



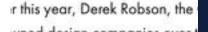
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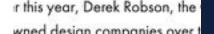
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Continual rounds of layoffs, the emergence of advanced technology, and the proliferation of designers everywhere are forcing UX to question its reason for existence



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For the past decade or so, digital design has enjoyed its golden moment. It was an era propelled by economic prosperity, a burgeoning startup scene, and an explosion in digitization, all underpinned by zero interest rates.

During this time, designers have been in high demand and often played a key role in setting



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If you are a designer and look around the internet now, it's tough. It seems like

Design thinking was supposed to fix the world. Where did it go wrong?

An approach that promised to democratize design may have done the opposite.

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Did business really break up with design, or did it just break up with a generation of design leadership?



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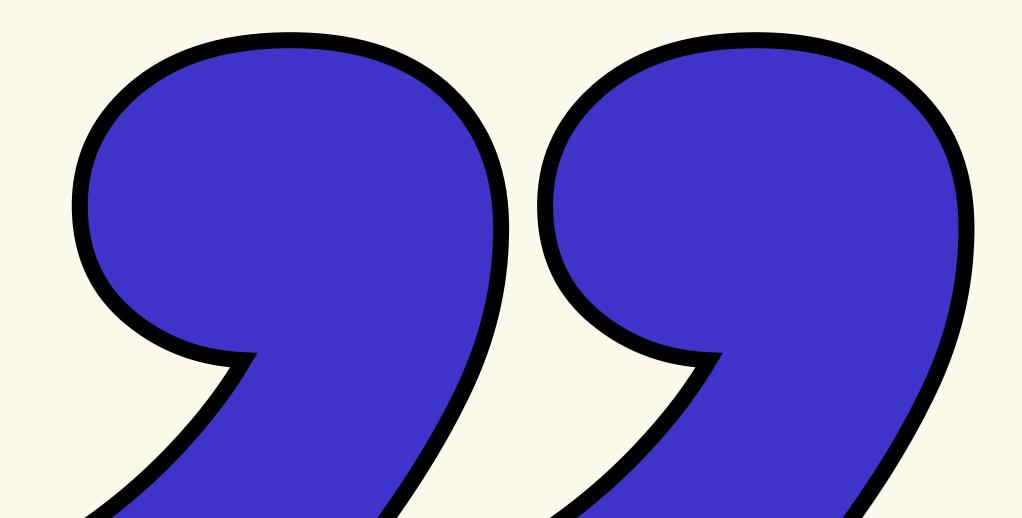
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IF YOU DON'T TELL YOUR STORY, SOMEONE ELSE WILL



DO COMPUTERS UNDERMINE THE CREATIVE PROCESS?

Creativity is an interesting topic spanning from many disciplines. It has become a catch phrase that means different things to different people. As a matter of fact, it is not applied to just people it is also applied to processes and products. The process of no it creating is complex y many e. Designers could tors ccess or D be driven by fad and techniques, clients may be pressured by economic concerns and politics and computers can be driven by technology. Because of its broad applications, creativity can be found at all levels of ability in any settings. Creativity, for the context of this paper is defined within the context of using effective methods, informed by an understanding of social, cultural, historical, and technical aspects of communication to

Computers create graphic palette

Remember as a child insisting on the crayon box with 64 colors as parents purchased back-to-school supplies each fall? Imagine being faced with a box filled with 16 million colors.

Artists and designers at Frankel & Co., a Chicago sales-promotion agency, encountered just that last fall when they leased a computer graphics system that has 400 color palates, 200 brushes and pen tips, two typefaces and an unlimited number of other drawing tools.

Drawing with an electronic pen on a digitizing tablet—which looks rendering an idea before, but it would take five days, so they'd just reject it," he continued.

Bill Linehan, a graphic designer of Bill Linehan Designs, Chicago, has worked on a number of computer graphics systems. The majority permit the artist to take a design, "change its color, break it up, piece it together, paste it on to another drawing and even put type on and take it off," he said. "Not only do you have type e, you can determine weight and color."

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"We envision that eventually we'll be able to design all our p.o.p. materials, present them via modem and go directly to separator completely eliminating the paper process."

-Tom Charvat

like a blank board—in front of a color monitor, Frankel art directors can produce high-quality images that can replace traditional artwork and photographs. And the speed with which alterations can be made is mind-boggling. The de-

such as Macintosh's MacPaint software, priced at about \$125, paired with a personal computer to highend turn-key systems, such as Frankel's \$175,000 leased system, computer graphics are revolutionizing the artist's realm. "I felt comfortable [with the system] right away," said

Frankel creative supervisor, who began working on the system when it was installed in October. Even with months of experience, he's only beginning to realize the computer's capabilities. "I think I

an do,

"Anytime they change a program or make a program better, they just send you a floppy

disc," Mr. Charvat said.

"We envision that
eventually we'll be able
to design all our p.o.p.
materials, present them
via modem [to clients]
and go directly to separator—completely eliminating the paper process."

Computer graphics have been visible in the advertising world mostly in the form of tv spots, such as the futuristic, animated character created by Robert Abel Associates, Los Angeles, for the Canned Food Information Council.

The stumbling block has been in



, creative supervisor at Frankel & Co., uses a stylus to draw on the digitizing tablet of the Images II computer graphics system.

duce images with the qualities of a fine oil painting, not the "jagged edges of which computer graphics have been accused," said Mr. Jasinski.

The final print difficulty has been output. Although the magnetic tape on which a design is stored has a high resolution, a paper copy often is needed. Frangraph of a building may be scanned into the system, and the artist can add the p.o.p. to see how it will look. "For us to do this conventionally, the cost would be astronomical," said Mr. Charvat.

At this stage, Frankel's computer-generated graphics are used primarily for design, as the agency field-tests the system with clients. the authors and book publishers of America are beginning to suspect that what is meat for the photocopying industry will turn

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a man-sized job that Edward J. O'Brien has attempted in his "Dance of the Machines," and if he has failed to carry it through with complete lucidity. with inevitable logic and with thorough satisfaction to all concerned, the first stone? What he has tried tor of error, and to admire the mato do is to ascertain the effects of chine because it is infallible. The chosen to walk is strewn with the and will not "tolerate spaciousness pitfalls of the imponderable. He in man." One has only to go to Henry Ford's pronouncement upon

and from certain general laws.

How is the question of a machine civilization bound up with all this? It has a very real connection, if we are to believe Mr. O'Brien's argu-He makes the point that people living in constant contact with machines are apt to worship precision, to regard human effort with contempt because of the faca machine civilization upon man as machine, he says, lays a "strong an artist, and the path he has emphasis on the value of time"

A Photograph From "Das Deutsche Lichtbild. 1928-1929."



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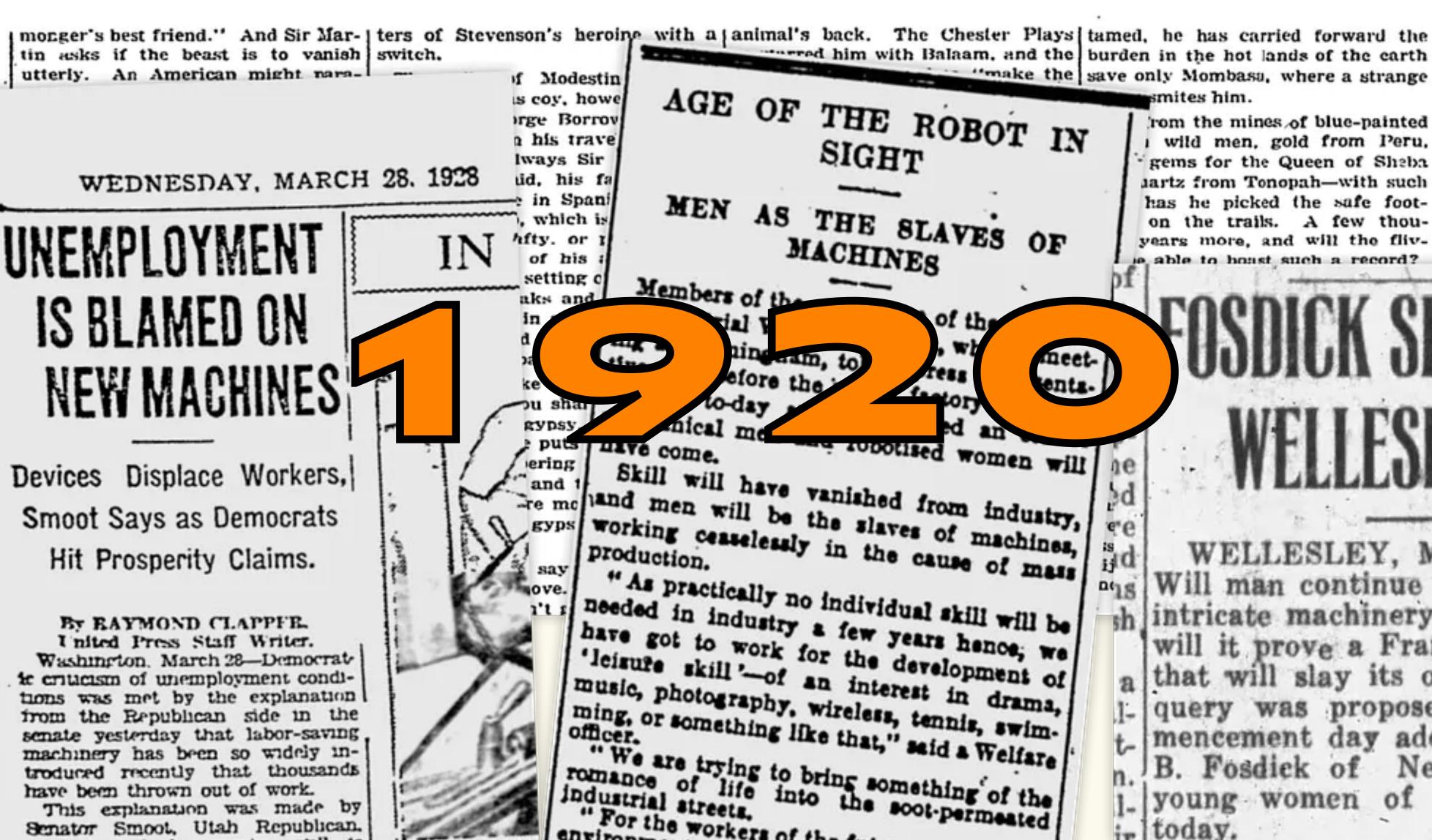
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Senator Smoot, Utah Republican.

who insisted the country still is prosperous and that unemployment

is not the result of a business de-

Mechanical World of Today Has Little Need for Cantankerous Neddy, Man's, Philosophical Companion and the Burden-Bearer of Other Ages



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"For the workers of the future, conditions,

environment, hours, and wages will set better and better, and already there are

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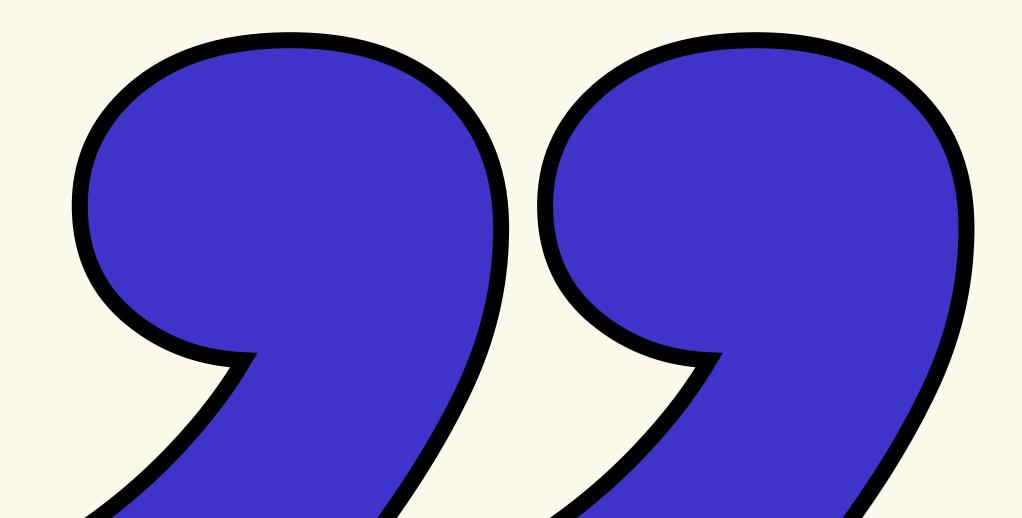
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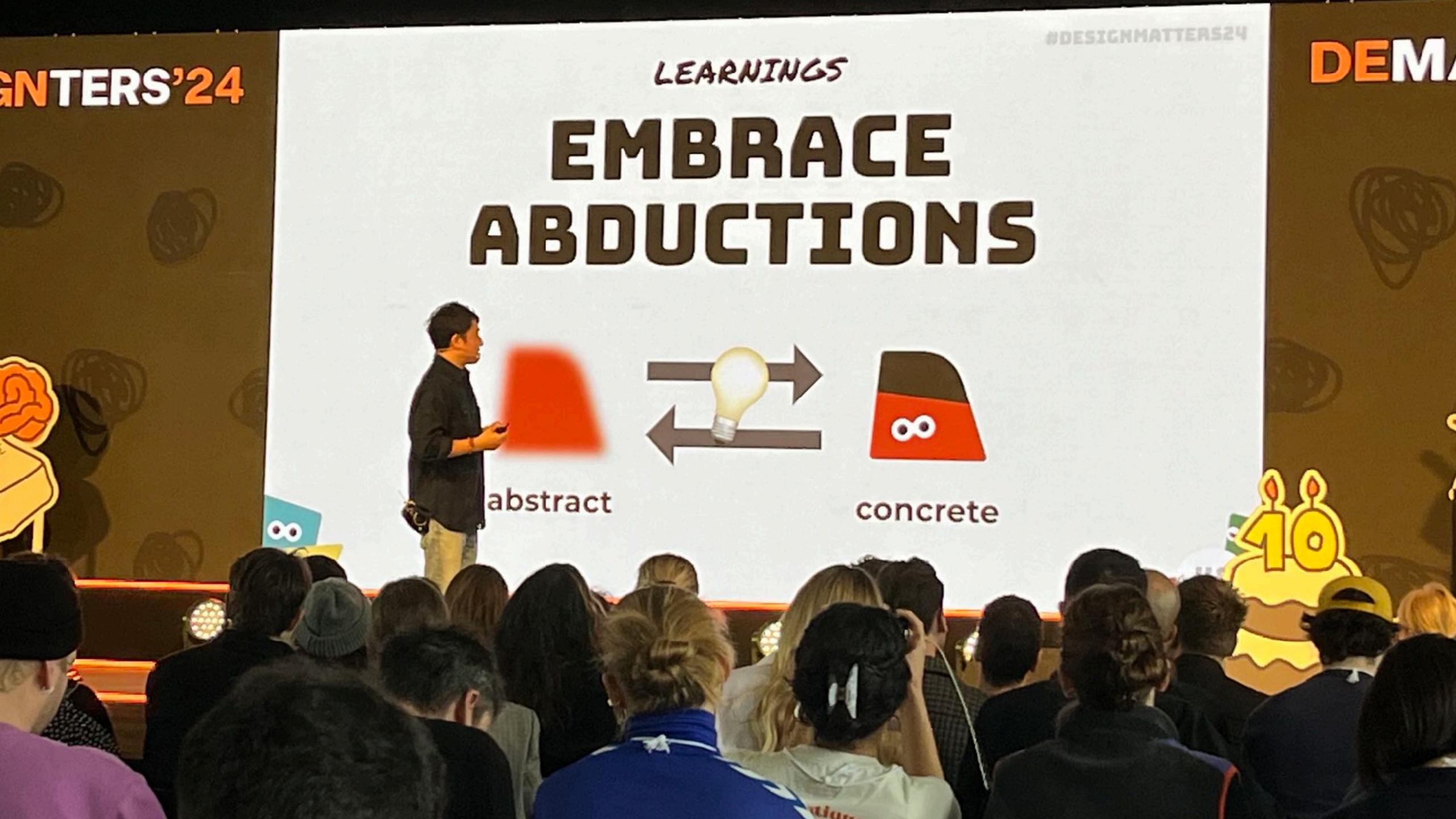




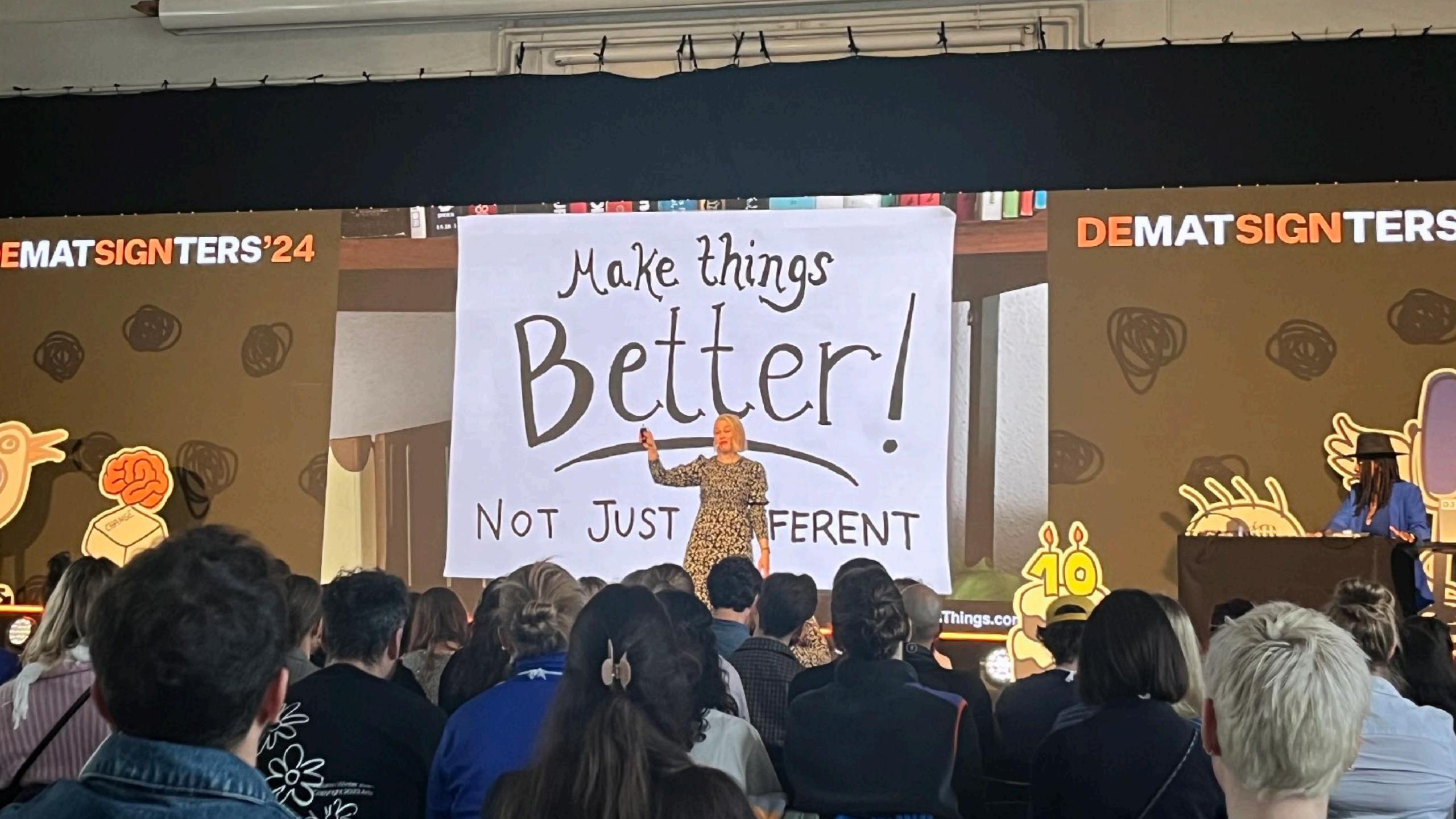


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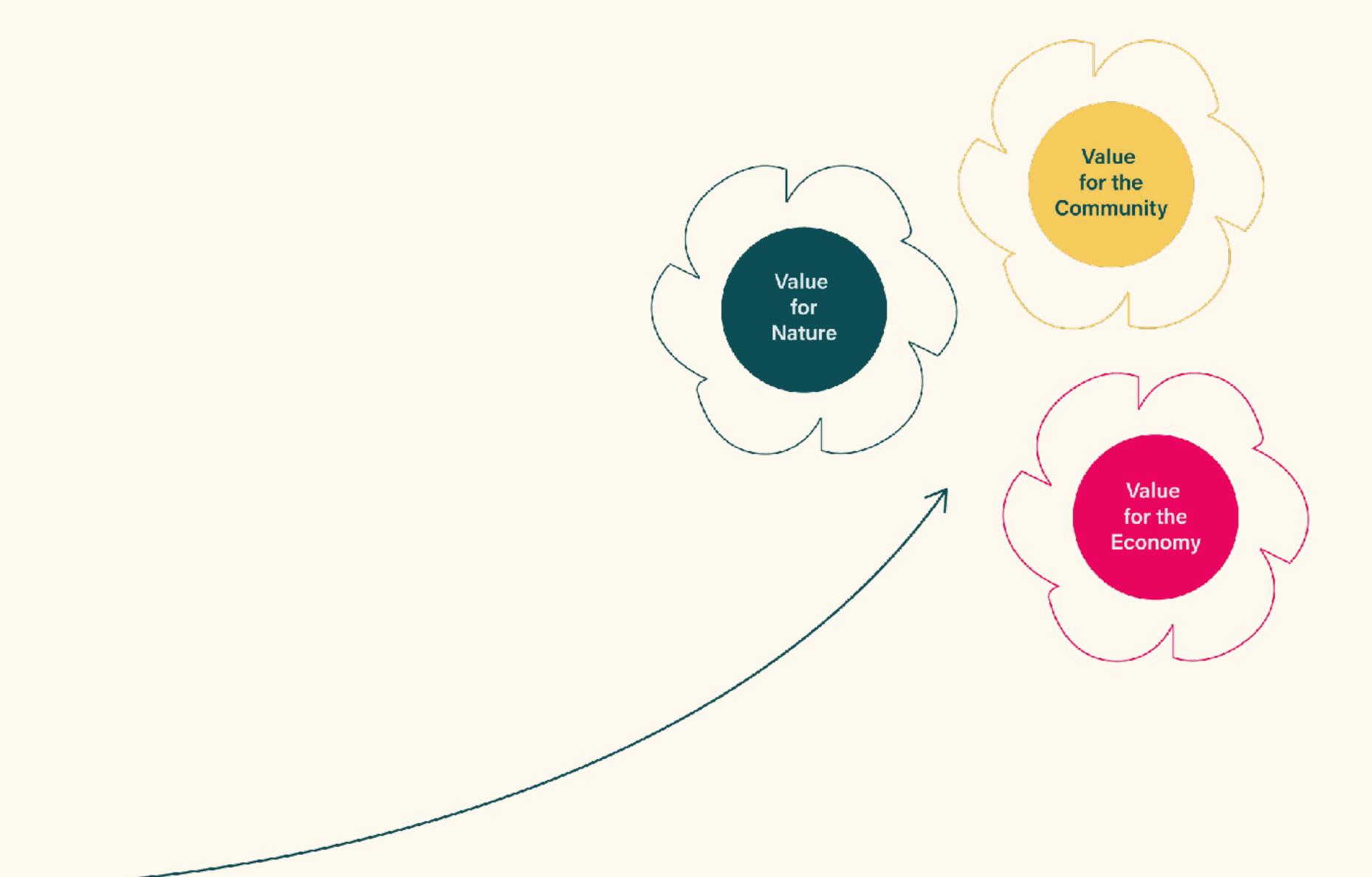
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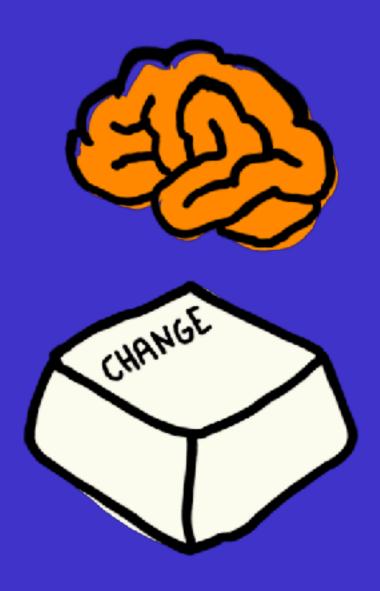
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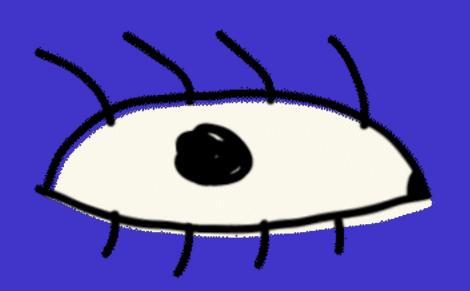
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ABOUT AI?

WHAT'S THE ONE THING YOU HOPE TO LEAVE WITH AFTER DESIGN MATTERS?

Think & Stick (On the paper only, please)



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NEW SKILLS TO WOW MY TEAM

FRESH IDEAS

NEW LINKEDIN CONNECTIONS

A FREE TOTE BAG

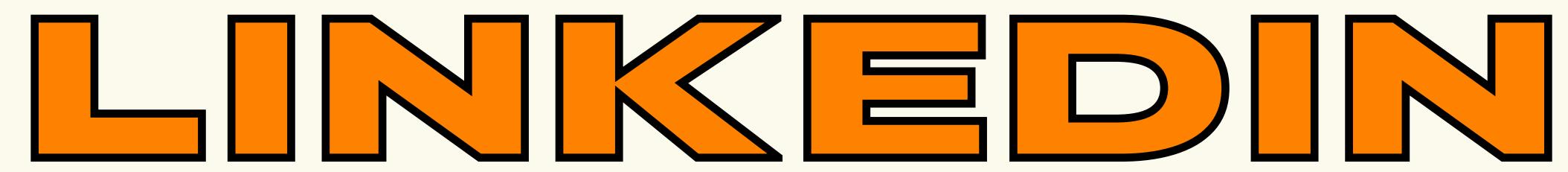


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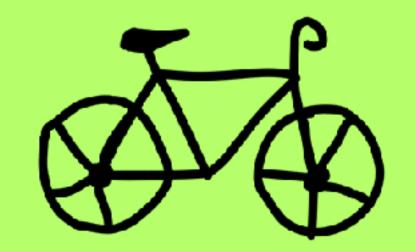
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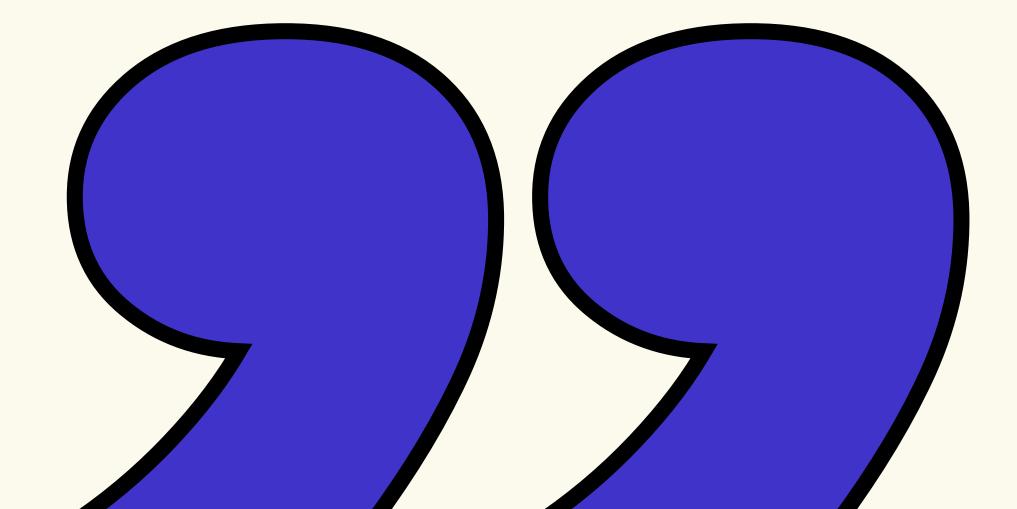




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