

## Accessibility notes

# Communication



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Concepts

# Communication

It is an exchange of information



1. Make another part (of what we possess).
2. Make it common to him and to us.
3. Transmit.

# Communication levels

## First level of communication : The feeling

It is the response of the senses to a stimulus.

- Transduction.
- Sensory thresholds.
- Differential threshold (subliminal messages).
- Sensory adaptation .
- Selective attention (1st + registration 2on identification).

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1<sup>st</sup> Level

# Communication levels

## Second level of communication : the perception

It is the interpretation of sensation.

- Perceptual organization.
- Figure-ground relation (Figure provides information, the leftover background).
- The figure has a defined shape, dominating and is closer to the observer.
- The background keep going behind the figure.
- Perceptual evidences (size and shape).
- Illusions (size, area and shape).

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2<sup>nd</sup> Level

# Communication levels

## Third level of communication : the cognition



3<sup>rd</sup> Level

It is the assimilation of perception-

- Acquisition, storage, retrieval and use of perception-
- Sense of responsibility-

# Communication levels

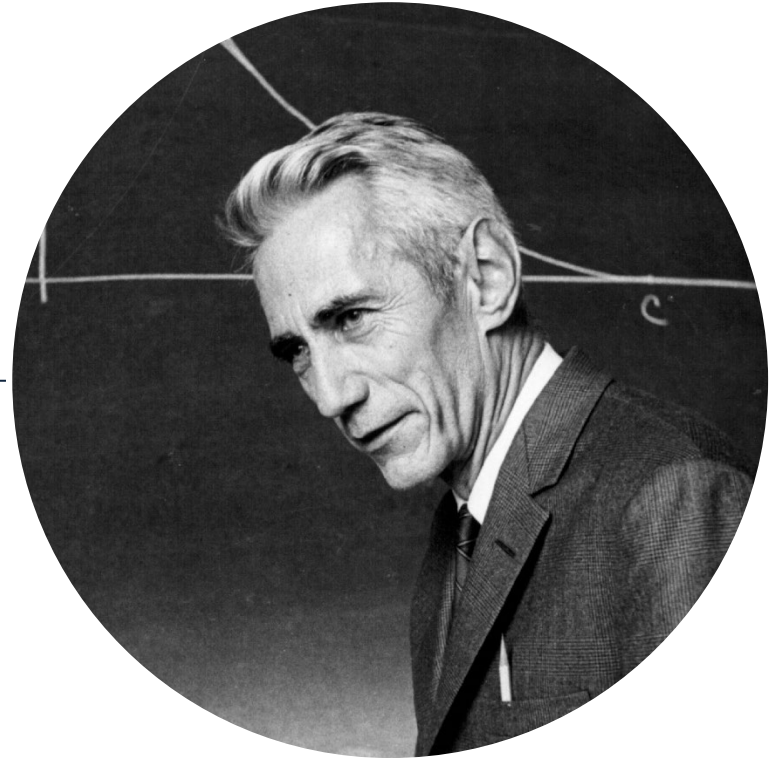
## Communication structure

- Adapts the rhythm of speech
- Simplify language
- Structure information
- Sequence concepts
- Emphasizes concepts instead of repeating
- Take advantage of nonverbal communication
- Reinforces the message with multimedia resources

# Information

Claude Elwood Shannon

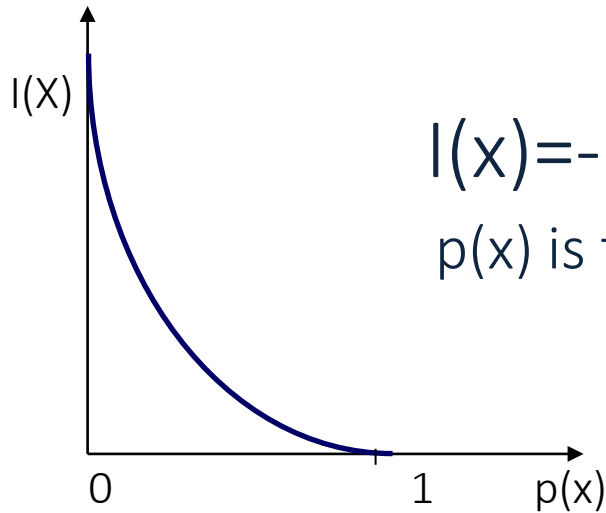
Entropy of Shannon





# Information

It's the message part that allows to characterize the uncertainty of an event. It's the resolution of uncertainty.



$$I(x) = -\log_2 p(x) \quad [\text{bits}]$$

$p(x)$  is the probability that the symbol  $x$  appears

Information  $\neq$  Knowledge

Example:

Tomorrow will rain

$I \downarrow \downarrow$   $p \uparrow \uparrow$

Tomorrow you will win the lottery

$I \uparrow \uparrow$   $p \downarrow \downarrow$

# Interaction

Alan Turing

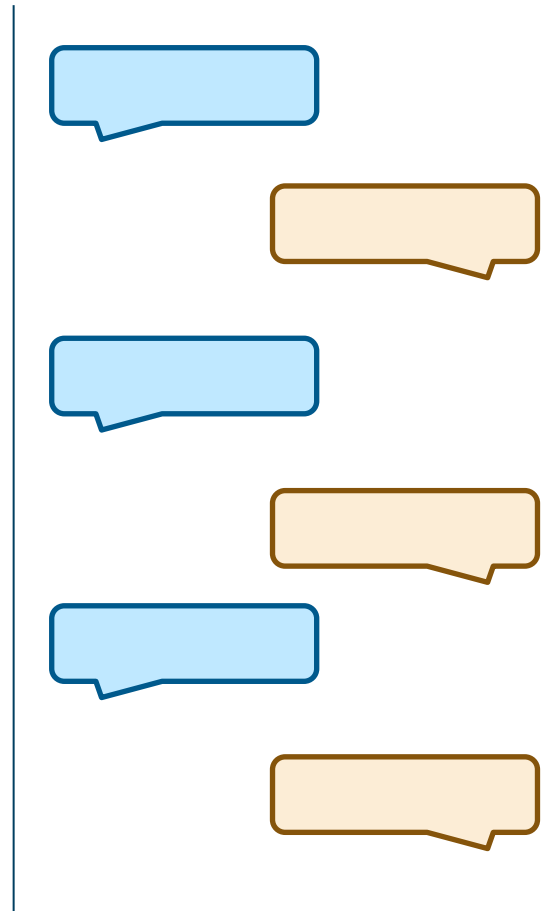
Test of Turing



# Interaction

Test of Turing: responds a machine or a person

A  
Evaluator



?  
Machine  
or  
Person?

# Reality-Virtuality Continuum

Paul Milgram and  
Fumio Kishino



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Reality-Virtuality Continuum  
Defined in 1994



# Reality-Virtuality Continuum



Reality

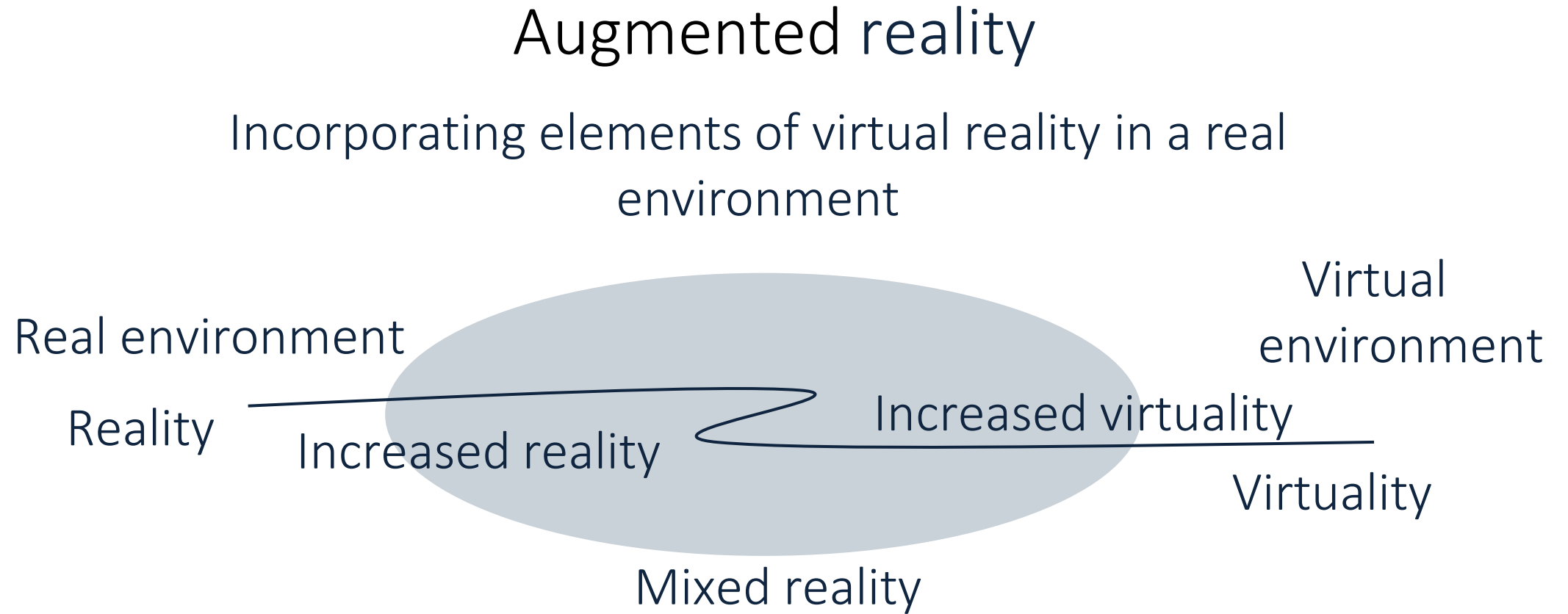
Reality. What is real. Which has actual existence (as opposed to purely mental or ideal, apparent or fictitious, to simply symbolic, etc.)



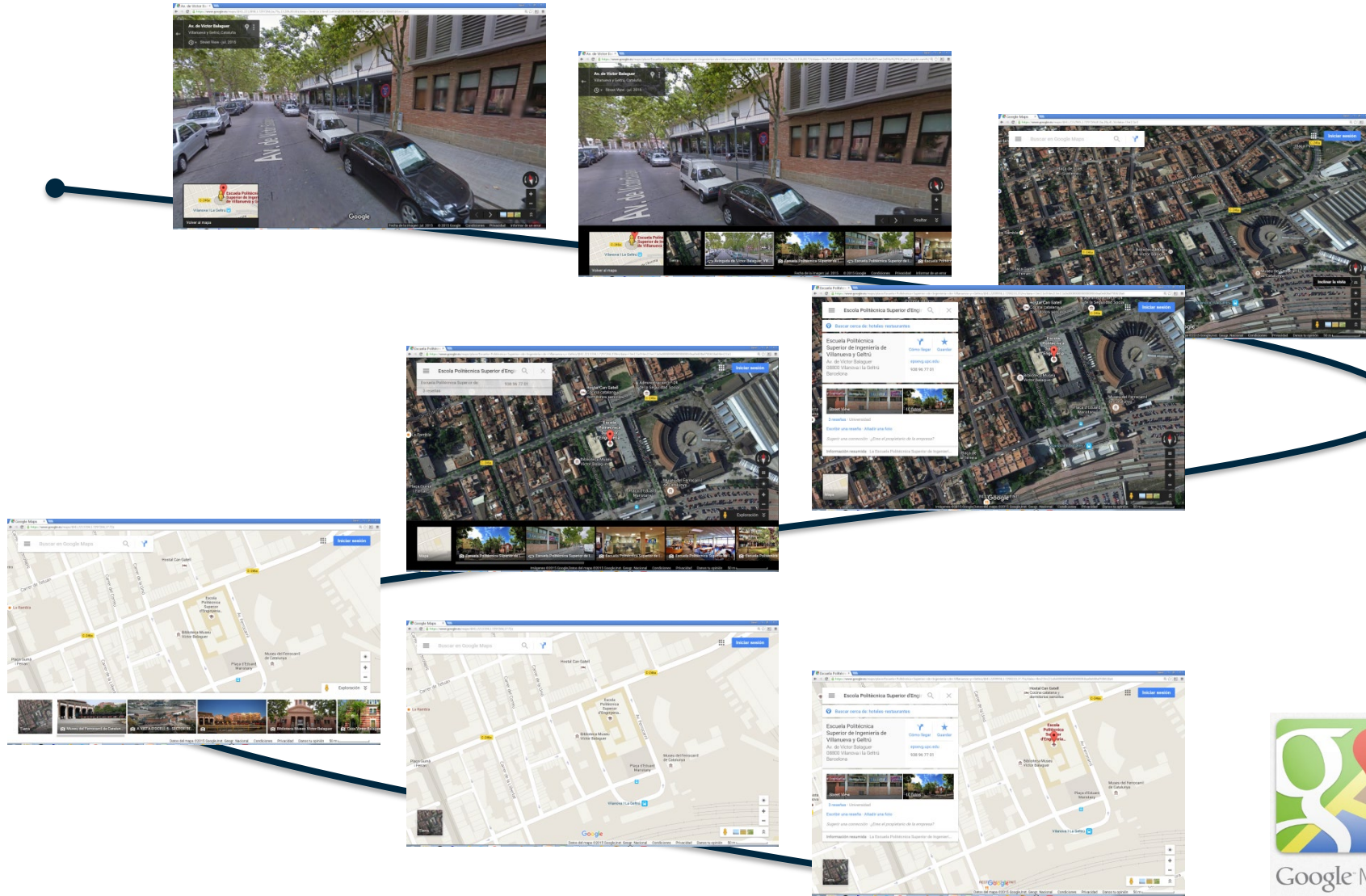
Virtual Reality

Virtual Reality. Set of optical and acoustic sensations, artificially generated by a computer and received through special devices (screens, helmets, goggles, etc.) that recreate a situation with a degree of realism.

# Reality-Virtuality Continuum



# Reality and Virtual Reality



# Augmented Reality

## Augmented Reality Outline





# Increased Reality

## Identifying the scene

- With bookmarks



- With image recognition



- With positioning



- Hybrid techniques

# The ICT

The Digital concept is used as a synonym for Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)

D  
Digital

T  
Technology

I  
Information

C  
Communication

P  
Product

S  
Service

E  
Surrounding

# The ICT

## SMART (Intelligent)

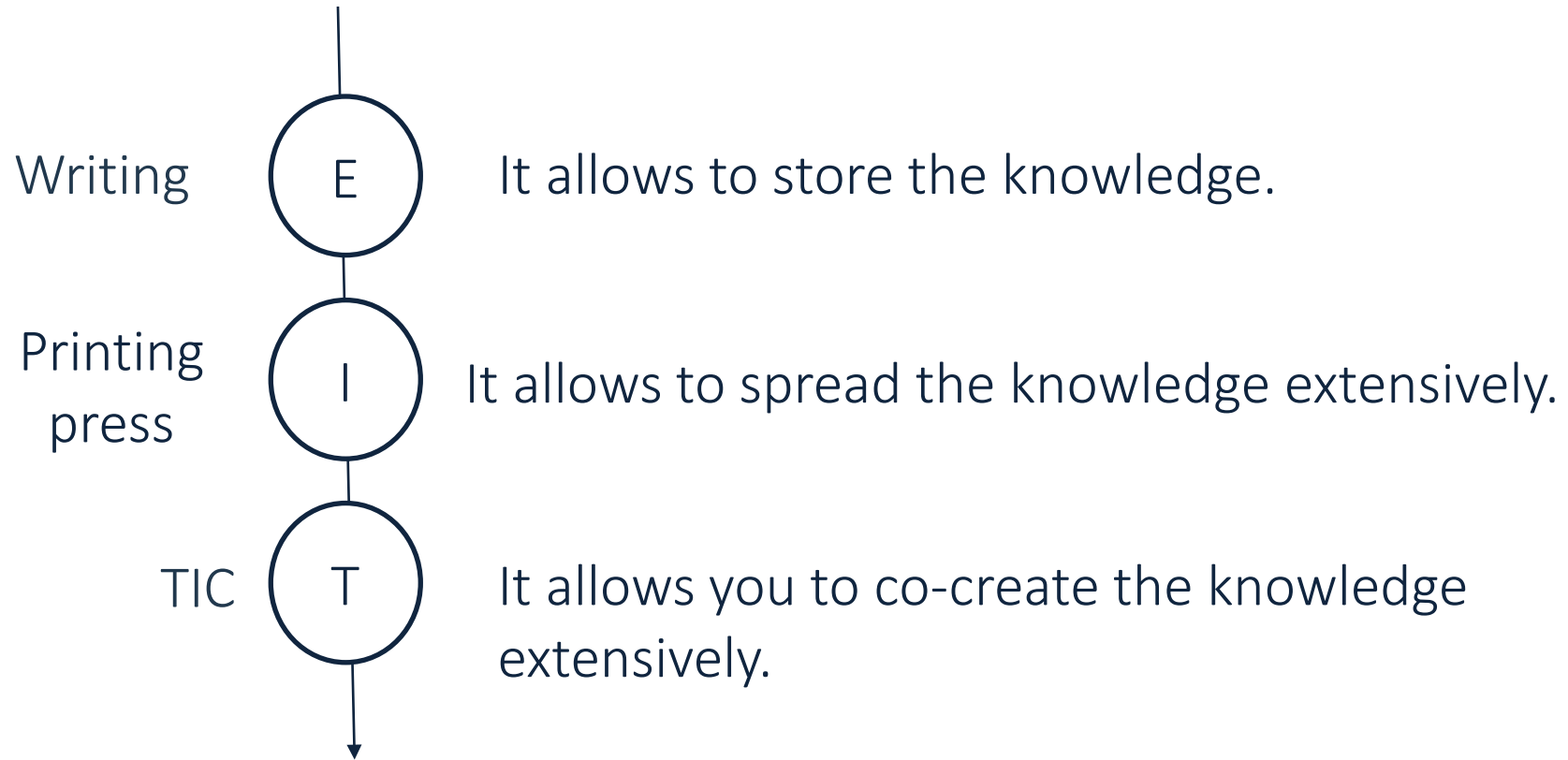


SMART

*The SMART feature is one that, taking advantage of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT), brings intelligence (to the product, environment or service) and the interaction (with its users) aimed at improving the quality of life of People and / or the efficient management of resources.*

# The ICT

## Impact on history



# Semiotics Engineering

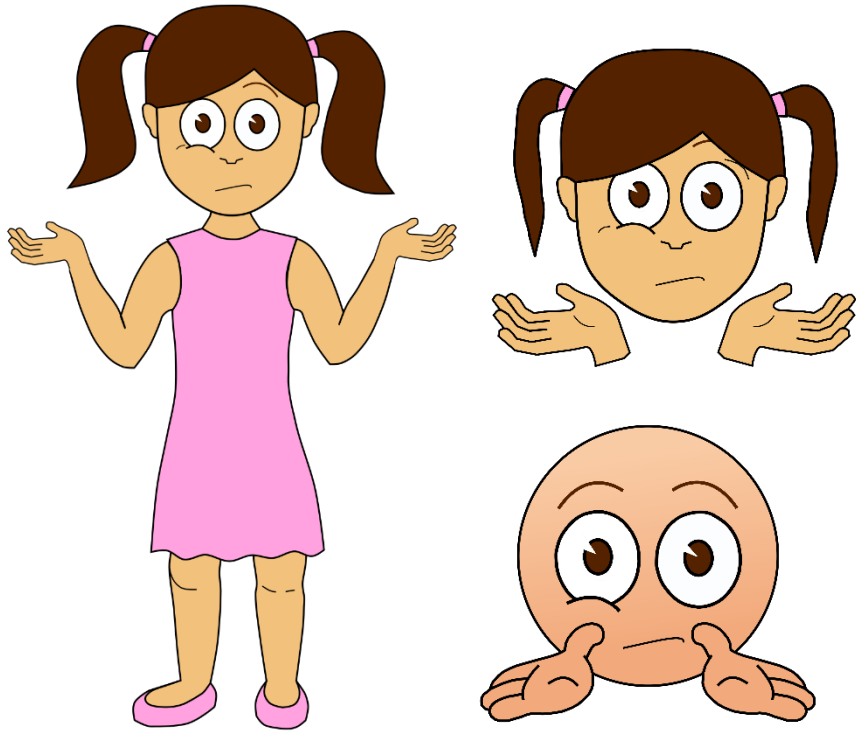
Clarisse de Souza

Semiotics Engineering



# Semiotics Engineering

## Semiotics and Semiosis



Semiotics studies the properties of signs, for understanding all human activity

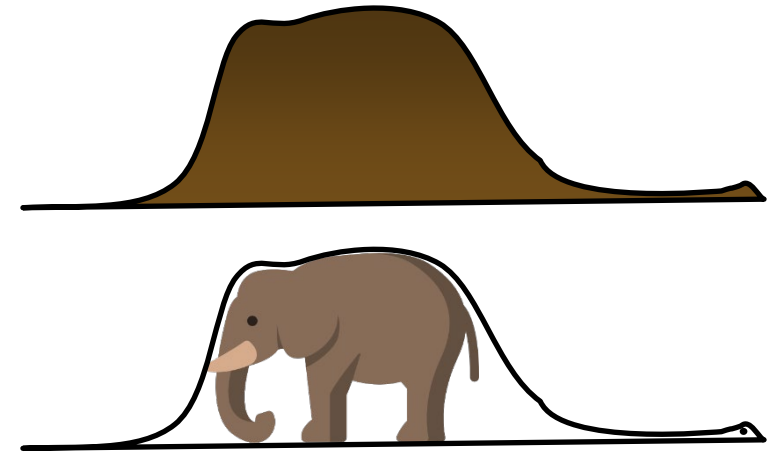
Semiosis is the process by which something becomes a sign for someone.

# Semiotics Engineering

## Sign

A sign is anything that is synonymous with other des from the perspective of someone.

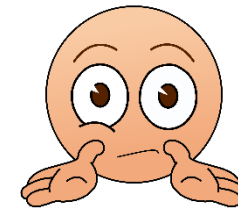
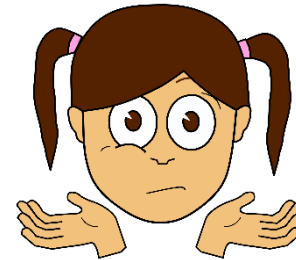
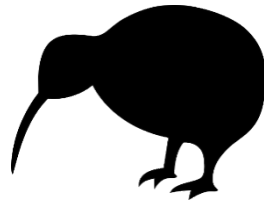
- I. What it is
- II. What it is in relation to something else
- III. What it symbolizes in a context
  - a. Static  $f(t)$
  - b. Dynamic  $f(t)$



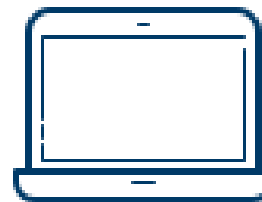
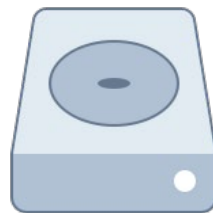
Abduction is the interpretation that a user do of a sign, and does not depend on previous formal rules.

# Semiotics Engineering

Metaphor: A is B by similarity



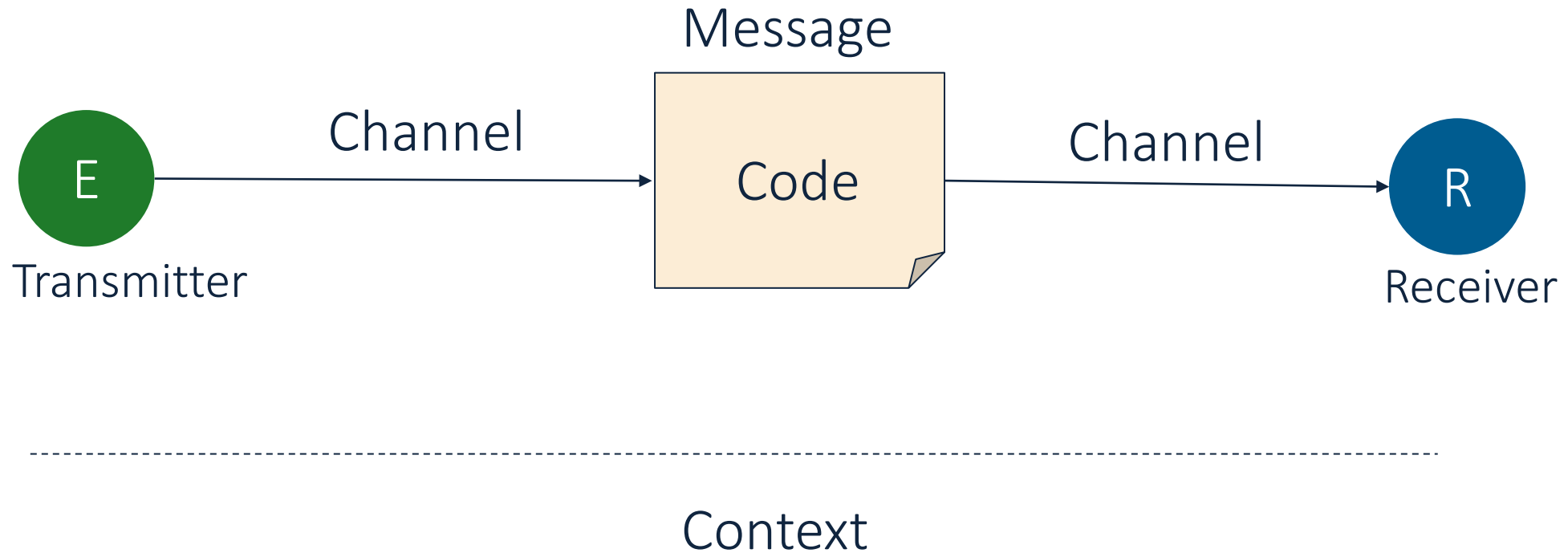
Metonymy: A is B based on the behavior of B





# Semiotics Engineering

## Communication schematic model of JAKOBSON



# Semiotics Engineering



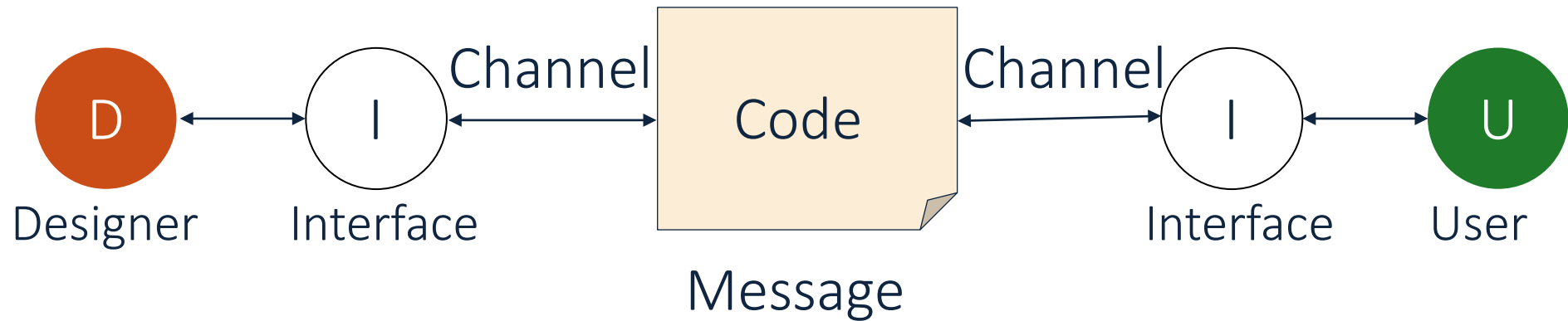
Semiotics  
Engineering

Semiotics engineering analyzes in depth the messages displayed in the interfaces depending on how the user perceives.

«This is my understanding of who you are, what you've learned what you want or need to do, what your preferences are and why. This is the system that I designed for you, and this is the way in which you can or should use it in order to meet the variety of purposes that are within this view.»

# Semiotics Engineering

## Communication model Interaction designer-user

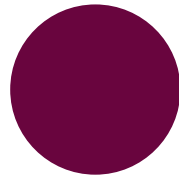


### Context

How the designer conceived the user, the function to make the product and the interaction between them.

# SAAC

## Augmentative and alternative communication systems



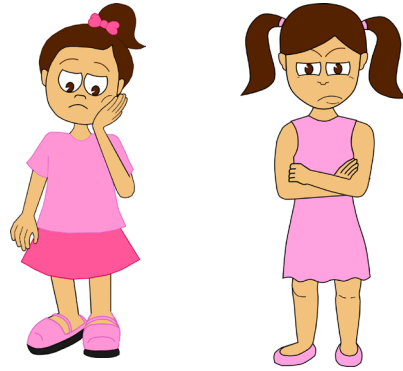
Augmentative and alternative communication systems

Augmentative communication systems complement the oral language.

Alternative Communication Systems replaced the oral language.

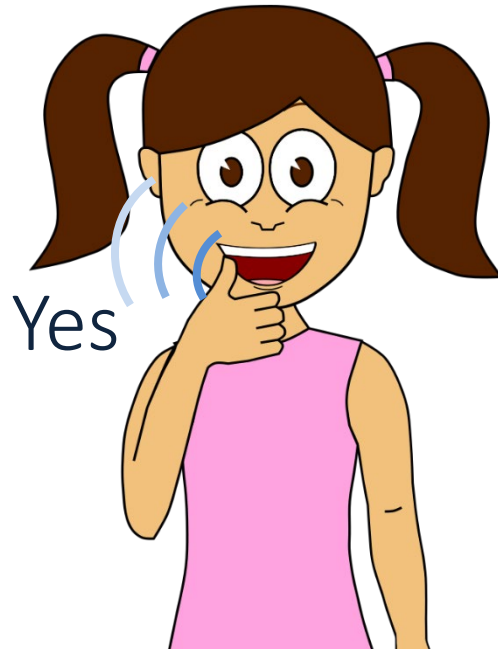
They may be assisted or unassisted (with or without help)

# SAAC without help

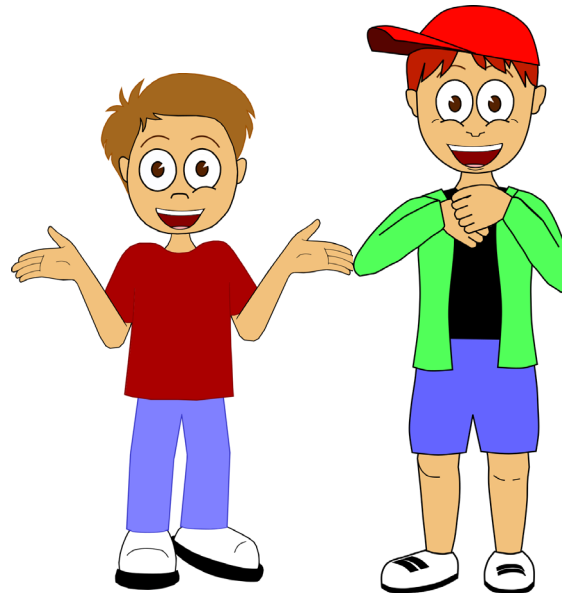


Gestures commonly used

Bimodal system



Sign language

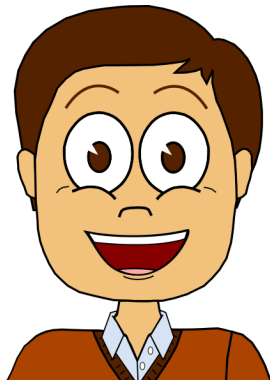


Fingerspelling

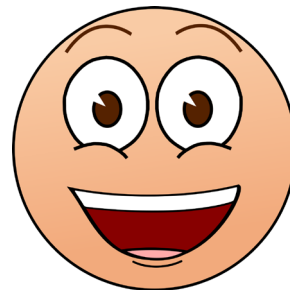
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# Systems with help

PECS (Communication system Picture Exchange)



SPC (Pictorial Communication System)



Bliss (Graphic-visual symbolic system)

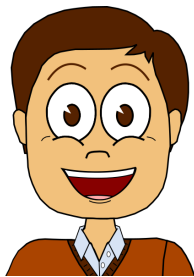


# The messages

Messages may consist of one or more symbols

Symbols can be:

Pictographic: they resemble what they represent



Ideographic: they express an idea



Abstract: no relation to reality



# Cognitive reinforcement

The concepts that provide the elements of a message need to be consistent to reinforce



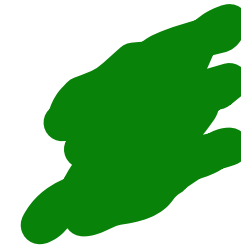
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Hello



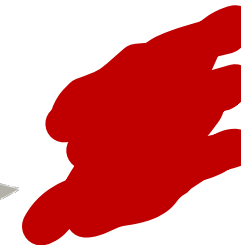
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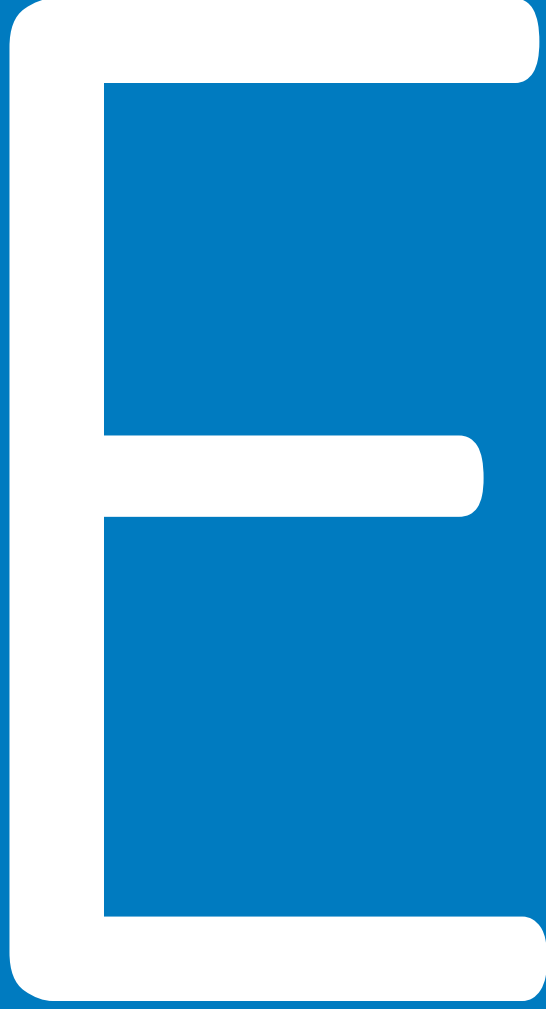


Incorrect



Incorrect





Examples

# Application example: messaging



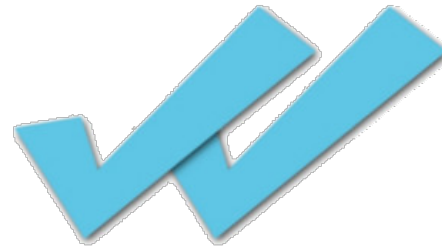
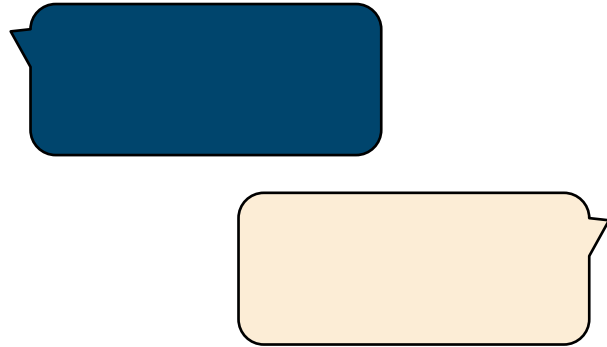
**WhatsApp**



**Google  
Hangouts**



Messenger



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# Application example: Video conference



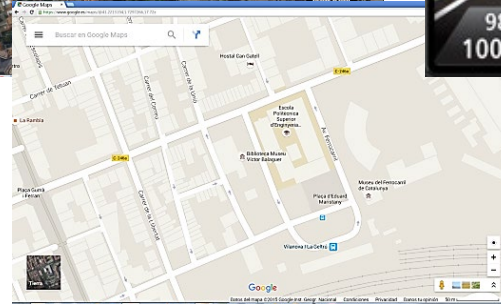
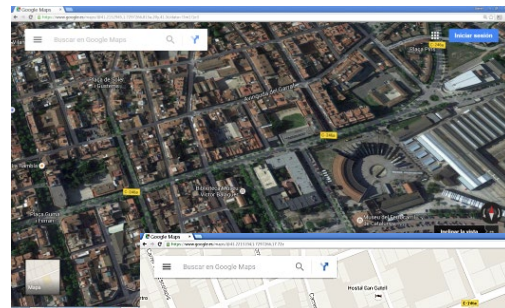
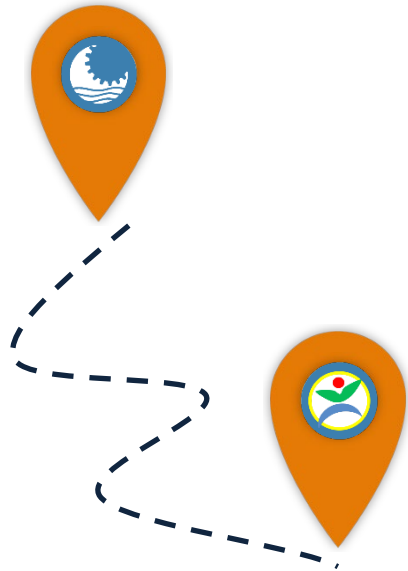
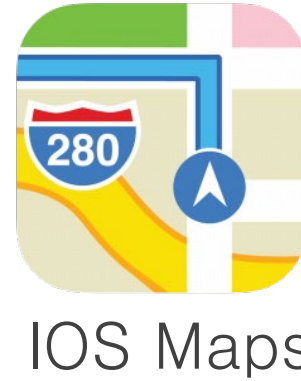
FaceTime



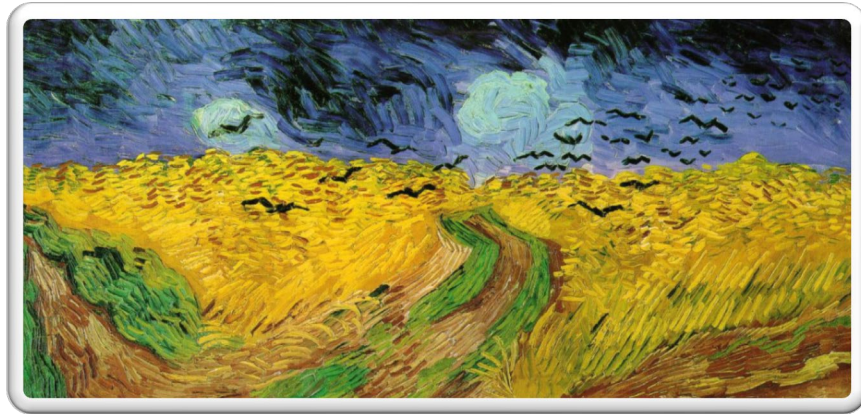
Google Meet



# Application example: GPS Navigators



# Application example: museums



Wheatfield with Crows

(July 1890)

Oil on Canvas, 50 x 100 cm

Museum Van Gogh, Amsterdam.



Vincent Willem van Gogh (Zundert, March 30, 1853 - Auvers-sur-Oise, July 29, 1890) was a Dutch post-impressionist painter, author of some 900 paintings (27 of them self-portraits) and some 1,600 drawings. In addition, he left 800 letters, 650 of them addressed to his little brother, Theo van Gogh. The central figure, in the life of Van Gogh, was this his brother, who continuously and selflessly gave him financial support. The great friendship that united all their lives is documented in the numerous letters that were exchanged as of August 1872. Van Gogh was a pioneer of expressionism. Despite the quality of the work, it was necessary to wait until his death so that the merits were recognized and he became a great figure of painting. He had a great influence on twentieth-century art, especially among Fauves and German Expressionists. His art was followed by Derain, Vlaminck and Van Dongen.

# Application example: signaling



Serveis: ⠠ ⠠ ⠠ ⠠ ⠠ ⠠ ⠠ ⠠



click



bip



bzz

# Application example: disability



Easy Communicator





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