Who, What, Where: Gathering and Interpreting User Data

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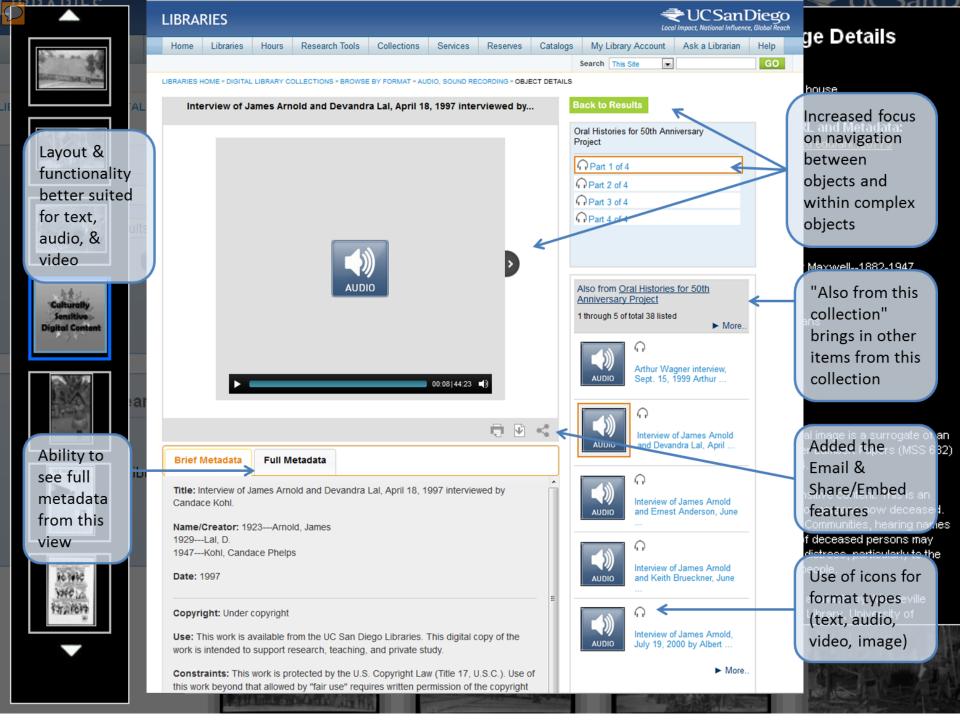
- By Topic
- By Collection/Library
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Search over 57,898 images, documents and video files from the UCSD Libraries.

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Logistics

Library Personnel Involved:

- Conducted by Kymberly Goodson
- Overseen by Digital Library Program
 - Roger Smith, Gabriela Montoya, Cristela Garcia-Spitz
- Technical support, Rene Feuerbach

Timeline:

- Mar 2012 Initial meeting
- Apr 2012 Develop test plan
- May 2012 Finalize test plan; Conduct user testing
- Aug 2012 Distribute final report
- Sept 2012 Began implementing changes



Methodology

- Individual, interactive testing session (~1hr)
- One participant, one facilitator
- 2 undergrad, 2 grad, 1 faculty
- Observation, utilizing "think aloud" protocol
- Navigation through 4 sets of tasks using live interface
- \$20 UCSD Bookstore gift card as incentives



Task Set #4

- Begin on the 'Browse by Format' page.
- Click on 'Video.'
- Click on the entry for "The News Parade of 1941."
- How long is the video clip?
- Move to the 1968 "News Parade."
- Listen to the beginning of the video clip.
- Close the video clip.
- Return to the 'Browse by Format' page.



Task Set #4 (Follow-Up)

 What is your overall impression of the interface & functionality for videos after interacting with them?







 How satisfied were you with the loading speed for the video clip?

1	2	3	4	5
Very Satisfied	Moderately	Neutral	Moderately	Very
	Satisfied		Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied

- Did you have any difficulties interacting with the videos - anything that was difficult to use or understand?
- Do you have any suggestions for changes to the video functionality?



Post-Exercise Questions

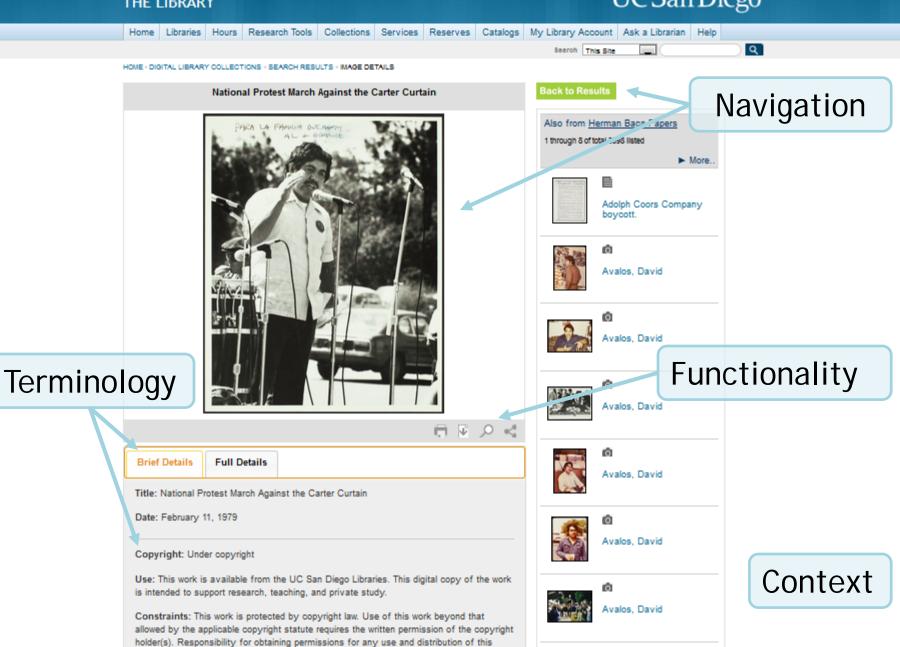
- What is your overall impression of the digital collection website after interacting with it?
- On a scale of 1-7, with 7 being the easiest, how easy was the website for you to use?
- Were there any terms or labels used in the website that were confusing or unclear to you?
- What are the 2 things you like best about the website (its appearance, functionality, or anything else)?
- What are the 2 things you like least about the website?



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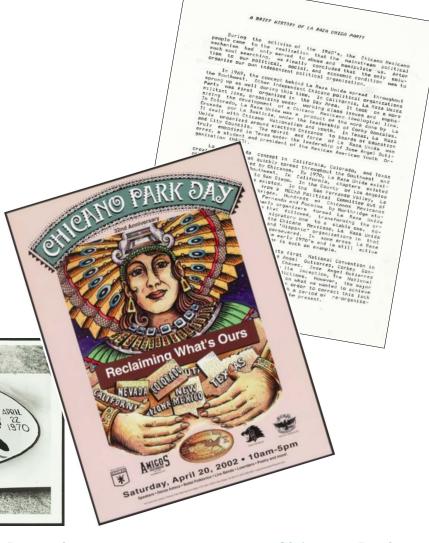
work rests exclusively with the user and not the UC San Diego Libraries. Inquiries can be

made to the Mandeville Special Collections Library (http://libraries.ucsd.edu/locations

Documentation

- Usability Test Plan
- Final Report
- Scenario Notes
- Recording Forms

Usability Rework Plan



Images: Chicano Park murals, Chicano Park Day, between 1964-2007. Chicano Park Day, 1981 - 2006. Brief history of La Raza Unida Party, 1964-2007. Herman Baca Papers. MSS 0649. Mandeville Special Collections Library, UCSD.



Follow-Up





Digital Library Products Group - Products Roadmap

FIXES

FIAES									
Product and Feature	Item Type	Dependency	Priority	Current Responsibility [‡]	Estimated Completion [‡] Date	Status	Notes	Prioritized By	
DAMS object landing page	Enhancement	DAMS4 will resolve; add to DAMS4 project plan, note: SEO dependencies	03	DLP		Needs Spec	Document contents of ARKs. Products group assigned this as high priority because it is a fix for a known issue. Right now lands on old object print page. Needs to land where instead?	DLP/DLPG	
DAMS Metadata: String Ordering (subjects,	Fix	Data Model resolves	01	DLP, IT Dev		Needs Spec	IT Dev needs to determine technical solution to ordering in RDF.	DLP/DLOG	



Lessons Learned

- Keep it focused.
- Create a test plan.
- Do a test run.
- Vary the types of questions.
- Summarize top 10 recommendations.
- Build in time for analysis.
- Consider sample size to suit your needs.



Images: Committee on Chicano Rights. Event and protest posters, between 1964 and 007. Borderline film boycott, between 1964 and 2007. Herman Baca Papers. MSS 0649. Mandeville Special Collections Library, UCSD.



Challenges

Interpreting results

Resources & Expertise

Moving target



Images: Celebration of Chicano Park, Barrio Logan, 10 Year Anniversary, 1979. Chávez, César. Proposition 14 Rally, September 17, 1976. Safeway - United Farm Worker's Grape Boycott, National City, 1970. Herman Baca Papers. MSS 0649. Mandeville Special Collections Library, UCSD.



Worth it? Yes!



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For more info:

- UC San Diego Digital Library Collections: <u>https://libraries.ucsd.edu/digital/</u>
- Digital Library Program: <u>http://libraries.ucsd.edu/about/digital-library/</u>
- Herman Baca Papers: http://hermanbacapapers.tumblr.com/

Images: <u>Baca, Mark (Herman Baca's son), between 1964 and 2007.</u> <u>Delano Field Office at "Forty Acres" opening, Delano, 1967.</u> <u>Imperial Beach United Farm Worker's strike, between 1964 and 2007.</u> Herman Baca Papers. MSS 0649. Mandeville Special Collections Library, UCSD.



DECIDE Process

- D Determine the goals of the evaluation. What do you want to prove or examine?
- E Explore the specific questions to be answered.
- C Choose an evaluation paradigm, such as systematic IR or empirical user studies.
- I Identify the practical issues in performing such an evaluation, such as structured tasks and appropriate datasets.
- D Decide how to deal with any ethical issues.
 Ethical issues are especially important when working with humans.
- E Evaluate, Interpret, and present the data.