

Scalable Personalized Adaptive (Computer) Accessibility

Krzysztof Z. Gajos



HARVARD

School of Engineering
and Applied Sciences











ESTABLISHED FOR ADVANCEMENT AND

MIT
INVENT
ONE COMMUNITY TOGETHER IN SERVICE

MIT
DESIGN
ONE COMMUNITY TOGETHER IN SERVICE

CAUTION
CONSTRUCTION
WORKERS
OUTSIDE


















**ACCESSIBLE
PATH**
Men Group First Floor
All Men Campus Use
Third Floor Elevators

Alternate Route
Business Center To
Building 10 Elevators







It's not enough to make access
possible

You have to ensure that access is
equitable

Definition of Disability?

Definition of Disability?

- **Health condition?**

A disease, disorder, injury, or trauma

- **Impairment?**

A loss or abnormality of body structure or function

- **Disability?**

Activity limitations: Difficulties an individual may have in executing a task or action

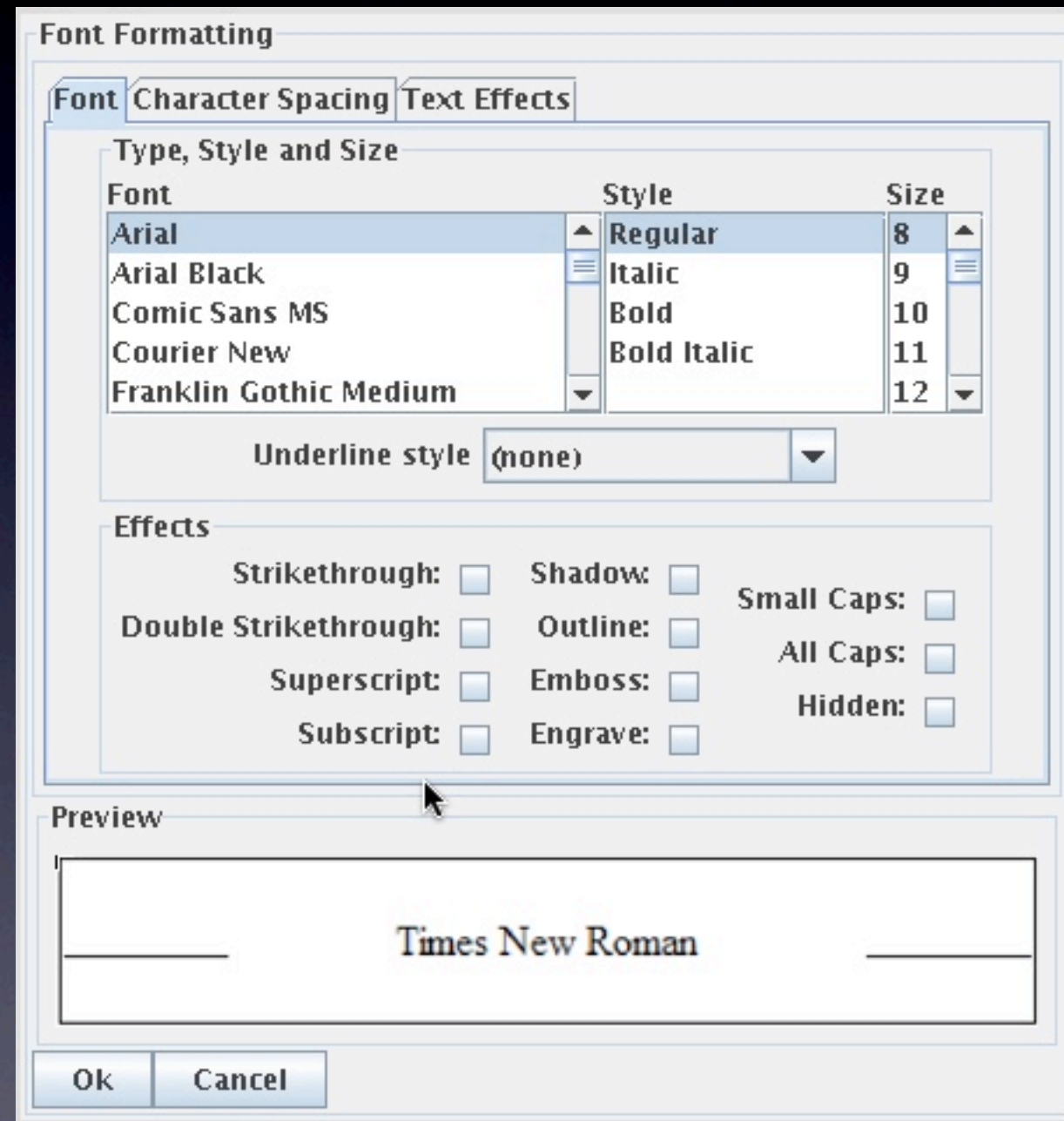
- **Handicap?**

Participation restrictions: Problems an individual may experience in involvement in life situations

A Vision for Equitable (Computer) Accessibility

- Interfaces **share** the burden of adaptation
- Accessibility solutions are **personalized**
- Accessibility solutions are **adaptive**
- Solutions can **scale** to millions of individuals

Supple Project



Font Formatting

Font Character Spacing Text Effects

Type, Style and Size

Font

Arial

Arial Black

Comic Sans MS

Courier New

Franklin Gothic Medium

Italic

Gautami

Georgia

Helvetica

Latha

Lucida Console

Lucida Sans Unicode

Microsoft Sans Serif

Modern MS Sans Serif

MS Serif

Mv Boli

Palatino Linotype

Roman

Script

Small Fonts

Style

Regular

Italic

Bold

Bold Italic

Size

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

27

Underline style

☒ (none)

☐ Single solid

☐ Double solid

☐ Dotted

☐ Dashed

☐ Wavy

Effects

☐ Strikethrough

☐ Double Strikethrough

☐ Superscript

☐ Subscript

☐ Shadow

☐ Outline

☐ Emboss

☐ Engrave

☐ Small Caps

☐ All Caps

☐ Hidden

Ok

Cancel

Preview

Times New Roman

Font Formatting

FontCharacter SpacingText Effects

Type, Style and Size

Font	Style	Size	Underline style
Arial	Regular	8	(none)
Arial Black	Italic	9	
Comic Sans MS	Bold	10	Single solid
Courier New	Bold Italic	11	
Franklin Gothic Medium		12	Double solid
Italic		13	
Gautami		14	
Georgia		15	
Helvetica		16	
Latha		17	
Lucida Console		18	Dotted
Lucida Sans Unicode		19	
Microsoft Sans Serif		20	
Modern MS Sans Serif		21	
MS Serif		22	Dashed
Mv Boli		23	
Palatino Linotype		24	
Roman		25	
Script		26	Wavy
Small Fonts		27	

Effects

☐ Strikethrough

☐ Double Strikethrough

☐ Superscript

☐ Subscript

☐ Shadow

☐ Outline

☐ Emboss

☐ Engrave

☐ Small Caps

☐ All Caps

☐ Hidden

Ok

Cancel

Preview

Times New Roman

Font Formatting

Font

Type, Style and Size

Font	Style	Size
Arial	Regular	8
Arial Black	Italic	9
Comic Sans MS	Bold	10
Courier New	Bold Italic	11
Franklin Gothic Medium		12
Italic		13
Gautami		14
Georgia		15
Helvetica		16
Latha		17
Lucida Console		18
Lucida Sans Unicode		19
Microsoft Sans Serif		20
Modern MS Sans Serif		21
MS Serif		22
Mv Boli		23
Palatino Linotype		24
Roman		25
Script		26
Small Fonts		27
Symbol		28
Tahoma		29

Underline style

- (none)
- Single solid
- Double solid
- Dotted
- Dashed
- Wavy

Effects

- ☐ Strikethrough
- ☐ Double Strikethrough
- ☐ Superscript
- ☐ Subscript
- ☐ Shadow
- ☐ Outline
- ☐ Emboss
- ☐ Engrave
- ☐ Small Caps
- ☐ All Caps
- ☐ Hidden

Character Spacing

Scale

- 200%
- 150%
- 100%
- 90%
- 80%

Spacing

	By
Normal	0
Expanded	1
Condensed	2
	3
	4
	5
	6
	7
	8
	9

Position

	By
Normal	0
Raised	1
Lowered	2
	3
	4

☐ Kerning for fonts

Points and above

- 8
- 9
- 10
- 11
- 12
- 13
- 14
- 15
- 16
- 17

Text Effects

Animations

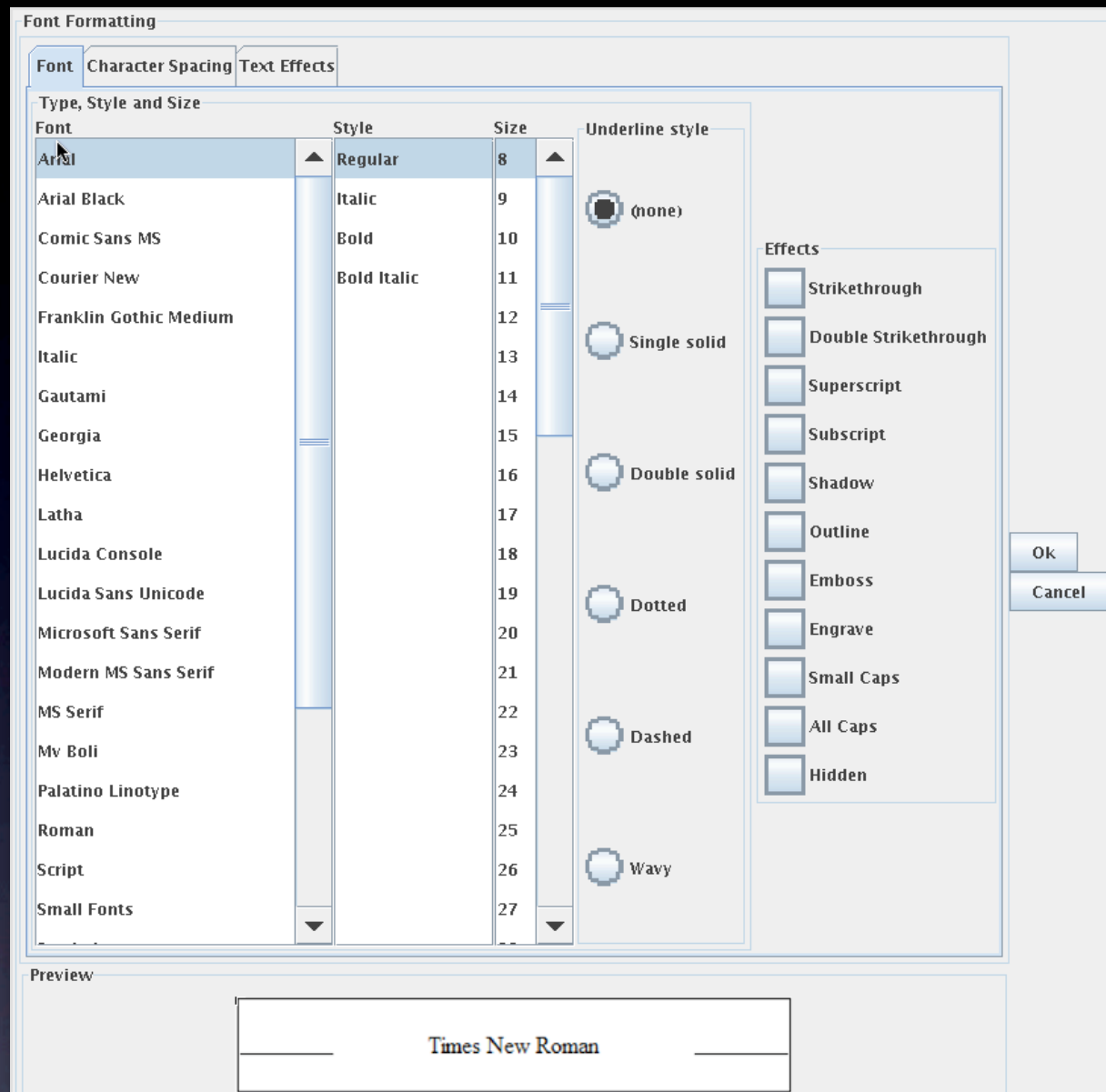
- (none)
- Blinking Background
- Las Vegas Lights
- Marching Black Ants
- Marching Red Ants
- Shimmer
- Sparkle Text

Ok

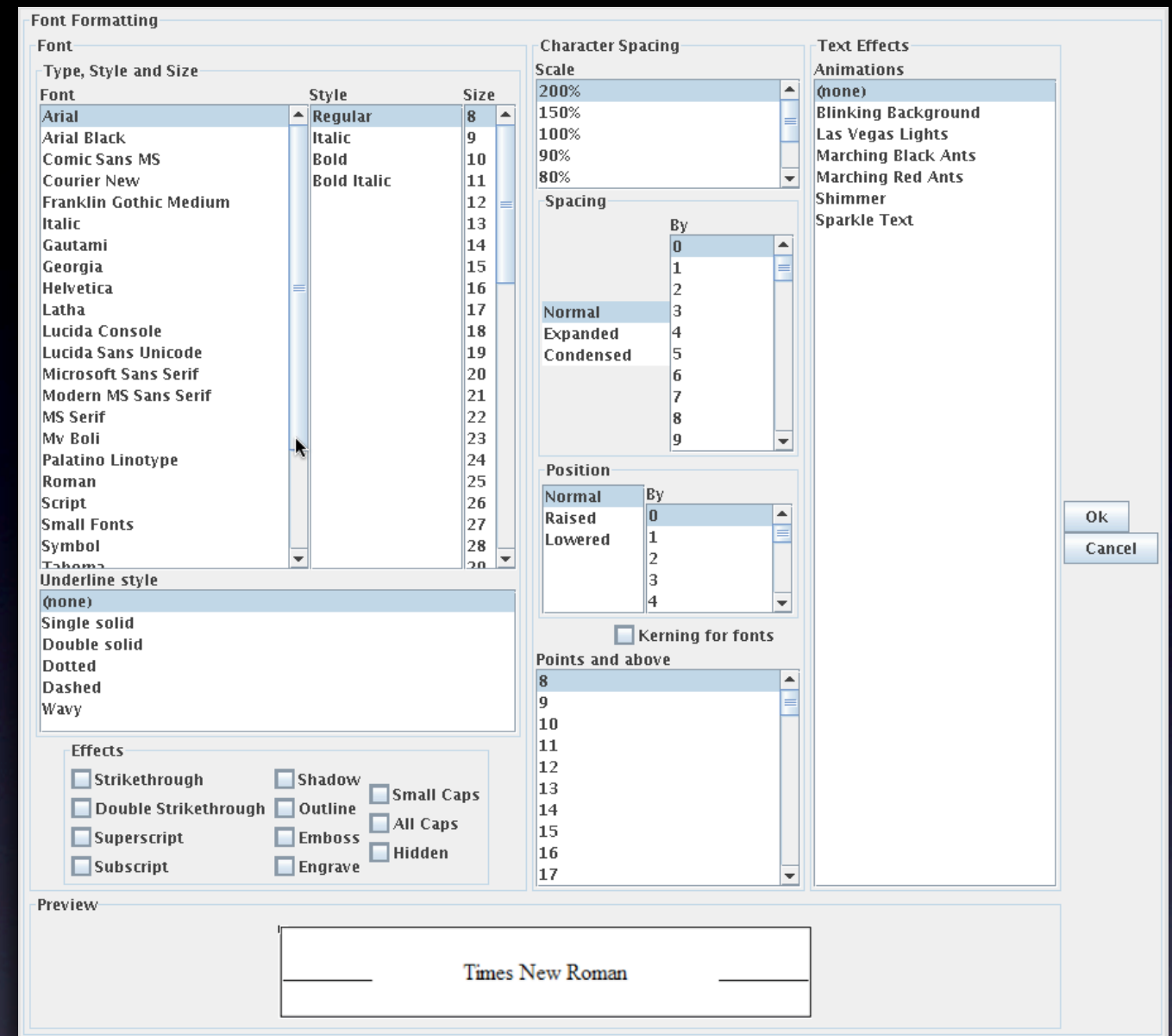
Cancel

Preview

Times New Roman

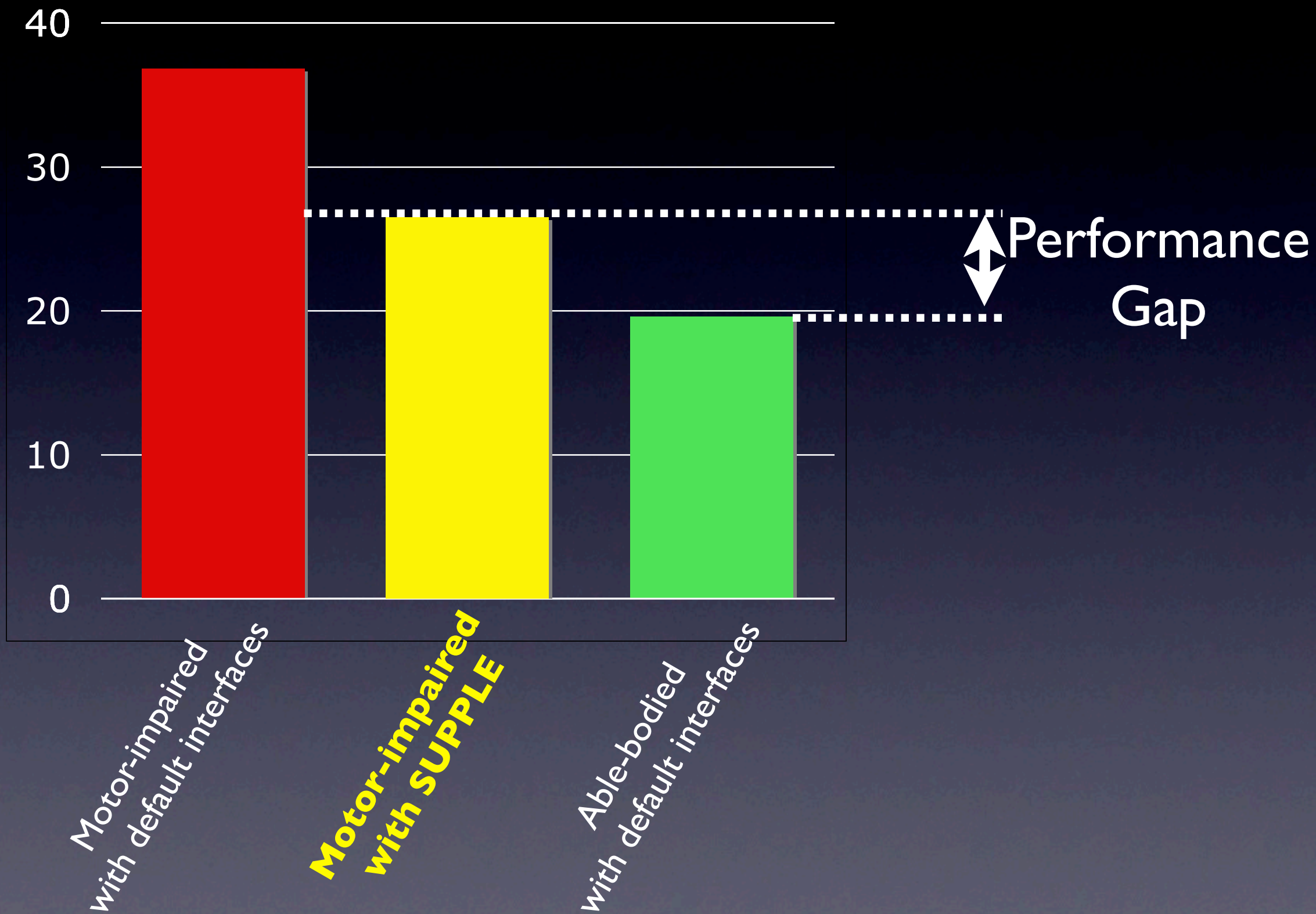


Impaired dexterity

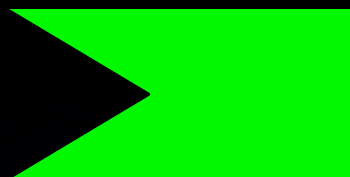
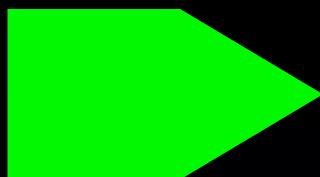


Low strength

Average Time to Complete
a set of tasks



Interfaces **share** the
burden of adaptation



Print
Printer

Name: Canon Photo

Status: Idle
Type: Ink jet
Where: Printer room

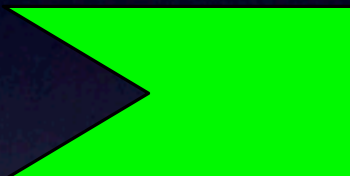
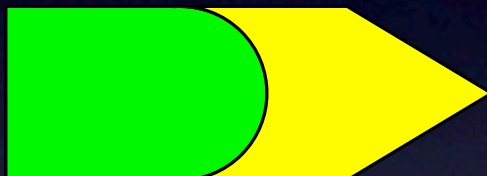
Page range: All (selected), Current Page, Pages

Copies: Number of copies: 1, Collate (checked)

Print Content: Print what: Document, Print: All pages in range

Zoom: Print what: 1 page, Scale to paper size: No Scaling

Ok Cancel



Print
Printer

Name: Canon Photo, Epson Stylus, HP Deskjet, Lexmark Inkjet, Xerox Phaser

Status: Idle
Type: Ink jet
Where: Printer room

Print to File (unchecked)
Manual Duplex (unchecked)

Page range: All (selected), Current Page, Pages

Copies: Number of copies: 1 to 10, Collate (checked)

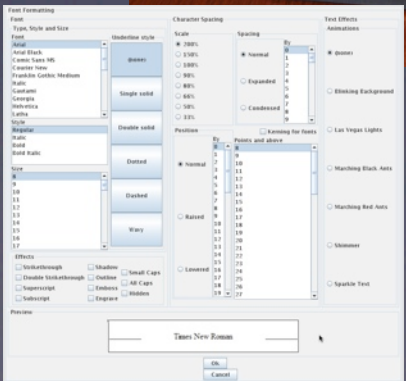
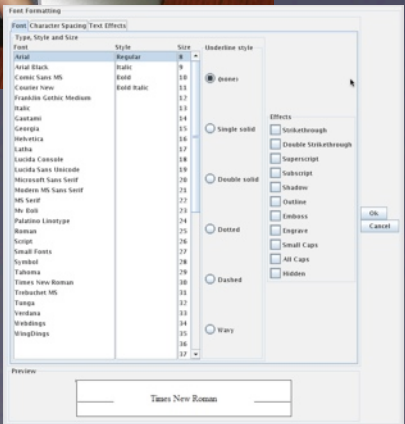
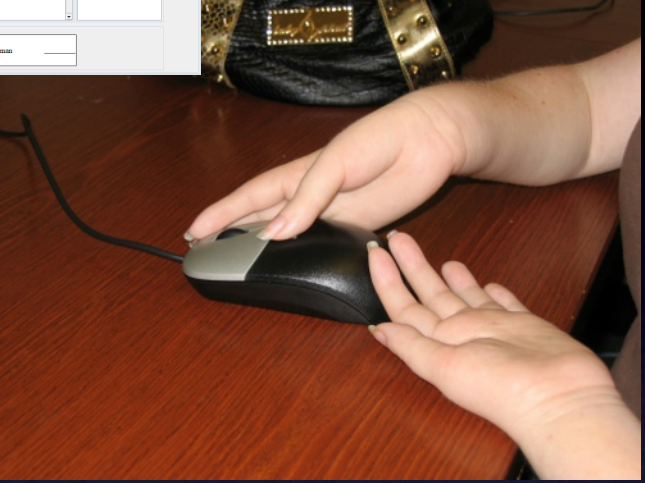
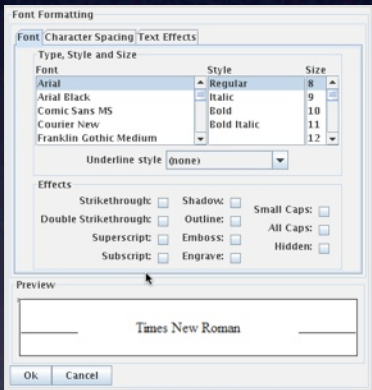
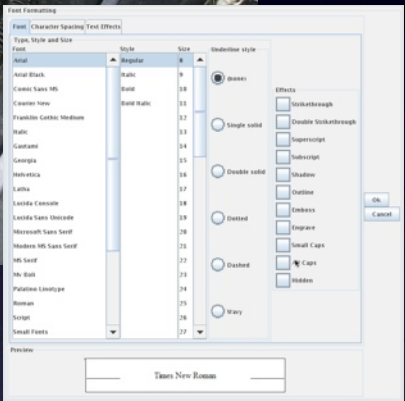
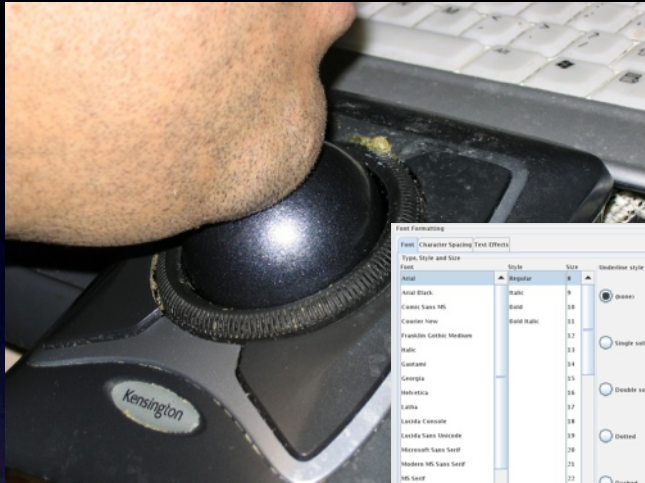
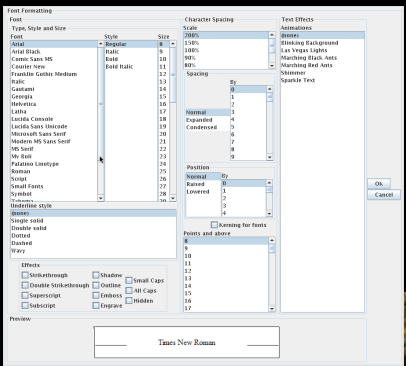
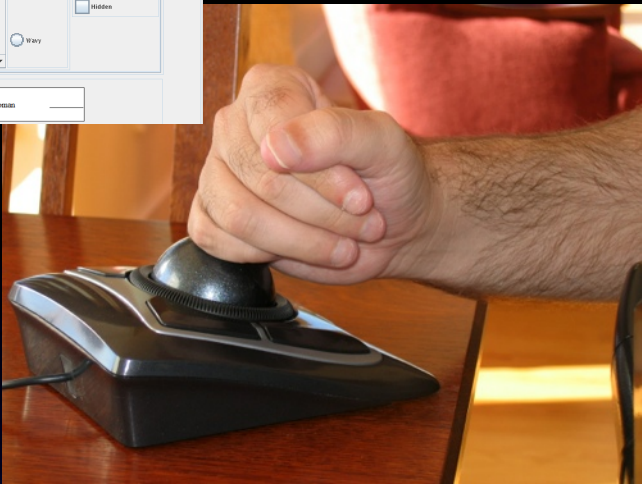
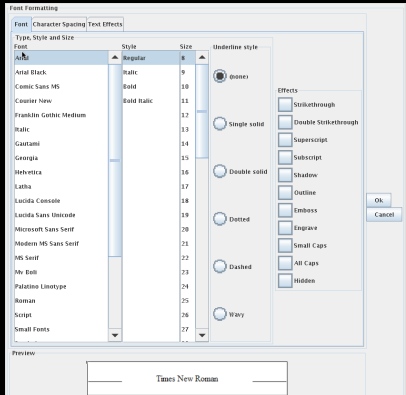
Print Content: Print what: Document, Document properties, Document showing markup, List of markup, Styles, AutoText entries, Key assignments

Zoom: Print what: 1 page, 2 pages, 4 pages, 6 pages, 8 pages, 16 pages, Scale to paper size: No Scaling, Letter, Legal, Executive, A4

Print: All pages in range (selected), Odd pages, Even pages

Ok Cancel



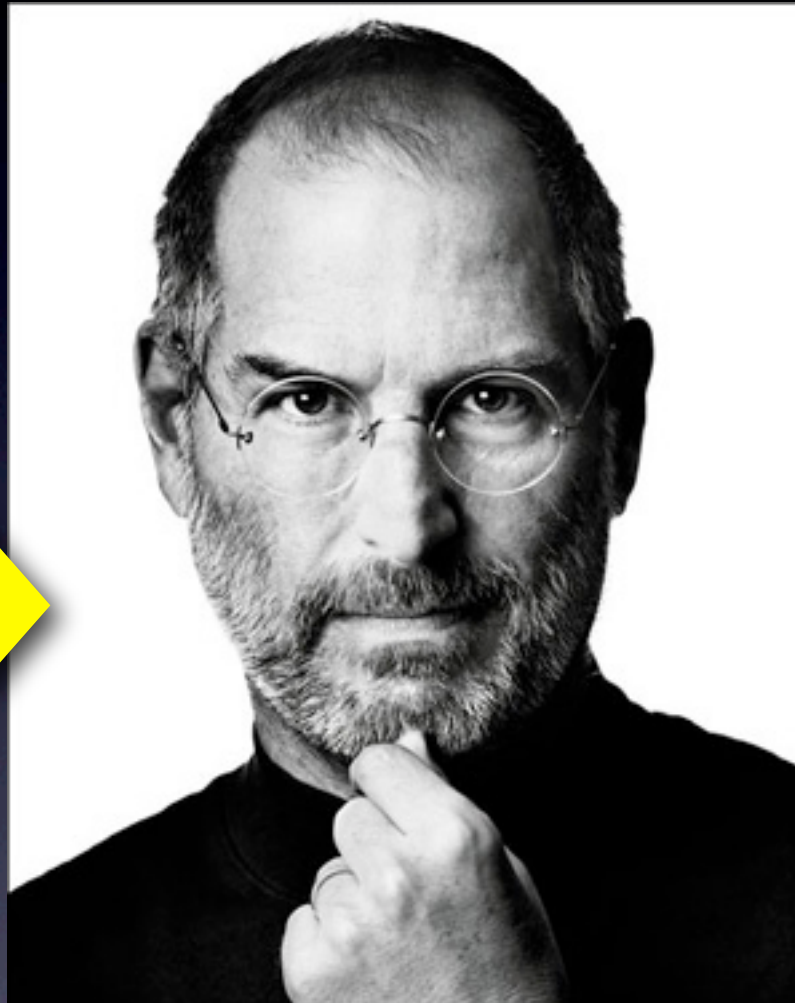


Solutions can **scale** to
millions of individuals

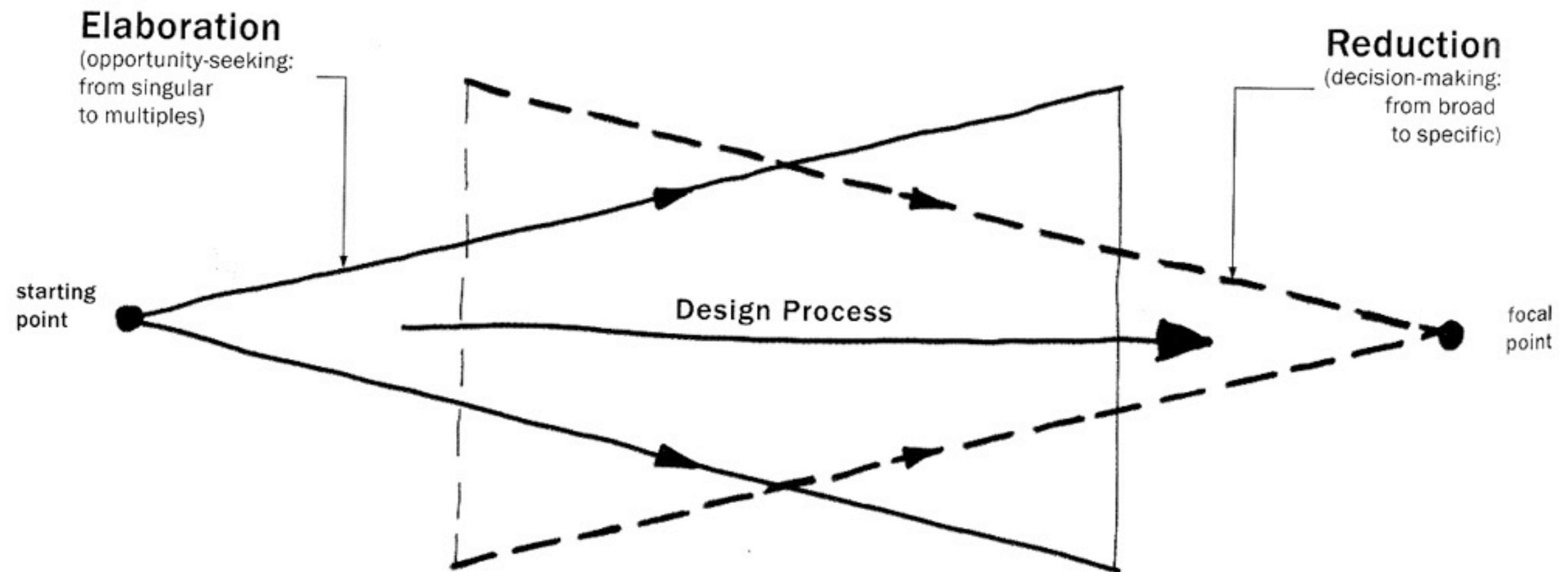
DESIGN

Design by Genius

Specification



Design by Exploration



[Buxton, Sketching User Experiences]



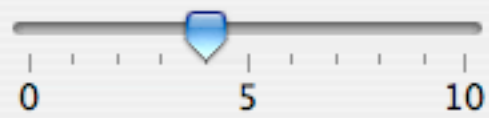
Supple: Stereo Example

Properties

Stereo

Power: ☒

Volume



X-Bass: ☐

Tape

Mode: ☒ Tape 1

☐ Tape 2

Reverse: ☐

Dolby Noise Reduction: ☐

< Play

Play >

Stop

Pause

Rewnd

FFwd

CD

Disc: 1

Track: 1

Play

Stop

Pause

Repeat: ☐

Random: ☐

Tuner

<< Seek

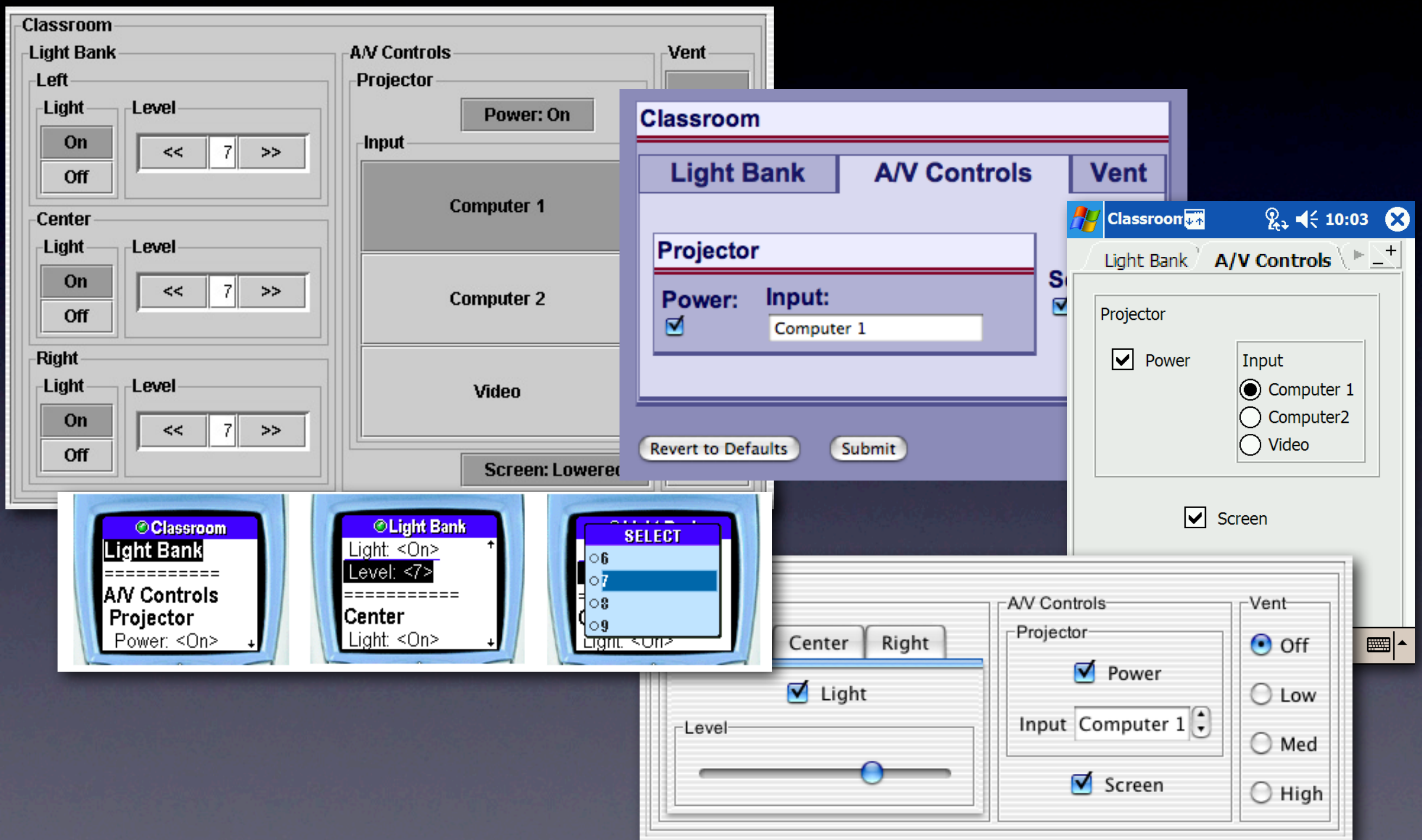
Frequency: 89

Seek >>

Band: ☒ FM

☐ AM

Adaptation to Devices



Folders

New

Rename

Delete

Expunge

Junk-E-Mail
Unerwünscht
Unbekannt2
Deleted Messages

Events

Messages

New

Reply

Forward

Delete

Move

05.02 12:53 PM Lucy Dunne <lucy.dunne@gmail.com> [Announcements] ISWC 2008: Ca
01.02 08:30 AM uwgradevents@u.washington.edu [UWgradevents] Career Events for Gra
31.01 05:20 PM Varshavsky Alex <walex@cs.toronto.edu> Pervasive 2008 Late Breakin
31.01 05:02 PM Varshavsky Alex <walex@cs.toronto.edu> Pervasive 2008 Late Breakin
26.10.07 50 AM avi2008@cib.na.cnr.it AVI2008: CALL FOR PAPERS

AS merged to form new full c
ernational Conference on Inte
nts] CFP: Special Issue on Per
Diagrams: CFP: Smart Graphi
/ASIVE 2005: Extended Work



Configuration

Rendering

Configuration

Accounts

Web.de IMAP
UW IMAP
Web.de POP3
.Mac (kgajos)
Fastmail

Details

Details

Account Details

Account Name: Web.de IMAP
Reply Address: supple@web.de
From Address: supple@web.de

Incoming Server

Protocol: ☒ imap
☐ pop3
Encrypted: ☐
Server: imap.web.de
User: supple
Password:

Outgoing Server

Authentication: ☒
Encrypted: ☐
Server: [#text: smtp.web.de
User: supple
Password:

Add Account

Remove Account

Save

Switch to Account

Workshop Deadlines, Ad...

the following workshops.

W2:International Workshop on Software Techniques for Embedded
and Pervasive Systems (STEPS), 2005
(deadline extended to March 1st)
<http://www.pervasive.ifi.lmu.de/workshop.html#W2>

Configuration

Status: Messages expunged.

Folders

New

Rename

Delete

Expunge

Junk-E-Mail
Unerwünscht
Unbekannt2
Deleted Messages
Events
INBOX
Entwurf
Papierkorb
Gesendet
Postausgang

Messages

New

Reply

Forward

Delete

Move

05.02 12:53 PM Lucy Dunne <lucy.dunne@gmail.com> [Announcements] ISWC 2008: Ca
01.02 08:30 AM uwgradevents@u.washington.edu [UWgradevents] Career Events for Gra
31.01 05:20 PM Varshavsky Alex <walex@cs.toronto.edu> Pervasive 2008 Late Breakin
31.01 05:02 PM Varshavsky Alex <walex@cs.toronto.edu> Pervasive 2008 Late Breakin
26.10 07:50 AM avi2008@cib.na.cnr.it AVI2008:CALL FOR PAPERS
29.01 07:22 PM Paul Robertson <paulr@csail.mit.edu> IWSAS merged to form new full c
07.06 08:50 PM Fang Chen <Fang.Chen@nicta.com.au> International Conference on Inte
04.04 08:29 AM Gulden Uchyigit <gu1@doc.ic.ac.uk> [agents] CFP: Special Issue on Per
04.01 06:47 AM P L Olivier <P.L.Olivier@newcastle.ac.uk> Diagrams: CFP: Smart Graphi
21.02 12:07 PM khai@cc.gatech.edu [Announcements] PERVASIVE 2005: Extended Work

Rendering

Details

Senders: khai@cc.gatech.edu
Date: Mon Feb 21 12:07:11 PST 2005
Recipients: announcements@ubicomp.org
Subject: [Announcements] PERVASIVE 2005: Extended Workshop Deadlines, Ad...

Content

<TEXT/PLAIN; charset=us-ascii>

*****ADVANCE PROGRAM / REGISTRATION*****
The advance program of PERVASIVE 2005 is now online
<http://www.pervasive.ifi.lmu.de/program.html>

The early registration deadline is March, 14th 2005
<http://www.pervasive.ifi.lmu.de/registration.html>
Registration for a workshop only is available.

*****WORKSHOP DEADLINES EXTENDED*****
Some Pervasive 2005 workshops have extended their
deadlines for another week. Please take advantage of the
opportunity to present your research results in one of
the following workshops:

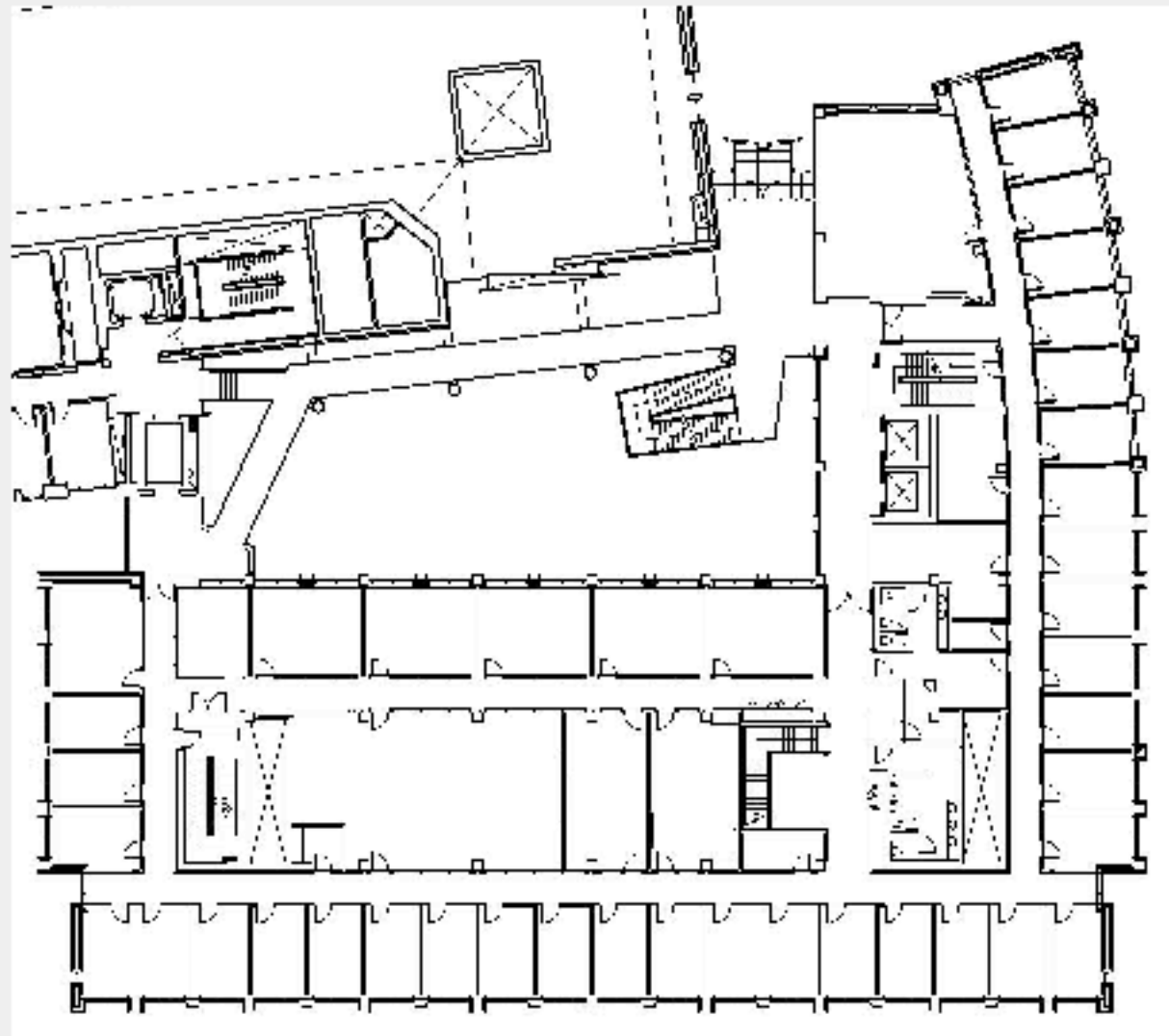
W2:International Workshop on Software Techniques for Embedded
and Pervasive Systems (STEPS), 2005
(deadline extended to March 1st)
<http://www.pervasive.ifi.lmu.de/workshop.html#W2>

W3:PerGames 2005: Second International Workshop on Pervasive
Gaming Applications

Map Demo

Pick a location

The Map



Location: (824.0,240.0)

Info

Photo

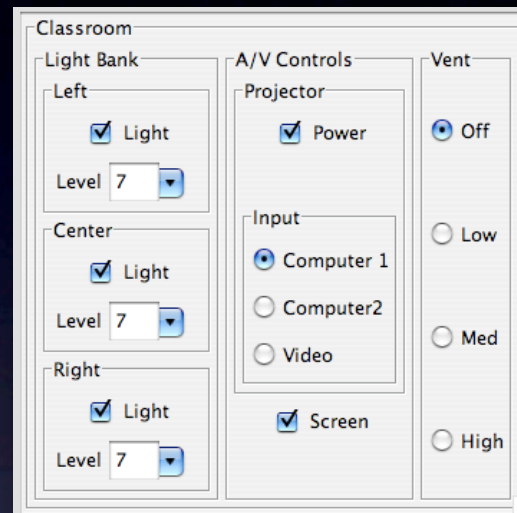


Name: Dan
Office: 588

Accessibility solutions
are **personalized**

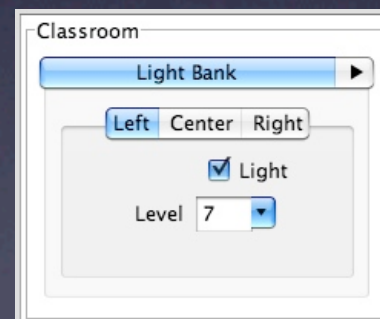
Evaluating Success

cost(



) = 4

cost(



) = 12

Concerns in UI Design

- Perceptual effort
- Cognitive effort
- Motor effort
- Aesthetics

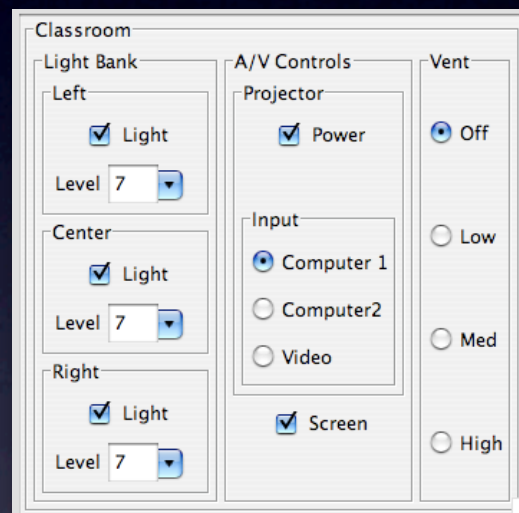
Concerns in UI Design

- Perceptual effort
- Cognitive effort
- **Motor effort**
- Aesthetics



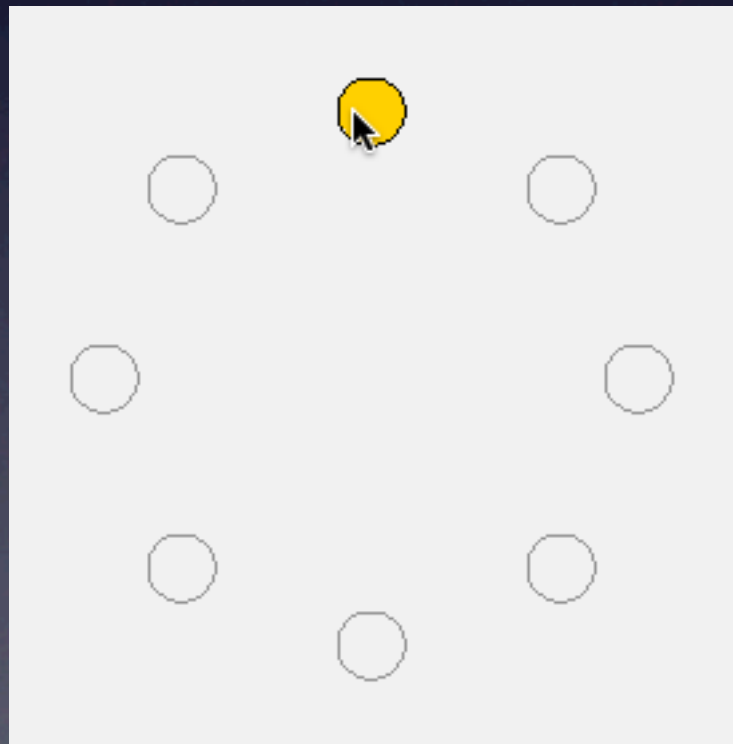
Adapting to Motor Abilities

cost() = time

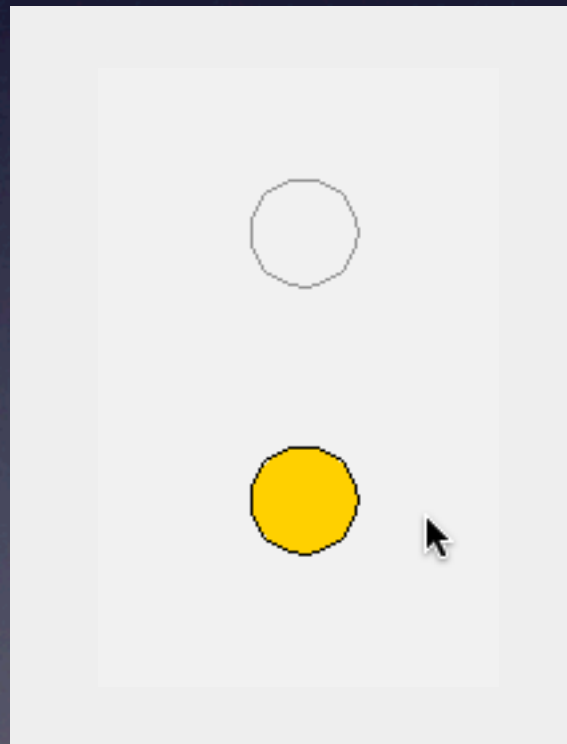


Collect Motor Performance Data

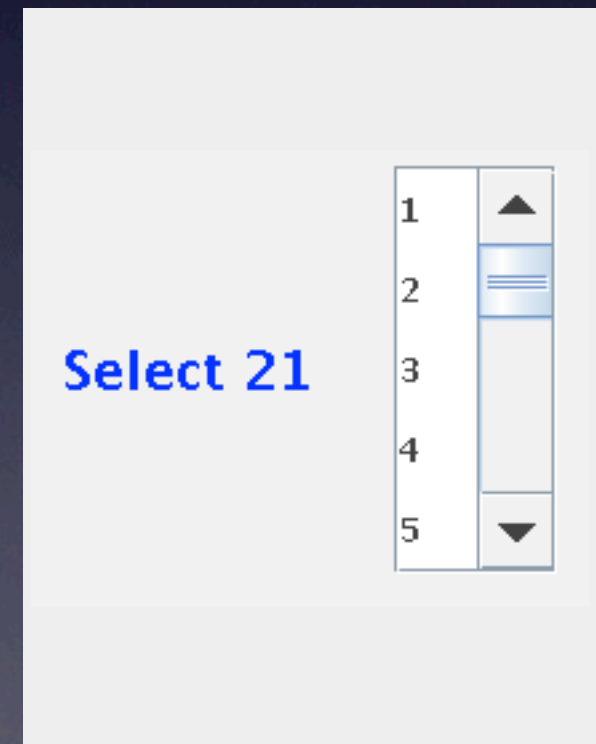
Pointing



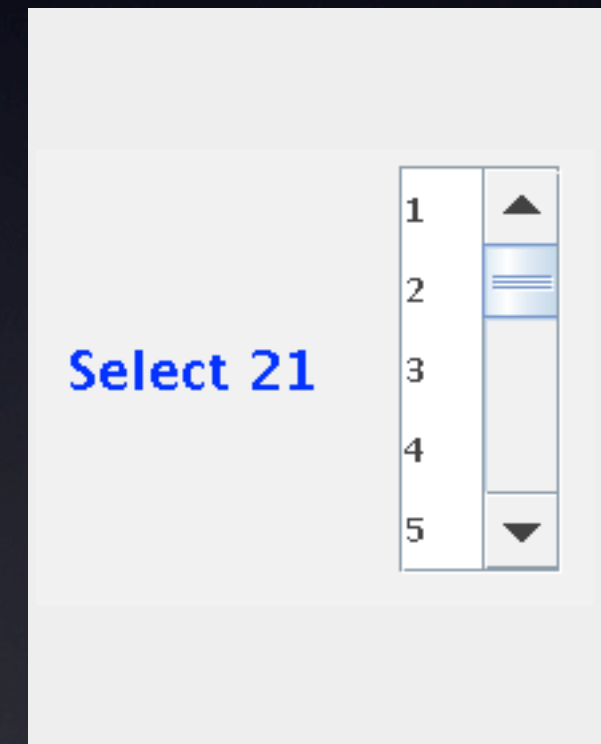
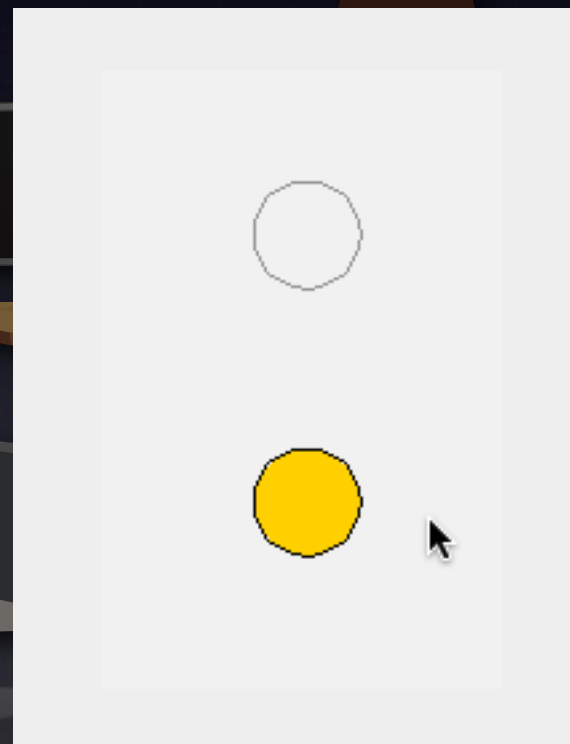
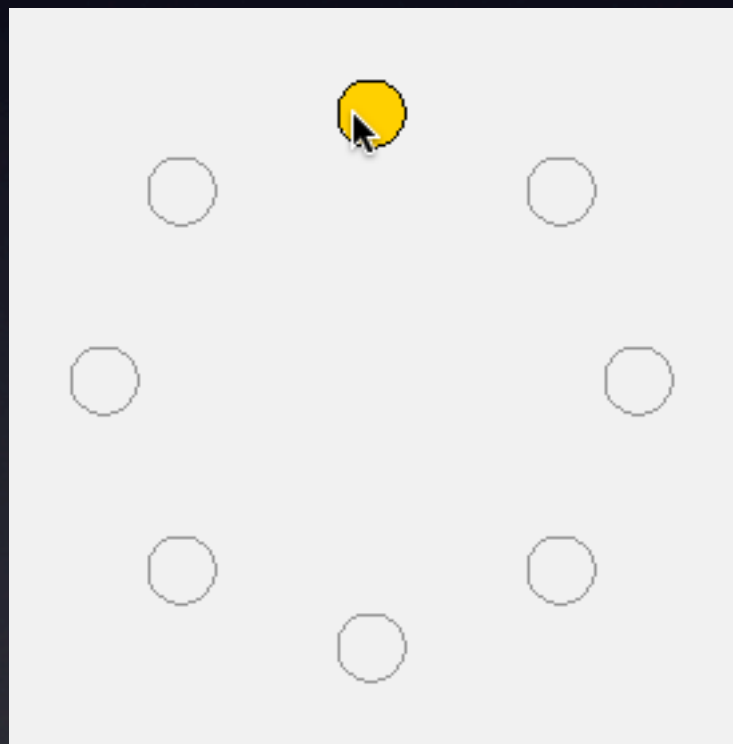
Dragging



List Selection

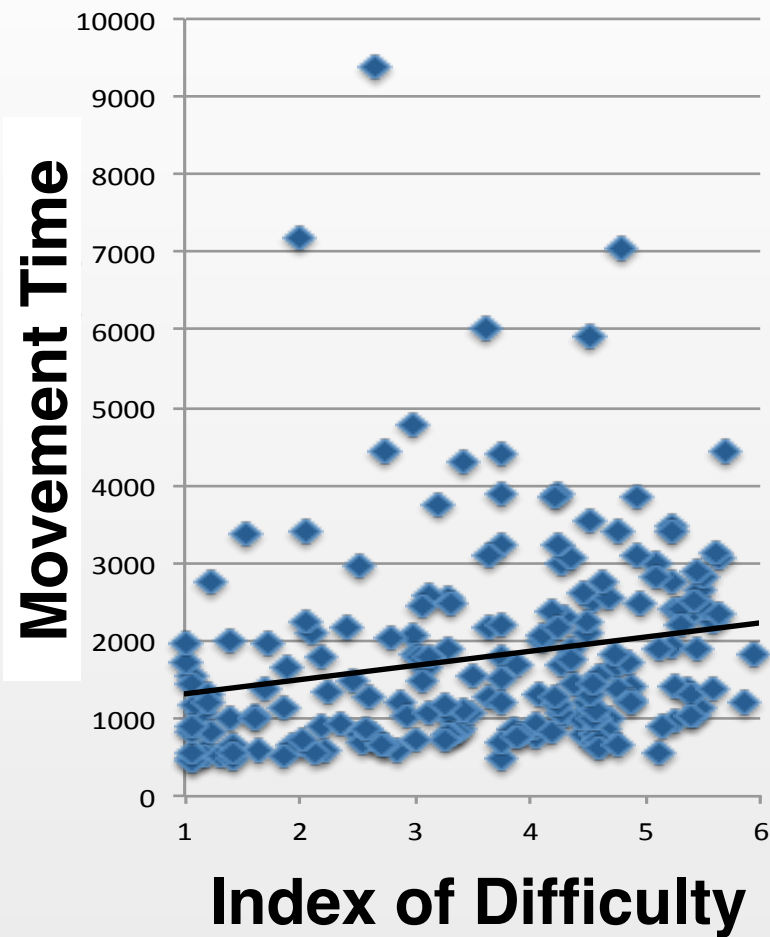


Accessibility solutions
are **adaptive**



What we get in the wild

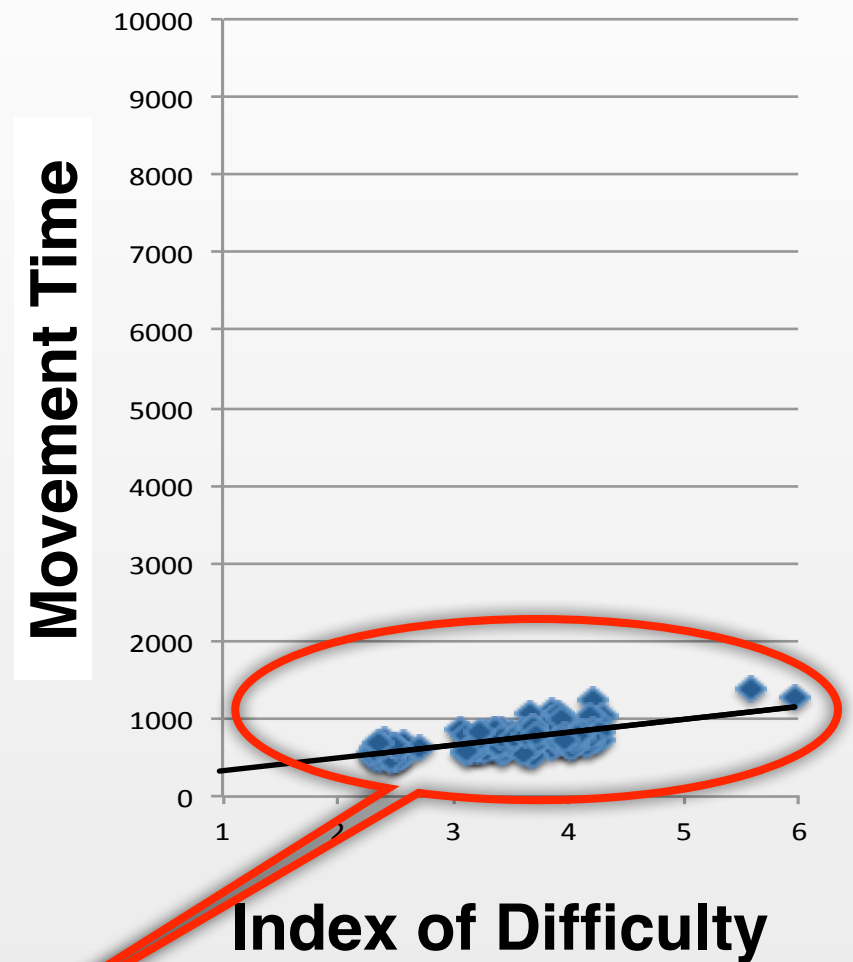
In Situ Observations



≠

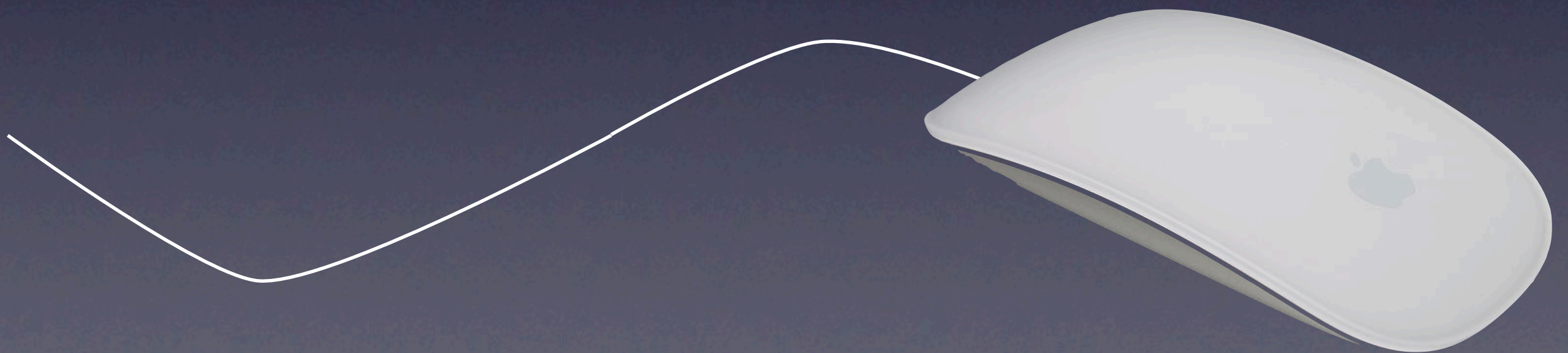
What we want

In Lab Observations



Deliberate, targeted movements

Deliberate,
targeted
movement?

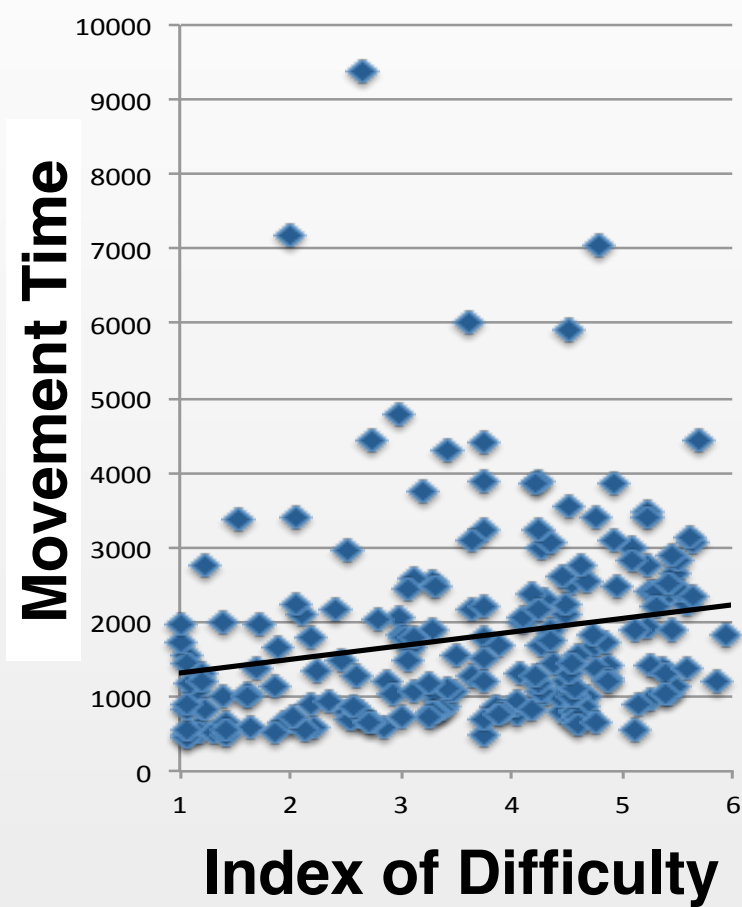


A Data-Driven Approach

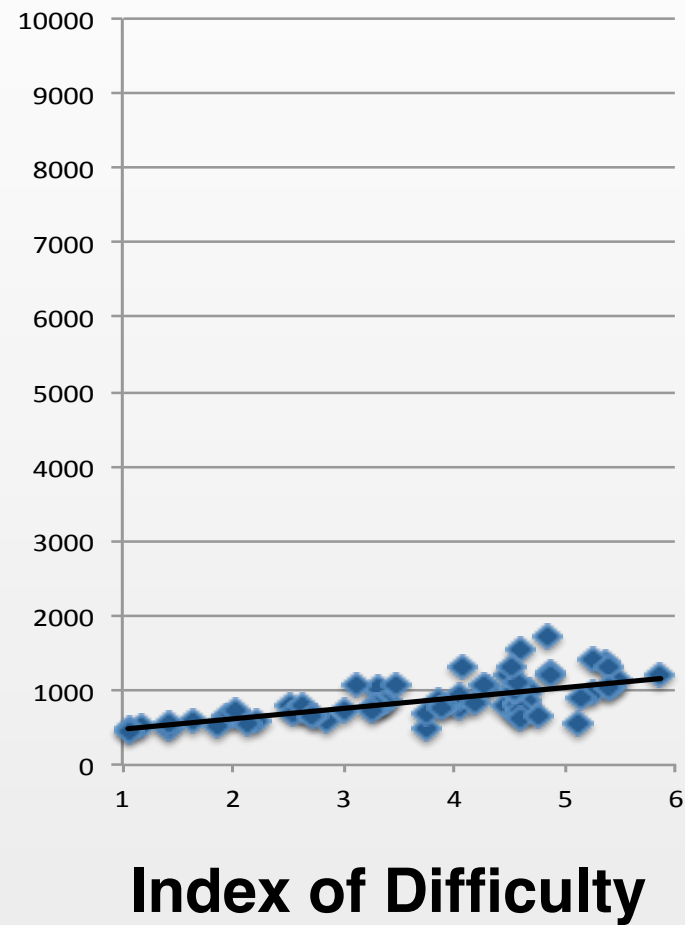


Results

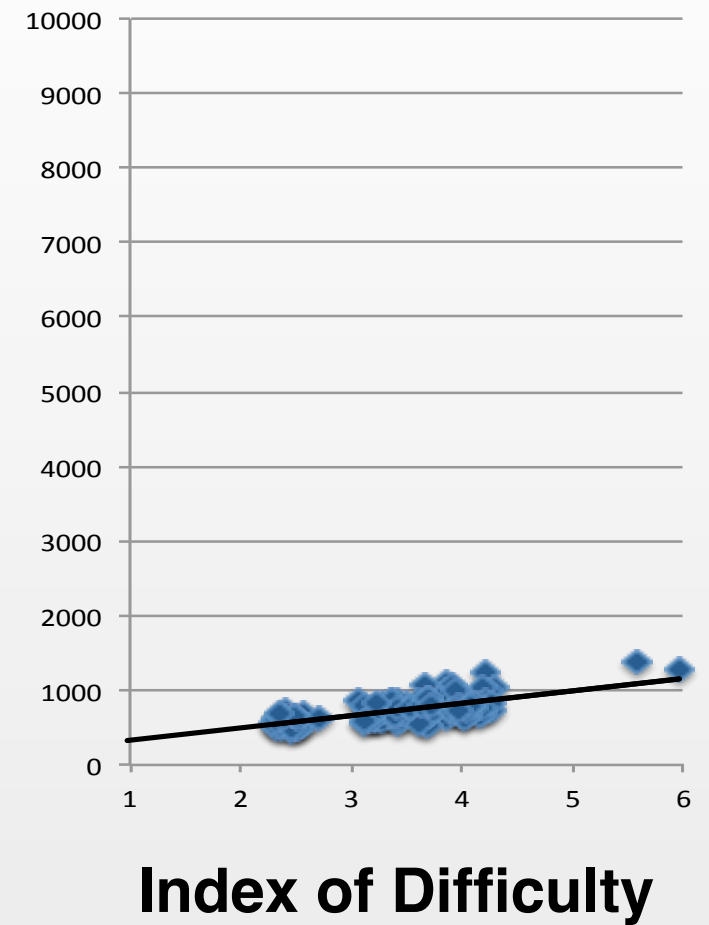
In Situ Observations



**In Situ Observations
Filtered**



In Lab Observations



SPR Web Project

SPR*Web*:

Preserving Subjective Responses
to Website Colour Schemes
through Automatic Recolouring

SPR Web

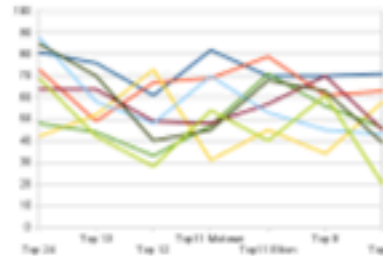
- Interfaces **share** the burden of adaptation
- Accessibility solutions are **personalized**
- Accessibility solutions are **adaptive** (not yet)
- Solutions can **scale** to millions of individuals

Age-related differences in
computer input
performance?



Trust us; you will love this test!

Take this test to see how well you can spot (un)trustworthy websites. This experiment takes around 12 minutes.

[Participate now!](#)


How do you predict future change?

Plot some points to see whether your way of predicting event trends is more American or Chinese. This experiment takes around 10 minutes.

[Participate now!](#)


What is your website aesthetic?

Compare your visual preferences to people around the world. This experiment takes around 10 minutes.

[Participate now!](#)


Test your social intelligence!

Test how well you can read emotions of others just by looking at their eyes. This experiment takes around 10 minutes.

[Participate now!](#)


Are you more Eastern or Western?

In this test, you will learn whether you are more sensitive to a focal object (as most Americans) or more attuned to the context (as many Japanese). This experiment takes around 8 minutes.

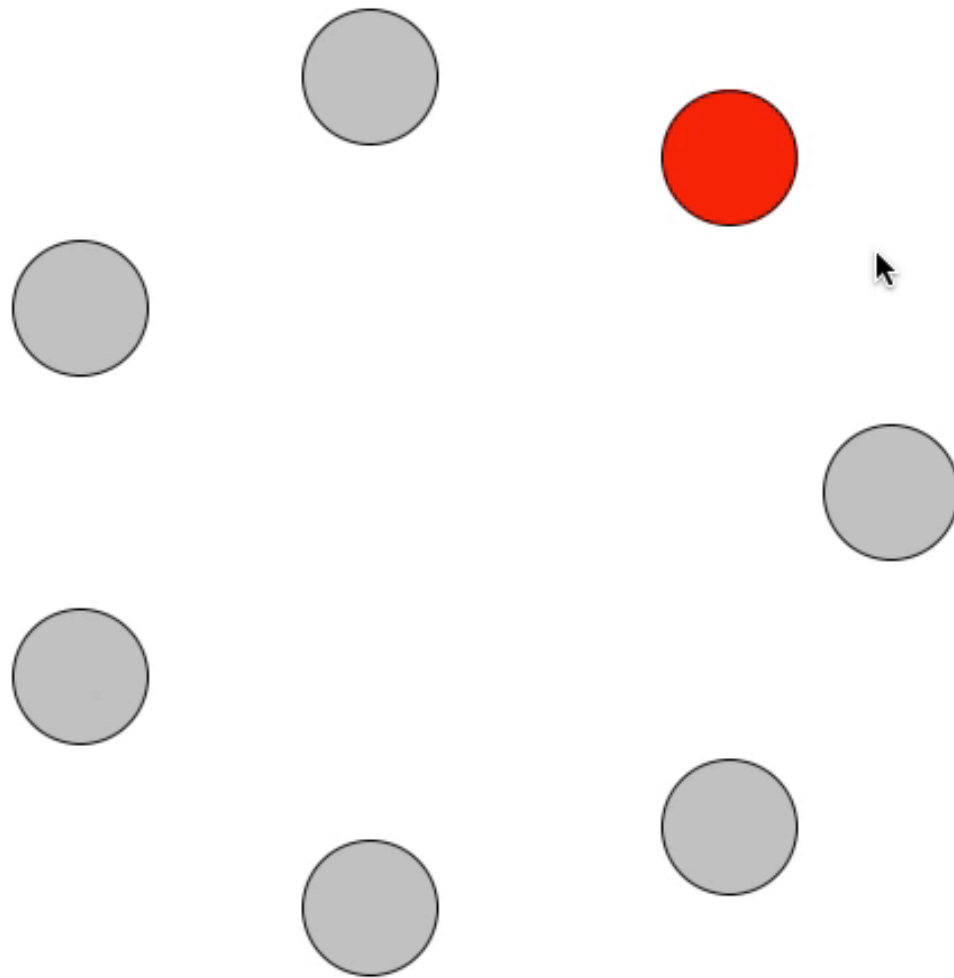
[Participate now!](#)


Looking for more studies?

Learn about your brain and contribute to brain research on [TestMyBrain](#), or test your language sense on [Games With Words](#)!

Age Guessing Game

Progress: Set 1 out of 10



Results

Our best guess is that you are 30. Is it close?

To help us improve the system, please tell us your actual age

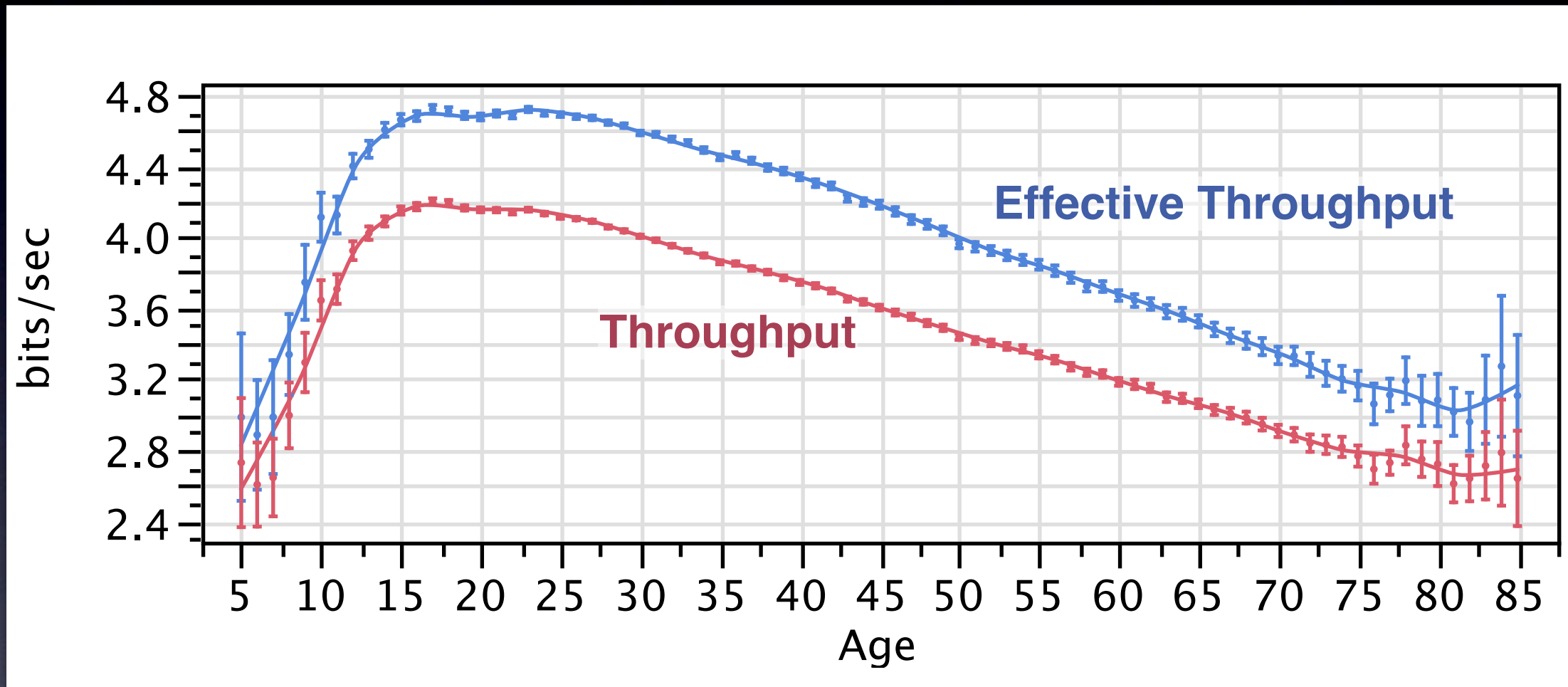
Any final comments?

Finish!

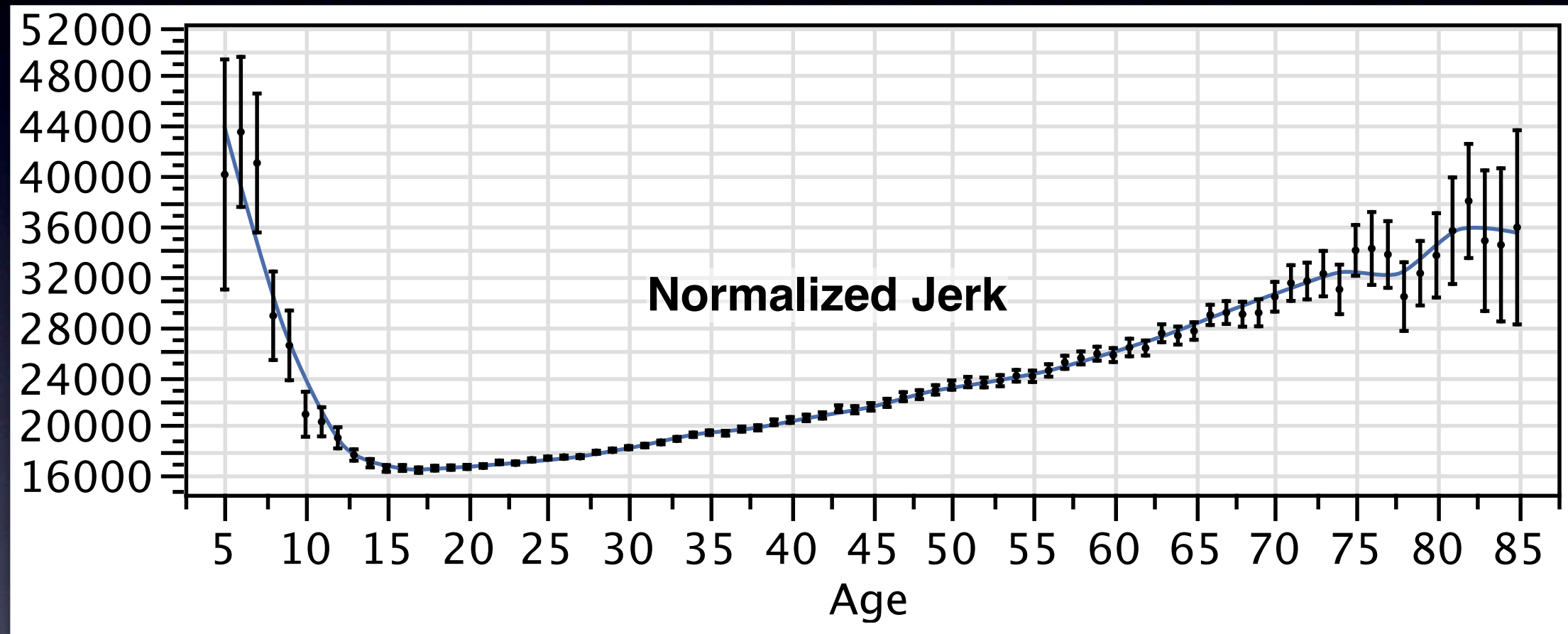


- > 1,000,000 visitors
- > 500,000 participants
- ~350,000 usable participants aged 5-85
- 212,212 mouse users on Windows and Mac OS X

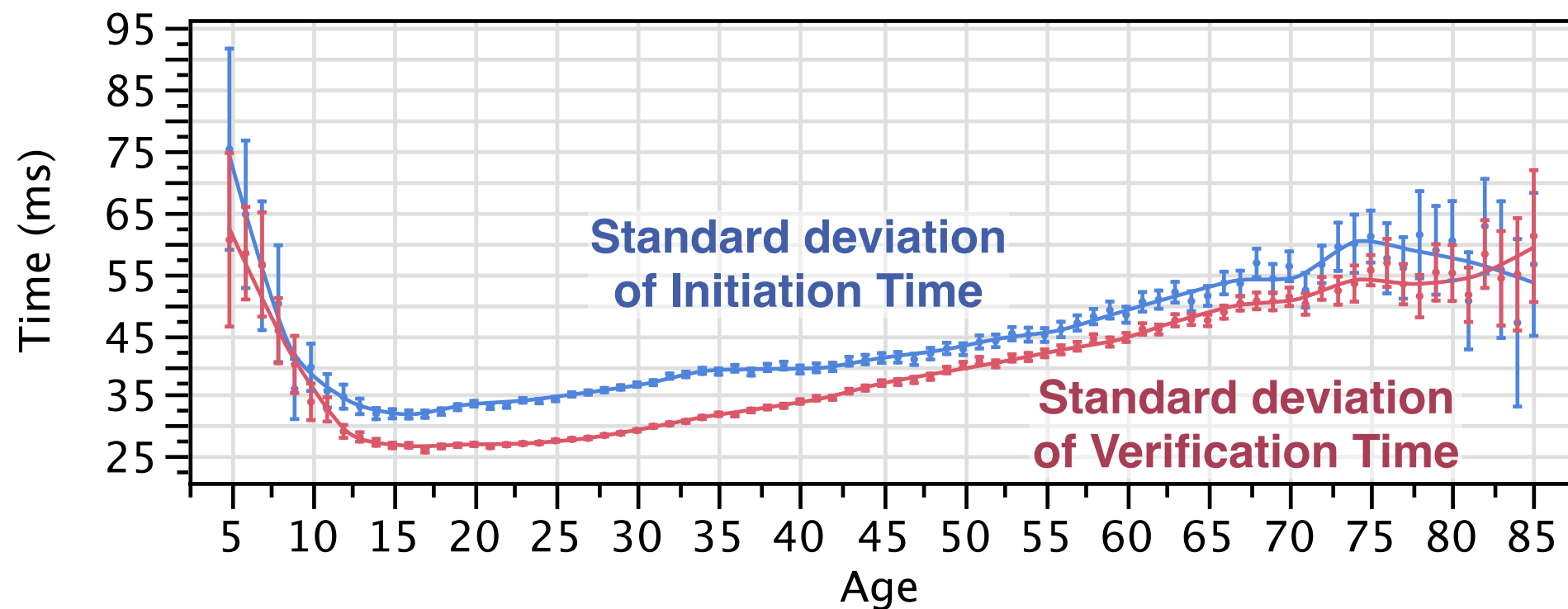
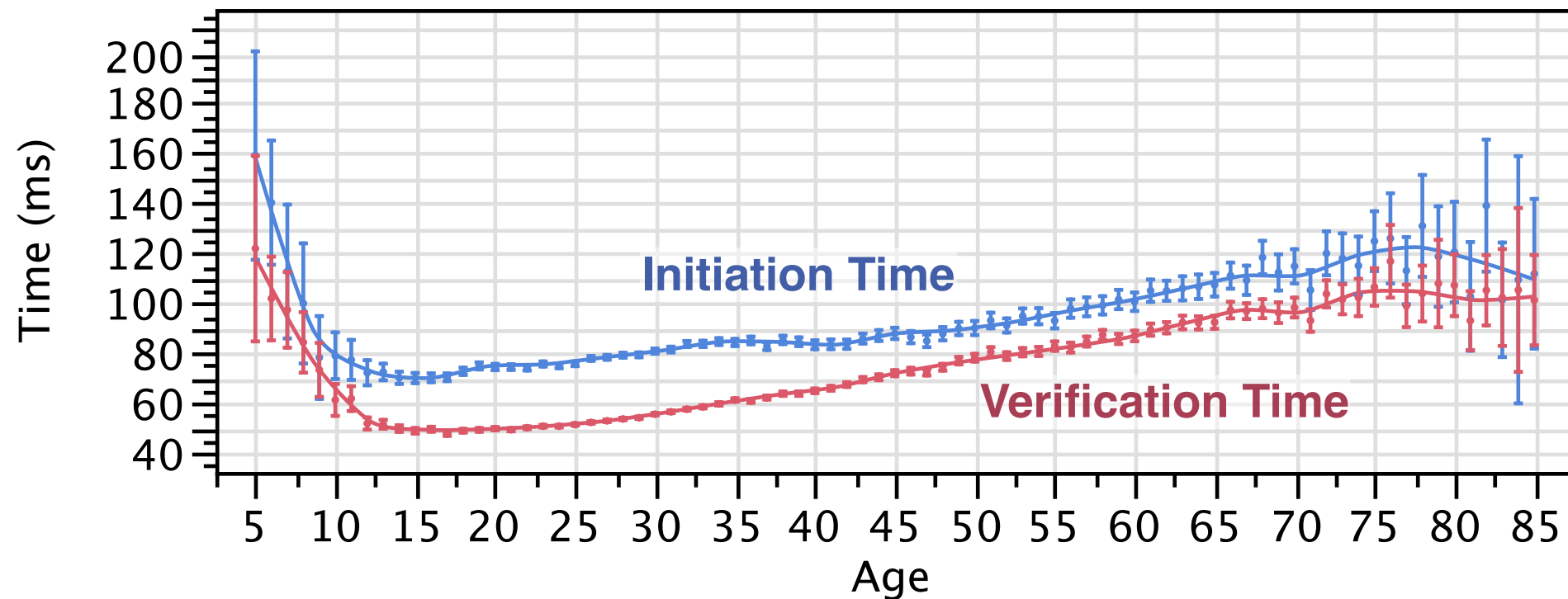
Input Performance by Age



Fine Motor Control by Age



Cognitive Processing Speed by Age



Matthew Effect and Computer Access

*For unto every one that hath
shall be given, and he shall have
abundance: but from him that
hath not shall be taken even that
which he hath.*

—Matthew 25:29



Malcolm Gladwell

Photo by Kris Krüg at PopTech 2008

Biases Against Older Workers

Productivity of Older Workers: Perceptions of Employers and Employees

HENDRIK P. VAN DALEN

KÈNE HENKENS

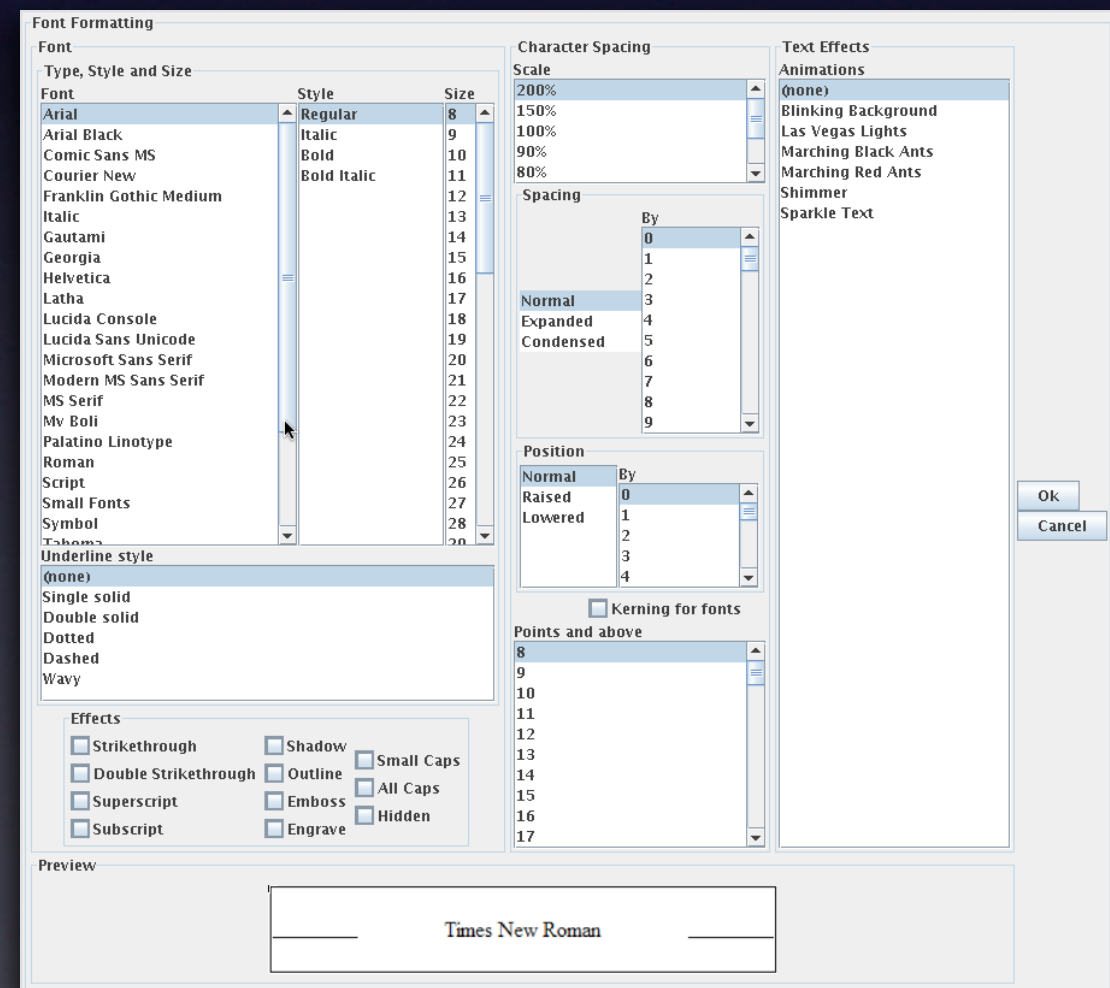
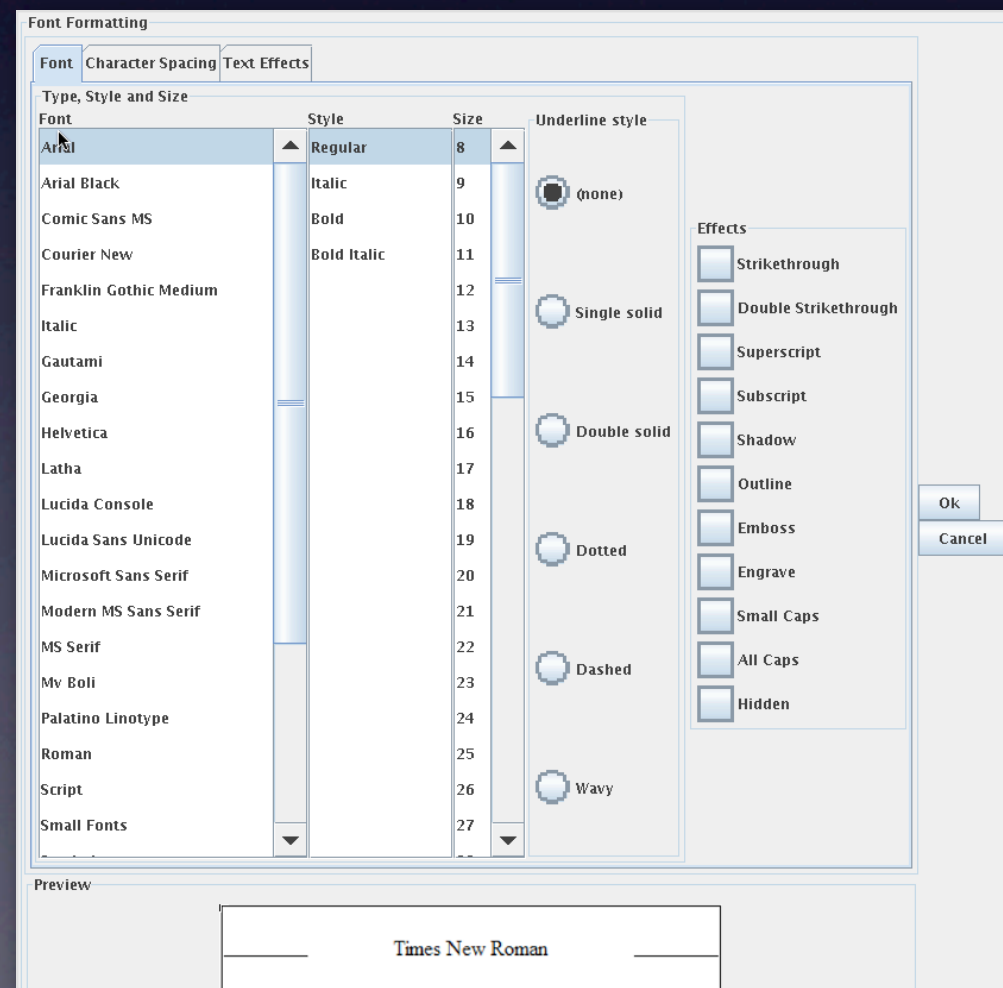
JOOP SCHIPPERS

...we tested whether soft qualities and abilities-e.g., reliability and commitment-are just as important as hard qualities-cognitive and physically based skills-in the eyes of both employers and employees. It appears that both employers and employees, young and old, view hard skills as far more important than soft skills.

Reprise

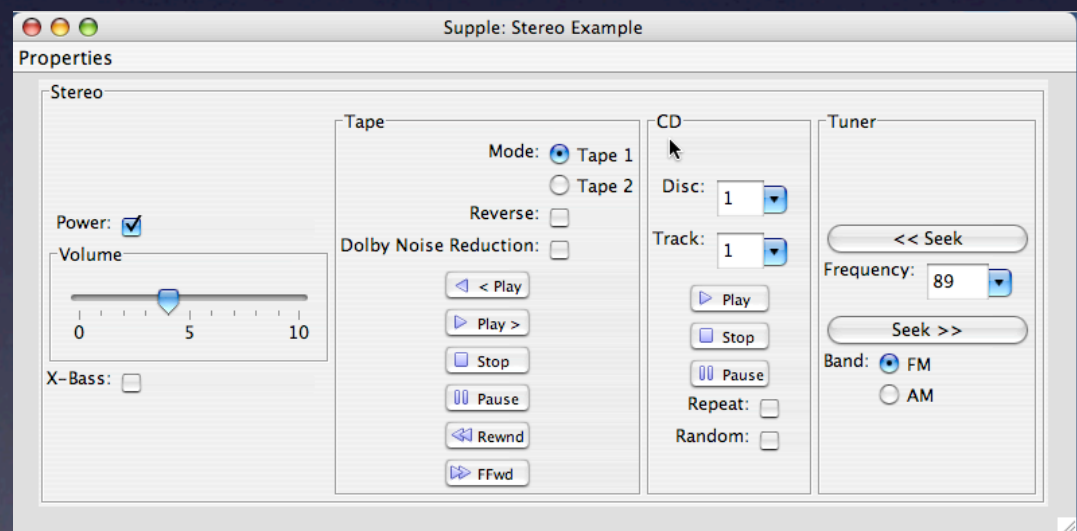
A Vision for Equitable (Computer) Accessibility

- Interfaces **share** the burden of adaptation



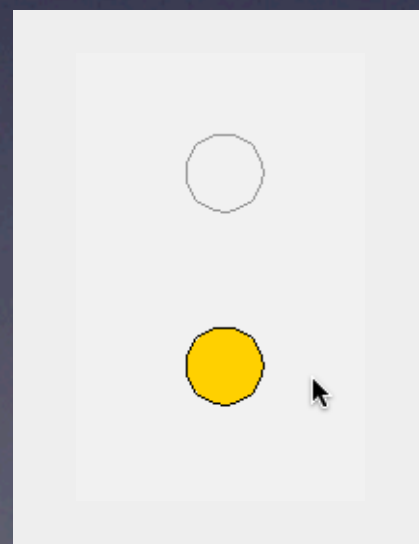
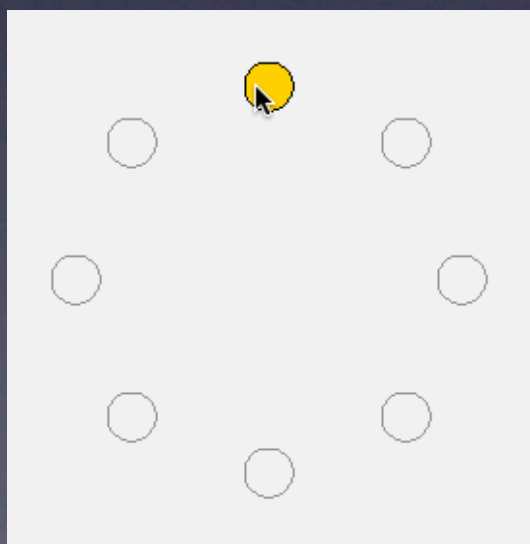
A Vision for Equitable (Computer) Accessibility

- Interfaces **share** the burden of adaptation
- Solutions can **scale** to millions of individuals



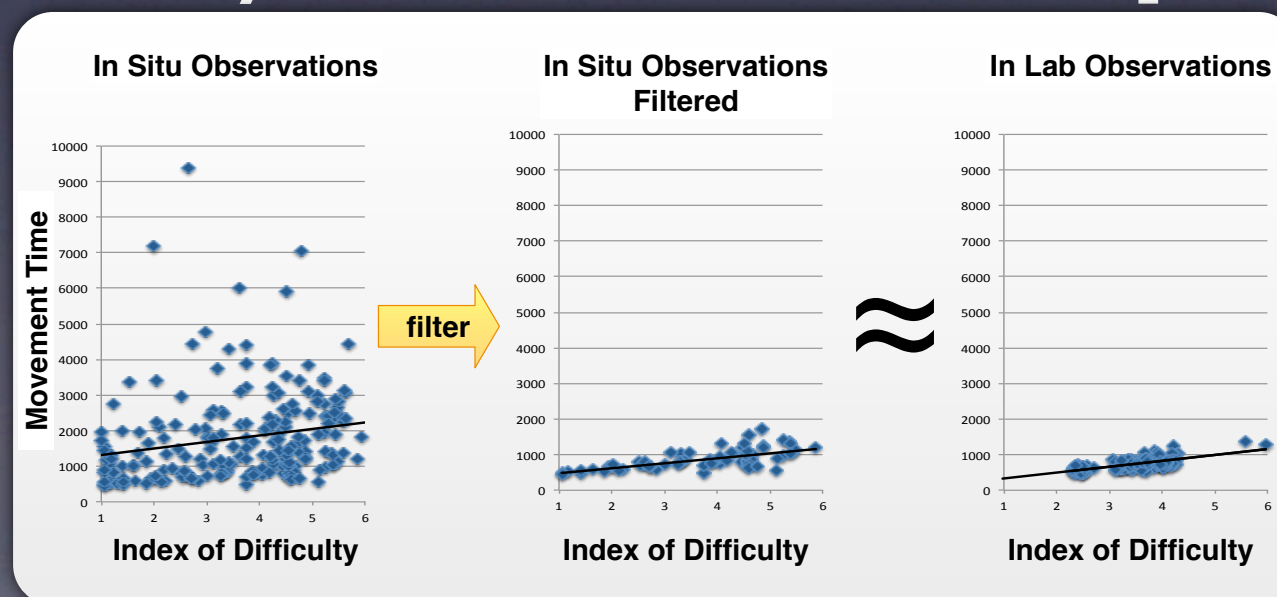
A Vision for Equitable (Computer) Accessibility

- Interfaces **share** the burden of adaptation
- Solutions can **scale** to millions of individuals
- Accessibility solutions are **personalized**



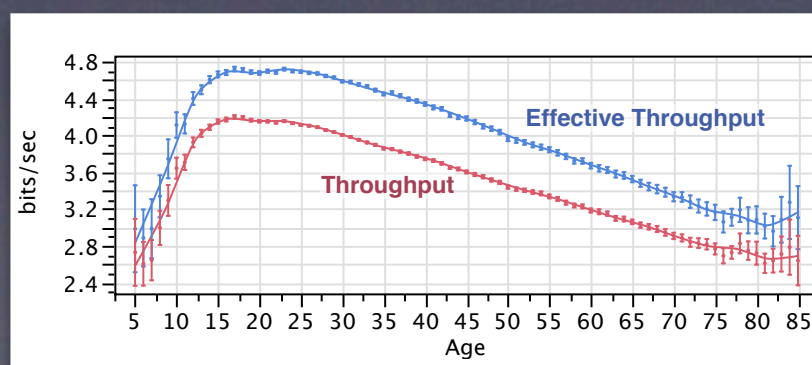
A Vision for Equitable (Computer) Accessibility

- Interfaces **share** the burden of adaptation
- Solutions can **scale** to millions of individuals
- Accessibility solutions are **personalized**
- Accessibility solutions are **adaptive**



A Vision for Equitable (Computer) Accessibility

- Interfaces **share** the burden of adaptation
- Solutions can **scale** to millions of individuals
- Accessibility solutions are **personalized**
- Accessibility solutions are **adaptive**
- (Profound differences in abilities are **pervasive**)



A Vision for Equitable (Computer) Accessibility

- Interfaces **share** the burden of adaptation
- Solutions can **scale** to millions of individuals
- Accessibility solutions are **personalized**
- Accessibility solutions are **adaptive**
- (Profound differences in abilities are **pervasive**)

Krzysztof Gajos
iis.seas.harvard.edu

