

Practical Usability Testing

remote testing

live site analysis

advanced prototype testing

early prototyping testing

exploratory tests



USABILITY TESTING THROUGHOUT
THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

2 day course

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Practical Usability Testing

Testing throughout the development process

Why take this course?

Rich functionality is worth little if the user can't access it. Progressive testing of Web sites and software applications is critical for creating user-centered designs.

This course provides quick and practical testing techniques that you can use to help move the design into compliance with the users' needs, limitations, mental models and cognitive styles. This two-day comprehensive course gives designers and developers tools and techniques to observe how users experience their interfaces. You will learn essential testing techniques ranging from simple paper prototype tests to cutting-edge remote testing using advanced tool sets, so that you can successfully moderate your usability tests.

What you'll learn

- › How to design, analyze, and present results of tests
- › Refine your facilitation technique
- › Remote testing
- › Comparison tests
- › How to use server logs for usability

General Course Information

What You Get

- › 150-page student manual
- › Quick reference guides for all the major chapters
- › Samples of usability questionnaires, screeners, performance rating sheets
- › A ten-point usability test checklist
- › Hands-on exercises and practical knowledge that you can't get from reading a book

Who Should Attend

Web and application developers, interface designers, information architects, project managers, quality control personnel, market researchers, graphic artists

Prerequisites

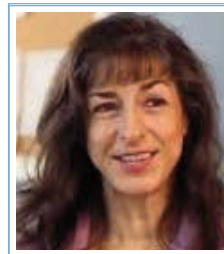
There are no prerequisites to attend this course

Course Objectives

Participants will learn to:

- › Survey the scope of usability issues
- › Know the four factors that drive your testing
- › Know the appropriate test and when to use it
- › Learn tests that uncover problems with content organization, task flow, and brand strategy
- › Conduct performance-based tests using paper and functioning prototypes
- › Review advanced prototype testing that adds precision to your performance measures
- › Design and conduct a remote test
- › Learn to analyze Web traffic logs
- › Review a 10-point checklist of the critical components of a successful usability test plan

“Usability testing is both difficult and easy. It’s not hard to find a few users and put them in front of your design, but there’s a lot to learn about following standard protocol so that you have confidence in your data. And now there are lots of options: moderated, unmoderated, remote... In this course you’ll learn everything you need to know to conduct the usability test that is right for any project.”



Mary M. Michaels
BFA, MBA, CUA, CXA
Global Director of Training
Evolution, Certification, &
Strategic Advisor

Course Outline

1 Introduction

- › The purpose of usability testing
- › Usability testing is an essential form of feedback
- › Why testing is critical
- › Why even good designers get it wrong the first time
- › Benefits of testing early and often

Exercise: Conduct a mini-usability test on a Web site

2 Designing a Usability Test

- › Types of usability tests
- › Summative vs. formative tests
- › How to formulate a solid test strategy
- › The right number of participants
- › Writing tasks for a usability test
- › Overview of the testing process

- planning
- conducting
- analyzing
- sharing & implementing results

- › Usability labs

Exercise: Develop task wording for a usability test

3 Early Prototype Testing

- › What can you gain from an early prototype test
- › Purpose and advantages of prototypes
- › Reverse card-sort technique
- › Performance-based testing
- › Testing the brand and affordance

Exercise: Hands-on exercise performing an early prototype test

Exercise: Visual affordance test

Exercise: Brand design test

Exercise: Reverse card sort

4 Advanced Prototype Testing

- › What can you gain from an advanced prototype test?
- › Setting usability criteria and performance metrics
- › Using performance rating instruments

Exercise: Hands-on exercise performing an advanced prototype test

5 Analysis and Reporting

- › Capturing session data
- › Compiling and tabulating data
- › Analyzing findings
- › Creating recommendations
- › Presenting data
- › Techniques to convince

Exercise: Prioritize test findings

6 Remote Testing

- › When to do remote testing
- › Major obstacles to overcome
- › Real benefits
- › Available online tools

Exercise: Performing unmoderated and moderated remote tests

7 Comparative Studies

- › Purpose of comparison studies
- › Overview of how to conduct a within-subjects and between-subjects comparison study
- › How to analyze results from a comparison study

8 Live Site Analysis

- › How to make the most out of Web logs and server data
- › Taking advantage of direct user feedback

9 Refining your Technique

- › Enhancing your moderating techniques
- › Responding to difficult testing situations
- › What makes a good moderator

Exercise: Rewriting probing usability testing questions

10 Ten-Point Usability Checklist

- › Practical points for conducting a usability test
- › Allows you to:
 - eliminate the risk of testing and not getting answers to your questions
 - focus on the question and not the implementation of the test
- maximize your effort and leverage your budget

Exercise: UT scoping

Case problem using the 10-point checklist

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Collette Renteria

“Very helpful—the course solidified the experience I’ve had in UT and taught me a lot more to give me a broader context and additional techniques.”

Leah Gillespie –
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- Course 1. User Experience (UX) Foundations
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- Course 4. Practical Usability Testing

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- Course 3. Omni-Channel UX Strategy and Innovation: An Ecosystem & Future Modeling Approach
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“The certification served as a reinforcement for what I’m doing, so I am more confident in presenting a concept or design.”



Jim O'Brien –
Senior Interaction Designer
AutoTrader.com

“The training was great, very effective. Now, having been tested and certified by HFI, I have more confidence in addressing usability challenges.”



Chow Sok Mui Murie –
Senior Creative Consultant
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