



## Wrap-up

#### Overview

- Seeking feedback on some plans for the near future
  - New conceptual labeling methods
  - High-level language for visual routines
  - Authoring support for education
  - Other "sweet spots" for education?
  - Building a community
- Discussion: What would you like to do with CogSketch?





## **Current Conceptual Labeling Schemes**



🖳 Glyph Properties

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Wide breadth High reasoning support High entry barrier

Narrow breadth High reasoning support Low entry barrier

Wide breadth No reasoning support Low entry barrier

# **Glyph Button Bars**

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- Associate domain symbols with predefined layer types
  - Use drag and drop to fill out information
- Can scale to  $10^3$  glyph types
- Only makes sense if learning visual symbols is part of domain learning

Draw

4. Draw ink

for the

glyph



# Plan: Explore NLU for labeling

- Use string as input to natural language system
  - Lexical lookup
  - Phrase parsing
  - Use context of sketch to help disambiguate
  - If uninterpretable, fall
     back to just recording
     string



😫 Label your drawing	
is a Cloud	OK Cancel

- Resources
  - WordNet/OpenCyc links already in KB
  - Exploring VerbNet for subcat frames to import
  - Existing simplified
     English NLU system
     (EA NLU) using
     ResearchCyc KB
     contents



#### Modalities for entering non-spatial information

- Examples: intended behavior, purpose of design, Q/A in tutoring, ...
- Simplified English NLP
  - Same infrastructure for conceptual labeling, plus discourse processing
  - Progress in language-based tutors suggests that this may be feasible for particular types of tasks
- Form-filling
  - Much less flexible, but very practical
  - Can use same word/phrase parsing as conceptual labeling







#### **Smoother Interface Mechanics**

- Annoyance: Button presses to start/stop glyph drawing
  - Improvement: Right-click for start/stop as option
  - Speech commands another option in some settings
  - Open question: How can automatic segmentation be made usable?
    - Needs to be extremely reliable
    - Needs robust error recovery
    - Need to allow user intervention if necessary





# Continue extending CogSketch into broad-scale model of human visual-spatial processing

- Accurate simulation of human performance
  - Evans, RPM, Visual
     Oddity
  - Expand: Sorby,
    Vandenberg, Paper
    Folding, etc.
- Explain individual & group differences via parameters and ablation

 Goal: Convergence of model as number of phenomena captured grows



## **Visual Routines Language**

- Rapid convergence of techniques used to solve various visual tasks
  - But all of the simulations are written in Lisp code, driving CogSketch internal operations
- Possible approach: Define high-level declarative language for writing visual routines
  - Constrained to psychologically plausible operations
  - Support uploading of new routines by CogSketch users
  - May provide a simpler way to program CogSketch than the API





#### **Other "sweet spots" in education?**

- Working hypothesis: Sketch-based educational software could have great benefits for education
- Worksheets: Simple, practical, low entry barrier
- Design Buddy: Complex, but could raise the bar for intelligent tutoring systems
- Where else should we be looking?





# **Building a Community**

- Add "phone home" facility for gathering data from willing users
  - Identities scrubbed for privacy reasons
- Provide on-line archive for researchers to access submitted sketches
- Build distribution site for worksheets
  - Goal: Create an "ecology" of worksheet users





#### Discussion

- You've now seen the current state of CogSketch
- What might you be interested in doing with it?
- How might we extend it to help you do that?



