Application Interface Design
The Softer Side of Things
Build one thing and launch it.

Now.
Find your core.
And stick to it.
“If you stand for nothing, you’ll fall for anything.”

Alex Hamilton
Everything to Everyone.

Focused.
Find a counterbalance.
You have to keep yourself in check.
It should ________.
“To really stand for something, you must make difficult decisions, mostly about what you won’t do.”

Seth Godin
“[Innovation] comes from saying no to 1,000 things to make sure we don’t get on the wrong track or try to do too much. We’re always thinking about new markets we could enter, but it’s only by saying no that you can concentrate on the things that are really important.”

Steve Jobs
It will not __________.
Slow & Steady. It’s not a race. Be deliberate about adding new features.
Ripple Effect.
Even small changes can, and will, have significant impacts.
Don’t be distracted.
By features or shiny objects.
“If everything is important, then nothing is.”

Unknown
107 Switching to follow-cam during the racing scene crashes Frogger
Frogger: The Legend Continues: Code | Fix for Frogger 12: Apocalypse (Alpha)

Assigned to Joel Spolsky | Active

Priority
3 - Must Fix
Subscribe to receive email when this case changes.

Sindhu Reddy 8/24/2007 2:30 PM
Repro:
* Go to the fanboat racing scene
* Start the instant-replay recorder
* Switch to the follow-cam

Observed: App completely crashes out
Expected: No crash

Jane Curry 8/24/2007 2:30 PM
Assigned to

Milton Ritchie 8/24/2007 2:32 PM
Milton, can you look at this?

Sindhu Reddy 8/24/2007 2:34 PM
Resolved (Won't Fix) by Milton Ritchie
Not our code, Sindhu. The follow-cam we wrote, but the recording software is third party (remember, we bought it for Frogger 11).

Sindhu Reddy 8/24/2007 2:39 PM
Reactivated (assigned to Milton Ritchie) by Sindhu Reddy
Our code or not, we can’t crash, this is a perfectly reasonable use case and we need to handle it properly.

Milton Ritchie 8/24/2007 2:41 PM
Resolved (Fixed) by Milton Ritchie
Ahh, it was a memory stomp bug. Got it!

Milton Ritchie 8/24/2007 2:42 PM
Still happening in build 2021.

Jane Curry 8/24/2007 2:42 PM
I can’t repro this on my build. Help!
Bugzilla Bug 52094

hyatt should give ben $50

Bug: 52094 alias: 52094
Product: Browser
Component: Tracking
Status: VERIFIED
Resolution: WONTFIX
Assigned To: hyatt@mozilla.org (David Hyatt)
QA Contact: jrgm@netscape.com
URL: http://www.zachlipton.com/ben
Summary: hyatt should give ben $50
Status: 
Whiteboard: 
Keywords: helpwanted, meta, modern, nsonly, pp, testcase

Hardware: PC
OS: Windows 2000
Version: Trunk
Priority: P1
Severity: blocker
Target: Future
Milestone: 

Flags: (Help!)
Requestee:
blocking1.4.x
blocking1.5a

Reported by: ben@netscape.com (Ben Goodger)
Add CC: 
CC: adam@gimp.org
andersma@luther.edu
bhart@cvip.net
blaker@netscape.com
brian@mozdev.org

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Adams can't see projects they create

When a non-account holder creates a project, it lets them create it, but it does not let them see the project. Try creating a project on the creator of account, then log out and see if they can see the project.
Is it noticeable?

Use emphasis sparingly.
Project Rhino  Company B

Issue #  Status
213        OPEN

Time Zone Problems

Project Rhino  Company B

Issue #  Status
213        REOPENED

Time Zone Problems

Project Rhino  Company B

Issue #  Status
213        RESOLVED

Time Zone Problems

Project Rhino  Company B

Issue #  Status
213        CLOSED

Time Zone Problems
Share an idea. We'll see if other people have this idea, too.

Report a problem. We'll look for solutions.

Start a discussion and see what others are saying, too!
Seeing Is Forgetting the Name of the Thing One Sees

Wilson Miner has progressed.

How Proust Can Change Your Life

Nathan Borror has finished this book.

How Proust Can Change Your Life

Nathan Borror has progressed.

Quote

There is no better way of coming to be aware of what one feels oneself than by trying to recreate in oneself what a master has felt. In this profound ...

Read more

Posted 1 week ago about page 178  Comment  Nathan B.
Reply to willie's question

Add an image

(Some HTML allowed)

How does this make you feel?

Post reply

1 0 0 1
Will it blend (in)?
It’s about what you don’t see.
Open

Resolved

Reopened

Closed
Add a Comment...

i40 will become a link to issue #40 and i42 will become a link to issue #42.

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Link to Other Issues

You can create links to other issues by typing the letter 'i' followed by the issue number.

ex. i12, i123, or i1.

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September 9, 2008 22:34 Garrett D. said...

#40 will become a link to issue #40 and #42 will become a link to issue #42.

What about if someone copies and pastes a url to an issue like these?
https://nextupdate.sifterapp.com/issue/42
https://nextupdate.sifterapp.com/projects/1/issues/123
They're smart enough to turn into compact issue links as well.

September 19, 2008 22:38 Garrett D. said...
What about if someone copies and pastes a url to an issue like these?

#42
#123
#123
They're smart enough to turn into compact issue links as well.
Press SPACEBAR To Start

Press ⌘C0–S when you’re ready to stop recording
How can we make this site better?

Send us suggestions, bug reports, or just say hi.
Just build it.
It’s not written in stone.
It doesn’t have to be pretty for you to figure out if it works well.
It just needs to work.
Don’t waffle.
Stop at “good enough” and circle back later.
First Draft

Final Draft
### Last 7 Days

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### Sifter Next Update

#### My Active Issues (71)

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Eat your own dogfood.
Get to a point where you can and will use it yourself.
Launch.
The sooner, the better.
OPTION 1
Later Launch

Development Time

Publicly Available

OPTION 2
Earlier Launch

Development Time

Publicly Available
OPTION 1
Later Launch

Development Time

Publicly Available

OPTION 2
Earlier Launch

Development Time

Publicly Available

Feature A
Feature B
Feature C
Feature D
Feature E
OPTION 1
Later Launch

Development Time
Publicly Available

OPTION 2
Earlier Launch

Development Time
Publicly Available

The Overlap Window

Risky

Safe
Share.
No interface should be an island.
The browser isn’t the only interface to design for.
$:unshift('lib')
require 'rubygems'
require 'rake/gem_package_task'
require 'rake/contrib/rubyforge_publisher'
require 'rake/clean'
require 'rake/rdotask'
require 'rake/testtask'
require 'spec/version'
dir = File.dirname(__FILE__)
$:LOAD_PATH.unshift(file.expand_path("#{dir}/pre_commit/lib"))
require "pre_commit"

# Some of the tasks are in separate files since they are also part of the website documentation
load File.dirname(__FILE__) + '/rake_tasks/examples.rake'
load File.dirname(__FILE__) + '/rake_tasks/examples_with_rcov.rake'
load File.dirname(__FILE__) + '/rake_tasks/failing_examples_with_html.rake'
load File.dirname(__FILE__) + '/rake_tasks/verify_rcov.rake'

PKG_NAME = "rspec"
PKG_VERSION = Spec::VERSION::STRING
PKG_FILE_NAME = "#{PKG_NAME}-#{PKG_VERSION}"
PKG_FILES = FileList[
  '[A-Z]*',
  'lib/**/*.*.rb',
  'spec/**/*',
  'examples/**/*',
  'failing_examples/**/*',
  'plugins/**/*',
  'stories/**/*',
  'pre_commit/**/*',
  'rake_tasks/**/*']
Command

Issue #

Message
Credits

Chipmunk & Apple Core - http://flickr.com/photos/qmnonic/2649575878/
Stone Writing - http://flickr.com/photos/madzik/33230383/
Puppy Tug of War - http://flickr.com/photos/b1n4ry/6926617/
Camo Cat - http://flickr.com/photos/bcorreira/1897923229/
Turtle - http://flickr.com/photos/randomurl/763741547/
Thanks.