





# Going Mobile? Where is Oracle Taking You?

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# UX is not UI!

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## Session Objectives



- Understand UX (User eXperience) and Ul's (User Interface's) importance to UX
- Know how UX is focused on accomplishing tasks
- Become aware how UX may be incorporated into application design
- Align focus of future development on users and helping them solve business problems easily, effectively, and efficiently



#### Who Am I?



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#### Who Are You?



- Application Developer
- DBA
- Business Analyst
- UX Expert



#### UX is not UI – What?



- There's been lots of "hype" about UX lately
- Oracle has been trumpeting its massive UX investment in Fusion Applications and other software
- Having been part of building and experiencing many user-facing applications I've seen the good, the bad, and the ugly



## My Take on UX



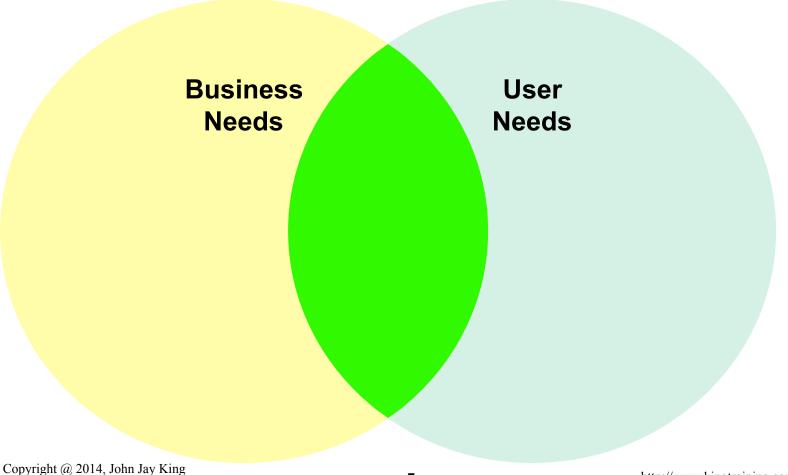
- User eXperience requires that we
  - Understand how a user interacts with a product at every stage of a product's lifecycle
  - Provide a solution to a defined problem for a specific user (or set of users)
  - Follow User-Centered design principles to learn:
    - What
    - Why
    - How
    - Where
    - When
    - Who



# **Serving Two Masters**



 Good UX hits the "sweet spot" marrying **Business Needs and User Needs** 





#### What is UX?

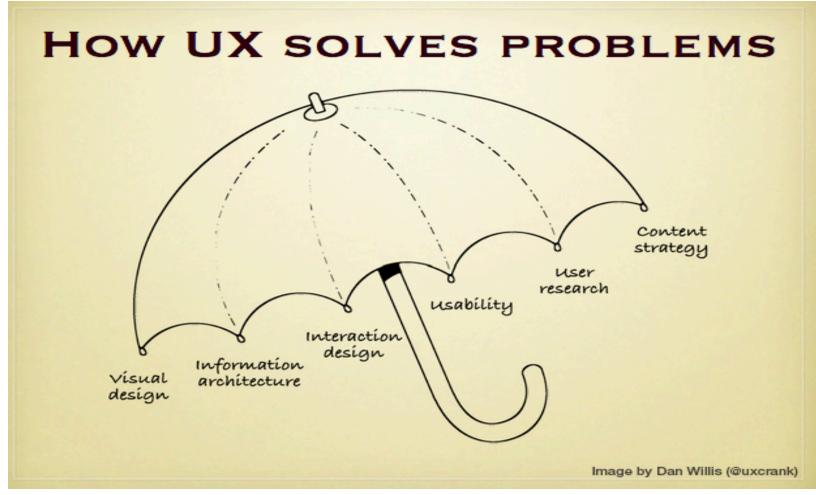


- Ask a dozen people; get a dozen answers; but, consistent agreement on some issues:
  - UX provides a strategy used to build a solution
  - The interface is an important part of the solution; but, the interface is not the solution
  - UX is a generalized "umbrella" term used to describe a series of interconnected tasks and disciplines creating a solution to a needed task



#### **UX Umbrella**





Outstanding graphic created by Dan Willis (www.dswillis.com)



### **UX Umbrella Revisited**



UX Umbrella Topic	Description
Visual Design	Matches overall strategy and meets the needs of a specific set of users
Information Architecture	Aligns information with overall strategy and provides required data to meet the needs of specific user tasks
Interaction Design	Task-based optimization of specific user interactions
Usability	Understanding how a solution will be used
User Research	Learning the driving need of user tasks and why specific actions are required; and how people
Content Strategy	Content is aligned with overall strategy to meet the needs of specific users

#### (in no particular order)



# Content Strategy



- Products (especially web/mobile products) cannot provide a great user experience without providing great content
- Content must be: Usable, Useful, Desirable, Valuable, Findable, Accessible, and Credible
- Good content strategy enhances the user's take-away experience by adding context and story to task completion



#### User Research



- When considering the user; it is imperative to understand:
  - Who is using a product?
  - When are they using it?
  - How are they using it?
  - Why are they using it (what task do they hope to accomplish)?
- Various tools are used including: interviews, observations, surveys, focus-groups, and most-importantly task-analysis



#### Information Architecture



- Information Architecture is a term found in many places; in UX it means that information is organized and structured such that a user can navigate it easily
- Many tools are available; a favorite in User-Centered design is "Card Sorting"
  - Quick, inexpensive, reliable
  - Helps determine patterns in how users find content and function
  - Suggests how a site might be structured and sometimes provides the start of a taxonomy



# Interaction Design



- Interaction Design is based upon the goals, tasks, experiences, desires, and needs of specific users
- Interaction Design is counter-balanced by organizational goals, business objectives, and available technology
- Interaction Design is specific to how humans interact with technical systems
- Often includes: wire-framing, sketching, and prototyping



# Visual Design



- UX is a multi-disciplined approach; Visual Design is an important skill to apply
- Visual Design is part of the User Interface;
   a valuable UX component
  - Tangible and visually appealing
  - Requires artistic skills
  - Includes graphic design and typography





# Usability



- Usability is historically measured by the user's effectiveness, efficiency and satisfaction in achieving specific goals
- Today, many leaders in the field of usability and Human-computer interaction (HCI) like Donald Norman agree that, in addition, the interaction should create aesthetic pleasure





#### ISO Standards



ISO (International Standards Organization)
 has several standards governing
 Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) including:

ISO 9241-210(prev. 13407)

- ISO 9241-151

- ISO/TR 16982

Human-centered design

for interactive systems

Guidance on World

Wide Web user interface

Usability methods

supporting human-

centred design



#### "UX is not UI" Poster



 Erik Flowers created this poster illustrating UX and how most people perceive it





#### **UX** "Boiled Down"



#### User-Centered

- Identify users and tasks they need to do
- Study user behavior, attitude, and goals
- Empirical Measurement
  - Review using standard principles
  - Perform usability and other testing
- Iterative Design
  - Iterative and Agile usually follow the Design-Develop-Test cycle; solutions, not systems
  - UX adds thorough Study to begin each cycle



# Solving Problems



- Identify problem: user (or persona or market) research
- Clarify problem flow (iteratively) until clear
- Experiment with solutions; validate
- Define problem domain & data
- Create wireframes sketches for interaction
- Build prototypes and test
- Code user interface (UI); test; refine
- Deploy user interface



# Introducing Oracle Alta!



- New UI system
  - More than a skin, design philosophy and patterns
  - Visualization-centric (info-graphics, info-tiles)
  - Mobile First UI responsive, whitespace heavy
  - Built-in to MAF 2.0 (12.1.3)
- Alta Design Patterns Site
   <a href="http://www.oracle.com/webfolder/ux/">http://www.oracle.com/webfolder/ux/</a>
   middleware/alta/adoption.html
- Standard for Oracle Ul's ???



# Wrapping it Up



- Successful User eXperience (UX):
  - Has useful, usable, and desirable interactions
  - Includes all interactions between an individual a provider organization, products, and services
- The best UX:
  - Meets current user needs (solves a problem)
  - Exceeds user expectations
  - Highlights a clear strategic strategy
  - Anticipates future user needs
  - Delights users



# Finally



- UX is not just UI
- Rather, UI is a very important part of UX
- Solve problems
- Succeed by focusing on UX; and helping users complete tasks efficiently, completely, and easily; don't focus on UI alone



#### Oracle UX Resources



- Alta
  - http://www.oracle.com/webfolder/ux/middleware/alta/adoption.html
- UX (Useable Apps) Website <u>http://www.oracle.com/webfolder/ux/</u> applications/index.html



# Other Non-Oracle Resources



- UX is not UI poster:
  - http://www.uxisnotui.com/
- Blogs:
  - UX is not UI by <u>Erik Flowers</u>
     <a href="http://www.helloerik.com/ux-is-not-ui">http://www.helloerik.com/ux-is-not-ui</a>
  - Interaction Design Beyond the Interface by Elisabeth Hubert

http://www.elisabethhubert.com/2012/12 /interaction-design-beyond-the-interface/









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