

## MyFuelly Mobile Application Prototype Human Computer Interaction

Meets New Media Rhetoric

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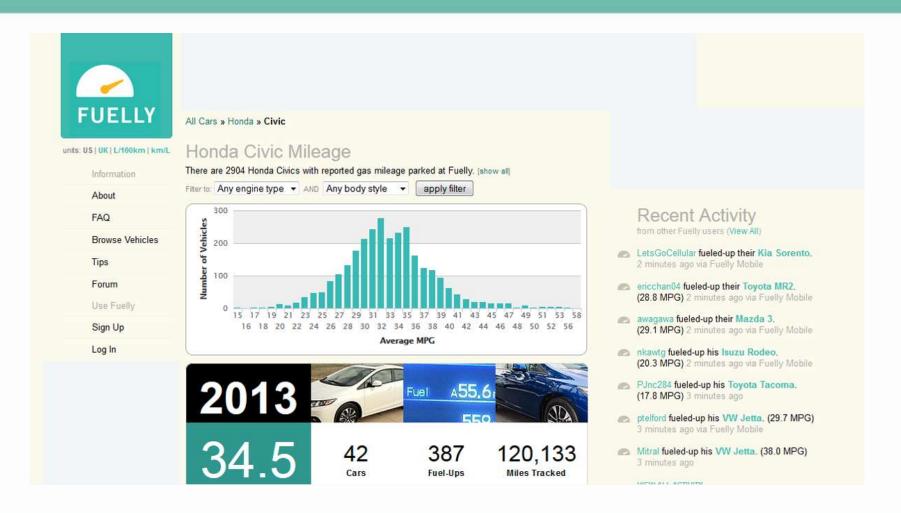
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#### INTRODUCTION

- Began with HCI 470: Digital Page Formatting (AQ2012)
  - Tasked with planning for a mobile application
    - An extension of the website
  - We chose to create a tablet application for <u>Fuelly.com</u>
    - No mobile presence at the time
    - Our mockup proposal would allow users to track the gas mileage of their vehicle from their mobile tablet.



## INTRODUCTION













## TAKING IT A STEP FURTHER

- Onward to NMS 502: New Media, Old Media (WQ2013)
  - Develop a working prototype, conduct usability testing and apply theories
  - Used our existing wireframes as guidelines
  - Programs and software used:
    - Adobe Flash & Actionscript
    - Abobe Photoshop







## USABILITY TESTING

USER 1	USER 2	USER 3
Male	Female	Male
Age 27	Age 27	Age 53
Proactive and Advanced Technology User	Reactive/Intermediate Technology User	Adapted/"Must- Use"/Novice Technology
Owns/Drives a Vehicle	Owns/Drives a Vehicle	User Owns/Drives a Vehicle
Uses Print-Log Version to Record and Track Gas Mileage		



#### USABILITY TESTING

- We asked the participants to perform three tasks:
  - "Imagine that you are refilling your gas tank and want to record it (miles per gallons) in the app. Use the prototype to complete the task."
  - "Imagine that you wish to *change your username and password*.
     Use the prototype to complete the task."
  - "Imagine that you wish to view the fuel economy of your vehicle, as
    it has evolved over time. Use the prototype to complete the task."



## THE RESULTS

	User 1	User 2	User 3
	Very straightforward, not hard to figure out. Buttons/navigation is excellent	User-friendly, pretty self- explanatory	Nothing in particular
	Trip planner (based on economy, Google Map trip), although that might be far along the road in the prototype development	Maybe readability (make font darker), nothing much that they didn't like	That it's a prototype



## NEW MEDIA RHETORIC

# "Social development shapes and is shaped by technology over time."

Technological Momentum (T. Hughes)



#### NEW MEDIA RHETORIC

"Consumers do not passively accept every product they are offered. They have a need, and a technology is created to meet that need. If there is no need for the technology, it will not sell."

Consumer Behavior/Choice (J.D. Slack & J.M. Wise)



## WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

This approach to applying new media rhetoric to our human-computer interaction design is a tactical way of utilizing theory and lessons in any future professional or educational endeavor.





## QUESTIONS? thank you.

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