

Profound Increasing UX based on Geometry Shapes and Coloring

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Abstract—The interplay between visible objects and human perception is a critical element in design, yet the role of geometric shapes and color in enhancing user experience (UX) remains underexplored. This challenge is significant because effective UX design profoundly impacts usability and aesthetics, influencing user engagement and satisfaction in web development. While prior research highlights the importance of design elements, many studies fail to systematically address the cognitive and emotional impacts of shapes and colors. This paper bridges that gap by leveraging both the Honeycomb UX model and Google’s HEART framework to analyze the influence of geometric shapes and color schemes in web design. The proposed framework emphasizes their complementary strengths: the Honeycomb model’s qualitative insights and the HEART framework’s quantitative metrics. The findings demonstrate that integrating these models enables designers to craft interfaces that balance usability, emotional engagement, and functional efficiency. Readers will gain actionable insights into how geometric shapes and colors, when applied strategically, can transform UX into a visually compelling and highly engaging experience.

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I. INTRODUCTION

User experience (UX) plays a fundamental role in web design, directly impacting user satisfaction, engagement, and overall platform effectiveness. While much attention has been given to functionality and usability, the potential of geometric shapes and color schemes to enhance cognitive and emotional engagement remains underexplored. Visual elements such as shapes and colors influence how users perceive and interact with interfaces, guiding their attention and evoking emotional responses. For example, rectangles convey stability, while dynamic colors enhance visual interest and improve task focus. Despite these insights, many existing studies fail to systematically integrate the cognitive and emotional impacts of these elements into cohesive frameworks. This paper addresses this gap by proposing a structured approach that combines the qualitative strengths of the UX Honeycomb model with the quantitative metrics of the Google HEART framework. By focusing on how geometric shapes and colors can strategically transform user experiences, this paper offers actionable insights for

designers aiming to create visually compelling and emotionally engaging digital platforms. The scope of this study encompasses theoretical and empirical investigations into the role of visual elements in UX design. Specifically, it seeks to:

- Section 1: What role do color schemes play in enhancing usability and engagement?
- Section 2: How do geometric shapes influence the cognitive and emotional aspects of UX?
- Section 4 & 5: How can established UX models be adapted to incorporate shape and color strategies?

The structure of this paper is organized as follows:

- Section 1: explores the theoretical and practical aspects of geometric shapes, categorizing them into organic, abstract, and geometric types, and examining their cognitive and emotional impacts.
- Section 2: delves into coloring techniques, including hue, saturation, and value, highlighting their roles in readability, mood setting, and accessibility.
- Section 3: introduces the Honeycomb and Google HEART models, analyzing their applicability to UX improvements involving shapes and colors.
- Section 4: presents a comparative analysis of these models, identifying their strengths, limitations, and complementary aspects.
- Section 5: concludes with practical recommendations for integrating these design elements into web development workflows and suggests directions for future research.

II. ANALYSIS

The existing body of research reveals a diverse range of perspectives on the role of geometric shapes and color in UX design. Academic literature emphasizes the cognitive and emotional dimensions of these elements, highlighting their impact on user decision-making, satisfaction, and engagement [2][3]. For instance, empirical findings demonstrate that high-contrast color schemes significantly improve task performance and accessibility [17], while shapes such as circles and triangles elicit specific emotional responses that enhance usability [1]. From an industry standpoint, frameworks like

the Honeycomb model and Google’s HEART metrics have been instrumental in guiding design practices. However, a recurring limitation in industry applications is the tendency to prioritize usability over emotional resonance, resulting in designs that may function well but lack emotional depth. This discrepancy underscores the need for a more integrated approach that incorporates both academic insights and practical tools. By considering these sources, the current study identifies critical opportunities for innovation. For example, while academic research provides a strong theoretical foundation, it often lacks actionable guidelines for implementation. Conversely, industry practices excel in delivering measurable outcomes but may overlook nuanced qualitative aspects of user experience. Bridging these gaps requires a holistic methodology that leverages the strengths of both domains, ensuring that designs are not only efficient but also emotionally engaging and user-centered.

By systematically addressing these objectives, this paper offers a comprehensive roadmap for leveraging geometric shapes and colors in UX design. It underscores the need for collaboration between academic experts and industry practitioners to ensure that theoretical advancements translate into meaningful, real-world applications. Ultimately, this study seeks to enhance our understanding of the interplay between emotional and cognitive design elements while fostering innovation in both research and practice.

III. COLORING & GEOMETRIC-SHAPES

This section explores the transformative role of color in UX design, highlighting how strategic color choices can enhance user interaction, evoke emotional responses, and reinforce brand identity.

A. Coloring

Colors hold transformative potential in UX design, influencing both the emotional and functional aspects of user interaction. They are not merely aesthetic choices but powerful tools for guiding user attention. For instance, complementary colors like blue and orange create a visual contrast that ensures critical elements, such as calls to action or buttons, stand out. This strategic use of color enhances clarity, making interfaces more engaging and intuitive [3]. Neutral colors, including white, beige, and gray, are equally impactful. These tones serve as versatile backdrops, allowing dynamic elements to take center stage without overwhelming the user. Such designs exude a clean, professional appeal and establish a sense of trustworthiness. By balancing neutral tones with vibrant accents, designers can effectively highlight critical components while maintaining harmony in the layout [18]. Advanced color techniques, such as desaturation or monochromatic schemes, further enrich the user experience. Desaturation softens vibrant palettes, creating

a timeless and sophisticated appearance that resonates with audiences. Meanwhile, monochromatic schemes unify design elements, delivering consistency and emotional depth that reinforce brand identity and enhance user trust. These choices transform designs into cohesive visual experiences that captivate and guide users seamlessly [17]. Figure 1 illustrates the impact of different color choices on design outcomes. It is organized into four quadrants divided by two axes. The horizontal axis represents a spectrum from muted tones on the left to vibrant tones on the right, while the vertical axis ranges from neutral colors at the bottom to complementary colors at the top. The top-left quadrant, labeled “Sophisticated Monochromatic Scheme” highlights the use of muted and complementary colors. This approach conveys a sense of refinement and professionalism, making it ideal for designs that require subtle elegance and a cohesive aesthetic. In contrast, the top-right quadrant, titled “Striking Call-to-Action Buttons” focuses on vibrant and complementary colors. These combinations are highly attention-grabbing, making them suitable for elements like buttons or links that need to stand out and encourage user interaction. The bottom-left quadrant, titled “Clean Modern Aesthetics” features muted and neutral tones. This combination creates minimalist and sleek designs, often associated with modern, uncluttered aesthetics that prioritize simplicity and clarity. Similarly, the bottom-right quadrant, labeled “Energetic Branding” emphasizes vibrant and neutral tones. These colors evoke a sense of energy and excitement, making them effective for branding that seeks to convey dynamism and enthusiasm. This framework serves as a guide for designers to strategically select color schemes that align with specific design objectives or brand identities, balancing tonal relationships to achieve desired outcomes.

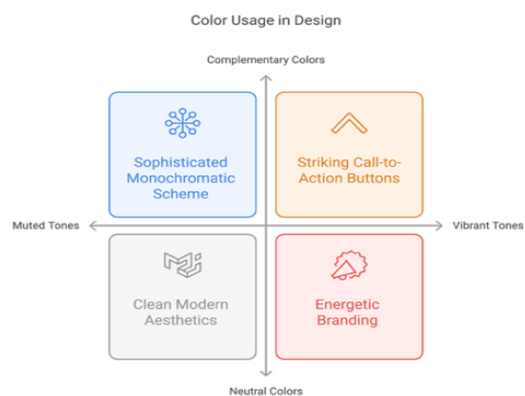


Figure 1. Coloring diagram

Techniques such as desaturation and monochromatic color schemes add depth and focus to designs. Desaturation reduces vibrancy to establish an understated elegance, making it ideal for evoking nostalgia

or directing focus to specific areas. Monochromatic schemes, on the other hand, use varying shades and tints of a single color, creating consistency and emotional resonance. These techniques not only enhance visual appeal but also strengthen brand identity, ensuring a lasting impression on users.

The following section delves into the foundational role of geometric shapes in UX design, illustrating how their aesthetic and functional attributes contribute to user engagement, navigation, and emotional impact.

B. Geometric-Shapes

Geometric shapes are fundamental in UX design, offering both aesthetic and functional benefits. Rectangles and squares convey a sense of stability and order, making them ideal for structuring interfaces such as buttons, grids, or content containers. These shapes promote feelings of security and reliability, which are critical for building user confidence in any application [6]. Circles, on the other hand, evoke feelings of unity, simplicity, and completion. These qualities make them suitable for highlighting important elements such as avatars or notification badges. Their inherent softness naturally draws users' attention, fostering a sense of inclusivity and approachability in design [11]. Triangles add a dynamic and directional quality to UX design. Often associated with energy and focus, they are effective tools for emphasizing key information or guiding user interactions. By blending sharp geometries with softer, rounded forms, designers can create interfaces that balance precision and warmth. This strategic application of shapes not only enhances usability but also deepens emotional engagement, leaving users with a memorable experience [12]. Triangles serve as effective visual cues, guiding users' focus and signifying movement or urgency. They are often used for tooltips, callouts, or directional indicators (see Fig. 2). The contrast between sharper and softer geometric forms allows designers to balance precision with approachability, tailoring the experience to users' emotional and practical needs. When employed thoughtfully, geometric shapes transform designs into visually striking and highly usable interfaces. Figure 2 presents a hierarchical diagram illustrating the role of geometric shapes in design and how different shapes contribute to various outcomes. The diagram is divided into three main categories: rectangles and squares, circles, and triangles, each leading to specific design applications and impacts. The left branch focuses on rectangles and squares, which are primarily used for grids and layouts. These shapes provide structure and order, enhancing navigation by organizing content in an easy-to-understand and follow manner. The center branch highlights circles, which are associated with interactive elements. Circles are often used for buttons, icons, or other user interaction points, ultimately improving interaction by drawing attention to key features or actions.

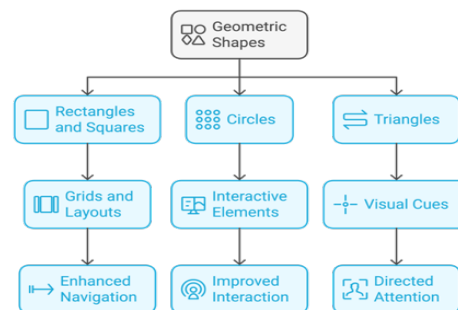


Figure 2. Geometric Shapes diagram

The right branch emphasizes triangles, which serve as visual cues. Triangles direct attention by pointing or creating a sense of movement, thereby guiding users toward important elements in a design. This diagram serves as a guide for designers, demonstrating how the strategic use of geometric shapes can enhance functionality, usability, and visual hierarchy in design projects.

IV. COLORING TECHNIQUES

Coloring techniques, encompassing hue, saturation, and value, play a pivotal role in creating visually compelling and accessible designs. Hue refers to the type of color, such as red, blue, or yellow, and is instrumental in setting the overall mood and theme of a design. Warm hues like red and orange evoke energy and urgency, while cool hues like blue and green convey calmness and reliability. By carefully selecting hues, designers can forge emotional connections and effectively communicate brand identity [7]. Saturation, the intensity or purity of a color, significantly influences readability and visual hierarchy. Highly saturated colors are excellent for drawing attention to important elements, such as call-to-action buttons or notifications. Conversely, desaturated tones are subtle and soothing, making them ideal for backgrounds and secondary content. Balancing saturation levels ensures that designs are neither overwhelming nor dull, contributing to a harmonious user experience [8]. Value, the lightness or darkness of a color, is critical for ensuring accessibility and clarity. High-contrast color schemes achieved by pairing light and dark values enhance readability and make designs more inclusive, especially for users with visual impairments. Thoughtful use of value not only enhances aesthetic appeal but also ensures that designs meet accessibility standards, making them usable and engaging for a wider audience. Together, hue, saturation, and value empower designers to create effective, inclusive, and visually impactful user experiences [9].

V. HONEYCOMB AND GOOGLE HEART MODELS

The Honeycomb and Google HEART models are foundational frameworks for evaluating and improving

user experience (UX), especially when incorporating shapes and colors. The Honeycomb model, introduced by Peter Morville, emphasizes seven facets of UX: useful, usable, desirable, findable, accessible, credible, and valuable. Each facet offers insights into how visual elements, like shapes and colors influence user interaction. For instance, using geometric shapes strategically can enhance usability by simplifying navigation, while an effective color palette can boost desirability by evoking positive emotional responses [10]. The Google HEART framework focuses on measuring five key metrics: Happiness, Engagement, Adoption, Retention, and Task Success. This model is particularly relevant for assessing the impact of shapes and colors in UX. For example, well-defined shapes like buttons and icons, combined with a thoughtful color scheme, improve task success by guiding users intuitively through an interface. Moreover, consistent use of appealing colors fosters user happiness, while engaging shapes, such as dynamic animations, increase interaction and retention rates [4]. Together, these models provide a robust methodology for UX designers to evaluate the effectiveness of their visual choices. By leveraging the Honeycomb model's focus on user-centered qualities and the Google HEART framework's data-driven metrics, designers can optimize interfaces to maximize both functionality and emotional impact. The strategic application of shapes and colors, guided by these frameworks, ensures a balanced approach to creating intuitive, attractive, and user-friendly designs [2].

VI. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF HONEYCOMB AND GOOGLE HEART MODELS

The Honeycomb and Google HEART models serve as complementary frameworks for enhancing UX, each offering unique strengths and addressing specific needs. The Honeycomb model's strength lies in its qualitative focus, emphasizing user-centered facets such as credibility, accessibility, and desirability. This approach allows designers to evaluate the emotional and ethical impact of shapes and colors. For instance, using warm color tones to enhance desirability or geometric shapes to improve accessibility aligns seamlessly with the model's principles. However, the Honeycomb model lacks a structured method for measuring these impacts quantitatively, which may limit its applicability in data-driven design environments [10]. Conversely, the Google HEART framework excels in providing measurable outcomes for UX improvements. Its metrics, such as engagement and retention, help designers assess the practical impact of visual choices and color schemes or shape dynamics. For example, tracking how interactive shapes and vibrant colors influence task success and engagement offers actionable insights for iterative design. However, the HEART model's reliance on metrics can sometimes overlook the nuanced, subjective experiences that the Honeycomb model captures such as emotional

resonance and perceived credibility [4]. Figure 3 compares two UX frameworks, the Honeycomb Model and the Google HEART Model, providing guidance for selecting the most suitable framework based on design goals. The central visual features (as a designer standing at the base of two staircases), contemplating which path to take, symbolizing the decision-making process in choosing a UX approach. On the left, the Honeycomb Model is highlighted.

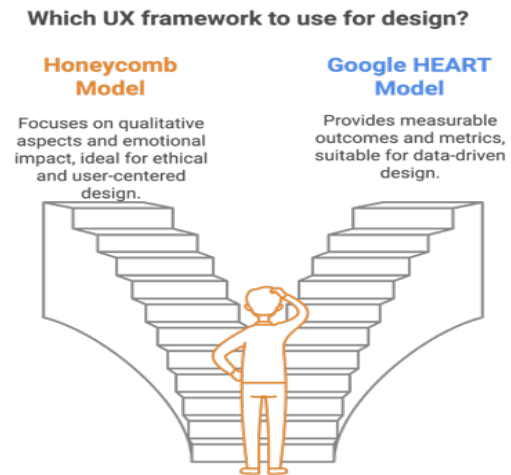


Figure 3. UX Framework options

This framework focuses on qualitative aspects of user experience, emphasizing the emotional impact of design. It is ideal for ethical, user-centered design approaches where the goal is to ensure a meaningful and positive experience for users. On the right, the Google HEART Model is presented. This model provides measurable outcomes and metrics, making it suitable for data-driven design. It prioritizes performance, usability, and efficiency, helping designers track and optimize user interactions based on tangible data. Figure 3 illustrates the contrast between qualitative and quantitative UX methodologies, assisting designers in deciding whether to prioritize emotional and ethical considerations or focus on metrics and measurable performance in their design processes. Table I clearly expresses that both models provide valuable perspectives; however, a hybrid approach that leverages the qualitative depth of the Honeycomb model and the measurable impact of the HEART model offers a well-rounded framework for UX design. Integrating both approaches will enhance designers' efforts to create digital experiences that are emotionally resonant, user-friendly, and data-driven.

VII. PRACTICAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND FUTURE RESEARCH DIRECTIONS

To effectively integrate the principles of shapes and colors, guided by the Honeycomb and Google HEART models, into web development workflows, designers and developers should adopt a systematic approach. First, they should begin with a clear definition of project objectives and user needs, leveraging the Honeycomb model to identify the most relevant facets, such as accessibility and desirability. For example, prioritizing high-contrast color palettes and accessible shapes can promote inclusive design, ensuring that all users can engage effectively.

TABLE I. COMPARATIVE EVALUATION OF UX FRAMEWORKS

Aspect	UX Honeycomb Model	Google HEART Model
Strengths	Provides a qualitative framework focusing on usability, accessibility, and desirability. Addresses cognitive and emotional engagement in UX. Encourages human-centered and ethical design.	Offers a quantitative, data-driven approach. Uses metrics (Happiness, Engagement, Adoption, Retention, Task Success) to track UX success. Helps optimize long-term user behavior and product performance.
Limitations	Lacks a structured quantitative measurement system. Relies on subjective interpretation, leading to potential inconsistencies.	Focuses heavily on user behavior analytics, sometimes overlooking cognitive and emotional factors. May miss psychological and cultural influences on UX.
Supporting Elements	Ensures that UX designs are usable, accessible, and engaging, while HEART measures their real-world impact. Adds an emotional and cognitive layer to HEART's functional and behavioral analysis. HEART's task success and engagement metrics validate the effectiveness of UX improvements guided by the Honeycomb model.	Quantifies the success of emotionally-driven design decisions suggested by the Honeycomb model. Helps UX teams track whether user-friendly and accessible designs enhance actual engagement and retention. Combines qualitative insights with empirical validation to create well-rounded UX strategies.

Concurrently, designers should utilize HEART model metrics, such as task success and engagement, to quantitatively measure the impact of design decisions throughout the iterative development stages [4][6]. Developers should incorporate tools and techniques to streamline this integration. Design systems and style guides can ensure the consistent application of color theory and geometric principles across projects. Wireframes and prototypes can help test the effectiveness of shapes and

colors in achieving usability and engagement goals early in the workflow. Additionally, implementing analytics tools can capture HEART metrics, enabling real-time assessment of how shapes and colors influence user interaction and satisfaction. This feedback loop enhances decision-making and supports agile development methodologies [12]. Furthermore, expanding the discussion of cultural and psychological aspects of UX design is crucial for enhancing the theoretical depth of the proposed framework and making it adaptable to diverse user demographics. Recent research underscores that cultural values and psychological preferences significantly influence users' perceptions of design elements, such as color schemes, shapes, and layouts. For example, studies show that users from different cultural backgrounds interpret colors differently; red may symbolize danger in one culture and celebration in another [1]. Similarly, geometric shapes evoke varying emotional responses depending on cultural and psychological contexts, which directly impacts user engagement and satisfaction [13]. Incorporating cultural and psychological insights into the framework ensures that it transcends a universal approach and embraces user diversity. By understanding and integrating these aspects, designers can create interfaces that resonate emotionally and cognitively with users across different demographics. Recent empirical studies, such as those exploring how cultural influences shape UX preferences, provide actionable insights for tailoring design elements to meet specific user expectations [14]. Furthermore, psychological principles, including Gestalt theories and emotional design, offer robust methods for predicting user behavior and enhancing engagement [15]. Adapting the proposed framework to include these elements not only bridges theoretical gaps but also aligns with global design standards, making it more inclusive and effective. Future research should prioritize exploring how cultural dimensions such as individualism versus collectivism or high-context versus low-context communication styles affect UX design strategies. By integrating such research-driven insights, the framework can evolve into a universally adaptable tool that balances cultural sensitivities with psychological principles, ensuring its relevance and utility in diverse contexts. Future research should explore advanced topics, such as the role of cultural and psychological factors in shape and color perception. Investigating how different demographics respond to specific color schemes and geometric layouts can guide the development of more personalized and globally applicable designs. Moreover, integrating AI-driven tools to analyze user behavior and predict the effectiveness of shapes and colors presents a promising direction. These insights can further refine UX frameworks like Honeycomb and HEART, enabling designers to create more effective, data-driven web applications that resonate deeply with diverse audiences [13]. Figure 4 illustrates a conceptual framework for integrating design elements, such as shapes and colors,

into the broader scope of web design, guided by the principles of the Honeycomb and Google HEART models.

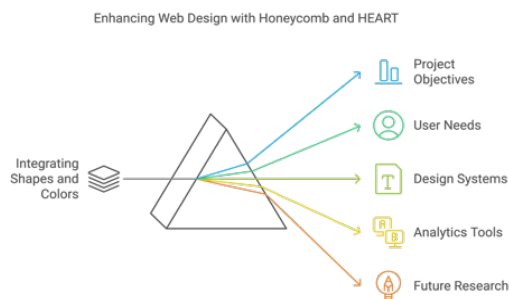


Figure 4. UX Frameworks Enhancement

The central visual is a triangular prism representing the fusion of shapes and colors, which branches out into five key aspects of the design process:

- **Project Objectives:** Represented by an upward arrow, this branch signifies the importance of aligning design choices with overall project goals, ensuring that all elements contribute to achieving the intended outcomes.
- **User Needs:** Depicted with a user icon, this aspect focuses on understanding and addressing the requirements and preferences of the target audience, ensuring a user-centered approach.
- **Design Systems:** Illustrated with a text icon, this branch emphasizes the role of cohesive and structured design systems in creating consistent and scalable user experiences.
- **Analytics Tools:** Symbolized by a bar graph, this component highlights the use of tools and metrics to analyze user behavior and evaluate the effectiveness of design choices in line with data-driven principles.
- **Future Research:** Represented by a light bulb icon, this aspect underscores the importance of ongoing exploration and innovation in web design, fostering continual improvement and adaptation to emerging trends.

Figure 4 encapsulates how the integration of visual design elements, coupled with strategic frameworks like Honeycomb and HEART, supports a holistic approach to web design that balances user satisfaction, measurable success, and forward-thinking innovation.

VIII. NEW ENHANCEMENT APPROACH

The integration of Google’s HEART framework and Peter Morville’s UX Honeycomb model presents an innovative approach to enhancing user experience by combining their complementary strengths. While the HEART model provides quantitative metrics, such as happiness, engagement, and task success, the UX Honeycomb offers qualitative insights into usability,

desirability, and credibility. By merging these two models, this approach creates a comprehensive framework that addresses both the functional and emotional dimensions of user experience, ensuring a holistic evaluation and design process. This integration distinguishes itself from existing models by introducing a dual evaluation system that simultaneously considers emotional resonance and functional effectiveness. Traditional frameworks often focus on either qualitative or quantitative aspects, leaving a gap between emotional engagement and measurable outcomes. By blending the Honeycomb’s emphasis on emotional and cognitive factors with HEART’s focus on actionable metrics, the combined framework ensures that user experiences are both meaningful and data-driven. For instance, while HEART measures task success, incorporating the Honeycomb’s principles of usability and accessibility ensures that these tasks are intuitive and inclusive. The inclusion of visual elements, such as geometric shapes and color theory, further distinguishes this approach. Rather than treating aesthetics as secondary, this framework integrates visual design strategies directly into its evaluation process. By employing high-contrast colors to enhance readability and geometric shapes to direct user attention, it creates a clear link between aesthetics and measurable user outcomes. This strategy not only improves user engagement and satisfaction but also provides actionable insights for designers to create interfaces that are both emotionally resonant and functionally efficient. Ultimately, this transformative combination changes the way user experience is evaluated and designed. By addressing the limitations of existing models and bridging the gap between qualitative and quantitative perspectives, this framework establishes a robust methodology that is adaptable to diverse design contexts. The research connects theoretical models with empirical findings, demonstrating how geometric shapes, organic layouts, and color schemes influence user experience. By incorporating cultural and psychological insights into UX frameworks, designers can create adaptable, inclusive, and effective digital platforms for diverse audiences (Index, report). This approach not only enhances the practical application of UX principles but also sets a new standard for creating interfaces that balance emotional depth with functional efficiency.

IX. CONCLUSION

This study explored the impact of geometric shapes and color schemes on user experience (UX) in web design, emphasizing their cognitive and emotional effects. By integrating the qualitative insights of the Honeycomb UX model with the quantitative metrics of Google’s HEART framework, the research provided a comprehensive approach to evaluating and improving UX design. The findings highlight that the strategic use of geometric shapes enhances usability, guides attention, and fosters engagement, while color schemes influence

readability, emotional responses, and brand identity. The comparative analysis of UX models demonstrated the benefits of combining emotional resonance with data-driven metrics to create designs that are both functionally effective and emotionally engaging. Practical recommendations underscored the importance of balancing aesthetics with usability through structured design methodologies, supported by empirical research and industry practices. For future research, further exploration of cultural and psychological influences on shape and color perception is essential to refine UX frameworks for diverse user demographics. Also, integrating AI-driven analytics to assess user behavior in real time can enhance the predictive power of UX models. By continuously evolving UX design strategies through interdisciplinary research and technological advancements, designers can develop more inclusive, adaptive, and engaging digital experiences.

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