

## 7.0a information architecture considerations

findings	impact on design
the OM2 address book user is a non expert who may be familiar with outlook but who might even use a paper diary and calendar	implement web objects in their original state. Let buttons be buttons and links be links.
our user may have limited experience of using web-based forms	Create form-based interfaces in such a way as to add features and complexity gradually, after starting with a basic form (label on the left, input box on the right)
we don't know what the relationship will be between searchers and browsers	make the browsing experience very fluid. Avoid break points by looping listings where possible

### IA considerations for the creation of the address book module. The Carousel information model and considerations of user expectations.

The carousel model has been chosen for testing as it exposes the address book functions in what is thought to be an easily understood manner.

The attached visuals show the model at work.

#### Add users

The carousel is a tray that rotates. When a new address book record is created, the person is added to the carousel in such a way as to maintain alphabetical order.

#### Select point of view

To browse the carousel's contents the user rotates it so the names which fall within a given letter grouping appear at the front of the platter.

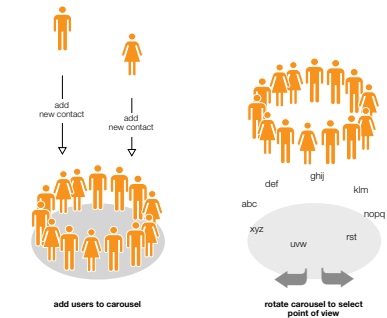
#### Select style of delivery for chosen content

Those address book items which are at the front of the tray may then be styled or otherwise filtered. For example, the front of the platter might show "HIJ" items. The user may then opt to view those letters in card, list or single-record display.

From a design point of view this means the presentation of the addresses (card, list etc) is divorced from the item's position in the alphabetical display.

#### Main points for developers

- when an interface reaches "Z" it doesn't stop, it loops through to "A"
- the interface that shows "def" also makes "abc" and "ghi" easily accessible or even already visible
- the user will expect to be able to 'spin' the carousel so that movement from a single address book record to the ones before it and after it should be made as simple as possible



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