# Designing Interactions: In Products, Processes, and Conversations

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# "Everyone designs who devises courses of action aimed at changing existing situations into preferred ones."

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– Herbert Simon







## Cybernetics and Design 2000 – 2007 **Human-Computer Interaction Program Stanford University**

with Hugh Dubberly



# School of Visual Arts MFA XIXD

# Introduction to Cybernetics and the **Foundations of Systems Design**

This course presents frameworks for modeling interaction in terms of structure and context, augmenting traditional discussions of form and syntax. We will collaboratively address questions that are fundamental to design practice: What is a system, and what are the different types? How do we interact with systems, and what are the different types of interaction? Systems may act independently, interact with other systems, learn, and even converse. What do such systems have in common, and how can we describe them? How can we measure their limitations? The course explores the integral structures and coherent processes for the design of effective artifacts, communications, collaborations, and services. Students will apply frameworks for steering design processes and/or design outcomes based on their own interests, encompassing domains as broad as education, health and wellness, and sustainability.



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## Interaction Design MFA



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### Frameworks for Interaction and Conversation

June 13, 2016



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In the Fall 2016 Semester, CCS MFA Interaction Design is introducing a new elective, Frameworks for Interaction and Conversation. It's an in-depth course that explores cybernetic models of effective action that apply to design of software, services, products, entertainment, or organizations.

IxD 601A — Fall 2016 Frameworks for Interaction & Conversation MFA Elective open to all MFAs and BFA Seniors

A pragmatic systems approach to understanding, communicating about, and collaborating on designs that enable interactions & conversations in service of human needs





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## Be Part of the Evolution of Interaction Design

March 26, 2017

In Fall 2017, the MFA program at CCS is introducing a new studio course called "Interaction Design Evolution." The course invites students to riff on prior innovations in the history of interaction design and then to invent their own. Seriously.



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## Alan Kay gives lecture to CCS IxD

October 1, 2017

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The DynaBook "I wish to God these calculations were executed by steam!" Charles Babbage (age 19) ca. 1803

"The Analytical Engine weaves algebraic patterns, just as the Jacquard Loom weaves patterns in silk."

> -Ada Augusta Countess of Lovelace



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From Alan Kay's "A Personal Computer for Children of All Ages", 1972

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It would be tl;dr for a blogpost to explain the originality and contributions that Alan Kay has made to interaction design. We're fortunate that he delivered an extended real-time lecture by video on October 9, 2017, to grad and undergrad students, hosted by the Interaction Design Evolution course, a.k.a. Studio III in the MFA Interaction Design program at CCS.

Alan has been deeply influencing interaction design from the time he conceived what we now call the iPadthough his concept went much further and was explicitly a learning tool. And he named it more descriptively: the Dynabook (1968-1972). He had a relationship with Steve Jobs and famously said that he thought the original Mac from 1984 was "the first



# Project Velociti



a new business at the intersection of cars, money and making life easier

### Paul Pangaro Rob Murray

Growth Ventures Citi September 2008

# Project Velociti

- use of cars.
- and money.
- in co-developing prototypes and bringing new services to market.

We're spending more time in cars and more money to use them. This creates greater stress and heightened expectations for drivers and passengers.

Our hypothesis: There are big economic opportunities in reducing the time, money, and risks—while increasing convenience and pleasure—surrounding the

We re-conceive the car as a platform for simplicity—for financial transactions as well as staying informed about, and planing activities that involve, cars

We seek business partners to complement our worldwide banking infrastructure

# Global Trends Summary

## What's Hard

Crises of ecologies, economies, energy, food

Crushing complexity & stress of everyday life, loss of privacy

Increasing cost & stress of using cars yet...

More time spent in cars

## What's Great

- yet... Increasing power of communication, computation, monitoring & control
- yet... Global networks create connections across time, distance, and groups
- s yet... Greater ease in managing payments & activities around cars
  - yet... Potential to do more, including banking, from cars

# **NSIGNTS** WHAT WE DRAW FROM TODAY'S TRENDS

- Globally, automobiles are increasingly critical in daily life, even as they grow more expensive and stressful to use.
  - activity, e.g., planning, communicating, relaxing, transacting.
  - a passenger's time whenever. In addition, technologyoperation of the vehicle.
  - and time, and to monitor and control remotely.

  - As far as banking goes, cars are not participating (yet).

As we spend more time in automobiles, they become more than just transport—they are platforms for supporting a wide range of daily human

It's easy to make a driver's time more productive when the car is parked, or such as voice recognition, attention awareness, and personalization - can make the driver more productive for tasks that can co-exist with safe

As part of the "network of objects", cars can synchronize with any other location and any type of data in the real and virtual world, to save money

# Hypothesis: The Networked Car

Creates significant customer value by greatly increasing convenience, economy, and safety for today's frequent and costly use of automobiles.

Presents a huge, untapped, and global opportunity that will leverage Citi's extensive banking infrastructure, existing partnerships, and worldwide reach.

opportunities, and an ability to attract new partners to joint ventures.

- Delivers a new and cost-efficient distribution channel, new revenue

# Future Vision

- online and mobile.

## plan their complex lives.

- financial, and life activities.
- coordinate, and plan their work, daily life, and leisure.

## The automobile is a touchpoint as important as branches and ATMs,

Financial tasks are achieved securely and easily from inside the car.

Any transaction related to using a car is simpler, faster, and more secure.

Consumers use their cars as a platform from which to control and

Dashboard screens seamlessly connect the car to the consumer's digital lifestyle, allowing control and monitoring of a range of transportation,

The car is a "third space" (with home and office) where consumers transact,

## Axiom 1 Safety in the car is paramount.

## We will not introduce new distractions to the driver.

- Functions that distract from safe driving will be disabled when the car is moving.
- Measures of current demand on the driver's attention will determine which functions may be enabled.
- Voice recognition and other hands-free technologies will afford flexibility and avoid distraction.
- We will facilitate "time well spent" during waiting times, when parked, and when driver attention is available.

## Axiom 2 Being in a car is different.

touchpoints for performing certain tasks.

- space and relieve stress.

We can demonstrate that cars can deliver a banking experience that goes well beyond transactions.

# The car provides a unique environment that is better than other

The car affords intimacy and comfort that is more like sitting at home or in a private office. With a large touch-screen and voice recognition, the experience can be better than with a desktop, laptop, or mobile device.

Vast stretches of underutilized time can afford new opportunities.

Unexpected events inevitably arise when we happen to be in a car. Immediate action may be necessary, and the completion of tasks will free up mental





### separate user interfaces—separate systems—separate payments





# CARS AS A MEDIUM TO **ENCOURAGE CONVERSATION** BETWEEN PEOPLE



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have gotten into an argument over **OF DRIVERS** a parking space.

## How do people deal with an annoying parked car?



call the parker



honk the horn



leave a note

wait for the parker

I got a note on my car saying: - First-day parking? It really upset me for the whole day. Rina from Boston

The cost of being towed, tickets and all. It costs a lot. Pretty much like buying a used car. Janine from Detroit

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30% **OF TRAFFIC**  in a city is caused by drivers searching for a parking spot.







try to get out



move the car







In New York, it takes at least a day to resolve the issue [being towed], because of bureaucracy. Tracy from NY

I didn't like to call the police, but I had to do it after I'd spent half an hour looking for him. Sara from LA





## Findings

### > It's what it is! New Yorkers set aside a ticket budget, expecting to pay fees.

### > Co-understanding

People tend to solve the problem rather than punishing the offender and getting revenge.

### > Victims of cities policy People feel cities make money from parking fines.

### > Open a channel

People prefer to solve the problem with the offender rather than engaging a third party like police.

## Problem

Car owners are not reachable when they are away from their cars

## Need

from their cars



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## Insight

CAR OWNER'S COSTS MAY LOWERED BY CONVERSATION

## A channel to reach car owners when they are away

## Solution

Providing a safe and secure way of connecting with car owners







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Concept statement -

## **A SOCIAL APPLICATION THAT HELPS** LOCAL USERS TO CONTACT CAR OWNERS, IN **A FAST SECURE WAY, WHEN THEY ARE AWAY** FROM THEIR CAR.

**Benefits** 

THE CAR OWNER **IS REACHABLE** 

**THE PROBLEM IS SOLVED IN A** SHORTER AMOUNT **OF TIME** 

**IT REDUCES FINANCIAL AND EMOTIONAL** COSTS

### What are the new opportunities?

The CarChat opens a channel for sharing the ownership experience such as where to go for repares.

Anonymized data mining will be valuable for car manufacturers and city government.

There are wide range of unforeseen opportunities that can become possible by re-conceiving the role of a parked car by converting it to a connected device. A connected parked car has the potential to use the car as an agent to encourage a social conversation.

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**IT HELPS WITH OTHER PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE** PARKED CAR **AS WELL** 

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> Explore cars around you

Map shows cars around which have the application





By selecting each car, you can get the information about the car and car owner









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PERSONALITY



## **CORE EXPERIENCE**



**Reading and preparing lectures** Meditating, Freeing up mind **Drive-in theater** Camping

Scientific Nature-oriented Organised Persistent

Subjective Efficient

## **BENCHMARK EXPERIENCE**

Desert safari Anniversary in Cancun Live in the wild





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## **BRIEF TIMELINE**






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### **OPTIMIZED** WORKING

Efficient Inspired



Relaxed Concentrating Inspired



### CASUAL WORKING

Inspired Relaxed



Focused **Better Performance** 

# EASY DRIVING

Relaxed Entertained



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### **OPTIMIZED** RESTING

**Regain Energy** 











# AUTONOMOUS INTERIOR MODE Interior is adjusted through human data collected by sensors









# **OVERRIDE CONTROL MODE** Interior is adjusted through hand and body gestures









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# **ELEVATED EXPERIENCE**





# **Concept 1 for Oliver**













## **Meditation Mode** Short Break after Lunch Minimum Distraction Calm, Focused, Rebaxed









### Recycle Paper Texture

### Sculptured Wood Surface



Embedded Copper Buttons











# Ultrasonic Haptics Interface with Holographic Display



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### Trigger Memories of the Good Old Days Bring the Experience back and Enhance

## **Drive in Theatre Mode**





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Fall 2015

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### **Commander-in-Chief**

### Kirk Peterson Environmental Engineer

Age | 54

 Location
 Income
 Family status

 Denver
 \$70K
 Married



#### Commander-in-Chief



**Kirk Peterson Environmental Engineer** 

### **Environmental service**

the mountains. He and his wife live togeth

### Different environmental conditions

dog. Kirk's job require

### **Core Experiences**

- Fishing at Rocky Mountain National Park
- Camping at the Eleven Mile State Park in Colorado
- Hiking at Rocky Mountain National Park with his wife and dog on weekends
- Building a mountain dream home

### **Benchmark Experiences**

- Own a Luxury RV and travel all around the world
- Camp with his family in Iceland under the northern lights

## Persona

**IDX** models

Key concepts

**Final Renderings** 





### Commander-in-Chief



**Kirk Peterson** Environmental Engineer

## Persona

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# Helping to organize and store

Enough space for dog and luggage/boxes + cooking equipment and dishes + picnic equipment + insulated food container









### Commander-in-Chief



Kirk Peterson Environmental Engineer

### Persona

## **IDX models**

Key concepts Final Renderings





### Commander-in-Chief



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### CONCEPT

### Providing a connected backpack as part of the car seat



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### CONCEPT



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### CONCEPT

### Commander-in-Chief



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### Commander-in-Chief



**Kirk Peterson** Environmental Engineer

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Kirk is a commander-in-chief


#### Commander-in-Chief



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#### INTERACTION DESIGN FOR CAR INTERIOR

Kirk is a commander-in-chief He wants to take control of gadgets with his hand





 On-hand menu -Provides a new way for control and interaction



#### Commander-in-Chief



Kirk Peterson Environmental Engineer

## PERSONA

## Autopilot



Clara Hong Food Academy Instructor



#### Commander-in-Chief



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# MFA Interaction Design Program



# Architecture Machine Group 1976



# **NSF Proposal**

# Architecture Machine Group 1976









# Aspects of Machine Intelligence

Introduction by Gordon Pask





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# **Conversational Frame**







# **Conversation Redux**





# Conversation Redux — C-L-E-A-T





# **Examples of Conversational Machines**



# **Gordon Pask's Eucrates**

# **1958**

TEACHER SIMULATOR



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# CONTROL CONSOLE

## PUPIL SIMULATOR



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# Gordon Pask's COLLOQUY OF MOBILES

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# **COLLOQUY 2018 Project College for Creative Studies**

May 2018

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#### Tutorial

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# **THOUGHTSTICKER 1986**

Data schema by Jeffrey Nicoll UI coding & UX by Paul Pangaro

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UI design and coding by Jeremy Scott Diamond UX & heuristics by Paul Pangaro

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# **STREAMFULLY 2014**

UI by Barbara de Wilde & John Katagawa UI coding by John Katagawa UX & heuristics by Paul Pangaro

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The ability to make things go viral felt like the closest that we could get to having a human superpower."

He offered practical tips: "Facebook should be eighty per cent of your effort, if you're focussed on social media"; "Try to change every comma to a period"; "Use lists whenever possible. Lists just hijack the brain's neural circuitry." Behind me, two women in their fifties took notes on

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Facebook: The World's Biggest Direct-Market... In a conference call after the release of this week's earnings, she gave a couple of examples of how it is gradually displacing

#### Can Benefit Corporations Work?

Yet the desire to balance profit and purpose is arguably a return to the model that many American companies once followed. Henry

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# **THOUGHTSHUFFLER iOS 2013**

UX by Miriam Simun UI by See-ming Lee concept & heuristics by Paul Pangaro

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March 2013 National Geographic Cover Story: "America Strikes Oil...

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In his article entitled "America Strikes Oil: The Promise and Risk of Fracking," Edwin Dobb, a Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism lecturer and National Geographic contributing writer, focuses fracking activities in North Dakota.

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# Symptom Checker

Experiencing symptoms but not sure what they mean? Use our Symptom Checker to help determine possible causes and treatments, and when to see a doctor.

#### Enter your symptom

#### Give me symptoms to choose from >>

#### **Or Assess Your Symptoms**

Want to know what's causing your aches, pain, or rashes? We can identify conditions related to your symptoms.

#### <sup>()</sup> Learn About Possible Causes

Get a better understanding of a condition: Discover if you're at risk, how it's diagnosed, and what you can do about it.

#### **Most Common Symptoms**

- Diarrhea
- Knee pain
- Sore throat
- Sleep paralysis
- Insomnia
- Erectile dysfunction
- Blood in urine
- Conjunctivitis
- Heel pain
- Back pain

# **Consumer Health Portal**

- Night sweats
- Abdominal pain
- Chest pain
- Foot pain
- Neck pain
- Vaginal discharge
- Morning sickness
- Anemia
- Constipation
- Vaginal itching

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Weigh your treatment options, from traditional medicine to alternative therapies, and decide which is right to you.

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#### **User Conversation Model 2006 Consumer Health Portal**



# Design...

# **Design... from Thinking to Conversation**

#### Design Thinking

# What is the process of Design Thinking?



#### Observe

#### Brainstorm

#### Prototype

# What Does that mean?



# What Does that mean?





# What Does that mean?





# Limitations

Specific? Rigorous? Repeatable?







# **Evaluate...**

#### Measure Improvements for Users



Prototype



# **Iterate & Evaluate**

Measure Improvements for Users

Measure Convergence on design goals



#### **Brainstorm**

Prototype





# **Iterate & Evaluate**

Measure Improvements for Users

Measure Convergence on design goals

#### **Conversation to** Agree on Means



## **Conversation is the core**

Measure Improvements for Users

Measure Convergence on design goals



## **Conversation is the core**

Measure Improvements for Users

Measure Convergence on design goals



# **Rethinking Design Thinking**



### Design Thinking



# **Rethinking Design Thinking**





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#### ... achieve this?





Conversation to Agree on Means

#### Does doing this



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#### Conversation to Agree on Goals



Do we have \_\_\_\_\_ sufficient variety...

#### Conversation to Agree on Goals

to achieve this?



Conversation to Design the Designing

Do we have \_\_\_\_\_ sufficient variety...





Conversation to Design the Designing



**Evaluate** 

Conversation to Agree on Goals

> **Iterate Evaluate**



Conversation to Design the Designing

Sufficient variety....to achieve this?





## **Designing Conversations...**

#### CONVERSATION

**e,e,e...** 



## **Designing Conversations for Variety**

#### CONVERSATION

**e,e,e...** 



### Each conversation builds new knowledge...





### ... and frames a goal for the next conversation.







### Participants in the current conversation...





### ... may or may not suit the next one.







## Participants may be identified and selected...





### ... along with new information...





### ... to bring to the next conversation.





## **Designing conversations means...**





## ... selecting for requisite variety (with no guarantees).



## **Focus on Designing Conversations for Variety**



## **Designing the Cadence of Conversations**

catalyst





solution

delivery

evaluation

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#### 2002 http://pangaro.com/leadership-language-regenerating-organizations.html

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# An organization is its language.

Ultimately, an organization consists of conversations: who talks to whom, about what.

Each conversation is recognized, selected, and amplified (or ignored) by the system. Decisions, actions, and a sense of valid purpose grow out of these conversations.

Conversation leads to agreement. Agreement leads to transaction.

# Narrowing language increases efficiency.

Organizations create their own internal language to solve specific problems.

This language serves as a kind of shorthand: Managers use it every day, knowing they will be clearly understood.

Over time, this internal language grows increasingly specialized — and narrow.

Narrowing language also increases ignorance.

The organization's internal language is designed to help managers facilitate present-day business — not look beyond it.

Using the internal language, managers increase efficiencies, but cannot recognize new fields of research, new discoveries, new approaches.

# Past **language** limits future vision.

Managers understand the organization's past behavior. But this knowledge, and the language that accompanies it, limit their vision of the organization's potential future state.

Using the language of the past, managers may try to provide a vision for the future. But it is an old future a memory of what the future could be.

Managers may strive for fundamental change, but their language prevents them from achieving it.

# Expanding language increases opportunity.

The conversations necessary for generating new opportunities come from outside the system.

For an organization to survive, it must be able to acquire new, relevant language domains.

To regenerate, an organization creates a new language.

To support an organization's future viability, effective decision makers actively introduce change into the system.

They do so by generating new language that appropriate groups in the organization come to understand and embrace.

This new language does not overtly challenge the pre-existing, efficient system, but rather creates new distinctions and supportive relationships.



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Design of **Conversations for Action** 



# Luigi's Pizza: A Parable

November 8, 2016



Say you want to eat somewhere and you ask for my recommendation. I say, "Sure, I've got the best place for you: Luigi's Pizza, on the corner of First & Commerce."

WHOSE HIDDENS MOTIVES? KNOW WHY I RECOMMEND THIS ? How RISKY? LUIGIS PIZZA: WHAT'S IN THAT SLICE?

https://ccsmfa.wordpress.com/





### Axiom #1

# **Conversation is the minimal ethical interface** where conversation means reliable transparency of action & intent—what & why across the interface.



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# Why does conversation matter?

- to act together, we must reach agreement
- to reach agreement, we must have an exchange
- to hold an exchange, we must have shared language.

To cooperate and collaborate requires conversation



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# What may follow from conversation?

- shared history
- relationship
- trust
- unity



### What does conversation enable?

- community
- commerce
- culture
- government
- society



### Axiom #2

Conversation is the minimal humane interface growing the understanding & informing the action of one or more willing & active participants such that trust and collaboration may arise.



# What's a "good conversation"?

- stays sensitive to context
- avoids repetition while offering something novel
- maintains continuity
- raises great questions
- helps you be what you want to be... or to become.

### Why can't AI + Conversation Interfaces do these things?



# **Second-order Design = Design for Conversation**

The goal of second-order design is to facilitate the emergence of conditions in which others can design – to create conditions in which conversations can emerge –

— Dubberly & Pangaro, Cybernetics and Design: Conversations for Action, 2017

and thus to increase the number of choices open to all.



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# **Applying C-L-E-A-T Questions for Designing for Conversation**

- What channel is being opened to begin the conversation? Is the interruption reasonable in how and when it intrudes? What is the bio-cost of the intrusion relative to its benefit? Are there better ways to interrupt?
- Is the first message clear? **Does it offer something to the recipient?**
- Does the exchange convey the potential benefits in continuing? Is there learning or delight? Is curiosity or interest stimulated?
- Is meaning easily understood do the messages speak in the language of the participants? Are messages sensitive to others' context, needs, interests, values? How can messages be made more efficient or clear?

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# **Applying C-L-E-A-T Questions for Designing "Conversation Interfaces"**

- What does the Conversation Interface (CUI) know about the user's context what more can it know, automatically or by input from the user?
- How can a user convey intention to the software can the CUI be open to the user's goals, values, preferences?
- Does the CUI evolve during the engagement in addition to understanding the user, can it build new knowledge?
- When should the CUI be confident it understands the user and when should it double-check?
- Can the CUI's capabilities build a relationship of trust what does that take?

# When will Conversation Interfaces do all this?

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# Alexa, can you please acquire the skill of conversation Alexa, what is "conversation"?

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# **Conversational Frame**







# A participant has a goal.







# Chooses a context.





#### context



# Chooses a language.







# Begins an exchange.






#### May evoke a response...





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#### ... and a reaction that evokes a reaction...





### The engagement may continue.





### An agreement may be reached.





#### A transaction may occur.





#### **Conversation Redux**





### Conversation Redux — C-L-E-A-T





## The Machine Revolution

Role of machines...

# Industrial Revolution

(1750–1850)

Extend and<br/>enhance......musclesCreate value<br/>by lowering<br/>the cost of......performing<br/>physical labor

#### **Computer Revolution**

#### **Conversation Revolution**

(1955–1995)

(2015–?)

...nervous system

...muscles and nervous system

...performing cognitive tasks

...collaborating

