Methoden der Mensch-Maschine-Interaktion
Human-Computer Interaction

1. Termin: Einführung & Historie

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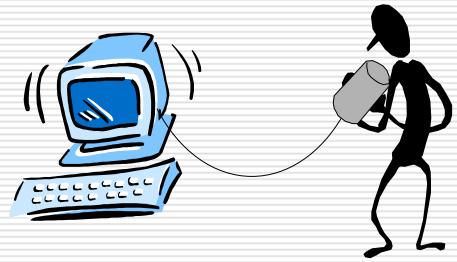
What is HCI and why should I learn about it?

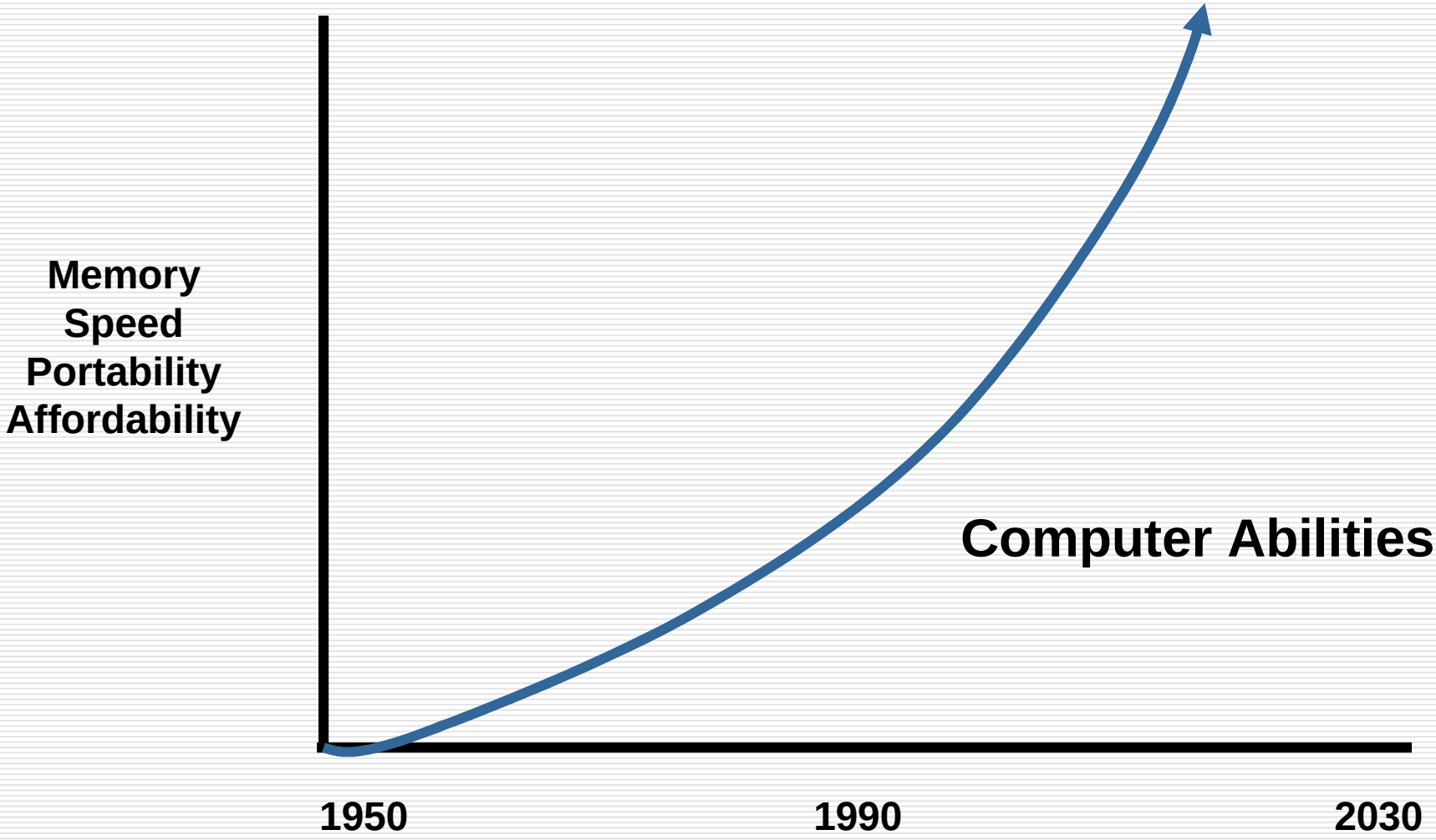
Because humans interact with (computer) systems and all has to work properly, the human, the system, and the interaction

Human and computer as interacting parts of *one* system

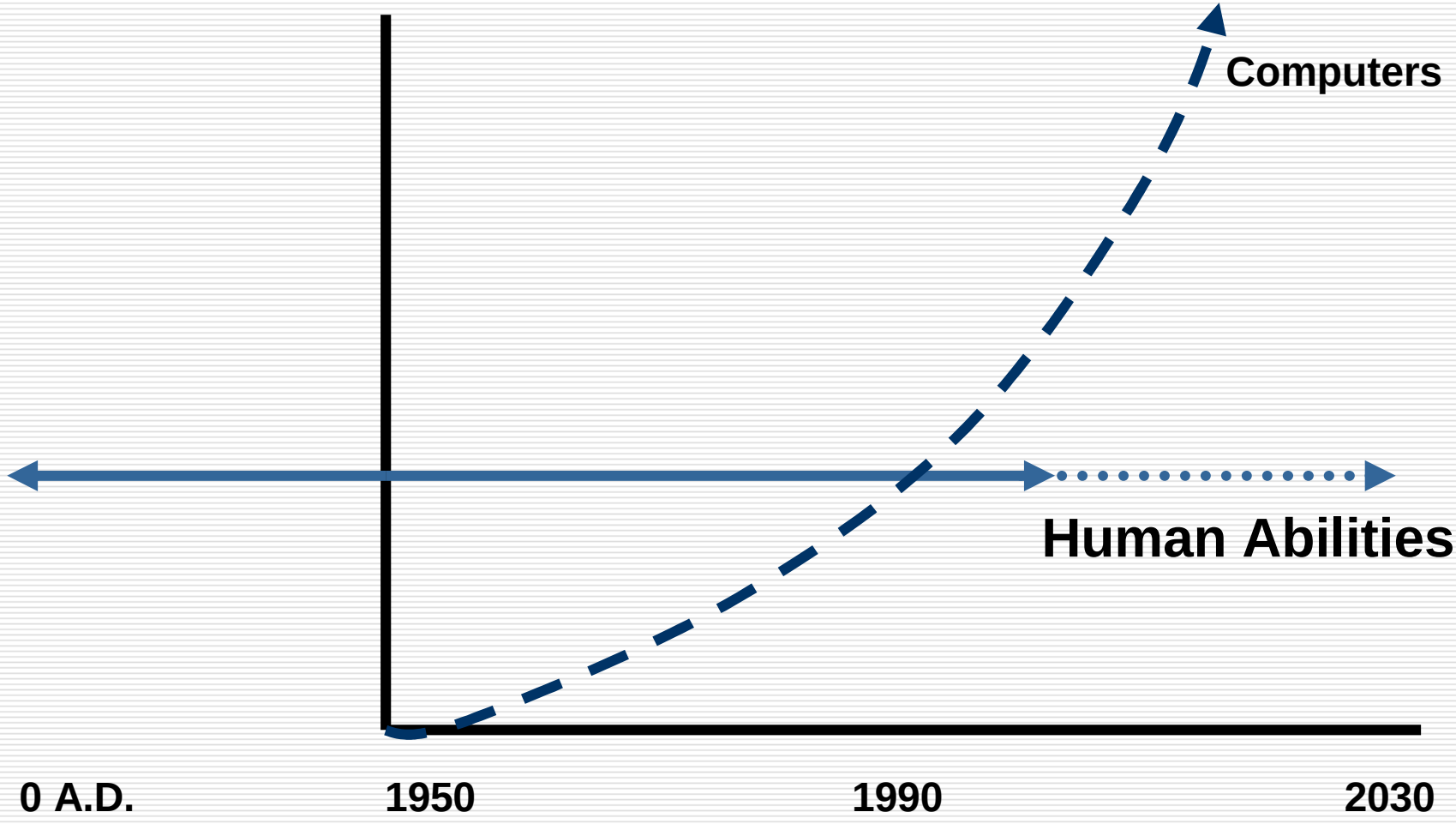


- Human
  - the end-user of a program
  - the others in an organization
- Computer
  - the program built for accomplishing a certain task
  - the machine the program runs on
- Interaction
  - exchange of meaning via a shared system of signs
  - the user tells the computer what they want
  - the computer communicates results
  - Various channels for input/output

Why study HCI? Moore's Law



Human Psychology



A320 crash Bangalore (1990)

"The pilot put the plane into OPEN DESCENT mode without realizing it. This change resulted in the aircraft's speed being controlled by pitch rather than thrust. The throttles went to idle. In that mode, the automation ignores any preprogrammed altitude constraints. To maintain the pilot-selected speed without power, the automation had to use an excessive rate of descent, which led to a crash short of runway."

Nancy G. Leveson, Safeware Engineering Corp.

Shootdown of an Iranian airliner (July 1988)

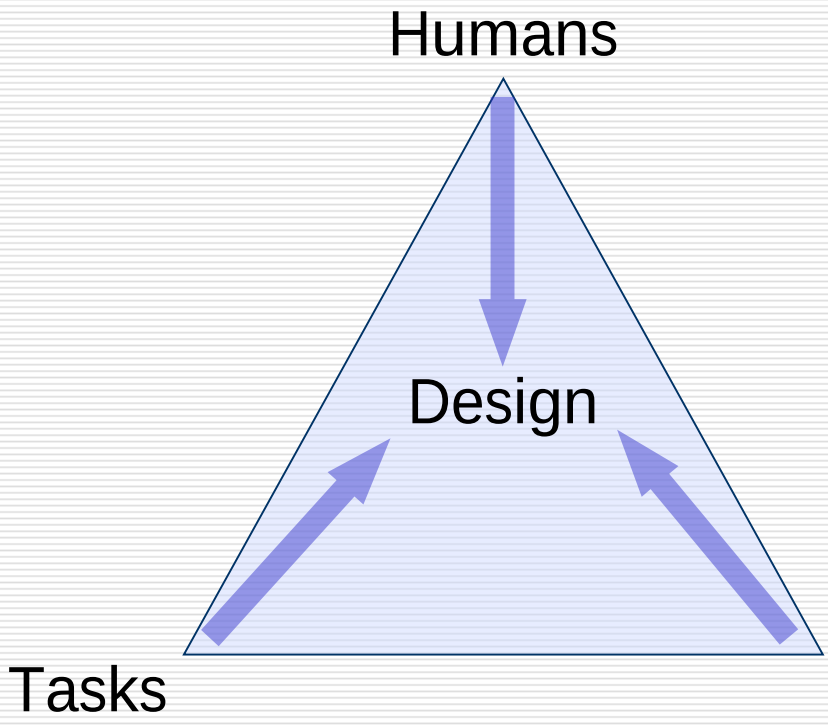

Vincennes

"We have determined that the Aegis radars and computers functioned correctly and that the misidentification of an Airbus airliner as an F-14 was due to human error induced by combat stress. ... The operator interpreted a display indicating the Airbus was at 12,000 feet and flying level as indicating it was at 7,500 feet and descending toward the ship ... However, we are looking at the user interface - what we show on the displays - there may be some room for improvement there, to make it even more user-friendly than it is now..."

Defense secretary Frank Carlucci said that to find range and altitude information of a target on the screen, one must examine a computer readout, which is distracting. "We think it's a good idea to display altitude and range on a large screen," Carlucci said. "I think you could probably even put an arrow on whether it's ascending or descending." ...
"I'm not indicating it wasn't designed correctly," he said, but "as you go through experience with any weapon system you improve the design," particularly in combat.

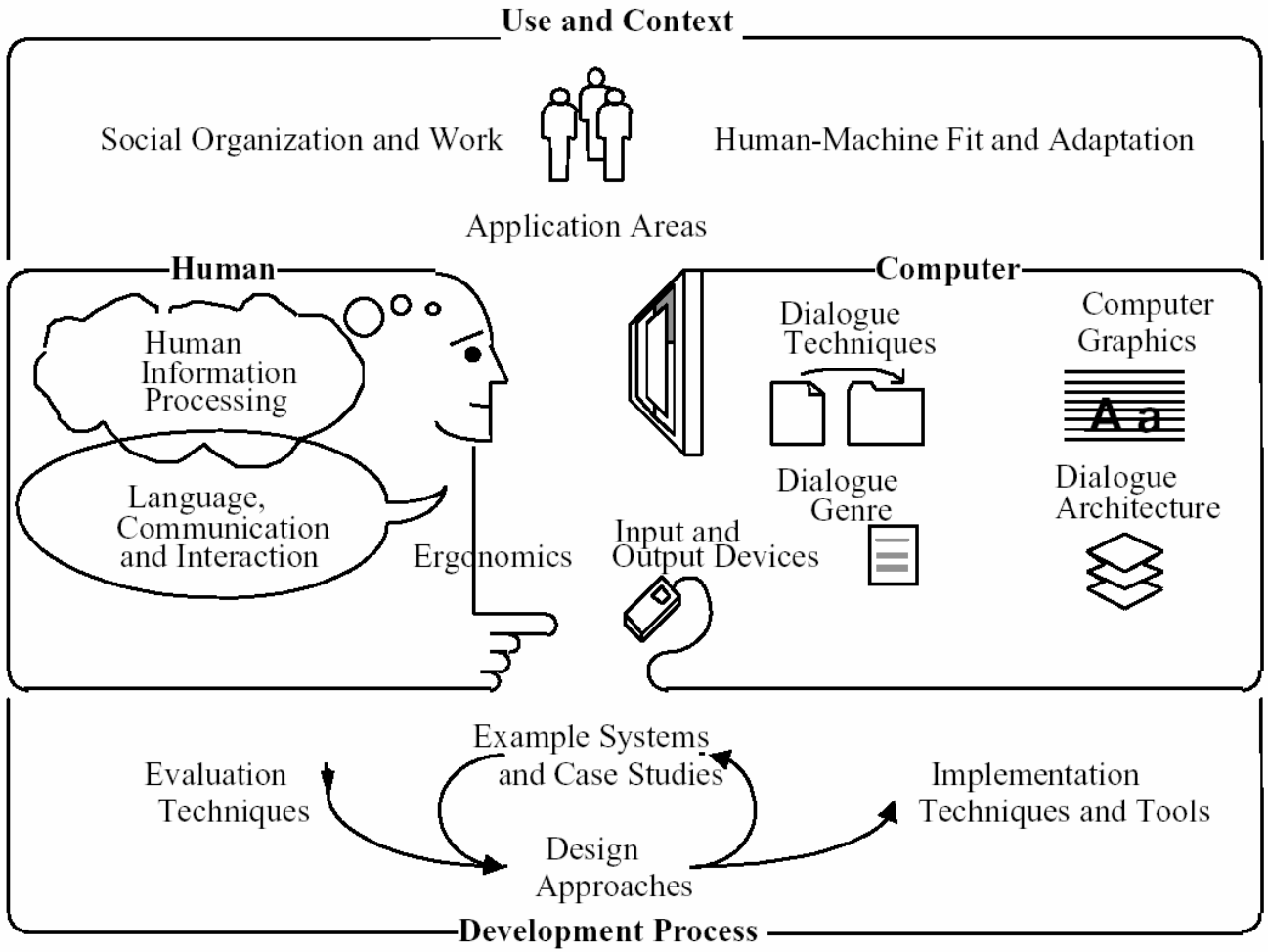
Human-computer interaction

is concerned with the *design*, *evaluation* and *implementation* of interactive systems for *human* use.



These factors influence each other and design

Human-Computer Interaction



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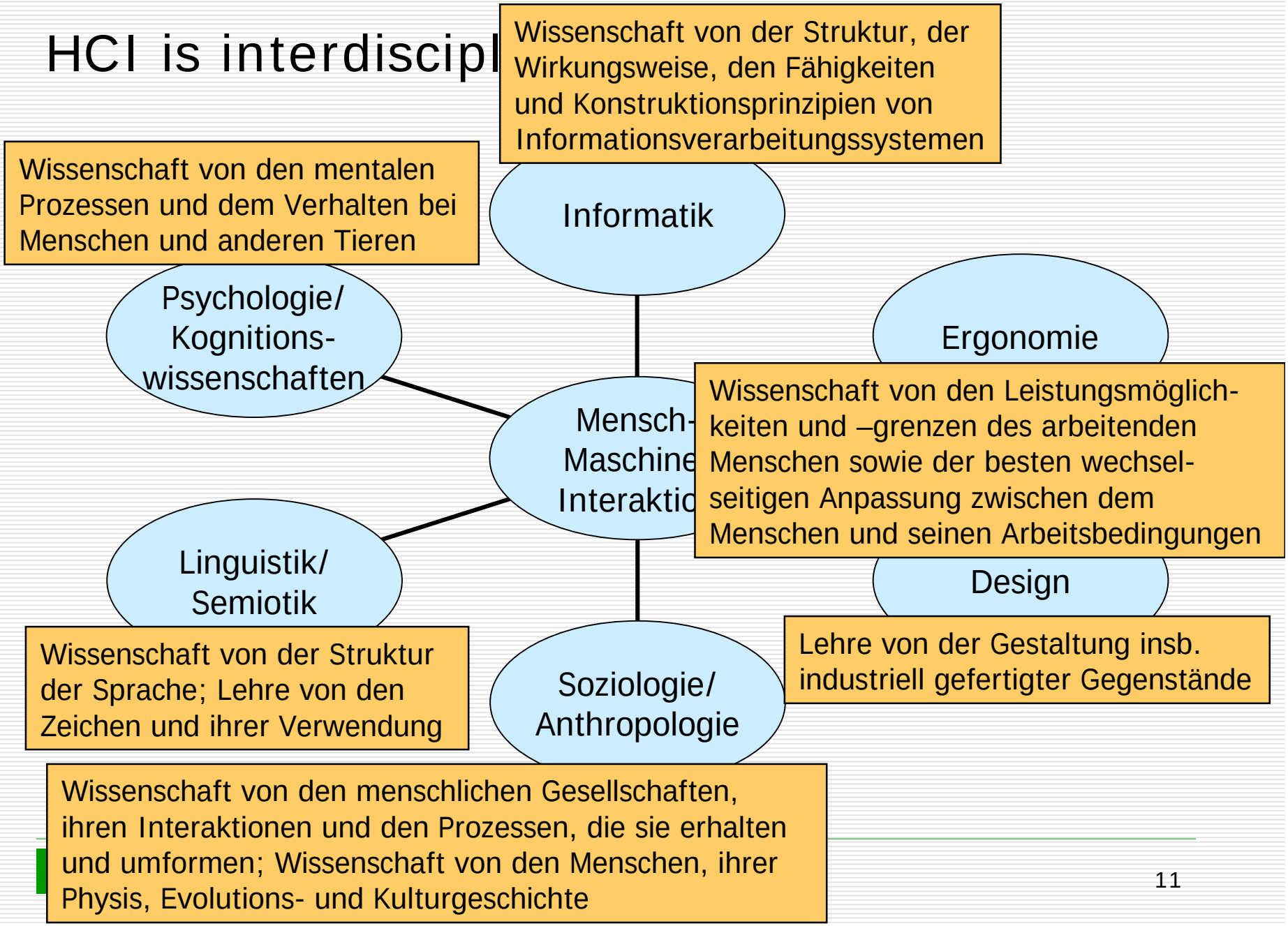
HCI is interdiscipl



Related terms

- Software ergonomics
- Human-Computer Communication
- Human-Factors Engineering
- Cognitive Engineering
- Usability Design
- Informatics Usability
- User Interface Design
- ...

Why study HCI?

- You will be building “real” systems
- Interface(s) major part of most systems, often over 50%
  - Development costs
- Bad UI’s cause users to
  - need more time for learning the software & performing their tasks
  - make more errors
  - feel dissatisfied
  - not learn/use the full functionality of the software
  - refrain from buying and using the software
- Good interfaces are important for any kind of interactive software, and of *utmost* importance in
  - systems with high costs of failure
  - systems with high demands on operators

Why improve HCI?

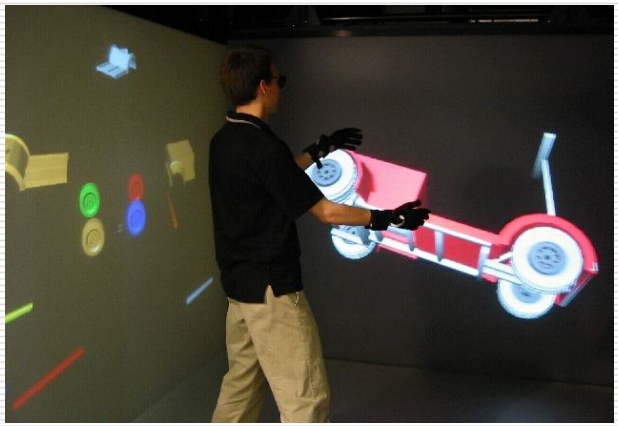
- Business view:
  - to use humans more productively/effectively
  - human costs now far outweigh hardware and software costs
- Personal view:
  - people view computers as appliances, and want it to perform as one
    - now expect “easy to use system”
    - not tolerant of poorly designed systems
    - little vendor control of training
    - heterogeneous group
  - if product is hard to use, people will seek other products
    - e.g. Mac vs. PC+Windows

Why improve HCI?

- Social view: Computers cannot be ignored
  - educate our children
  - take medical histories and provide expert advice
  - keep track of our credit worthiness
  - play(?) war games (and help form policies)
  - control air and ground traffic flow
  - book travel
  - control chemical/oil/nuclear plants
  - control space missions
  - assist humans with their everyday tasks (office automation)
  - control complex machines (aircraft, space shuttles, super tankers)
  - help control consumer equipment (cars, washing machines)
  - entertainment (games, intellectual stimulation)
  - ....

Why research HCI?

- Understand effects of technology on individuals and society
- Enable systematic development of interfaces, no *trial-and-error*
- Understand principles and mechanisms of communication and cognition by building interactive systems



History of HCI: Pioneers & innovations

Vannevar Bush

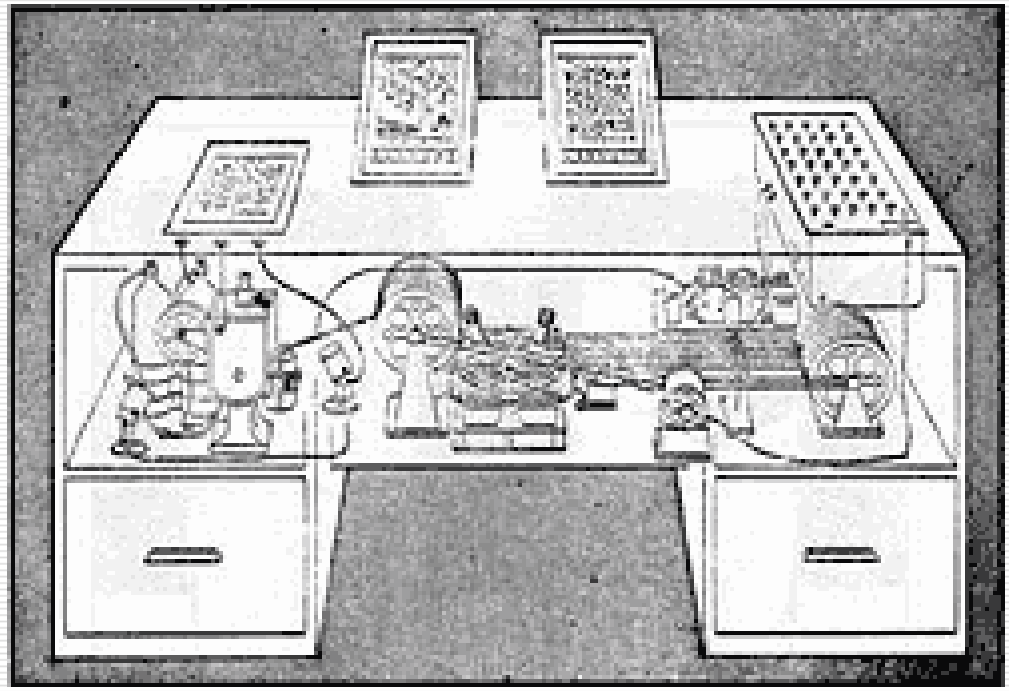
- Coordinator of U.S. scientific activities; offered new role for military scientists after WW II
- „As we may think“ (1945):
  „The summation of human experience is being expaned at a prodigious rate, and the means we use for threading through the consequent maze to the momentarily important item is the same as was used in the days of square-rigged ships“
- Problem: Storing information in a way easy to access later on

Memory Expander (Memex)

Conceiving Hypertext and the World Wide Web

Hypothetical device for information storage & retrieval (1930)

- stores books, communications, photos on microfilm records
- Annotate text with notes, comments, ...
- can construct a trail (a chain of links) through the material and save it
- acts as an external memory!



Joseph C.R. Licklider

- Great impact on development of graphical user interfaces and world-wide networks; conception of what became the internet later on in 1962, coined term "Netizen" 1968)
- 1962-1964 Director of ARPA department

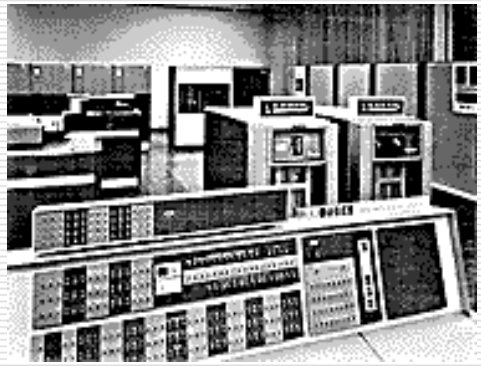
- „Man-Computer Symbiosis" (1960):
  "The hope is that, in not too many years, human brains and computing machines will be coupled together very tightly and that the resulting partnership will think as no human brain has ever thought and process data in a way not approached by the information-handling machines we know today."

Joseph C.R. Licklider - visions

- Short-term goals:
  - Time-sharing among multiple user
  - Input/Ouput of symbolic and pictorial information
  - Interactive real-time systems
  - Storage & retrieval of large data sets
- Mid-term goals:
  - Facilitation of human cooperation in design and programming of large software systems
  - combined speech recognition, hand-printed character recognition & light-pen editing
- Long-term goals:
  - Natural language understanding (syntax, semantics, pragmatics)
  - Speaker-independent speech recognition
  - Heuristic programming (Artificial Intelligence)

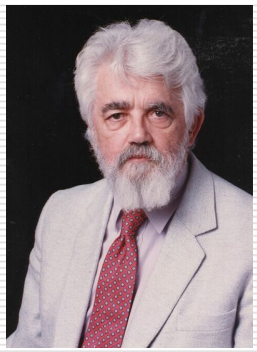
Time-Sharing

IBM 7094



Bob Bemer, John McCarthy (Mid´60s)

- Before: batches of jobs, scheduled by operator
- Now: multiple users can use a computer at the same time; every user has illusion that they are on their own personal machine
- Afforded interactive systems and languages
- Foundations of, e.g., current word processors
- Led to immediate need to support human-computer interaction



Graphical user interfaces

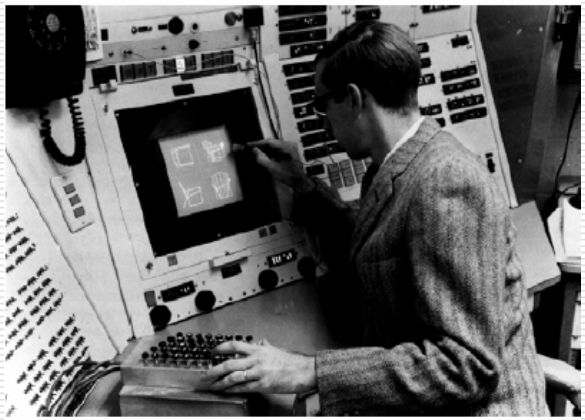
Whirlwind (MIT, 1951): „real time"-rendering of text and graphics on CRT terminal

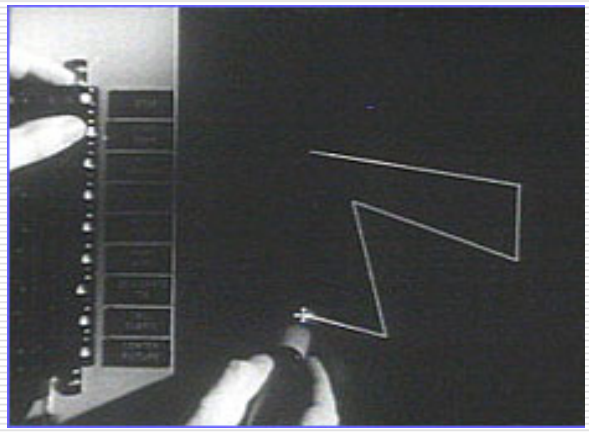
SAGE (Semi-Automatic Ground Environment) project (1963): advancement of Whirlwind for military purposes (radar intelligence)

- visualization of large data sets
- „point-and-click„ predecessor with light pistol

Sketchpad

- Ivan Sutherland (1963): *"A Man-machine Graphical Communications System„* (Ph.D. thesis)
- First interactive graphics application, sophisticated drawing package
- Direct manipulation interface
- Had major impact on HCI and UIs





Douglas C. Engelbart

"...I had the image of sitting at a big CRT screen with all kinds of symbols, new and different symbols, not restricted to our old ones. The computer could be manipulated, and you could be operating all kinds of things to drive the computer

... I also had a clear picture that one's colleagues could be sitting in other rooms with similar work stations, tied to the same computer complex, and could be sharing and working and collaborating very closely." (`50s)

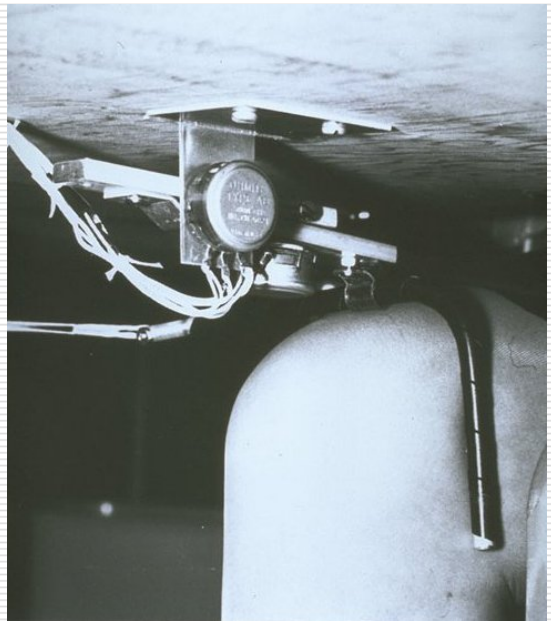
oNLine System (NLS, `60s)

- Two persons edit the same text from different consoles, 2D display editing
- Multiple windows, on-screen teleconferencing
- *„Mother of all demos"* (1968)
- New input devices...

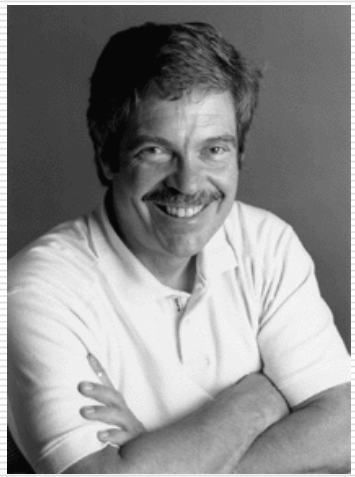
Douglas C. Engelbart

Which device most suitable for CRT display-selection in text-manipulation systems?

- Light pen
- Joystick
- Knee input device
- The first mouse – rated best!



Alan Kay



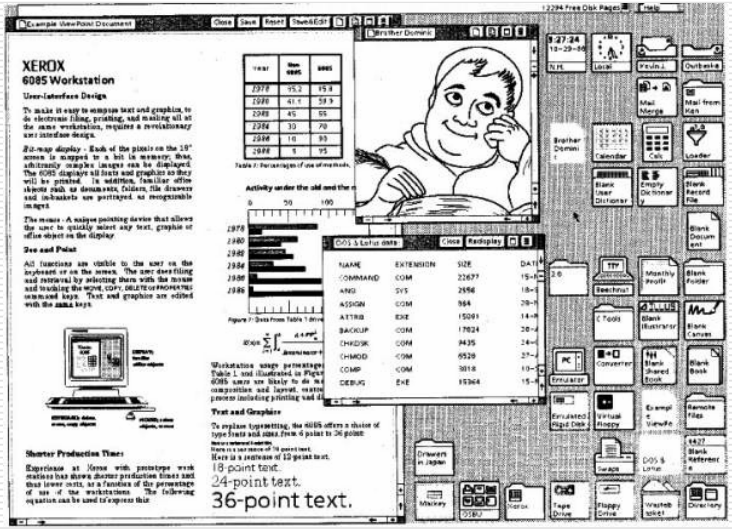
- Invented Smalltalk, contributed to Ethernet, laser printer, client-server network model
- Designed Dynabook (1977), a laptop with graphical user interface
  - Predecessor of notebooks/PDAs
  - *"We envision a device as small and portable as possible which could both take in and give out information in quantities approaching that of human sensory systems"*
  - Realized later on by Apple as „Newton“

WIMP & Desktop

- Xerox Alto (1973): 1st *personal computer*
  - "WIMP" Interface: *Windows, Icons, Menus, Pointing*
  - First computer with regular mouse (Engelbart‘s) and ethernet
  - First WYSIWYG-Editor *Bravo/BravoX (what you see is what you get)*, direct predecessor of MS Word
  - $40.000 - commercial failure

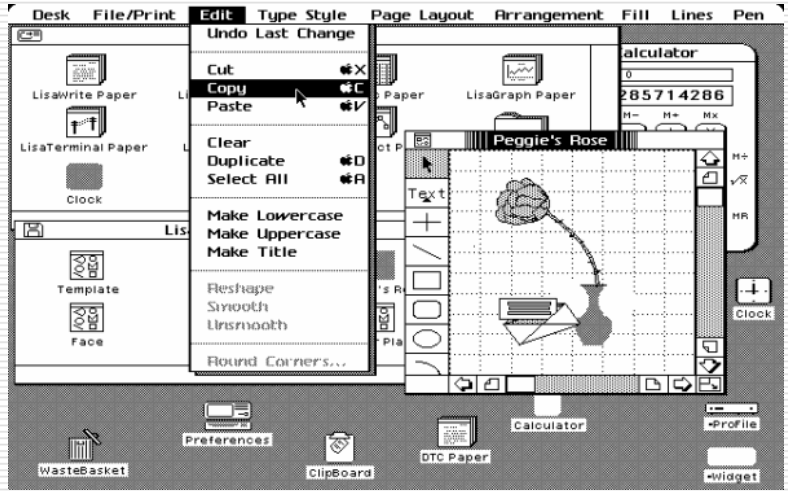
WIMP & Desktop

- Xerox Star (1981): Invisible computer, „Desktop-Metaphor“:
  - Windows
  - recognition instead of recall (menus)
  - direct data manipulation & graphical control (icons)
  - no distinction between input &output
  - progressive disclosure

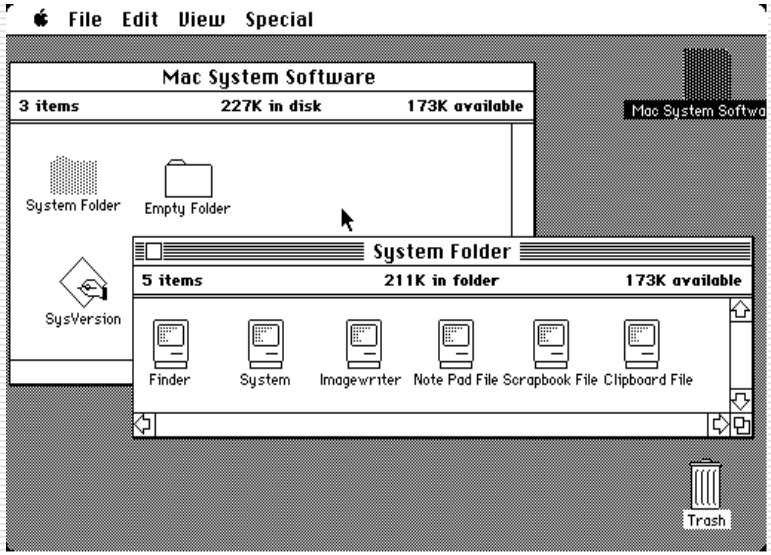


WIMP & Desktop

- Apple Lisa (1979)
  - Logical Integrated Softw. Arch.
  - „Document-centered“ view
  - Lisa 2 Macintosh XL

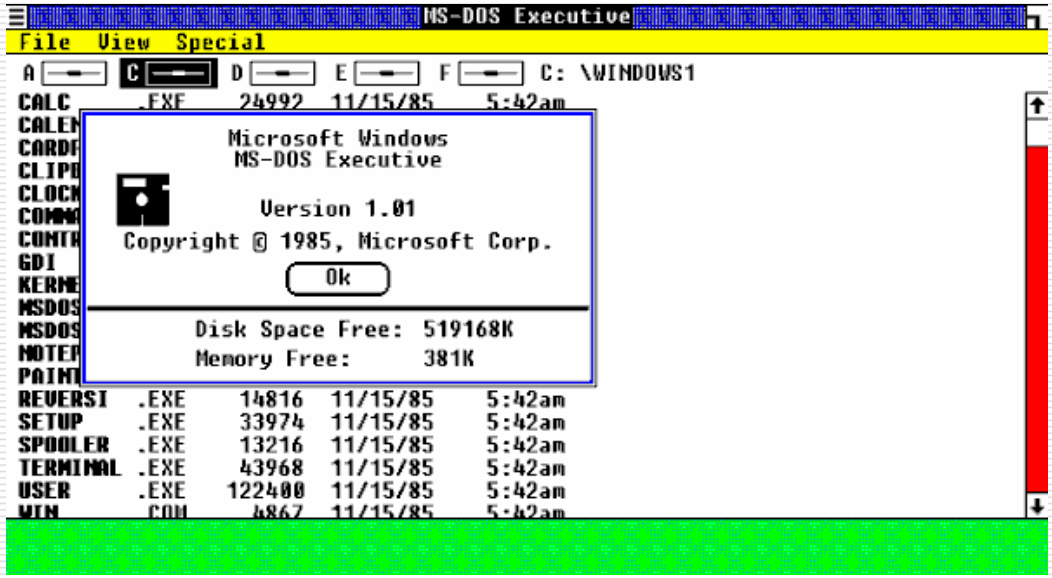


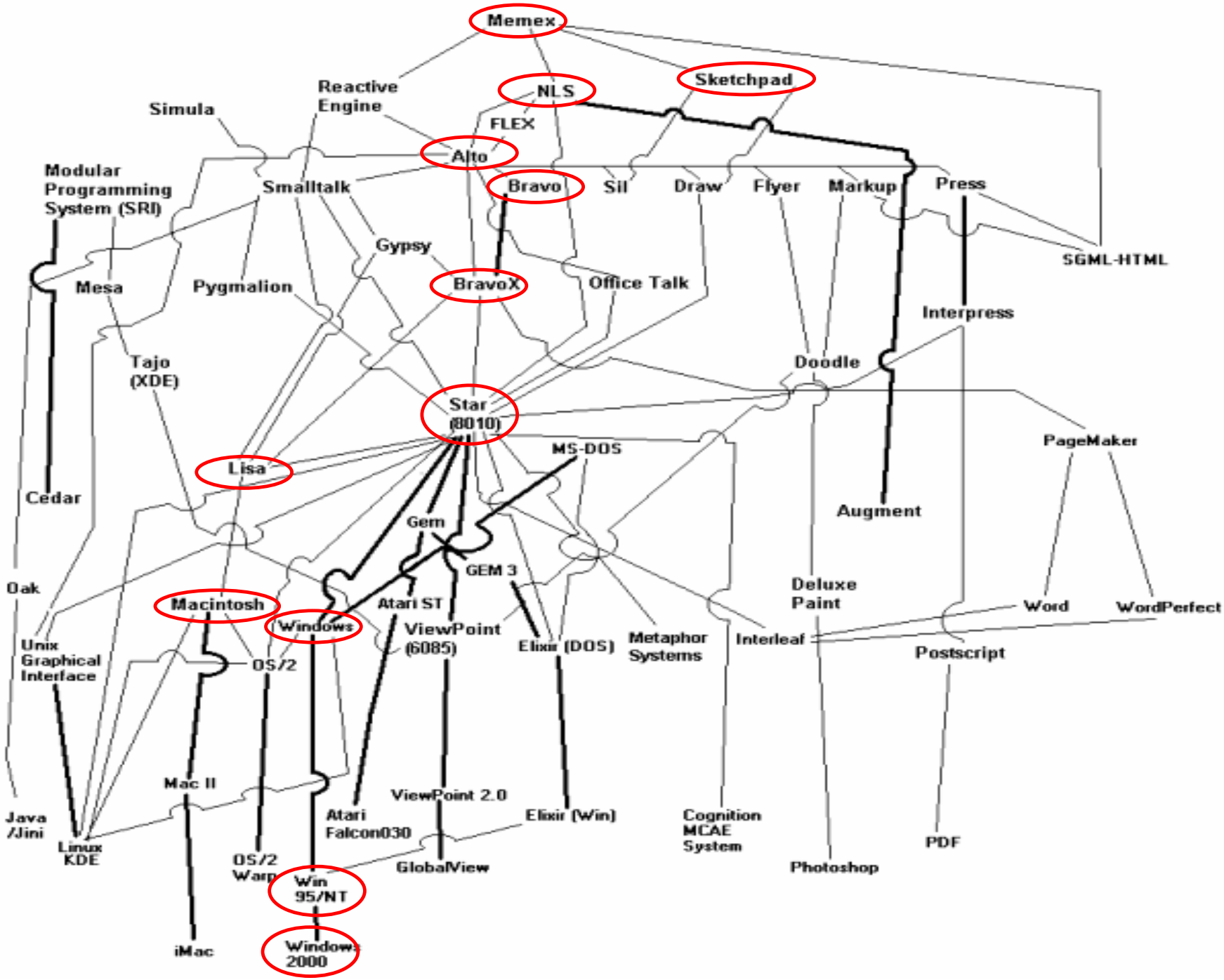
- Apple Macintosh (1984)
  - Consequent GUI, no cursor keys
  - $2495 – commercial success
  - Killer apps: Finder, MacDraw, MacWrite, DTP, MS Word



WIMP & Desktop

- Windows
  - 1983: Apple CEO Sculley signed agreement allowing MS to use Mac OS technology in exchange for further development of MS software for Mac
  - 1987: Windows 1.01 - unusable
  - 1988: Windows 2.03
  - Windows 3.1, 95 & 98, NT, 2000, XP, ...

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Simula
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Smalltalk
Bravo
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SGML-HTML
Gypsy
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Atari Falcon030
Elixir (Win)
Cognition MCAE System
Linux KDE
OS/2 Warp
GlobalView
PDF
Win 95/NT
Photoshop
iMac
Windows 2000

Other events...

- MIT Architecture Machine Group, MIT Media Lab (1969-1980+): many innovative inventions, including
  - wall sized displays
  - use of video disks
  - use of artificial intelligence in interfaces (idea of agents)
  - speech recognition merged with pointing
  - speech production
  - multimedia hypertext
  - ....
- ACM SIGCHI (1982)
  - special interest group on computer-human interaction
  - conferences draw between 2000-3000 people
- HCI Journals
  - Int J Man Machine Studies (1969)
  - many others since 1982

Outlook from 1988...

The Knowledge Navigator
(concept video for Apple)

Course structure

- Human
  - Perception & Attention
  - Cognition & Thinking
  - Acting & Reacting
- Computer & Interaction
  - Basics & paradigms
  - Language & Dialogue
  - Multimodality
  - VR & smartrooms
  - Agents
- Design process
  - Guidelines & rules
  - HCI in the software process
  - Models & task analysis
  - Evaluation

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