Today’s topics

• Scoping the CHI paper: 5-paragraph intros
  • Prototype tasks
  • Reputation
  • Open gov
• Platform progress
• Design
• Open Gov
• UIST camera ready
• Being Awesome Collaborators
Go us! Go UIST!

Congratulations!
Visitor!

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Platform updates
CHI outlines
Why we do this

• Writing an introduction is like creating a contract with yourself, with me, and with the reader about what is important to this research.

• If it’s not in the intro, it’s not something we should be prioritizing between now and CHI.
Basic outline for an intro

• Problem
  • Exactly the problem that you will be solving. Don’t go too broad. Motivate why it’s critical that we fix it, and why it’s hard to fix.

• Insight
  • What’s the high level idea in this paper? This is the “aha” moment for the reader. Don’t get bogged down in details.

• System
  • How does it actually work? How do you map that high level concept down onto a concrete artifact?
Basic outline for an intro

- Evaluation
  - How do we know if your Insight is right?
- Impact
  - What world will we live in if your Insight is right?
Design
UIST camera ready
The plan!

- Focus efforts on CHI, not this poster :)
Coming to UIST

- I can fund one person’s flight, lodging (shared with a roommate from another school), and registration to UIST

- We’ll work our way down the author list until someone can go
Being an awesome collaborator
Diagnosis: lack of awareness

- We have had a few instances where different teams had uneven understandings of whether something had a mandate to move forward or to change direction.

- Goal: make sure our mental models are all aligned.
Design: decision awareness

• **Goal:** better awareness of pending decisions and efforts

• **Our method:**
  • DRIs, when you are making a decision that others need to know about or will impact them, post it to #announcements.
  • Host any discussion or debate on the decision in #announcements-discuss. (Keep #announcements clean, please.) If there’s significant disagreement in #announcements-discuss, we may undo the decision.
  • Proposed period for discussion: 24hrs. (e.g., if you come in a week later with a comment, it’s probably too late.)
Examples

- #announcements We are going with this logo: [image]
- #announcements This is the proposed master page design, feedback open for 24 hours [image] (cc @relevantOtherDRI)
- #announcements This is the final page design, then @otherperson will begin implementing it [image]
- #announcements We are refactoring the .foobar SCSS class
- #announcements We are changing the opengov model to the following hybrid: [link]
Process, not product, not people

- If you don’t share your feedback in a timely manner, it’s fair for the DRI to go on despite your later objections. Bias to action!

- If a DRI does not post the item for feedback, but it is sufficiently important and divisive, it’s fair that we ask the DRI to undo (which may mean wasted work).

- Don’t argue the person. Argue the process.
This week’s milestones