



Trevor Kaufman

The Softening of the CE Interface

01.04.2005

Background

- Ten years of interface development for software applications and Web sites
- Internal and external applications for major media, healthcare, legal, political, financial services, and consumer electronics companies
- Currently CEO of Schematic, a 100-person firm with offices in New York, Atlanta, and Los Angeles

Hard and Soft Interfaces, Defined

A **hard interface** is one where every function corresponds to a distinct and dedicated interface element. No interface components perform double-duty.

A **soft interface** is one where interface elements can have different functions depending on their context.

Hard and Soft Interfaces

Before the advent of screens and inexpensive graphics chips, hard interfaces were all we had.



Hard and Soft Interfaces



Soft interfaces, of course, are totally abstract in and of themselves: they need some sort of graphical user interface (GUI) or other device to give them meaning.

The Trend from Hard to Soft

Of course, we can all intuitively sense the move from hard interfaces to soft ones...



...but why is this taking place?

With hard interfaces, more features means more complexity.



Soft interfaces break the link between features (i.e. power) and complexity.



And...

Of course, other factors are in play:

- Widespread consumer familiarity with computers
- Declining costs of screens
- Increasing clarity & definition of screens
- Increasing user sensitivity to interfaces
- The networked home
- The videogame phenomenon
- Development of the “soft” venues, including self-service in retail environments (RFID), telematics, environmental computer systems in public locations, etc.

But as inventors, we're most excited about the fact that we can have a system with unlimited power that's still simple to use.



Schematic Client List

A&E

ABCNews.com

Apple

Cablevision

Comcast

Comcast Broadband Group

Comcast Cable

E! Networks

Discovery Networks

TLC

Disney

ABC Cable Networks

ABC News

Disney Channel

ESPN

Touchstone Pictures

FOX

Fox Cable Networks

Fox Television

FX

Edmunds.com

Frederick's of Hollywood

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher

Gold's Gym

Hitachi

Hallmark Channel

Houghton Mifflin

Liberate

Microsoft

Microsoft Game Studios

eHome

Xbox Live

Nielsen

Panasonic

Paul Mitchell

Pfizer

Philips

Rainbow Media

AMC

Sony

Game Show Network

Sony Pictures Digital Entertainment

Sony Electronics

Sony Research and Development

So-Net (Japan)

Time Warner

AOL

CNN.com

HBO

New Line Cinema

Warner Bros.

Turner Broadcasting

Streamcast

TNN

Vulcan

The Weather Channel

ABC News: Online news, breaking news, feature stories and more - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Back Forward Stop Refresh Home Search Favorites Print Mail Wordpad Search Bluetooth

Address <http://abcnews.go.com/> Go Links

abc NEWS January 4, 2005 | Get Your Local News and Weather

Search ABC News and the Web go

Search ABC News Search the Web

GOOD MORNING AMERICA WORLD NEWS TONIGHT 20/20 PRIMETIME LIVE NIGHTLINE WORLD NEWS NOW THIS WEEK

Home

- U.S.
- International
- Business
- Technology & Science
- Health
- Entertainment
- Politics
- ESPN Sports
- Travel
- Local News & Weather

ADVERTISEMENT

Buy any qualifying Samsung HD Plasma TV and get a Hi-Def Conversion DVD Player free. [details >>](#)

SPECIAL SECTIONS

- Video & Audio
- Life Stages Resource Center
- Shopping Center

ABC NEWS SERVICES

- Search Toolbar
- Wireless

U.S. Helicopters Rescue Tsunami Survivors



U.S. helicopters rescued dozens of desperate and weak tsunami survivors, including a young girl clutching a stuffed Snoopy dog, as the American military relief operation reached out to remote areas...

INTERNATIONAL

How the Tsunami Could Change History

If past events are any guide, the latest natural disaster could have profound effects on the politics and economies of the Indian Ocean.

Related: Tsunami Extended Coverage

Video: Aid for Survivors

Related: How to Help Tsunami Victims

ORIGINAL REPORT

SUVs May Not Be Safest Choice for Teen Drivers

Parents may believe an SUV, with its large size, to be the best car for young drivers. But studies suggest there are many other reasons why it's not.

TECHNOLOGY

- 'EICU' Lets Doctors Monitor Many Patients
- TiVo Unveils Portable Transfer Service
- Airport Uses Web-Based Flight Info System

ENTERTAINMENT

- Rocker Lets F-Word Slip on 'Tonight Show'
- Joel Siegel's Top 10 Movies
- Wolf Files: The Year of the Boob

MORENEWS

- Bush, Clinton to Lead Tsunami Fund Raising
- Insurgent Attacks in Iraq Kill at Least 16
- House GOP Giving Ground on Ethics Rules
- Storm Shuts Down Major Calif. Highway
- U.S. Airlines Have 34 Deaths in 3 Years
- Frey's Book Focuses on Peterson Affair

VIDEO

abc NEWS

CLICK HERE

For Your FREE Video Clip of the Day

Mission of Mercy

The world's effort to help in Southeast Asia begins to make a difference.

ABC NEWS NOW

- View Schedule

VIDEO ON DEMAND

Internet

Gold's Gym - Microsoft Internet Explorer


Address: http://www.goldsgym.com/

Sign up for Gold's Gym Updates | Contact Gold's Gym Corporate | Franchisee Login


GOLD'S GYM
THE AUTHORITY SINCE 1965


GYM LOCATOR GOLD'S GEAR FRANCHISING ABOUT GOLD'S HEALTH & FITNESS

WELCOME TO GOLD'S GYM
IT ALL STARTS HERE


FIND A GYM NEAR YOU NOW 
550+ GYMS • 25 COUNTRIES
2.5 MILLION MEMBERS

THE NEW GOLD'S GYM POWERFLEX
BRING HOME THE GOLD!

TRAINING, NUTRITION, & HEALTH TIPS 

FREE VIP PASS 
DR. PHIL'S ULTIMATE WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE

For nearly 40 years Gold's Gym has been a leader in fitness around the world.



Done Internet

HITACHI Power Tools: Home - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Address: http://www.hitachipowertools.com/

hitachi.com → hitachi.us Global Network NORTH AMERICA

HITACHI Power Tools
Hitachi Koki USA, Ltd.

Home | Products | Customer Service | Company Profile | Hitachi Technology | Distributor Login

DESIGNED TO BE DIFFERENT
[View Products](#)

Search

 Entire Site Products Only

- Home
- Products
- Customer Service
- Company Profile
- Hitachi Technology
- Distributor Login

New 2004 REBATES

New Introducing the DS14DMR & DS18DMR **CORDLESS DRILL KIT**

C12LCH COMPOUND MITER SAW WITH LASER* MARKER AND DIGITAL DISPLAY

[Click here for Details](#) [Click here for Details](#)

Hitachi Koki Ltd.
© Hitachi, Ltd. 1994, 2004. All rights reserved.

Done Internet

PAUL MITCHELL®

WHAT'S NEW

PRODUCTS

ABOUT US

SALONS

CAREER PATH

SEARCH



GEORGE CLOONEY | BRAD PITT | MATT DAMON | CATHERINE ZETA-JONES | ANDY GARCIA | DON CHEADLE | BERNIE MAC | AND JULIA ROBERTS



INTRO

DOWNLOADS

PHOTOS

CAST

VIDEO

THE MOVIE



ENTER THE MASTERMIND CHALLENGE

OCEAN'S TWELVE | NOW PLAYING

Turnerresources.com - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Back Forward Stop Refresh Home Search Favorites

Address <http://www.turnerresources.com/index.php?&bLogin=1> Go Links












[AD SALES](#)
[PROGRAMMING](#)
[MARKETING MATERIALS](#)
[PROMOTIONS](#)
[TECHNOLOGY](#)
[PRESS](#)
[RESEARCH](#)
[ADVANCED SERVICES](#)

quick search GO

>> advanced search

[HELP](#)
[EDIT PROFILE](#)
[LOGOUT](#)

turnerresources.com

>> Home







Turner

A TimeWarner Company

[MY BRIEFCASE](#)
[FIND MY REP](#)
[FEEDBACK](#)

[Shop Turner Basics](#)

Most Popular

- [2005 Golf Schedule & Avails](#)
- [1st Quarter Highlights](#)
- [February Highlights - LAS](#)
- [2004-2005 NBA Schedule](#)
- [2005 January/February Affiliate Ad Sales Kit](#)

Turner VALUE

No more stacks of post-promotion affidavits to submit! It's easy, just fill out the reports online at

Happy New Year from all of us at turnerresources.com!

US Decoder Replacement Program

Time to Install your new S-A D9850

Shipping of the new Scientific-Atlanta PowerVu D9850 Receivers for Turner Classic Movies, Cartoon West Coast, Boomerang, CNN en Espanol and CNN International has begun and will continue throughout December and January. [Click](#)



Internet

[CUSTOMIZE DASHBOARD](#)

STANDARD REPORTS

- [All Films Nationwide](#)
- [New Films Nationwide](#)
- [All Regions Nationwide](#)
- [All Branches Nationwide](#)
- [All DMAs Nationwide](#)
- [All Circuits Nationwide](#)
- [Top 50 Theaters](#)
- [Top 200 Theaters](#)
- [New Theaters](#)
- [Old Theaters](#)

MY FAVORITES

- [All Theaters in California](#)
- [I Love Lucy](#)
- [My Top DMAs](#)
- [Some other Stuff](#)
- [Whatever I want to Call it](#)
- [What else might go here?](#)
- [Let's Mix it up](#)
- [THIS ONE IS ALL CAPS](#)
- [this will be very random](#)
- [Another Favorite Report](#)

SPECIAL REPORTS

- [Special Report 1](#)
- [Special Report 2](#)
- [Special Report 3](#)
- [Special Report 4](#)
- [Special Report 5](#)
- [Special Report 6](#)
- [Special Report 7](#)
- [Special Report 8](#)
- [Special Report 9](#)
- [Special Report 10](#)

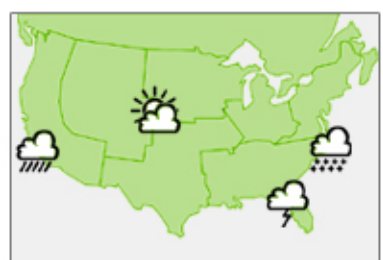
[HOURLY GROSSES](#) |
 [UPCOMING RELEASES](#) |
 [MATINEE CLASSIC](#) |
 [CHANGE LOG](#) |
 [NRG TRACKING](#)

Friday, January 10 (data as of 12:00pm Pacific)

[REFRESH DATA](#)
[+ EXPAND](#)

Rnk.	Film Title	Last Hour	Running Total
1	50 FIRST DATES	\$45,245	\$123,345,245
2	MIRACLE	\$36,205	\$542,536,205
3	BARBERSHOP 2	\$20,046	\$38,620,046
4	YOU GOT SERVED	\$15,923	\$98,815,923
5	THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT	\$10,892	\$4,910,892
6	CATCH THAT KID	\$8,883	2,\$28,883
7	LOST IN TRANSLATION	\$4,025	\$34,025
8	LORD OF THE RINGS	\$998	\$6,998
9	FREAKY FRIDAY	\$445	\$4,445
10	ANOTHER TITLE	\$300	\$550

REGIONAL WEATHER

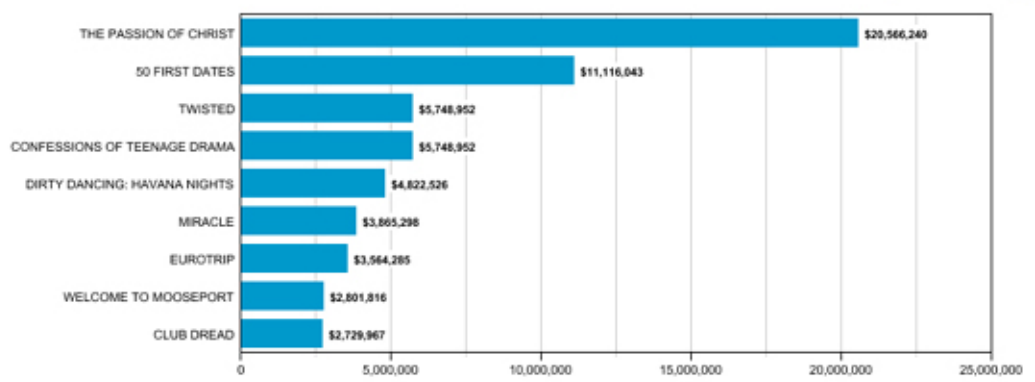


Poor Weather Watch (# of DMAs)

Northeast (3)	Canada N. Cnt. (13)
Southeast (2)	Pacific (9)
Midwest (15)	Rocky Mnts. (3)
South Central (0)	

Provided by AccuWeather (TM)

DISTRIBUTOR BOX OFFICE

[+ EXPAND](#)


INDUSTRY NEWS

[Five more state pension funds to withhold votes for Eisner.](#)
[03/03/2004]

Adding more fuel to the drive to oust Michael Eisner as chairman of the board of the Walt Disney Co., the pension plans of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Virginia announced thursday that they plan to withhold their votes for Eisner at Disney's shareholders meeting.

[Clear Channel to Congress: Sorry About That.](#)
[03/03/2004]

BACK

FAVORITES

STANDARD REPORTS

SPECIAL REPORTS

?

EXCEL

PDF

REFRESH

DOM : All Films : Nationwide (Playweek Of 02/27/2004) Week Gross

Film

Region

Branch

DMA

Circuit

Theatre

SUBMIT

Wk Rk	Title	Dist	Tot Pdts	Wk	02/27-02/29 Wknd	03/01 Mon	03/02 Tue	03/03 Wed	03/04 Thu	02/27-03/04 Week	Running Total
1.	PASSION OF THE CHRIST, THE	NEW	3043	1	70,867,792	8,526,443	7,413,687	0	0	86,807,922	121,563,545
2.	WEDDING SINGER, THE	NEW	2821	1	14,804,863	2,412,229	1,171,936	956,235	1,020,870	20,366,133	66,060,765
3.	50 FIRST DATES	SON	3450	3	11,147,809	632,250	718,992	0	0	12,499,051	78,820,951
4.	TWISTED	PAR	2703	1	7,906,101	525,253	556,780	0	0	8,988,134	8,988,134
5.	CONFESSIONS OF TEENAGE DRAM	BV	2503	2	5,768,007	203,921	188,322	0	0	6,160,250	15,855,882
6.	DIRTY DANCING: HAVANA NIGHTS	LIO	2042	1	4,833,930	258,485	294,761	0	0	5,387,176	5,387,176
7.	MIRACLE	BV	2222	4	3,877,033	210,023	192,635	0	0	4,279,691	51,591,807
8.	EUROTRIP	DRE	2544	2	3,527,241	274,003	301,293	0	0	4,102,537	11,859,399
9.	WELCOME TO MOOSEPORT	FOX	2868	2	2,809,677	163,874	189,036	0	0	3,162,587	9,986,405
10.	BROKEN LIZARD'S CLUB DREAD	FOX	1807	1	2,742,406	214,745	201,146	0	0	3,158,297	3,158,297
11.	BARBERSHOP 2	MGM	1524	4	2,512,606	135,642	116,334	0	0	2,764,582	46,194,248
12.	LORD OF THE RINGS: RETURN KING	NEW	1112	11	2,029,066	254,185	245,030	0	0	2,528,281	317,107,883
13.	MYSTIC RIVER	WB	1125	21	1,945,240	222,537	244,713	0	0	2,412,490	75,870,883
14.	MONSTER	NEW	968	10	1,744,237	204,099	243,259	0	0	2,191,595	24,445,030
15.	AGAINST THE ROPES	PAR	1601	2	1,211,390	83,502	91,478	0	0	1,386,370	4,865,196
16.	BUTTERFLY EFFECT, THE	NEW	1035	6	1,121,707	99,060	121,945	0	0	1,342,712	49,324,311
17.	YOU GOT SERVED	SON	816	5	1,162,324	59,548	50,158	0	0	1,272,030	35,450,905
18.	COLD MOUNTAIN	MIR	1113	10	1,010,454	85,699	105,420	0	0	1,201,573	81,297,980
19.	SOMETHING'S GOTTA GIVE	SON	672	12	758,446	59,953	70,327	0	0	888,726	111,597,804
20.	ALONG CAME POLLY	UNI	664	7	582,563	38,905	39,571	0	0	661,039	78,727,953
21.	IN AMERICA	FOX	202	14	436,271	29,972	32,454	0	0	498,697	11,980,034
22.	CATCH THAT KID	FOX	517	4	405,589	20,786	32,643	0	0	459,018	13,847,041
25.	BIG FISH	SON	371	12	333,460	27,109	34,366	0	0	394,935	60,878,442
26.	MASTER AND COMMANDER: THE ...	FOX	233	16	296,613	26,655	30,276	0	0	353,544	82,468,123
27.	TRIPLETS OF BELLEVILLE, THE	SON	197	14	243,024	30,801	37,741	0	0	311,566	4,117,269
Report Totals			40675		133,920,813	12,829,807	12,110,783	0	0	158,861,403	3,357,989,045

Week
09

overnight

WEEKEND

WEEK

7 DAYS

DAY:

Tue

REPORT VIEW

GRID

COMPARISON

FILMS

WEDDING SING...

COUNTRY

domestic

DETAILS

SEARCHES
PLAYLIST
VIDEO

- × All Searches (3436)
- × Recent Offers (621)
- × Bach (759)
- × Beethoven (711)
- × Tchaikovsky (328)
- × Chopin (482)
- × Handel (23)
- × Violin Concerto N... (493)
- × Classical Master... (12)
- × Come Scoglio (346)
- × Classical Music (284)
- × Mozart (723)

Top album matches << 1 | 2 | 3 >>

classical Relaxing Classical
 Johann Sebastian Bach, Léo Delibes, Gabriel Fauré
 Release Date: March 30, 1999
 \$9.95 →

Great Artists of the Century- 25 Launch Releases
 Wolfgang Amadeus, Mozart, Ludwig van Beethoven
 Release Date: 3/23/2004
 \$9.95 →

Mozart: Le Nozze di Figaro / Jacobs, Gens, Clofi, et al
 Release Date: 5/11/2004
 \$9.95 →

Help Preferences Chat Get Morpheus Ultra

⏪ ⏩ ⏸ ⏴ ⏵
Mozart - Come Scoglio 0:30 →
Audio Search

» ADVANCED SEARCH

SEARCH RESULTS MY FILES MORPHEUS ONLINE

Source	Format	Artist	Album
All Sources	All Formats	All Artists (16)	All Albums (43)
Morpheus Online Store	mp3	Classical - Mozart (2)	Relaxing Classical (6)
P2P Network	wav	Mozart (1)	Great Artists of the Century (6)
	aiff	Mozart, Wolfgang Amadeus (1)	Mozart: Le Nozze di Figaro (5)
		W.A. Mozart (1)	Classical Masterpieces (4)

Search Results: Mozart (723)

Host	Title	Artist	Album	Size	Type	Speed	
	Aria: Barbaro fato! Vorrei dir, e cor n...	W.A. Mozart	Mozart: Così fan tutte	3,202 KB		-----	\$0.99 →
	Aria: Come scoglio	W.A. Mozart	Mozart: Così fan tutte	5,054 KB		-----	Free ↓
	Aria: Donne mie, la fate a tanti a tanti	W.A. Mozart	Mozart: Così fan tutte	3,002 KB	mp3	T3+	
	Aria: E amore un ladroncello	Wolfgang Amade...	Mozart: Così fan tutte	8,432 KB	mp3	T1	
	Aria: Gi? dagli occhi	Wolfgang Amade...	Mozart-Gluck Handel	11,10...	wav	Cable/DSL	
12	Aria: In uomini, in soldati	Wolfgang Amade...	Mozart: Così fan tutte	4,612 KB	mp3	Cable/DSL	
8	Aria: Non siate ritrosi, occhie	art	Mozart: Così fan tutte	2,564 KB	mp3	Cable/DSL	Download
4	Aria: Parto, m'affretto	art	Mozart: Così fan tutte	5,496 KB	mp3	Modem	Chat With Host
2	Aria: Smanie implacabili	art	Mozart - Complete Sol...	5,204 KB	wav	Modem	Bitzi Lookup

Stop Search Preview Download Bitzi Lookup

File	Size	Status	Progress	Speed	ETA
Aria: Donne mie, la fate a tanti a tanti	2,616 KB	✓ Complete	100%		
Aria: E amore un ladroncello	3,542 KB	↓ Receiving from 2 Hosts	36%	14KB/s	1:22
Aria: Gi? dagli occhi	5,128 KB	⊙ Connecting...			
Aria: In uomini, in soldati	3,146 KB	↓ Receiving from 4 Hosts	89%	22KB/s	0:33

Stop Download Resume Run File Clear Inactive

What does SBC Yahoo! DSL offer?

Enter Phone #: Check Availability

Connected as Barbie, sharing 106 files
Downloads: 4, Uploads: 2
2,824,561 users online, sharing 1.4 billion files (35,309.588 GB)



VIEW ALL STORIES

TOP STORIES



2:30 pm - U.S., Iraqi Troops Raid Mosque



3:30 pm - Martha Stewart ready to do time



4:10 pm - Attacks on Iraqi police, 21 killed

NEWS SUMMARY



Updated: 10:30 am



LIVE CNN.Net News Stream

CC Closed Captioning off 2:30



LIVE STREAMS

PLAYLIST

RELATED STORIES



CNN.Net News Stream



Mount St. Helens erupts second line of title



PRODUCER BUZZ

10:31 am - New daylight pictures from Gulf Shores, Alabama, where Ivan made landfall five hours ago, look at this..

10:23 am - Do you or somebody you know need storm help? Links to relief organizations...

10:16 am - Take a tour of the Clinton library. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit, sed do eiusmod tempor incididunt ut labore et dolore magna aliqua.

10:02 am - Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit, sed do eiusmod tempor incididunt ut labore et dolore magna aliqua.

9:56 am - Ipsum dolor sit sed ut perspiciatis unde omnis iste natus error sit voluptatem accusantium doloremque laudantium totam rem aperiam, eaque ipsa

9:50 am - Ipsum dolor sit sed ut perspiciatis unde omnis iste doloremque laudantium totam

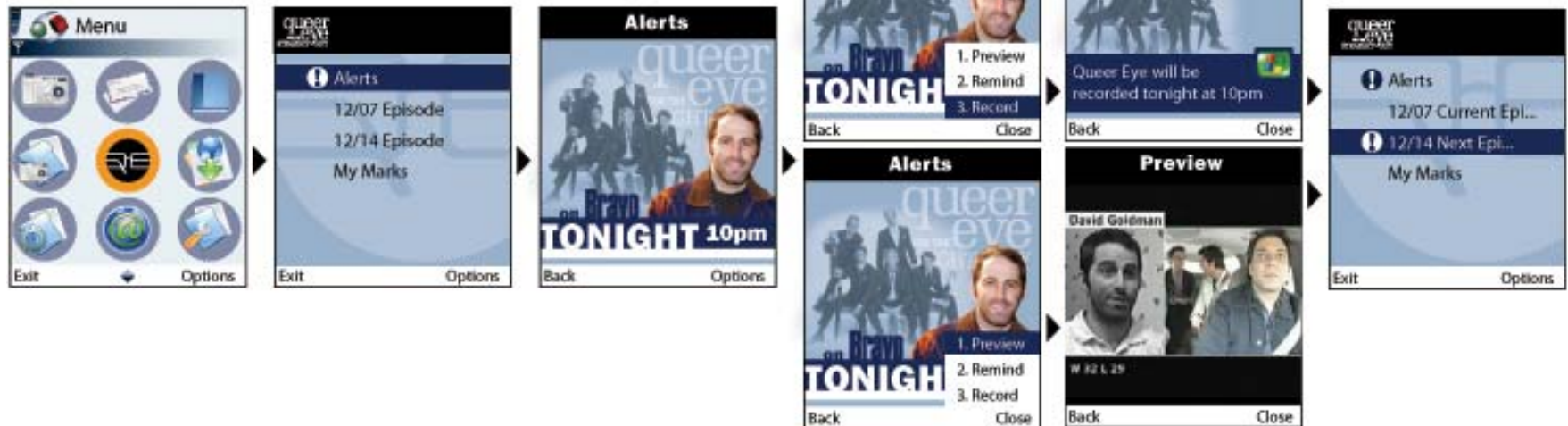
POLLS

COMING UP NEXT

Its every feature was created to cater to your every feature.

ES | 2005





Italy's Advantages

The Renaissance

- **Renaissance** – an explosion of creativity in art, writing, and thought
- Started in northern Italy
- Lasted from 1300–1600

City-States

- Crusades spur trade
- Growth of city-states in northern Italy
- In 1300s bubonic plague killed 60% of population, disrupts economy



The Madonna of Chancellor Rolin (1501–1504), Michelangelo.

Third line of text here



Audio File

< Back

Next >



Nefertiti Resurrected

Premiere

Wednesday, October 22nd
10:00 PM ET/PT

MORE



world



PRESS LIVE TV





Contextual system voice here.

8:00PM

309 MTV

CHANNEL GUIDE

ON DEMAND

ACTIVE RENTALS

GAMES

ENHANCED TV

iO SHOWCASE



iO WEATHER

TODAY

32
24
FOG

Mon

30
22
HOT

Tue

32
16
DRIZZLE

Wed

28
12
DRIZZLE

Screen-based experience design has specific challenges

As in all design, the design team must be backed up by enthusiastic, expert technologists who make their work possible

User experience development is, inherently, software development

Behaviors of different platforms must be consistent, yet technical limitations of platforms vary widely

The discipline is so new that, while standards are emerging, a common language has not yet developed

Lessons from the soft side

Process

Guidelines

Direction

Process

■ Requirements Definition

- Business Requirements\
- Success Criteria
- Audience Identification
- Technical Audit/Specification
- Creative/Brand Brief

■ Scoping

- User Goals Analysis
- Feature Development
- Data Gathering Strategy
- Feature/Value Matrix

■ Design & Prototyping

- Application Model
- Wireframing
- Design
- Prototyping
- User Testing

■ Development

- Coding
- Populating
- Functional Unit Testing

■ Deployment

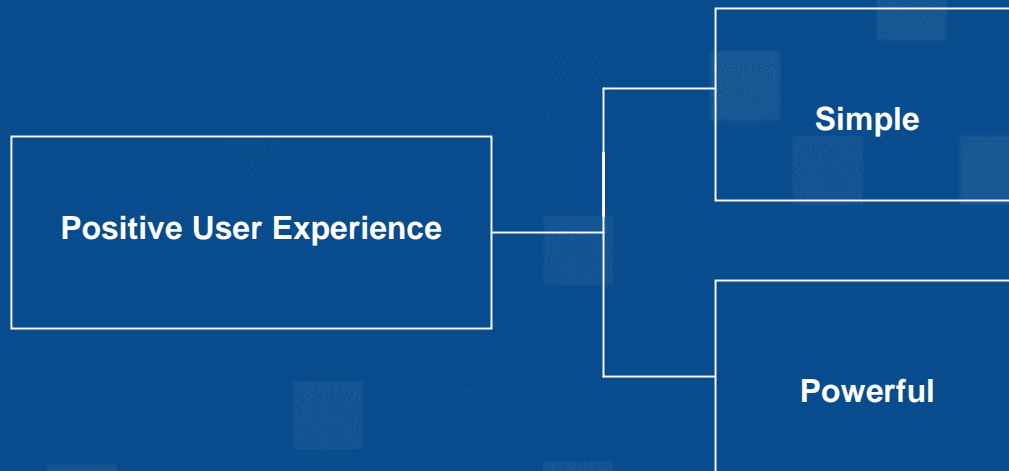
- Installation/Distribution
- Quality Assurance
- Performance/Compatibility Testing

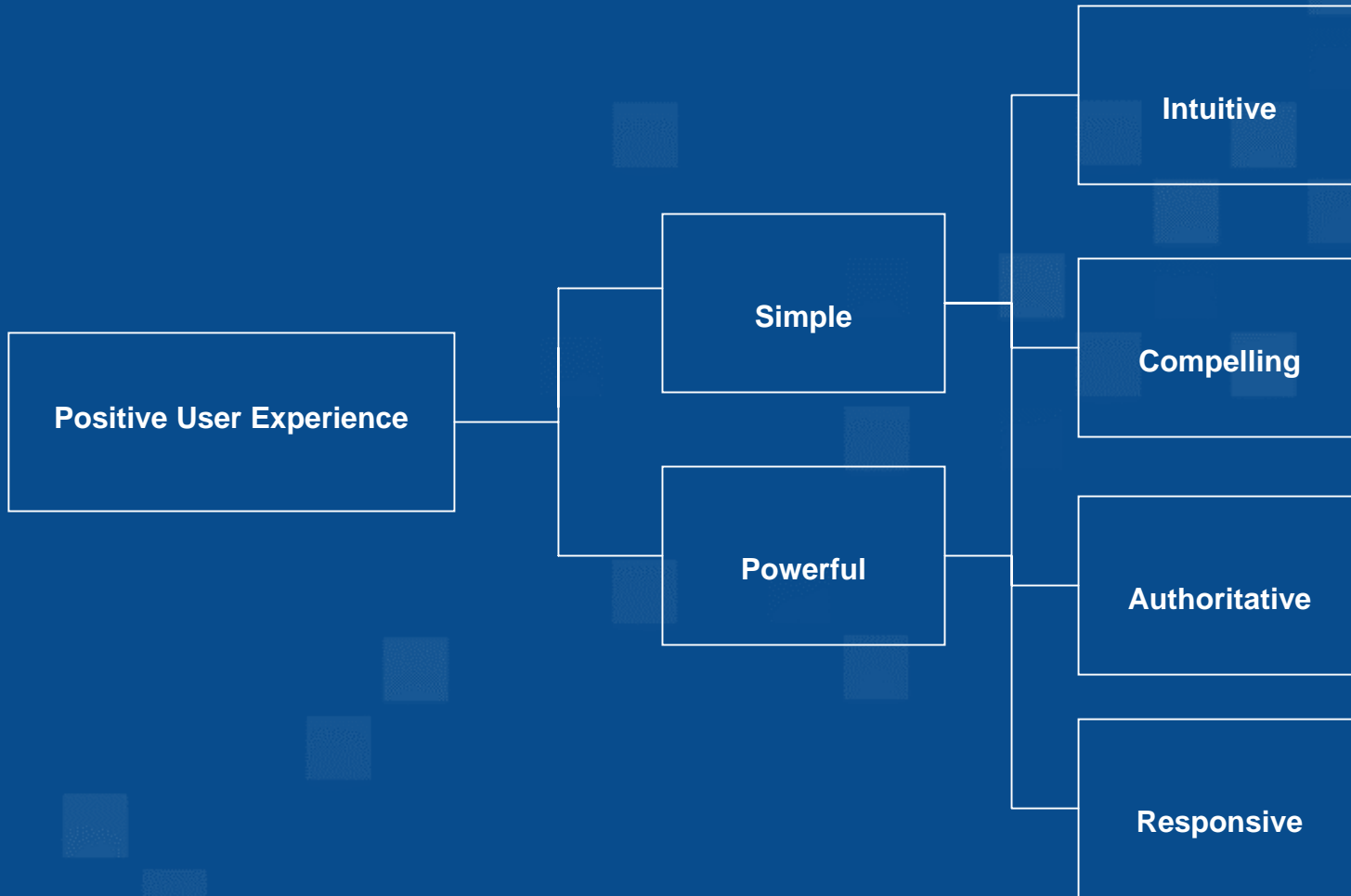
■ Observation

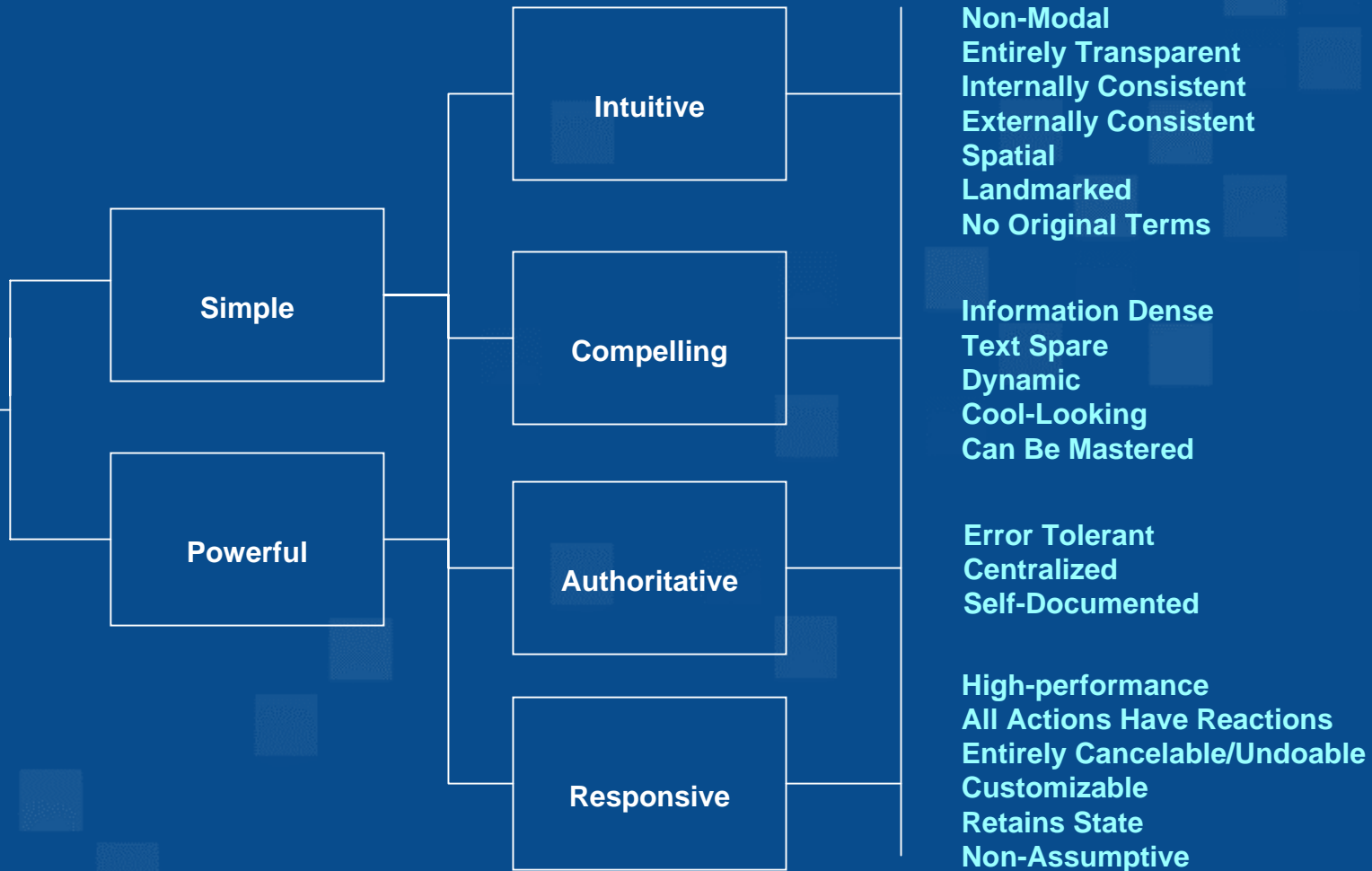
- Behavioral Data Collection
- Demographic Data Collection
- Attitudinal Data Collection
- Analysis of Business Success Criteria

■ Revision

Guidelines







Direction

Software interfaces are becoming increasingly abstract, and therefore, more like interfaces in our fantasies, e.g. *Minority Report*, *Disclosure*, etc.

Screens will become ubiquitous, and quickly be seen as a detriment to our quality of life

Non-screen-based soft interfaces will be required and gain quick acceptance, including speech synthesis and recognition (e.g. Amtrak IVR), haptic interfaces (e.g. iDrive), and non-screen-based visual feedback mechanisms (e.g. Ambient Orb).

Thank you.

■ Schematic

3457 S. La Cienega Blvd.
Los Angeles, Ca 90016

Tel: 1.310.202.2900
Fax: 1.310.202.2910

Web site:
www.schematic.com

