Human-Computer Interaction Opportunities for Improving Security/Privacy

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Interdisciplinary research community

- Computer Science & Psychology
- Information Studies & Education

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User Interface Design Goals

- Cognitively comprehensible: Consistent, predictable & controllable
- Affectively acceptable: Mastery, satisfaction & responsibility

NOT: Adaptive, autonomous & anthropomorphic



Scientific Approach (beyond user friendly)

- Specify users and tasks
- Predict and measure
 - time to learn
 - speed of performance
 - rate of human errors
 - human retention over time
- Assess subjective satisfaction
 (Questionnaire for User Interface Satisfaction)
- Accommodate individual differences
- Consider social, organizational & cultural context



Design Issues

- Input devices & strategies
 - Keyboards, pointing devices, voice
 - Direct manipulation
 - Menus, forms, commands
- Output devices & formats
 - Screens, windows, color, sound
 - Text, tables, graphics
 - Instructions, messages, help
- Collaboration & communities
- Manuals, tutorials, training

DESIGNING THE USER INTERFACE



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U.S. Library of Congress



- Scholars, Journalists, Citizens
- Teachers, Students



Visible Human Explorer (NLM)

- Doctors
- Surgeons
- Researchers
- Students



NASA Environmental Data

- Scientists
- Farmers
- Land planner
- Students

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Bureau of the Census



- Economists, Policy makers, Journalists
- Teachers, Students





NSF Digital Government Initiative





International Children's Digital Libary



www.icdlbooks.org

Piccolo: Toolkit for 2D zoomable objects

Structured canvas of graphical objects in a hierarchical scenegraph

Zooming animation

Open, Extensible & Efficient

Java, C#, PocketPC versions

• Cameras, layers



www.cs.umd.edu/hcil/piccolo

DateLens Windsor Interfaces, Inc.

Cytoscape Institute for Systems Biology Memorial Sloan-Kettering Institut Pasteur UCSD



PhotoMesa

www.cs.umd.edu/hcil/photomesa



Pocket PhotoMesa









CRA Grand Challenges, 2003



4) For the dynamic, pervasive computing environments of the future, give endusers:

- security they can understand
- privacy they can control.
 - patient health record
 - electronic voting
 - law enforcement databases
 - financial management



PITAC Report, 2005 - Challenges



For end-users:

Incorrectly used software or hostile or confusing user interfaces can lead to user frustration and unauthorized workarounds that can compromise even the most robust security schemes.

For operators:

Usable presentation interfaces that allow operators to better understand incidents in progress.



Personal computing was easier

- File protection vs sharing
- Passwords & Access Control

Networking adds complexity

- Firewalls & Virtual Private Networks
- Cookies: good or bad?
- Trusted sources & Digital signatures
- Certificates & Authentication
- Viruses & Worms



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Saltzer & Schroeder, 1975



Security setting - IE



Security zones – Online Help





Privacy setting



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Privacy setting – Online Help

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VPN Virtual Private Network

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Emerging Research

- Saltzer & Schroeder, IEEE, 1975
- Adams & Sasse, CACM, 1999
- Whitten & Tygar, USENIX, 1999 "Why Johnny Can't Encrypt"
- Gene Spafford, Purdue Univ
 - Center for Education and Research Information and Assurance and Security
- Ka-Ping Yee, UC-Berkeley, 2002



Guidelines

Match the most comfortable way to do tasks with the least granting of authority

Grant authority to others in accordance with user actions indicating consent

Offer the user ways to reduce others' authority to access the user's resources

Maintain accurate awareness

- of others' authority as relevant to user decisions
- the user's own authority to access resources



Guidelines

Protect the user's channels to agents that manipulate authority on the user's behalf

Enable the user to express safe security policies in terms that fit the user's task

Draw distinctions among objects and actions along boundaries relevant to the task

Present objects and actions using distinguishable, truthful appearances

Indicate clearly the consequences of decisions that the user is expected to make



K-P Yee, http://www.sims.berkeley.edu/~ping/sid/

Emerging Research

- Good & Krekelberg, CHI 2003, Kazaa
- Simson Garfinkel, MIT, 2004 (David Clark, Rob Miller)
- Lorrie Cranor, CMU
 - Center for Usable Privacy and Security (CUPS)
 - Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security (SOUPS 2005)
- Karat, Karat & Brodie, IJHCS 2005 Special Issue: HCI Privacy & Security



Controlled Experiment: XPFP

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(Maxion & Reeder, IJHCS Special Issue, 2005)



Controlled Experiment: Salmon

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(Maxion & Reeder, IJHCS Special Issue, 2005)



Controlled Experiments

• 12 subjects for each interface

Tasks	% done		Errors	
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Successful users: XPFP=178s Salmon=61s

(Maxion & Reeder, IJHCS Special Issue, 2005)



Possible Strategies

- Multi-layer interface that:
 - Ties increasing complexity to increasing control
 - Permits evolutionary learning as needed
- Cleaner cognitive model
 - Fewer objects & actions
 - Clearer feedback about decisions
- Show consequences of decisions
- Show dynamics of activity with viewable log



Commercial Practice - Usability Engineering

- User-centered design processes
 - Contextual Design Beyer and Holtzblatt
 - Participatory Design
- Guidelines documents and processes
- User interface building tools
- Expert reviews and usability testing



Usability Testing

- Physical place and permanent staff vs. discount usability testing
- Focuses attention on user interface design
- Encourages iterative testing
 - Pilot test of paper design
 - Online prototype evaluation
 - Refinement of versions
 - Testing of manuals, online help, etc.
 - Rigorous acceptance test
- Must participate from early stages
- Must be partners, not "the enemy"

(Dumas & Redish, 1999; Nielsen, 1993)


Information Visualization-SysAdmin



The eye...

the window of the soul, is the principal means by which the central sense can most completely and abundantly appreciate the infinite works of nature.

> Leonardo da Vinci (1452 - 1519)



Using Vision to Think

Visual bandwidth is enormous

- Human perceptual skills are remarkable
 - Trend, cluster, gap, outlier...
 - Color, size, shape, proximity...
- Human image storage is fast and vast

Opportunities

- Spatial layouts & coordination
- Information visualization
- Scientific visualization & simulation
- Telepresence & augmented reality
- Virtual environments





Information Visualization for Security

Detecting intrusions Anomaly detection Network Traffic classification Hostile event Link Relationships **Security Situation Awareness Fingerprint network attacks** Attack Graph complexity **Profiling users & traffic** Malicious insider detection



VIZSEC 2004









Information Visualization: Mantra

- Overview, zoom & filter, details-on-demand



Treemap: Stock market, clustered by industry





Treemap: Million files





www.cs.umd.edu/hcil/millionvis/



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Temporal Data: TimeSearcher 1.3

- Time series
 - Stocks
 - Weather
 - Genes
- User-specified patterns
- Rapid search



Temporal Data: TimeSearcher 2.0

- Long Time series (>10,000 time points)
- Multiple variables
- Controlled precision in match (Linear, offset, noise, amplitude)



Multi-V: Hierarchical Clustering Explorer



HCE Status

- In collaboration and sponsored by Eric Hoffman: Children's National Medical Center
- Categorical Variables:
 4.0 beta, May 2005
- 60K lines of C++ codes, 58 Classes
- 2,000+ downloads since April 2002









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For More Information

- Visit the HCIL website for 350 papers & info on videos
 www.cs.umd.edu/hcil
- Conferences & resources: www.infovis.org
- See Chapter 14 on Info Visualization
 Shneiderman, B. and Plaisant, C., Designing the User Interface: Strategies for Effective Human-Computer Interaction: Fourth Edition (April 2004) www.awl.com/DTUI
- Edited Collections:

Card, S., Mackinlay, J., and Shneiderman, B. (1999) *Readings in Information Visualization: Using Vision to Think* Bederson, B. and Shneiderman, B. (2003)

The Craft of Information Visualization: Readings and Reflections



For More Information

Treemaps

- HiveGroup: www.hivegroup.com
- Smartmoney: www.smartmoney.com/marketmap
- HCIL Treemap 4.0: www.cs.umd.edu/hcil/treemap
- Spotfire: www.spotfire.com
- TimeSearcher: www.cs.umd.edu/hcil/treemap
- Hierarchical Clustering Explorer:

www.cs.umd.edu/hcil/hce



Logical User Centered Interaction Design

Design Methodology

- Management strategy to highlight usability engineering
- Processes, Deliverables, and Reviews

Stages for LUCID

- 1: Envision
- 2: Discovery
- **3: Design Foundation**
- 4: Design Detail
- 5: Build
- 6: Release

(Cognetics Corp, www.cognetics.com)



Guidelines Document and Processes

- Social process for developers
- Records decisions for all parties to see
- Promotes consistency and completeness
- Facilitates automation of design
- Should contain philosophy and examples of: title screens, menus, forms, buttons, graphics, icons, fonts, colors, instructions, help, tutorials, error messages, ...
- Multiple levels are desirable: standards, practices, guidelines
- Education, Enforcement, Exemption & Enhancement



Expert Reviews and Usability Testing

- Improved product quality
- Shorter development time
- More predictable development lifecycle
- Reduced costs
 - Speed development
 - Simplify documentation
 - Facilitate training
 - Lower support
 - Fewer updates
- Improved organizational reputation
- Higher morale: staff and management



Expert Reviews

Experienced reviewers

- Review every screen, menu, dialog box
- Spot inconsistencies and anomalies
- Suggest additions

Disciplined approaches

- Heuristic evaluation: check if goals are being met
- Guidelines review: verify adherence
- Consistency inspection: terms, layout, color, sequencing
- Cognitive walkthrough: pretend to be a user following scenario
- Formal inspection: public presentation and discussion

