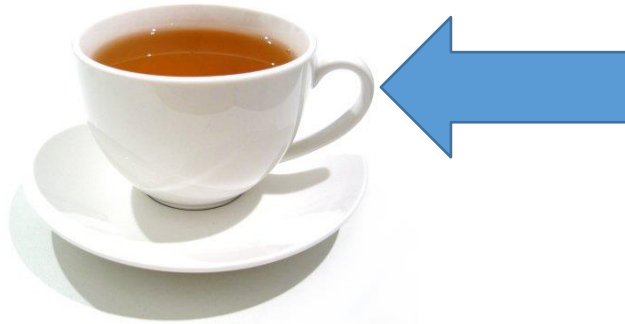# Affordance and Metaphores

Affordance

- The properties of an object that allow people to know how to use it

Cup handles are an obvious affordance. They afford ("are for") grasping and lifting

- To afford = "give a clue"

- It should be obvious how to interact with an object

  -e.g. mouse buttons look like they should be clicked down

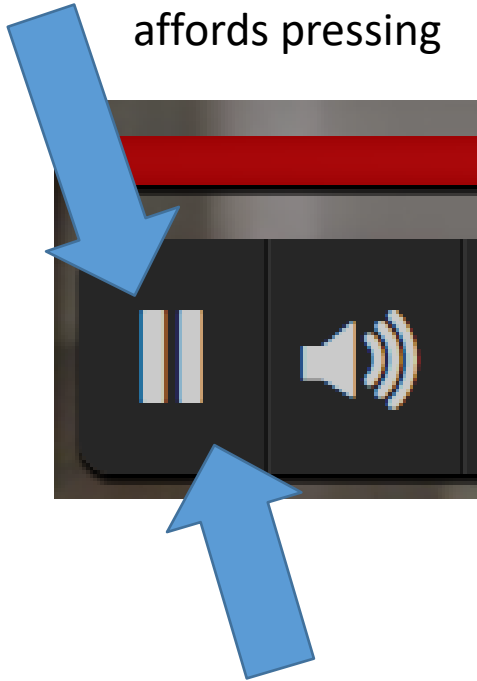Handles on doors afford pulling

Plates on doors afford pushing

No signs required

Metaphors vs affordances

Affordance
The button shape is an affordance, it affords pressing

Affordance
Affords grasping the circle to pull it side to side

Metaphor
Matching the real world pause button of tape players

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