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User centered design

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PEW Internet & American Life Project collects self-report data on what people do (or don't) online...

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BUT the way people interact with government is still evolving...





Information searches that solve problems How people use the internet, libraries, and ent agencies when they need help



The way people interact with government **depends on the problem** they are trying to solve.



Reminder For some tasks people still want to interact with other people.

Not websites.



Evidence-driven DESIGN

What is User-centered design?

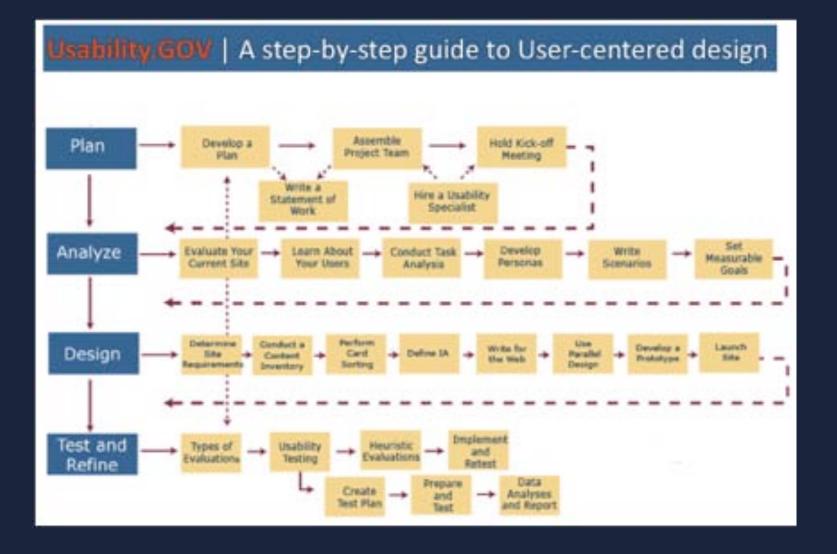


User-centered design (UCD) is a **process** in which the needs, wants, and limitations of the end user of an interface or document are given extensive attention at each stage of the design process. User-centered design can be characterized as a **multi-stage** problem solving process that not only requires designers to **analyze** how users are likely to use an interface, but also to **test** the validity of their assumptions with regards to user behaviour in real world tests **with actual users**.

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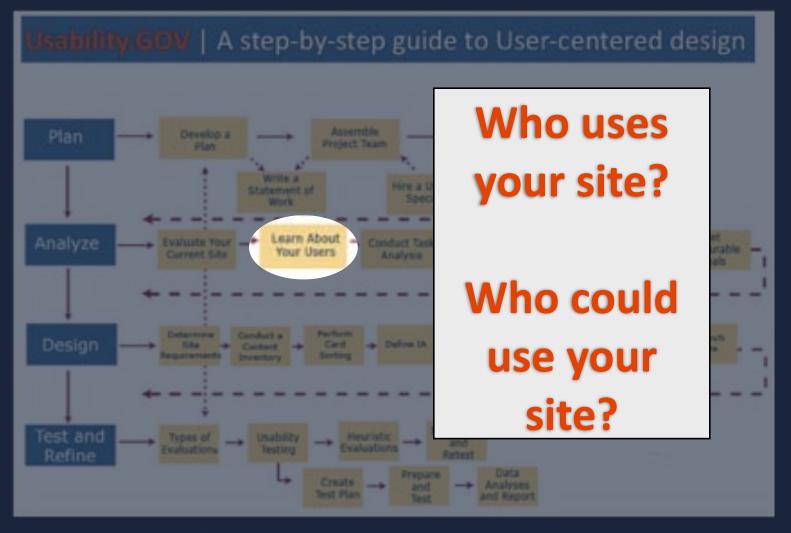
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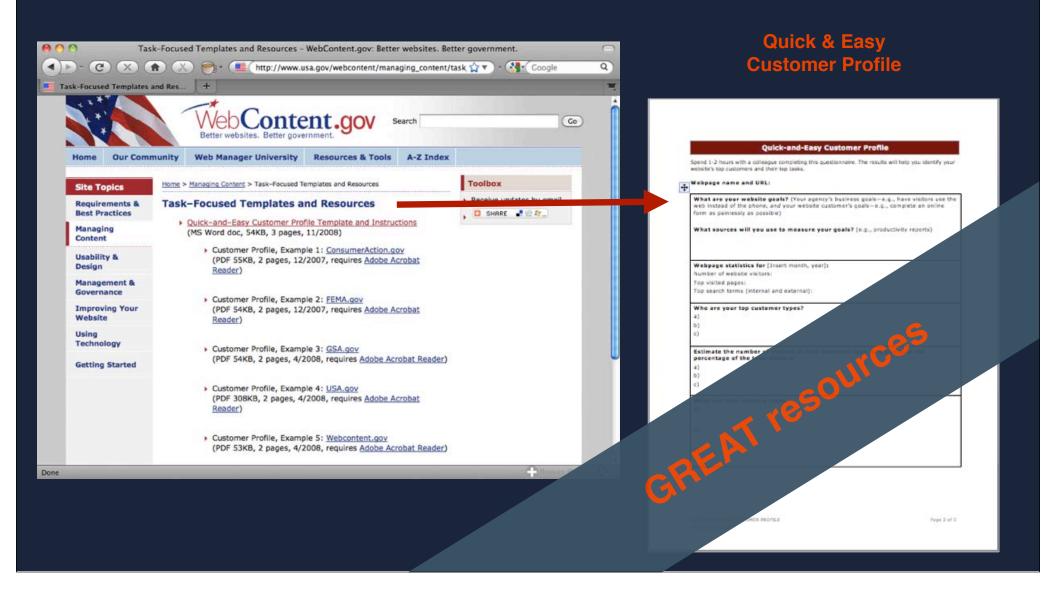
Take-away User-centered design is an Iterative process



Usability tip: Usabilty.gov has tools to help you do these things.

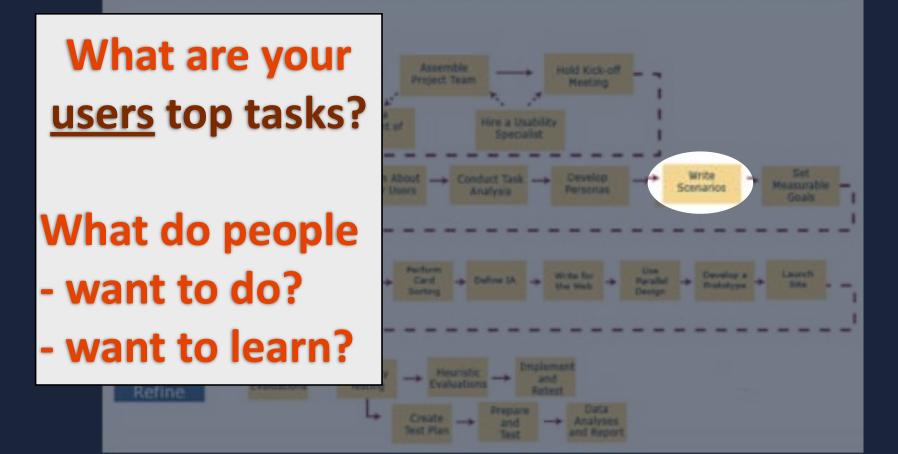


Usability tip: Sometimes your obvious users are not your primary users.



Take-away The first step in the process is to KNOW YOUT USETS

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Usability tip: Prioritize top tasks according to agency mission and the user goals.



Usability tip: Learn your users' top 2 or 3 tasks. Get those right first.

Eyetracking is a research technique that lets us watch where people look how long they look there.

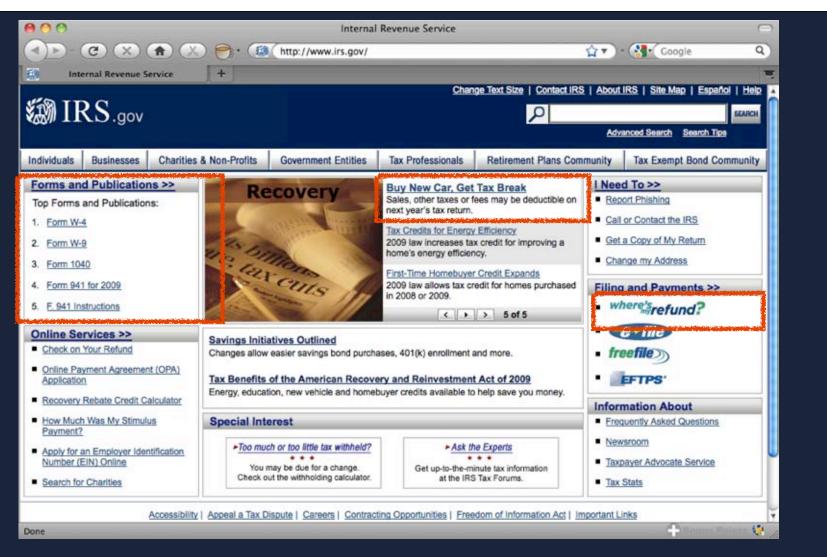


Usability tip: Put important things where people will naturally "trip over them"

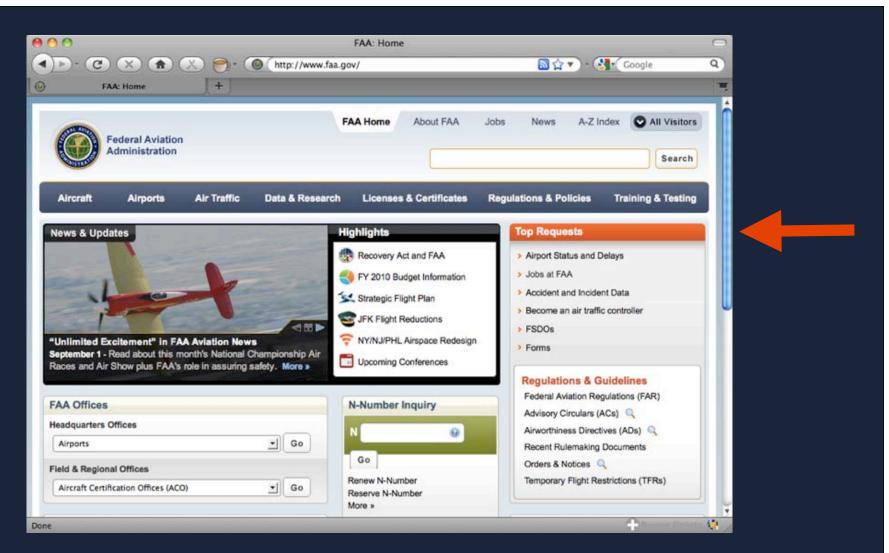
Shameless plug:

Learn more about eyetracking and other usability research @ the Web Manager University Reseach in Practice December 9th.





Usability tip: Put the information that people want where they look first.



Usability tip: Design elements like bright colors draw user's attention to key content.

Take-away Great websites help people do a tew top tasks really well.

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Benefits of Usable Websites

Citizen get MORE done more efficiently
 GovStaff does MORE meaningful work
 Getting things done costs LESS

Why WEBSITES FAIL





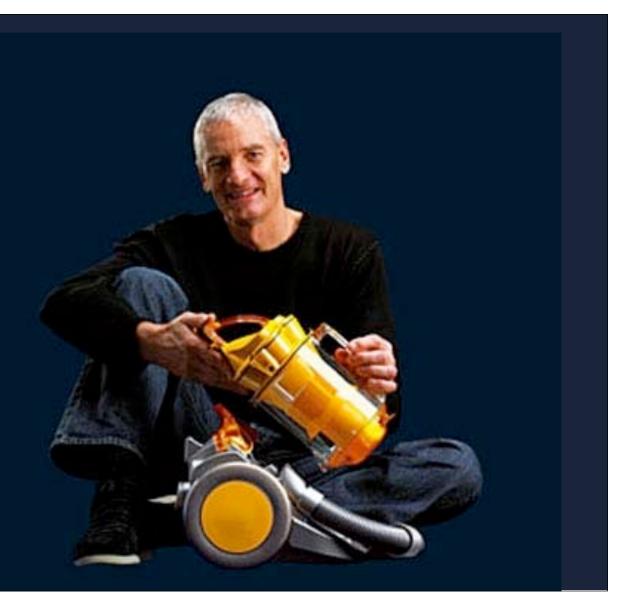
"You put your hands under other dryers, rub them a bit, then give up and wipe your hands on your trousers. It's something that's always annoyed me."

James Dyson























If you watch people use this*

 They put their hands in.
 They try to rub them a bit
 They give up ... and wipe their hands on their trousers.



Usability Tip: Observing people in the field is a form of usability testing.



 They put their hands.
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Usability Tip: In usability terms this is a "mental model mismatch"

Take-away Tasks feel easy when they reflect the mental model that the user already has.

Other common problems cited by usability test participants

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"I know its here, I just cant find it"



Watch representative users try to do their top tasks.

Can they.... 1. Find what they need 2. Understand it 3. Act on it

Usability tip: Its important to watch REPRESENTATIVE users. Not your workmates.

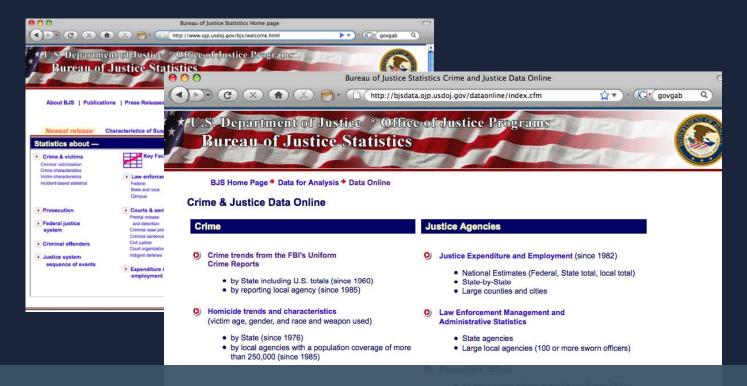


GREAT resource

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Testing doesn't always need to be formal. Guerilla testing works, too.

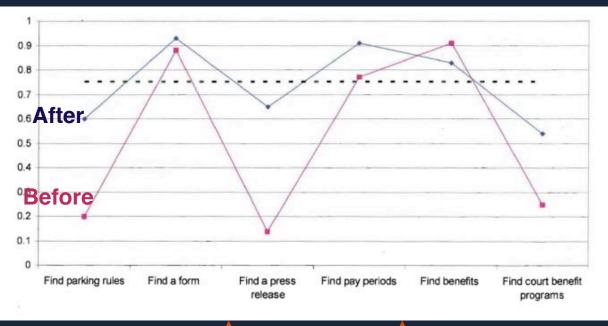
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Usability tip: Guerilla testing means using paper prototypes to test a few tasks with a few people.

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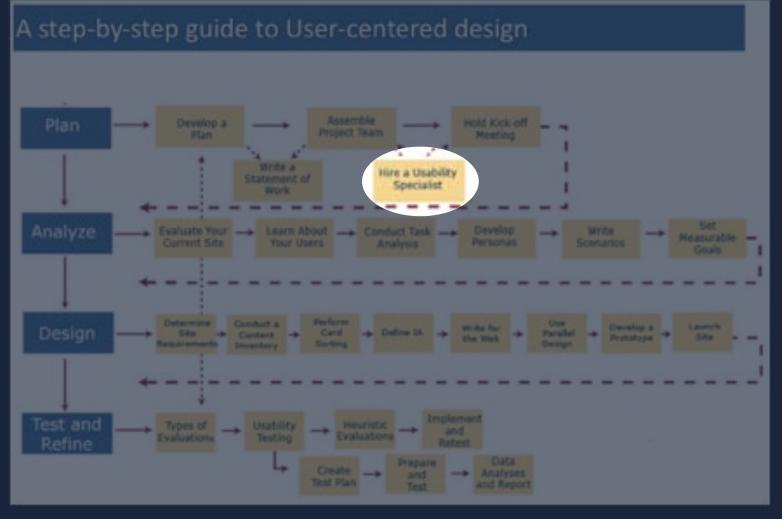




Small, VISIBLE incremental steps.

Usability tip: Mature usability programs, tracks improvement on top tasks over time.

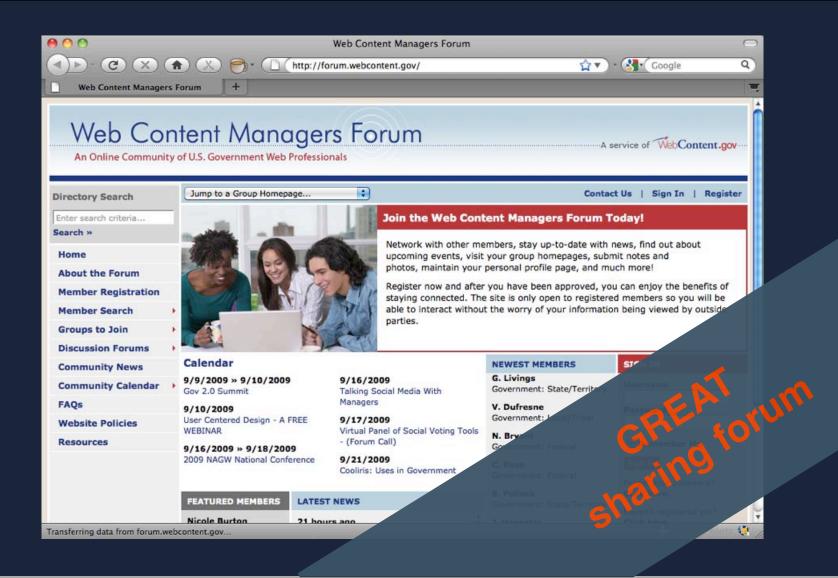
Take-away User centered design is an iterative process



The Federal Government has many specialists and many resources (like web cotent.gov) for people who want to learn more.

Usability tip: A good usability specialist will also mentor your web team as he or she works.





Take-away The best websites are evidence-driven.

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Take-away People use websites that help them get things done.

If you do nothing else



 Make a list of your top tasks
 Watch real users try to do them (better yet conduct usability testing)

3. Learn more Tools and Information Learning opportunities

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Top Citizen-to-Government Tasks

Learn things Do things Participate in government

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	TEENS	GEN Y	GEN X	Younger Boomers	Older Boomers	Silent Generation	G.I. Generation
1	Play Games	Email	Email	Email	Email	Email	Email
2	Email	Search	Search	Search	Search	Search	Search
3	Instant Message	Research Product	Research Product	Research product	Get health info	Research	Get health info
4	Visit SNS	Get News	Get Health Info	Get health info	Research product	Get health info	Make travel reserv
5	Get News	Watch Video	Buy Something	Get news	Buy something	Make travel reser.	Research product

The channels and tools that you use determine who you reach.

18	-	Read Blog	Rate product	Play games	IM	Download	Podcast
19	-	Download Video	Read blog	Download music	Download music	Download video	Research for job
20	-	Rate Product	Download video	Download video	Download video	Get job info	Auction
21	-	Get Religious Info	Auction	Visit SNS	Podcast	Visit SNS	Create blog
22	-	Auction	Create SNS profile	Podcast	Visit SNS	Podcast	Download music
23	-	Podcast	Podcast	Create SNS profile	Create SNS profile	Create blog	Visit SNS
24	-	Create Blog	Create Blog	Create Blog	Create Blog	Create SNS profile	Create SNS profile
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