

UI Design

Tuesday, October 16

Announcements

Thursday guest lecture: Dr. Carlos Jensen

Overview of the front-end

Interaction Design Concepts

Usability goals

Heuristic Evaluation

Design principles

Affordance

Visibility, Consistency, Feedback

Design guidelines

Nielsen's usability goals

1. Learnability
2. Efficiency
3. Memorability
4. Errors (safety)
5. Satisfaction

Class exercise

For each goal, write down one software application where:

The usability goal is **very** important

The usability goal is **not very** important

Learnability

Efficiency

Memorability

Errors (safety)

Satisfaction

Learnability

How easy a system is to **learn to use**

Can the user figure out the system by exploring?

How hard will it be to learn the whole set of functionality?

Learnability



Learnability



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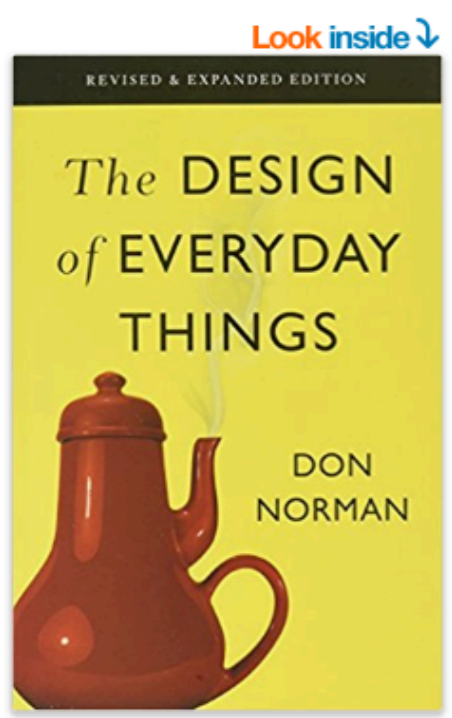
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Efficiency


The way a product supports users in carrying out their tasks

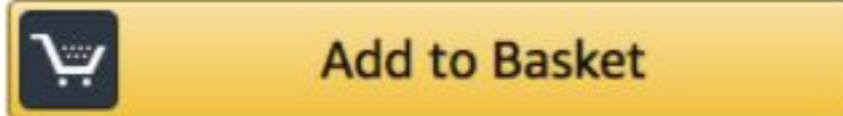
Once a user has learned the system can they sustain a high level of productivity?

Efficiency



Efficiency

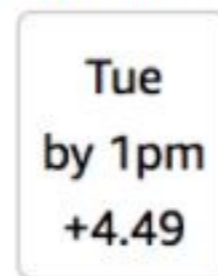
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Memorability

How easy do you remember how to use a product, after learning it?

What kind of interface support has been provided?

Especially important for interactive products that are used infrequently

Memorability

The image shows a terminal window on the left and a Git GUI interface on the right. The terminal window displays three commit messages and the output of a git status command. The Git GUI interface shows a file browser for 'electron' and 'update-docs', a commit history list, and a commit graph.

Terminal Window:

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Added solid reading
Adso:website caius$ git status
On branch sources
Your branch is up to date with 'origin/sources'.

nothing to commit, working tree clean
Adso:website caius$
```

Git GUI Interface:

- File browser: `electron` > `update-docs`
- Viewing: 298/298 Show All
- Filter: (% + Option + f)
- LOCAL: 3/3
 - master
 - read-disk
 - update-docs** (checked)
- REMOTE: 26/26
 - justinrobots
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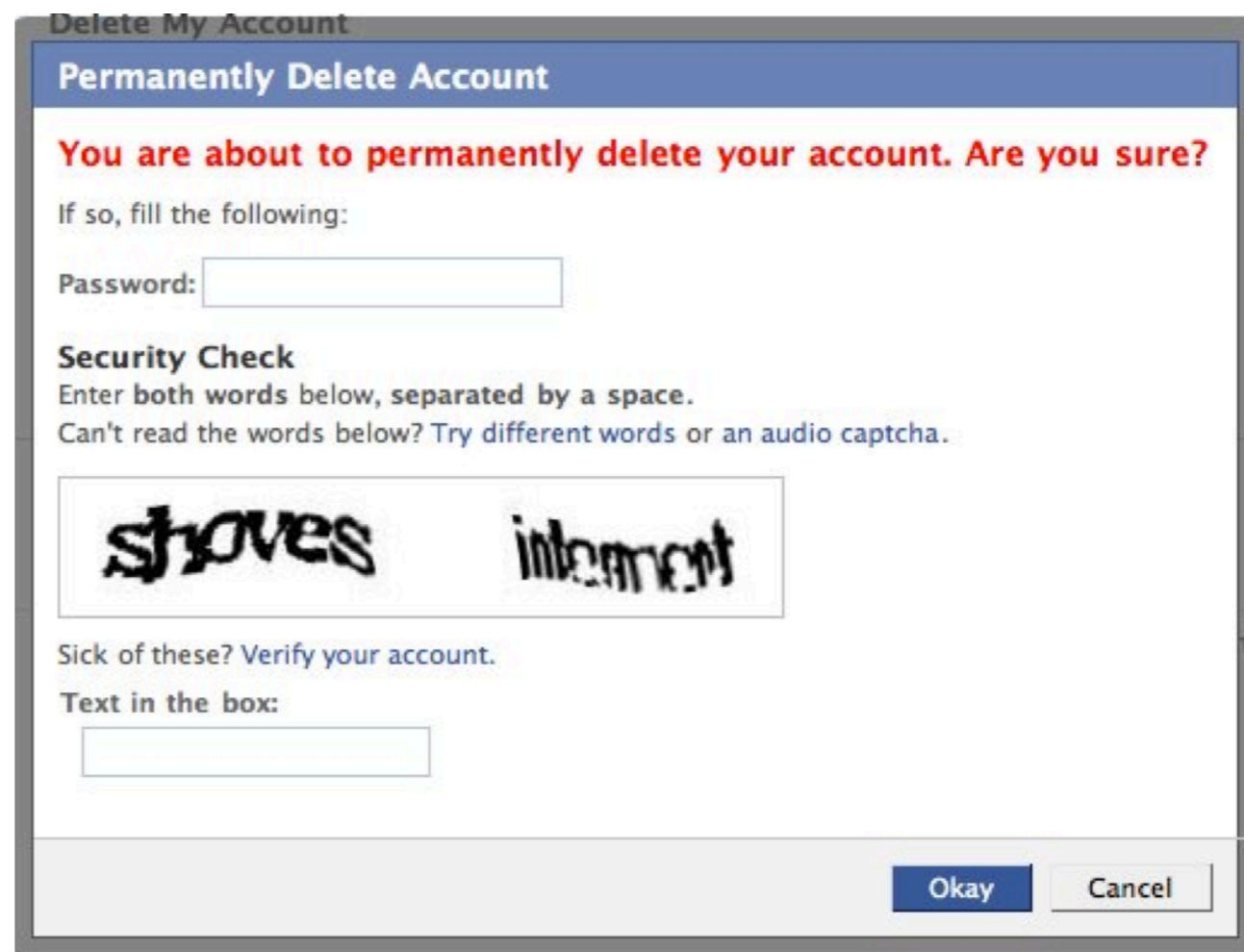
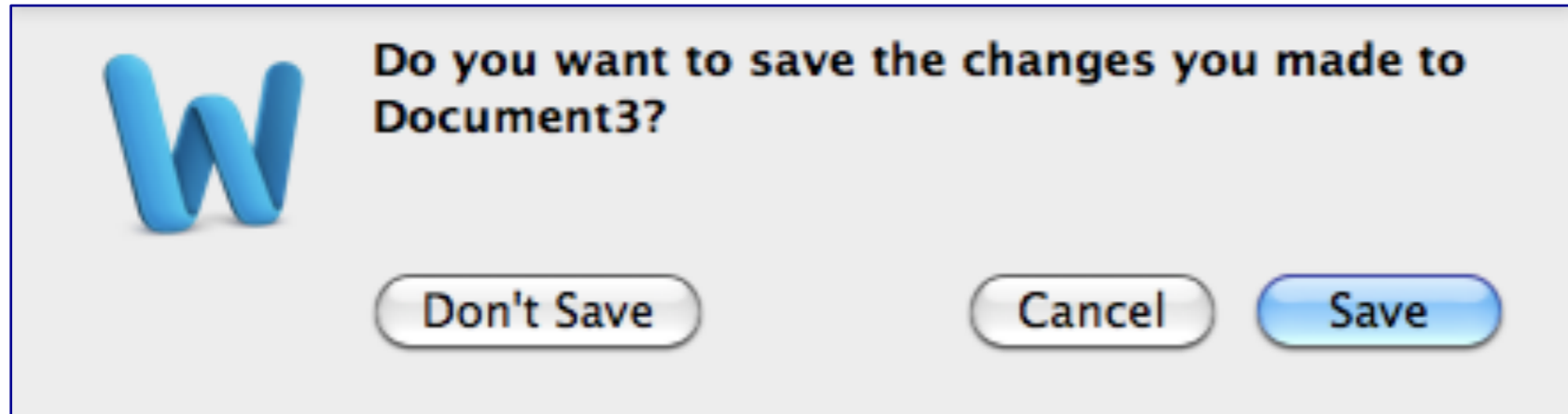
Errors (safety)

Protecting the user from dangerous conditions and undesirable situations, also from perceived fear

Question:

What is the range of errors possible

What measures to recover easily from them



Satisfaction

Subjective quality of how a system feels to a user

*What is the user's response after finishing their task/
interaction*

Satisfaction



Satisfaction



Heuristic Evaluation

A simple and structured process for finding usability problems

3-5 evaluators

Can be performed on a working UI, or on sketches (i.e. paper prototypes)

Short set of heuristics

The evaluator can keep all of them in their head

Heuristic Evaluation

1. **Visibility of system status.** Users should always be informed of system operations.
2. **Match between system and the real world.** Designers should endeavor to mirror the language and concepts users would find in the real world based on who their target users are.
3. **User control and freedom.** Offer users a digital space where backward steps are possible, including undoing and redoing actions.
4. **Consistency and standards.** Interface designers should ensure that both the graphic elements and terminology are maintained across similar platforms.

Heuristic Evaluation

5. **Error prevention.** Whenever possible, design systems so that potential errors are kept to a minimum.

6. **Recognition rather than recall.** Minimize cognitive load by maintaining task-relevant information within the display while users explore the interface.

7. **Flexibility and efficiency of use.** With increased use comes the demand for less interactions that allow faster navigation. This can be achieved by using abbreviations, function keys, hidden commands and macro facilities.

Heuristic Evaluation

8. **Aesthetic and minimalist design.** Keep clutter to a minimum. All unnecessary information competes for the user's limited attentional resources.

9. **Help users recognize, diagnose and recover from errors.** Designers should assume users are unable to understand technical terminology, therefore, error messages should almost always be expressed in plain language.

10. **Help and documentation.** When users require help, ensure it is easily located, specific to the task at hand and worded in a way that will guide them through the necessary steps towards a solution to the issue they are facing.



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USABILITY



**USER
EXPERIENCE**

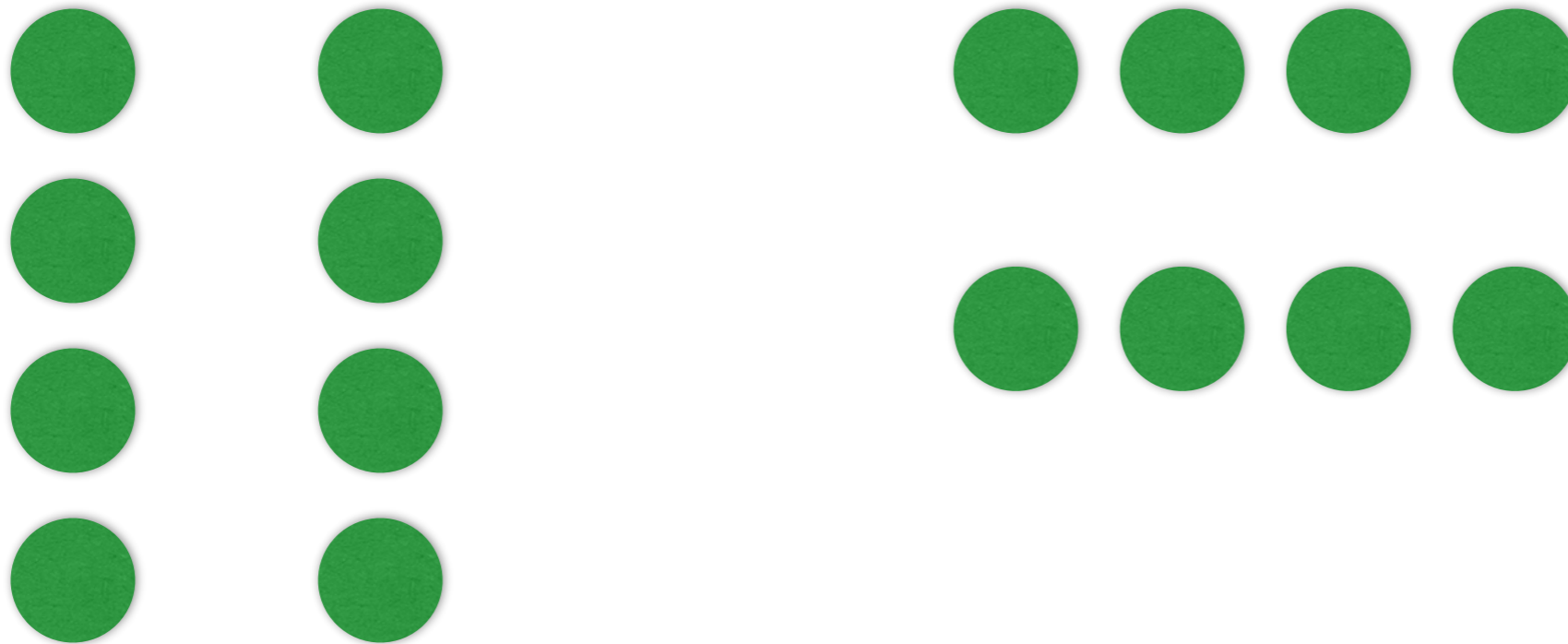
Gestalt principles

Gestalt = an organized whole that is perceived as more than the sum of its parts.

Our way of acquiring and maintaining **perceptions** in a chaotic world

Proximity

When items are close together, they are perceived as a group.



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Continuation

Elements arranged in a line or a soft curve are perceived to be more related than those arranged randomly or in a harsh line.



This row is a lot easier to read
than the other

「わたしの前に事務をやっていたのは、どんな人でした？」
「あなたと同じくらい若い娘さんよ。その子のことはよく憶えているわ。消えちゃう前の夜の夜、偶然見かけたから。刺繍糸を買いに手芸店へ出掛けようとして、廊下で会ったの。向こうは気づかなかったみたい。夕暮れ時で薄暗かったからね。うつむき加減で、でも深刻な感じじゃなく、なんて言うか、ひそやかな感じだった。その時の彼女の靴音が、とっても印象的だったの。昔、電話の交換手だったから、音には敏感なのよ。これは簡単に聞き流すことのできない、何かの意味合いを含んだ音だと、直感したの。大きな音っていう意味じゃないのよ。むしろつぶやくような、ささやくような音。他には何の物音もしないの。ただその靴音だけが、コツ、コツ、コツ、コツ、って規則正しく、真っすぐに響いてた。人の靴音にこんなに引き付けられたことはなかったわね」
彼女はこたつ掛けのパッチワークの縫い目を撫でていた。
「その次の日よ、消えちゃったのは」
「その人がどんな靴をはいてたか、憶えていらっしやいますか？」
わたしはスूपを飲むのを忘れ、スプーンを握ったまま尋ねた。
「それは憶えてないわ。暗かったから見えなかったし、耳にぼっかり神経がいつてたから」
「そうですか……」
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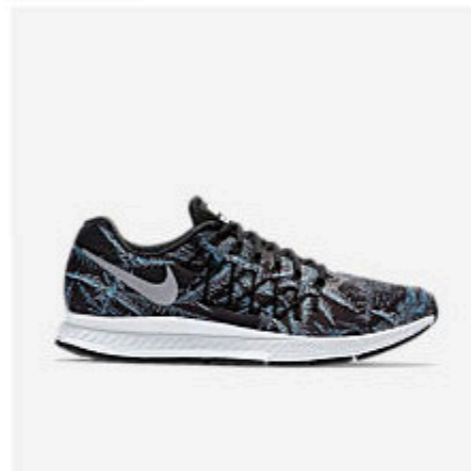
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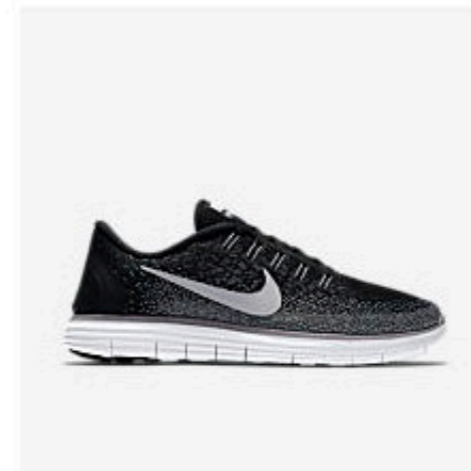
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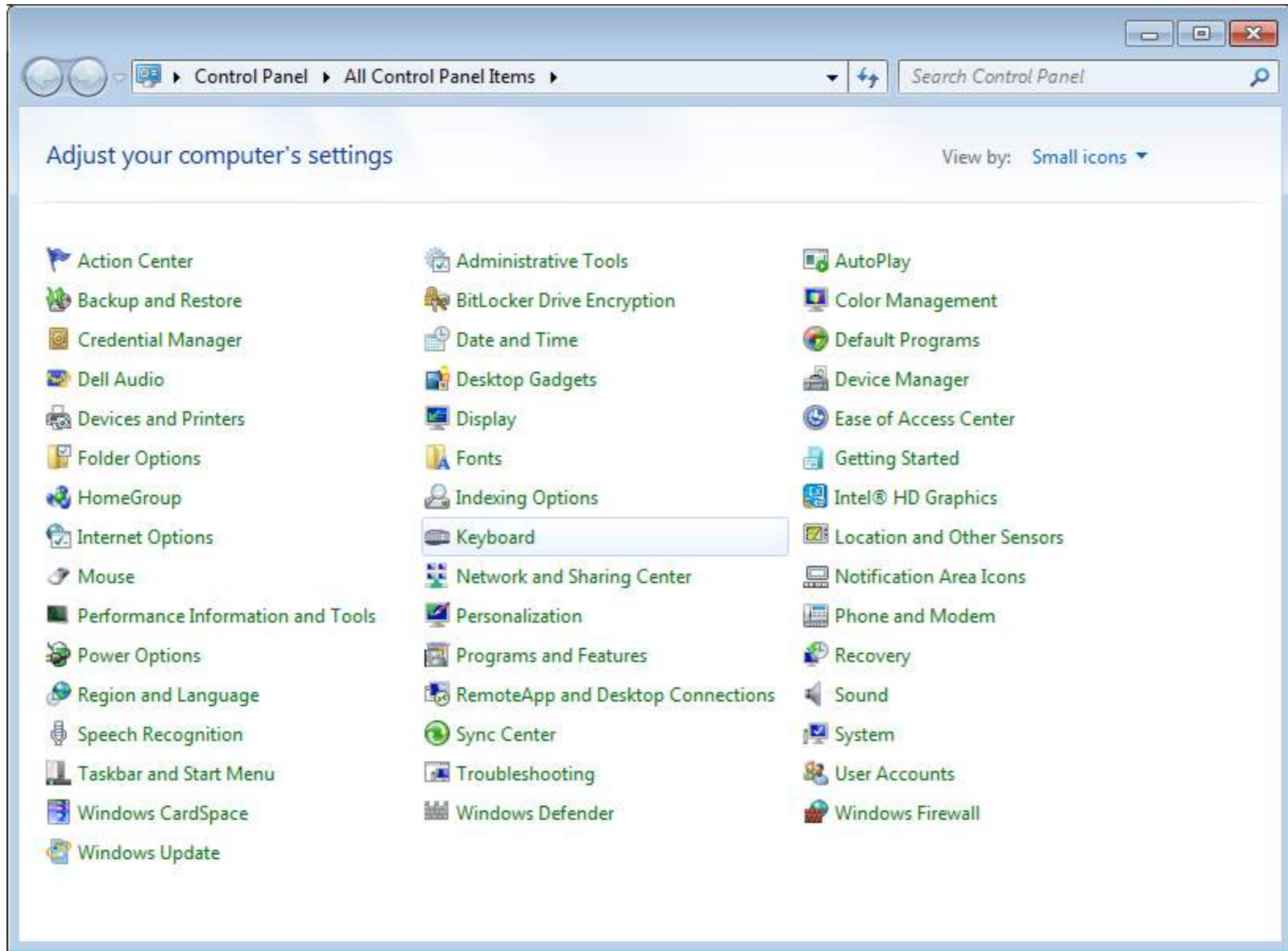
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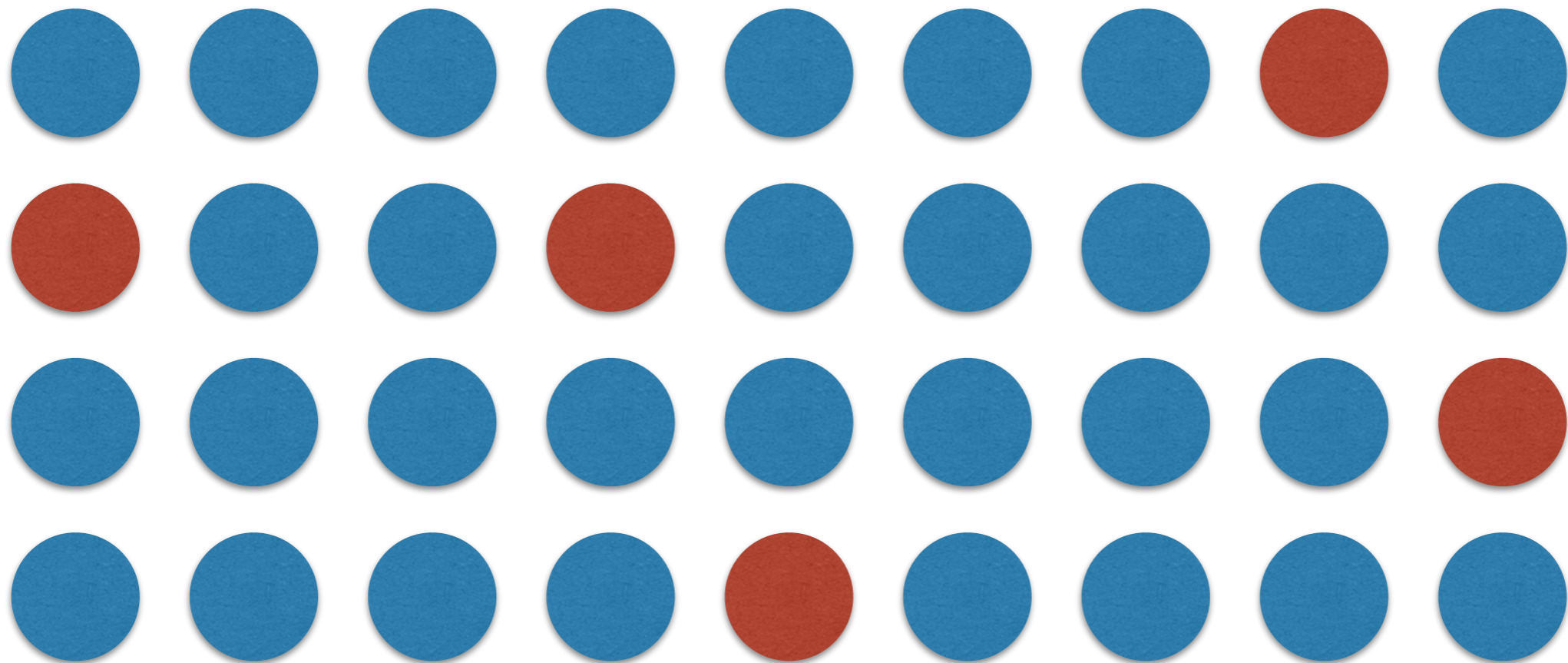
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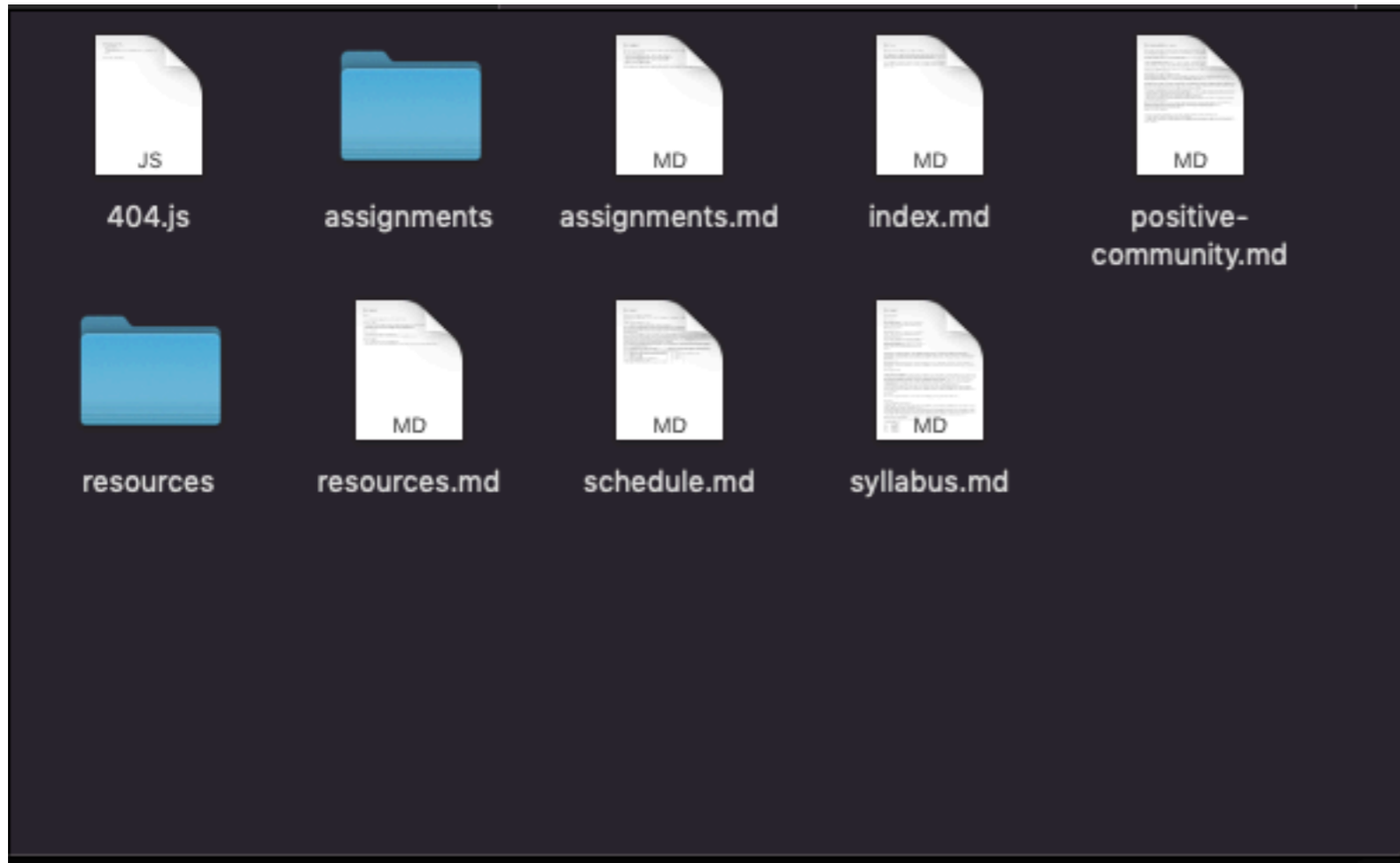
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Similarity

Similar elements are visually grouped, regardless of their proximity to each other





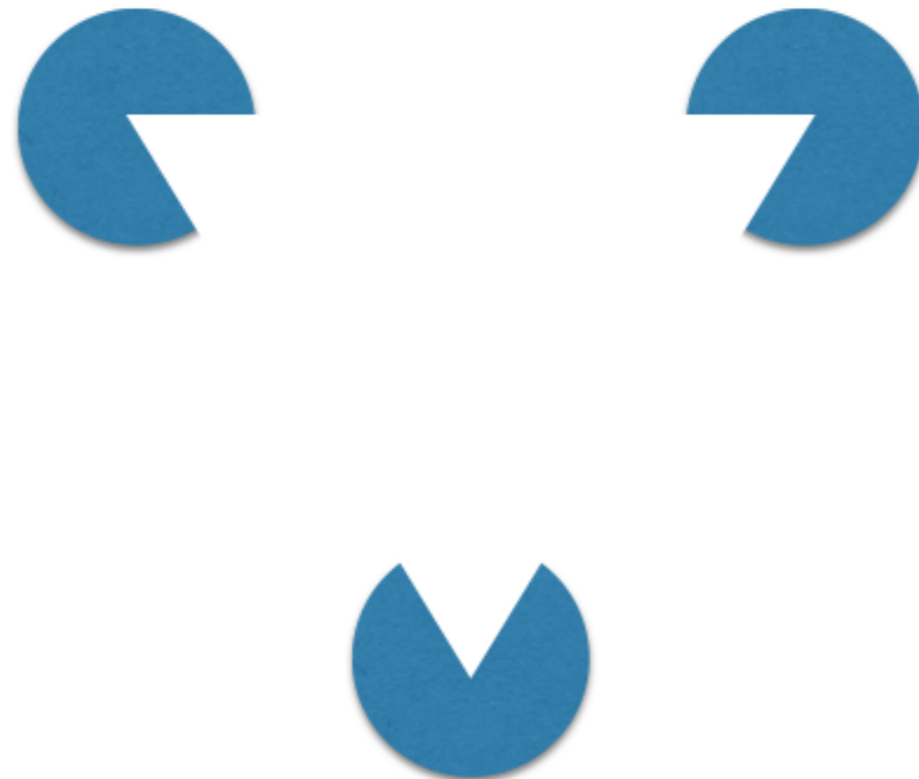
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Closure

Your brain will fill in the missing parts of a design or image to create a whole.



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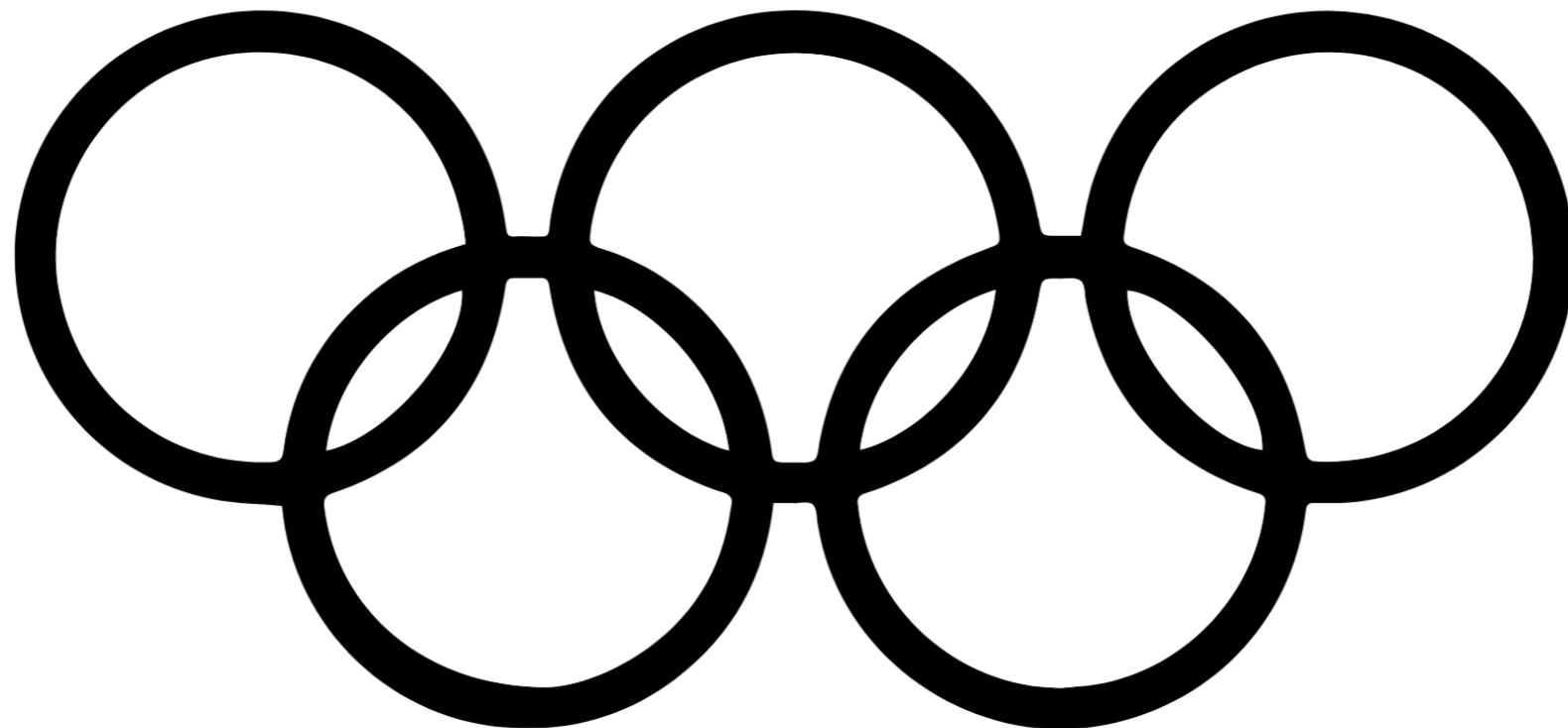
Your brain will distinguish between the objects it considers to be in the **foreground** of an image (the figure, or focal point) and the **background** (the area on which the figures rest).



Symmetry and Order

Your brain will perceive ambiguous shapes in as simple a manner as possible.

It also prefers to view images as symmetrical



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Affordance

It should be obvious how a control is used



Affordances

The perceived and actual fundamental properties of the object that determine how it could possibly be used (Gibson 1977)

Some affordances are **obvious**, some **learned**

Have suggestions or clues about to how to use these properties

Can be **dependent** on the

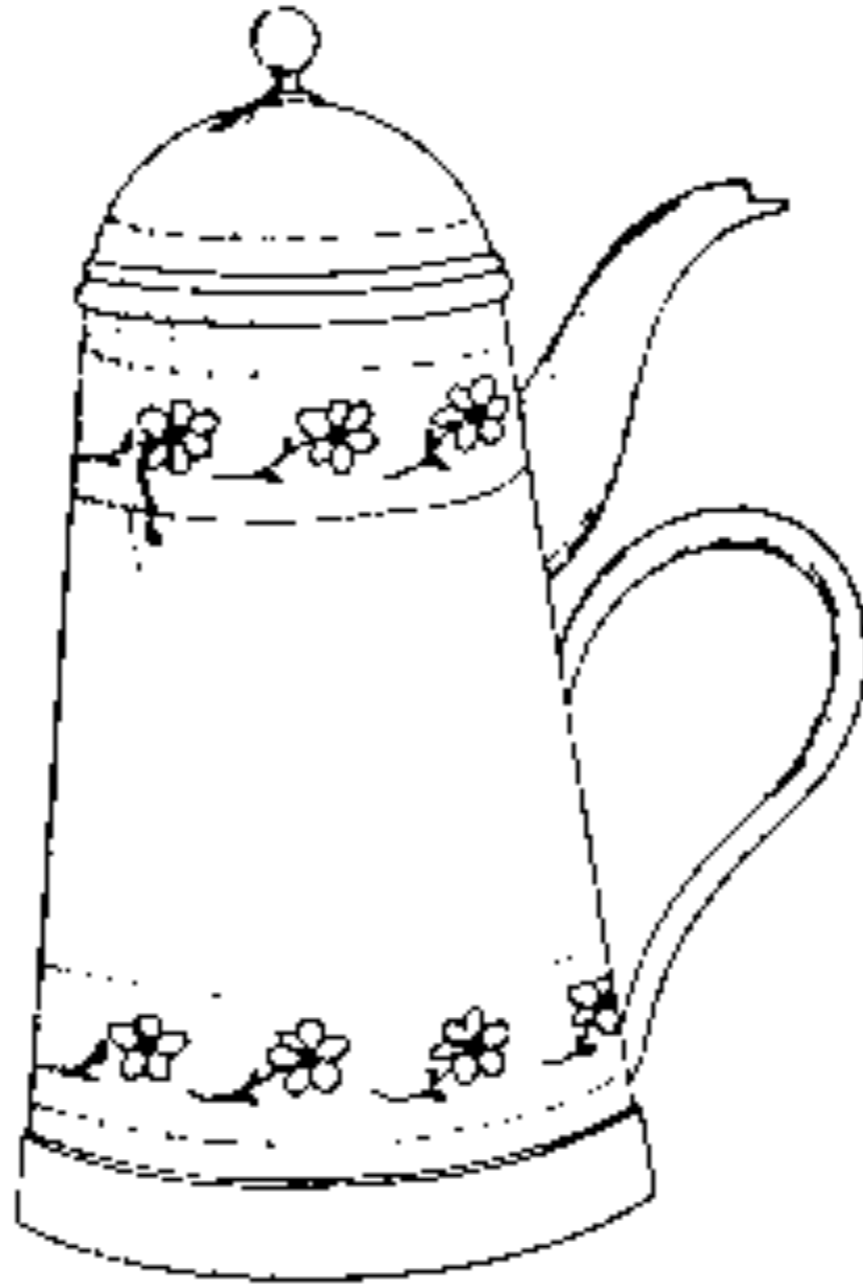
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Knowledge

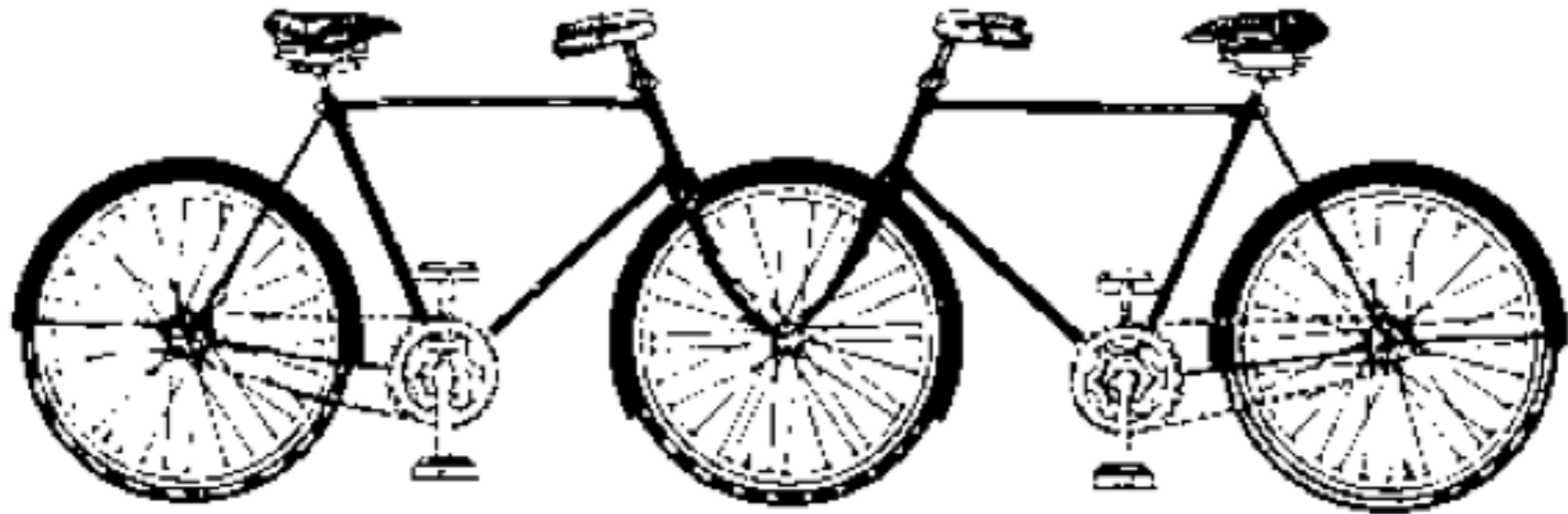
Culture of the actor

Can make an action easy or difficult

Affordances of a Teapot?



Affordance of a tricycle?

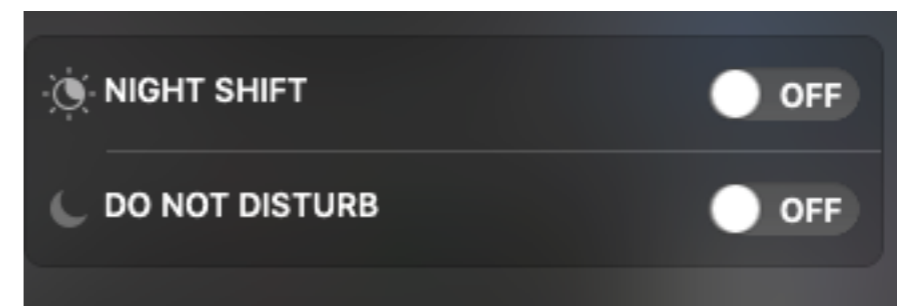
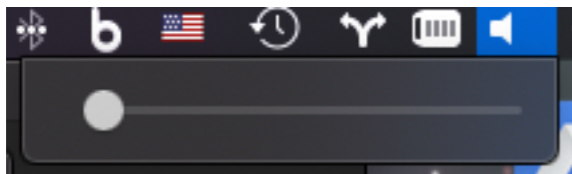


Affordances in Screen Based UI

Designer has control over perceived affordances

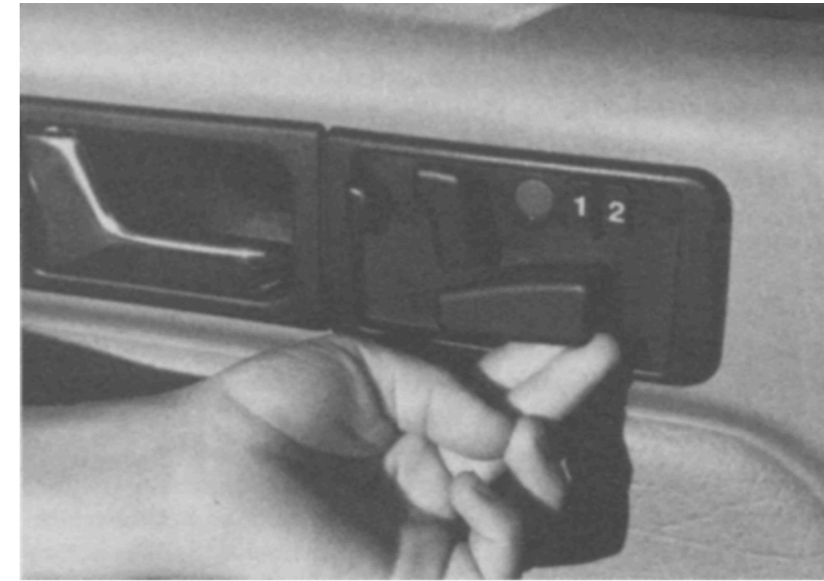
Graphical elements will afford only some kinds of actions

e.g. checkboxes and radioboxes



Mappings

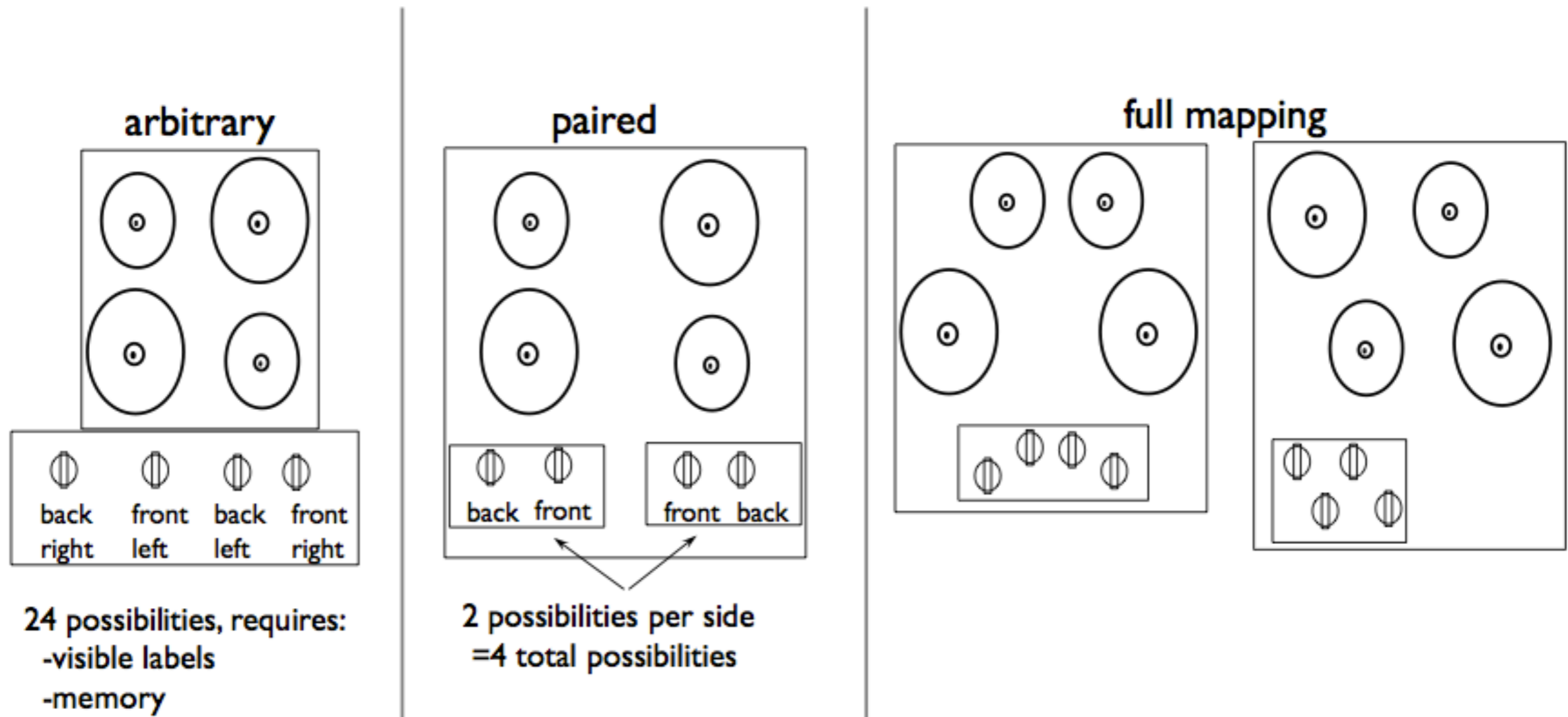
Natural mappings use constraints and correspondences in the physical world



For computer UI design:

Mapping between controls and their actions on the computer

Mapping controls to physical outcomes



Transfer effects

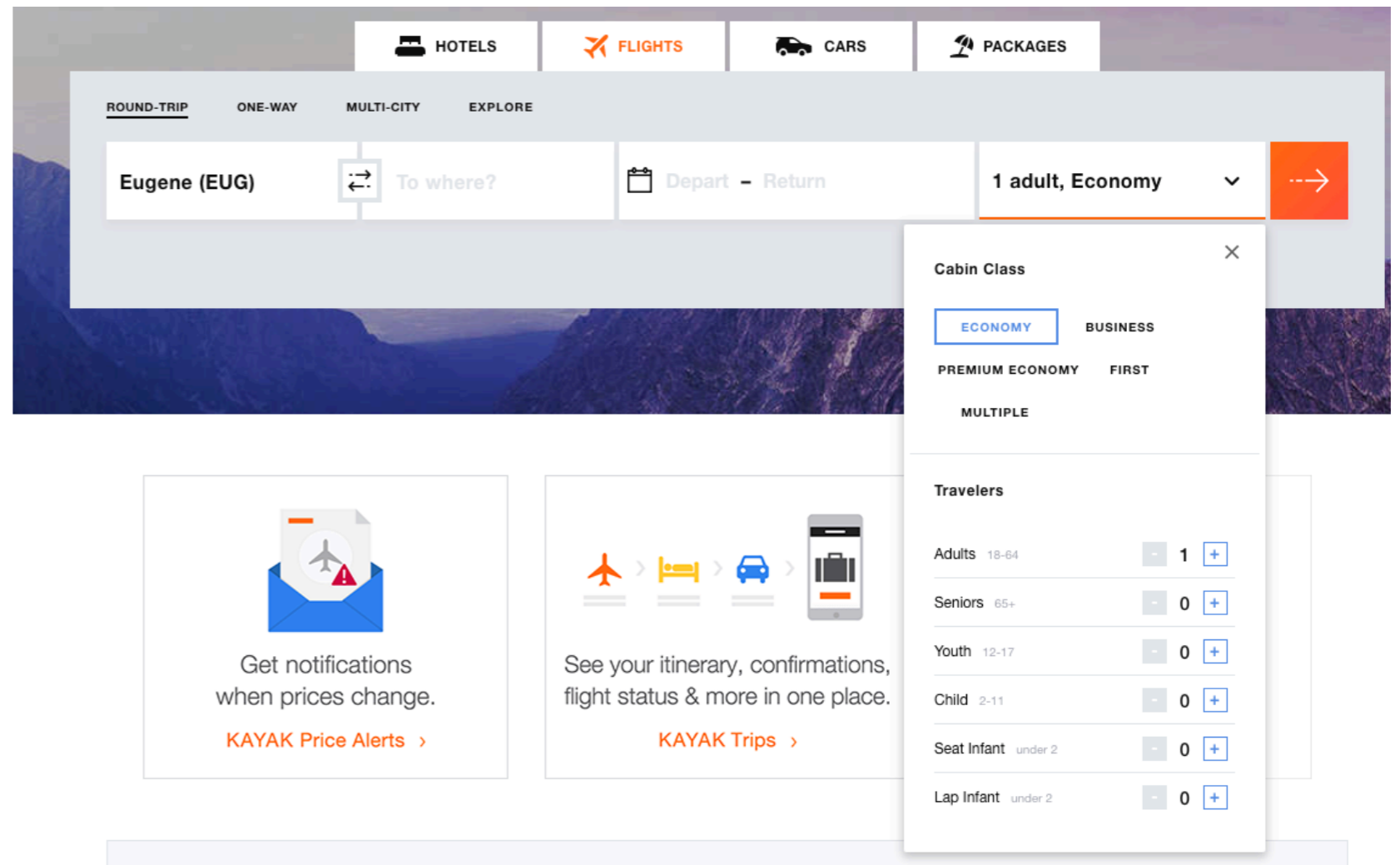
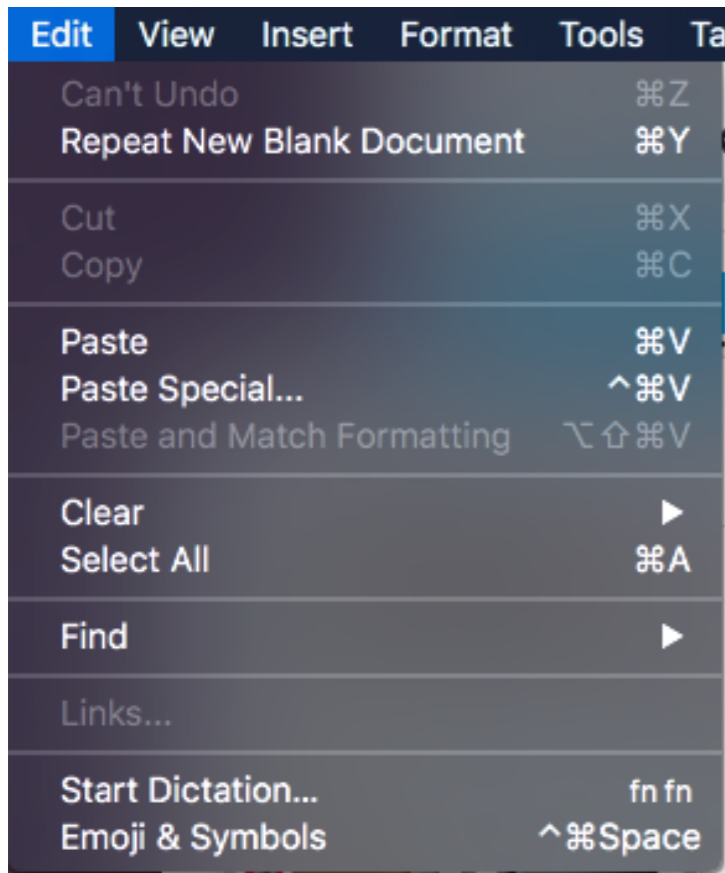
People transfer expectations from known objects to similar new ones

Positive: previous experience applies to new situation

Negative: previous experience conflicts with new situation



Restricting interaction to reduce errors



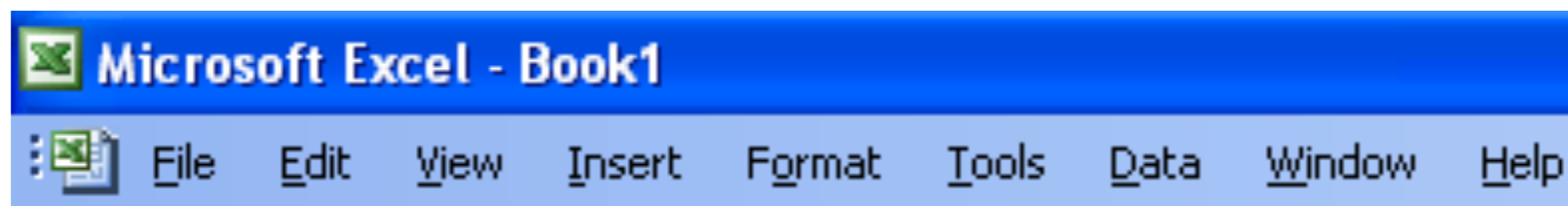
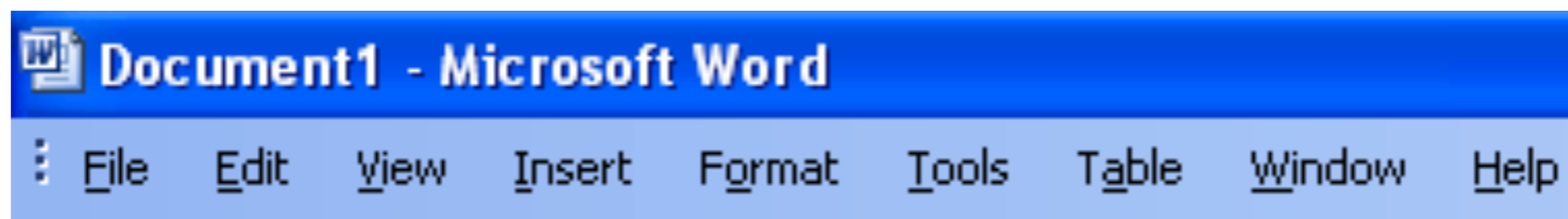
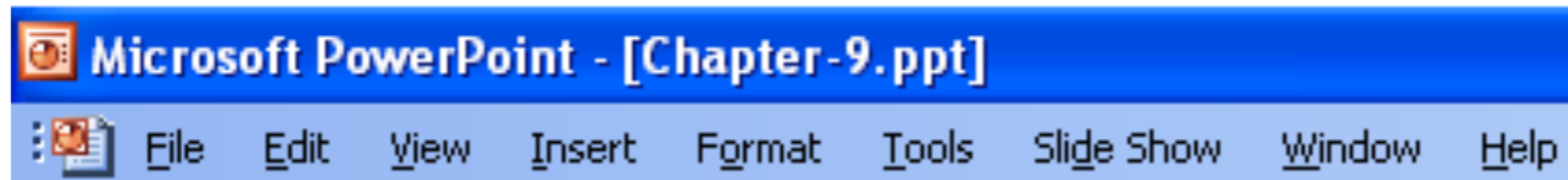
Visibility

Making it obvious which actions are available



Consistency

Uniformity in appearance, placement, terminology, and behavior

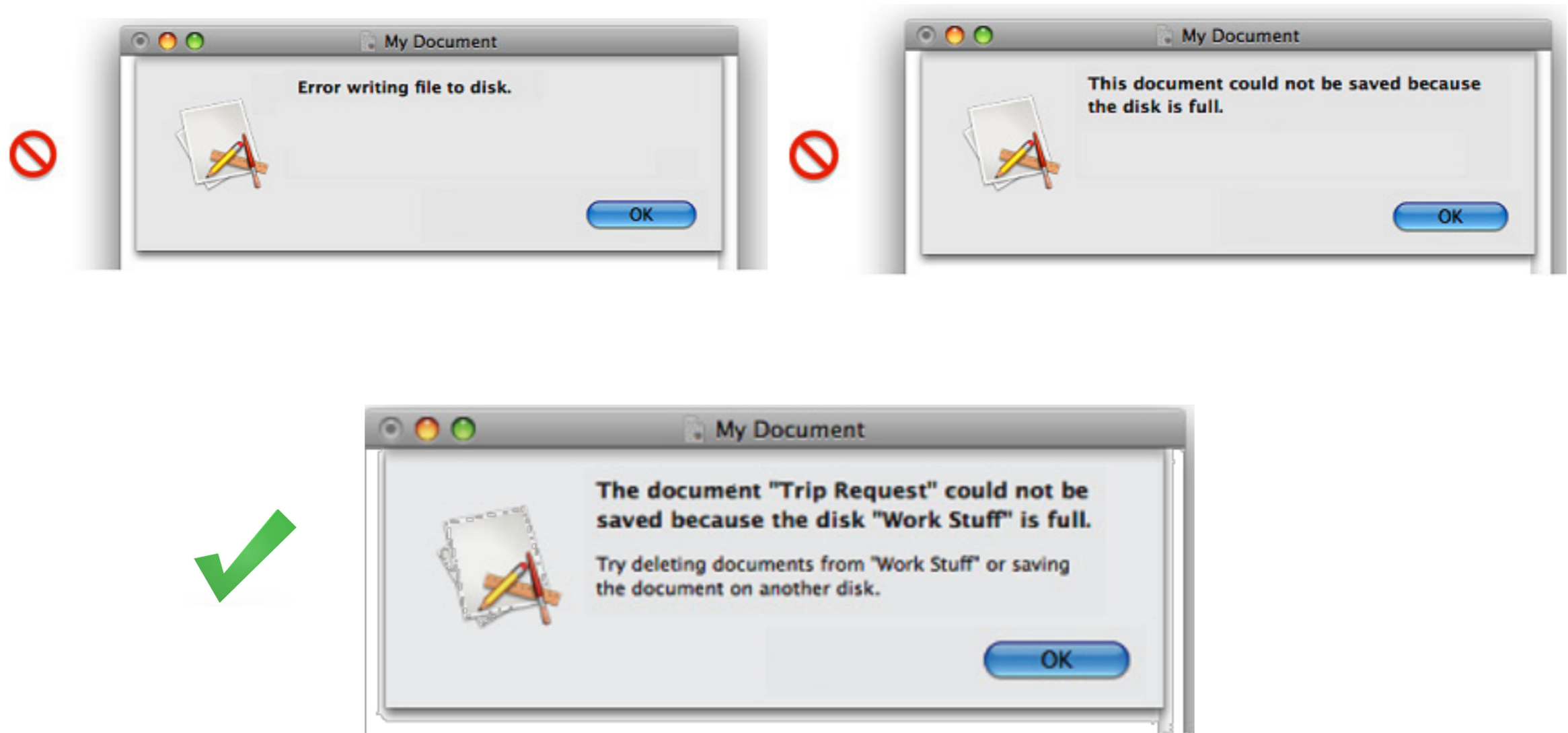


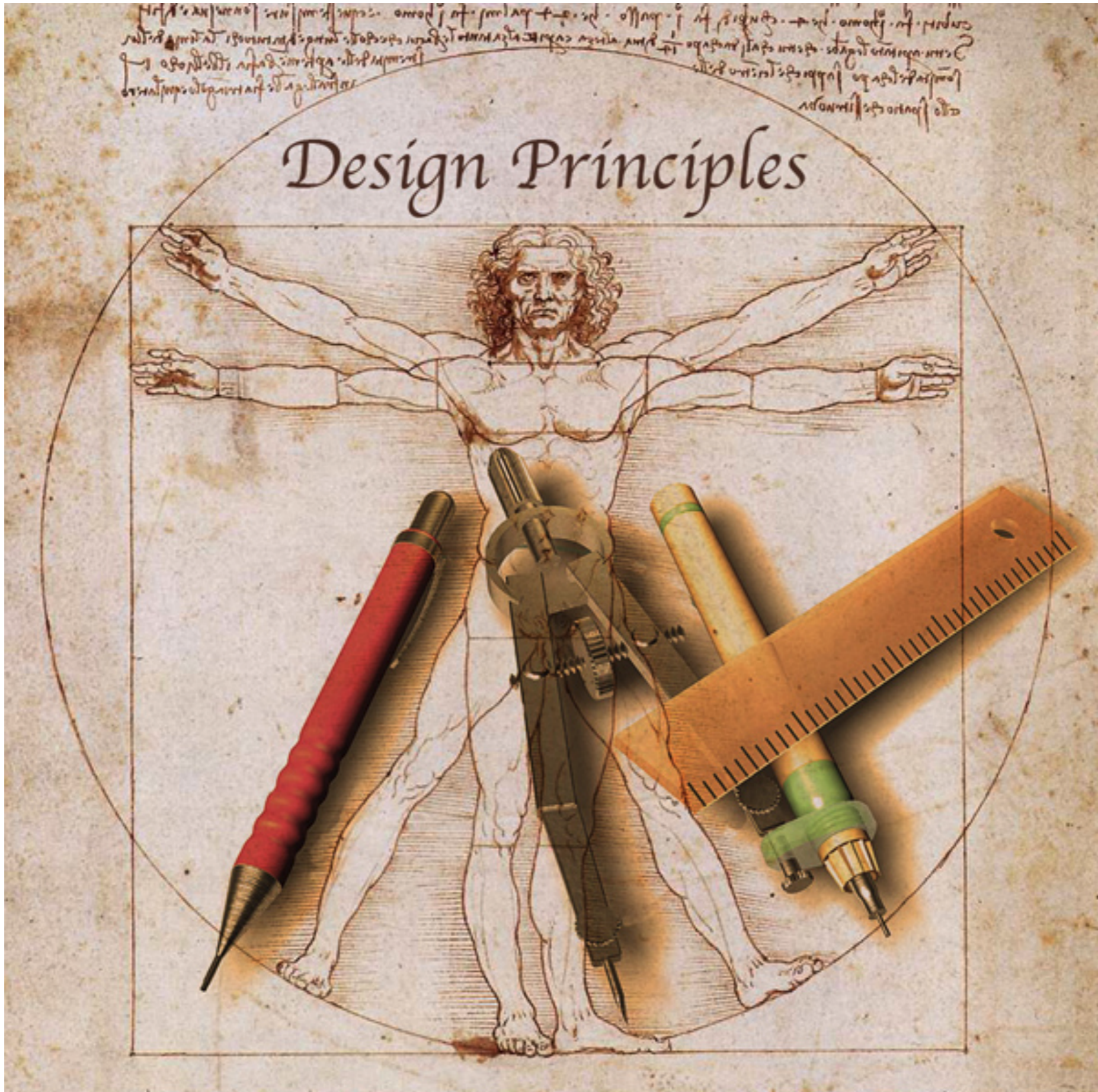
Feedback

Send information about what is happening back to the user



Feedback - from Bad to Better





Design Principles

Keep it simple



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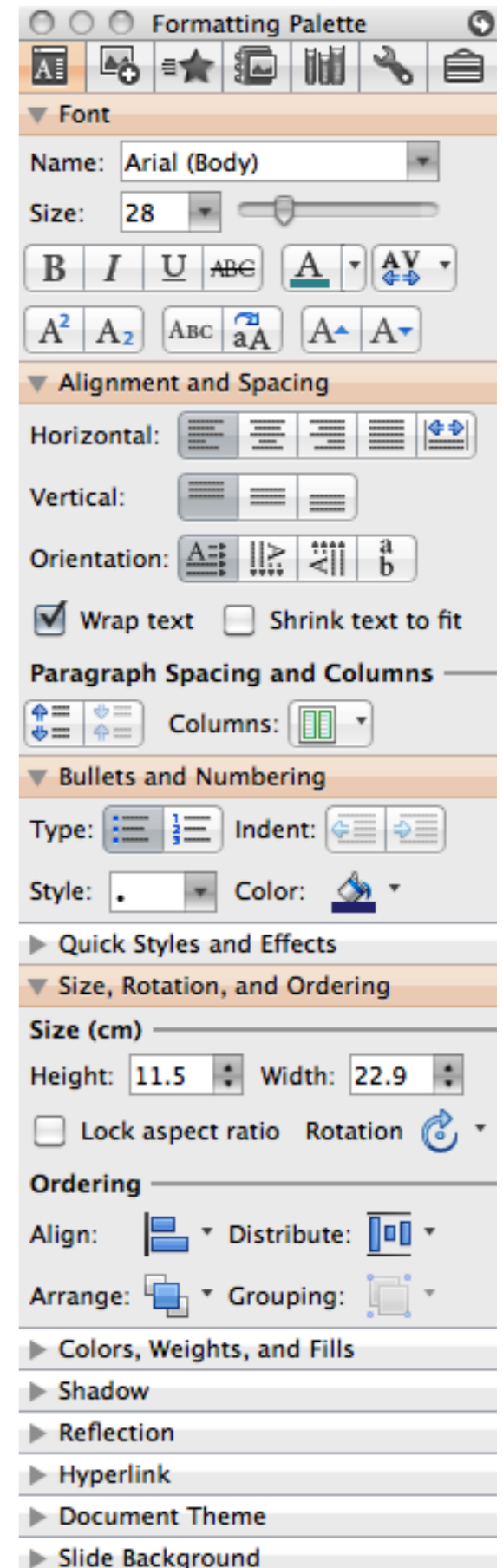
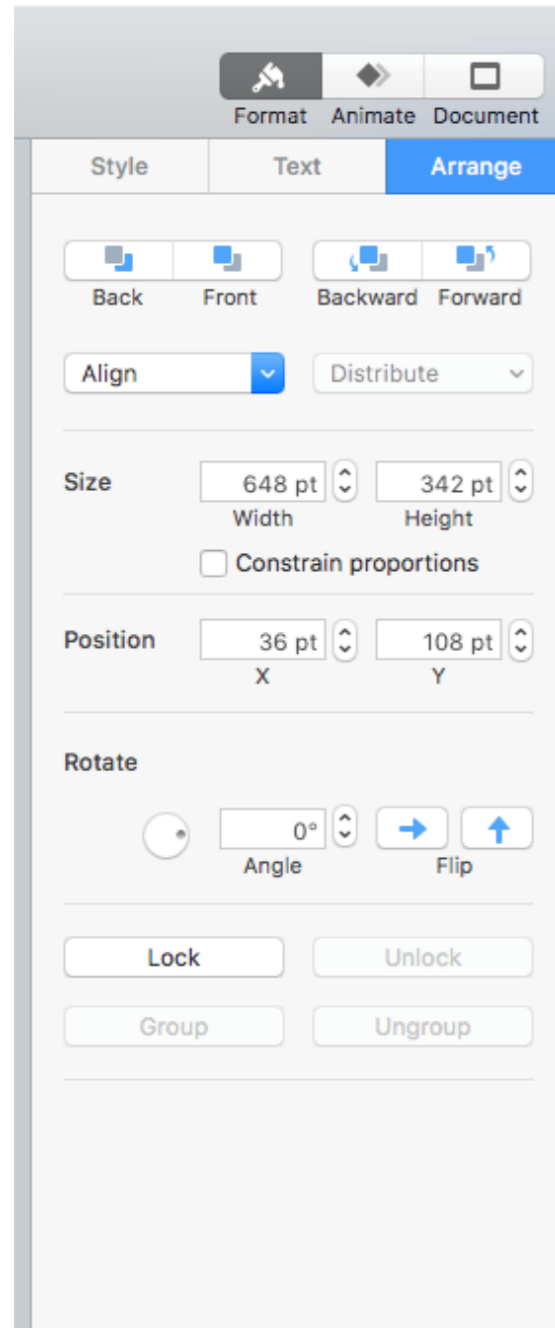
I'm Feeling Lucky



All in one doesn't work



Organize the UI in a meaningful way



Tolerance

Prevent user from making mistakes. Or allow for an easy recovery (undo).

Forward error recovery - system accepts the error and helps the user to accomplish their goal

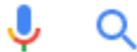
Backward error recovery – undo the effects of the previous interaction



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Voice From Moon: 'Eagle Has Landed'

EAGLE (the lunar module): Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed.
HOUSTON: Roger, Tranquility, we copy you on the ground. You've got a bunch of guys about to turn blue. We're breathing again. Thanks a lot.
TRANQUILITY BASE: Thank you.
HOUSTON: You're looking good here.
TRANQUILITY BASE: A very smooth touchdown.
HOUSTON: Eagle, you are star for T1. [The first step in the lunar operation.] Over.
TRANQUILITY BASE: Roger. Stay for T1.
HOUSTON: Roger and we see you venting 'em on.
TRANQUILITY BASE: Roger.
COLUMBIA (the command and service module): How do you read me?
HOUSTON: Columbia, we see landed Tranquility Base. Eagle is at Tranquility. I read you five by. Over.
COLUMBIA: Yes, I heard the whole thing.
HOUSTON: Well, it's a good show.
COLUMBIA: Fantastic.
TRANQUILITY BASE: I'd second that.
APOLLO CONTROL: The next major way-out step will be for the T2 event. That is at 21 minutes 26 seconds after initiation of power descent.
COLUMBIA: Up telemetry command reset to acquire on high gain.



Neil A. Armstrong moves away from the leg of the landing craft after taking the first step on the surface of the moon.

A Powdery Surface Is Closely Explored

By JOHN NOBLE WILFORD

HOUSTON, Monday, July 21—Men have landed and walked on the moon.

Two Americans, astronauts of Apollo 11, steered their fragile four-legged lunar module safely and smoothly to the historic landing yesterday at 4:17:40 P.M. Eastern daylight time.

Neil A. Armstrong, the 38-year-old civilian commander, radioed to earth and the mission control room here:

"Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed."

The first man to reach the moon—Mr. Armstrong and his co-pilot, Col. Edwin E. Aldrin Jr. of the Air Force—brought their ship to rest on a level, rock-strewn plain near the southwestern shore of the arid Sea of Tranquility.

About six and a half hours later, Mr. Armstrong opened the landing craft's hatch, stepped slowly down the ladder and declared as he planted the first human footprint on the lunar crust:

"That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

His first step on the moon came at 16:56:20 P.M. as a television camera outside the craft transmitted his every move to an awed and excited audience of hundreds of millions of people on earth.

Tentative Steps Test Sled

Mr. Armstrong's initial steps were tentative tests of the lunar soil's firmness and of his ability to move about

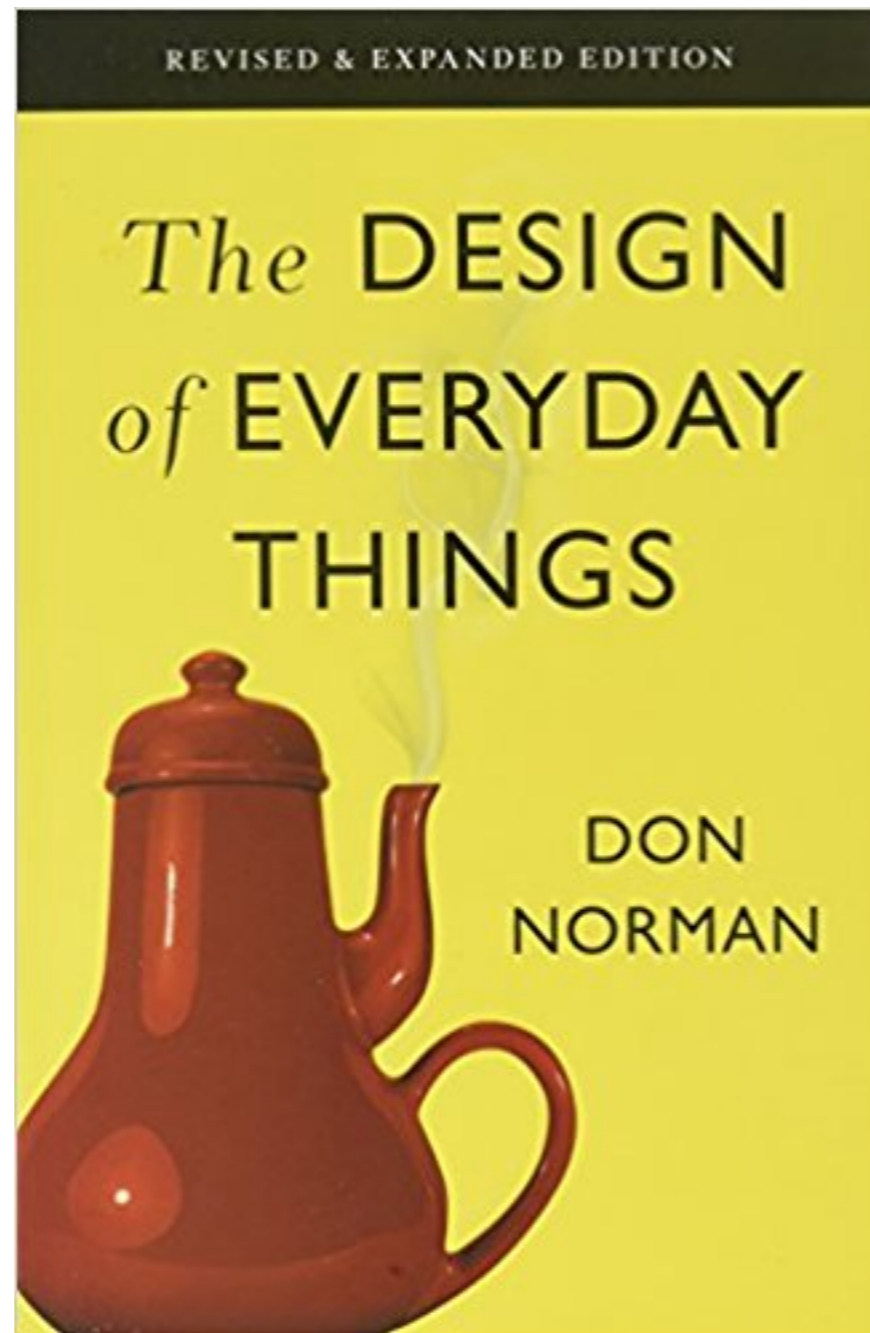
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For websites: what the users see without having to scroll

Varies a lot because of different device sizes

Beware of big banners or navigations bars

Beware of ad placement



Resources

Usability Goals: Nielsen's 5 Goals

<https://www.nngroup.com/articles/usability-101-introduction-to-usability/>

Design principles: First Principles of Interactive Design

<http://www.asktog.com/basics/firstPrinciples.html>

Design Rules: 8 Golden Rules

<http://www.usask.ca/education/coursework/skaalid/theory/interface.htm>