

Information Technology and Disabilities Access - The Black Hole of Human Centered Design

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Information Technology is the backbone of the new millennium. Next generation interfaces, new digital media, emerging telecommunications technology and high-performance, advanced information systems comprise the new global information infrastructure. At the core of this technology is the human factor -- how people use information, why, when and where. The importance of human centered design has never been as critical -- particularly when it lacks the essence of sensory design: designing for people with disabilities.

This talk describes the current state of IT and access for people with disabilities. It suggests that the strategy for the future state requires a new direction and proposes a creative, international initiative.