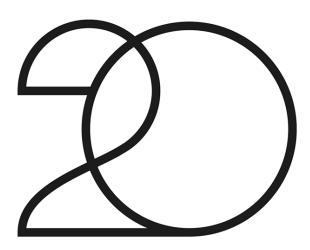
# How to be clear Designing content for products



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# **Jonathon Colman** Senior Design Manager, Intercom



#### Everyone have one of these?



#### 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

#### 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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# BE EXCELLENT TO EACH OTHER

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#### How to be clear

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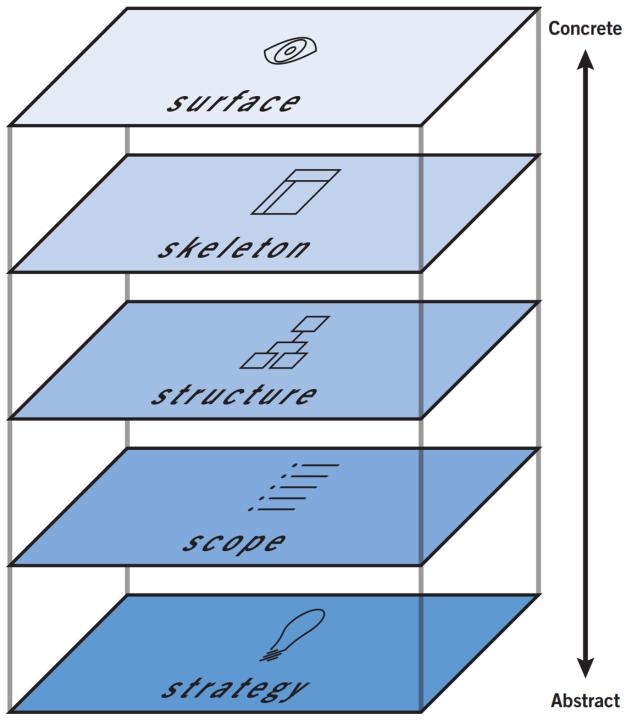
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- Total comprehensiveness
- Ease of understanding or use
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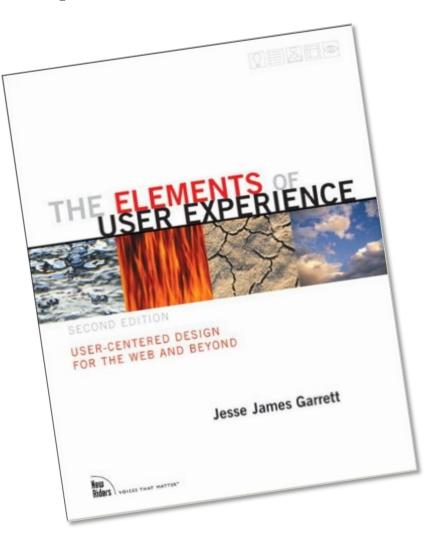
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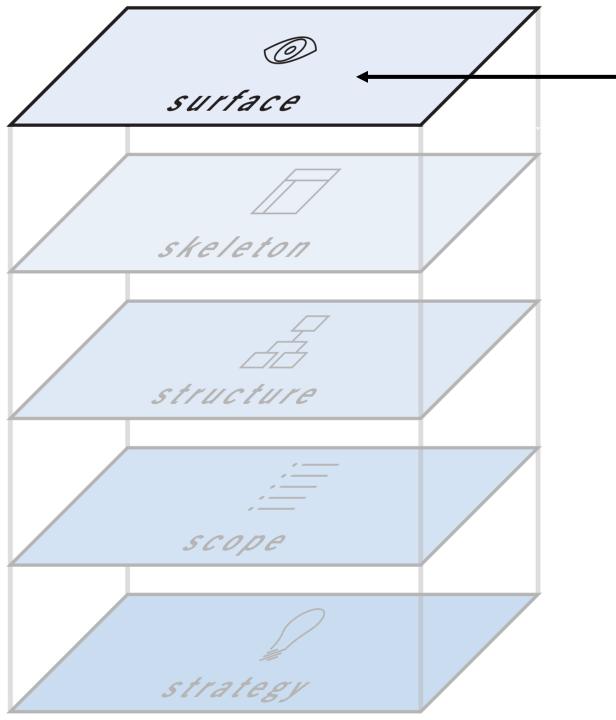
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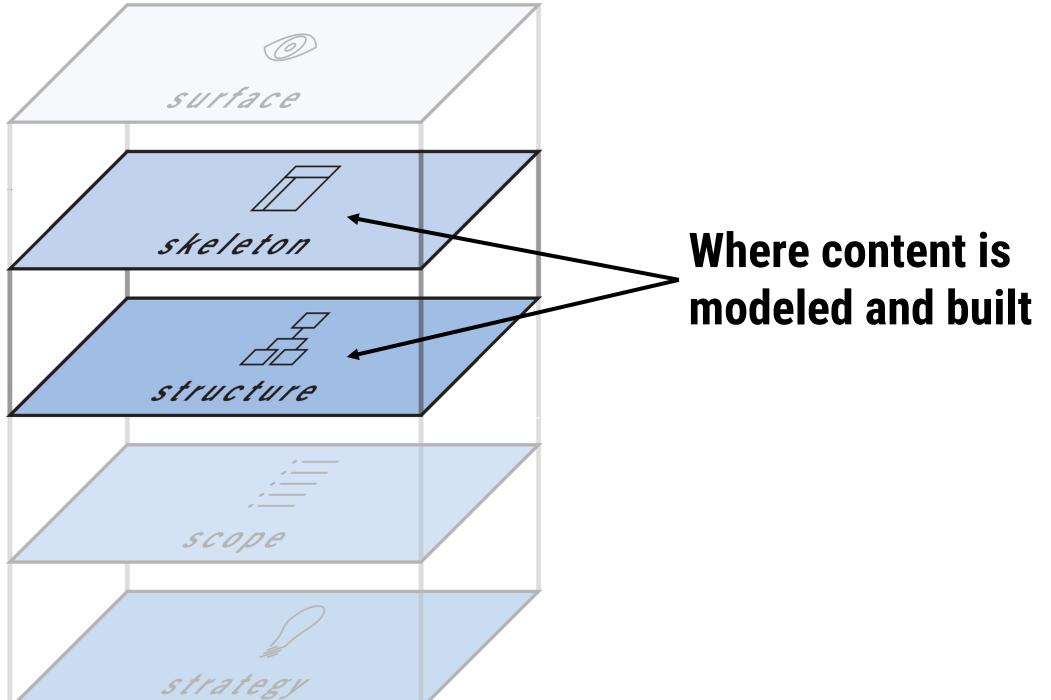


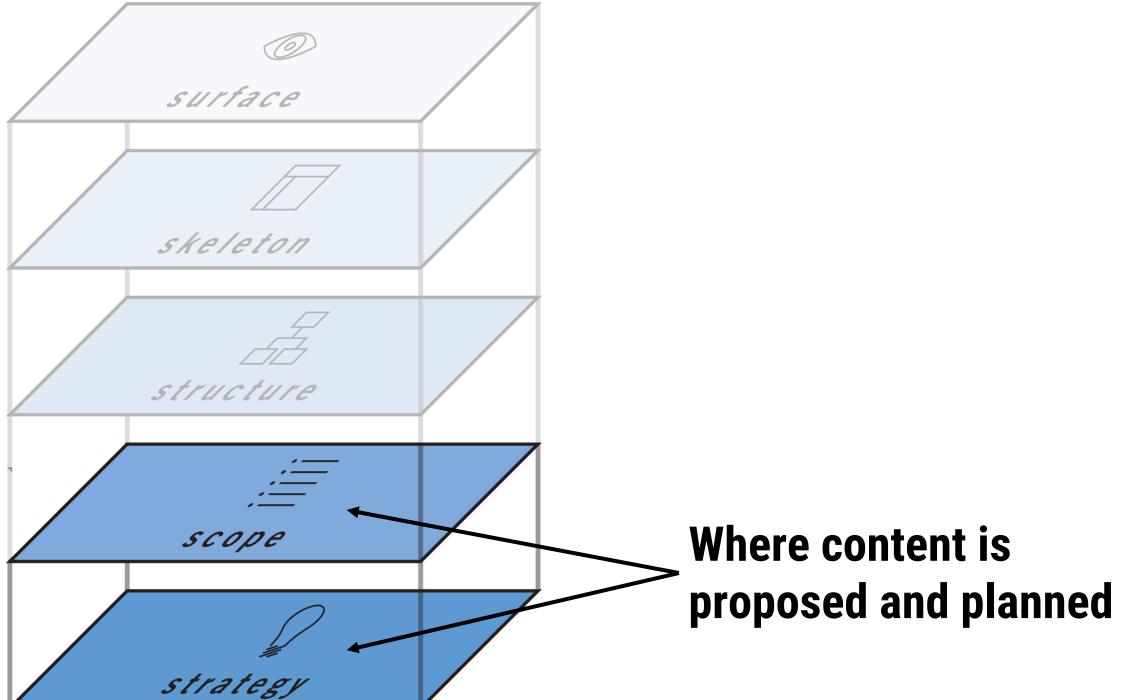
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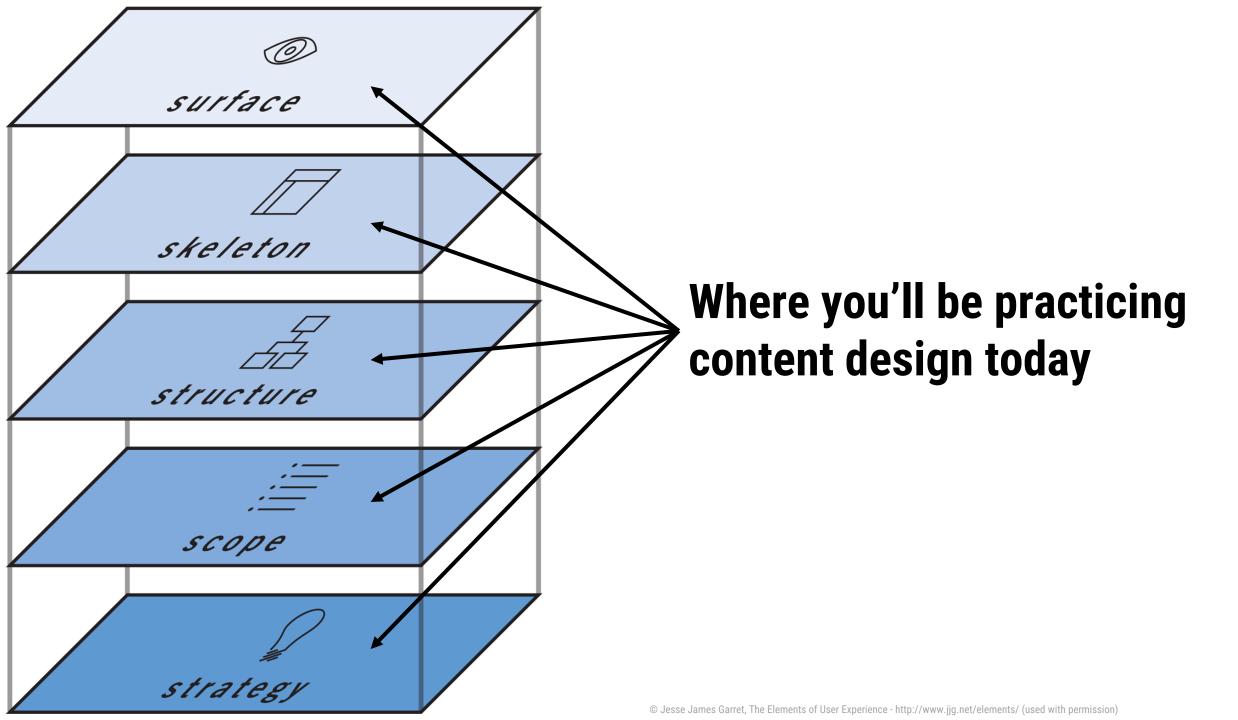




# Where content is seen and used







What do we mean by **content design,** anyway?

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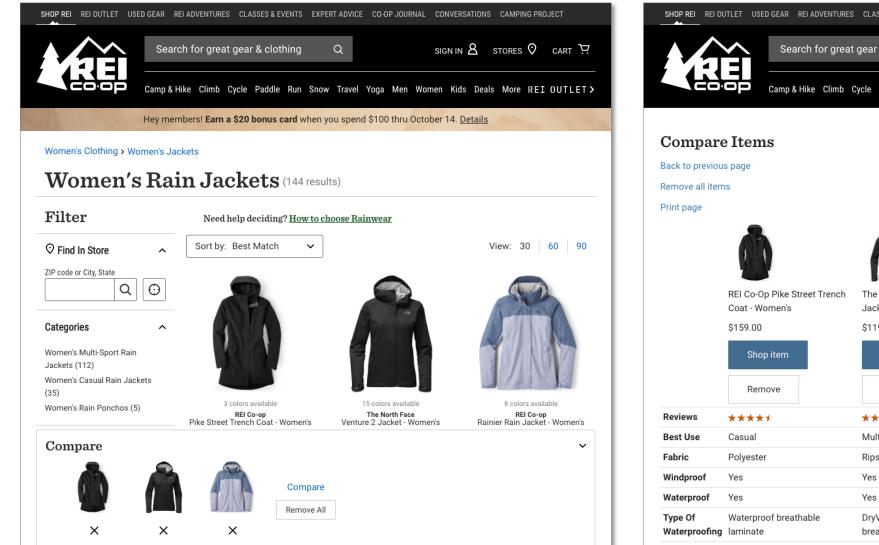
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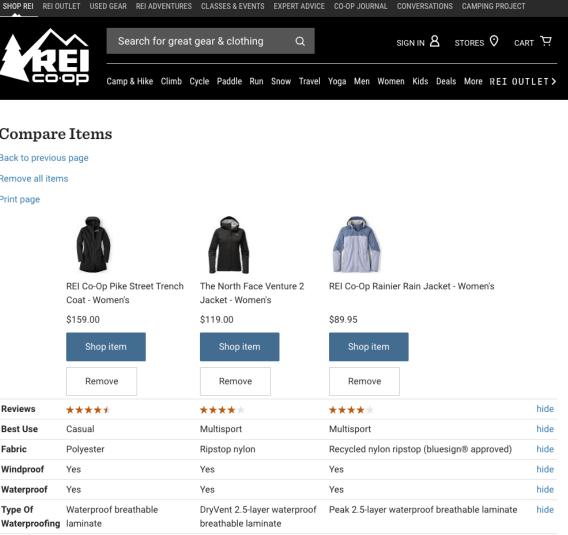
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Okay, then what do we mean by **content**?

# Content is the stuff I came here for.

- Mike Monteiro, Erika Hall, & Kristina Halvorson





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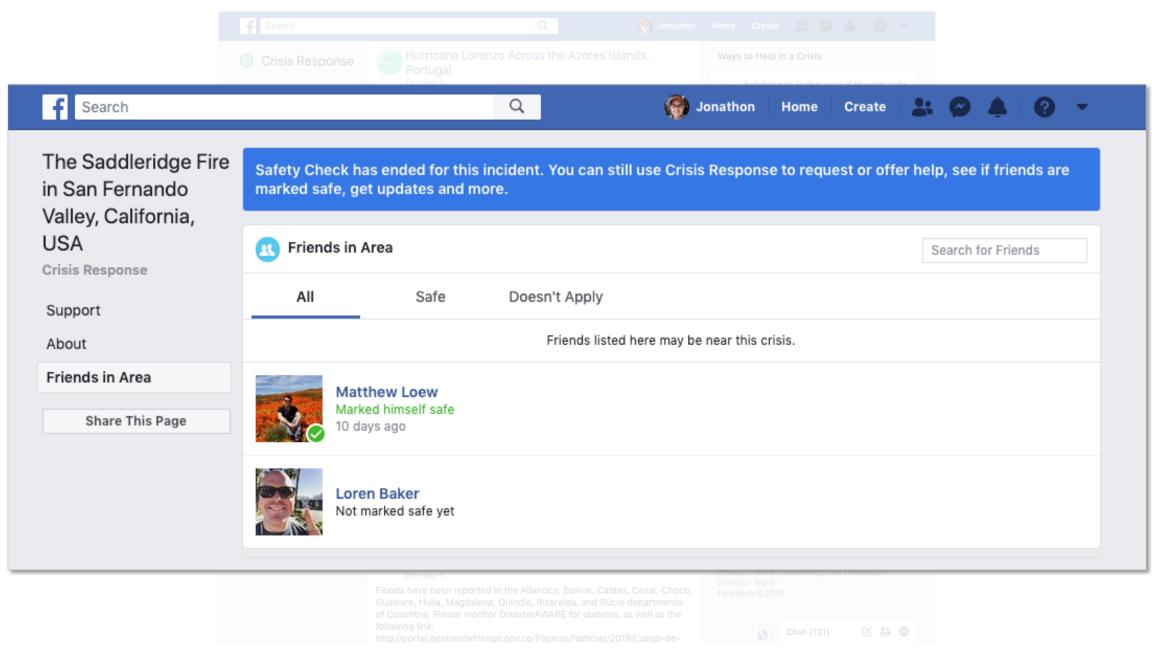
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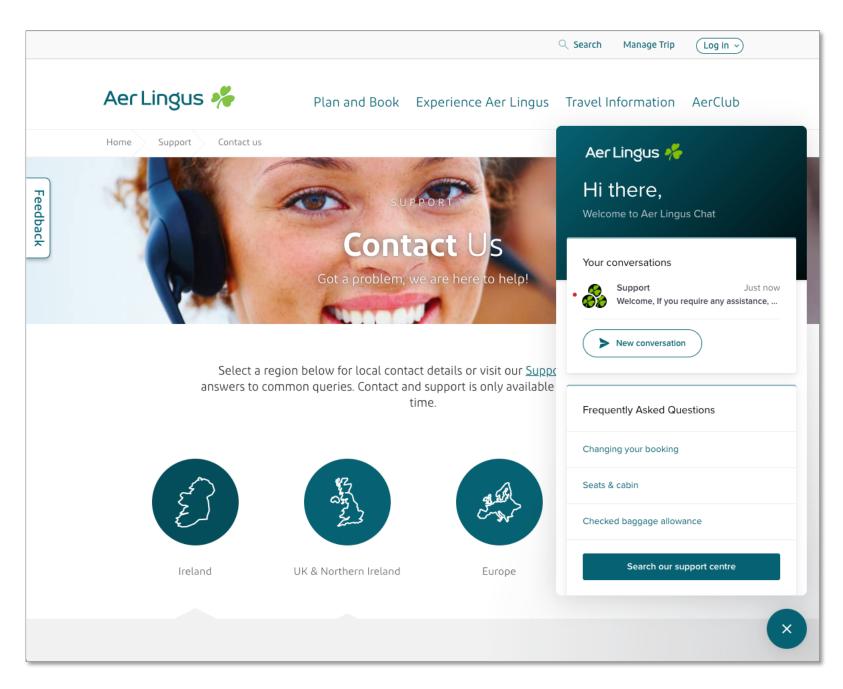
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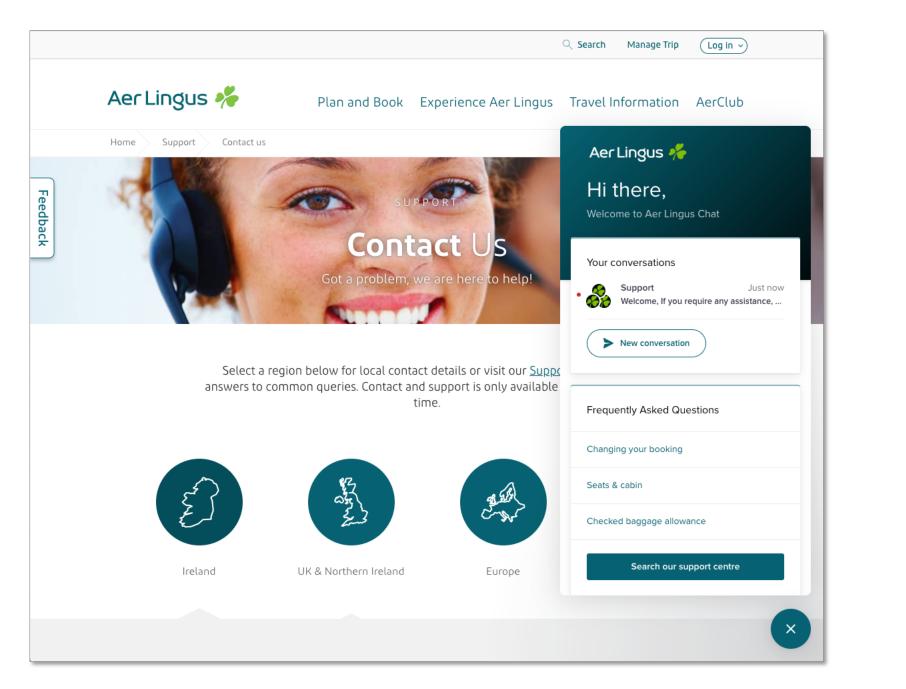
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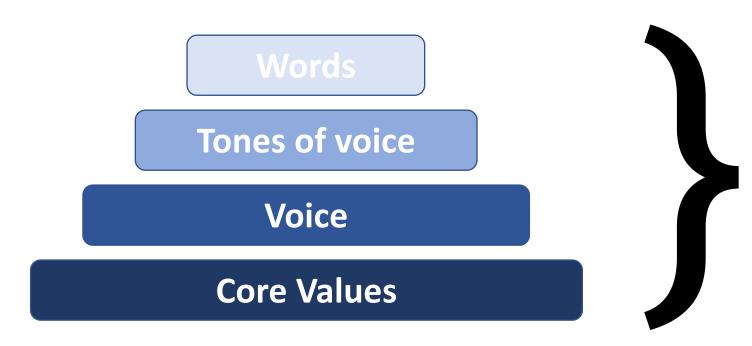
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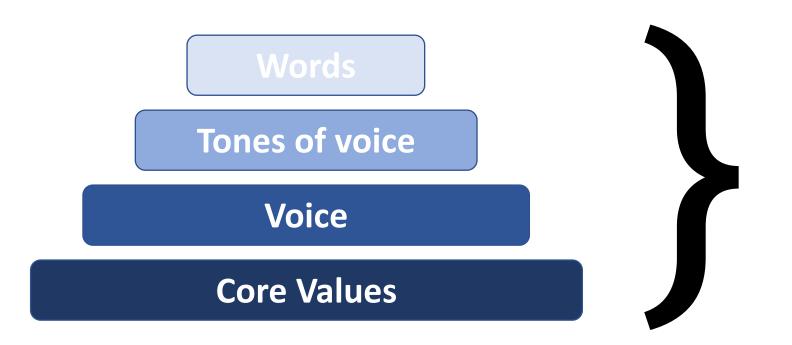
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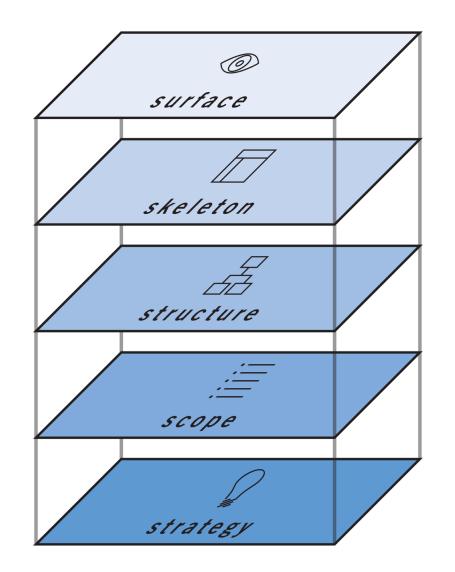
- Content strategy for the web
- Defining specific terms and usage
- Information architecture
- Content modeling
- Localization
- Product or feature naming
- Visual or interaction design

## What we will cover today [also incomplete]

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

### Conclusion

Bringing the elements all together

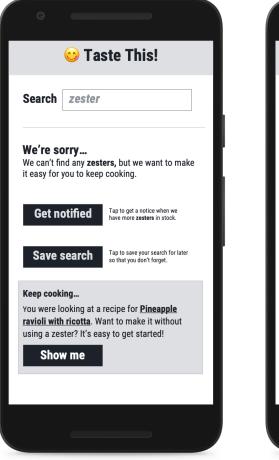


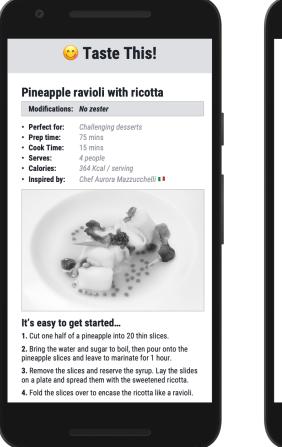
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**Tones of voice** 

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#### Your own, personal core values

#### How to work fast under pressure

#### How to negotiate as a team

#### How to satisfy business & user goals

#### How to strengthen each other's work

#### How to be clear

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#### Additional resources

- Content + UX resources <u>bit.ly/Content-UX-Resources</u>
- Content design: planning, writing, and managing content <u>www.gov.uk/guidance/content-design/what-is-content-design</u>
- Voice, tone, and content guides voiceandtoneguides.webflow.io/
- Content strategists group on Facebook
   <u>www.facebook.com/groups/contentstrategists/</u>
- Content + UX Slack
   <u>mjmetts.com/content-ux-slack/</u>

#### Some books about content design

- Writing is Designing by Michael Metts & Andy Welfle
- **<u>Strategic UX Writing</u>** by Torrey Podmajersky
- **<u>Content Design</u>** by Sarah Richards
- The Craft of Words (Part 1 & 2) by The Standardistas
- Content Strategy for the Web by Kristina Halvorson
- Nicely Said by Kate Kiefer Lee and Nicole Fenton

#### Some events featuring content design

- Confab Events
   <u>confabevents.com</u>
- Design & Content
   <u>content.design</u>
- Information Architecture Summit iasummit.org
- EurolA euroia.org
- Find your local Meetup! meetup.com

#### Any final questions?

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