Inclusive Design

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SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT IN (IX) DESIGN

Activity-Centered Design

Participatory Design

User-Centered Design

Universal Design

Inclusive Design

Emphatic Design

Emotional Design

Some definitions

def'n: Universal Design

Designing for the largest audience possible regardless of disability or ability. [1]

[1] www.d.umn.edu/itss/support/Training/Online/webdesign/glossary/u.html

def'n: Disability

Mismatch between the needs and preferences of the user and the system or environment provided

def'n: Accessibility

Ability of the system to accommodate the needs of the user

def'n: Inclusive Design

Designing for the diversity of human needs and preferences

Why inclusive design?

Moral

Wall

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Social

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PRICE S400

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Better design

"If we understand what the extremes are the middle will take care fitself."

Dan Formosa (Smart Design)

W3C'S WAI WCAG 2.0

http://www.w3.org/WAI

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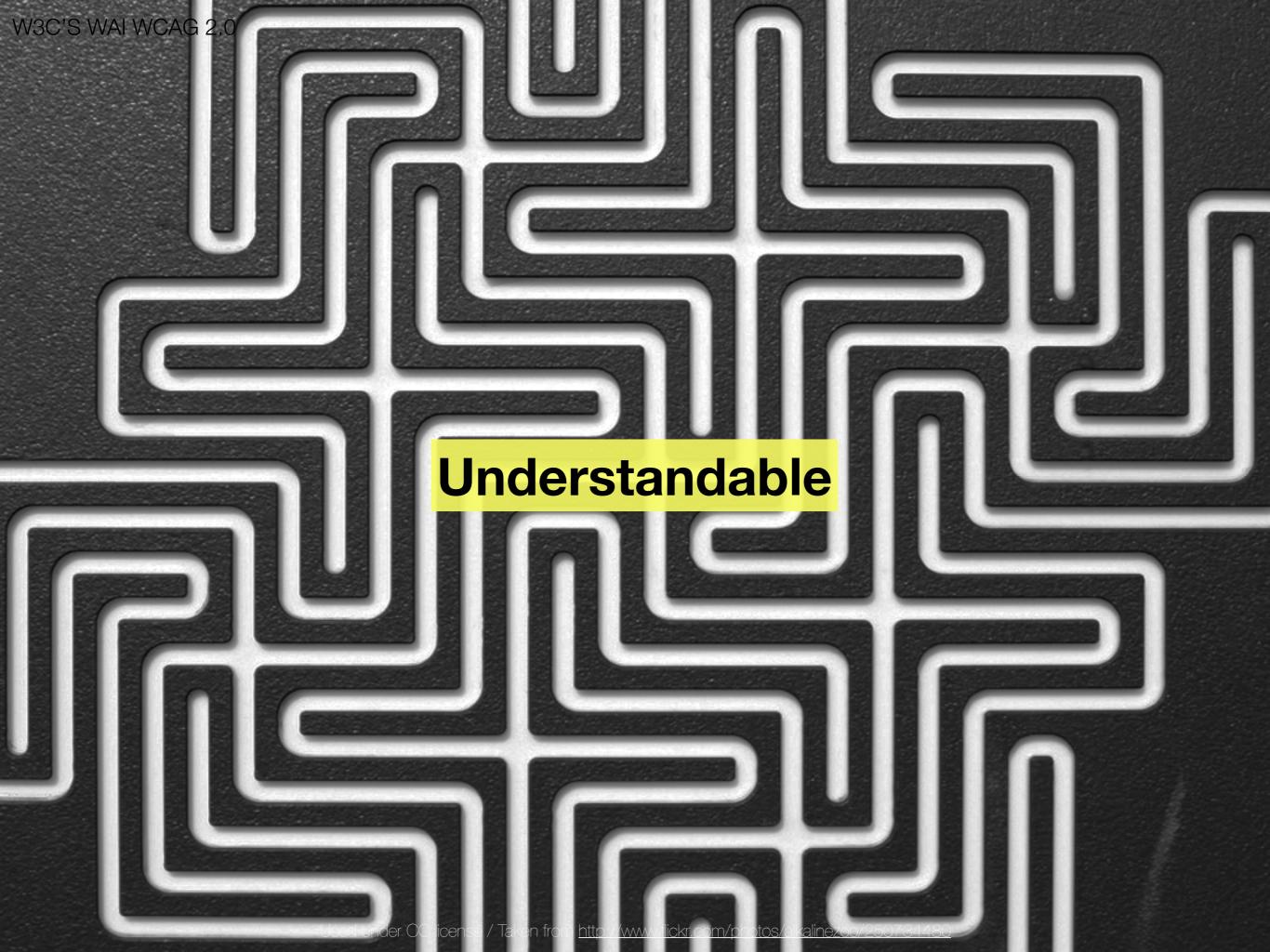
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Tips and tricks, and other things to think about

Nielsen's usability heuristics [1]

- 1. Visibility of system status
- 2. Match between system and the real world
- 3. User control and freedom
- 4. Consistency and standards
- 5. Error prevention
- 6. Recognition rather than recall
- 7. Flexibility and efficiency of use
- 8. Aesthetic and minimalist design
- Help users recognize, diagnose, and recover from errors
 Help and documentation

[1] <u>http://www.useit.com/papers/heuristic/heuristic_list.html</u>

Think about when you've felt 'disabled'

Avoid using difficult to read typefaces and sizes

Make sure there's sufficient contrast

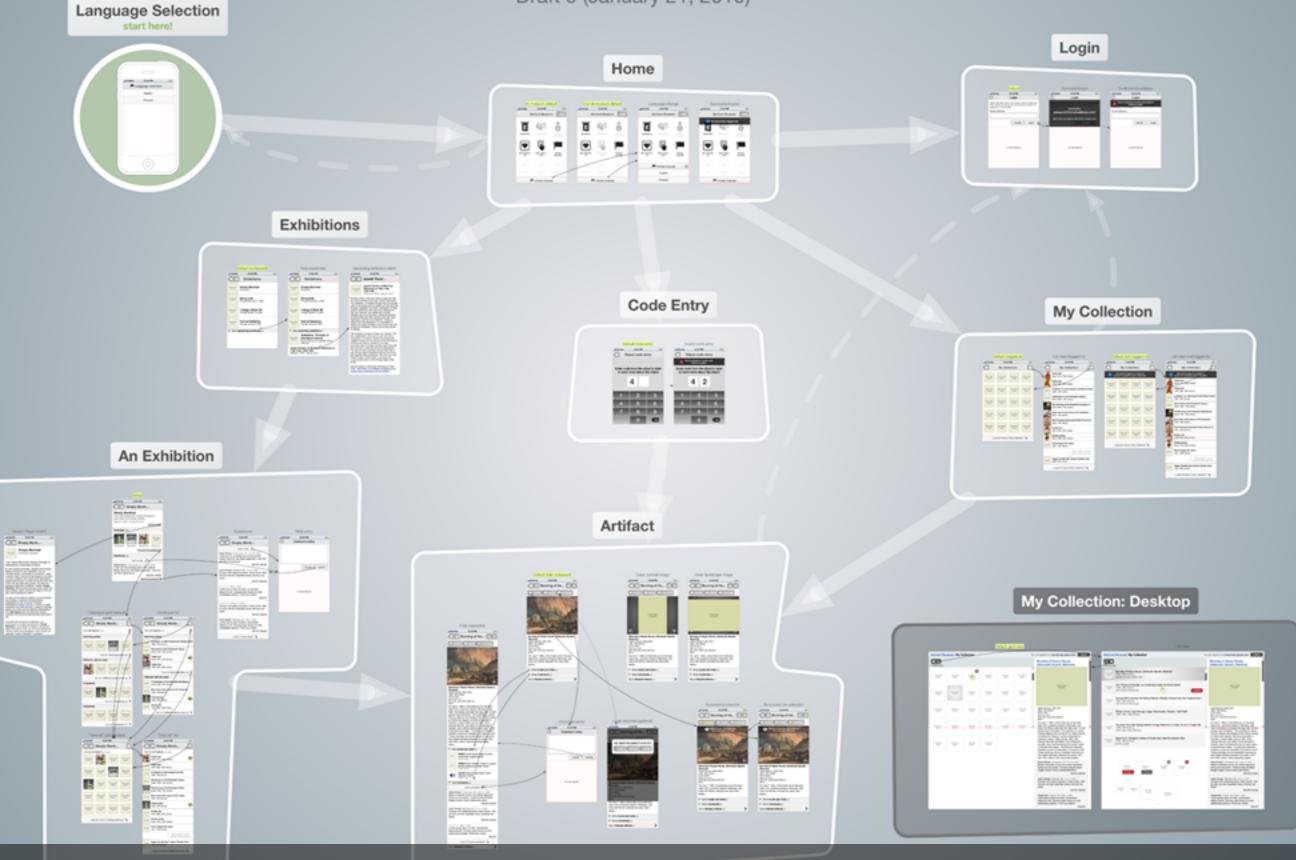
http://snook.ca/technical/colour_contrast/colour.html

Can colour-blind users use it?

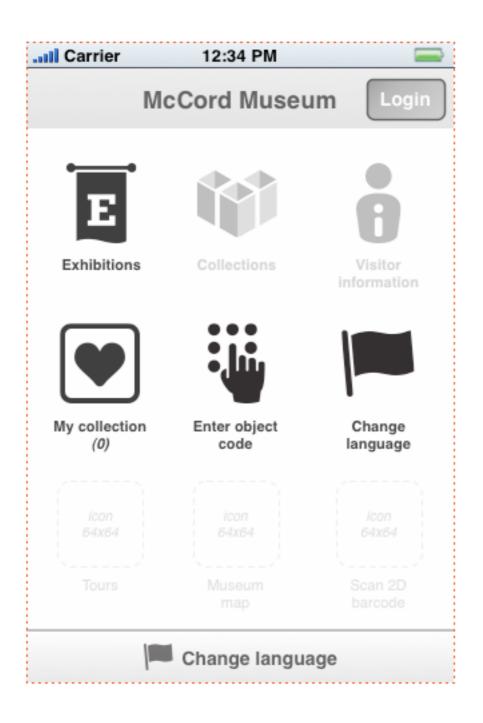
Accessible design isn't always visible

Fluid Engage: Interaction Flow for Mobile

Draft 9 (January 21, 2010)



Mobile interface design



Mobile interface design: Home screen



Mobile interface design: Object code entry



Accessible design doesn't have to be ugly design

Provide multiple/alternate content modalities

Landscape of alternatives, transformations, customizations



Make the input targets easy to trigger

Can you use it with just a keyboard?

Be wary of using time-sensitive interactions

Keep your content well-structured

Think plasticity & transformability



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