



User Experience Concepts, Skills and Methods for Strategic Creatives

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March 26th MAC Shop Talk - #UXShopTalk

Agenda

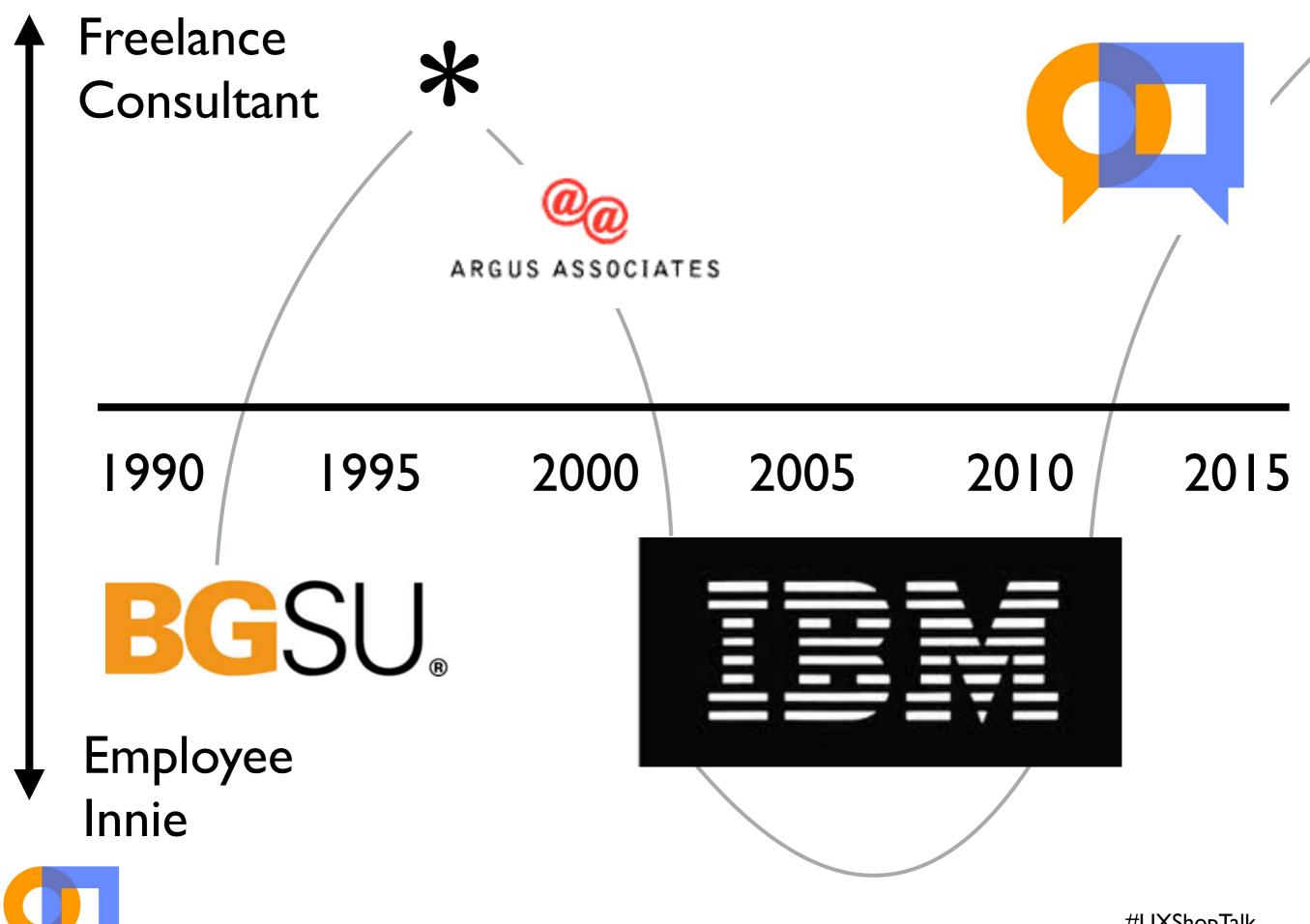
- My life as a User Experience Freelance Consultant
- Who we are: Strategic Creatives
- UX Concepts, Skills & Methods that you can use to do your current job better
- How to "learn me some of that UX"



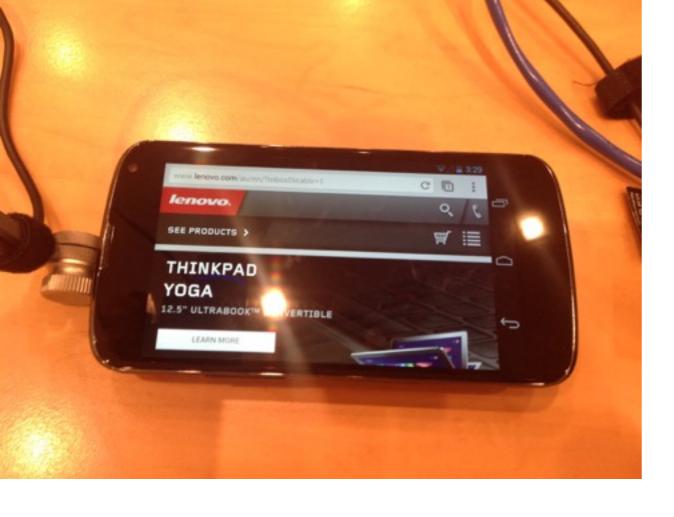
"I help companies make their technology easy to use"

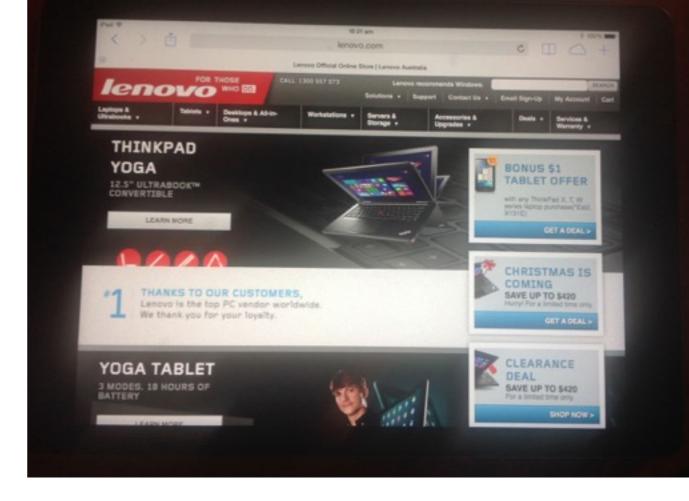
- User Experience Lead, Information Architect, User Researcher, Usability Specialist, Interaction Designer
- Planner, Strategist, Researcher, Architect,
 Designer (not Developer)
- Therapist, Change agent

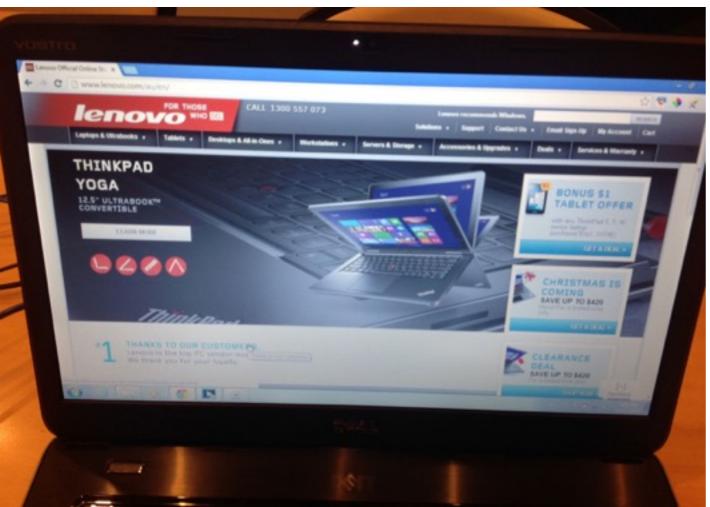


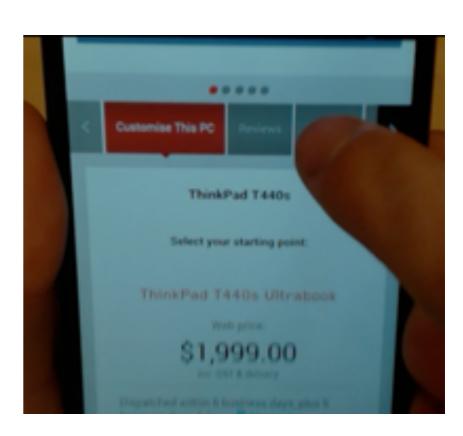












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Ecommerce Customer Experience Map

Guiding Principles

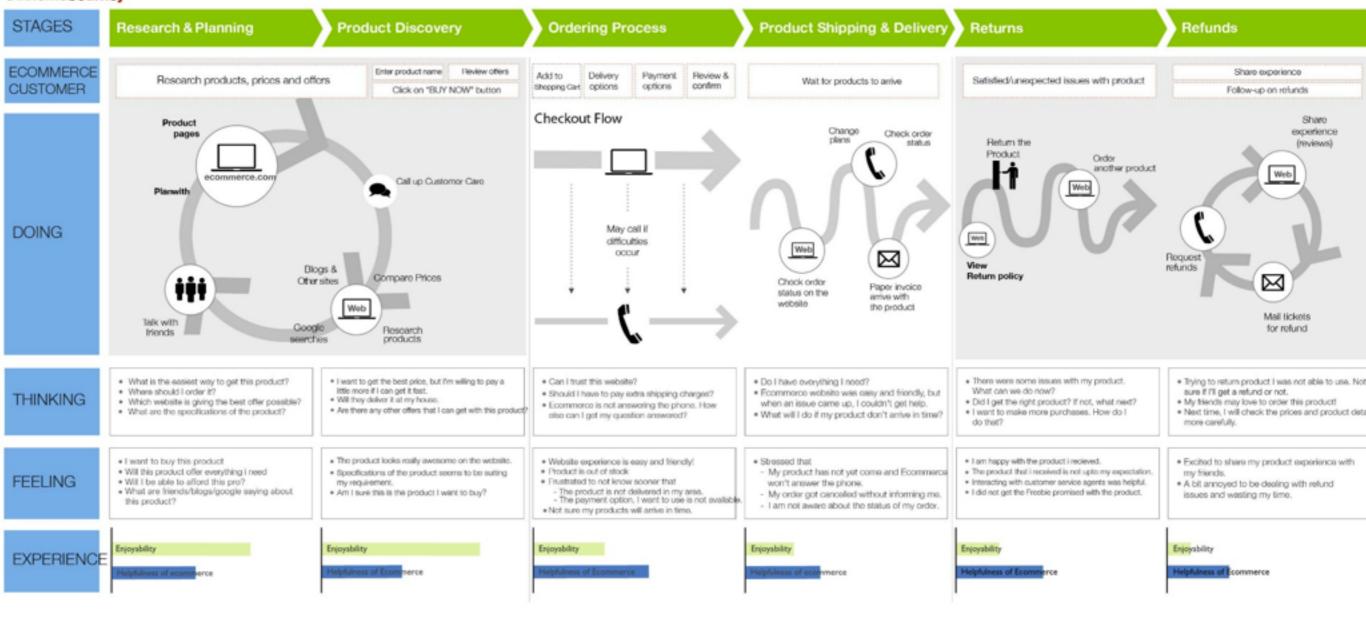
People choose online shopping because it is convenient, easy and comfortable

www.ecommerce.com is only one touch point of an online ecommerce customer experience

Customers are most apprehensive during this process

People appreciate an experience that is prompt, friendly & timely and then talk about it

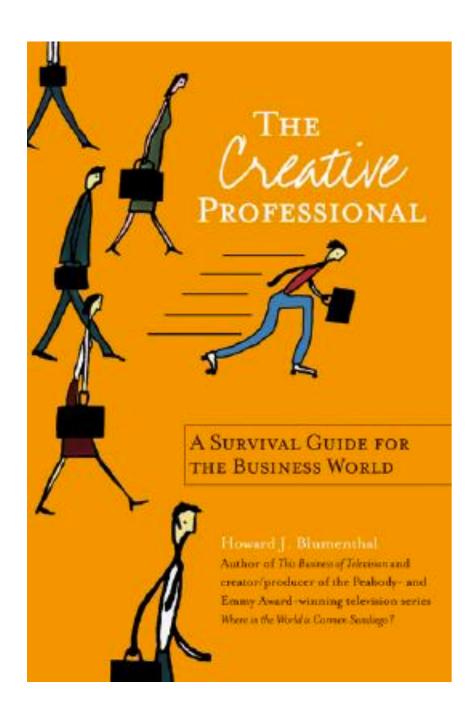
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We are strategic creatives





- Web & Interactive >
 - Site Architecture
 - Site Strategy
 - Site Design



- Advertising Agency > Creative Director, Designer, Copy Writer
- Public Relations Agency > Writer, Designer
- Education > Teacher, Curriculum Designer
- Civilization > Museum Producer
- Media Specialists > New Media Innovator
- Non-Media Specialists > Entrepreneur
- Web & Interactive > Content, E-commerce, Software Developer, Interactive Producer, ...
- Corporate > Public Relations, Consumer Marketing, Employee Communications, Design
- Government & Politics > Voter Communication



UX Concepts, Skills & Methods



EMPATHY

Understanding how others think & feel

Not just feeling same emotion as someone else

Curiosity & listening; science & art

"User-centered design"



Core Creative Activities

- Sketching
- Storytelling
- Critiquing
- Presenting
- Facilitating



Core UX Skills

- Study context & usage
- Organize information macro
- Convey complex info micro
- Flow, touches, clicks, drags, pinches, zooms
- Layout, icons, colors
- Tone, voice, copywriting
- Net: Big picture AND details, Teamwork

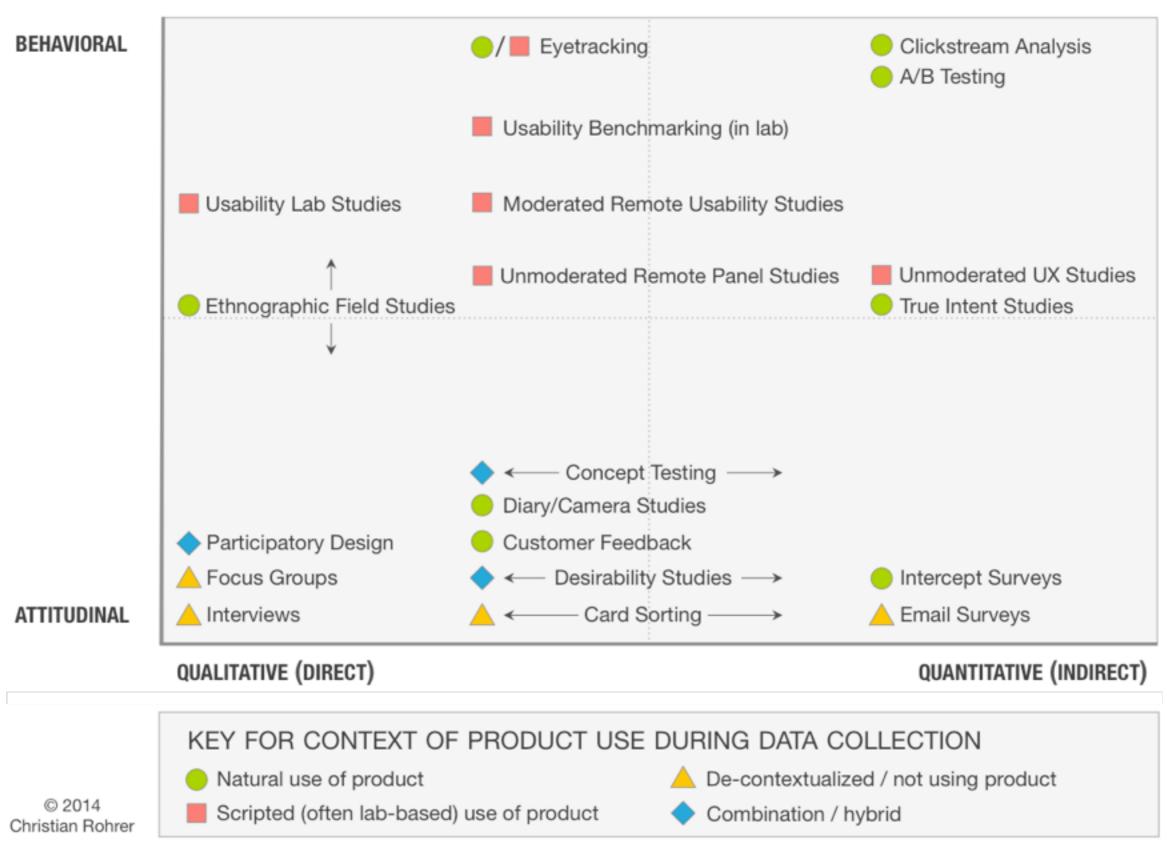


Make good UX happen in company

- Communicate design & rationale
- Business value of UX
- Improve software development methods
- Technology: user's POV
- Marketing & business process integration



A Landscape of User Research Methods





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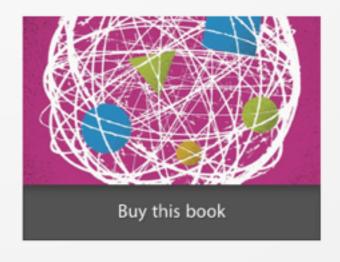


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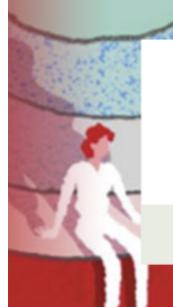
Eye Tracking the User Experience

Why We Fail

Learning from Experience Design



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The User Experience Team of One

A Research and Design Survival Guide

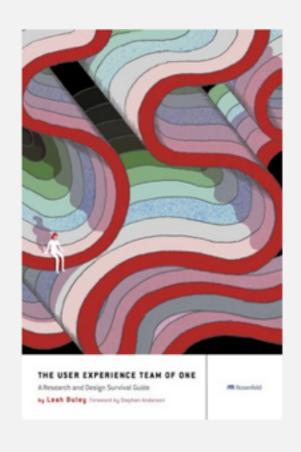
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The User Experience Team of One prescribes a range of approaches that have big impact and take less time and fewer resources than the standard lineup of UX deliverables. Whether you want to cross over into user experience or you're a seasoned practitioner trying to drag your organization forward, this book gives you tools and insight for doing more with less.



The exigencies of modern product and Web development mean that projects are often understaffed. When the understaffed designer is you, your success depends on knowing where to cut corners and where to apply a full-court press. This clearly written book shows you what works and what wastes time. It will help you become that well-tempered UX team of one who can be great while doing the impossible.



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July 2014 0 90 minutes

- ✓ Video Game Design
- Contextual Learning

- Content-first UX Design
- Flipping our Paradigm

Topics: Content Interaction Design

Video games generate billions of dollars a year because of UX designers. There, we said it.



Steph Hay
UX Content Strategist

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If you ever thought having final content before starting design was an impossible dream, you haven't met @steph_hay. She's worked with organizations of all sizes through a process that starts with writing real copy—and testing it for understandability—





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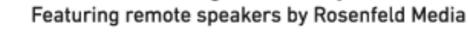


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