

The Human Factor - Working with Users

ISO Requirements for Human-Centred Design

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The Four Requirements

- ❖ Understand and specify context of use
- ❖ Detailed user requirement specification
- ❖ Produce solutions that meet requirements
- ❖ User-centred evaluation and modifications

1. Context of Use

- ❖ Who will be using the system?
- ❖ What tasks will people do with the system?
- ❖ In what environment will the system be used?

2. User Requirements

- ❖ In order to specify user requirements, you need to elicit and understand them
- ❖ Requirements Engineering is an art in itself - it's more than “ask the user”
- ❖ Requirements need to be specified in detail to
 - ❖ drive the design
 - ❖ allow formative evaluation and sanity checks

3. Produce Solutions That Meet Requirements

- ❖ Solutions can be developed in several iterations, e.g.
 - ❖ Pen and paper
 - ❖ high-level prototype
 - ❖ alpha / beta / final version
- ❖ Formative evaluations check whether the solution does
 - ❖ what it is intended to do
 - ❖ what users need it to do

4. Feedback from User-Centred Evaluations

- ❖ ask actual users for feedback, not just designers and developers
- ❖ incorporate several feedback cycles to ensure that findings from user testing can be incorporated into the design