

HCI Summary

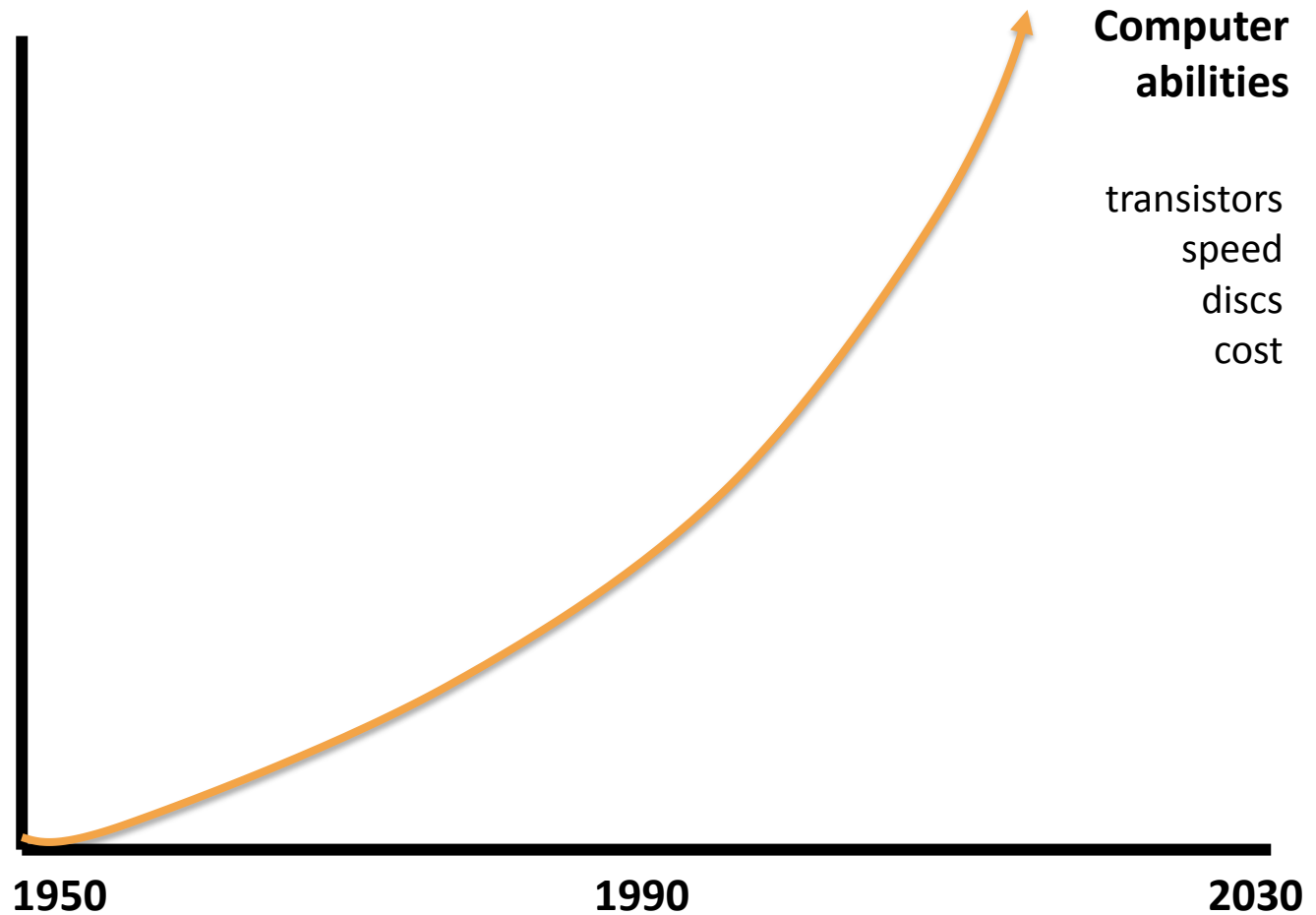
- Introduction to Human-Computer Interaction
- Useful vs. Useable
- Graphical User Interface (GUI)
- Java GUI (Swing)

By the end of this lecture, you will be able to describe what **human-computer interaction** is.

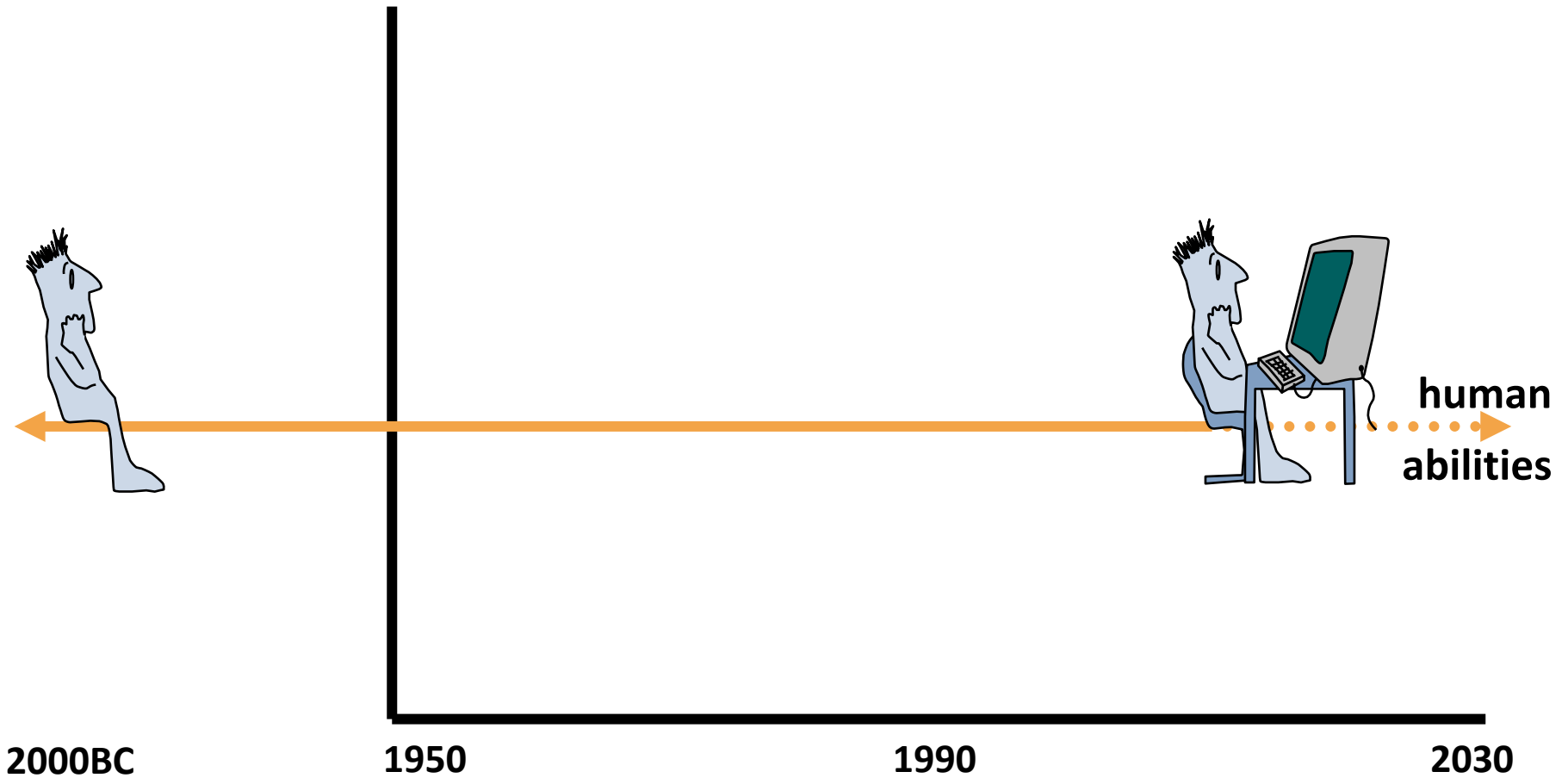
You will also be able to distinguish between **usable** and **useful** programs.

You will also be able to describe what an **observer** design pattern is.

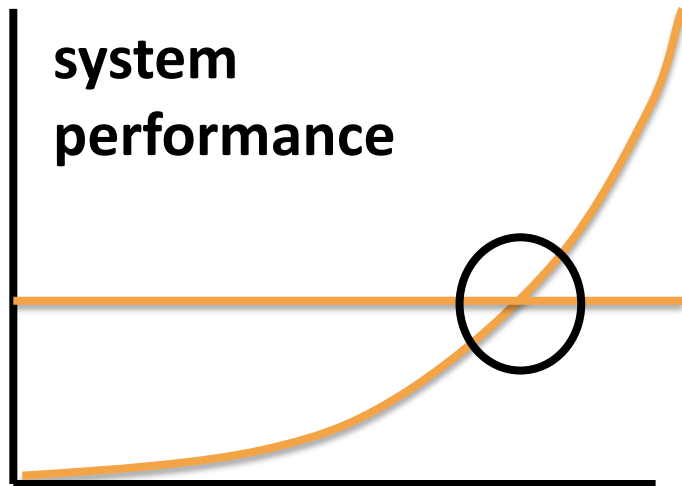
Moore's Law



Psychology

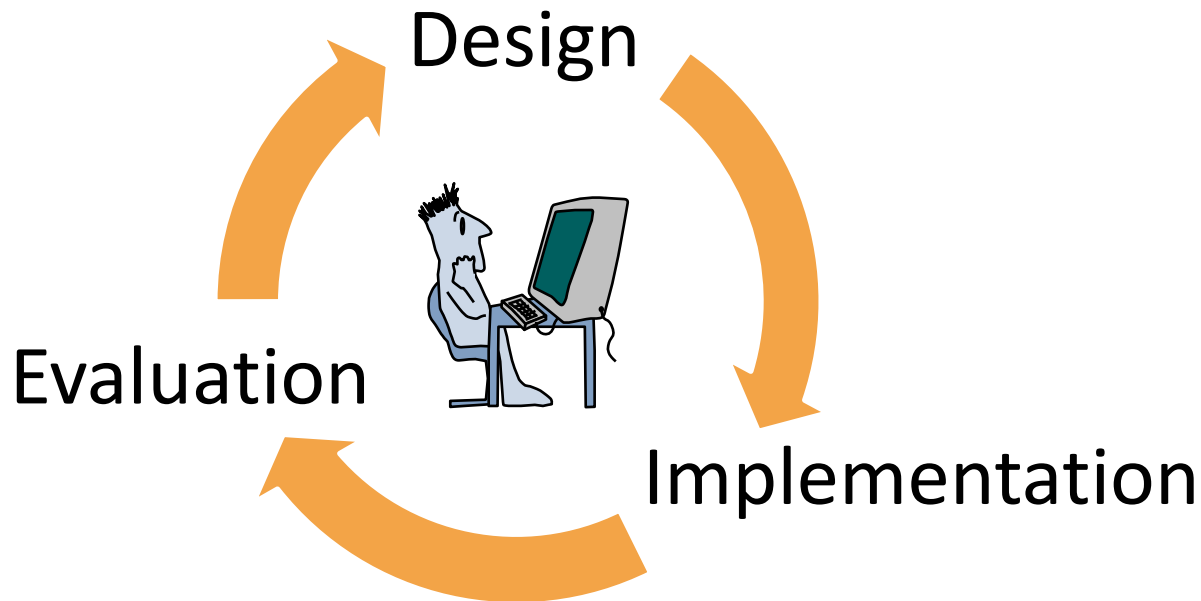


Where is the bottleneck?



Human Computer Interaction

- A discipline concerned with the



- of interactive computing systems for human use

Discussion: contrast this to our discussion about knowledge and understanding.

Where do the problems we analyse come from?

Discussion: How would you evaluate a program that you created?

What would you evaluate?

Useful vs. Useable

- Useful:
 - refers to function or purpose
- Useable:
 - refers to human ability

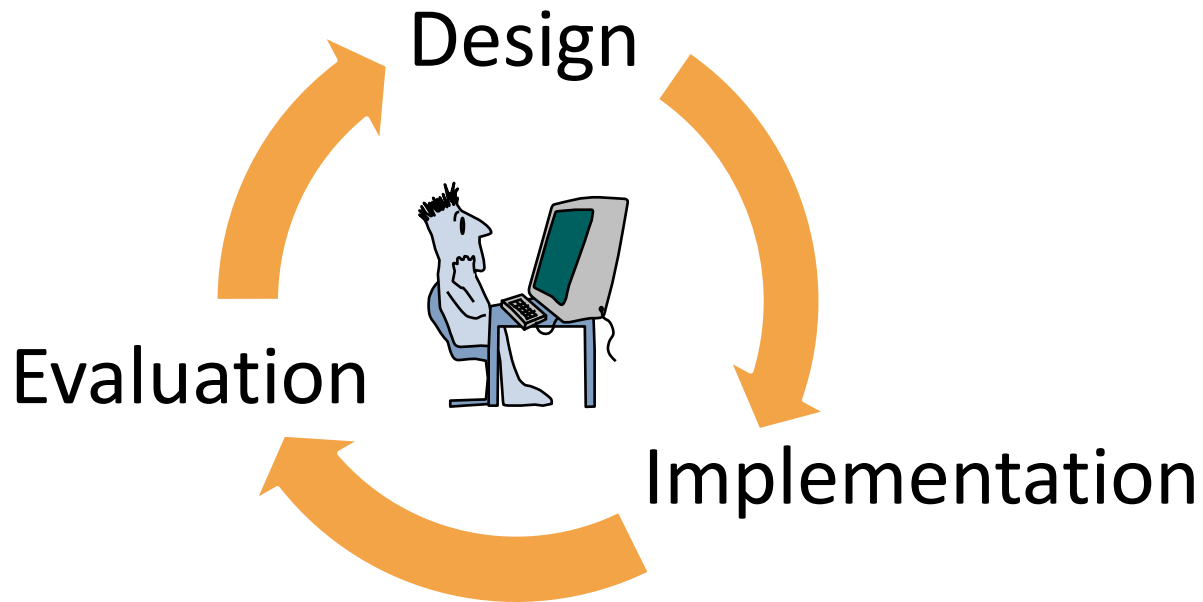
Exercise: What's an example of something that is **useful**, but not **useable**.

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Question: which of these two qualities is important when you make a program?

Challenge: How do you make your program both useful and useable?

Iterative Design



Discussion: How would using an iterative design cycle affect how you write your code?

What would make it easier to iterate?

Graphical User Interface (GUI)

- Most programs you've written so far use the command line
- Most programming languages have a way to create GUIs (sometimes through a separate library)

Discussion: If you were to design a program that uses a GUI, how would it differ from what you've written so far?

How would you handle a mouse click? or when someone presses a button?

Observer Design Pattern

“The **observer pattern** ... is a software design pattern in which an object, called the **subject**, maintains a list of its dependents, called **observers**, and **notifies them** automatically of any **state changes**, usually by calling one of their methods. It is mainly used to implement distributed event handling systems.”

“Observer Pattern," *Wikipedia: The Free Encyclopedia*

Often referred to as: The **Event Model**

Java Swing

- Tutorial:

<http://java.sun.com/docs/books/tutorial/uiswing/>

- Use **inheritance** to create buttons, menus, tabs, etc.
- Use an **event model** to handle mouse clicks, keyboard/button presses, etc.

Example: GUI in Java

```
import javax.swing.*;

public class SimpleGUIProgram extends JFrame
{
    public SimpleGUIProgram()
    {
        super("A GUI!");
    }

    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        SimpleGUIProgram program = new SimpleGUIProgram();
        program.setVisible(true);
    }
}
```

Example (cont'd)

```
public SimpleGUIProgram()  
{  
    super("A GUI!");  
    setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);  
  
    JButton button = new JButton("Okay");  
    button.addActionListener(this);  
  
    JTextArea textArea = new JTextArea(70, 100);  
  
    JScrollPane scrollPane = new JScrollPane(textArea);  
    scrollPane.setPreferredSize(new Dimension(640, 480));  
  
    JPanel mainArea = new JPanel();  
    mainArea.add(scrollPane);  
    mainArea.add(button);  
  
    setContentPane(mainArea);  
    pack();  
}
```

Example (cont'd)

```
import javax.swing.*;
import java.awt.*;
import java.awt.event.*;

public class SimpleGUIProgram extends JFrame
                                implements ActionListener
{
    // ...

    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent event)
    {
        JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(this,
                                      "You pressed okay!");
    }

    // ...
}
```

Demo

Discussion: What kind of events would you have to consider in the demo you just saw?

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Next Class

- I will be absent: Christopher Collins will provide the lecture
- Design Patterns (Part 2)