

“User experience.”



YOU KEEP USING THAT WORD.

**I DO NOT THINK IT MEANS
WHAT YOU THINK IT MEANS.**



Inigo Montoya's

Guide to User Experience

THREE

Inconceivable!

MYTHS

about user experience

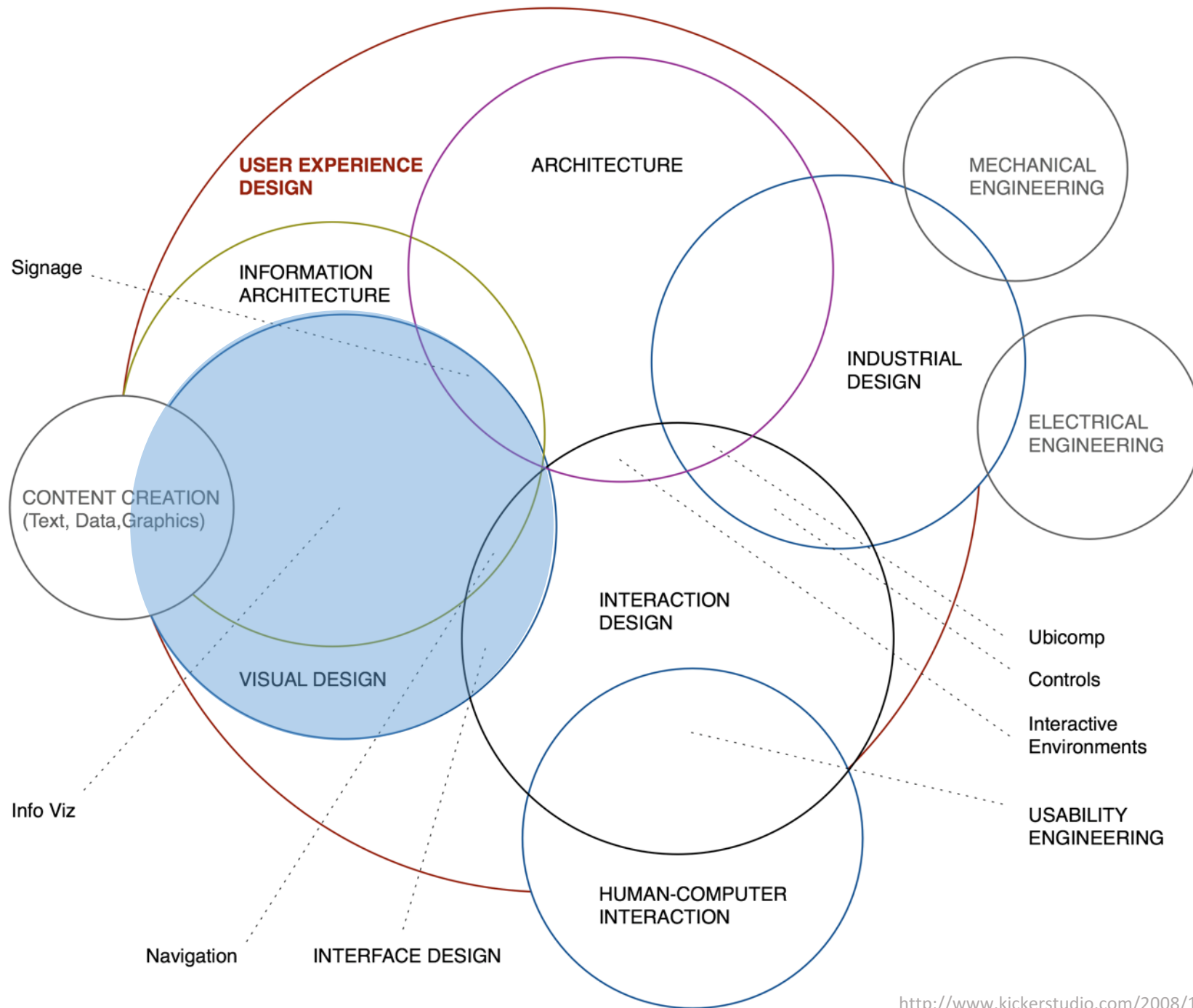
Myth #1

**UX is just making
software look pretty.**

A close-up shot of Batman, wearing his iconic black mask and tactical suit, as he climbs a dark, textured ledge. He is looking directly at the camera with a determined expression. The background is dark and out of focus, emphasizing the character's actions.

LOOK, I DON'T MEAN TO BE RUDE

**BUT THIS IS NOT AS EASY
AS IT LOOKS.**



User Experience is...

All the aspects of how people use an interactive product:
the way it feels in their hands,
how well they understand how it works,
how they feel about it while they're using it,
how well it serves their purposes,
how well it fits into the entire context in which they are using it,
and how well it contributes to the quality of their lives.

— Lauralee Alben in *Quality of Experience* (1996)



FEZZIK SAYS

*It's not just about
looking good.
It's about making it
work like it should.*

Myth #2

**UX is easy — it's just asking
users what they want.**

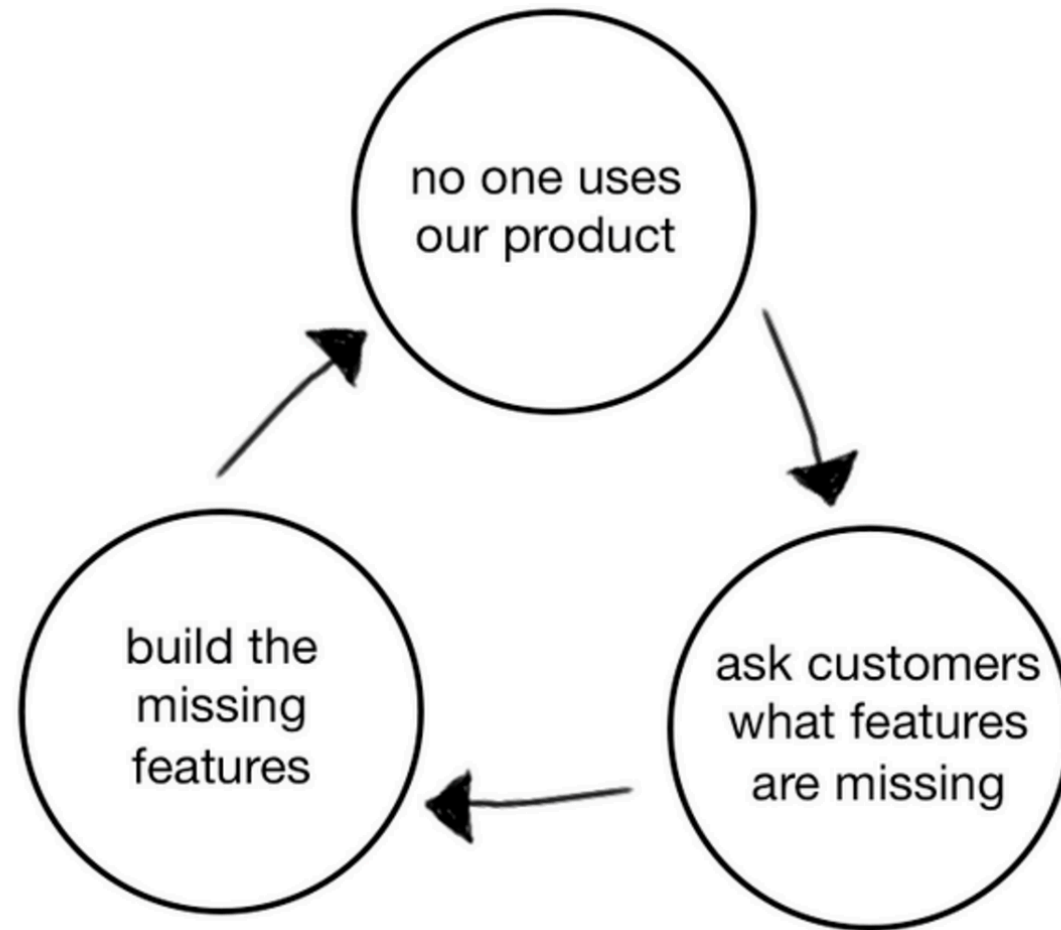
A person in dark clothing is falling down a steep, grassy hill. The person is upside down, with their arms and legs outstretched. The hill is covered in green grass and has a line of trees at the top. The sky is a pale blue. In the top left corner, a small portion of another person in a red jacket is visible.

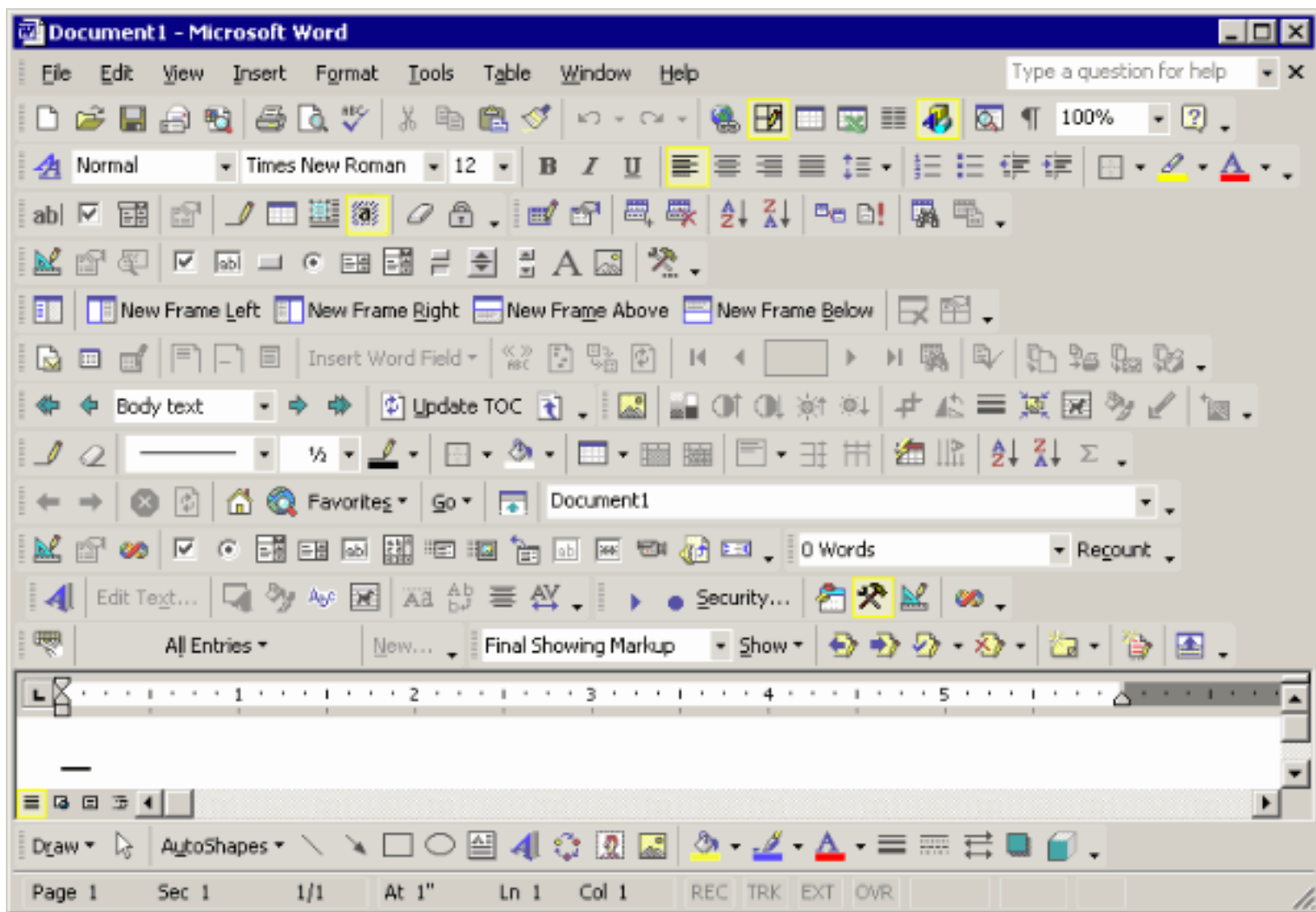
as... you... wish...



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This is what I'm calling the Product Death Cycle







FEZZIK SAYS

*I don't mean
to be rude or blunt,
but I don't think they
know what they want.*

Myth #3

UX just happens at the end.

—or—

**UX just happens at the
beginning.**



HA, HA, YOU FOOL!

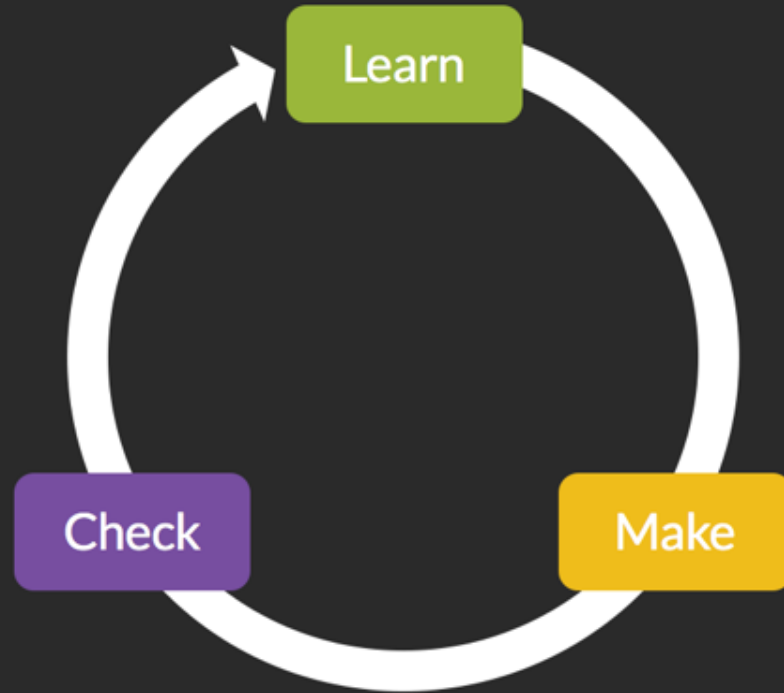
**YOU FELL VICTIM TO ONE OF
THE CLASSIC BLUNDERS!**

UX only at beginning...

**Great design gets executed poorly
because we're not there to guide**

UX only at the end...

**Bad design ships because great
design is an expensive change**







FEZZIK SAYS

*UX doesn't just
tack on a phase.
It asks us to change
all of our ways.*

Anybody want a peanut?
...and other pressing questions

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