The Hidden Requirements





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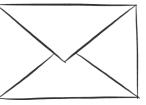


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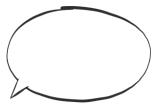




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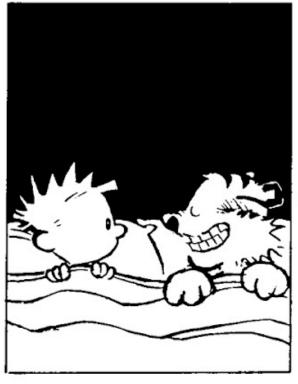


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Why?









The way we FEEL about SOFTWARE is important!



Agenda

- Quotations
- Purpose of Software
- Research
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- Placebos

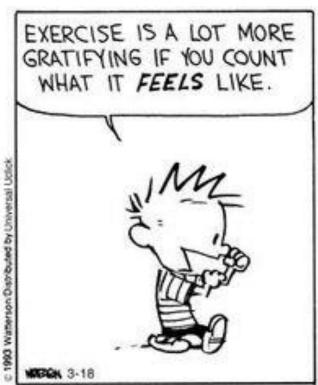


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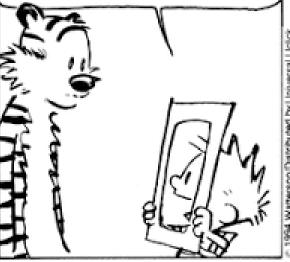




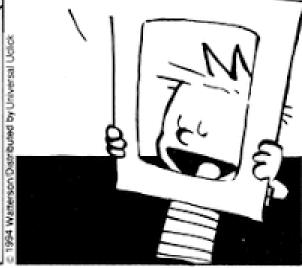
Quotations



NOW THAT I'M ON TELE-VISION, I'M DIFFERENT FROM EVERYBODY ELSE! I'M FAMOUS! IMPORTANT!



SINCE EVERYONE KNOWS ME, EVERYTHING I DO NOW IS NEWSWORTHY. I'M A CULTURAL ICON.







"When dealing with people, remember you are not dealing with creatures of LOGIC, but with creatures of EMOTION."
-Dale Carnegie, American writer



"I've learned that people will forget what you SAID, people will forget what you DID, but people will never forget how you made them FEEL." -Maya Angelou, American poet



"Customers shouldn't think of your business as a place to BUY a product or USE a service.

Tt should be a

FUN place to be!"

-Richard Branson, Virgin Group founder



"Starbucks has a role and a meaningful RELATIONSHIP with people that is not only about the coffee! Success is very shallow if it doesn't have EMOTIONAL meaning." -Howard Schultz, CEO Starbucks



"We're NOT SELLING you anything. We want you to FEEL differently when you leave the store. EMOTIONALLY engage customers, don't TRANSACTIONALLY engage them." -George Blankenship, former Apple and Tesla executive





"I've never felt like I was in the COOKIE business. I've always been in a feel good FEELING business. My job is to sell JOY. My job is to sell HAPPINESS. My job is to sell an EXPERIENCE."

-Debbie Fields, Mrs. Fields Cookies founder



Successful businesses and people recognize the importance of EMOTIONS!



Purpose of Software



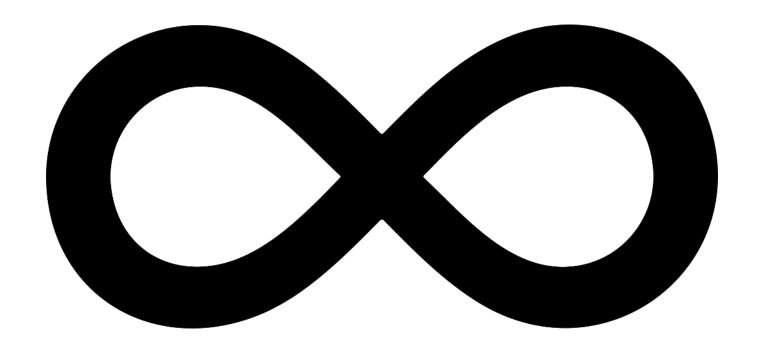








Specifically...





Generally...

to organize INFORMATION to collect and process DATA to simplify/automate WORKLOAD to maximize SHAREHOLDER PROFIT

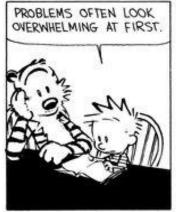


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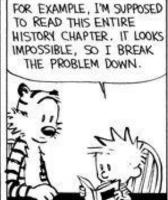
to be USEFUL to help PEOPLE to solve PROBLEMS



What is a problem? What is a solution?





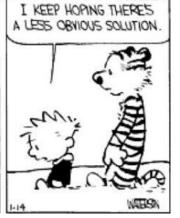








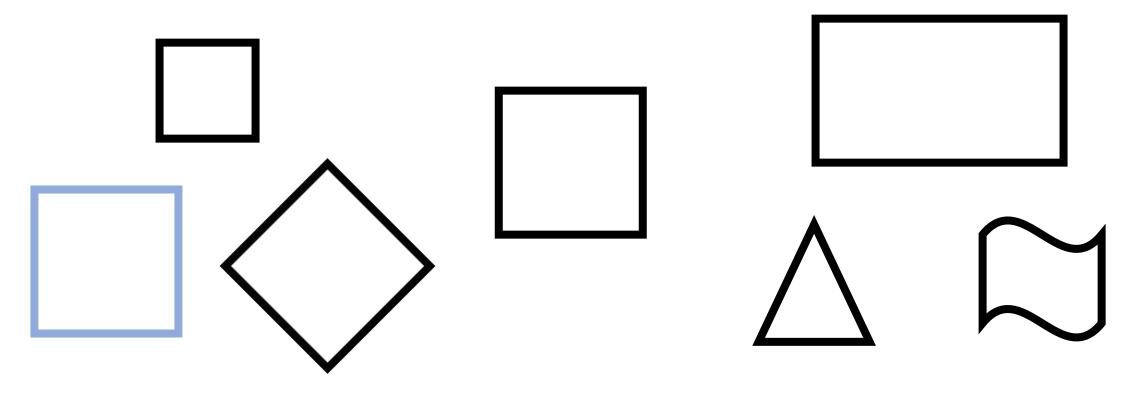






Square

 A figure with four equal straight sides, and four right angles.





Problem

 An undesirable state that differs from some desirable state.

Solution

 A desirable state that differs from some undesirable state.





EMOTIONS are an essential characteristic of problems and solutions!



More generally...

to be USEFUL to help PEOPLE to solve PROBLEMS to affect EMOTION



Unless...

Monopoly & Necessity





A purpose of SOFTWARE is to affect EMOTION!



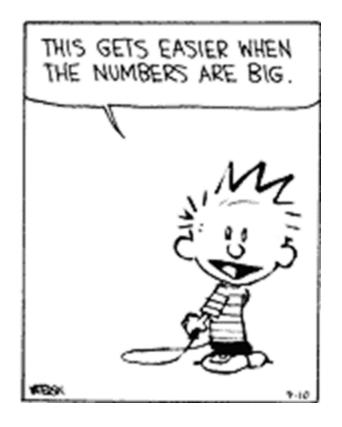
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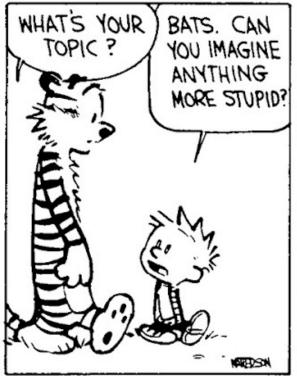


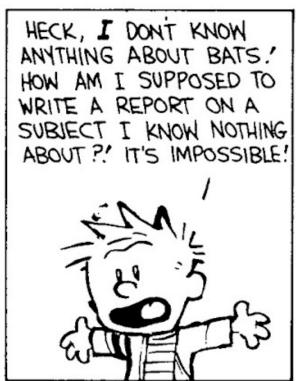


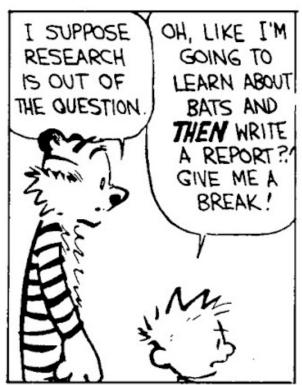


Research









"There are few studies in the literature that specifically address the relation between EMOTIONS and SOFTWARE."

-Modelling Emotional Requirements, 2014



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"...[we argue] that EMOTIONS are just as important and valid as factors affecting requirements as are any other traditional factor..." -Is Emotion Relevant to Requirements Engineering?, 2005





"... the induced EMOTIONAL state is the most important deliverable requirement. Any functionality that exists, exists only to further that EMOTIONAL goal..." -Emotional Requirements in Video Games, 2006



"...one way to produce better systems is to explore the users' EMOTIONS to uncover those hidden requirements that may otherwise be ignored..." -Modelling Emotional Requirements, 2014



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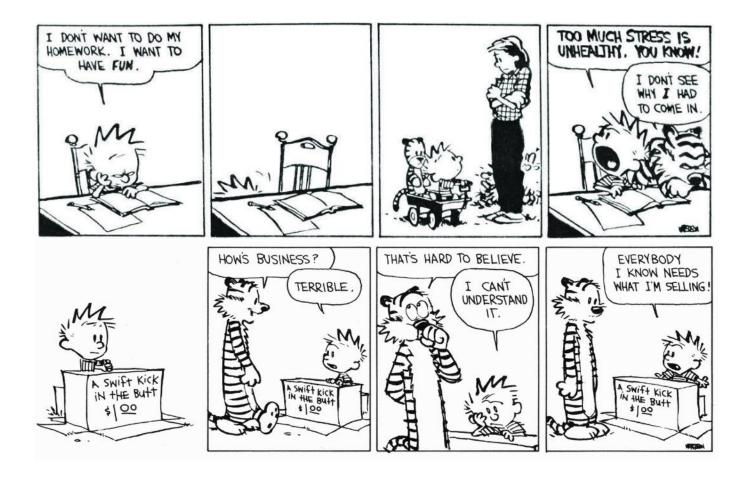


"The way people FEEL about a TECHNOLOGY can determine whether the technology is embraced or rejected by its intended users." -Modelling Emotional Requirements, 2014

Research suggests that EMOTIONAL requirements can influence SOFTWARE acceptance and should be considered!



Requirements





- Software Requirement
 - A particular thing or goal that a system should be or do.
- Formats
 - System should be/do <thing>
 - As a <role>, I want <goal>, So that <benefit>



- Requirement
 - A thing that is wanted or needed.
- Want
 - Something that is desired.
- Need
 - Something that is necessary (for some purpose).









- Requirement
 - A thing that is wanted or needed.

- 1. Identify the requirement (X).
- 2. Establish the purpose (Y) for X.
- 3. Ask, "Can Y be achieved without X?"
 - If Yes, then X is a want.
 - If No, then X is a need.



"I require a library card."

- 1. Identify the requirement (a library card).
- 2. Establish the purpose for the library card (Checking out books from the library).
- 3. Ask, "Can I check out books from the library without a library card?"
 - "No" (the library card is a need)



- Library card
- To check out books
- To gain knowledge
- To learn to cook
- To impress someone
- To date them
- To feel happy



Requirements are WANTS or NEEDS that can affect, and often originate from, EMOTIONS.



Exercise!









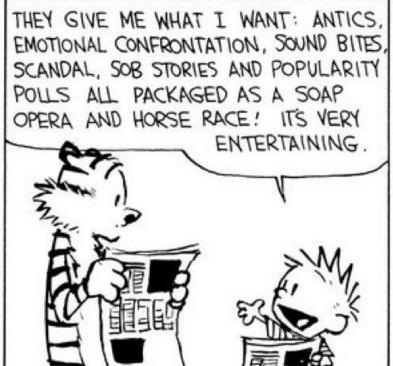


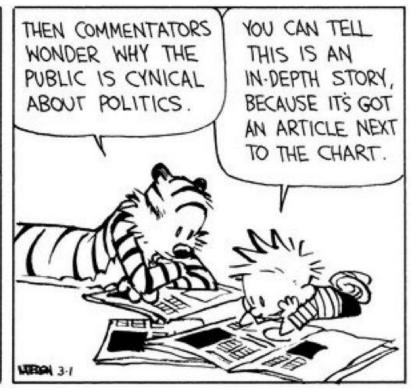
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Emotional Requirements









- Software Requirement
 - A particular thing or goal that a system should be or do.
- Emotional Requirements
 - A particular feeling that a system should induce in a particular user.

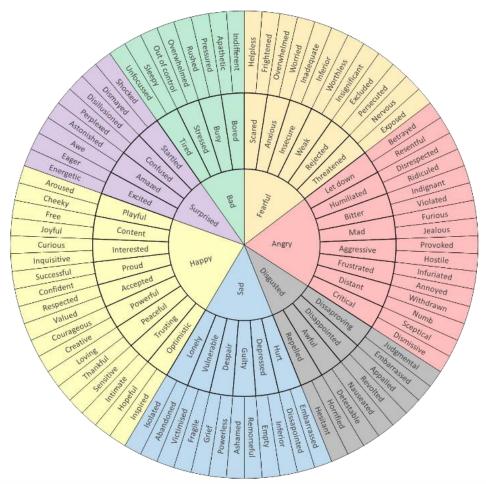


- Requirement Formats
 - System should be/do <thing>
 - As a <role>, I want <goal>, So that <benefit>
- Emotional Requirement Formats
 - System should induce <feeling> in <role>
 - As a <role>, I want <goal>, So that <feeling>



Feeling

- What emotion do you want to induce?
 - anger
 - disgust
 - fear
 - anticipation
 - joy
 - sadness
 - surprise
 - trust





- Feeling
 - What emotion do you want to induce?
- Target
 - In whom do you want to induce this emotion?
- Context
 - What is the set of circumstances?



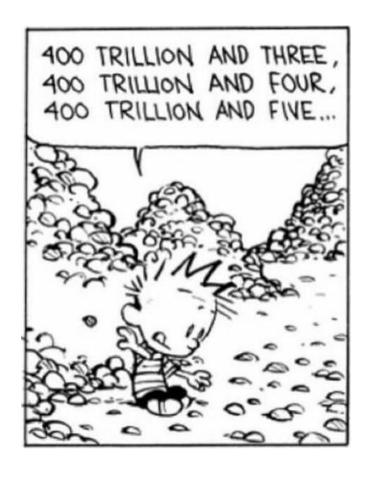
Getting Emotional Requirements

- Interviews, Discussions
- Surveys, Polls, Questionnaires
- Observation
- Personas
- Others (Ethnography, UDUM)
- Usability Matrix of Emotions



Inducing Emotional Requirements

Case-by-case





Measuring Emotional Requirements

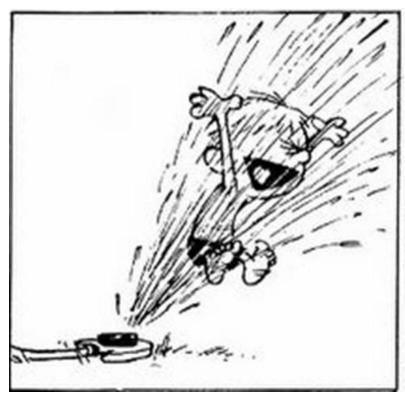
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There are many methods to get and measure EMOTIONAL requirements.



Exercise!







Placebos









Placebo

 Any thing or procedure that is intended solely for mental effects (but purports to also have - and may actually result in - physical effects, as well).



CLINICAL to placate EXPERIMENTAL to control CONDITIONING to appease



"Feeling you have control over your world is a DESIRABLE state." -Ellen Langer, Harvard psychology professor

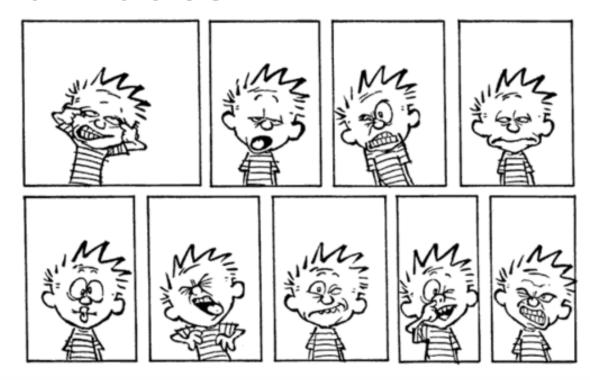


- Thermostats
- Street Crossing buttons
- Door Closing buttons
- Progress Bars
- Refresh & Save Buttons
- Boo-boo kiss



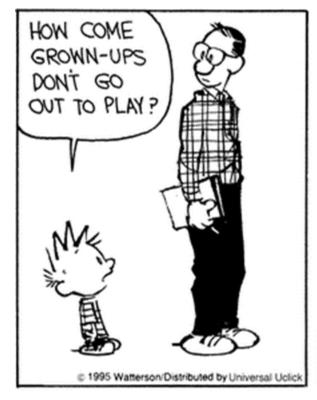
Isolating Emotions

 Imagine that some function or property is just a placebo to better consider the intended emotions that it should induce.





Exercise!



GROWN-UPS CAN ONLY JUSTIFY
PLAYING OUTSIDE BY CALLING
IT EXERCISE, DOING IT WHEN
THEY'D RATHER NOT, AND
KEEPING RECORDS TO QUANTIFY
THEIR PERFORMANCE:







Bugs

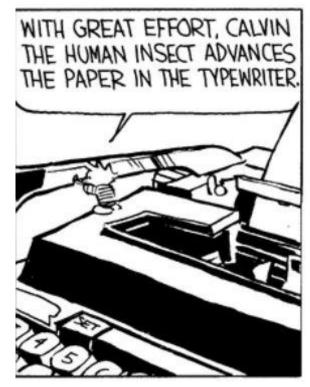
 Consider various scenarios to help determine intended and unintended results.

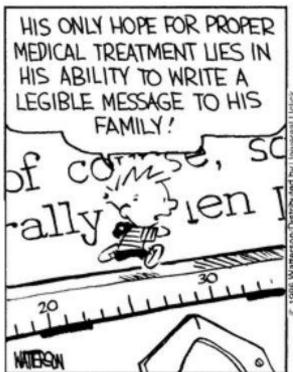




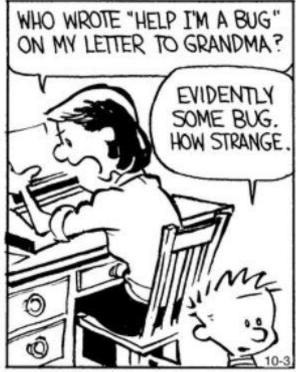


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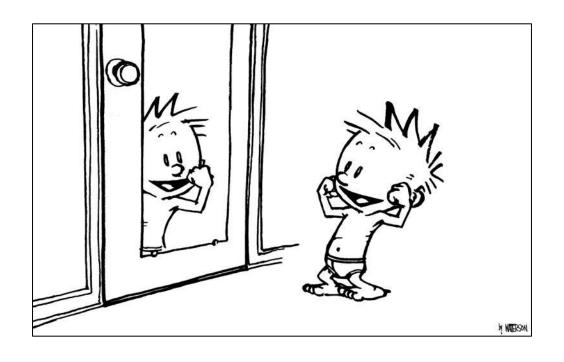
Ethics

 Consider intentionally deceiving users for their benefit.





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Thank you!



