

Zaagh, of Steek-zaagh	Domme-kraght	Mokers
Yzere Wiggen	Brandt-yzer	Hout-haak
Spaander-haak	Een Klaas Jacobzen	Tange
Nagel-hamer	Wigge	Oor-houten
Kluften	Hellen	Steven-haken
Hevels en Klein-touwen	Een Koe-voet	Schot-bouten
Yzere ram	Avegaar	Een hout Ram
Een groote Wigge	Teer-ketel	Slyp-steen
Een Mal	Rye	Hout-bok
Schraagh	Vlotten	Een Slee
Dwars-slee	Kaap-stander	Bytels
Klavaats-hamer	Rabat-yzer	Klavaats-yzer
Spyker-yzer	Werk-bytel	Duim-stok
Schraper	Een Moker	Spyker-hamertje
Een Roffel	Gerf-schaaf	Odief
Ploegen	Handt-zaagh	Klamp-spykers-boor
tien duims Boor	Dissel	Byl

This list is derived from 'De Materie', a musical composition of Louis Andriessen. Long ago, the instruments listed here were used in ship-building.

We thrive in information–thick worlds because of our marvelous and everyday capacity to select, edit, single out, structure, highlight, group, pair, merge, harmonize, synthesize, focus, organize, condense, reduce, boil down, choose, categorize, catalog, classify, list, abstract, scan, look into, idealize, isolate, discriminate, distinguish, screen, pigeonhole, pick over, sort, integrate, blend, inspect, filter, lump, skip, smooth, chunk, average, approximate, cluster, aggregate, outline, summarize, itemize, review, dip into, flip through, browse, glance into, leaf through, skim, refine, engulf, glean, synopsis, winnow the wheat from the chaff and separate the sheaves.

Intergrating text and graphics graphics in a T_EX–METAPOST environment not only is thrilling, but also introduced new concepts. But, looking at this list as composed by E. Tufte, humans are capable to deal with those.

Thus, I came to the conclusion that the designer of a new system must not only be the implementer and first large-scale user; the designer should also write the first user manual. The separation of any of these four components would have hurt TeX significantly. If I had not participated fully in all these activities, literally hundreds of improvements would never have been made, because I would never have thought of them or perceived why they were important. But a system cannot be successful if it is too strongly influenced by a single person. Once the initial design is complete and fairly robust, the real test begins as people with many different viewpoints undertake their own experiments.

Wasn't it Donald Knuth who has said this? But what system is he talking about?