

User Experience Resources

(aka UX, UE, and UI design)

Local User Groups

These are the best places to meet practitioners and learn some of the language of UX. And they're **free!**

- SandCHI (www.sandchi.org): meets **2nd Tuesday of each month** (except November and December), at Websense (Sorrento Valley), 6-7:30pm, followed by dinner nearby. Focuses on practice and tools of user experience. Recent meetings addressed emotional design and eye tracking. Mailing list includes job openings.
- UXSIG (uxsig.org): meets **4th Tuesday of each month** (except November and December), at Intuit (off SR 56), 5:30-7:00pm. Focuses on critiquing usability of in-development websites, web applications, desktop applications. Presenters have included [Proflowers](#), [Red Envelope](#), and the [Protein Data Bank](#)

Professional Groups

Besides the above groups, consider

- [Usability Professionals' Association](#)
- Association for Computing Machinery, [Computer-Human Interaction special interest group](#)
- [STC Usability & User Experience special interest group](#)
- [Interaction Design Association](#) (IxDA)
- Human Factors and Ergonomics Society ([San Diego Chapter](#))

Web Resources

Many of the above resources have links to great information resources. Here are some I've collected. Note that many of these have Twitter feeds, too.

- [The UX Bookmark](#): take a look at a recent postings on [usability maxims](#) and [free online books](#)
- [UX Booth](#): take a look at recommendations for [blogs to read](#)
- [useit.com](#): Jakob Nielsen's site
- [Smashing Magazine](#): take a look at their [wireframing resource list](#)
- [webdesigner depot](#): take a look at [best practices for 6 common UI elements](#)
- [UX Exchange](#): Q&A from practitioners
- [user experience network](#) look at the [Organizations links](#)
- [UX matters](#)
- [Boxes and Arrows](#): covers design and content
- [Useful Usability](#): see 15 [valuable usability PDFs](#) you never heard of
- [UI Style Guides](#)
- [User Interface Engineering](#): Jared Spool's firm
- [Nielsen Norman Group](#):

Twitter peeps

Scratching the surface... You'll find many more in their tweets!

- Joshua Porter @bokardo
- Boxes and Arrows @boxesandarrows
- Ben Skelton @bskelton
- Craig Tomlin @ctomlin
- Dustin Curtis @dcurtis
- Detzi @detzi
- Robert Fabricant @fabtweet
- Habanero Consulting @HabaneroConsult
- Kristina Halvorson @halvorson
- Jan Jursa @IATV
- IxDA @ixda
- Jane Pyle @janepyle
- Jason Robb @jasonrobb
- Jeff Axup @jeffaxup
- Jerome Ryckborst @JeromeR
- Jared Spool @jmspool
- Julie Espinosa @julieespinosa
- Karen McGrane @karenmcgrane
- Nick Finck @nickf
- Nielson Norman Group @NNgroup
- Rachel Lovinger @rlovinger
- Steve Krug @skrug
- Doug Bowman @stop
- Patrick Neeman @usabilitycounts
- Usability.gov @usabilitygov
- David Travis @userfocus
- UUXManager @UUXManager
- UXBooth @UXBooth
- UX Magazine @uxmag
- UXTweets @UXTweets
- Will Sansbury @Willsansbury