

The Future Of Access

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Outline

- **What is UI anyway?**
- **GUI –Generic User Interface.**
- **Speech interaction.**



What Is UI?

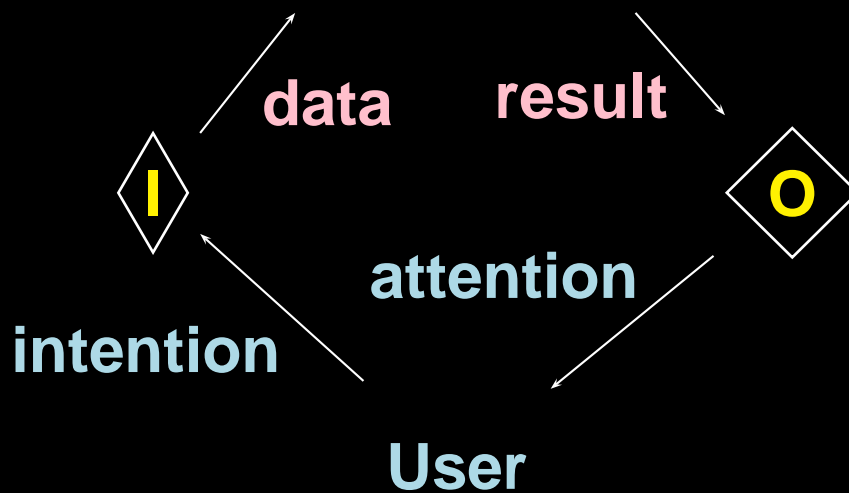
1. Obtain user input
2. Compute on the information
3. Display the results

UI = Input + Output



What Is UI?

Application



Expressing Intent

- Typing on a keyboard.
- Pointing and clicking a mouse.
- Issuing a spoken command.

Supply information to the application



Output

Present Information

- Visually
- Aurally

Display derived from information.



Java And Access

- **More than just access to applets.**
- **Enable universal, multimodal access?**

A Challenge –and An Opportunity



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Generic User Interface

- **Separate modality specific interaction from application logic.**
- **Modality specific interface objects implement specific UI.**

Enable multiple interaction techniques!



UI Toolkits

- **Building blocks for interaction.**
- **Low-level widgets are modality specific.**

Application logic lost in complex UI



Generic UI Toolkits

Generic Interface Objects:

- **High level dialog components encapsulate application logic.**
- **Can be subclassed to implement modality specific behavior.**



Speech Interaction

- **Don't read aloud the visual display.**
- **Don't have user say what can be typed.**

Treat speech as a first-class IO medium.



Speech Enabling Applications

- **Treat speech as a first class medium.**
- **Application produces its own feedback.**
- **Exploit features of the spoken medium.**

Independent Audio and Visual Output.



Prerequisites

- **Access to application logic.**
- **Access to computed information.**



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