

How to be clear The elements of content design

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Agenda

9:00-10:30am	Intro & core values
10:30-11:00am	Break for morning tea
11:00-12:30pm	Discovering your voice
12:30-1:30pm	Break for lunch
1:30-3:00pm	Tone and content design
3:00-3:30pm	Break for afternoon tea
3:30-5:00pm	Group critique

Everyone have one of these?



What you should know straightaway

- Bio breaks and toilets
- Be gentle, stay curious, assume best intent
- This is a judgment-free zone
- Please take distractions elsewhere
- Introverting is a-okay
- Don't worry about finishing everything
- Oh, so you're already an expert?

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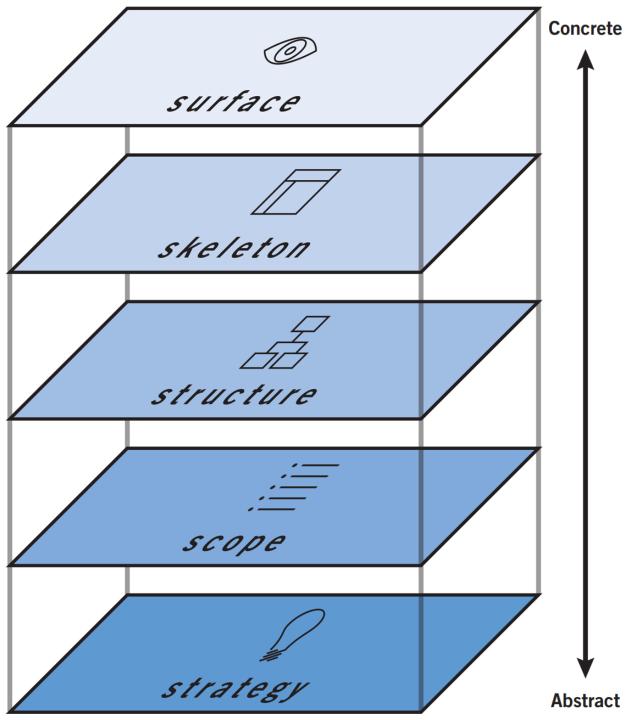
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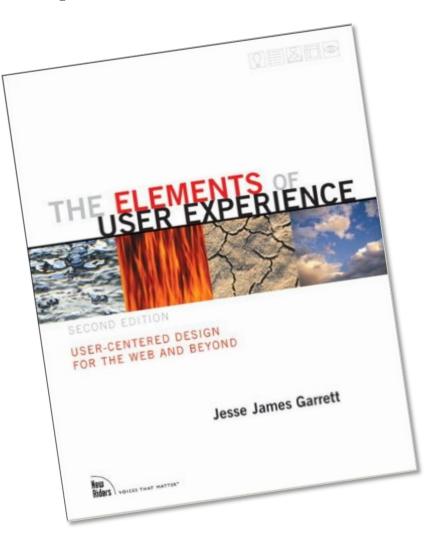
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- Total comprehensiveness
- Ease of understanding or use
- Sense-making
- Consistency

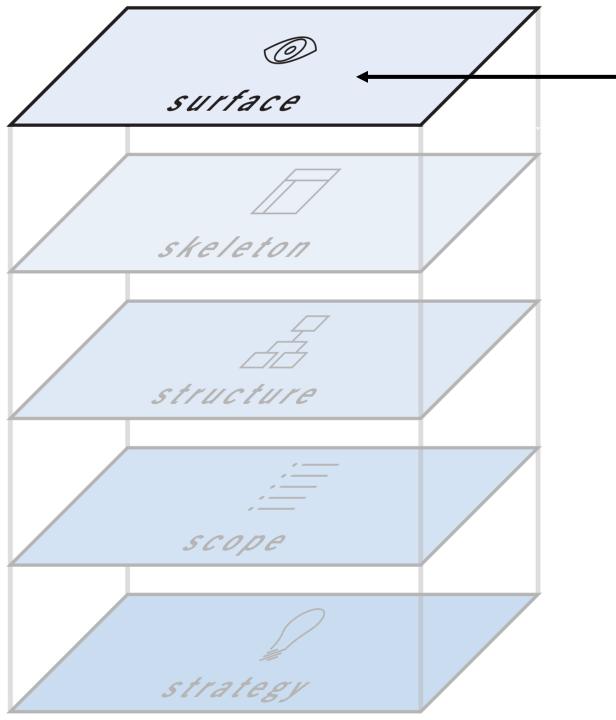
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- Consistency
- Structure and strategy

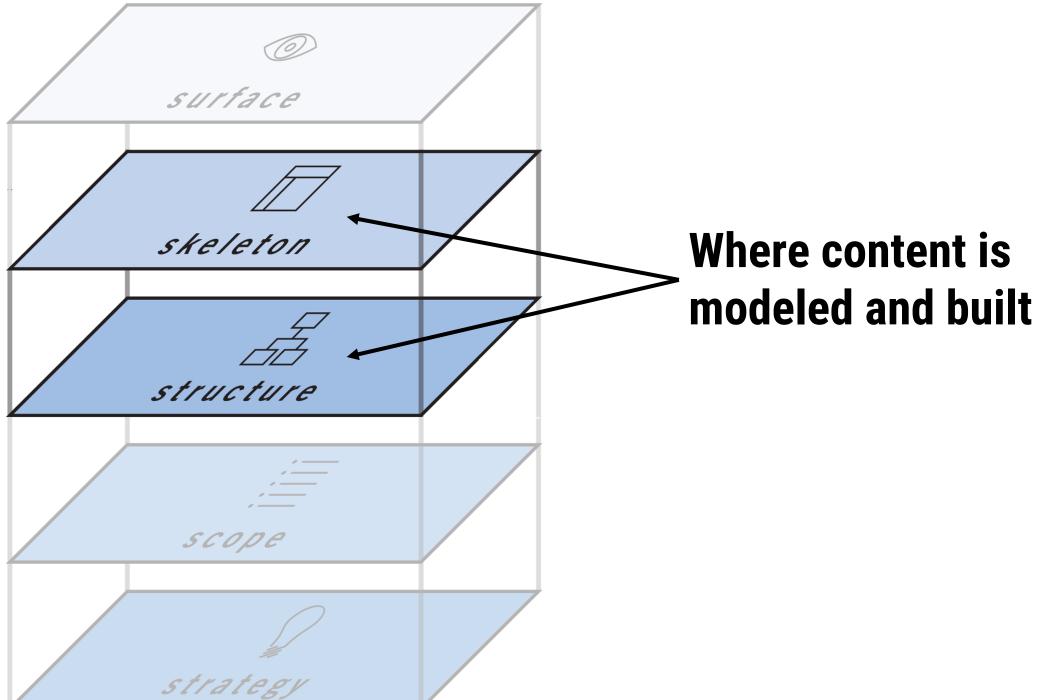


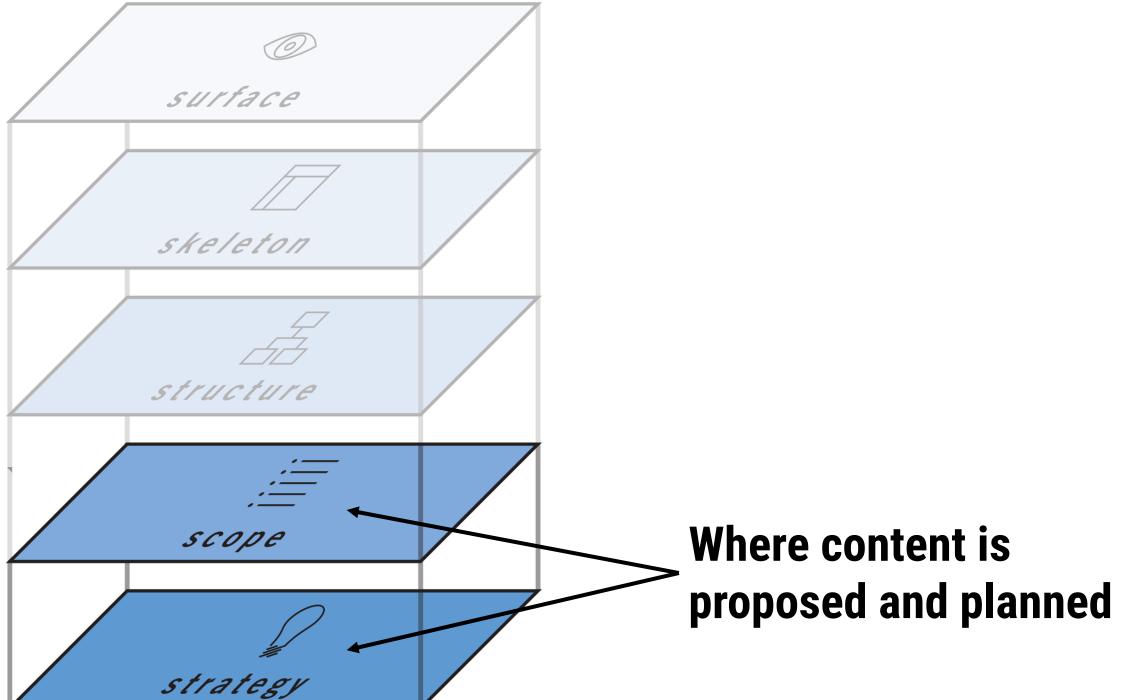
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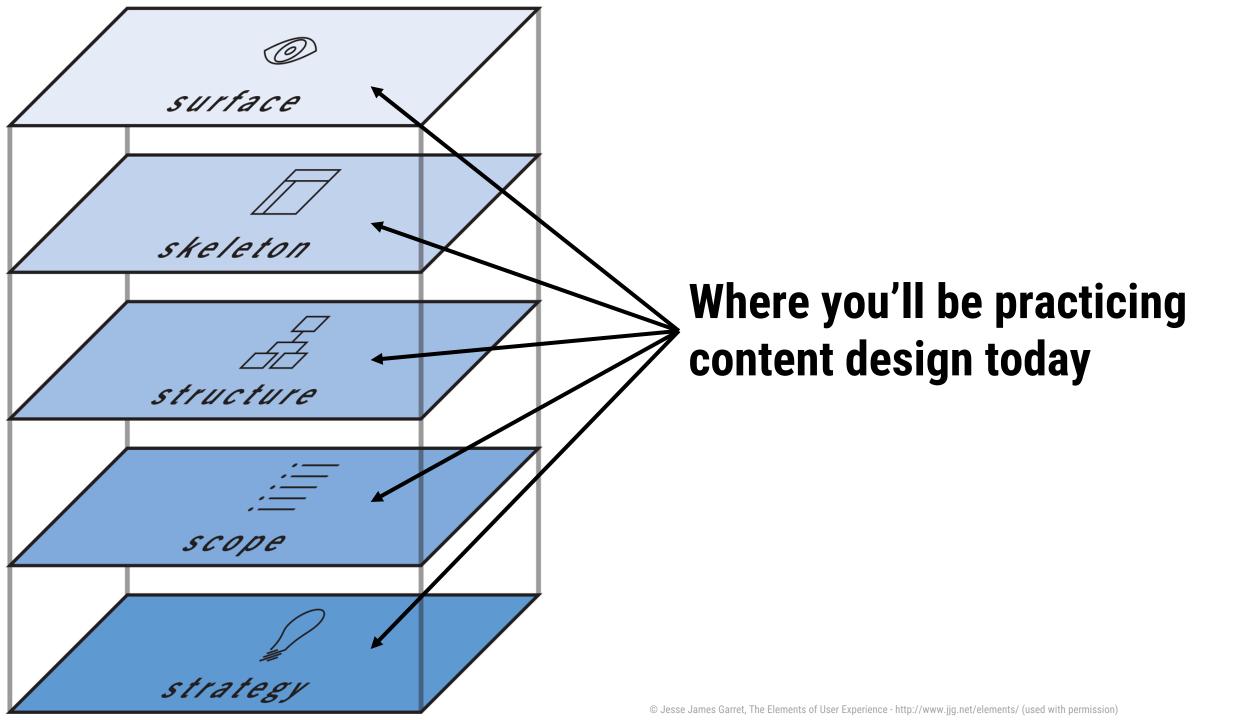




Where content is seen and used







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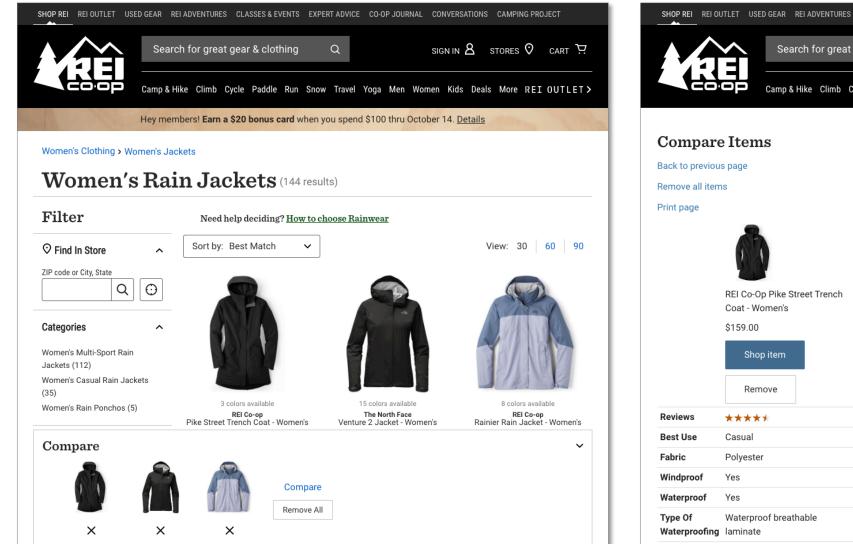
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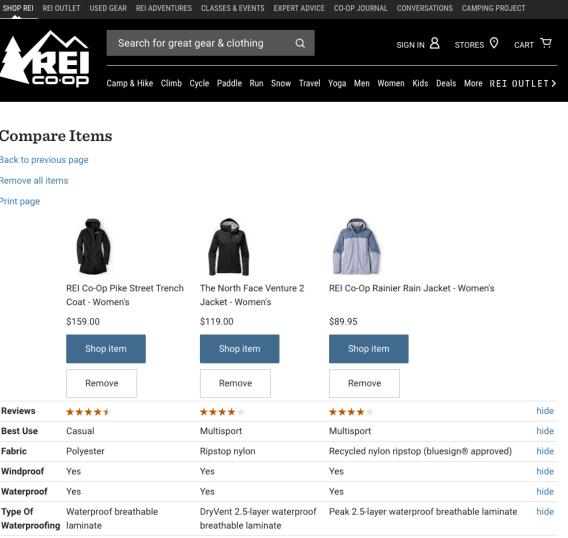
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Okay, then what do we mean by **content**?

Content is the stuff I came here for.

- Mike Monteiro, Erika Hall, & Kristina Halvorson





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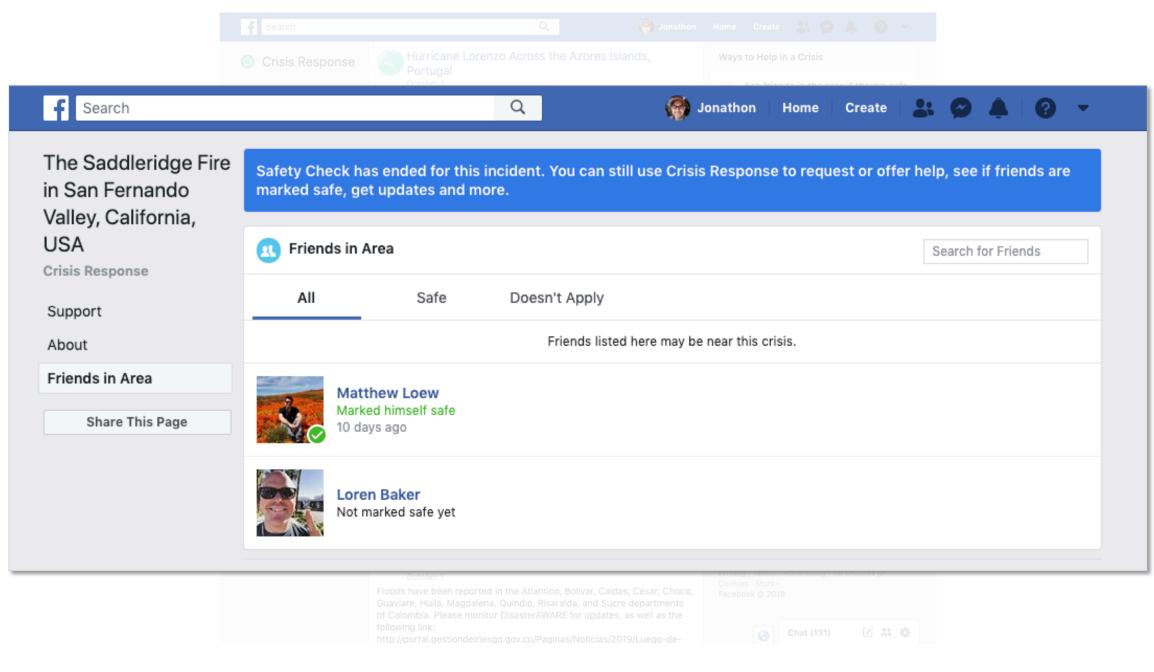
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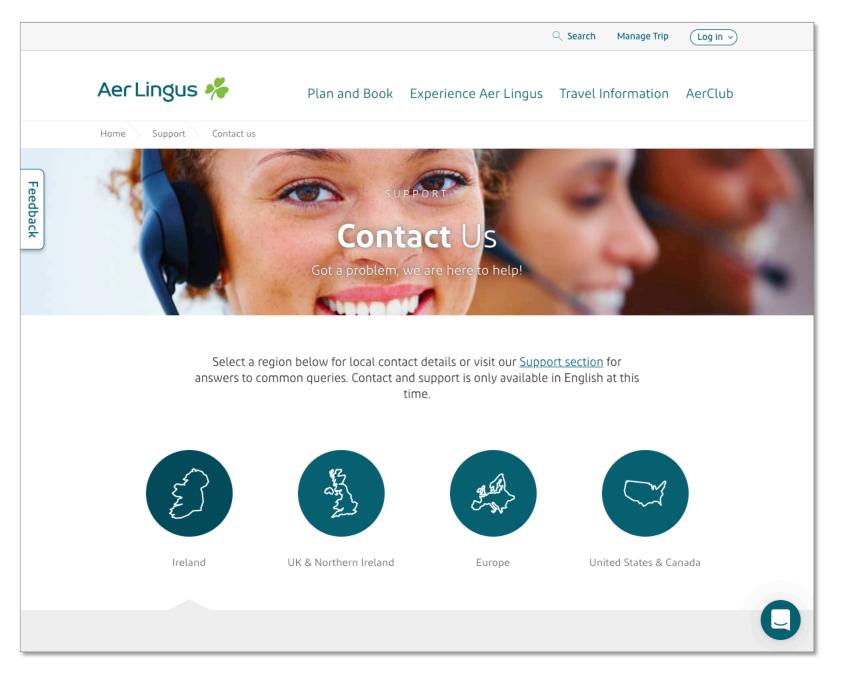
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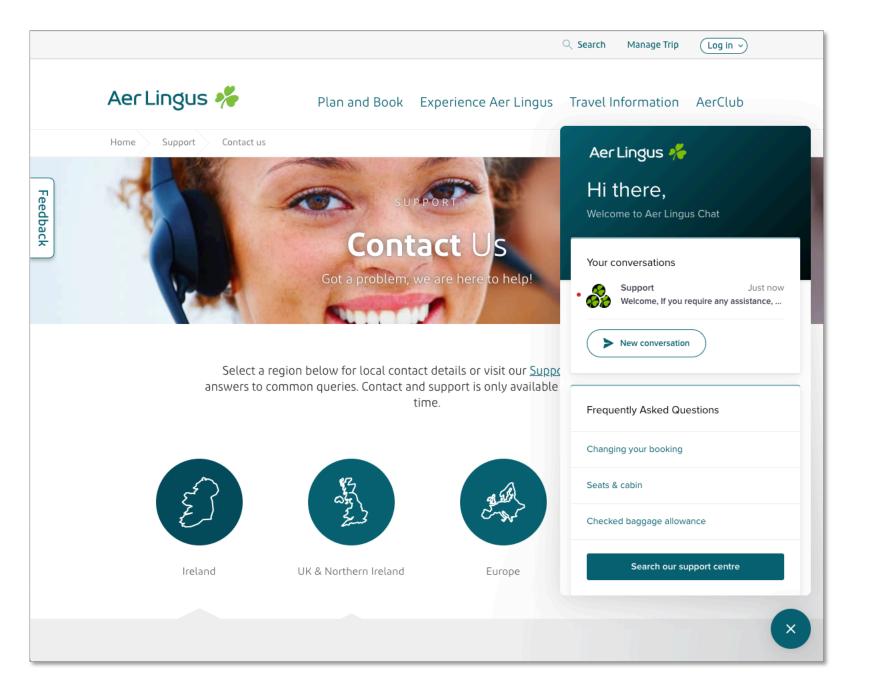
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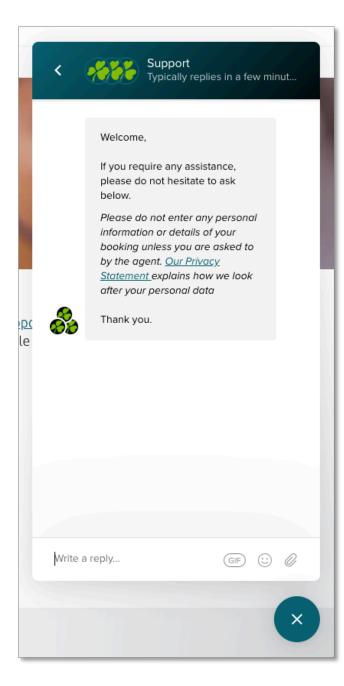
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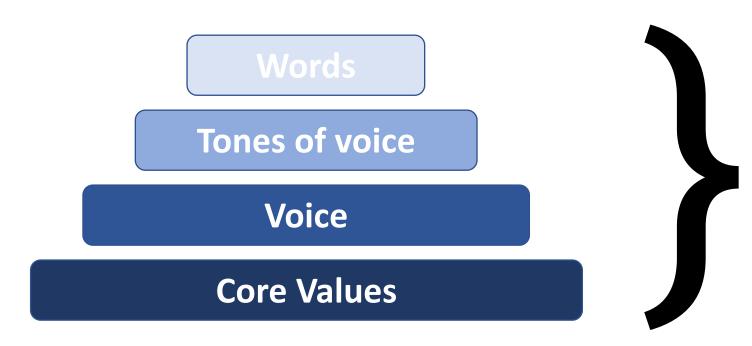
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Tones of voice

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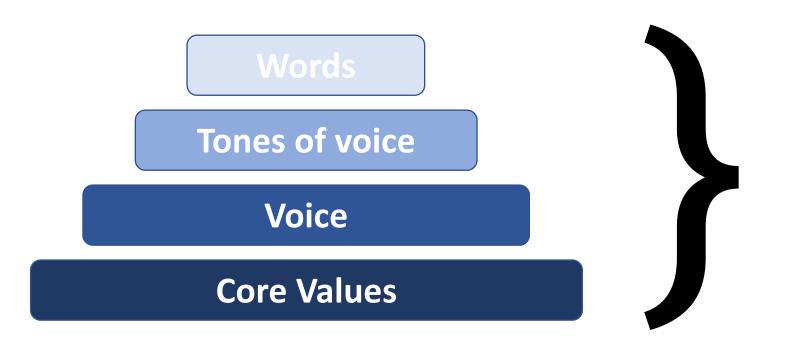
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These are the elements of content design

What we won't cover today [an incomplete list]

- Content strategy for the web
- Defining specific terms and usage
- Information architecture
- Content modeling
- Localization
- Product or feature naming
- Visual or interaction design

What we will cover today [also an incomplete list]

- Discovering your core values
- Defining an organization's voice
- Documenting tones of voice
- Designing product content for an app
- Improving content design with critique

Any final questions?

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