

Form follows function

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Usability versus design

The basic rule for any design is “form follows function”. If an object has to perform a certain function, its design must support that function to the fullest extent possible. This goes for industrial design and even more for web design. If the form of a website becomes a goal in itself, instead of a means to an end, the website will most likely not work.

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A good example for form follows function or vice-versa would be Yahoo! and Google in the early days. While Yahoo! had all the flashy looks, Google just had a text field and a submit button.

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Form follows function asks us to use the function as a guide for form design.

