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*Usability Engineering* Morgan Kaufmann

Essence of Top Tasks is a prioritized list of what matters most to customers. You then continuously improve these top tasks based on evidence of customers trying to complete them. Developed as a result of 15 years of research and practice. Implemented by some of the world's largest organizations: Cisco, Microsoft, NetApp, IBM, Google, European Union, Toyota, Tetra Pak, and hundreds more. More than 300,000 customers have participated in Top Tasks studies in over 40 countries and 30 languages.

For Collaboration and Creativity in Your Work Crown Pub

From contracts to selling design, from working with clients to working with each other, this brief book is packed with knowledge you cant afford not to know.

*Handbook of Usability Testing* Newnes

A powerfully persuasive and thoroughly entertaining guide to the most effective way to un-rig the economy and fix inequality, from America's wealthiest "class traitors" Most American people believe the economy is rigged against them. And they're right. So how do you "un-rig" the economy? You start with the tax code. In 2017, Republican lawmakers rewrote the entire federal tax code, deliberately and permanently rigging the economy against working people in favor of the political donor class. In Tax the Rich! Morris Pearl, the millionaire chair of the Patriotic Millionaires, and Erica Payne, the organization's founder, take readers on an insider's tour of the nation's tax code and show how the rich (and the politicians they control) structured the tax code to make themselves even richer. They explain how to un-rig the economy through the tax code to reverse America's ever-growing and dangerously destabilizing concentration of wealth and power. Conversational and punchy chapters such as "Their

Money vs. Your Sweat," "Economic Jenga," and "When a Dollar Is Not Actually a Dollar," feature charts, infographics, cartoons, and sidebars. They show exactly how we should tax wealthy individuals and corporations, focusing on existing mechanisms like marginal income tax and capital gains, loopholes to eliminate, and new methods of taxation, such as a wealth tax, that could be used to achieve a fairer system. A final section debunks common tax myths, offering crucial information to push back against Fox News and opponents on the right. In the wake of the economic devastation of COVID-19, never have the arguments in this book been more timely—or more critical. And who better to pull back the curtain on all the ways that the wealthy avoid paying taxes, and deprive the state of essential resources, than the rich themselves?

Interviewing Users "O'Reilly Media, Inc."

"Every decision you make affects how people experience your library. Aaron Schmidt and Amanda Etches count some 19 touchpoints--website, email, furniture, parking lot, events, newsletters, to name a few. Three elements are to be useful, useable, and desirable. Like three legs of a stool, missing any one will take you down. This book looks at the major checkpoints for user experience in a library, offering guidance on every facet, why it's important and how to assess your library's current status" --

Design for Life Lulu.com

How can you establish a customer-centric culture in an organization? This is the first comprehensive book on how to actually do service design to improve the quality and the interaction between service providers and customers. You'll learn

specific facilitation guidelines on how to run workshops, perform all of the main service design methods, implement concepts in reality, and embed service design successfully in an organization. Great customer experience needs a common language across disciplines to break down silos within an organization. This book provides a consistent model for accomplishing this and offers hands-on descriptions of every single step, tool, and method used. You'll be able to focus on your customers and iteratively improve their experience. Move from theory to practice and build sustainable business success.

Design for Real Life Amer Library Assn

User research war stories are personal accounts of the challenges researchers encounter out in the field, where mishaps are inevitable, yet incredibly instructive. *Doorbells, Danger, and Dead Batteries* is a diverse compilation of war stories that range from comically bizarre to astonishingly tragic, tied together with valuable lessons from expert user researcher Steve Portigal.

*Think Like a UX Researcher* John Wiley & Sons

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*Women, Politics, and Public Policy* CRC Press

*Cross-Cultural Design* is the first book to examine the challenges and rewards experienced by the world's leading communication professionals when handling assignments outside their own cultures. The solutions to these marketing problems are documented here in 309 stunning full-colour images, accompanied by the creators' provocative descriptions of their setbacks, triumphs and discoveries. The works shown range from designs for advertisements, corporate identity programmes, annual reports, films, packages, books, magazines, posters and

signage to currency, postage stamps and environmental graphics. Among clients represented are banks, print media, software companies, airlines, governments and manufacturing firms. This anthology is introduced by Henry Steiner's stimulating essay "Spam Sushi and Chameleons", which articulates the issues and provides conceptual ideas for succeeding in the global marketplace. In the pages that follow, the work of such outstanding professionals as Saul Bass, Walter Bernard, Ken Cato, Ivan Chermayeff, Joe Duffy, Alan Fletcher, Dan Friedman, Milton Glaser, Eiko Ishioka, Tibor Kalman, Clement Mok, Erik Spiekermann and Henry Wolf is illustrated and discussed. This unique volume also includes much practical information, a contributors' directory, an extensive bibliography and a thorough index. *Cross-Cultural Design* will be welcomed as both a thought-provoking exploration of international design and an invaluable reference source for designers, advertising agencies, marketing professionals, business corporations, scholars and students.

**Foundations for Designing Online User Experiences** Ingram  
Fourteen amazing interviews with designers of all stripes, each one full of brilliant insights into how great careers are made in digital media.

#### A Practical Guide for Creating Useful UX Documentation

Rosenfeld Media

The essential interaction design guide, fully revised and updated for the mobile age *About Face: The Essentials of Interaction Design*, Fourth Edition is the latest update to the book that shaped and evolved the landscape of interaction design. This comprehensive guide takes the worldwide shift to smartphones and tablets into account. New information includes discussions on

mobile apps, touch interfaces, screen size considerations, and more. The new full-color interior and unique layout better illustrate modern design concepts. The interaction design profession is blooming with the success of design-intensive companies, priming customers to expect "design" as a critical ingredient of marketplace success. Consumers have little tolerance for websites, apps, and devices that don't live up to their expectations, and the responding shift in business philosophy has become widespread. *About Face* is the book that brought interaction design out of the research labs and into the everyday lexicon, and the updated Fourth Edition continues to lead the way with ideas and methods relevant to today's design practitioners and developers. Updated information includes: Contemporary interface, interaction, and product design methods Design for mobile platforms and consumer electronics State-of-the-art interface recommendations and up-to-date examples Updated Goal-Directed Design methodology Designers and developers looking to remain relevant through the current shift in consumer technology habits will find *About Face* to be a comprehensive, essential resource.

#### **The Essentials of Interaction Design** John Wiley & Sons

In *Just Enough Research*, co-founder of Mule Design Erika Hall distills her experience into a brief cookbook of research methods. Learn how to discover your competitive advantages, spot your own blind spots and biases, understand and harness your findings, and why you should never, ever hold a focus group. You'll start doing good research faster than you can plan your next pitch. Erika Hall has been working in web design and development since the late 20th century. In 2001, she co-

founded Mule Design Studio where she directs the research, interaction design, and strategy practices.

*User Research War Stories* Hong Kong University Press

An insightful discussion and practical guide on how to put customers back into the center of your business model With so many digital experiences touching our lives—and businesses—it's understandable to feel like you're drowning in data. There's a dashboard or chart for just about everything, but data alone can't help you understand and empathize with your customers. No amount of it will take you inside their heads, help you see the world through their eyes, or let you experience what it's really like to be your customer. Only human insight from real people can do that. *User Tested* gives both individual contributors and executives an approachable, pragmatic playbook for stepping beyond standard business metrics and infusing real human insight into every business decision, design, and experience. In this book, you'll: Learn how businesses became obsessed with data—but disconnected from their customers—and why that's not sustainable Get the basics about how to capture human insight through user testing, including how to find the right people, ask the right questions, and make sense of and act on all the insights you uncover Dive into a detailed playbook that shares real-world examples of how you can collect and scale human insight across the teams in your organization—from marketing to product, and beyond Learn how to evangelize the power of human insight throughout your organization, so every department can create a culture of customer empathy and share a firsthand understanding of customer needs Find out how companies like Microsoft, AAA Club Alliance, HelloFresh, and Notre Dame's IDEA Center solidly

connect with and elicit meaningful feedback from customers in friendlier, faster, and more direct ways Perfect for any industry, *User Tested: How the World's Top Companies Use Human Insight to Create Great Experiences* was co-authored by the chief insights officer and the CEO of UserTesting—a SaaS company fundamentally changing the way both B2B and consumer brands find out what real people think and feel. The book reflects the authors' commitment to helping you position the customer squarely in the center of your business model by weaving their true voices throughout your company's decision making.

*Applying User Experience Design to Your Library* Morgan Kaufmann

Good research is about asking more and better questions, and thinking critically about the answers. Done well, it will save your team time and money by reducing unknowns and creating a solid foundation to build the right thing, in the most effective way. Erika Hall distills her experience into a guidebook of trusted research methods you can implement right away, no matter what size team you're on or budget you're working with. Learn how to discover your competitive advantages, spot your own blind spots and biases, understand and harness your findings, and why you should never, ever hold a focus group. You'll start doing good research faster than you can plan your next pitch.

*Process and Guidelines for Ensuring a Quality User Experience*  
John Wiley & Sons

Make your users fall in love with your site via the precepts packed into this brief, charming book by MailChimp user experience design lead Aarron Walter. From classic psychology to case studies, highbrow concepts to common sense, *Designing for*

Emotion demonstrates accessible strategies and memorable methods to help you make a human connection through design.-- Back cover.

Just enough research Elsevier

Practice your product design and UX skills. Prepare for your next job interview. Redesign the NYC metrocard system. Design a dashboard for a general practitioner. Redesign an ATM. Learn how to solve and present exercises like these, that top startups use to interview designers for product design and UI/UX roles. Today top companies are looking for business-minded designers who are not just focused on visuals. With this book you can practice this kind of mindset, prepare for job interview, learn how to interview other designers and find concepts for projects for your portfolio. What will you learn from this book: Prepare for the design interview -- prepare for the design exercise and learn more about how tech companies hire product designers. Improve your portfolio -- use product challenges to showcase in your portfolio instead of unsolicited visual redesigns. Step up your design career -- practice your product design skills to become a better designer and prepare for your next career move. Interview designers -- learn how to interview designers to evaluate their skills in the most efficient and scalable way. What's inside? A 7-step framework for solving product design exercises 30+ examples of exercises similar to exercises used by Google, Facebook, Amazon etc. 5 full solutions for product design exercises 5 short interviews with design leaders that worked at Apple, Google, Pinterest, IDEO etc.

**Observing the User Experience** Just enough researchIn Just Enough Research, co-founder of Mule Design Erika Hall distills her

experience into a brief cookbook of research methods. Learn how to discover your competitive advantages, spot your own blind spots and biases, understand and harness your findings, and why you should never, ever hold a focus group. You'll start doing good research faster than you can plan your next pitch. Erika Hall has been working in web design and development since the late 20th century. In 2001, she co-founded Mule Design Studio where she directs the research, interaction design, and strategy practices.Just Enough ResearchJust Enough ResearchJust Enough ResearchJust Enough Research, 2nd EditionGood research is about asking more and better questions, and thinking critically about the answers. Done well, it will save your team time and money by reducing unknowns and creating a solid foundation to build the right thing, in the most effective way. Erika Hall distills her experience into a guidebook of trusted research methods you can implement right away, no matter what size team you're on or budget you're working with. Learn how to discover your competitive advantages, spot your own blind spots and biases, understand and harness your findings, and why you should never, ever hold a focus group. You'll start doing good research faster than you can plan your next pitch.Think Like a UX ResearcherHow to Observe Users, Influence Design, and Shape Business Strategy Contextual Design: Design for Life, Second Edition, describes the core techniques needed to deliberately produce a compelling user experience. Contextual design was first invented in 1988 to drive a deep understanding of the user into the design process. It has been used in a wide variety of industries and taught in universities all over the world. Until now, the basic CD approach has needed little revision, but with the wide adoption of handheld

devices, especially smartphones, the way technology is integrated into people's lives has fundamentally changed. Contextual Design V2.0 introduces both the classic CD techniques and the new techniques needed to "design for life", fulfilling core human motives while supporting activities. This completely updated and revised edition is written in a clear, informal style without excessive jargon, and is the must-have book for any UX Design library. Users will find coverage of mobile devices and consumer and business products, all illustrated with new examples, case studies, and discussions on how to use CD with the agile development and other project requirements methods. Provides tactics on how to gather detailed data on how people live, work, and use products Helps develop a coherent picture of a whole user population Presents tactics on how to use the seven "Cool Concepts" to support core human motives and generate new product concepts guided by user data, ideation techniques, and principles key to producing a compelling user experience Explains how to structure the system and user interface to best support the user across place, time, and platform

#### **Tax the Rich!** Rosenfeld Media

Interviewing is a foundational user research tool that people assume they already possess. Everyone can ask questions, right? Unfortunately, that's not the case. Interviewing Users provides invaluable interviewing techniques and tools that enable you to conduct informative interviews with anyone. You'll move from simply gathering data to uncovering powerful insights about people.

#### Exposing the Magic of Design John Wiley & Sons

Design synthesis is a way of thinking about complicated,

multifaceted problems of a large scale with a repeatable degree of success. Design synthesis methods can be applied in business, with the goal of producing new and compelling products and services, and they can be applied in government, with the goal of changing culture and bettering society. In both contexts, however, there is a need for speed and for aggressive action. This text is immediately relevant, and is more relevant than ever, as we acknowledge and continually reference a feeling of an impending and massive change. Simply, this text is intended to act as a practitioner's guide to exposing the magic of design.

#### Questions and Answers The New Press

Digital product research doesn't have to be difficult, take a long time, or cost a lot of money. Nor should it be a job solely for scientists or expert researchers. In this practical book, Aras Bilgen, C. Todd Lombardo, and Michael Connors demonstrate how your entire team can conduct effective product research within a couple of weeks--easily, cheaply, and without compromising quality. Drawing from decades of experience in product development, the authors lay out nine simple rules that combine user research, market research, and product analytics to quickly discover insights and build products customers truly need. Recognize and avoid common research pitfalls Switch to the insight-making mindset that underlies all successful research efforts Find out how to look at data, formulate the right questions, and pick the right research method Learn interview techniques and research skills Analyze for insights collaboratively while avoiding bias Inspire action with your insights through powerful presentations and prototypes Learn how to involve a wide variety of stakeholders in research, from developers to

executives Discover how you can make research a habit, not a one-off effort

**Methods to Shape and Accelerate Innovation** John Wiley & Sons

Whether it's software, a cell phone, or a refrigerator, your customer wants - no, expects - your product to be easy to use. This fully revised handbook provides clear, step-by-step

guidelines to help you test your product for usability. Completely updated with current industry best practices, it can give you that all-important marketplace advantage: products that perform the way users expect. You'll learn to recognize factors that limit usability, decide where testing should occur, set up a test plan to assess goals for your product's usability, and more.