effect is immediately noticeable

3) Replacement of command language syntax by direct manipulation of object of interest (physical actions, buttons, etc.)



Direct Manipulation Examples

>WYSIWYG editors and word processors

- >VISICALC 1st electronic spreadsheet
- >CAD
- Desktop metaphor
- ≻Video games
- ➤...drag and drop

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DM Advantages

- Easier to learn & remember, particularly for novices
- Direct WYSIWYG
- Flexible, easily reversible actions helps reduce anxiety in users



DM Advantages

 Provides context & instant visual feedback so user can tell if objectives are being achieved
 Exploits human use of visual spatial cues
 Limits types of errors that can be made



DM Problems

- Screen space intensive (info not very dense)
 - (does this always apply?)
- Need to learn meaning of components of visual representation
- Visual representation may be misleading
- > Mouse ops may be slower than typing
- Not self-explanatory (no prompts)
 - ...but wait a minute...(?)

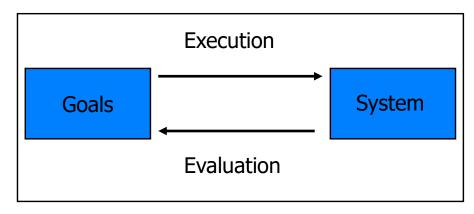


Not good at
 Repetition, scripting
 History-keeping (harder)
 Certain tasks (Change all italics to bold)
 Abstract elements (variables)
 Macros harder

Distance: Two "Gulfs"

Gulf of execution

- Distance between user's goals and means of achieving them in system
 - Does the system allow the user to do what the user wants to do?



Gulf of evaluation

- Amount of effort person must expend to interpret system state and judge if intention was achieved
 - Can user perceive if progressing favorably?

Directness and Distance

≻Two types

- Semantic Relation between what user wants to express and what is available in interface
 - Can I say what I want (concisely)?
- Articulatory Relation between meanings of expressions and their physical form(s)
 - Is the way to perform an action expected and clear (appropriate)?

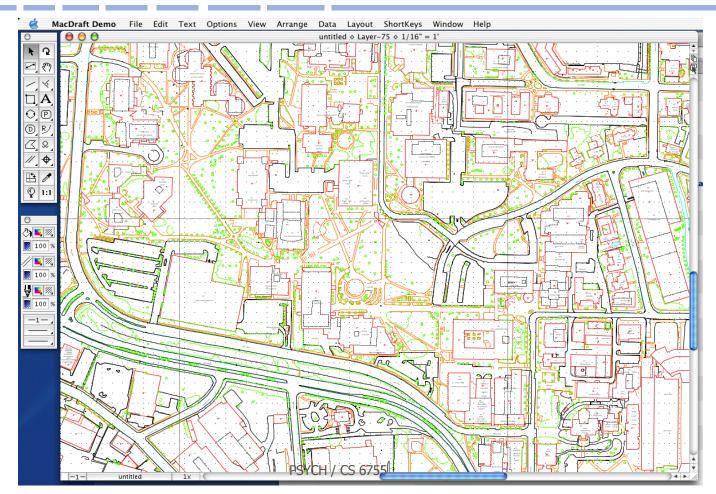




- Feeling that you are directly manipulating the objects of interest
- Promoted by
 - Unobtrusive interface
 - Minimizing gulfs of execution and evaluation
 - Appropriately responsive system

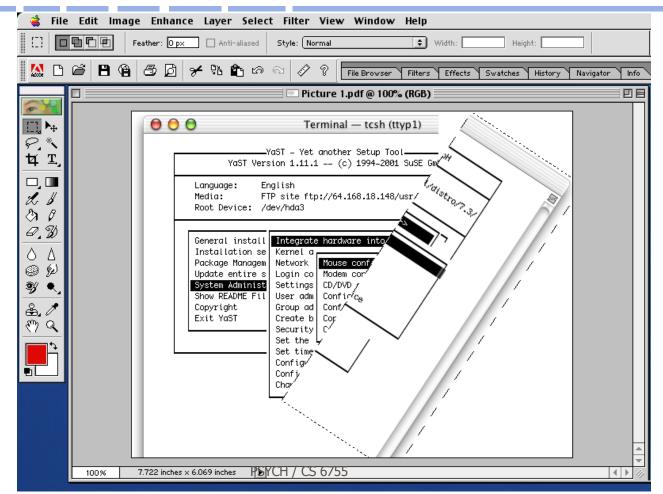


DM Example: CAD





Example: Photoshop



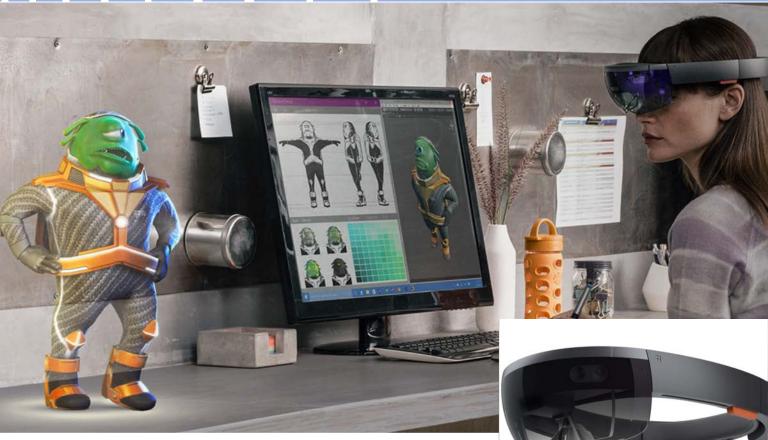


Example: Oculus Rift





Example: MS Hololens



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Participatory Design