

# Content and Form: How one manipulates the other

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DAY 5:  
WHAT DID WE LEARN?  
EVALUATION OF THE DATA OF THE EYETRACKING EXPERIMENTS

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# Usability Issues to be solved by Usability Testing

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- If users **don't see** things that they should see
- If users **don't do** things that they should do
- If users **go** in the **wrong** direction
- If users **falsely think** they are doing the right thing
- If users **miss** out on something you considered a **rule**

Find out  
what you're users particularly **liked**,  
what they were **confused** about,  
what they did **wrong**!

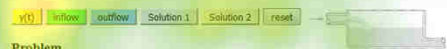
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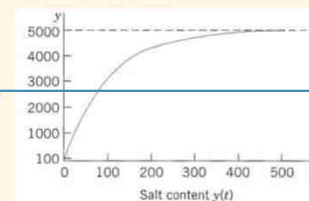
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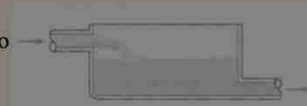
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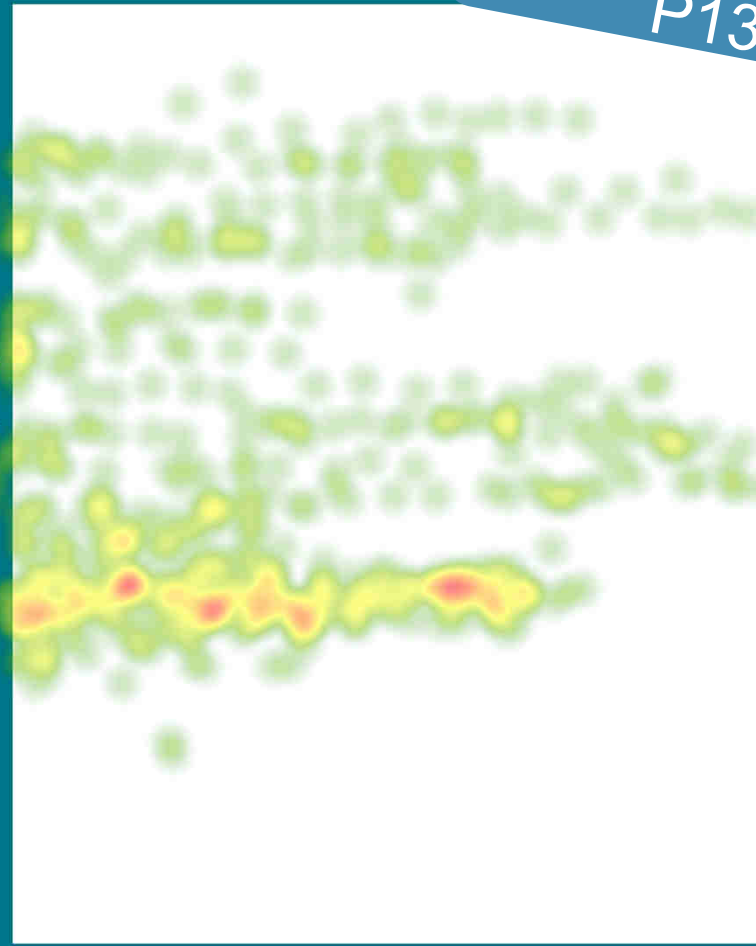
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$$\frac{dT}{dt} = k(T - T_a) \quad (1)$$

Such experimental laws are derived under idealized assumptions that rarely hold exactly. However, even if a model seems to fit the reality only poorly (as in the present case), it will still give valuable qualitative information. To see how good a model is, the engineer will collect experimental data and compare them with the calculations from the model.

### Solution Step 2: General Solution

We cannot solve (1) because we do not know  $T_a$ , just that it varied between 50°F and 40°F; so we follow the Golden Rule: If you cannot solve your problem, try to solve a simpler one. We solve (1) with the unknown function  $T_a$  replaced by the average of the two known values, or 45°F. For physical reasons we may expect that this will give us a reasonable approximate value of  $T$  at 6 A.M.

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### Solution Step 3: Particular Solution

We choose 10 P.M. to be  $t = 0$ . Then the given initial condition is  $T(0) = 70$  and yields a particular solution, call it  $T_p$ . By substitution

$$T(0) = 45 + ce^0 = 70, \quad c = 70 - 45 = 25, \quad T_p(t) = 45 + 25e^{kt}$$

### Solution Step 4: Determination of $k$

We use  $T(4) = 65$ , where  $t = 4$  is 2 A.M. Solving algebraically for  $k$  and inserting  $k$  into  $T_p(t)$  gives (see Figure 1, AHE1, fig. 100p)

$$T_p(4) = 45 + 25e^{4k} = 65, \quad e^{4k} = 0.6, \quad k = \frac{1}{4} \ln 0.6 = -0.056, \quad T_p(t) = 45 + 25e^{-0.056t}$$



### Solution Step 4: Answer and Interpretation

6 A.M. is  $t = 8$  (nearly 8 hours after 10 P.M.), and

$$T_p(8) = 45 + 25e^{-0.056 \cdot 8} = 61$$

Hence the temperature in the building dropped by 9°F from 70°F to 61°F, a result that looks reasonable.



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# Recommendations for Report Writing

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- KISS (Keep it short and simple; 10-15 pages)
- Include an executive summary
- Include empirical data only as attachments
- Communicate with screen shots (of subject or visual analysis tools)
- Include positive observations ← Don't fall for „negativity bias“!
- Include quotes (makes it seem less interpretative)
- Don't be arrogant or harsh
- Differentiate between user and observer opinions
- No blabbing

## Executive Summary

[The Executive Summary should describe when and where the usability test took place. Describe the purpose of the test. Include the number of participants and the length of the sessions. Provide any additional information about the test.

Provide a brief overview of the results. Include a glimpse of the overall ease of use and some of the participant demographic information. Provide a bulleted list of the problems. 17

Provide a paragraph describing what is included in the document.]

### For example:

The AIDS.gov project team conducted an onsite usability test at the HIV Prevention Leadership Conference (HPLA) in New Orleans on May 21<sup>st</sup> and May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007. HPLA is the country's largest HIV/AIDS prevention conference. The purpose of the test was to assess the usability of the web interface design, information flow, and information architecture.

Seven conference attendees participated in Test 1 and six in Test 2. Typically, a total of eight to 10 participants are involved in a usability test to ensure stable results. Each individual session lasted approximately one hour. Test scenarios differed over the two test days to meet OMB guidelines.

In general all participants found the AIDS.gov web site to be clear, straightforward, and 92% thought the web site was easy to use. Ten of the 13 participants (77%) used federal government web sites at least once a month to find HIV/AIDS information.

The test identified only a few minor problems including:

- The lack of categorization of topics on the funding pages.
- Lack of a fact sheet/procedure category section.
- Lack of HIPAA category section.
- Lack of a Mental Health category section.
- Lack of a site index.
- Lack of any categorization of news items on the news page.
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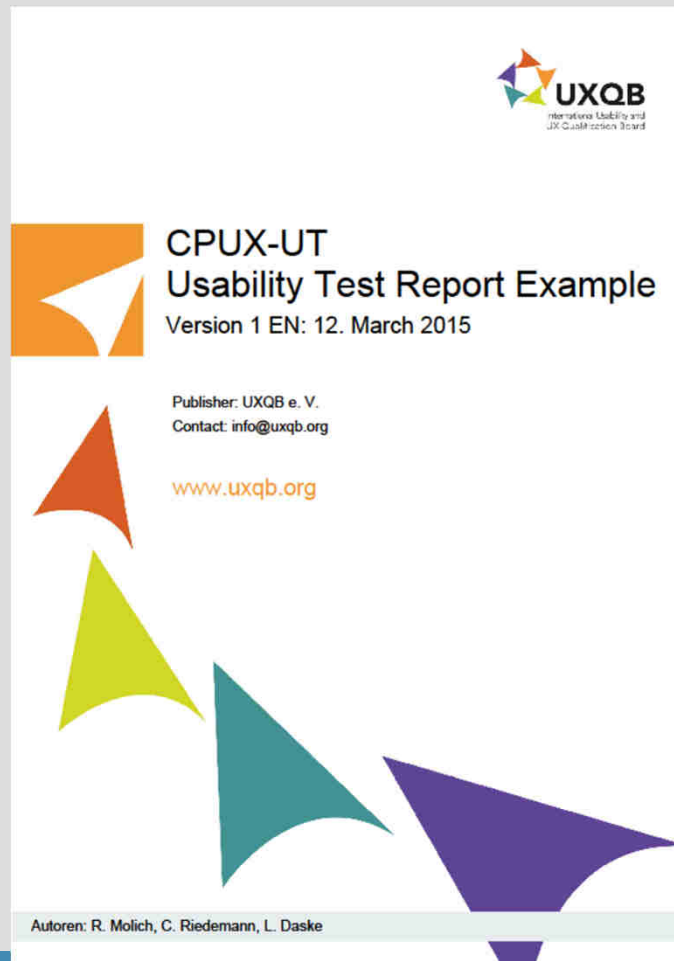
This document contains the participant feedback, satisfactions ratings, task completion rates, ease or difficulty of completion ratings, time on task, errors, and recommendations for improvements. A copy of the scenarios and questionnaires are included in the Attachments' section.

<http://www.usability.gov/how-to-and-tools/resources/templates/report-template-usability-test.html>

# Example for a Complete UX-Report

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Google Keywords: CPX-UT Usability Test Report Example



# Problem Severity Rating

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- Classic

Level 1: Prevents Task Completion

Level 2: Creates significant delay and frustration

Level 3: Problems have a minor effect on usability

Level 4: Subtle and possible enhancements/suggestions

[Dumas & Redish, 1993]

- Modern

Minor: delays user briefly.

Serious: delays user significantly but eventually allows them to complete the task.

Catastrophic: prevents user from completing their task.

[Molich & Jeffries]

See <https://measuringu.com/rating-severity/> for variants

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