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## Universal Design Adaptable Design Adaptive Design

#### Mainstream Products

# Applying Universal Design Principles to Products

# Designing Products for Adaptability

### The Control Interface

## The Seating Interface

## Development of Adaptive Technologies

Use of Technology to Enhance and Create Experiences

### Personal Technologies Activity-Specific Technologies Environmental Technologies

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## Things that you wear

### Activity-Specific Technologies

### **Environmental Technologies**

### Things that do not move

### **Experiential Balance Dimension Sociological Dimension**

### Experiential

### Life Function Activities Vocational Activities Recreational Activities

## Life Function Technologies

#### Vocational Technologies

Recreational and Leisure Technologies

#### Balance Dimension

#### **Balance Dimension**

Physical Intellectual Spiritual

### Physical

#### Intellectual

### **Spiritual**

### Sociological Dimension

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Dependence
Independence
Interdependence

### Dependence

#### Independence

#### Interdependence

# Need Function Interests Preferences

#### Meeting Peoples' Needs

#### Whose Needs?

Average person
5 foot something
75 kilograms

#### **Functional Assumptions**

Mobility

Vision

Hearing

Grasp

Endurance

Long Term
Disabilities
and
Impairments

Aging Related Disabilities and Impairments

Shorter Term Disabilities and Impairments

# Understanding the Limiting Process

Pathophysiology
Impairment
Functional Limitation
Disability

### Quantify User Function

### Evaluate who will use your ideas

Strength
Cognitive Function
Skills Required
Economic Resources
Mobility Requirements

Intuitive Sense
Balance Requirements
Coordination
Patience

Identify and Evaluate Interests

Businesslike - Playful

Inconspicuous - High profile

Luxurious - Utilitarian

Robust - Delicate

Expensive - Low budget

Macho - Sensitive

Recreational - Career oriented

Masculine - Feminine

Sexy - Dull

Sporty - Dignified

Functional - Fanciful

**Conventional - Innovative** 

Versatile - Specific use

### Re-Creation Preferences

Competitive vs.
Non-competitive

Active vs.
Passive

## Individual vs. Group

Dependent vs.
Independent

Integrated vs.
Segregated

### Modified vs. Unmodified Rules

#### **Design Process**

- 1 Listen
- 2 Let go
- 3 Gather info
- 4 Let go
- 5 Reflect
- 6 Wait
- 7 Act

# Listen ... to what you are being asked to do

#### Listen ...

to what you are being asked to do

Let go ...
of your hold on what
first seems best
from your perspective

#### Let go ...

### of your hold on what first seems best from your perspective

Gather info ...
from the best
sources of wisdom
you can find

#### Gather info ...

### from the best sources of wisdom you can find

Let go ... of your hold on what first seems best relative to your own desires

#### Let go ...

of your hold on what first seems best relative to your own desires

Let go ... of your hold on what first seems best based on your own desires

of your hold on what first seems best based on your own desires

Reflect ...
on the decisions
or recommendations
you must make

#### Reflect ...

## on the decisions or recommendations you must make

Analyze ... with your mind
Listen ... to your heart
Talk ... to someone greater
than you

# Wait ... for consistency in your thoughts and feelings

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# Act ... making the best recommendations you can

### Act ...

## making the best recommendations you can

### Clearly communicate your outcome

Accept the consequences of your actions

### Thank you