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[Apple / Macromedia](#) - gotomedia designs templates for a new product bundle.

[WebEx](#) - The WebEx site benefits from a usability and design overhaul.

[FDIC](#) - gotomedia uses customer ethnography to define content reorganization.

NEWS & EVENTS

01.26.05 // [Digital Web Magazine](#) talks to Kelly Goto about the newest version of her already successful book and the need to move forward with the New Usability.

12.14.04 // [Web Redesign 2.0](#). The new edition is packed full of tips, tricks, and valuable resources. More useful then ever! Makes a great gift (for some people).

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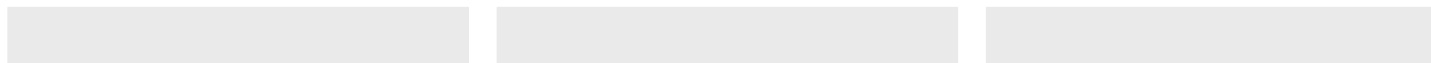
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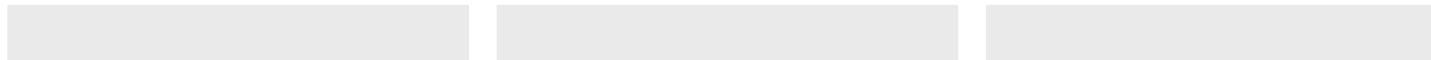
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"gotomedia has always taken the time to understand our business goals and has consistently produced quality results, even under the tightest of deadlines. This consultative approach played a key role in helping NetContinuum establish a unique brand identity in the crowded web security market." — Wes Wasson, VP of Marketing and Chief Strategy Officer, NetContinuum, Inc.

Our recent work includes new product launches for [Macromedia & Apple](#), and [Adobe](#), and consulting and design for [FDIC](#), [WebEx](#), and [Blue Cross/Blue Shield](#). Our approach is simple. Allow us to understand your needs and design an appropriate solution.

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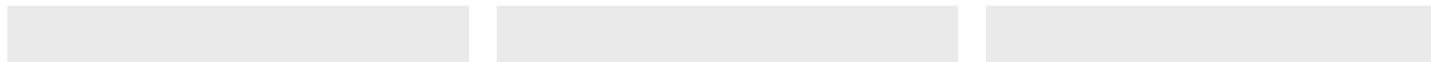
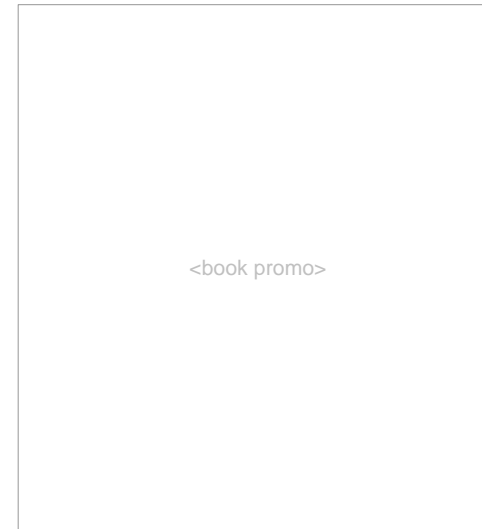
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This section is a growing resource, a reference and an expressive part of our own philosophy of simplicity and utility. You'll find practical experience and examples designed to inspire, educate and help you hone your skills to meet the challenges of our evolving design and technology world.

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- Kelly Goto's and Emily Cotler's book, [Web ReDesign, Workflows that Works](#)
- The Macromedia authored [techniques section](#)
- Suggested reading: [Articles and links](#)
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There's a lot going on. Take a look at the calendar below for upcoming conferences, seminars and workshops during 2005. Times and dates may change so please check back for updates. Also check out the [gotoreport](#), a quarterly publication exploring evolution and innovation in the interaction design industry. Read about gotomedia in the [press](#) or see the team's [awards](#).

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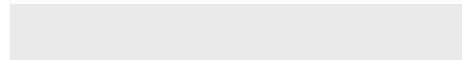
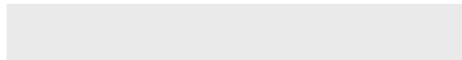
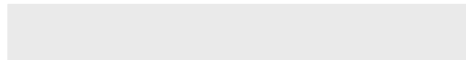
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




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LETTER FROM THE PUBLISHER




As you read this issue of the gotoreport, I'm working remotely from New Zealand. My personal and professional goal has been to build a company flexible and stable enough to allow the freedom of work and travel. I am not the only one of our team who has taken extended work/travel leaves this year. Our team has been literally all over the world. We are multicultural, travel lovers who are fascinated with understanding how content and technology translate in different cultures. Immersing one's self into a different culture allows us to see what is similar, and what is different. It's the basis for ethnography and why gotomedia strives to truly bridge the gap between design and research. It's also the perfect time to bring you [an interview with Genevieve Bell](#), a cultural anthropologist for Intel. The interview is one of the many enlightened conversations we've been having while we get out from our desks, explore the world, and formulate new understandings on the current state of global research, design and usability.

And with the launch of WebEx and LiveOps recently, questions regarding the role of a Content Manager keep emerging. I felt it necessary to put together a 2-part guide on

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[Content Management: Whose Job Is It Anyway?](#). Read it and forward it to copywriters and marketing managers who seem confused. There should be many! Next, Dave Rogers, in his User Advocate Column, speaks on the role of the [Usable Consultant](#) And our Creative Director Serena Howeth flips roles as she discusses effective client communication in her new article, [Lessons from the Hair Stylist](#)

As always, we welcome your feedback!

Kelly Goto

Principal, gotomedia, inc.

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[Culture Matters: An Interview with Genevieve Bell](#)

By Kelly Goto and Subha Subramaniam

Genevieve Bell, a cultural anthropologist working at Intel, motivates us to study the nuances of different cultures and challenge our most common technological assumptions. [Read More](#)

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The Usable Consultant

BY DAVE ROGERS



In the callow days of my career, I held consultants in awe. They drove fancy cars, wore great suits, carried themselves with certain gravity and always had quick answers to our problems. After a few years, their magic lost some luster. Too many were impolite, even brusque. Others didn't understand our business, trying to force our square peg into the round holes of their preordained methodologies.

I eventually realized that there are people-centered consultants and process-centered consultants - usable consultants and unusable consultants.

Applying usability (which typically refers to systems) to living, breathing human beings isn't a perfect fit. Take a look at the ISO definition (9241-11) for usability:

...the extent to which a product can be used by specified users to achieve specified goals with effectiveness, efficiency and satisfaction in a specified context of use.

As a user experience specialist, I don't like to think of people as products. So I modified the ISO

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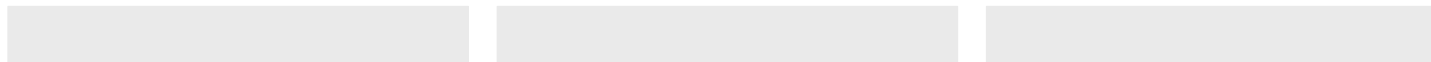
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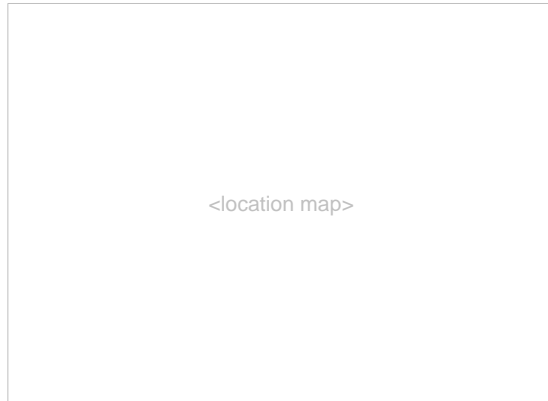
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