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**Principles for effective website
information architecture**

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Massachusetts State Health Connector-Individual & Families

The **Massachusetts Health** Connector is the state's Marketplace for **health** and dental **insurance**. Before your get started, be sure to check the Help Center for ...



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ALL MASSHEALTH MEMBERS NEED TO RENEW THEIR COVERAGE STARTING IN APRIL 2023. WE MAY CONTACT YOU VIA TEXT OR EMAIL ABOUT YOUR RENEWAL OR WITH OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION. WE WILL NEVER THREATEN YOU OR ASK FOR YOUR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION.

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Attention
MassHealth
Members

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MassHealth Eligibility
Redeterminations

MassHealth needs to renew coverage for all members to make sure they are still eligible and receive the best benefit they qualify for

RENEW YOUR COVERAGE

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MassHealth Plans and Enrollment Guide

Members can learn about MassHealth plans and learn about the enrollment process.

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Once you have been approved for MassHealth coverage, it's important to choose a health plan for you and your family! MassHealth provides health plans so members can get the health care they need. Learn about the plans that are available in your area, compare them, and then enroll in one.

If you are not already a MassHealth member, you must first apply for MassHealth coverage. Follow the "Non-members apply for coverage here" link to apply for coverage.

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Apply for MassHealth, the Health Safety Net, or the Children's Medical Security Plan

Find out who's eligible and how to apply for MassHealth, Health Safety Net, and the Children's Medical Security Plan

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What you need

To apply, you **may** need to provide the following information and documents:

- Social Security numbers, if you have them, for every household member who is applying
- Federal tax returns, if you file
- Information about citizenship or national status or immigration status

MassHealth Customer Service Center

Phone

Main: (800) 841-2900

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Eligibility for health care benefits for MassHealth, the Health Safety Net, and Children's Medical Security Plan

Learn about health care eligibility requirements for individuals and families including people with disabilities.

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To find out if you're eligible, you must fill out an application. You can learn more about how to apply to [MassHealth, the Health Safety Net, or the Children's Medical Security Plan](#) or for [seniors or those who need long-term-care](#). If you need completing the application, you can [find assistance in your area](#).

Basic requirements for coverage

Residency

You must be a resident of Massachusetts to get MassHealth or other health care benefits that

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Do you need health coverage?

Enroll in coverage **any time of the year** if you are applying for dental plans or help paying for health coverage including MassHealth, Children's Medical Security Plan (CMSP), Health Safety Net, or ConnectorCare. Or, if you've experienced a qualifying event.

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See What You May Qualify For

Your Zip Code

Coverage Start Date

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Do you want to check to see if you are eligible for help paying for costs? 

☒ Yes ☐ No

Preview Health and Dental Plans and Prices

Before you apply for coverage, you can see health and dental plans and prices available in your area. The premiums (costs of plans) you see do not include Advance Premium Tax Credits or other savings. You will need to fill out an application to see if you qualify for help paying for costs.

[Preview Plans](#)

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Need assistance? You can schedule a video or phone appointment online with a MassHealth representative using the [MassHealth Appointment Scheduling Tool](#).

If you are a current MassHealth member and need to update your account, enroll in or change your health plan, need to choose your doctor, or have questions about your coverage, call the **MassHealth Customer Service Center at**

1-800-841-2900, or TTY 1-800-497-4648 for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech disabled.

Business Hours

- Monday–Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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Why doesn't this experience work?

User task:

What health insurance is available *to me*?

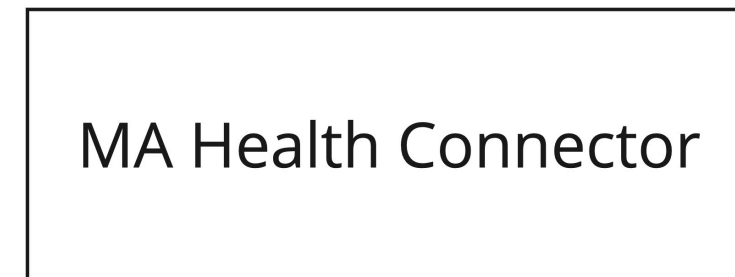
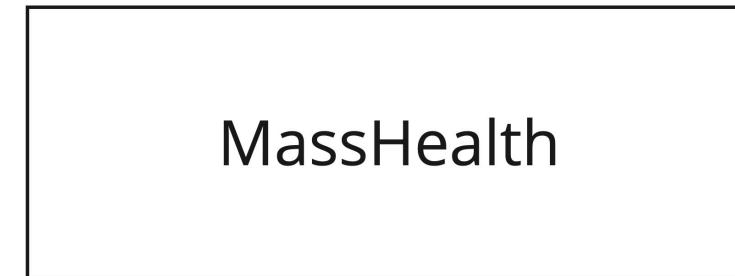
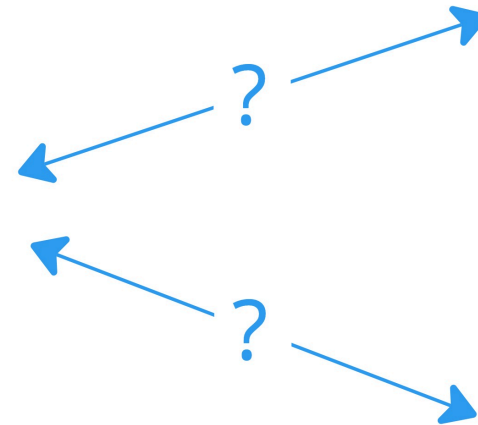
User task:

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Much of the content I encountered required me to *already know* which government program I was interested in.



My perspective



Program perspective

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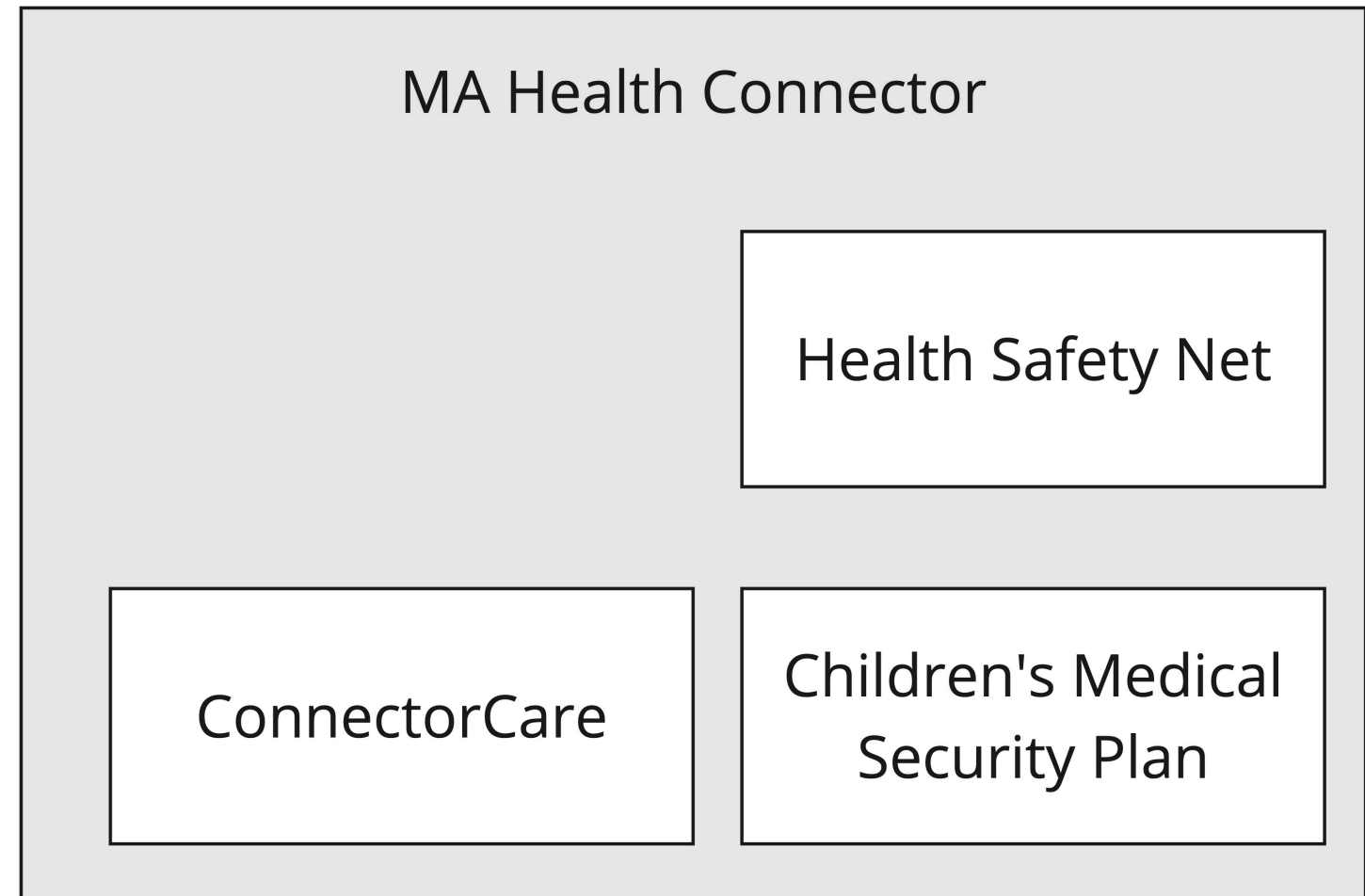
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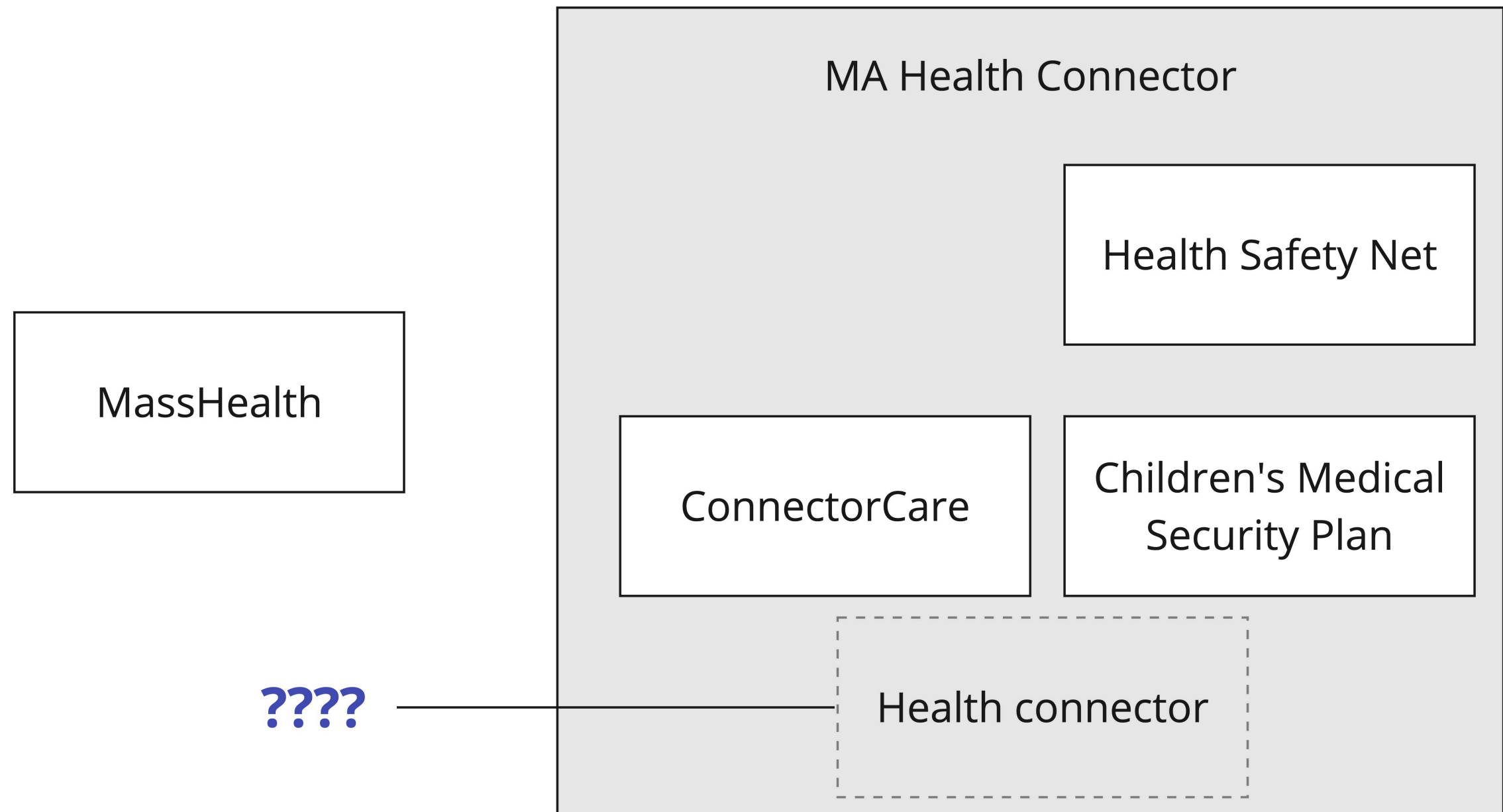
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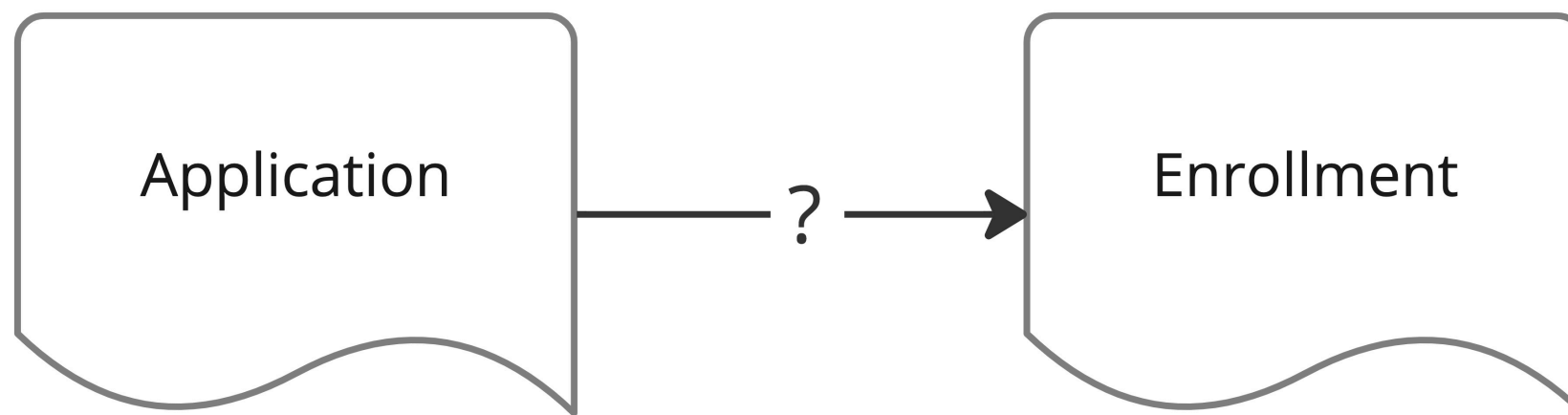


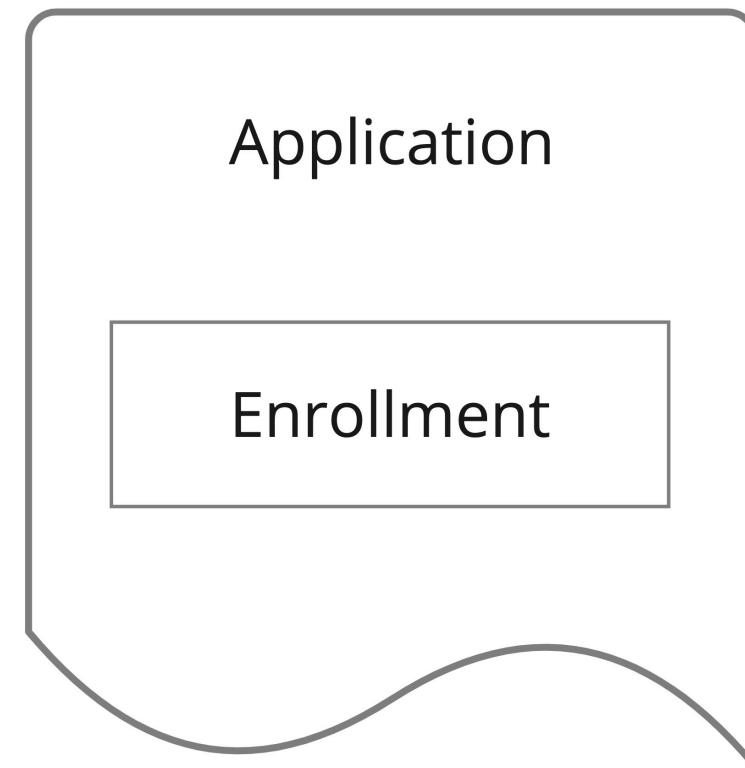




Application

Enrollment







Application



Enrollment

Ambiguous

Unstable

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Consistent



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What would you like to do?

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- Federal tax returns, if you file
- Information about citizenship or national status or immigration status
- Employer and income information for everyone in your household (for example, from paystubs or wage statements)
- Information about any job-related or other health insurance that you are currently enrolled in or have access to

Who can use this application

IA is not easy.

- Not as visible as other design & dev work
- Reduced to menus
- Determined by guessing
- Determined by org structure & politics

**We build
environments in
which people live
and work**

Towards better information architecture

1. Understanding *how humans navigate*
2. Attending to *conceptual structure*
3. Considerations for navigation menus

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Information architecture & UX strategy

Responsible & ethical design

Part I: How humans navigate

Main navigation menu

Breadcrumbs

Title

Metadata

Inline links

Related links

Sequential navigation

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1.2. Concept: Modules

Last updated on 20 February 2023

Prerequisite knowledge

Section 1.1, "Concept: Drupal as a Content Management System"

What is a module?

A module is a set of PHP, JavaScript, and/or CSS files that extends site features and adds functionality.

You can turn the features and functionality on by *installing* the module, and you can turn it off by *uninstalling* the module; before uninstalling, you may need to remove data and configuration related to the feature or functionality.

Each module that is installed adds to the time needed to generate pages on your site, so it is a good idea to uninstall modules that are not needed.

The core download provides modules for functionality such as:

- Managing user accounts (the core User module)
- Managing basic content (the core Node module) and fields (the core Field and Field UI modules; there are also core modules providing field types)
- Managing navigation menus (the core Menu UI module)
- Making lists, grids, and blocks from existing content (the core Views and Views UI modules)

You can download additional *contributed modules* from the [Drupal.org Module Downloads](#), or create your own *custom modules*.

Related topics

- Section 1.3, "Concept: Themes"
- Section 1.4, "Concept: Distributions"
- Section 4.4, "Uninstalling Unused Modules"
- Section 11.1, "Finding Modules"
- Section 11.3, "Downloading and Installing a Module from *Drupal.org*"
- Section 13.3, "Concept: Security and Regular Updates"
- Section 13.6, "Updating a Module"

Additional resources

[Drupal.org community documentation page "Module developer's guide"](#)

Attributions

Written by Jennifer Hodgdon.

← 1.1. Concept: Drupal as a Content Management System → 1.3. Concept: Themes

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*"Navigation is not a menu on a screen.
Navigation is what people do."*

— Andrew Hinton¹

1. Andrew Hinton, "What We Talk About When We Talk About Navigation", IA Summit 2019. Used with permission.

*"My health insurer's website just had a big update that made it a lot more navigable...that's great! But what it does **NOT** do is help me navigate the broader system more effectively - it doesn't help me find my way, translate between divergent meanings, or interact with other entities very well."*

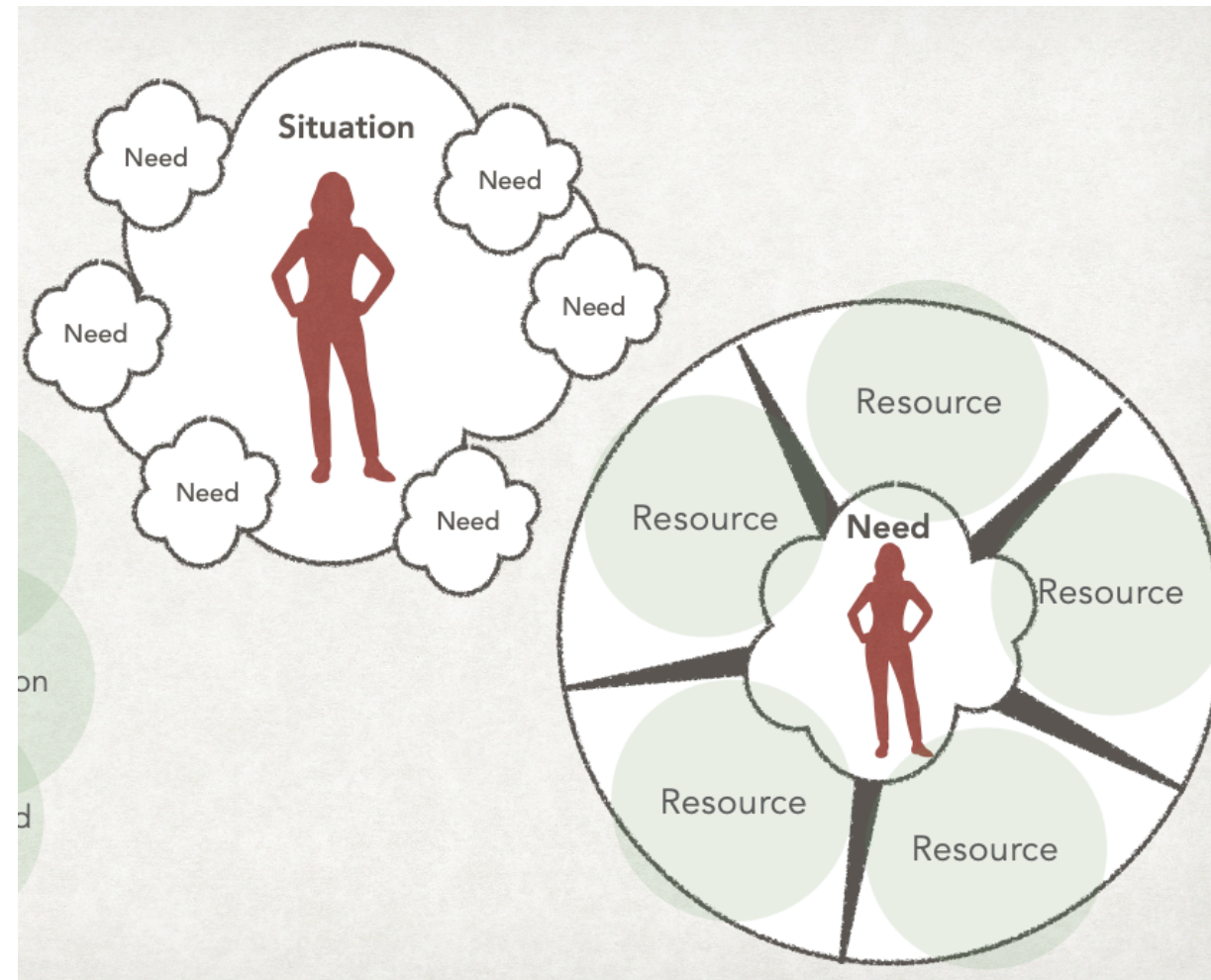
— Andrew Hinton¹

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"We say 'navigate', but we really mean 'understand'."

– Luca Rosati & Andrea Resmini ¹

1. Rosati & Resmini (2011), *Pervasive Information Architecture*. As paraphrased by Andrew Hinton.



Source: Andrew Hinton, "What We Talk About When We Talk About Navigation", IA Summit 2019.

Navigation => Understanding

but..

**Just having the information isn't enough
for people to find it.**

Information seeking behaviors

Berry-picking model (Marcia Bates) ¹

1. Bates, M.J. (1989). The design of browsing and berrypicking techniques for the online search interface. *Online Review*, 13(5), 407–424. Also in: Marcia J. Bates (© 2016), *Information Users and Information System Design, Selected Works*, vol. 3, pp. 195-216.

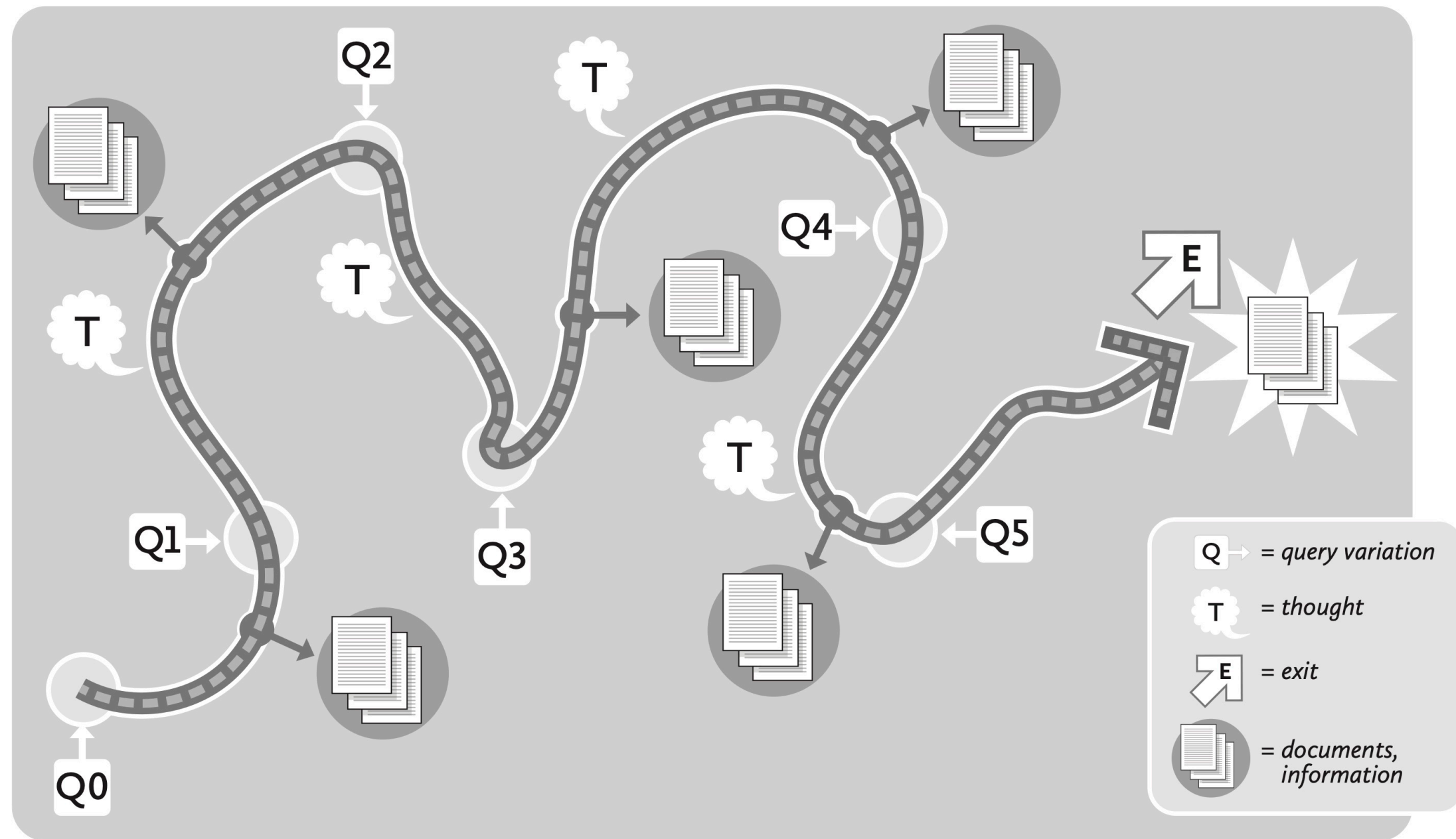


FIG. 2. A berrypicking, evolving search

Exploratory



Known-item

Modes of information seeking (Donna Spencer) ¹

1. Exploratory
2. Known-item
3. Don't know what you need to know
4. Re-finding

1. Donna Spencer, "Four Modes of Seeking Information and How to Design for Them", in Boxes and Arrows. March 14, 2006. <https://boxesandarrows.com/four-modes-of-seeking-information-and-how-to-design-for-them/>



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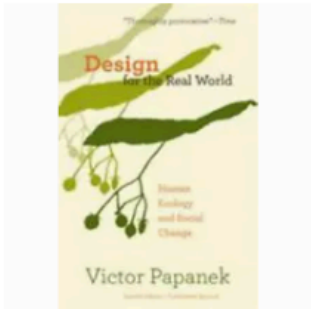
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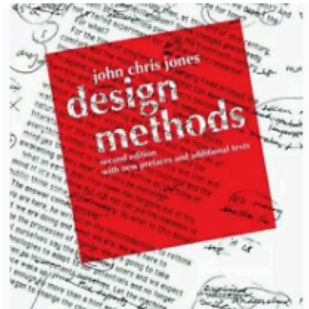
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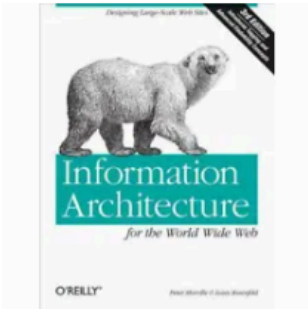
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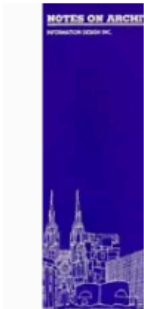
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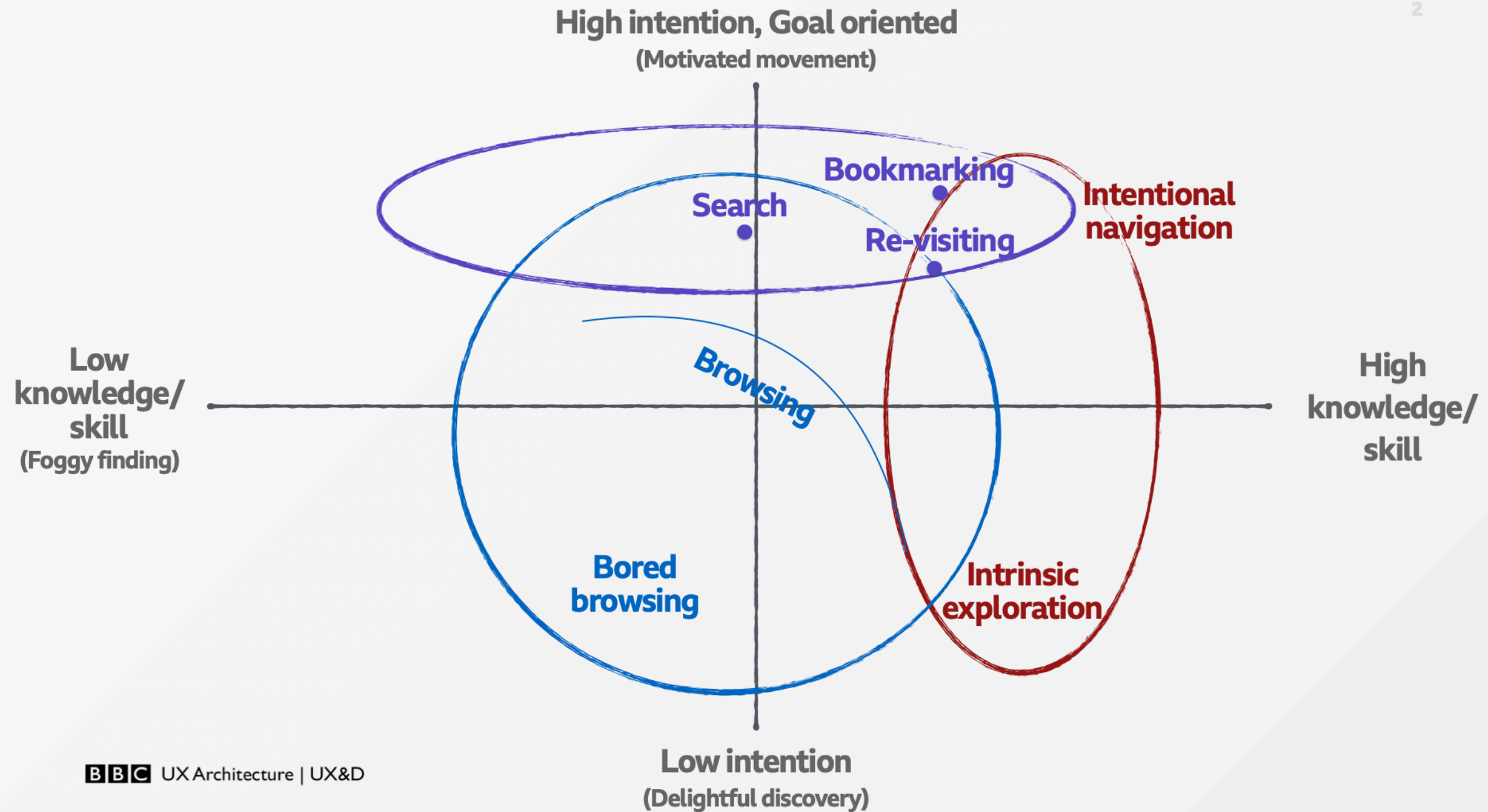
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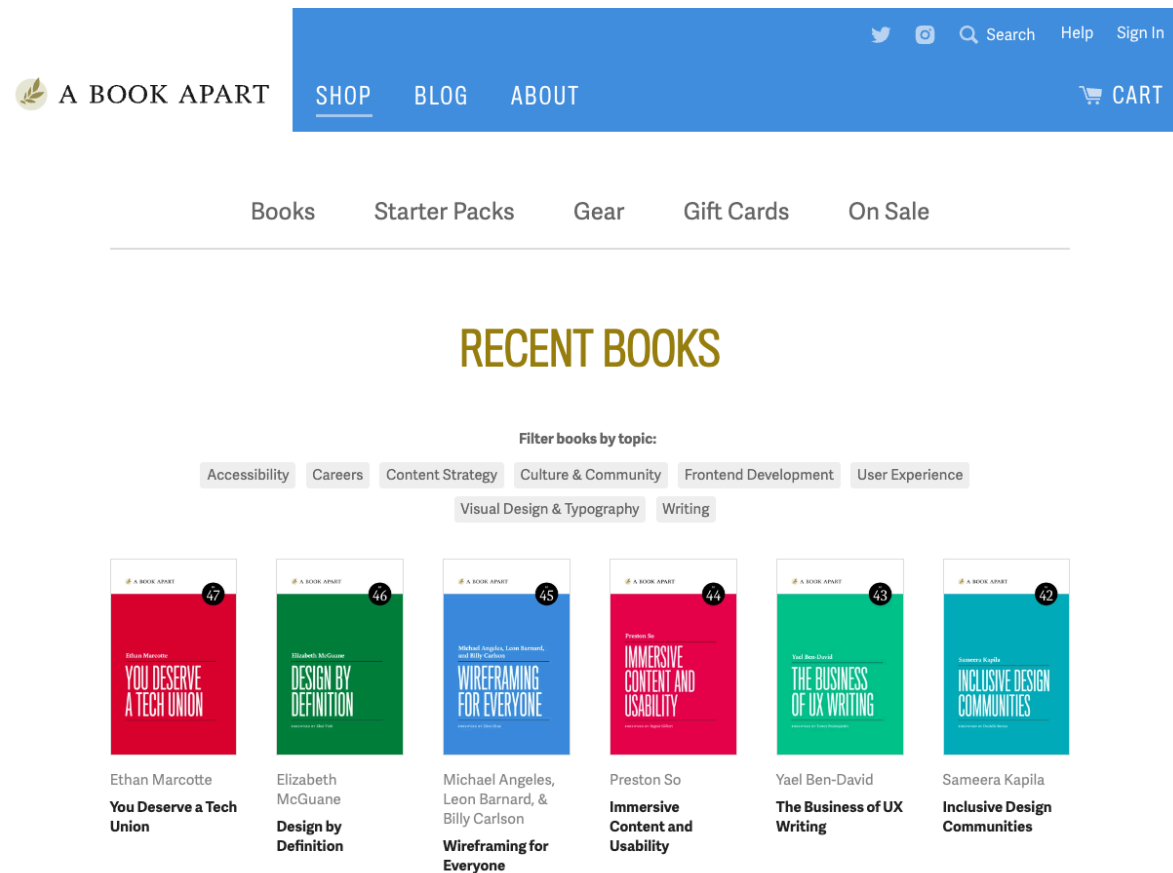
Modes of information seeking (Dan Ramsden) ¹

1. Motivated movement
2. Delightful discovery
3. Foggy finding
4. Not necessarily navigation

1. Dan Ramsden, "A model for navigation and information-seeking". See <https://danramdsen.com/2017/01/27/model-navigation-information-seeking/> and the four linked pages.

Information seeking behaviors are affected by:


- UI affordances
- Discovery
- Recognition over recall




Information scent

(Information foraging theory)

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Perceiving and **acting**

Wayfinding

1. How people orient themselves and navigate from place to place
2. Systems in the built environment (e.g. signage) that enable wayfinding

Wayfinding on websites ¹

- Where am I now?
- Where can I go?
- What will I find when I get there?
- What's nearby?
- How do I get out?

1. <https://ux.iu.edu/writings/wayfinding-systems/>

Part I Recap: How humans navigate

- Navigation => **Understanding**
- Provide support for a mix of **information seeking behaviors**, including situations where people *do* and *don't* know what they're looking for
- Support **wayfinding** by making the structure visible

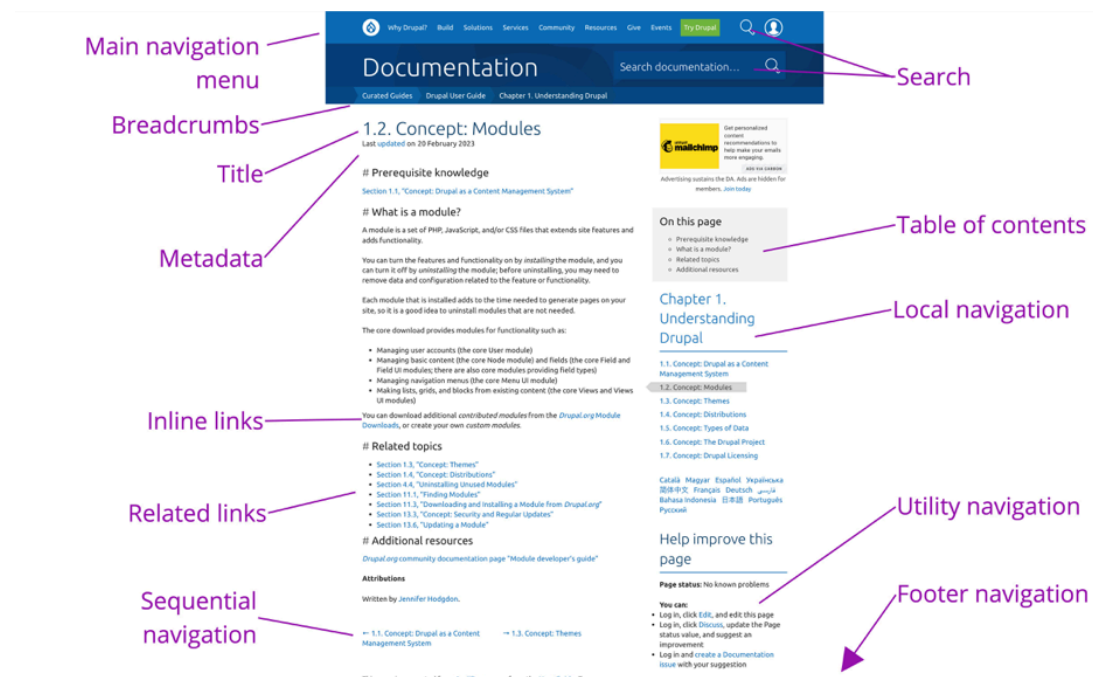
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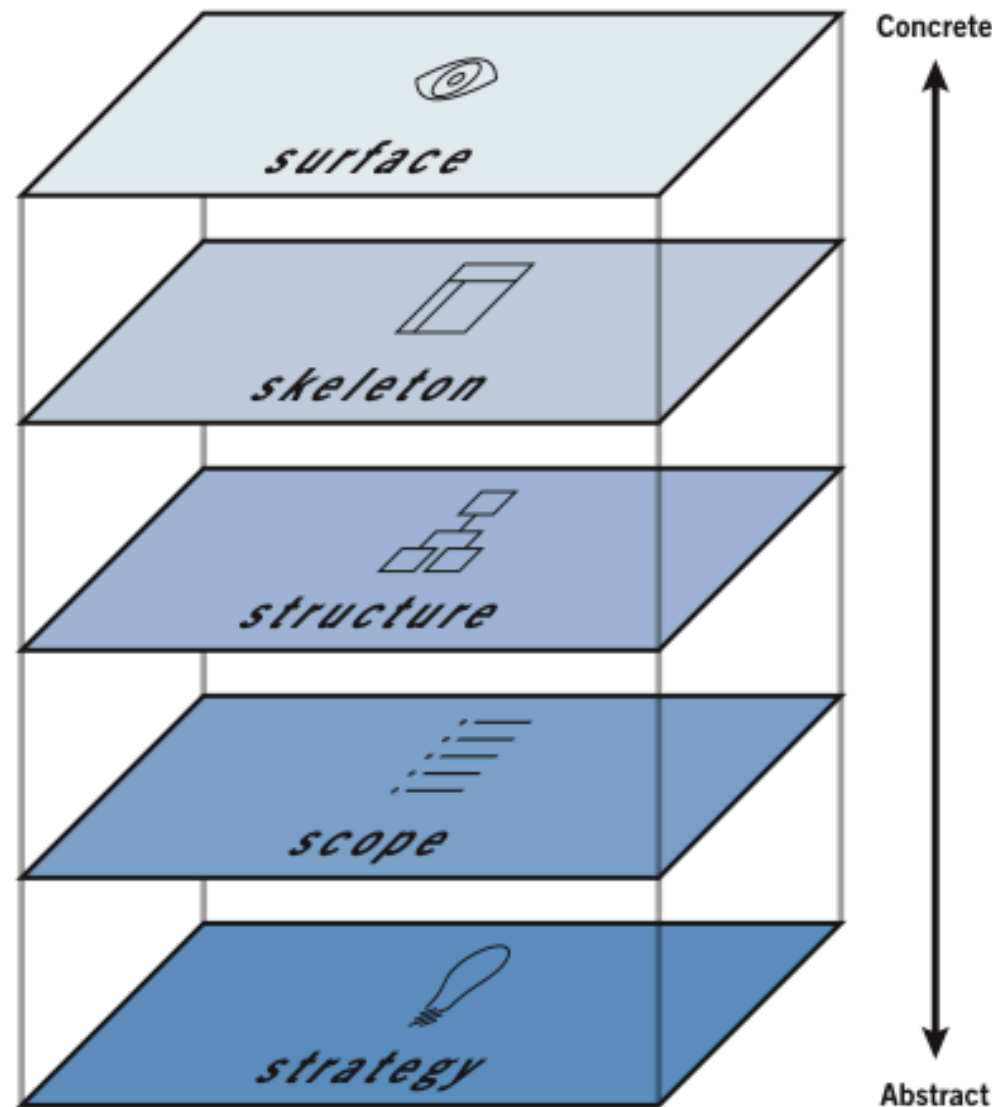
structure

Navigation systems help to:

- Make structure visible
- Support wayfinding
- Communicate what is available







Surface brings everything together visually: What will the finished product look like?

Skeleton makes structure concrete: What components will enable people to use the site?

Structure gives shape to scope: How will the pieces of the site fit together and behave?

Scope transforms strategy into requirements: What features will the site need to include?

Strategy is where it all begins: What do we want to get out of the site? What do our users want?

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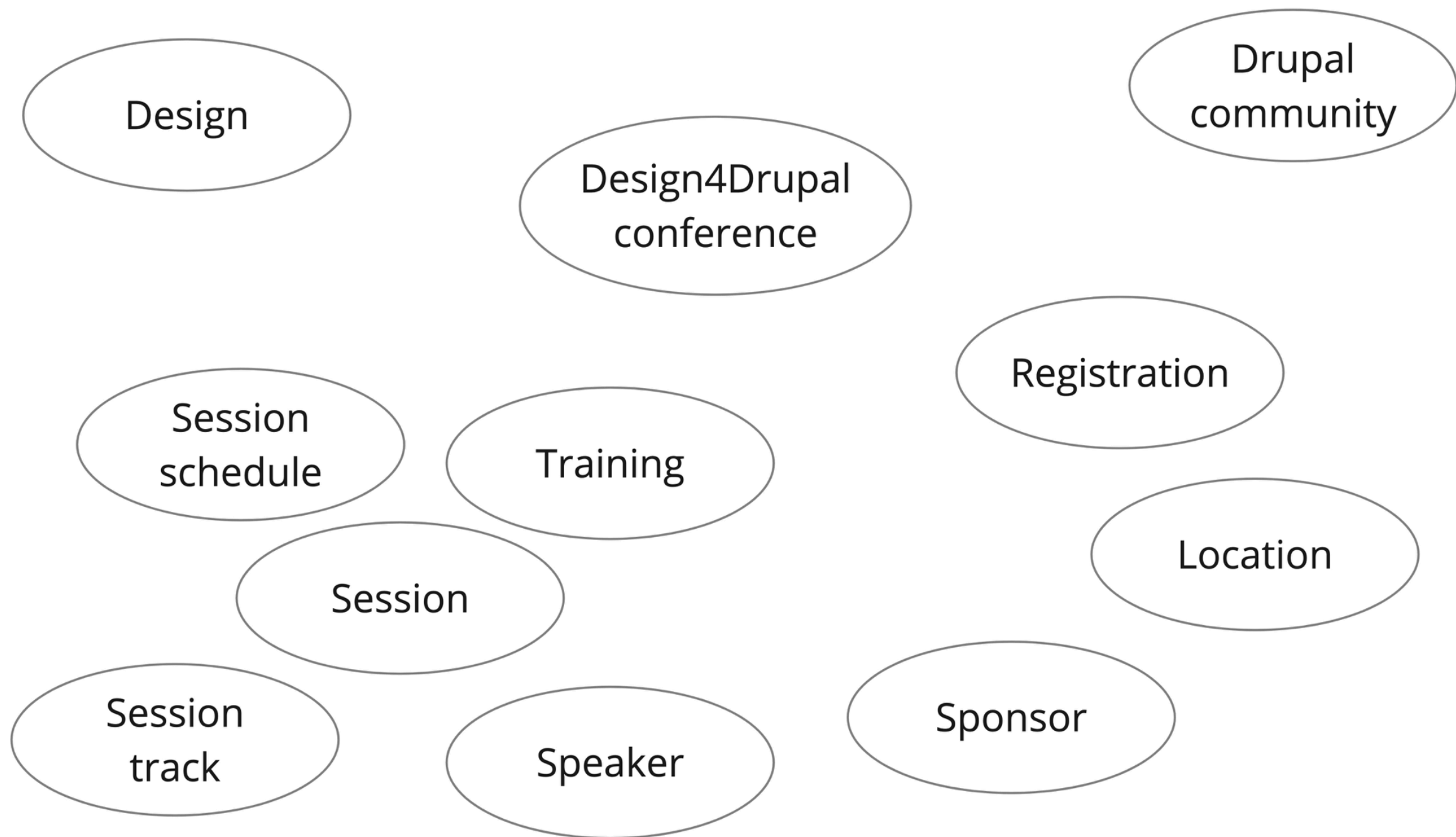
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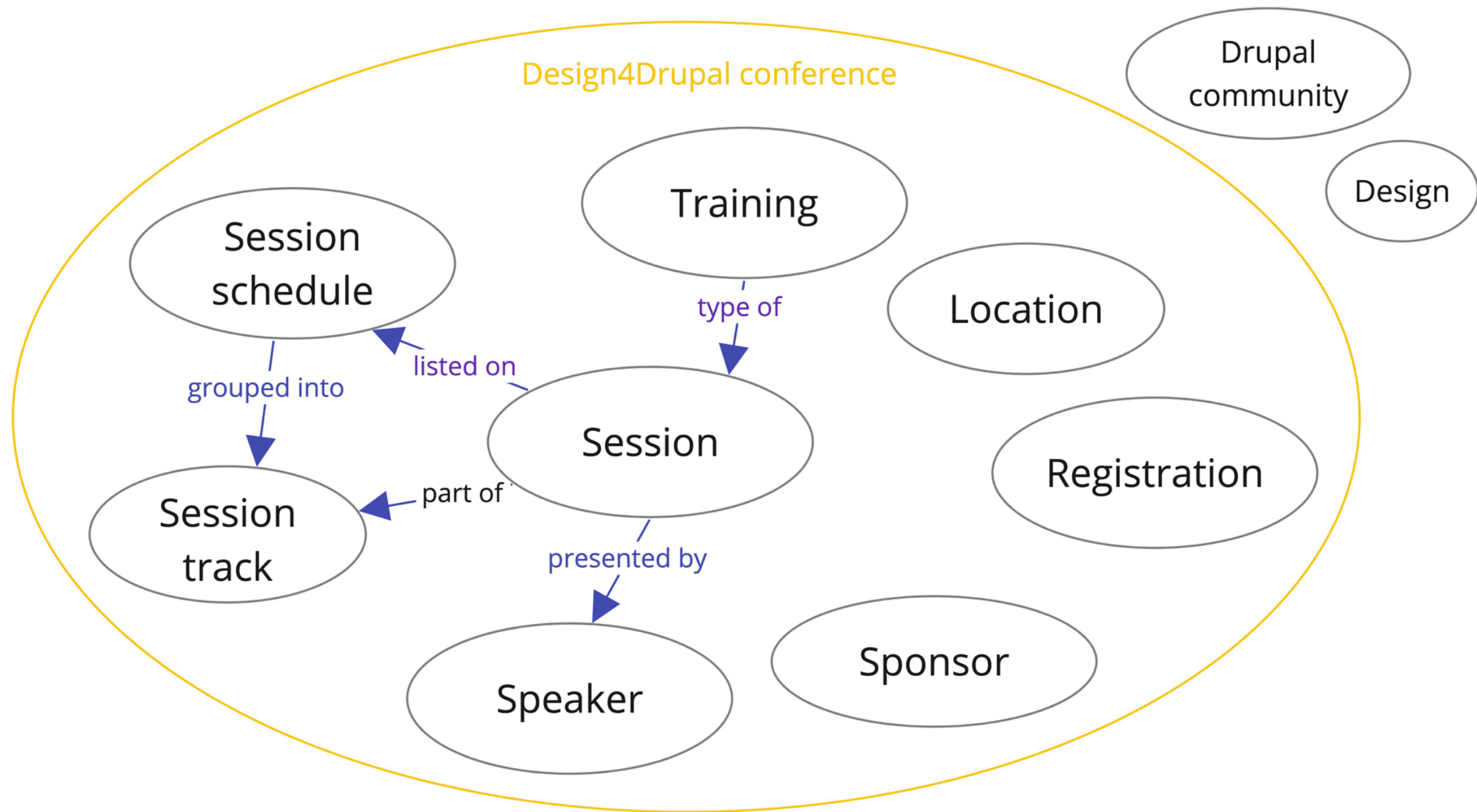
People now not only live longer but also want to be healthier when they age due to more advanced emerging technologies, socioeconomic changes, education platforms, healthcare systems, and other socioeconomic factors. But what does longevity mean for designers and design leaders? The concept of design for longevity (D4L) has recently played a critical role in our society. D4L is not about adding labels for older adults on the products we design. D4L is also not only talking about how the new fabrication technologies can make the material last longer.

Sheng-Hung Lee is a designer, maker, and educator. He is trained as an industrial designer and electrical engineer, and his approach to problem-solving is influenced by his passion for how design and technology impact and can be integrated into society.

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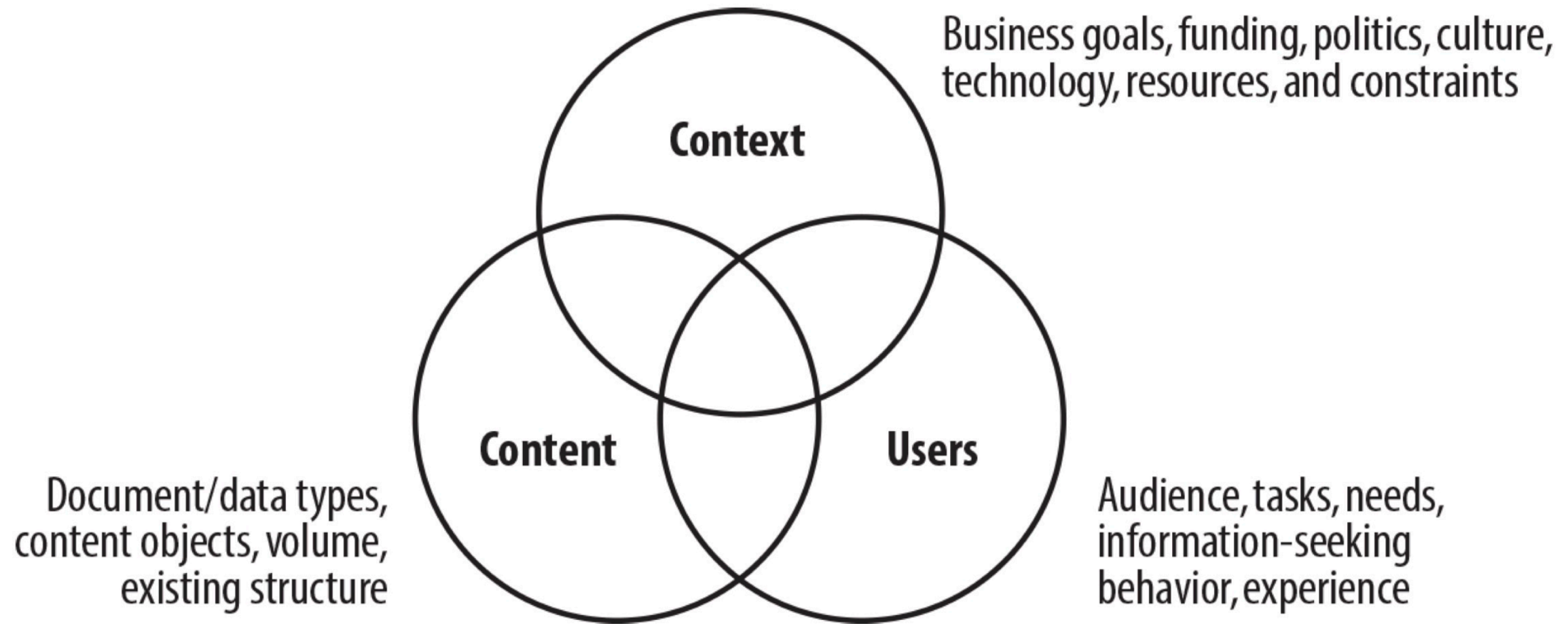


How do we arrive at a good conceptual structure?

How does it fit into our process?

Rough design process

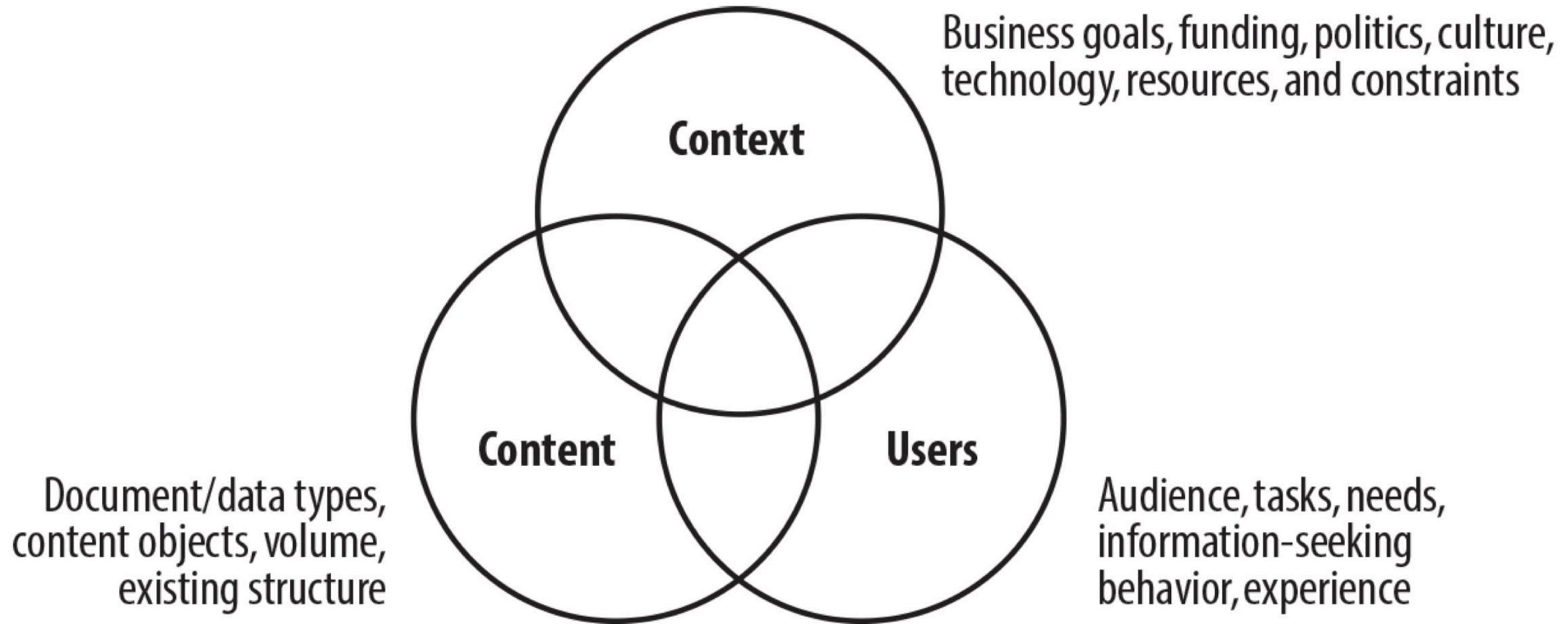
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3. Synthesis/strategy
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5. Release/improve




*From Rosenfeld, Morville, & Arango.
Information Architecture: For the Web and
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Common user models

- personas
- scenarios
- activities
- mental models (see Indi Young, *Mental Models*)

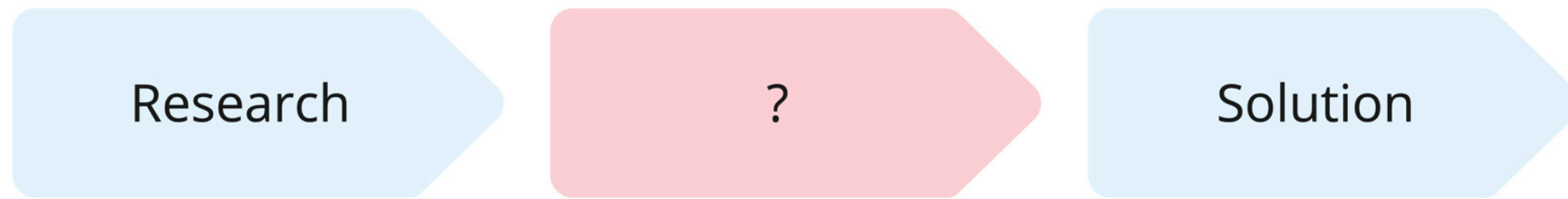




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Solution



Enquiry



Ideation



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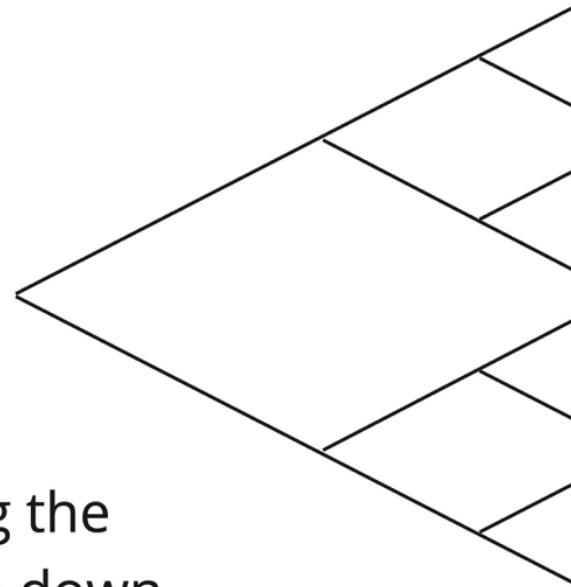
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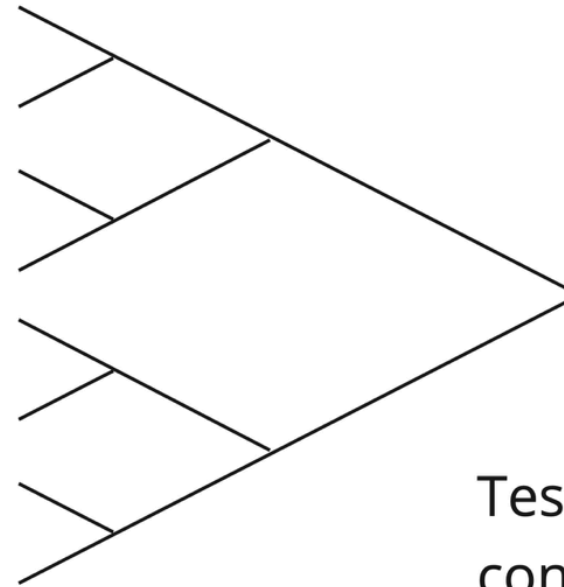
Divergence

Breaking the
problem down
into pieces



Transformation

Putting the
pieces together
in a new way



Convergence

Testing to discover the
consequences of the
new arrangement

Modeling

Modeling is useful for...

understanding:

- Getting through situations of ambiguity
- Synthesizing research
- Mapping what exists & how things work
- Communicating the things you're trying to understand

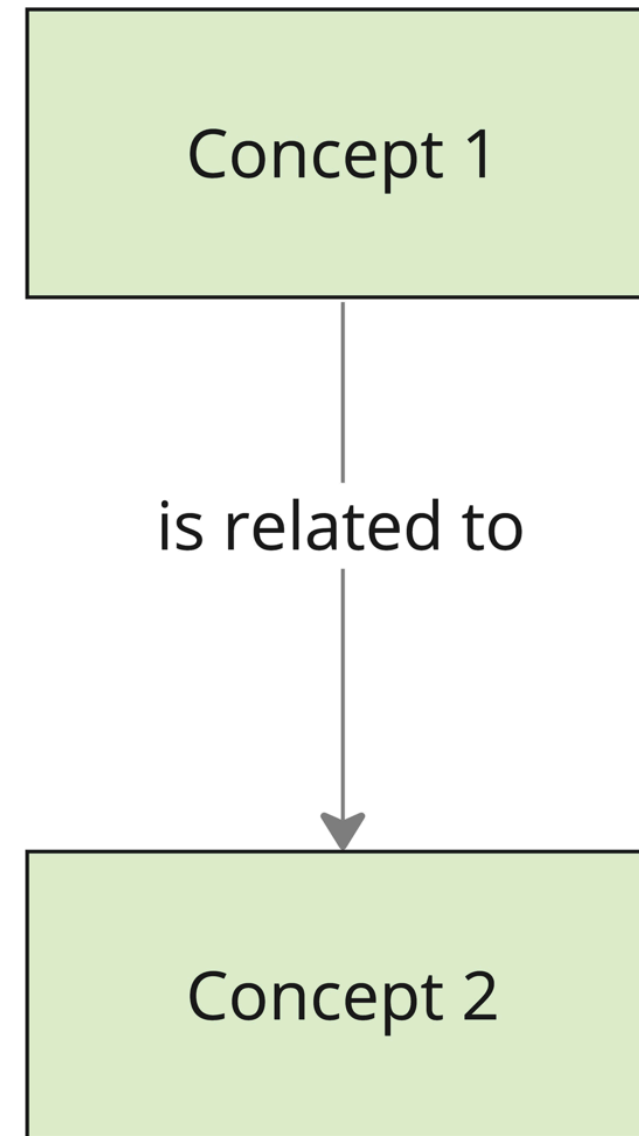
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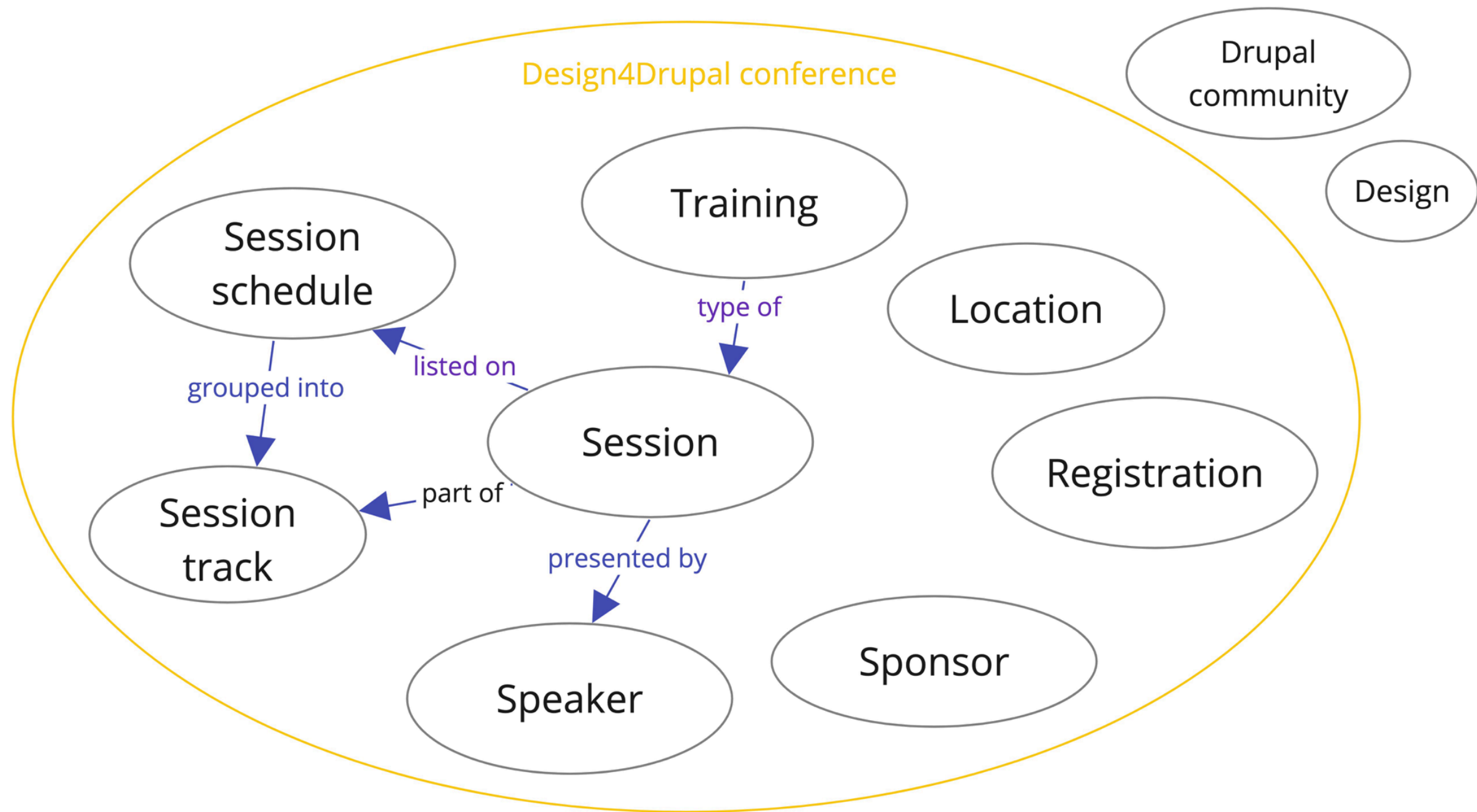
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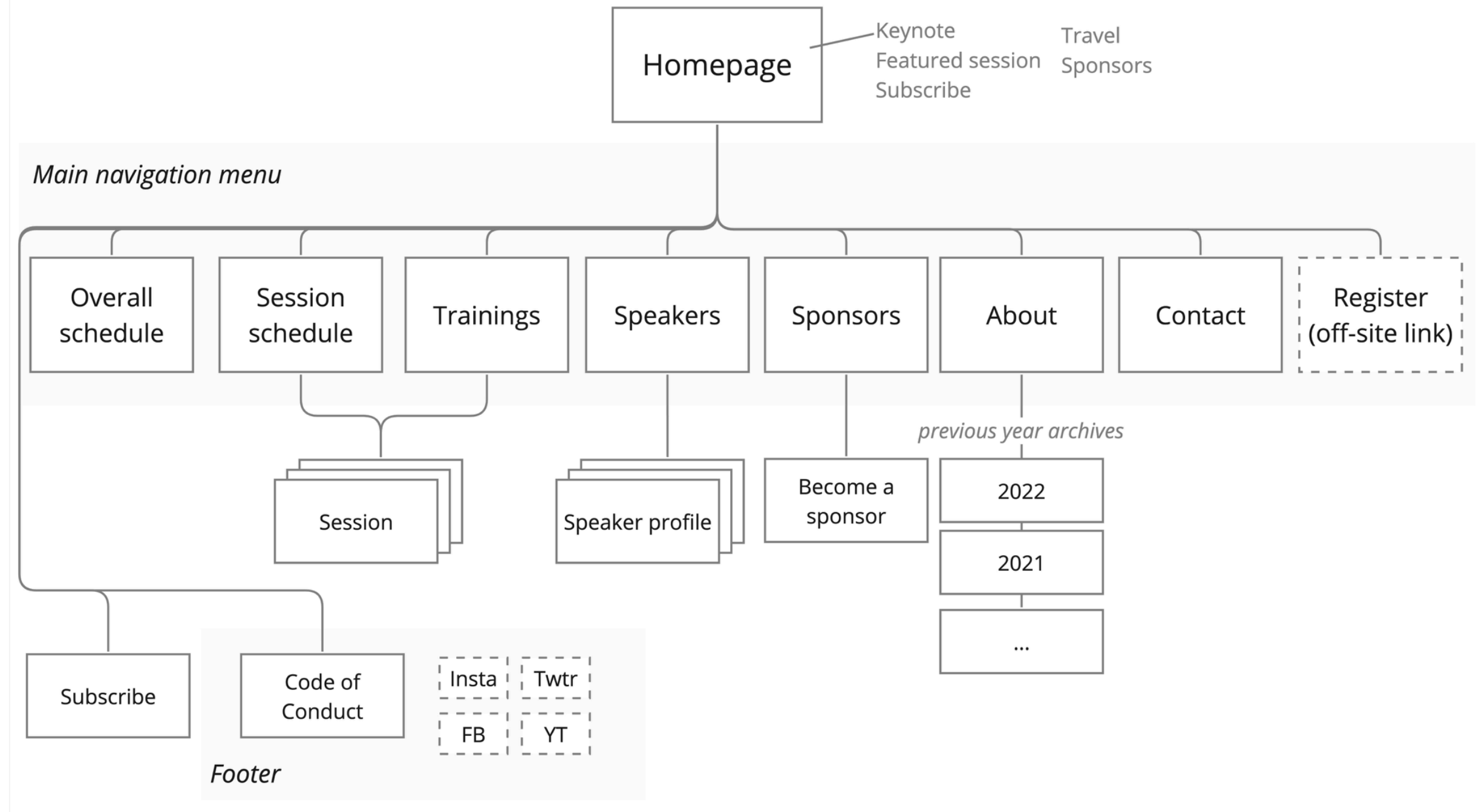
- Define the concepts and relationships we discover
- Explore new arrangements
- Build alignment
- Creating a conceptual foundation before (and during) UX design, content modeling, or data modeling

Basic process for concept modeling

1. Gather a list of concepts (usually nouns)
2. Add the relationships
3. Label the relationships (usually verbs)
4. Arrange
5. Share / invite conversation / feedback / iterate







Part II Recap

- Effective IA is built upon a cohesive *underlying conceptual structure*
- Use "Users/Content/Context" to explore the conceptual structure of the design situation
- Use concept modeling to synthesize, resolve ambiguity, and build alignment upstream of content modeling & UI design

Part III:

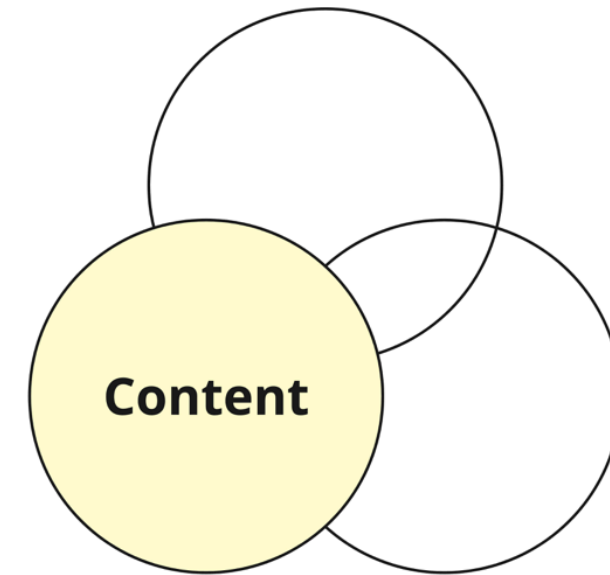
From concepts to navigation design

Concept models

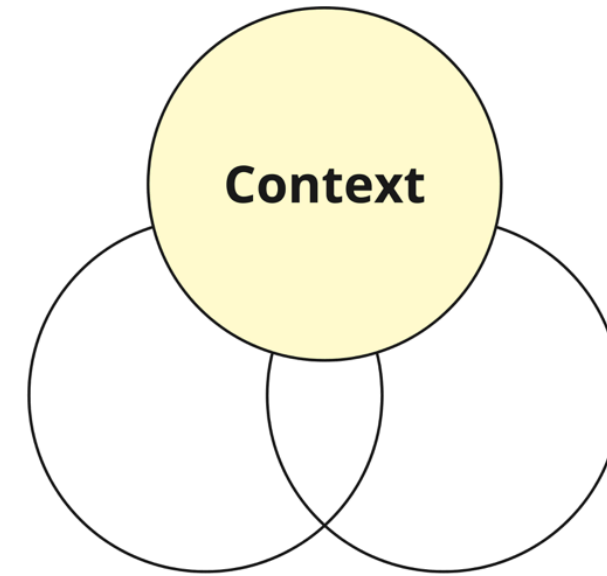
Content models

Sitemaps

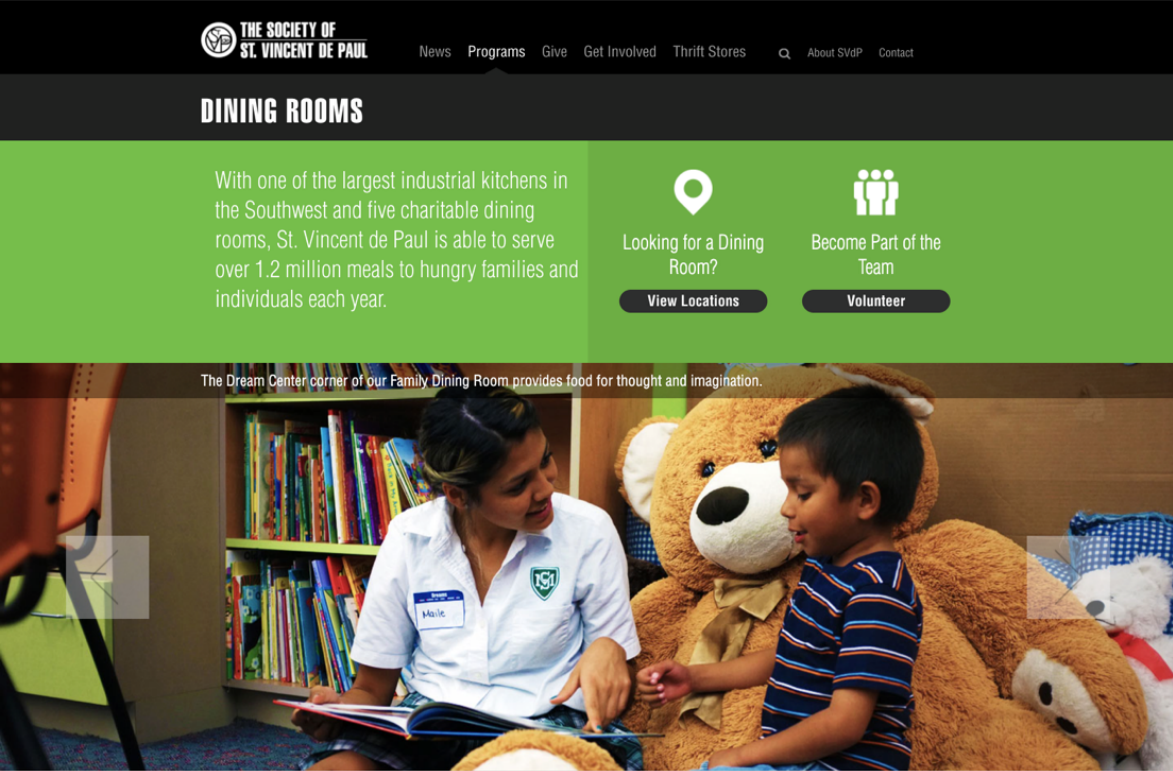
Navigation systems (menus, etc.)



- Programs
- Locations
- Volunteer opportunities



- Goals, mission, philosophy
- Importance of community & meaningful service
- Sustainable models for addressing homelessness, etc.



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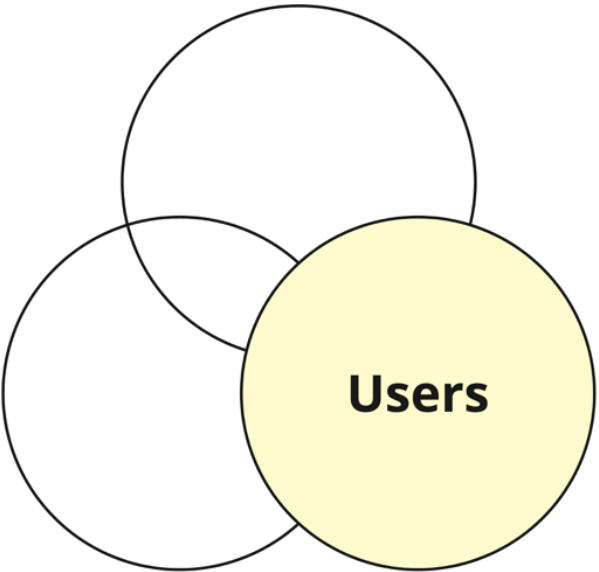


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Journey Steps Which step of the experience are you describing?	Discover	Investigate	Decide	Act
Actions What does the donor do?	Watch local station on TV and see a media drive See a drive on social media See donation opportunity checked on program	Conduct a search online Read an email from SVdP Read more about the campaign on the website Browse electronic media to access culture, tone of organization Browse electronic media to assess success & impact I'm donating to it. It's fixable!	Decide how much to give and to what. Maybe a different campaign or program is more compelling?	Click donate button & fill out form
Needs and Pains What does the donor want to achieve or avoid?	Find what they want to give to quickly eg if they heard about a specific program or drive See an opportunity to meet more people or meet more people who are doing good Being annoyed by the frequency of seeing the messaging	confirm the culture/tone are a fit for my values Easy way to donate that's trustworthy, secure Avoid further solicitation from SVdP (reluctant to share email etc.) being scammed having my information stolen or misused	Easy way to evaluate options	Big easy button to donate quick, non-intrusive form (not requiring excessive info)
Touchpoints What part of the service do they interact with?	See actions, above	campaign page other pages they navigate to - program page, blog?	Donation form	post donation screen online transaction confirmation (email) thank you/acknowledgment (email)
Information/content used at this step Be as thorough as possible!	Know what my money will do (poster) Success stories hard to find - what is the outcome from my donation Know my donation isn't mostly going to administrative costs Evidence of financial responsibility - eg better bid bundles, charity navigator		Reminder of how much impact my donation will have Confirmation I've done what I intended - eg my donation is one-time or recurring, etc. A comment box, to say it's in honor of someone, or to help someone specific, especially for less concrete donations to specify they want to fund cats or some other specific thing	confirmation my donation went through code for the tax credit
What does SVdP want to communicate?	THANK YOU! Remind people of benefits they might get, eg tax credit Remind of other ways to help (eg volunteer, not just give money) Success stories, so people know their contribution is making a difference Reminder that need is ongoing, it's not a one-time thing, that it takes a community, and constant care, to address persistent needs		Make sure they know the amounts that will get them benefits (SLS, tax credit, number of bottles of water or meals funded) How to follow us on social media (stay connected) Transparency that when they give their email they are getting added to SVdP's email list Tell about other ways to help - volunteer or donating goods for organizing a drive	
Opportunities What could we improve or introduce?			give people a way to easily share their donation to encourage their network to donate too More cross-campaign connections: you donated water, how about donating a turkey? encourage people to explore other roles - ie donors to be volunteers, etc.	

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The Dream Center corner of our Family Dining Room provides food for thought and imagination.

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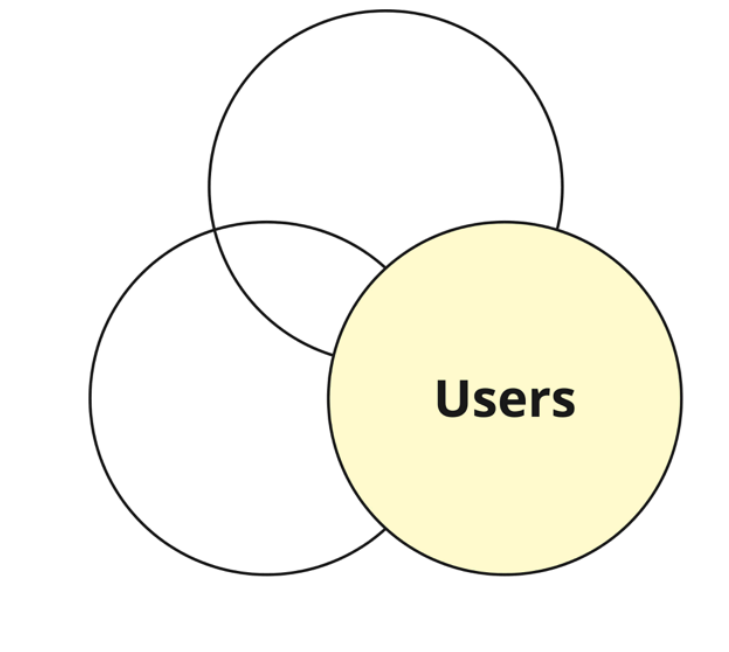
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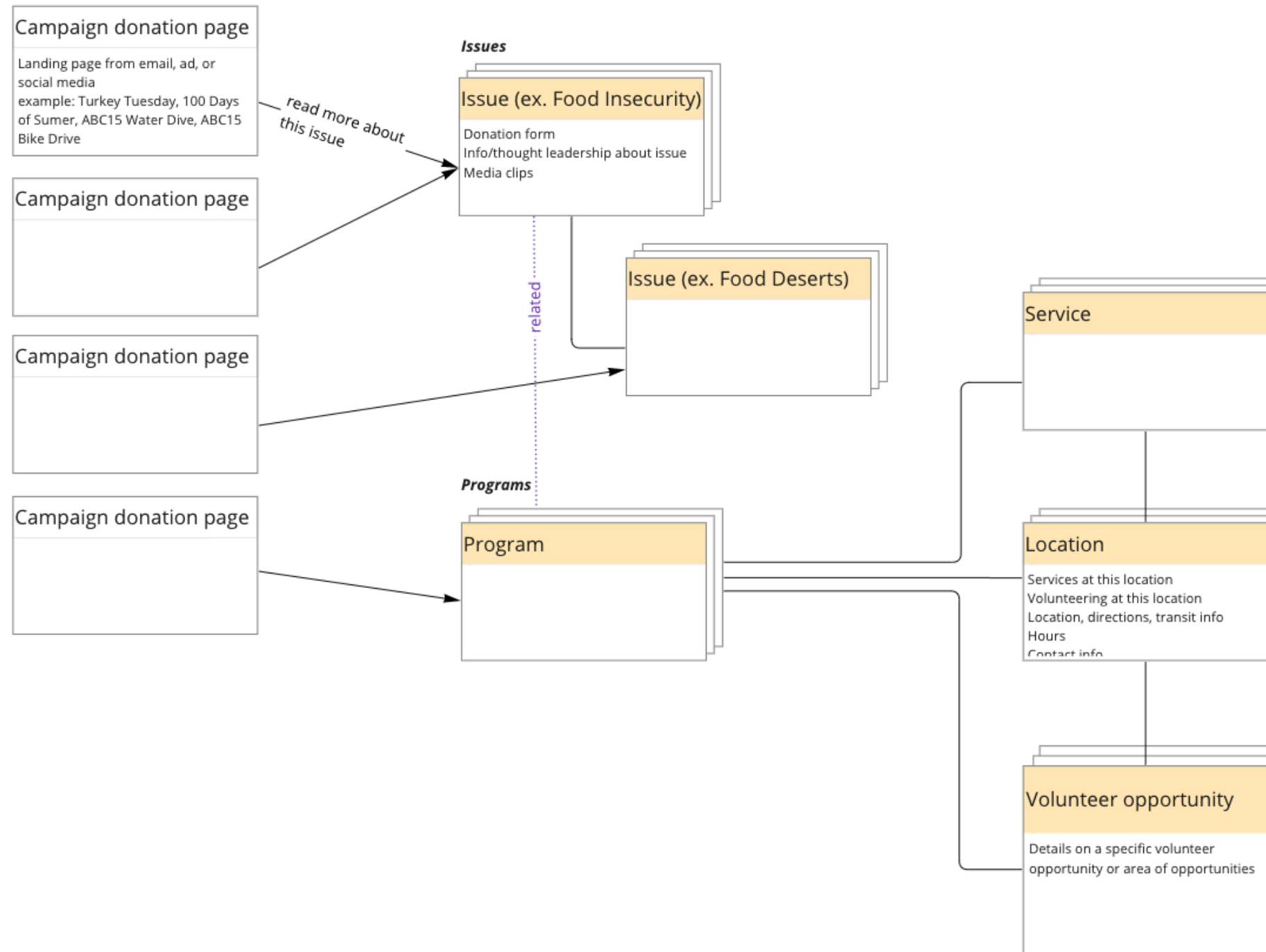
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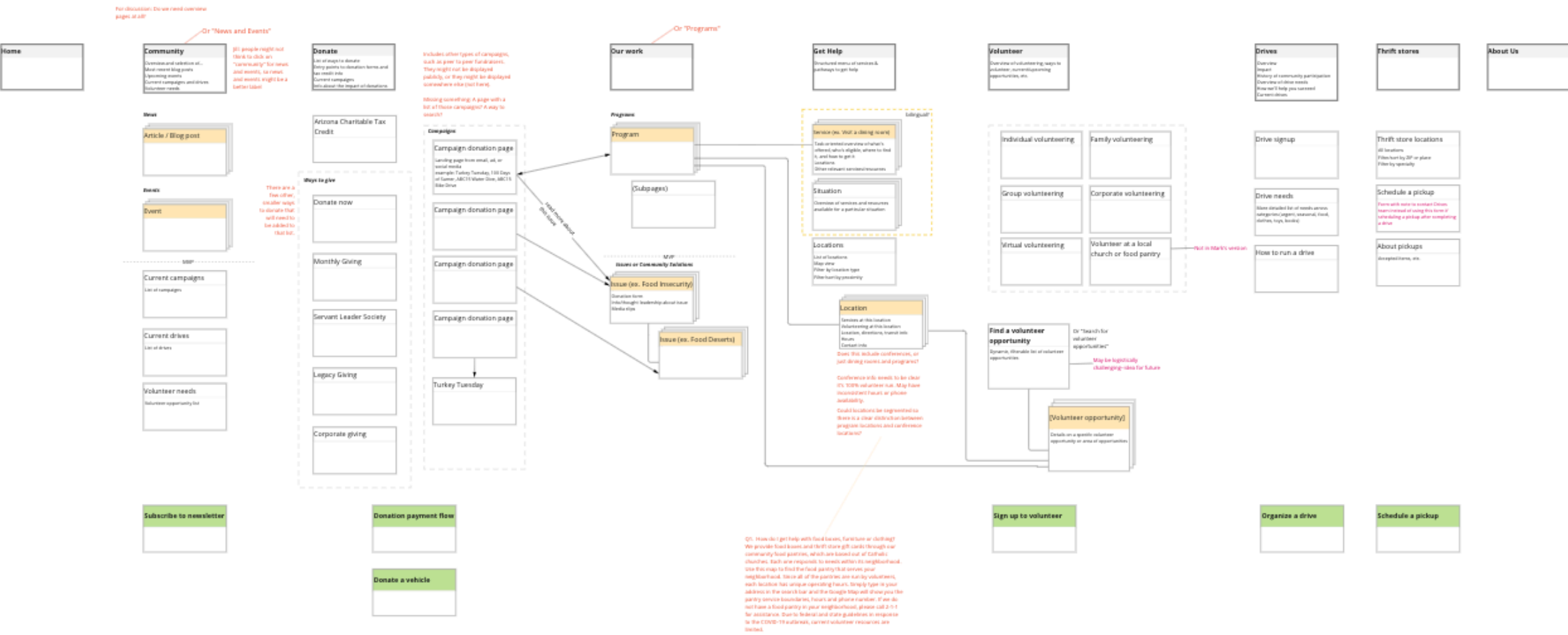
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- Many, many audience segments
- Need for educational info
- Programs vs. Services







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Four purposes of a site's main navigation menu

1. Provide pathways to all/most content

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Things to think about:

- Build upon users' mental models
- Derive categories through content classification
- Choose labels that provide information scent

1. Provide pathways to all/most content

Ways of classifying content:

- By customer need
- By user activity/task
- By stage in the customer lifecycle
- By subject/topic
- By content type or metadata
- mixed

2. Provide quick, direct access to specific items/tasks

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Things to think about:

- User scenarios
- Top tasks (e.g. Gerry McGovern)
- Known-item seeking may call for different labels

3. Inform users what's available on the site

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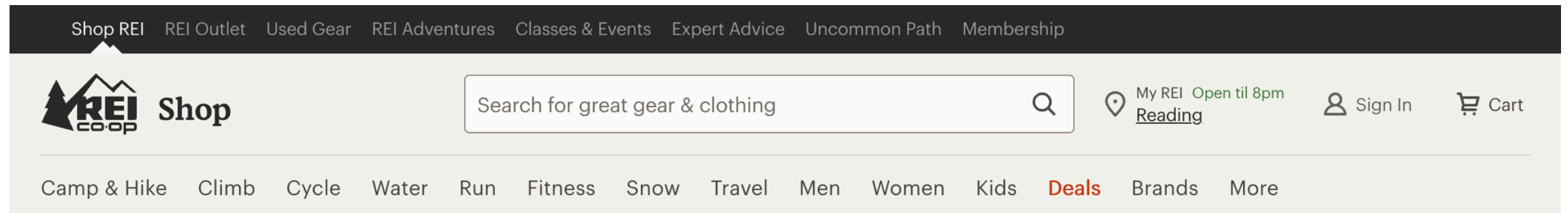
- "Don't know what you need to know" and Exploratory info seeking
- Principle of recognition over recall
- Business goals, products, lines of business
- What is shown vs. hidden initially?

3. Inform users what's available on the site

4. Explain the brand

Things to think about:

- Brand tone, voice, personality, key words
- Business goals (e.g. what needs to be promoted)



*Stuart Maxwell, "The Politics of Navigation"
at the IA Summit, April 24 2015*

4. Explain the brand

Things to think about:

- Brand tone, voice, personality, key words
- Business goals (e.g. what needs to be promoted)
- Ensure clarity, understandability, and information scent are not lost



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Checks/tests for main navigation taxonomy

- Use user scenarios & user tasks as a checklist
- Consider different info seeking behaviors (known item, exploratory, don't know what you need to know, etc.)
- Test: "Where would you **expect** to find...?"
- Ask: "**What** would you expect to find under [label]?"

Purposes of a site's main navigation menu

1. Provide pathways to all/most content
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3. Inform visitors what's available on the site
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And: Promote features/content, orient users, inspire users, inform search engines¹

1. Jenny Benevento and Abby Covert, "Put A Label On It: Navigation As Brand", IA Summit 2018

Thank you!

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