



# Designing Exceptional UX & CX

At the intersection of digital, social, mobile & big data

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017



## Organize

Teams + Programs



## Optimize

Processes + Technology



## Innovate

at Scale

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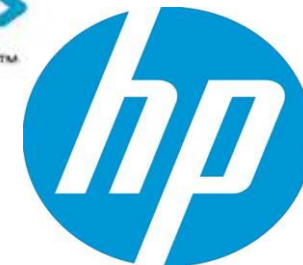


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What is UI?

What is CX?

What is UX?

How to design great UX & CX?

What is design?

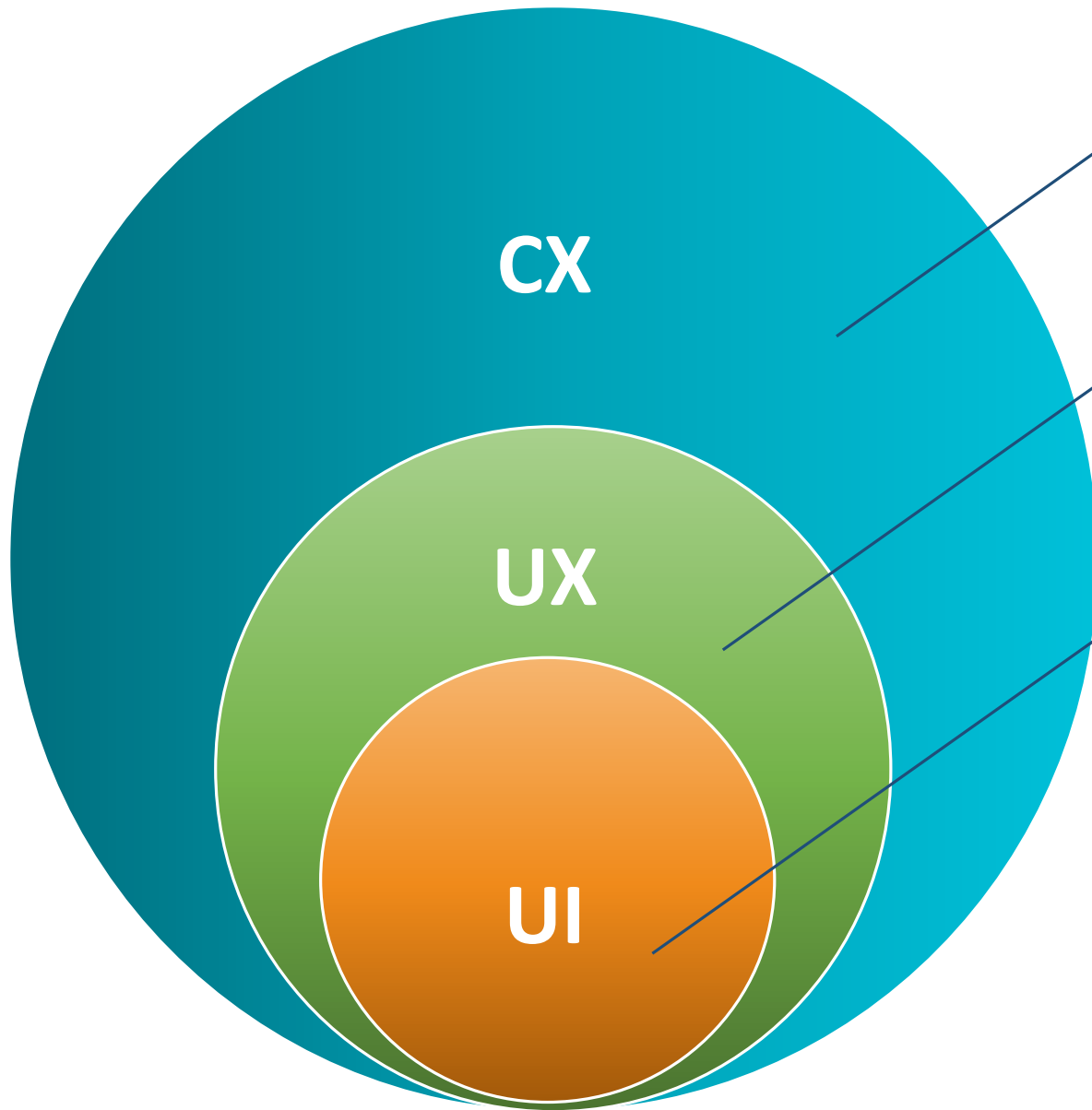
What are design best practices?

How does data fuel great UX & CX?

What's next?

Myths busting!

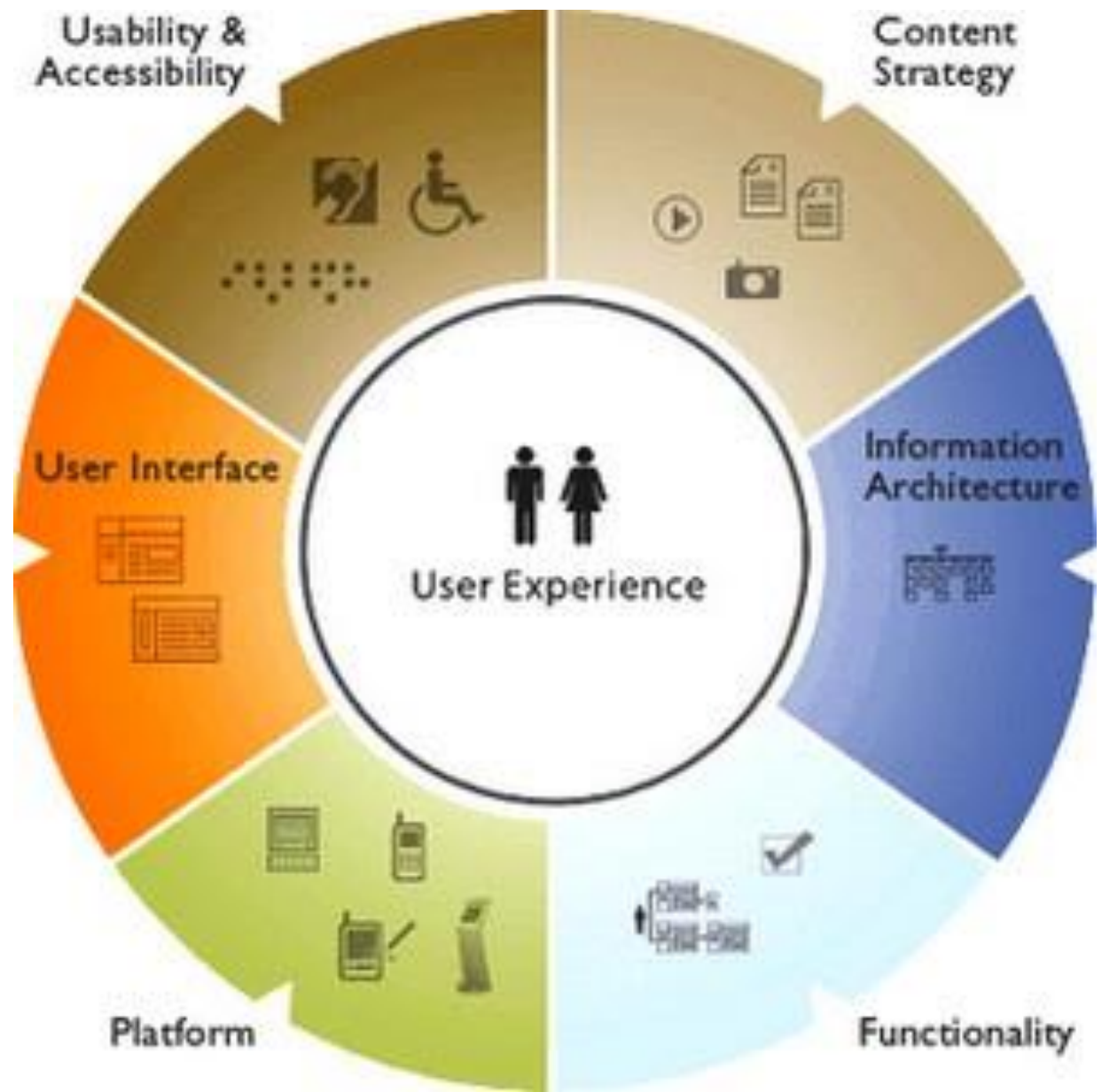




**CX - Customer Experience:**  
Customer journey

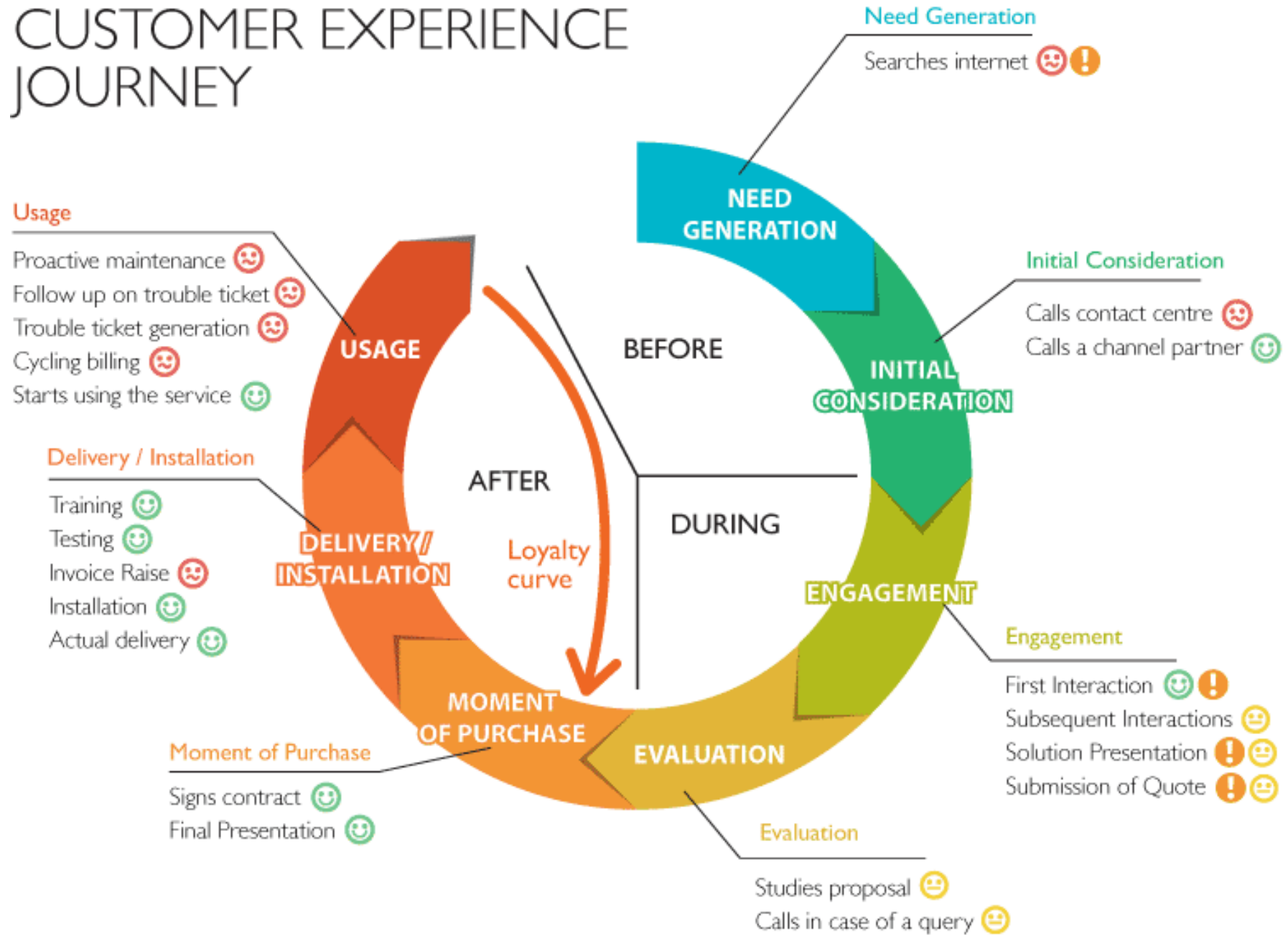
**UX - User Experience:**  
Site functionality & usability

**UI - User Interface:**  
User-facing elements of UX design





# CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE JOURNEY



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What is design?

Plan and make (something) for a specific use or purpose.

# Furniture

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# Architecture



# Packaging





# Food



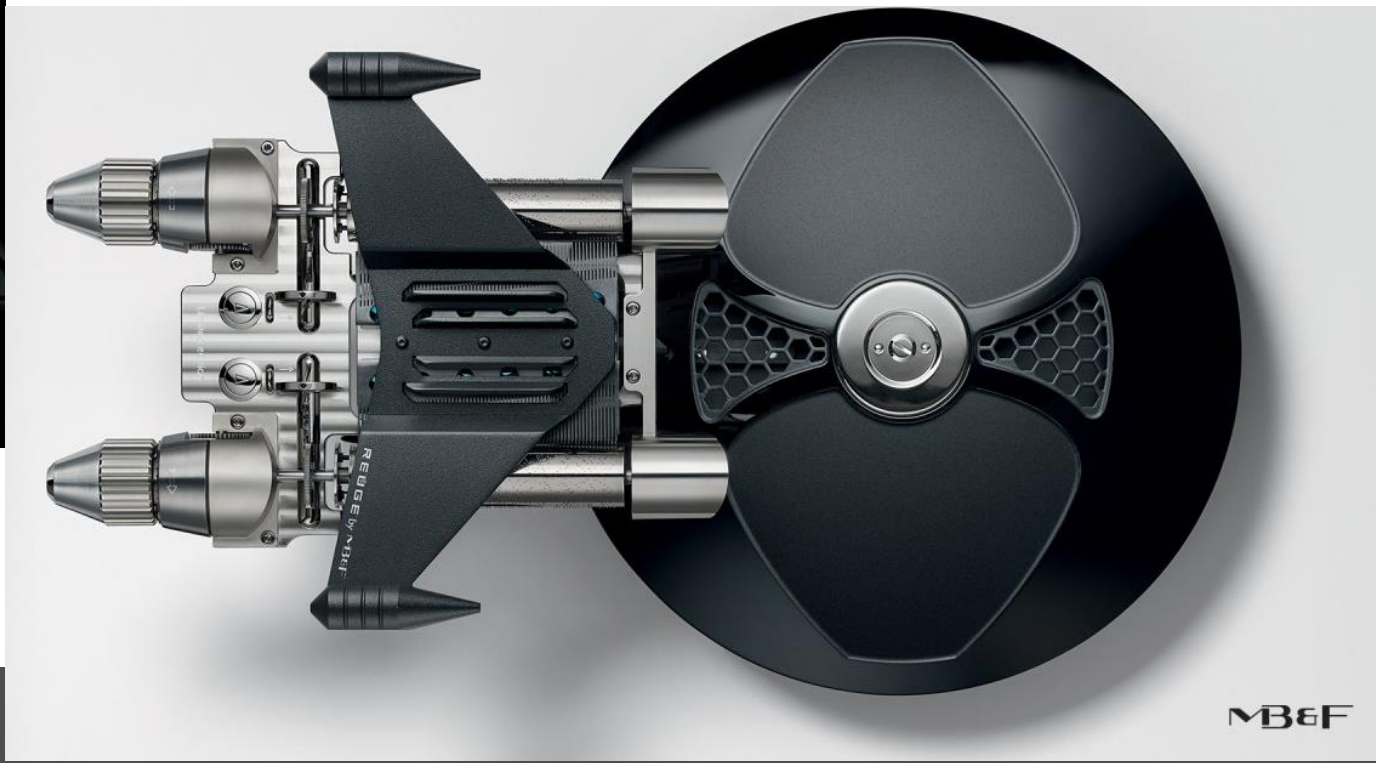
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# Product



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Monday, January 12, 2015

Fashion progress

NEW FASHION STYLE COMPLETE IN: **53%**

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Capex Per Unit

75%

Cohort Move-In Percent By Property

Roney Hills Park, Salt Lake City

Move-In Lease Rents From Traffic Records

TOTAL RECORDS 17

Employee Created Content

Company Created Content

ARTICLES CREATED 40%

SHARES 47%

REACTIONS 46%

Blog, Photos, Videos

Shares to Personal Channels

Retweets, Likes, Comments, Favorites

Data Sources: Dynamic Signal clients utilizing VoiceStorm

America wine company Official Stats

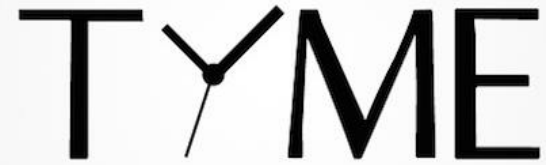
consumption of wine

2004 2007 2010 2013 2016

75%

+

# Graphic & visual design



TYME

The logo for 'TYME' features the word in a bold, sans-serif font. The letter 'Y' is uniquely designed as a clock face, with its two arms serving as the hands of the clock.



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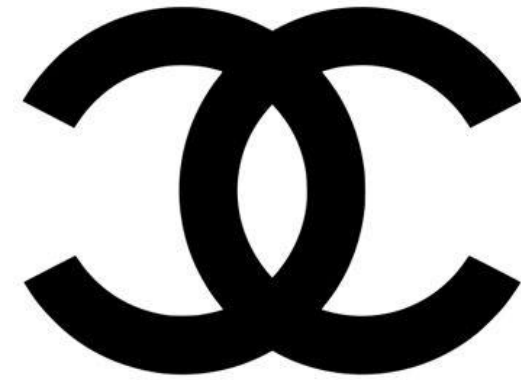
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women need to:  
women need to be put in their place  
women need to know their place  
women need to be controlled  
women need to be disciplined

women need to be seen as men

UN WOMEN



women shouldn't:  
women shouldn't be  
women shouldn't  
women shouldn't  
women shouldn't

women shouldn't be seen as men

UN WOMEN

Think...



women cannot:  
women cannot drive  
women cannot be teachers  
women cannot be treated  
women cannot speak in a bank

women cannot accept the way things are


UN WOMEN



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**2014 Acadiana St. Jude Dream Home**  
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**julsbolg** wrote: last Saturday  
**Cabinets** - What color are the cabinets?  
1 Like 1 Comment

**David's Kitchen & Tiles**  
**PRO** Thank you for the question. The cabinetry is Plato and the color is Vanilla with Brushed Grey glaze.  
Like Bookmark 12 hours ago

Write a comment

**shellyloving5** wrote: last Saturday  
**Name of granite**  
1 Like 1 Comment

**David's Kitchen & Tiles**



# **Social media**

Media for social interaction by  
online communities to share  
personal messages, information,  
networking and microblogs  
Web-based or mobile tech





The changing face  
of social media....





Social Media:  
No longer just a  
tiny icon on  
your site



1. **Remember you will die.** Maybe even today. Don't forget that. Don't forget to be thankful for your health. For the ability to walk. For the time you get to spend with the person you love. For your siblings. For whatever it is that you have today. It's not yours, it can be stolen away at any moment. So while you have it on loan, cherish it.

2. **Exercise, almost every day.** Maybe this is just me. But if I'm not active, I can't trust myself. I can't trust my emotions, my reactions, my thinking. Regular exercise

3. **To know what you think,**



Comments from jandelaforce and Dain.

Gilt promotional image

NEW YORK – **Affluent consumers are willing to convert on mobile, but they expect an experience that goes beyond retail,** said a Gilt executive at the Mcommerce Summit: State

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of philosophy, thinking first on mobile and then the other way around to consumers. Brands should think of mobile as an integral part of the omnichannel experience rather than an afterthought.

"We started making a shift going to a more mobile-first company about six months ago, to start testing and launching functionality on the mobile devices first," said Jason John, vice president of online, mobile and social marketing, [Gilt.com](#), New York.



# Emoji-fication of the online world







# UX includes User Generated Content...

@jetsettingjulia



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# FRAMES OF LIFE

ACCESSORIES MAN ACCESSORIES ARMANI CASA MADE TO MEASURE FRAMES OF LIFE CATALOGUES EXPERIENCE

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# ...and Micro-Content!





Social influencers are the new celebrities and are part of your CX

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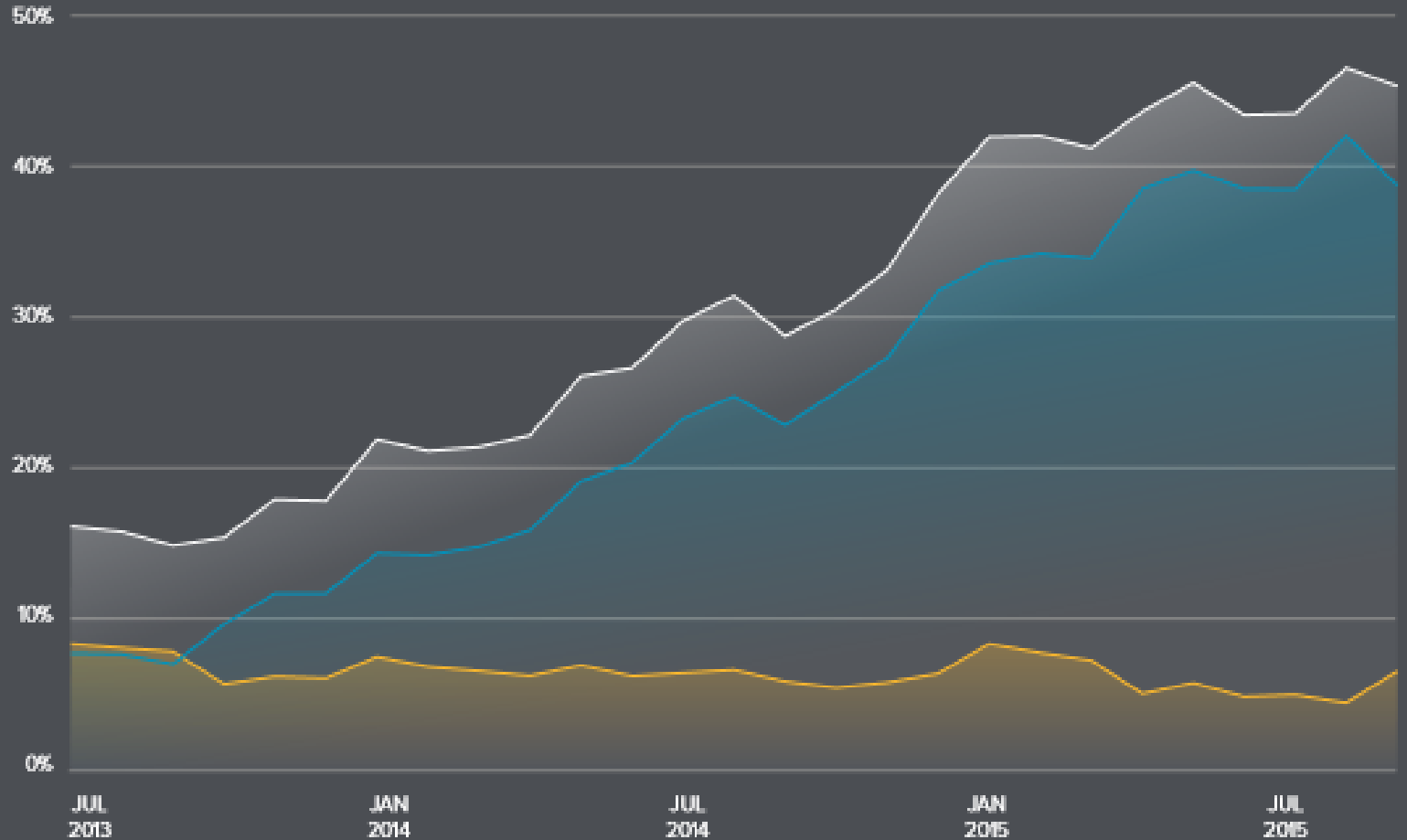


Lulu Belle



# Social videos are the new black

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THE RISE OF MOBILE VIDEO  
Q3 2015

SHARE OF PHONE VIDEO PLAYS ■  
SHARE OF TABLET VIDEO PLAYS ■  
SUM OF PHONE + TABLET VIDEO PLAYS ■

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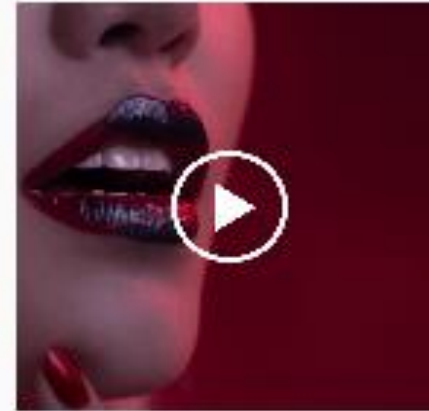


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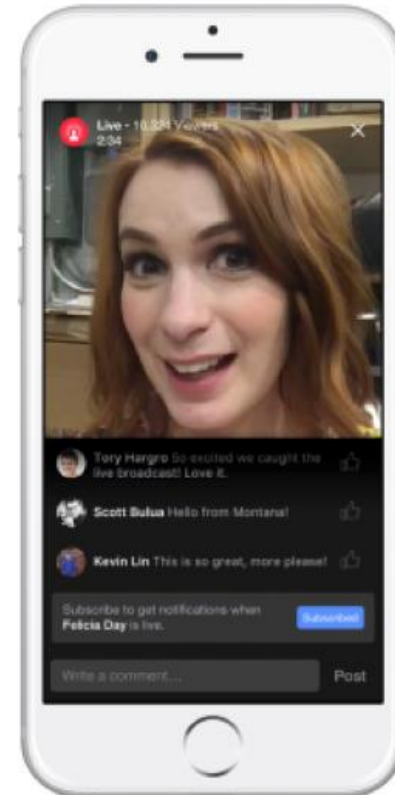
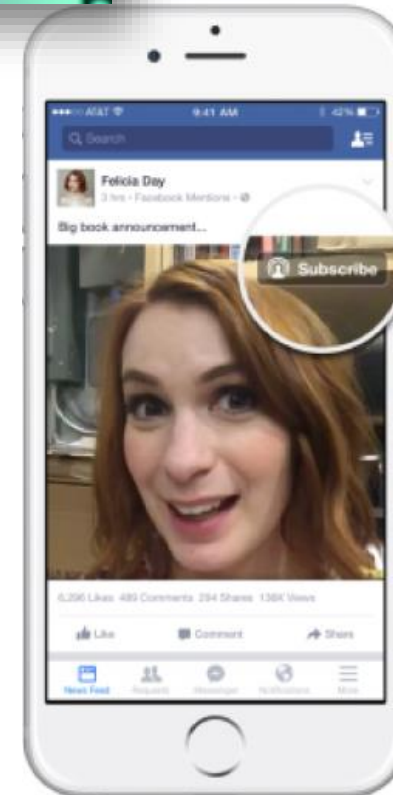
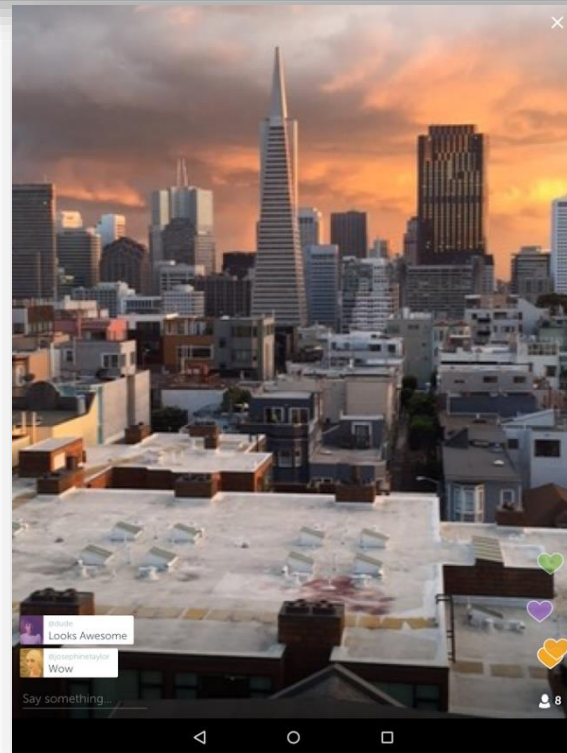
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Livestreaming is  
the new norm.  
Integrated into  
social networks.

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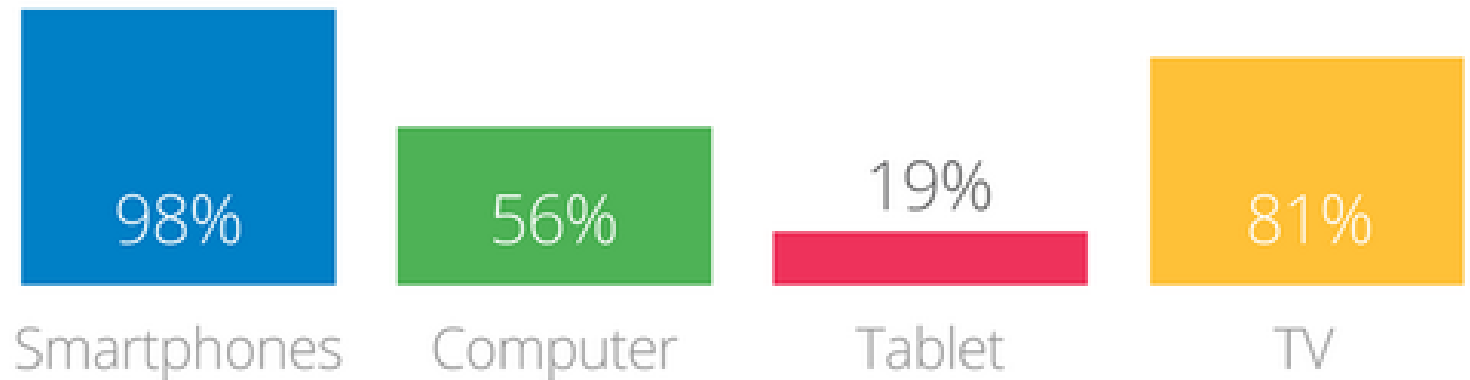




**Mobile is the #1  
medium for  
millennials and  
Gen Z**

## 18-34 Year-Olds Default to Their Smartphones to Watch Video

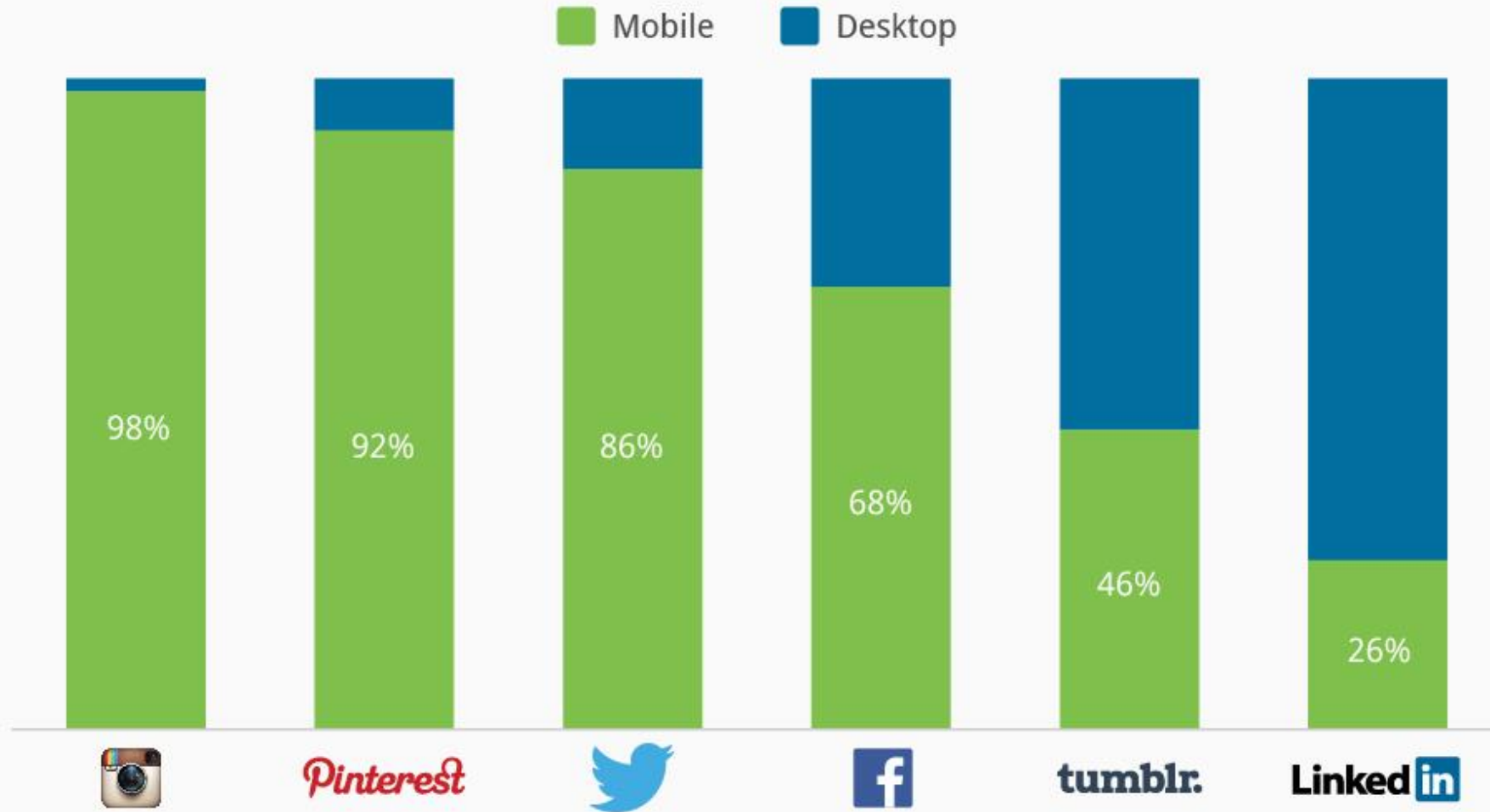
% of 18-34 year-olds that reported using each device  
to watch video content in daily video diaries



SOURCE: U.S. Statistics, IPSOS-Google: 18-34 Year-Old Video Consumption Diaries, April 2014 [ThinkwithGoogle.com](http://ThinkwithGoogle.com)

# How Mobile Are Social Networks?

% of time spent on social networks in the United States, by platform\*





The new generation of social media sites are optimized for mobile.

## Made for Mobile



# Vertical

Up to 9x completion rate compared to horizontal mobile video

Source: Snapchat internal data

**JAN  
2015**

# GLOBAL DIGITAL SNAPSHOT

A SNAPSHOT OF THE WORLD'S KEY DIGITAL STATISTICAL INDICATORS

TOTAL  
POPULATION



**7.210**  
BILLION

ACTIVE  
INTERNET USERS



**3.010**  
BILLION

ACTIVE SOCIAL  
MEDIA ACCOUNTS



**2.078**  
BILLION

UNIQUE  
MOBILE USERS



**3.649**  
BILLION

ACTIVE MOBILE  
SOCIAL ACCOUNTS



**1.685**  
BILLION

we  
are  
social

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are  
social

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are  
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# YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH

HOW THE DIGITAL WORLD HAS EVOLVED OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS

TOTAL  
POPULATION



ACTIVE  
INTERNET USERS



ACTIVE SOCIAL  
MEDIA ACCOUNTS



UNIQUE  
MOBILE USERS



ACTIVE MOBILE  
SOCIAL ACCOUNTS



we  
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**+1.6%**

**+21%**

**+12%**

**+5%**

**+23%**

+115 MILLION

+525 MILLION

+222 MILLION

+185 MILLION

+313 MILLION

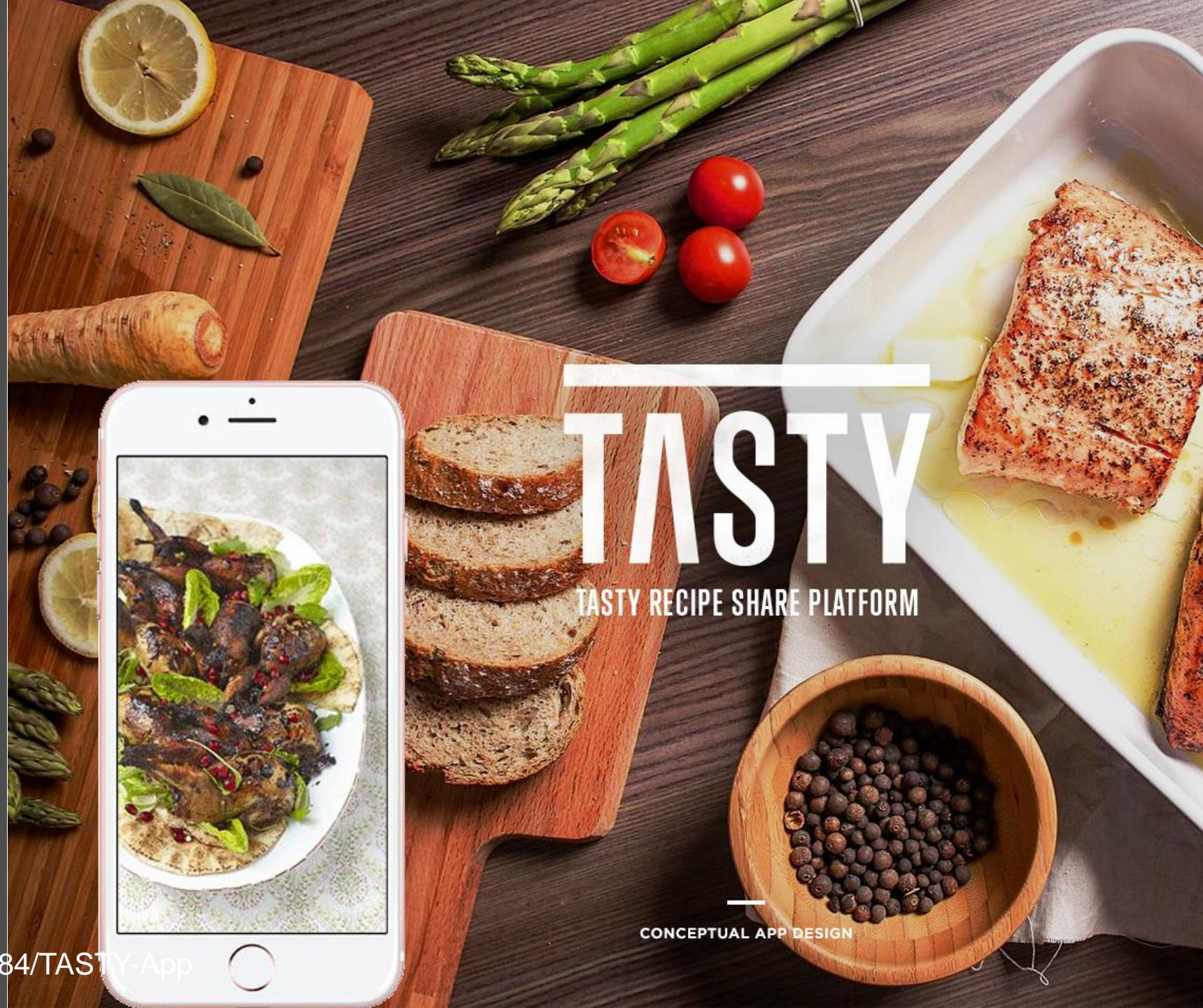
**BUSTING  
MYTHS**



## Myth #3

Mobile should  
replicate your  
desktop UX

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# TASTY

TASTY RECIPE SHARE PLATFORM

CONCEPTUAL APP DESIGN



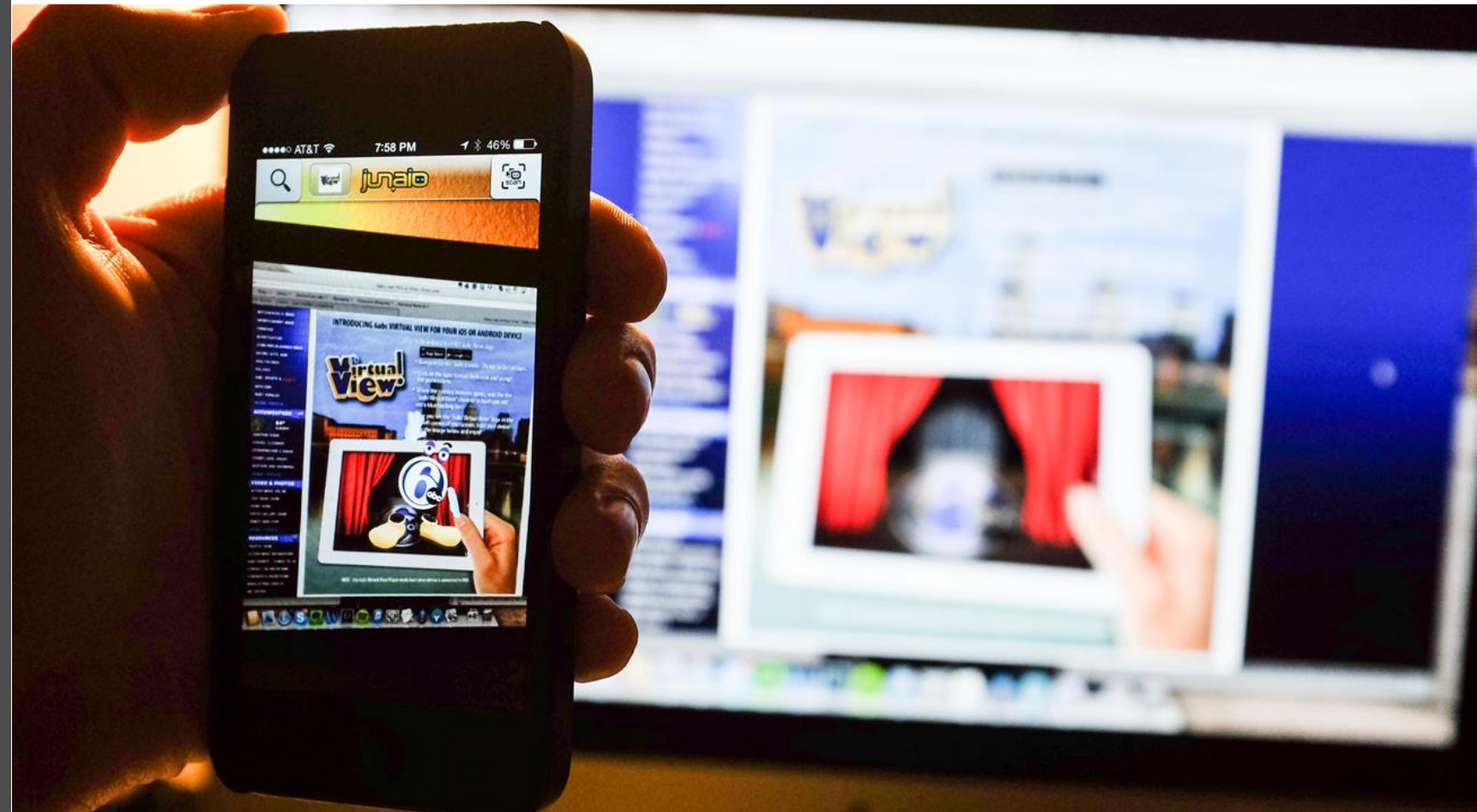


The experience  
needs to work  
across a variety of  
different devices

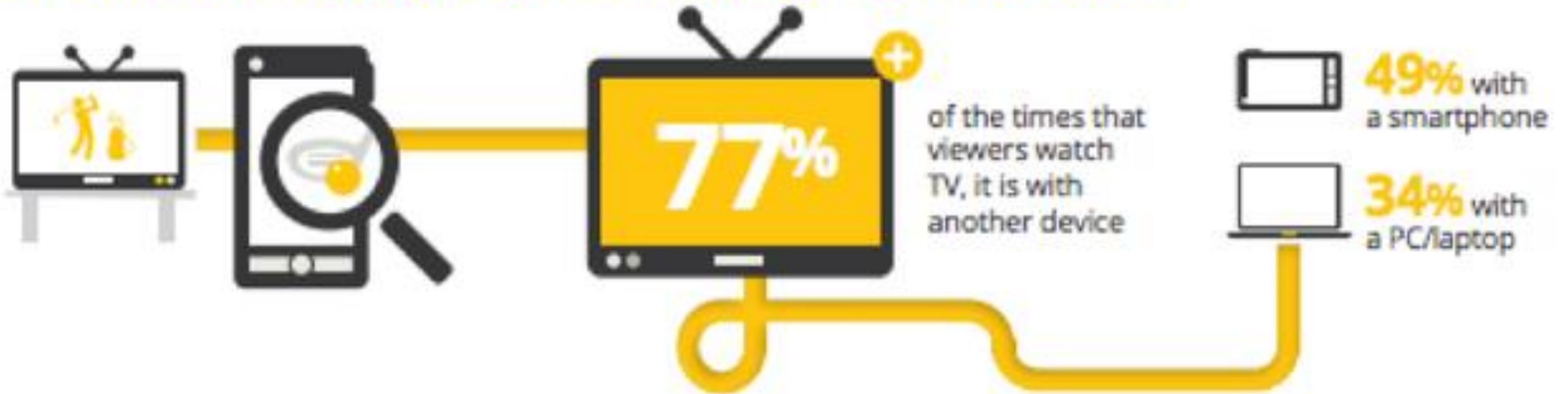




The second-screen syndrome: The experience needs to be optimized based on user need & usage.



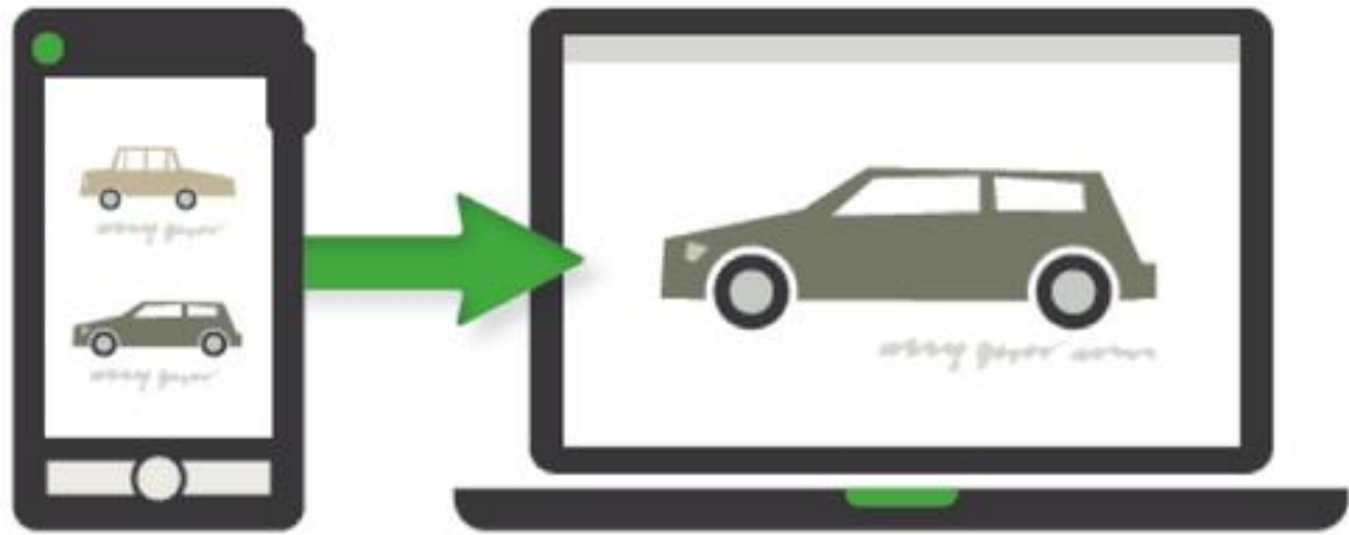
## Television no longer commands our full attention



SOURCE: GOOGLE

## Sequential Usage

Moving from one device to another at different times to accomplish a task



## Simultaneous Usage

Using more than one device at the same time for either a related or an unrelated activity



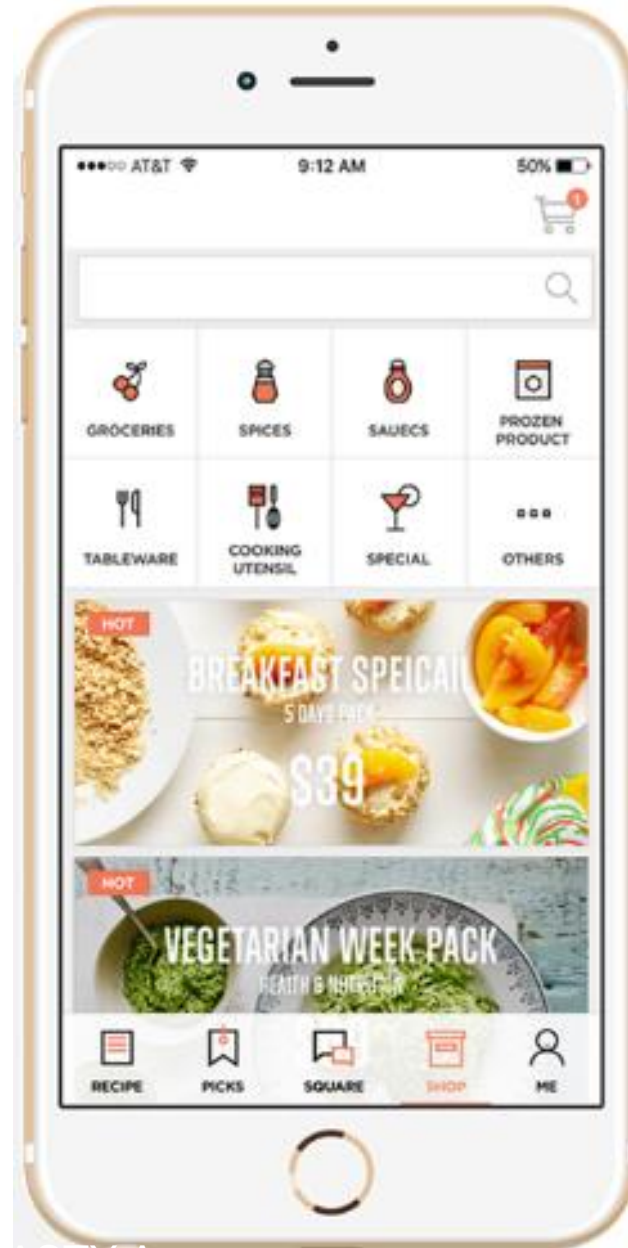
Multi-tasking - Unrelated activity



Complementary Usage - Related activity



Don't force-fit your desktop experience into mobile.



## SHOP

YOU CAN BUY THE INGREDIENT AND COOKING TOOLS, MEAL PACK, ETC.

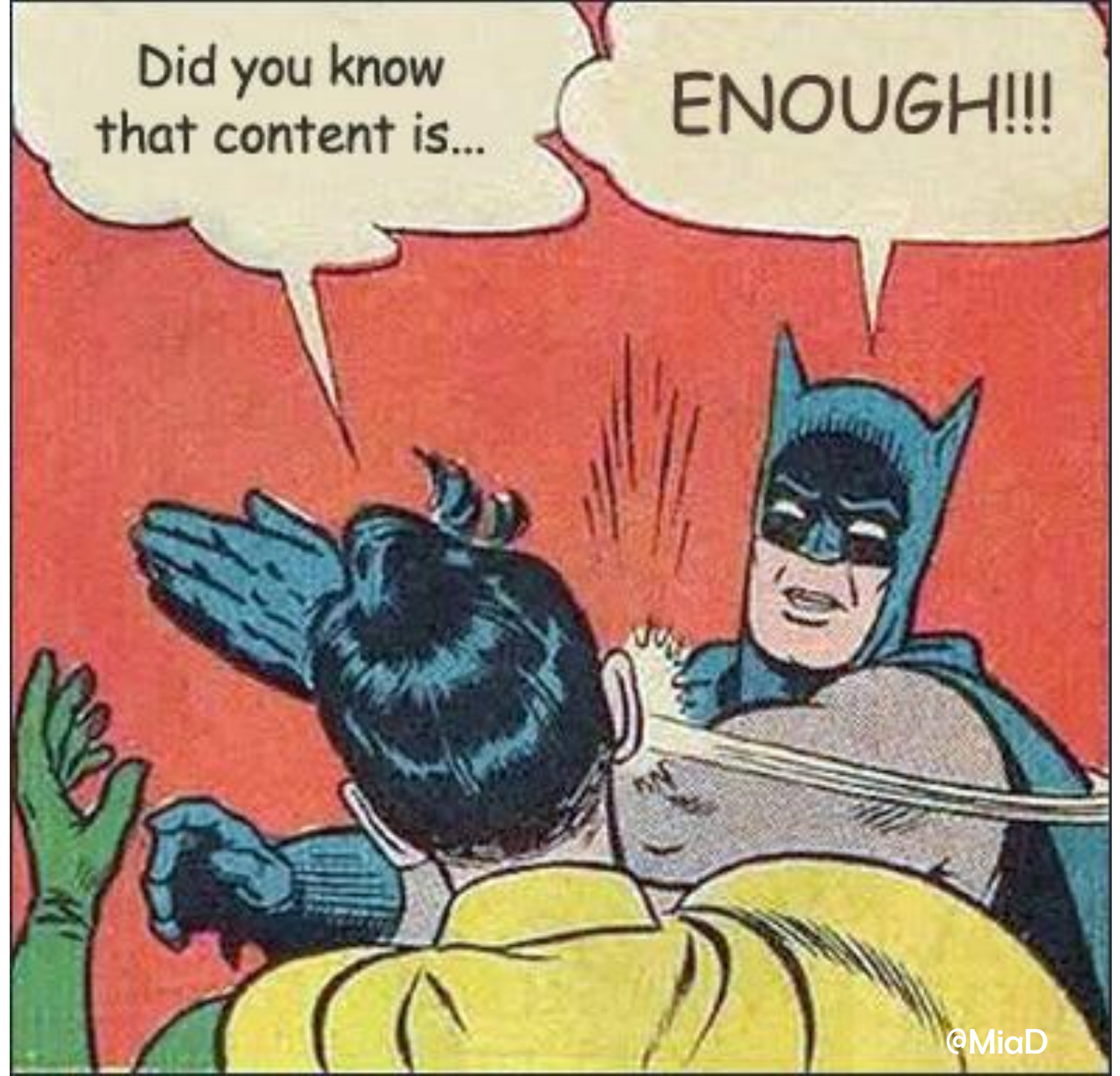




Myth #2

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*Driven by rising healthcare costs and competitions for top schools, more organisations and individuals are turning to Big Data and Analytics to try and give their children the upper hand.*

By [Kit Feber](#), [BigCloud.io](#).

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She's going to stay tangled up in Yahoo's web. At least for now.

Yahoo's announced the loss of around 1,700 jobs and a cataclysmic refocusing of its website. But Katie Couric, the glitzy "Global News Anchor" for the embattled Web portal, still plans to wait and see what happens to the company, a source close to the journalist said.

Couric, reportedly paid \$10 million a year, files reports for Yahoo daily. But it's awfully difficult to find her content on Yahoo.



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## CONTENT



What people are looking for.

## USER INTERFACE



The tool that serves it up.

## USER EXPERIENCE



Consumption.

CENTERLINE DIGITAL 

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1 HOPPING MAD

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IMPORTANT



North Korea 'Fires Missiles' Into Sea

Kim Jong Un is having a tantrum ... over new sanctions aimed at keeping his nuclear ambitions in check. South Korea's defense ministry reports that Pyongyang has fired six short-range rockets or



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MARCH 03, 2016

The PDB is the OZY take on what the most powerful person in the world gets with their morning coffee. Even if you read nothing else during the day, it aims to send you out the door better prepared than if you had read everything else.

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Because if knowledge is power, Trump wants some of it.

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Prioritized list

In this *special election series*, OZY has been looking closely at how Donald J. Trump is reshaping the Republican Party. In this series, we explore the foreign policy issues the billionaire would face if he took over the Oval Office — and what a briefing on his strategy might look like.

As the former deputy director of the White House, John McLaughlin has briefed no fewer than four presidents — Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, in addition to some past presidential candidates — alerting them to the dangers and opportunities faced by America's bravest at home and abroad. Here, we asked

THE PRESIDENTIAL DAILY BRIEF HIDE MENU

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2 FRIENDLY FIRE  
**Horizontal scroll**



### Mitt Romney Derides Trump as 'Phony' in Utah Speech

They're bringing out the big guns. Mitt Romney lost the 2012 presidential race, but the former Republican nominee still carries clout with the party — and he's trying to use it to bring Donald Trump down. Romney's speech at the University of Utah was blunt: He said Trump would be "very bad for American workers," and that his economic plans would cause trade wars and recession. There's no clear rival to support, but other donors and politicians in the GOP are mobilizing against Trump — though perhaps too late.

**Vertical scroll**

**Sneak peak**

3 DESPERATION



### EU's Tusk: Illegal Economic Migrants Not Welcome

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Bethé Correia, the Undefeated Dark Horse

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Know thy  
objective!

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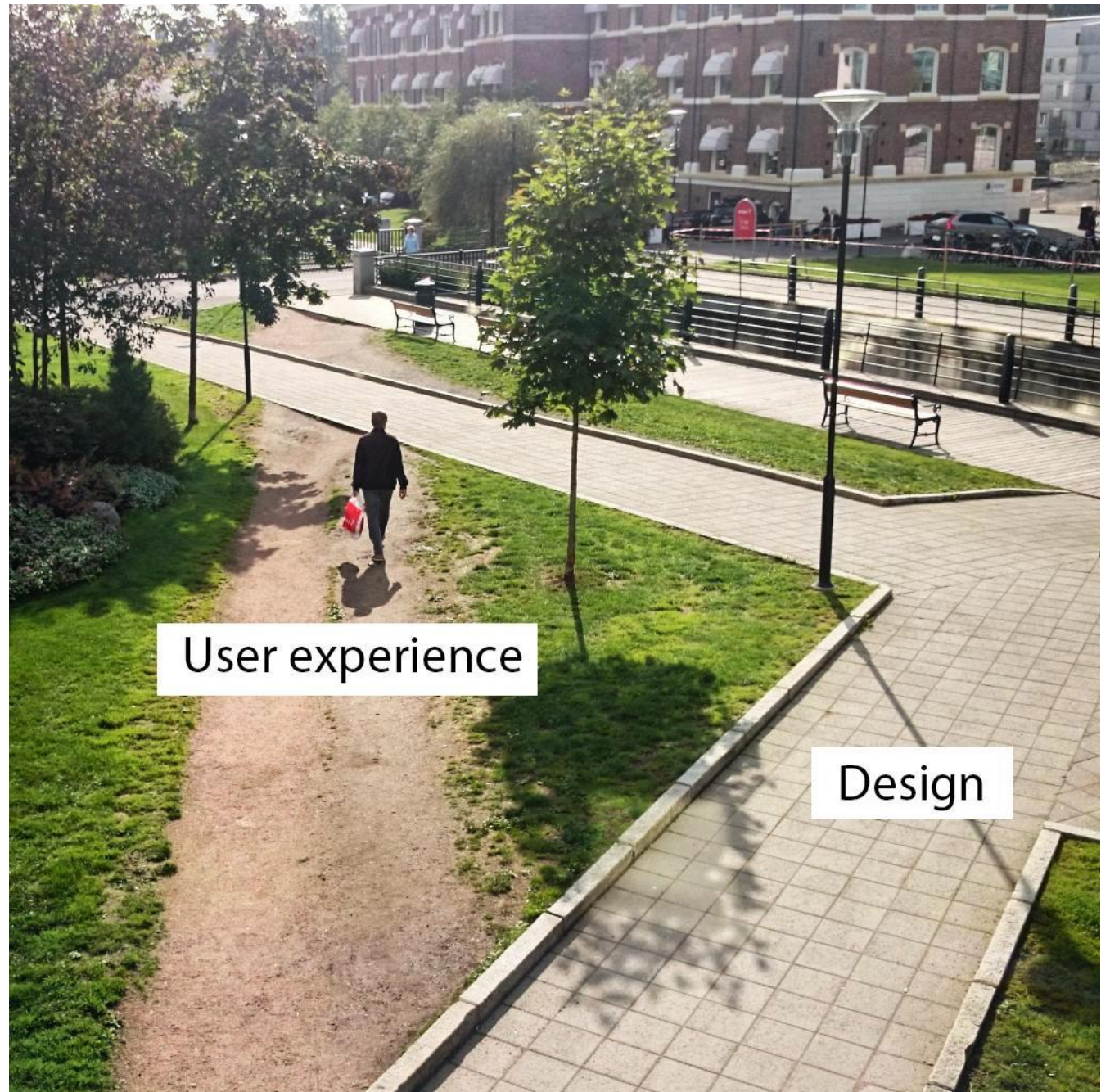
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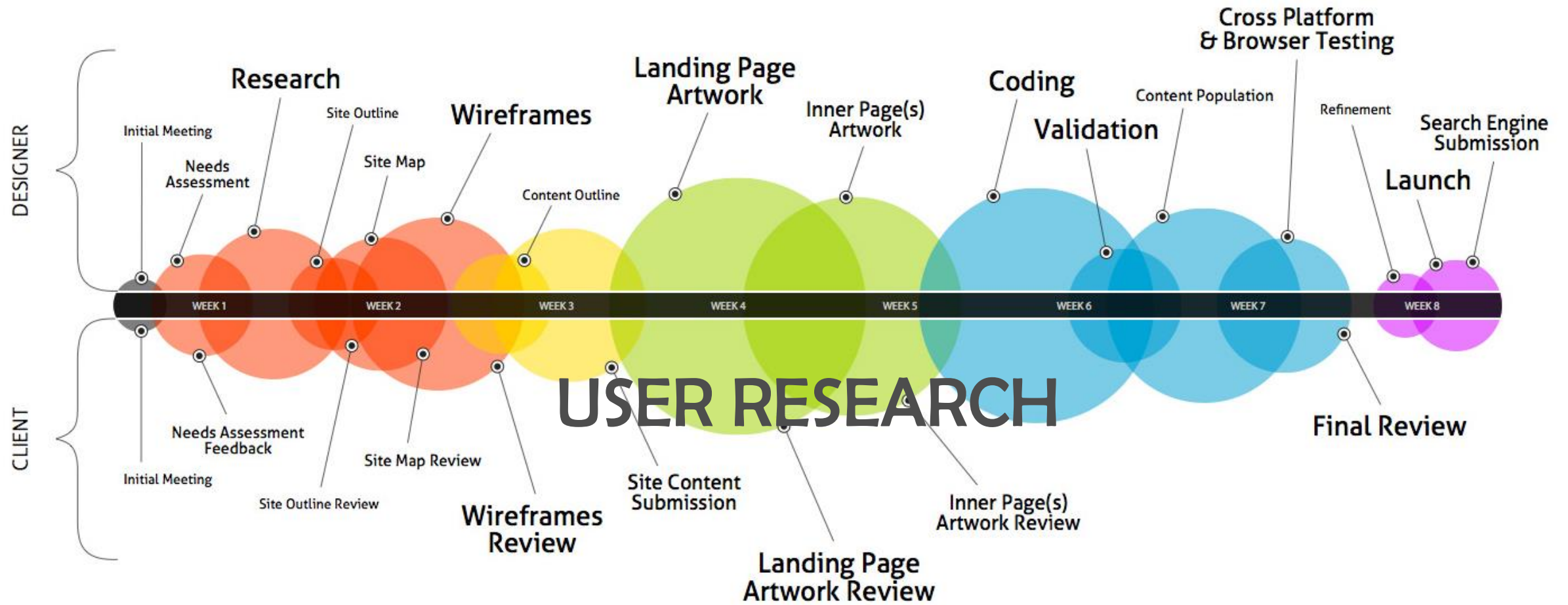
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## Myth #1

“We know what the user wants”





**MILESTONES**



**INVOLVEMENT**



**IMPORTANCE**

Average  
**Greater**

**PHASE**





UX Research:

“In every case, it's all about asking "why" and being willing to keep asking, no matter how obvious the reason seems to be.”

*Alexis Finch @AgentFin*



# Best Practices in User Research via @amidm

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CONVERSATION

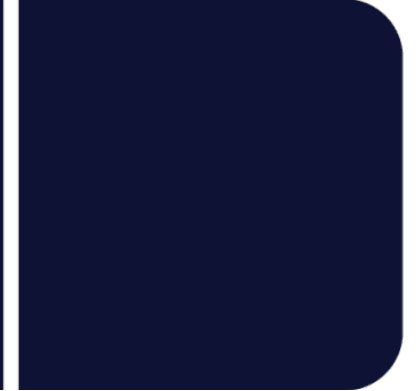
NEEDS

VALUES

Have a conversation



Uncover values



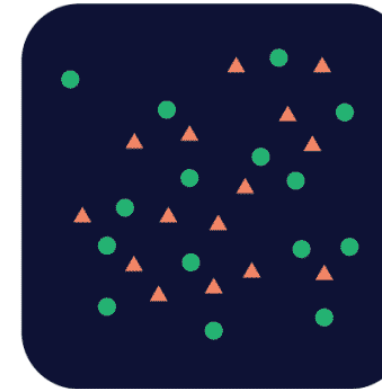
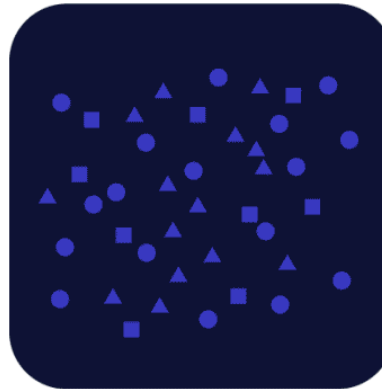
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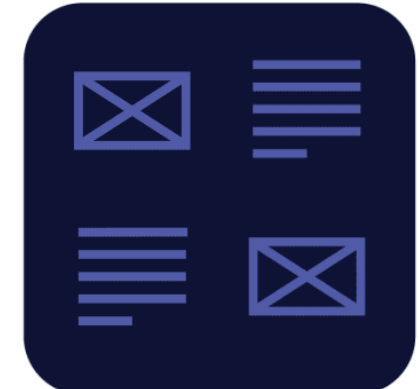
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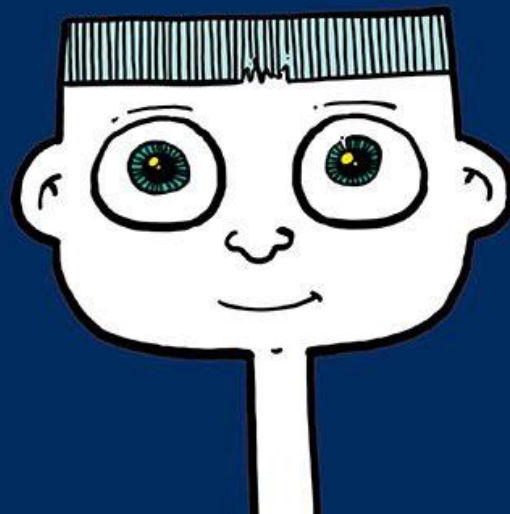
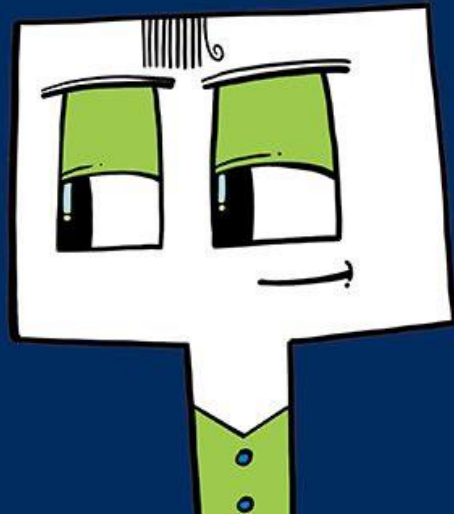
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Talk to an average user

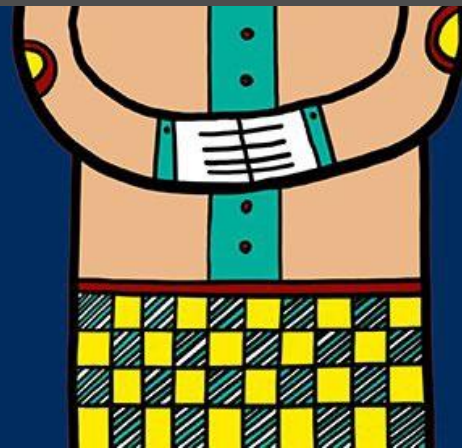


Get feedback early





“Co-design sprints **WITH** users rather than for users is the better way to create meaningful, impactful product design.” ~ *Ideas in Digital*

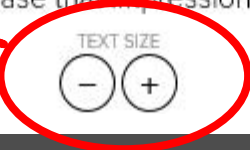




Know your audience

## Motor City Meltdown

The Republican Party appears on the edge of collapse, and the raucous exchange in Detroit does nothing to erase that impression.



AdChoices

BetterWorks

Learn Google's secret to setting goals



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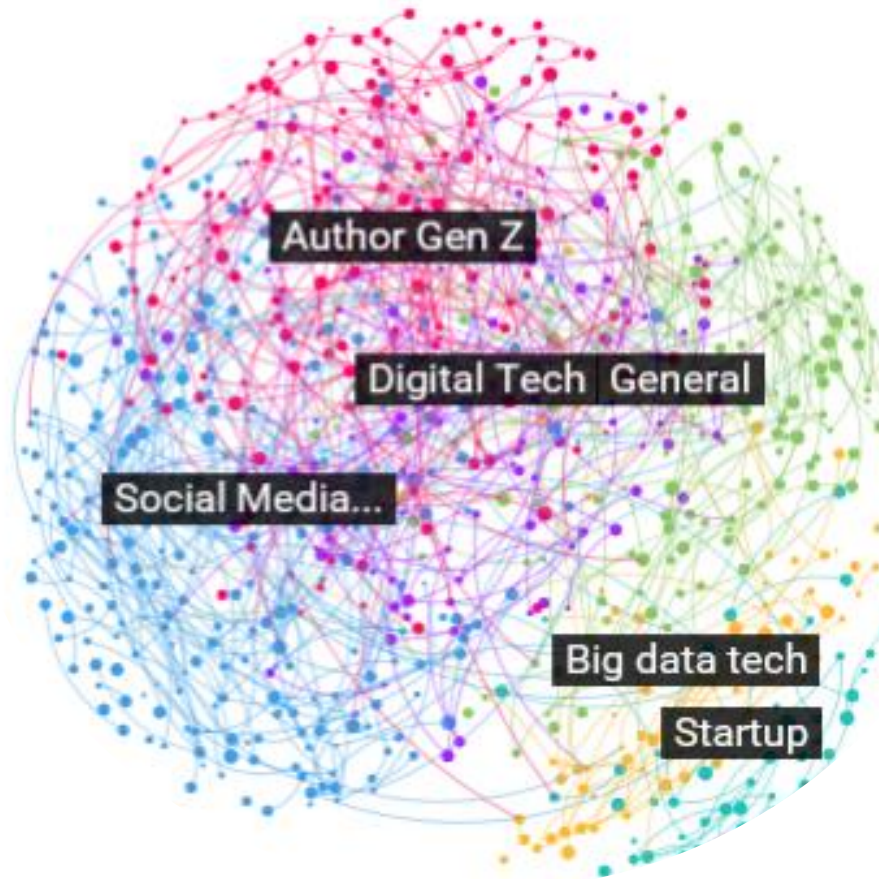
“Before you assume that you have no aging users, remember that vision issues start affecting people around the age of 35 – which is not considered a senior user.” ~ *Mile7*



<http://mile7.com/about-mile7-portland-oregon/>



# Audience segmentation & profiling

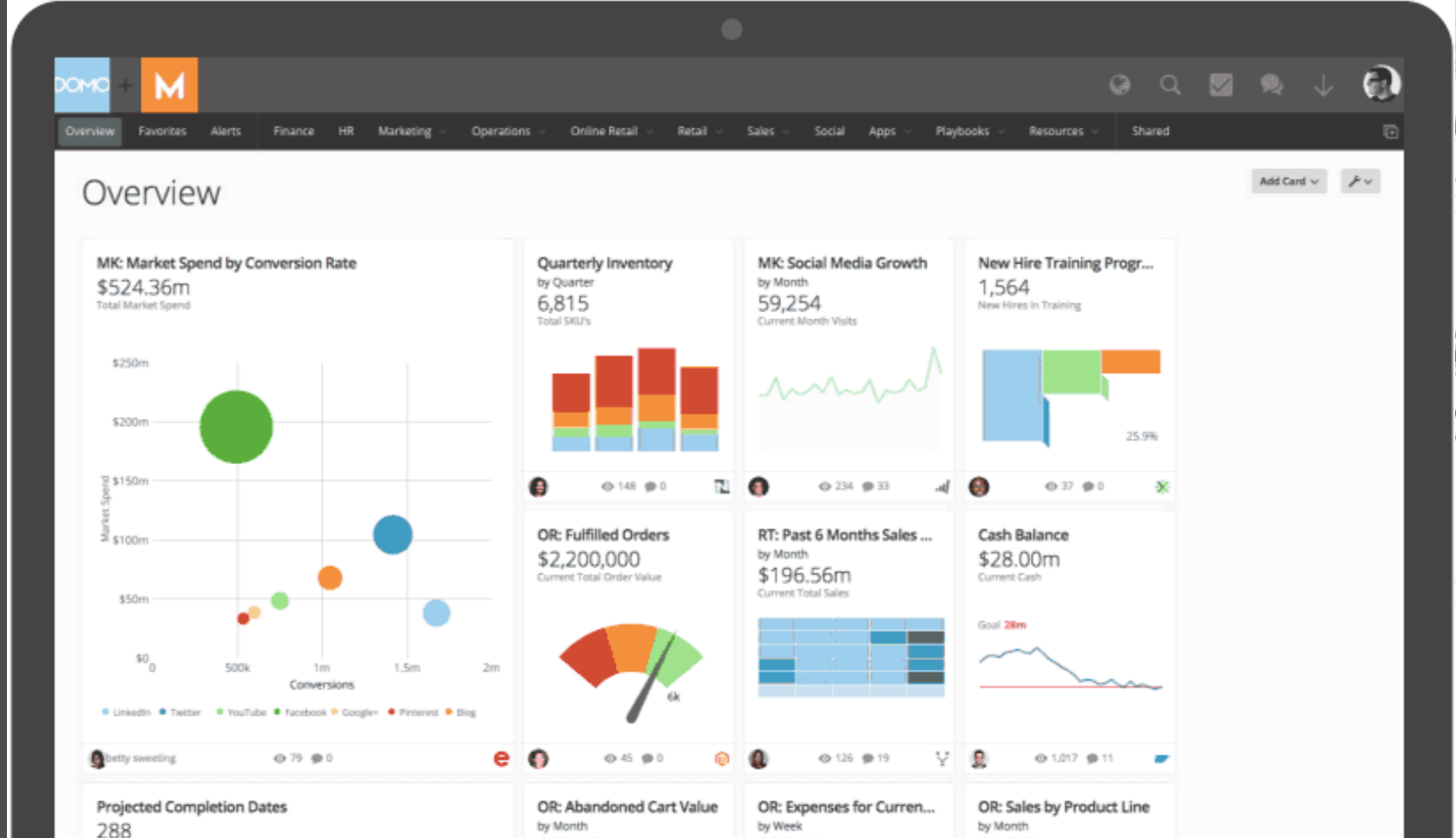
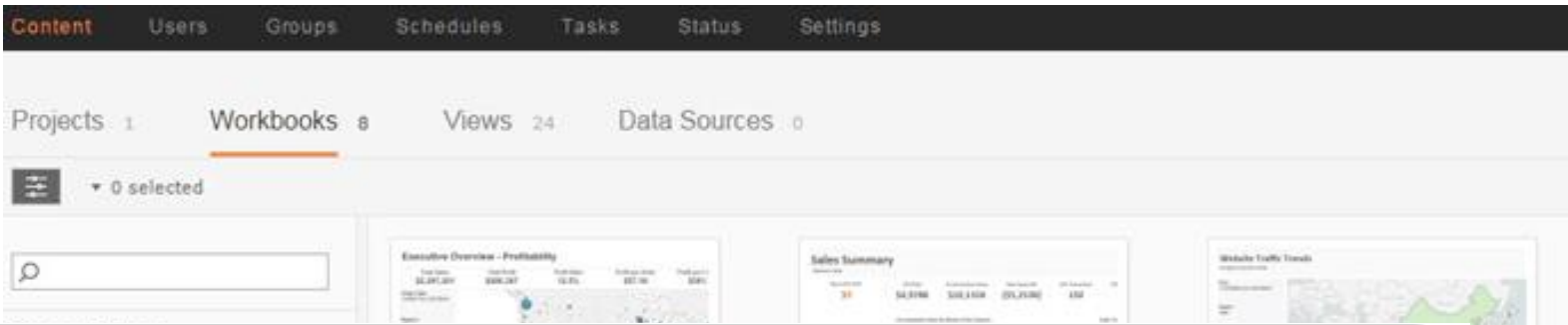


This group also likes:





# Omni-channel analysis





Where is the  
puck headed?





# Hyper-connectivity: Internet of Things (IOT)



## CHECK IN WHILE YOU'RE OUT

### NetCam HD+ Wi-Fi Camera

Keep an eye on what's going on at home with the NetCam HD+ Wi-Fi Camera. Simply set it up in any room to check on the kids, pets, or elderly parents. Always with clear, vivid HD video streamed right to your smart device. For advanced features, Cloud+ Premium Services enable you to record and store footage to the cloud and receive alerts. It's a whole new point of view on your life.





# Voice is the new platform

Amazon Echo is the smart voice-activated speaker that can control your whole house – stream music, play podcasts, control lights, thermostat, reserve Uber, order from Amazon, etc.





# AI & Robots

Connie, Watson-powered robot assists with visitor requests, personalizes the guest experience and empower travelers with more information to help them plan their trips.





# Virtual Reality

Oculus, the Facebook-owned company is adding new Facebook sharing features, new social games and other features that will make Samsung's Gear VR more social.





BECOME PART OF THE EXPERIENCE



Is it a  
**BIRD?..SUPERMAN?...DRONE**  
**?...WINGSUIT FLYERS!!**

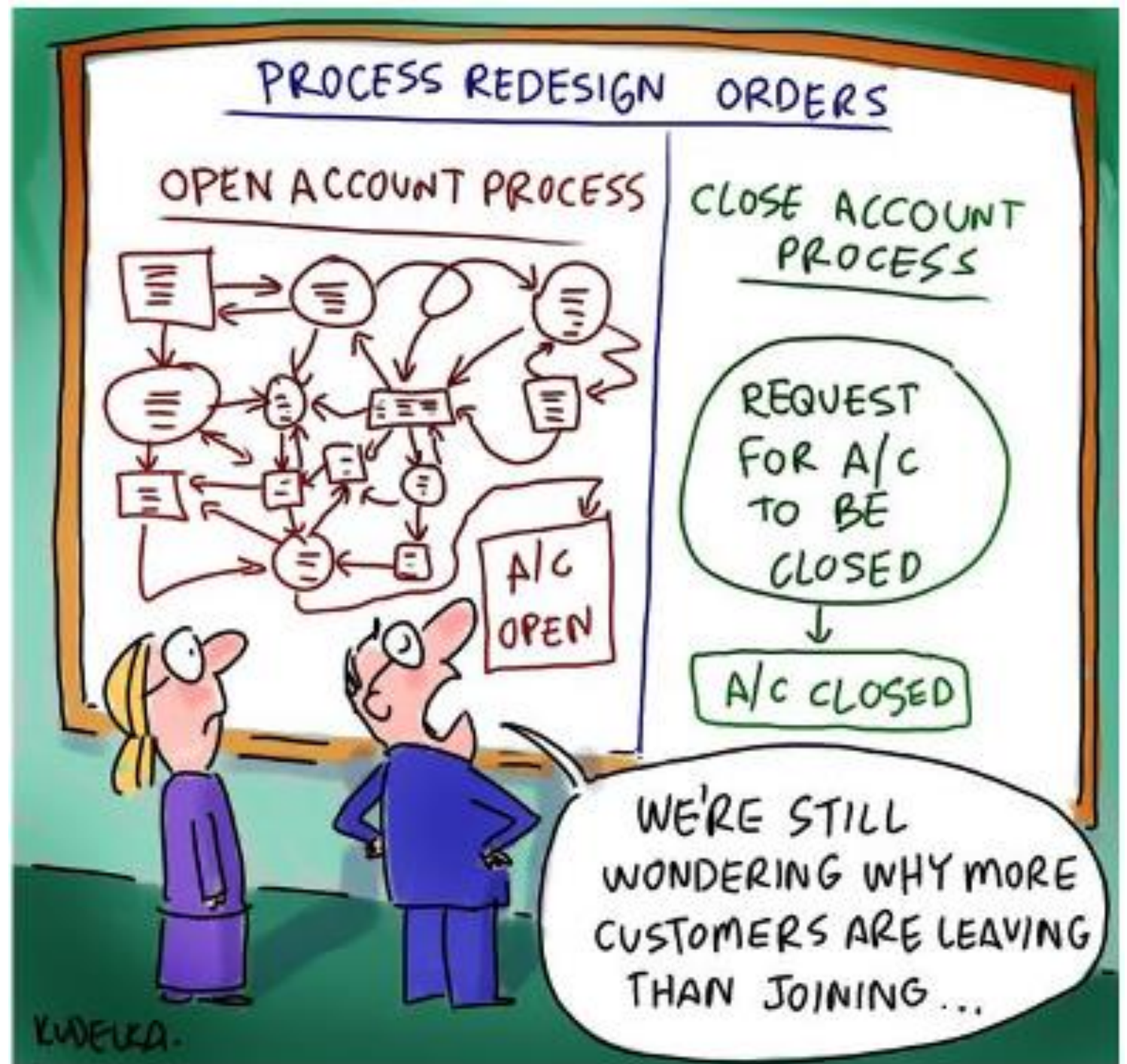








Secret to  
designing great  
experiences?









**Your average user has shorter attention span than a goldfish**



Your experience  
needs to stand  
out & get their  
attention.



...it's about ~~deliberating~~ ~~bringing~~ ~~the~~ ~~right~~ ~~experience~~.



Getting the right balance between form and function..



can be tricky...







“Everyone  
wants to be  
successful until  
they see what it  
takes.”

<http://balletnews.co.uk/>





# #1 Organize

Hire the right talent.

“If you think hiring an expert is expensive, wait until you hire an amateur.” ~Anon





## #2 Optimize

Doesn't matter how wonderful your design is...

...if your processes and systems are broken.



Mick Coulas



## #2 Optimize

### Use data

“Despite the hype, marketers still fumbling around with data.”

CMO.com

Mantra: Test, Learn, & Improve!



KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
OPTIMIZE



## #3 Get rid of silos

“In a recent Forrester report, main reason many marketers are so far behind on data implementation is that they haven’t formed a close alliance with their IT departments.”

CMO.com

BRAND CAMP

by Tom Fishburne

### SILO FARMING



# One integrated experience!

SHOE

DIGITAL

MOBILE  
APP

WATCH

SOCIAL





## #4 Innovate

Try something new!  
If it doesn't work, try  
again.





## Amazon Echo, home alone with NPR on, got confused and hijacked a thermostat

It may not be perfect yet ...but we'll get there!





I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work.



Thomas A. Edison





Thank you!  
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@MiaD

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# Resources

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# Useful links – UX/UI

## UX

[UX Mag](#): an online UX publication discussing the latest in design and UX strategy.

[UX Booth](#): one of the leading publications for UX topics, held in high regard by the UX community.

[52 Weeks of UX](#): a UX blog authored by UX designers Joshua Porter and Joshua Brewer.

[UXPin Blog](#): useful articles on how to create effective user experiences.

[DesignModo UX](#): comprehensive site covering the aesthetic, business, and psychological elements of UX.

[Webcredible](#): UX articles and resources.

[Johnny Holland](#): a popular source of information for a variety of UX topics.

[Smashing Magazine](#): a leading website for UX information and articles.

[UX Colombo](#): a site that strives to promote UX creativity and inspiration with its insightful, indepth coverage of various UX topics.

[UX Myths](#): a site that dispels some common myths regarding UX design and the industry atlarge.

[Inspire UX](#): UX design articles and tips.

[UXADAY](#): daily inspiration and directory of useful resources and tools for User Experience Designers.

[Stack Exchange UX](#): question and answer site for user experience researchers and experts.

[UX Matters](#): a site featuring a bounty of useful UX information and tips.

[Foolproof](#): a popular blog covering UX strategy and design.

[Akendi](#): discusses issues surrounding UX and design.

[Innovation M](#): a design blog that highlights various UX methods.

## UI/Interface

[Usability Post](#): a site that discusses web design and usability issues.

[Boxes and Arrows](#): blog that publishes useful articles and resources for UI designers.

[UXPin Blog](#): site contains lots of UI resources and tools, such as this [responsive web design cheat sheet, useful sources for design patterns and wireframes guides](#) and a [ux patterns library](#).

[iA](#): contains articles containing tips on building effective user interfaces.

[Smashing Magazine](#): a leading website for UX information and articles.

[Felt Presence](#): a blog that covers topics regarding UI design and product management.

[Inverra](#): some great resources and articles regarding dashboard design.

Source: By [Chris Bank](#) [uxpin.com](#)

# Useful links – Design

These sites feature articles covering topics around design methodology. Posts include discussions and pointers on how to achieve user experience goals and objectives.

[Boxes and Arrows](#): articles about design principles, processes and methods, interfaces and more.

[A List Apart](#): a blog that discusses UX, web design, web development and web standards.

[Usability Post](#): some great articles discussing usability methods.

[Nielsen Norman Group](#): a site that features Nielsen Norman Group's groundbreaking research, reporting, and user interface evaluations.

[UXPin Blog](#): articles about design processes such as [shifting from lo to hifidelity prototypes](#).

[Smashing Magazine](#): a popular site for design related topics and discussions

## Tools & Software

Information regarding the latest software, code snippets, and other items essential to one's design arsenal can be found in these blogs. These resources are indispensable for staying updated on the latest and greatest design tools.

[Boxes and Arrows](#): articles about design principles, processes and methods, interfaces and more.

[Little Big Details](#): a provider of daily design inspiration tips.

[Creative Blog](#): a leading website for UX information and articles.

[UXPin Blog](#): features useful software information and resources, including extensive tips on using their prototyping and wireframing platform UXPin.

For design pattern inspiration, look to the following resources:

[Boxes and Arrows](#): articles about design principles, processes and methods, interfaces and more.

[UXPin Blog](#): tips and advice regarding the latest design patterns, including [useful sources for design patterns and wireframes guides](#), ux patterns library, and updates on [free ebooks](#) such as [mobile ui design pattern trends](#).

[Wireframes](#): a site that discusses wireframing, sketching and design patterns.

[MobilePatterns](#): a site that features design patterns in mobile apps.

[Lovely UI](#): features interesting and unique mobile design patterns.

[Pptrns](#): some great examples of mobile design patterns.

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