Intensifying User Stories

Some ideas for making stories become more valuable.
There is no complete list; these have been used many times.

Add Intelligence

- Automate common behaviors e.g., spell-check, auto-fill
- Anticipate ("more like this")
- Sophisticated matching (sound, image)
- Infer relationships/patterns e.g., drawing guides
- Enforce/bend constraints
- Generalize

Increase Control

- Manage multiple items
- More precise specifications e.g., bool & proximity search
- Monitor: status, levels, alarms
- "Tools" e.g., image filters

Remember History

- Track provenance
- Store/retrieve past versions
- Compare
- Record interaction (e.g., query) or results
- Favorites
- History - where you've been

Engage Emotionally

- Storytelling/Drama
- Community
- Gamification
- Reward Schedule

Build Community

- Connect/find/follow
- Share
- Reputation
- Reward

Collaborate

- Multiple users
- Annotate
- Review
- Merge

Provide Help

- Tutorial/Guide
- Wizard
- FAQ
- Hints
- Live Support

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Control Time

- Reverse / fast-forward
- Step
- Shuttle
- Isolate

Transform Data

- Normalize/Encode
- Summarize
- Filter
- Group / Chunk / Segment
- Sort
- Smooth / Fit to Model

Enrich Information

- Connections between objects
- Self-revealing objects (e.g., hover, open for more info.)
- Import / Export

Engage Visually

- Visualize
- Preview
- Pan / Zoom
- Animate
- Locate ("You are here")
- Coordinated views

Engage Physically

- Touch
- Orientation
- Location
- Physical Objects
- Display / Sound