

# Development and Promotion of Educational Materials on Human-Centered Design

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# Presenter's resume

- Jun IIO, Ph.D.
  - Prof. of Chuo University, Japan
  - P.E.Jp and the certified HCD professional
  - Board member of HCD-Net and WILL, Japan
- He graduated from the University of Tokyo, 1994, and worked for Mitsubishi Research Institute, inc. for 19 years.
- He moved to Chuo University, 2013. Since then, he is a faculty member of the university.



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#### Current researches

- We are now working on several researches as follows:
  - TWtrends: some visualizations on the trends of SNS
  - Niko-P: the overseas communication education between high-school students
  - Some visualization methods to improve classrooms in developing countries



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- Human Centered Design (HCD) is the concept of a design process.
- The concept of HCD was standardized by ISO as ISO 13407 in 1999, integrated into ISO 9241-210 in 2010, and updated to ISO 9241-210:2019 in 2019.
- There are many good textbook and useful information in bookstores and the internet, respectively.
- However, the concept has not yet been widely common in service industries, including information technology (IT) industries.

### Introduction

- Our goal: to make the HCD widespread in the industries.
  - Several working groups (WGs) were established in HCD-Net to fill the gap between entry-level and high-level education.
  - The members of these WGs have been actively working to achieve their goals.
  - "The fostering teachers WG" was established in June 2016, and it meets monthly for face-to-face discussions.
  - In addition to the meetings, several events have been held by the WG and the work has been actively progressing.

#### The HCD concept and our activities **[]**



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## Our strategy

- The WG created two prototypes of the educational materials for engineers and salespeople.
- Educational Materials for Engineers (as the first prototype)
  - Case studies
  - The concept of human-centered design
  - Usability
  - Introducing the HCD cycle
  - Appendix (good practices)

# Our strategy

- The WG created two prototypes of the educational materials for engineers and salespeople.
- Educational Materials for Salespeople (as the second prototype)
  - Considering the view of the customer-oriented
  - The concept of human-centered design
  - Usability
  - Introducing the HCD cycle
  - Positioning of the HCD
  - Appendix (good practices)

This includes the concept of the user experience (UX).

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#### Examples of the education materials **[**]



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#### Examples of the education materials

• We created not only the presentation materials but also lecturers' guidebook for teaching the concept of HCD.

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## Trial seminars

• The WG conducted several trial seminars to get some feedbacks from participants in the events to improve the educational materials, which was in a manner of HCD.

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#### TABLE I. THE LIST OF TRIAL SEMINARS.

ID	Target	Version	Date	Participants
1	Engineer	alpha	Mar 4, 2017	18 pros and beginners
2	Engineer	beta	Aug 29, 2017	10 pros and beginners
3	Engineer	ver. 1.0	May 25, 2018	21 pros and beginners
4	Salesperson	beta	Jan 19, 2019	18 pros and beginners
5	Engineer & Sales-	Modified	Dec 19, 2019	26 (mainly) beginners
	person			

# Discussions (1)

- Specify Context of Use:
  - The WG decided on engineers and salespeople as the first and the second target group of trainees, respectively.
- Specify Requirements:
  - The materials should be simple because the WG had the assumption that the entry-level education would be conducted in one or two hours.
- Create Design Solutions and Development:
  - The WG's process for making the materials was iterative, requiring at least two cycles.
- Evaluate Product:
  - The WG's main work in 2019 was the evaluation, improve- ment, and investigation of which organizations were really utilizing their materials.

# Discussion (2)



- Value of the Educational Materials
  - The aim of the WG was to prepare entry-level educational materials and to foster instructors who can teach newcomers not yet familiar with the concept of HCD.
  - "It is not easy to understand only by reading. It will be worth reading if some lectures were provided using this book as its textbook." — A review from Amazon's sales listing of the textbook.
  - During the work conducted in 2019, the WG collected several opinions and impressions of the products from the new members.



## Conclusions

- The members of the human resource development WG have been working actively during recent years.
- We reported our activities and provides an overview of our results.
- The most significant feature of our work was the HCD educational materials ourselves were designed according to HCD processes.
- The educational materials we created are intended for two different target groups; one for engineers and another for salespeople.
- Several evaluations were conducted as part of the HCD cycles.
- We hope these educational materials will be utilized in many organizations where the HCD concept can be accepted.