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**UX Design @Adobe**

Design new GenAI features  
for Adobe Express



**Digital Design @Bandujo**

4+ years, leading digital design  
for JPMorgan Chase



Adobe Creative Cloud Express

# Interoperability + creative expression for web content

Moon Cho  
Experience Design Intern  
Authoring Design team at Adobe Express

# TRUE ICE CREAM

No, girl! I don't like all these ice creams and frozen juices...  
When I was a kid I liked it, of course, but I don't know what  
else I like. Kids have the usual, white chocolate-  
covered... And what's that lilac soap you have? Mrpops?  
I'll take the bright yellow one, what's that? Mango-  
maracaya! Oh, it's cold! And what's that crunching on your  
teeth? Soap... cool! And can I bring this pink one, too?



FLAVORS



# Overview

## ROLES

Experience Design intern for Adobe Express

## RESPONSIBILITIES

**User research:** competitive analysis, user interviews, task analysis

**UX design:** brainstorming, design iterations of low&high fidelity wireframes

## DURATION

May 2023 – August 2023 (12 weeks)

## PROJECT SCOPE

MVP and fast-follow work (P0-P1)  
Blue-sky concept (P2-P3)

## TEAM

Authoring design team  
Manager: Mila Levkovsky  
Mentors: Lilian Lin, Kathie Xiao

## OUTCOME

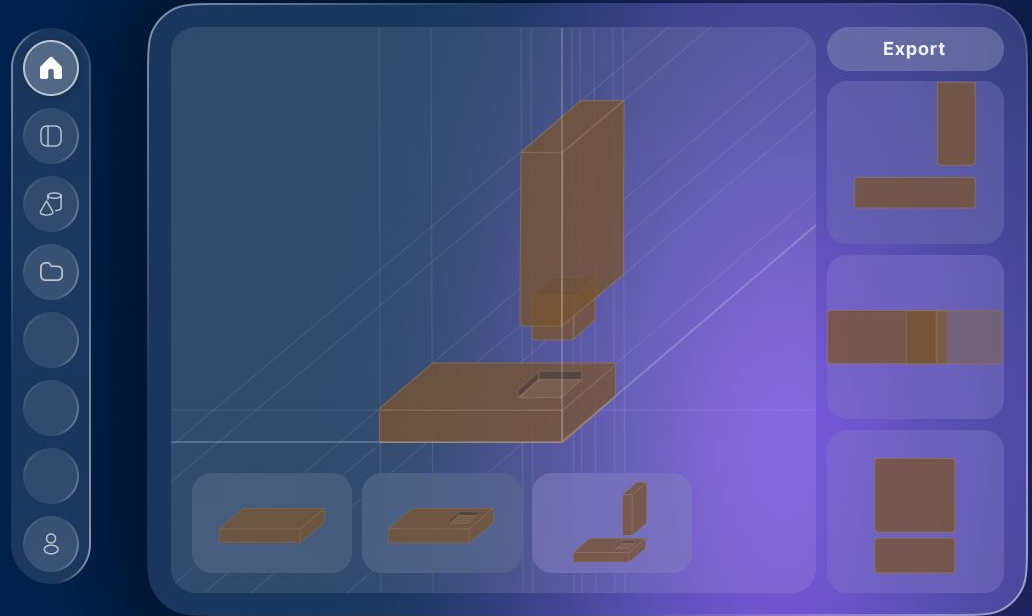
- Shared with leadership
- Influenced the future vision of the product
- Impacted the strategic planning of resources and investment for the future framework

**Contact me if you're interested!**

*The project is under NDA, so it cannot be shown or described to public in detail.*

# VR prototyping tool

Design an intuitive virtual  
prototyping tool for non-professional  
furniture designers



# Overview

## PROJECT TYPE

Academic project, VR product development

## DURATION

Oct 2022 - Dec 2022 (3 months)

## TEAM

- **Product designer: Moon Cho**
- Engineer: Aaron Li, Nian Tong
- PhD Mentor: J.D. Zamfirescu-Pereira

## MY CONTRIBUTION

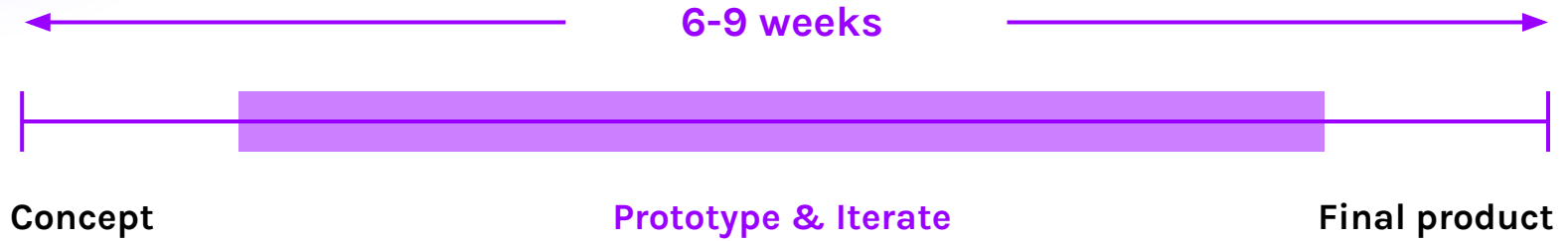
- UX Research
- UX Design
- VR Interface Design

## Who is our target user?

Non-professional **furniture designers** who **prototype** with raw materials and tools to test and improve their design







## What's the problem?

Workspace, budget, and safety limitations in physical prototyping hinder **effective evaluation** in furniture design, and screen-based prototyping **lacks** real-scale visibility.

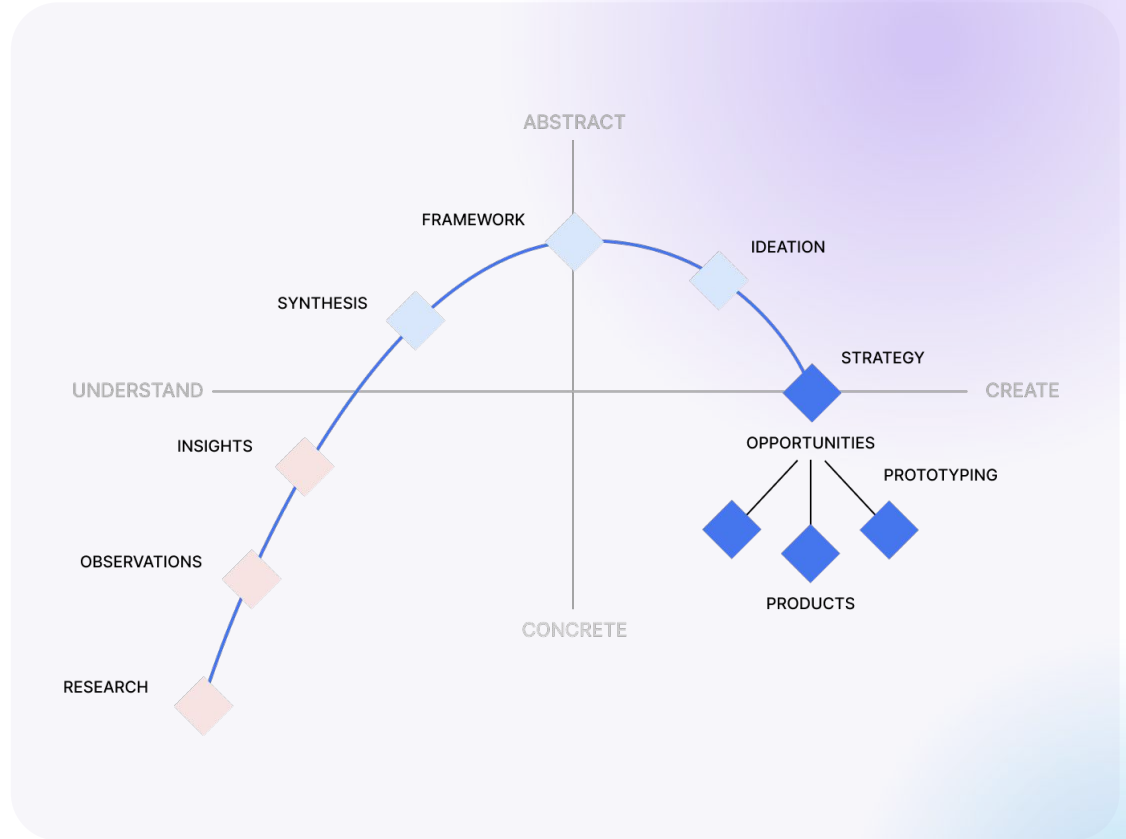
## What's the goal?

Develop a **user-friendly** and **intuitive** prototyping tool to accelerate the furniture design process.

**How might we  
make furniture prototyping more accessible  
and intuitive for non-professionals?**



# Problem-solving strategy

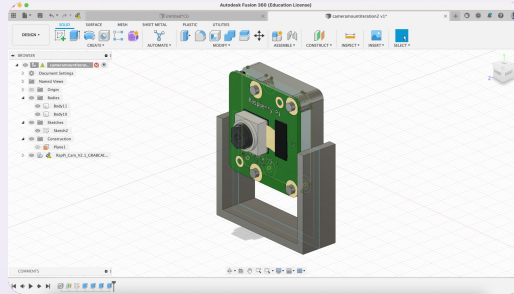


## Identify problem areas



### Physical tools & makerspaces

- Materials
- Hand tools
- Power tools



### Screen-based software

- 3D CAD
- 3D computer graphics



### Virtual Reality software

- 3D design
- 3D sketch

## Conduct user interview to understand pain points and needs

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Working with power machines is **daunting**. It requires significant **training** and **experience** to avoid accidents, making it stressful.



**Tyshon**  
Physical prototyping

"

It's frustrating when CAD software fails to offer a sense of **real perspective and scale** on screen, making it hard to visualize the final product.



**Grace**  
Digital prototyping

"

I don't prototype personal projects because I **lack access** to a maker space or workshop with raw materials and tools.



**Alex**  
General prototyping



STAGES



PRODUCT DEFINITION & CONCEPT FEASIBILITY

TEST USABILITY & ITERATED DESIGN

TEST FUNCTIONALITY & ITERATE PROTOTYPE

IMPLEMENT

OBJECTIVES

Generate a product idea	Create an initial design	Validate/ Verify	Physical prototype	Review results of prototype	Re-design in 3D CAD	Re-validate/ Re-verify	Produce a final design	Test a product
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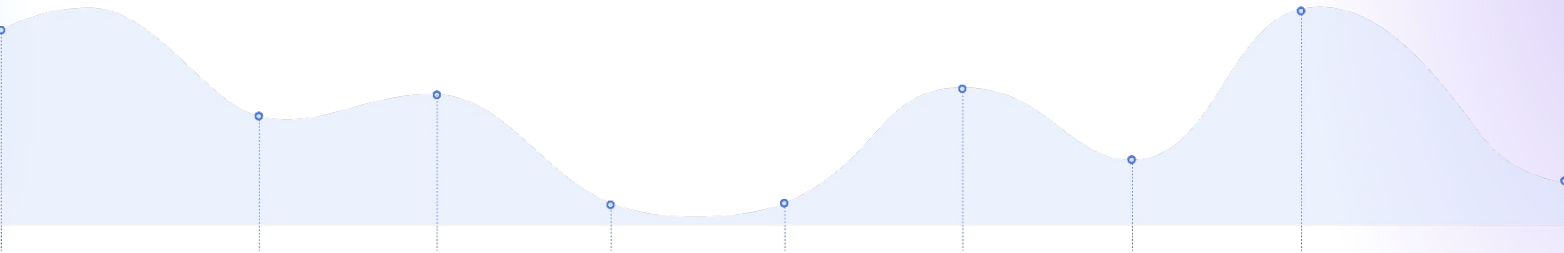
THINK & DO

- Generate a product idea:**
  - Come up with an idea what product I want to make.
  - Is it a product what user will need?
  - How can I make the product in reasonable cost with best quality?
  - I need to check the feasibility of my product and I need to compromise my idea.
  - What should I consider for before execution of my product?
- Create an initial design:**
  - Create the initial design by drawing a sketch on sketchbook.
  - How can I sketch from scratch?
  - Does my sketch describe the concept of my product visually well?
  - My drawing and sketching are hard to understand
  - It is confusing to think beforehand and plan ahead.
  - I want to determine exact dimension of my product.
- Validate/ Verify:**
  - Check the initial design for functional correctness.
  - How big this product will be?
  - How many tools and materials do I need for creating this product?
  - Is it going to work or not?
  - Where can I buy tools and materials?
  - Where can I make a prototype? I have no access to work space.
  - What is a better shape and appearance for this function?
- Physical prototype:**
  - Create a physical prototype of the design and test the functionality of the design.
  - It is hard to design specific point for join together.
  - It is challenging to bring all parts together and assemble them.
  - I prefer to use cardboard and foamboard because they are cheap and easy to make.
  - I feel I need more training and experience to use power tools. They are so scary.
- Review results of prototype:**
  - Identify whether the design functions as expected and identify any issues raised and/or problems with the design that need to be resolved.
  - First time never succeeded. I need to buy materials again to prototype again.
  - I tried multiplied times, but I don't like it at all.
  - I'm continuously finding the weakness of my product.
- Re-design in 3D CAD:**
  - Based on the issues and problems identified, undertake a product redesign to address them in 3D CAD.
  - It is hard to get real interaction with bending materials and not giving me intuitive feedback.
  - It is hard to imagine curve surface in different angles.
  - How can I set constraints correctly in CAD?
  - I feel huge learning curve in the software. CAD software is difficult to navigate.
- Re-validate/ Re-verify:**
  - Check the new product design for functional correctness.
  - How can I imagine real scale of my product?
  - There's no physical collision on the screen, so it is difficult to validate its functionality.
  - It is hard to test and take their feedback of physical interaction.
  - Why do 3D printing pieces not fit together? It's troublesome to print and retest.
- Produce a final design:**
  - Once the design has been passed as functionally correct, then it is produced with actual materials and tools.
  - Is every materials and tools ready for final production?
  - It is the last time I can make any mistake before producing the final product.
  - I should have been more conscious and prepared for making things.
  - If I make any mistake at this stage, it will cost a lot.
- Test a product:**
  - The final product is tested to identify any failures created by the production process.
  - How can I improve it more?
  - I should double check if my final product is produced exactly what I wanted
  - Does my product function correctly?
  - Is it ready to submit or give it to user?

FEEL

- Generate a product idea:** Excited, motivated, full of drive, confident, calm
- Create an initial design:** Little confused, dispirited, wandering
- Validate/ Verify:** Worried, concentrated
- Physical prototype:** Afraid of getting hurt, fear of cutting myself, disappointed or result
- Review results of prototype:** Dissatisfied with the prototype, feel overwhelmed by time-consuming, annoyed
- Re-design in 3D CAD:** Tired of multiple iterations, feel uncomfortable in navigating software
- Re-validate/ Re-verify:** Annoyed, tired, uncomfortable with getting feedback
- Produce a final design:** Excited but anxious, uncertain and exhausted
- Test a product:** Fulfillment and feel satisfied on the final product

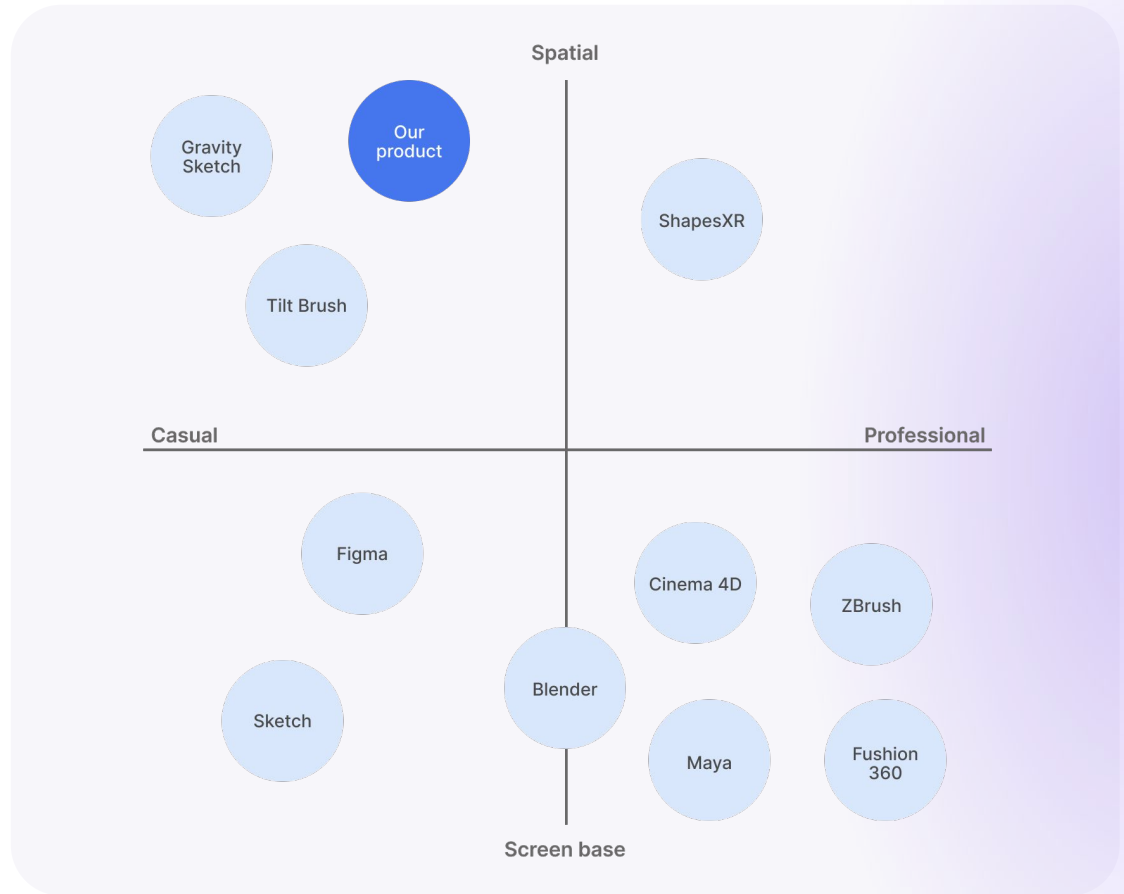
EMOTION FLOWS

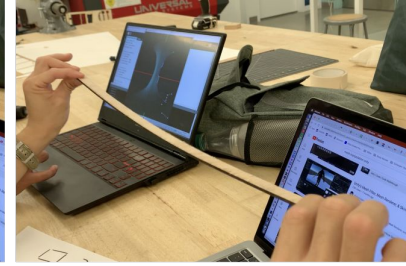
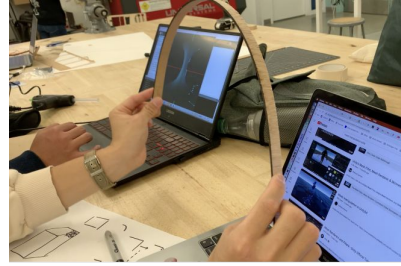


PAIN POINTS

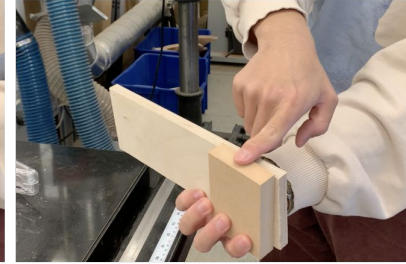
- Generate a product idea:** Lack of motivation and hard to overcome laziness.
- Create an initial design:** Lack of confident in hand drawing and sketching.
- Validate/ Verify:** Hard to plan ahead what materials and tools to buy and how it will function.
- Physical prototype:** Have fear of getting hurt and stress of workshop training.
- Review results of prototype:** Lack of materials and tools. Limited access to enough scale of work space.
- Re-design in 3D CAD:** Hard to navigate in CAD software and see real scale of the product.
- Re-validate/ Re-verify:** Hard to get intuitive feedback.
- Produce a final design:** Tired of time-consuming multiple iterations.
- Test a product:** Less satisfied because of lack of prototyping iterations.

# Differentiate our product from competitors

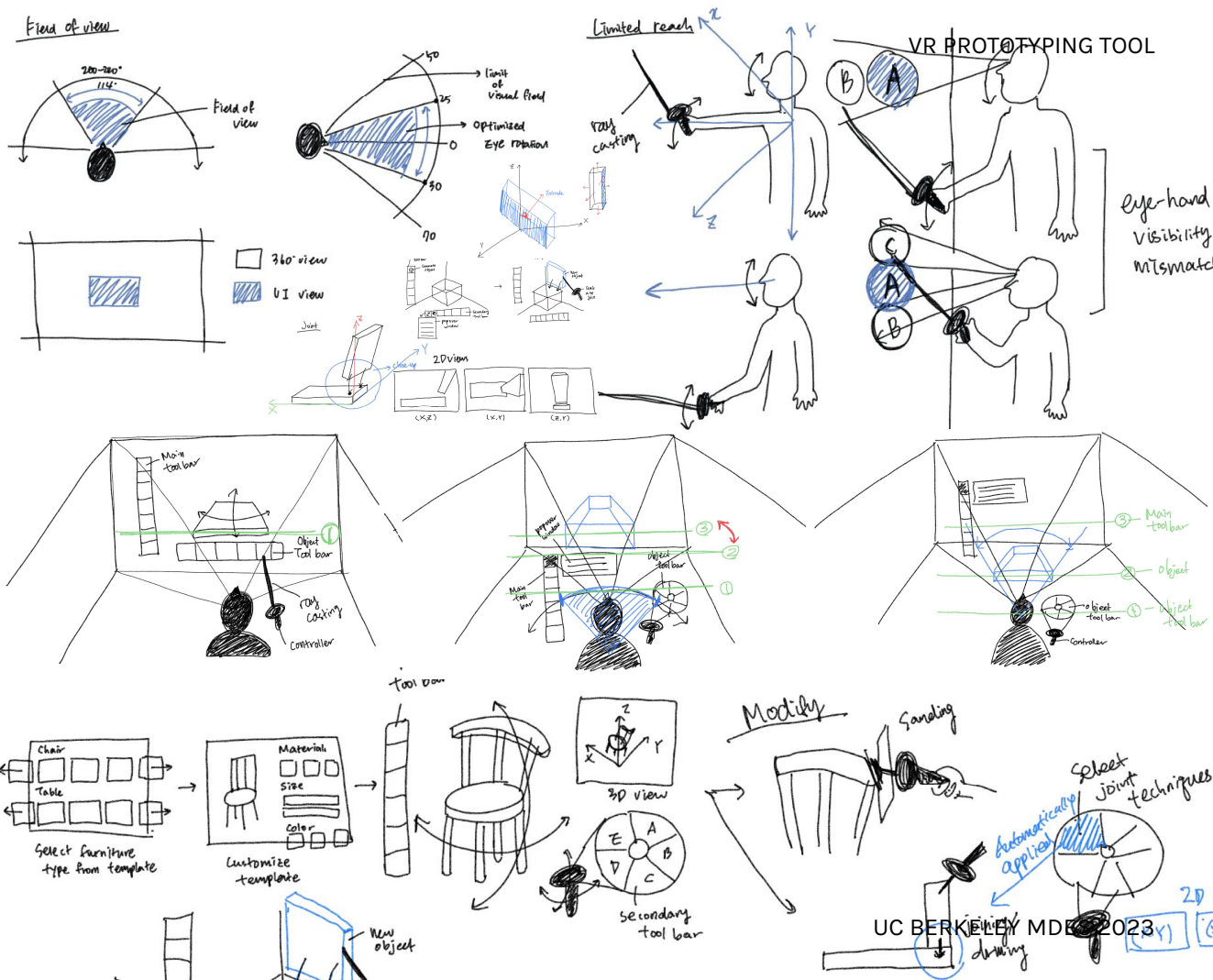




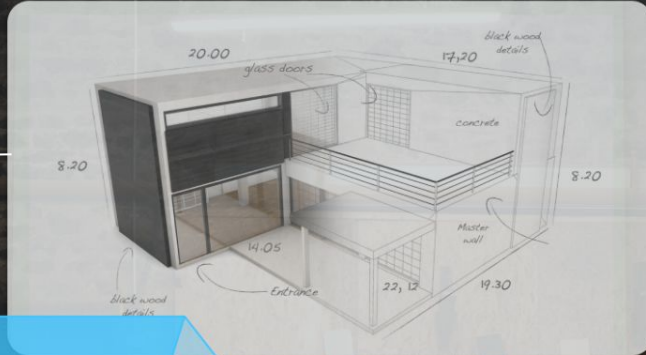
# Understand user's behavior & analyze its pattern



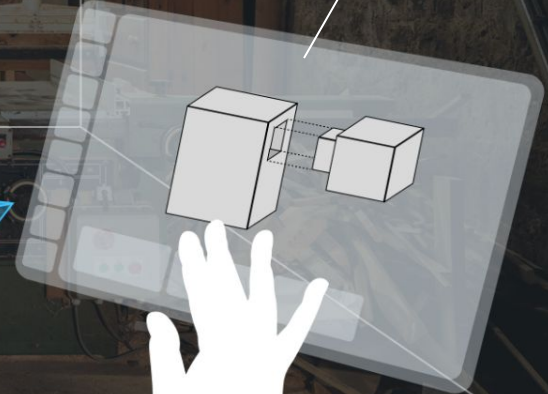
# Apply findings to the product ideation



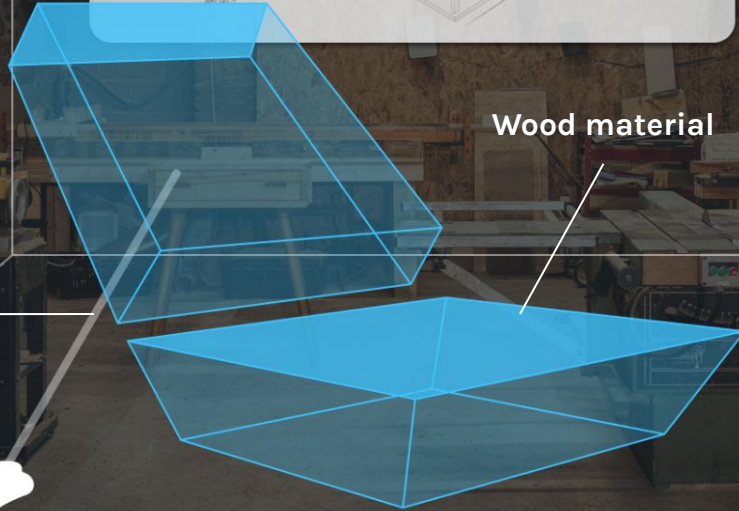
Large screen for design/assembly instruction



Tool/control screen



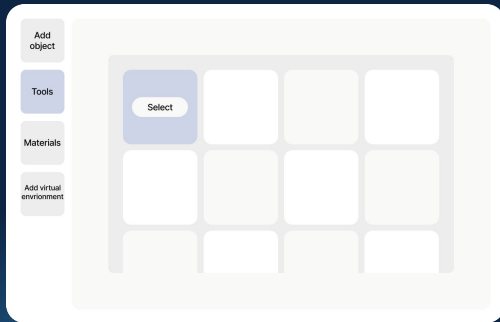
Wood material



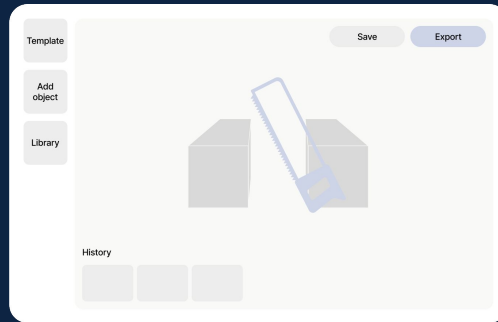
Ray casting grab

# Process overview

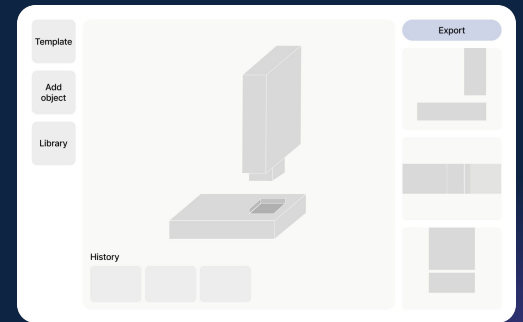
## 1st prototype “Too complex”



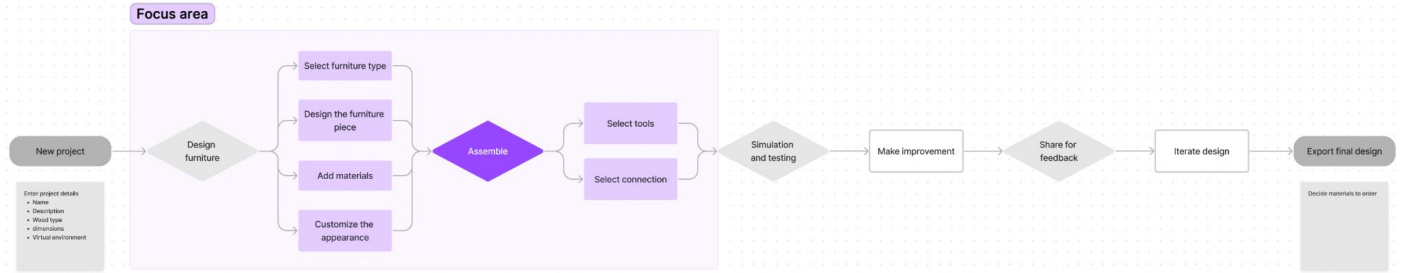
## 2nd prototype “Disoriented perspective”



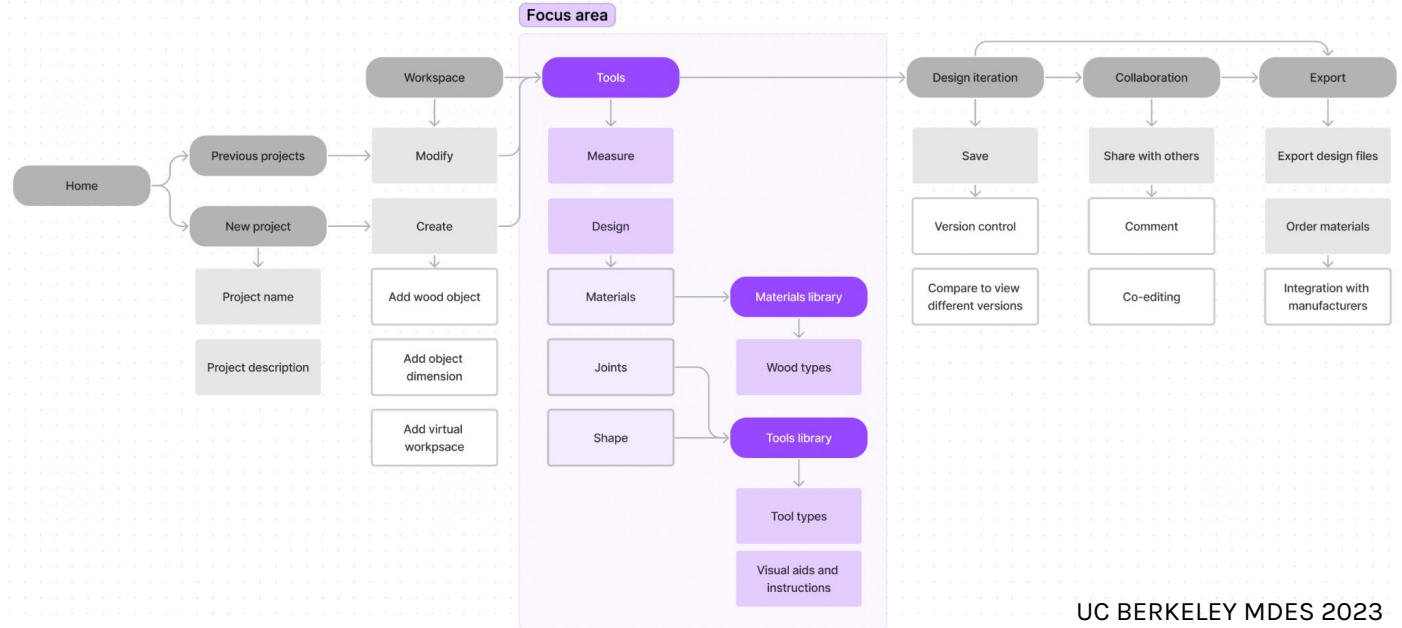
## 3rd prototype “Simple and intuitive!”



# User flow

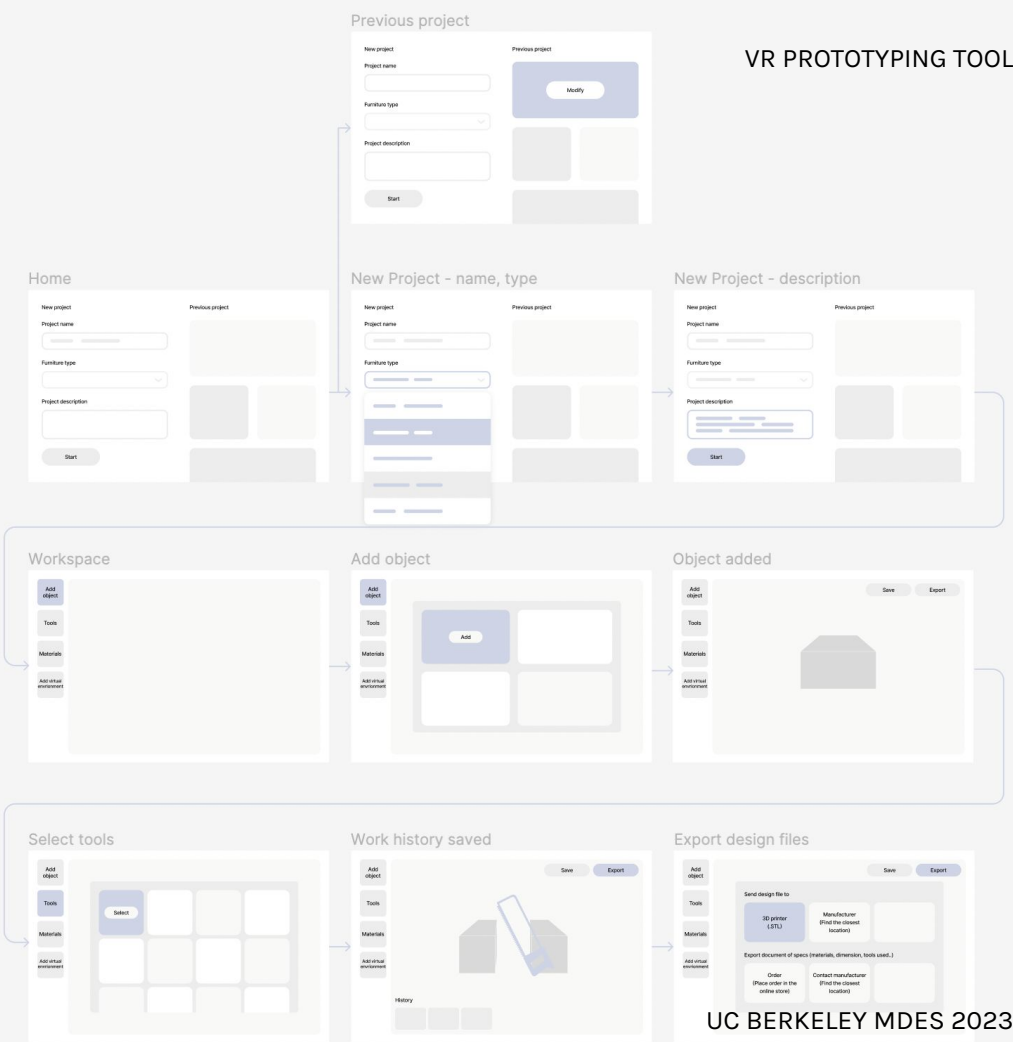


# Information architecture



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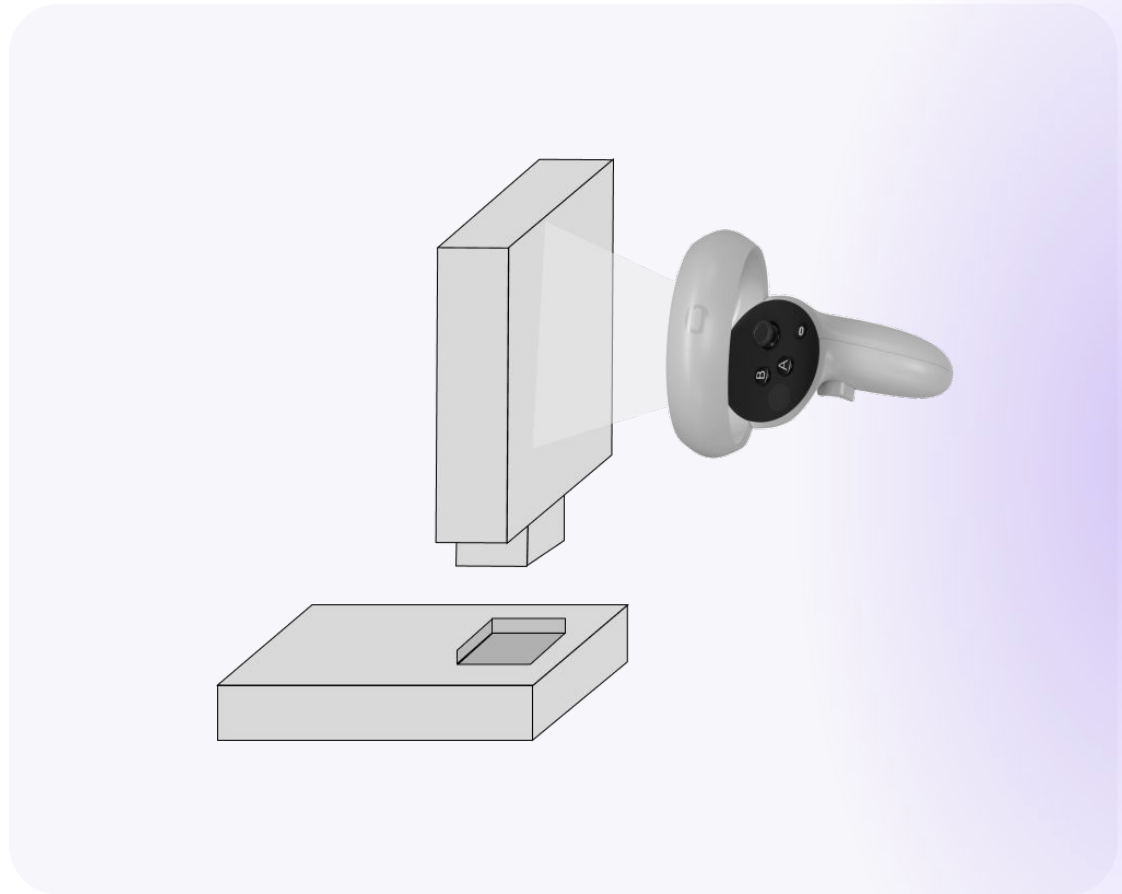
# Mid-fi prototype of user interface



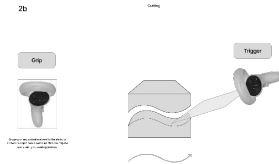
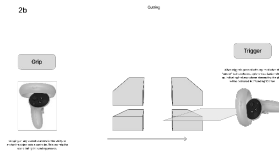
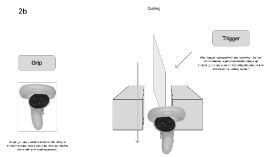
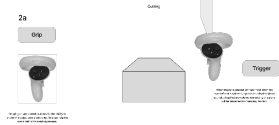
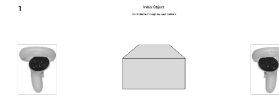
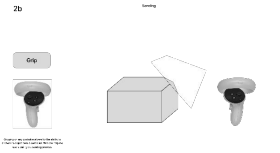
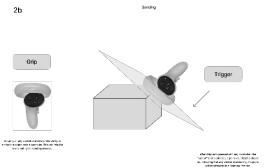
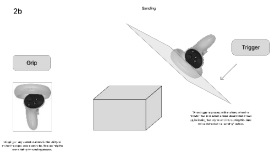
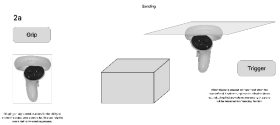
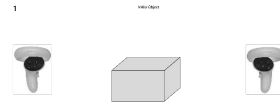
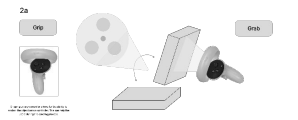
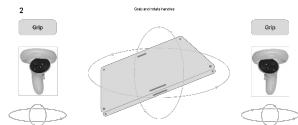
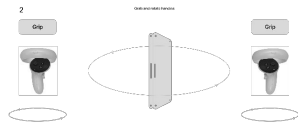
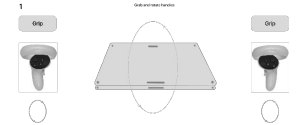
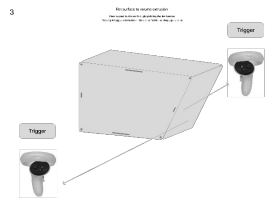
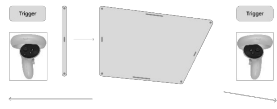
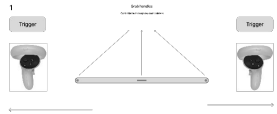


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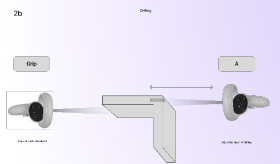
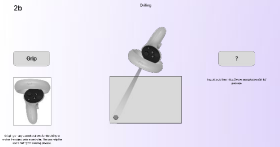
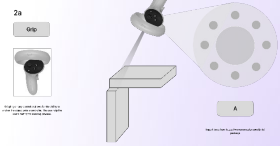
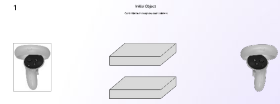
# Prototype user interaction with ray cast handles

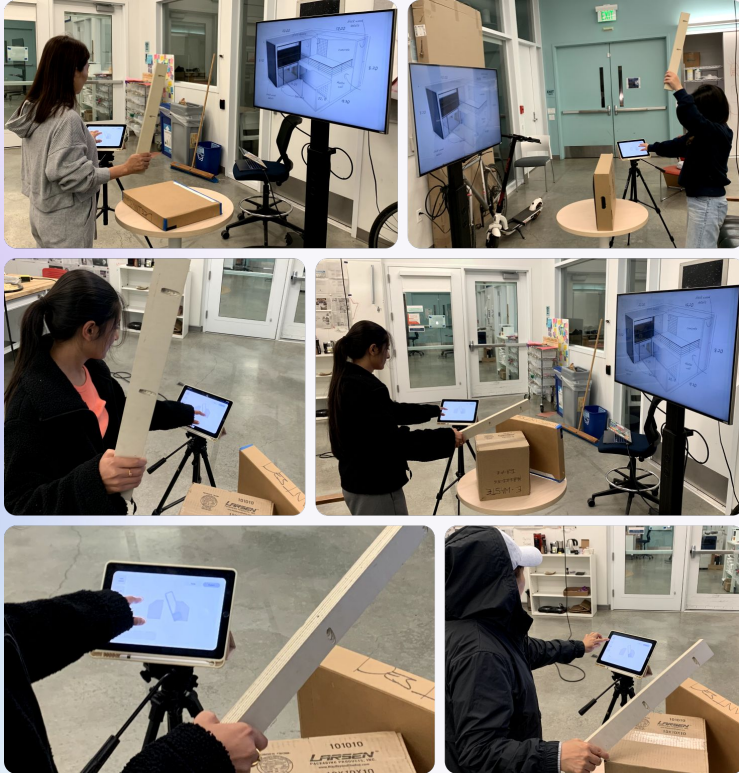


# PROTOTYPE V1



# VR PROTOTYPING TOOL





## Positive feedback

“The transition to 3D prototyping in a virtual space is **so much faster**, saving a lot of time”

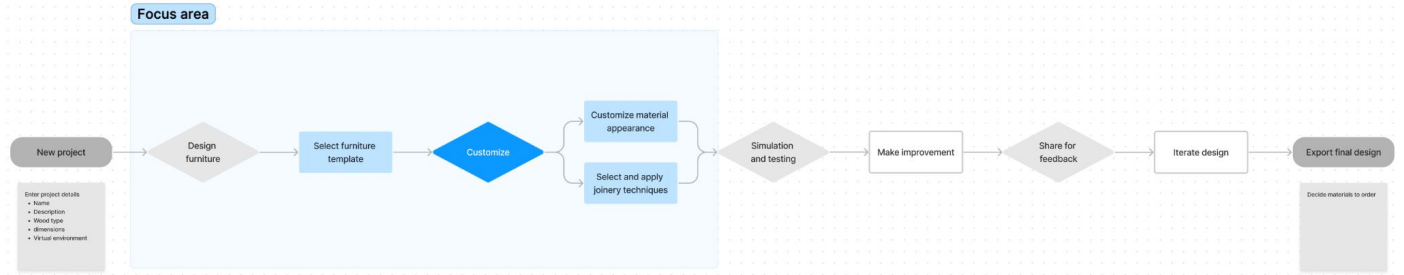
“I love the idea of an **infinite workspace** for creative experimentation.”

## Improvements

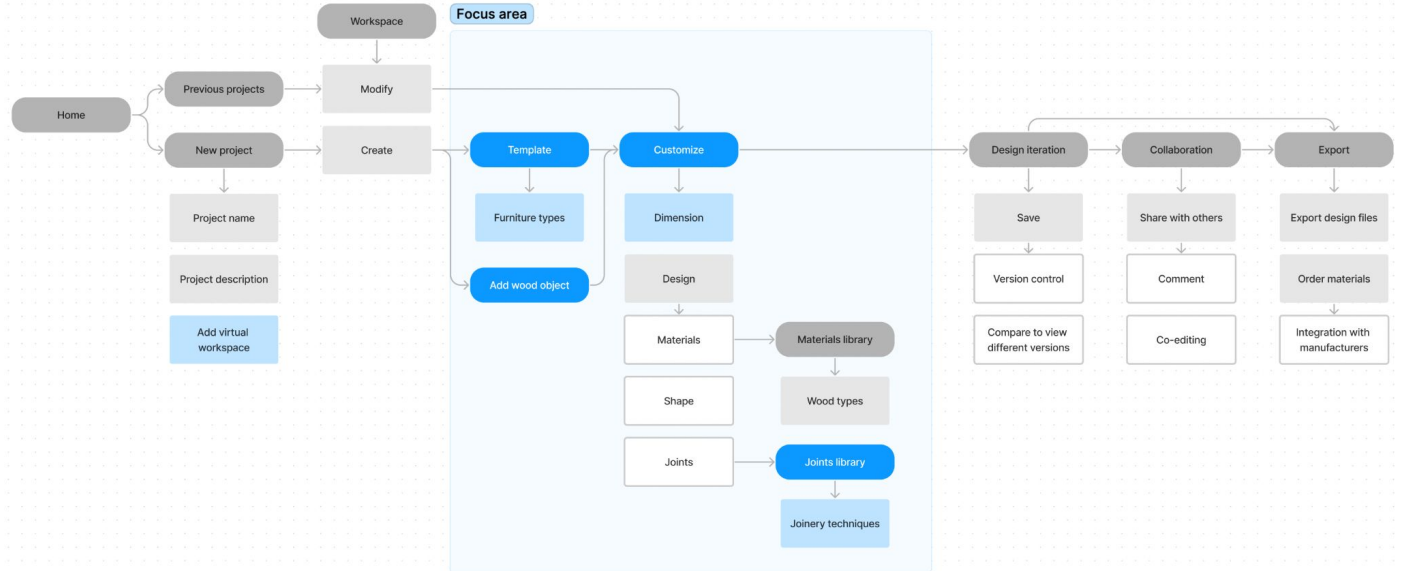
"It's really hard to control the tool; the assembly process felt **overly complex**."

"I found it **challenging to navigate** the specific tools and materials I needed”

Redefined  
User flow

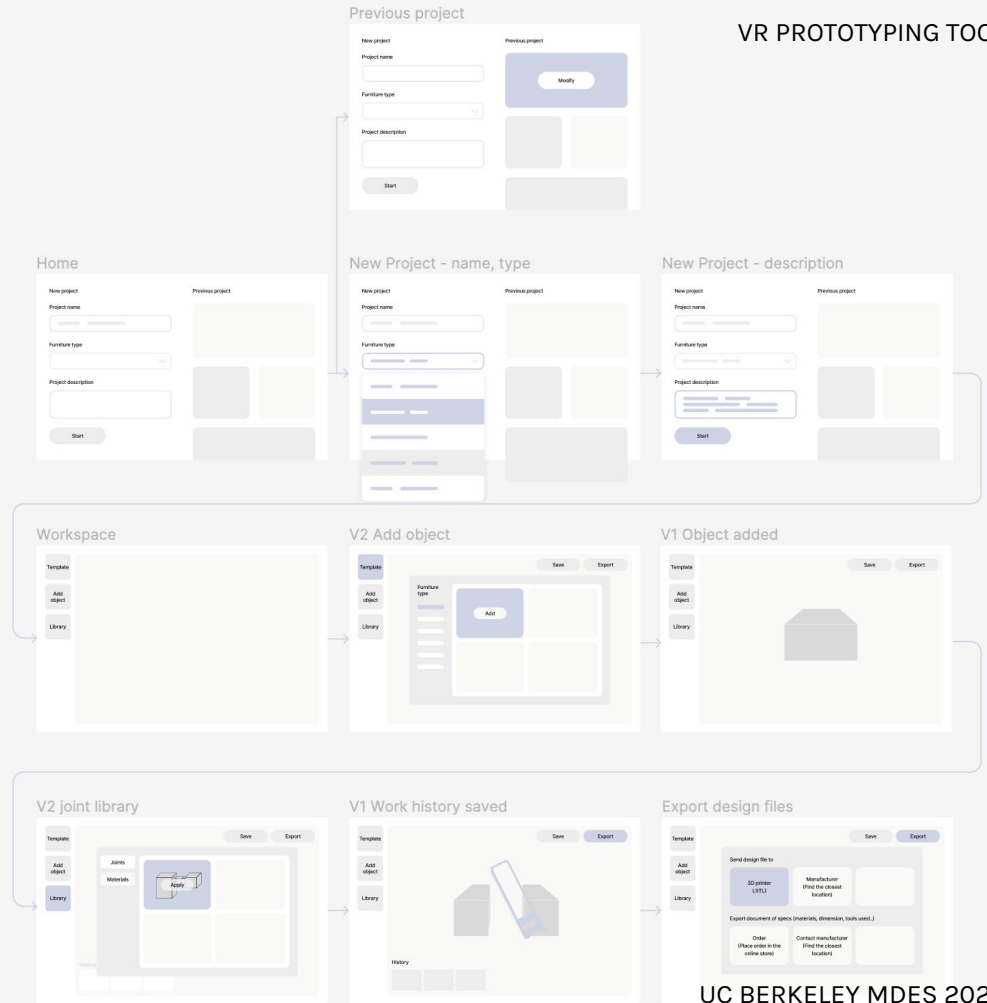


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Information architecture



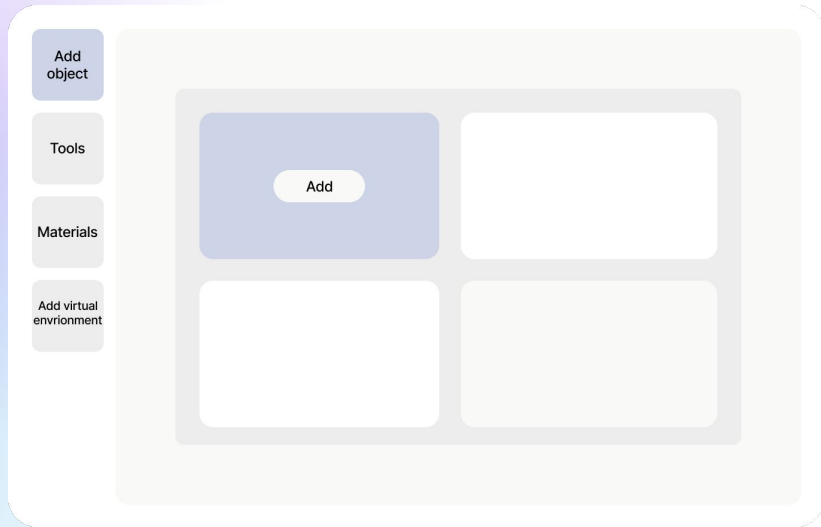
Version 2.0

# Iterate design based on user's feedback



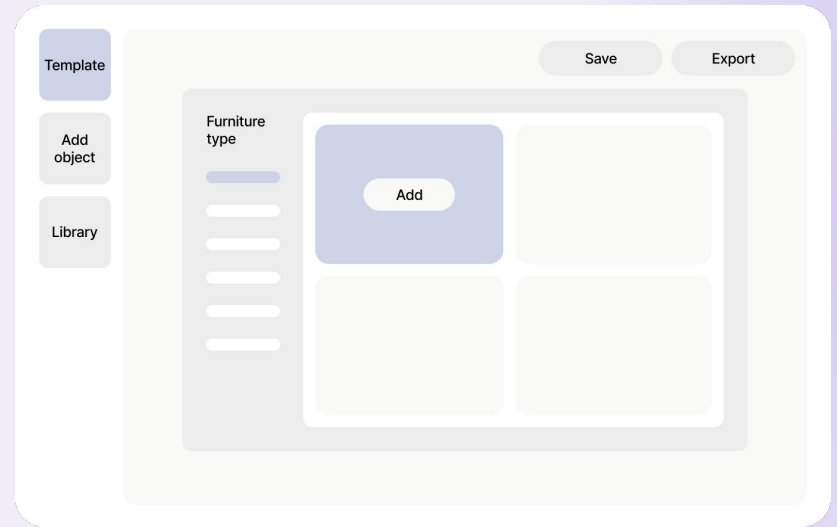
## V 1.0

Start from scratch. Add wood assets to the workspace.



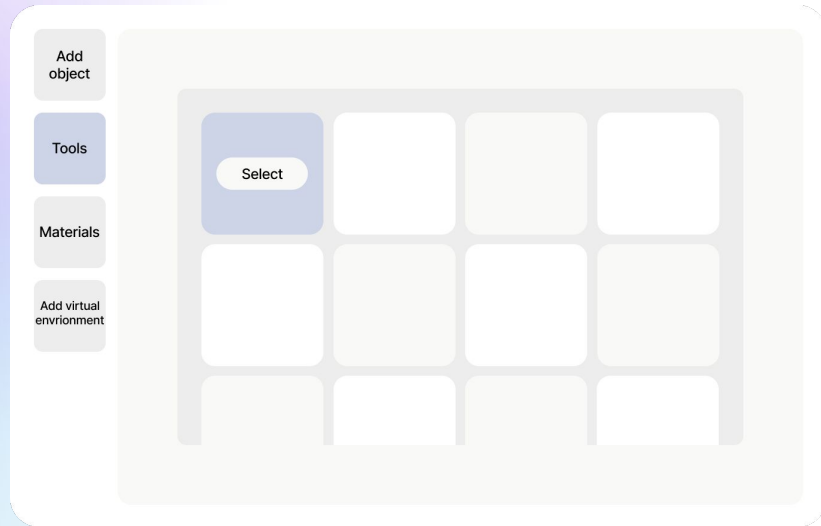
## V 2.0

Start from a template. Select a template of furniture and customize it.



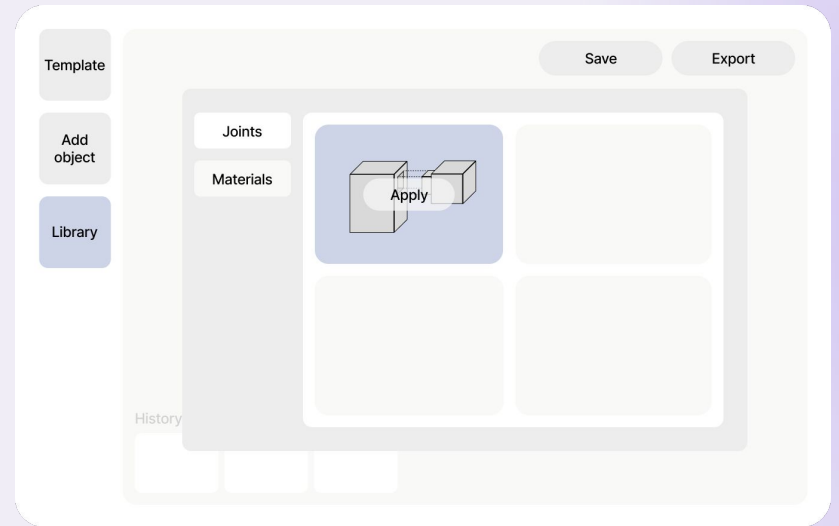
## V 1.0

Select a tool to assemble assets.



## V 2.0

Select joints techniques and materials from library.





### Positive feedback

"Customizing the design templates is a breeze; I **no longer struggle to find** specific tools or materials."

### Improvements

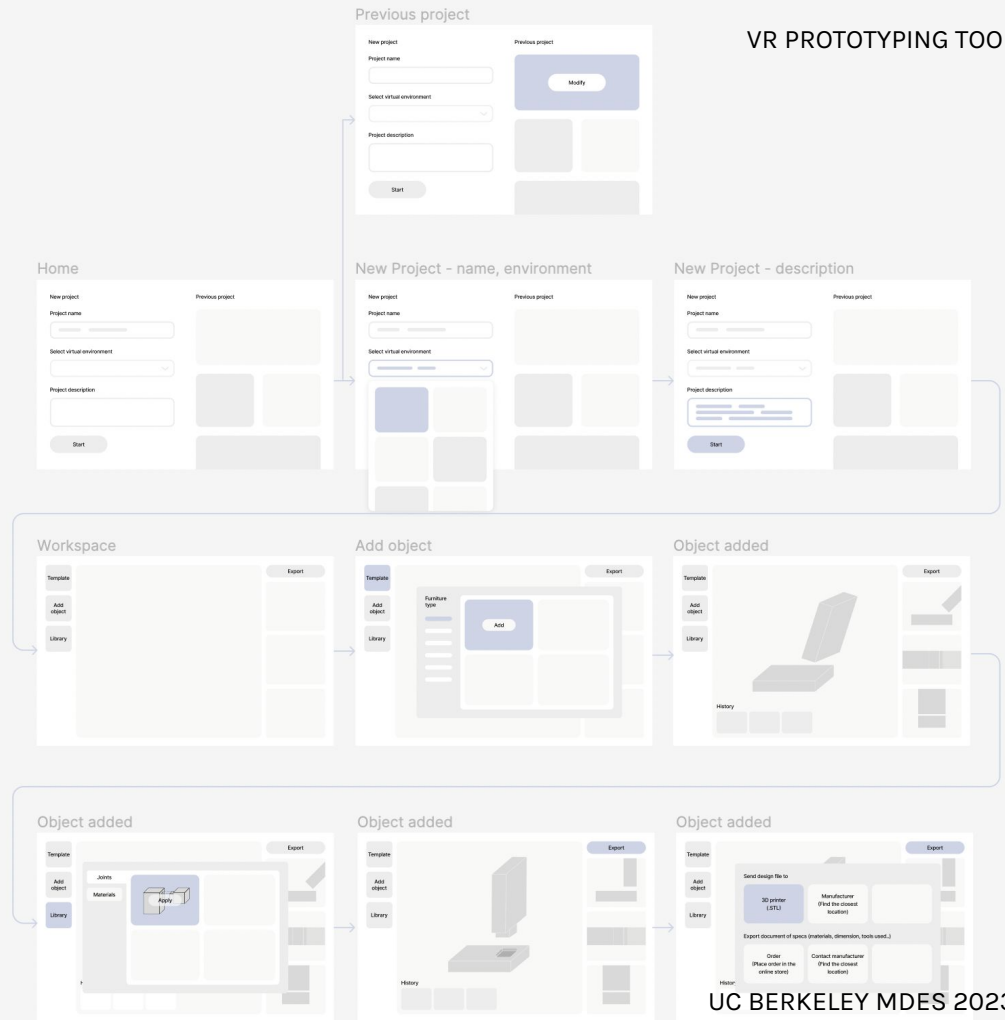
"While the join techniques template is helpful, I'd like a **more intuitive way** to see the input and output, especially for complex designs."

"Rotating objects to view different perspectives can be **disorienting**; a fixed, assistive master view would be helpful."



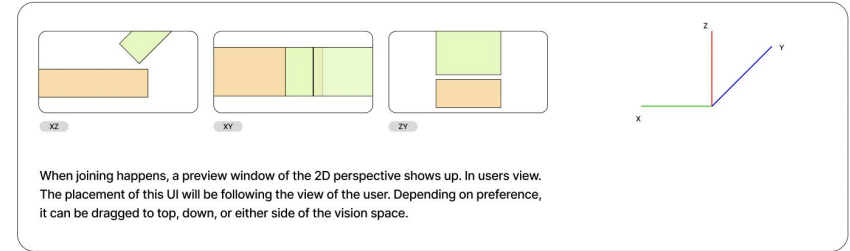
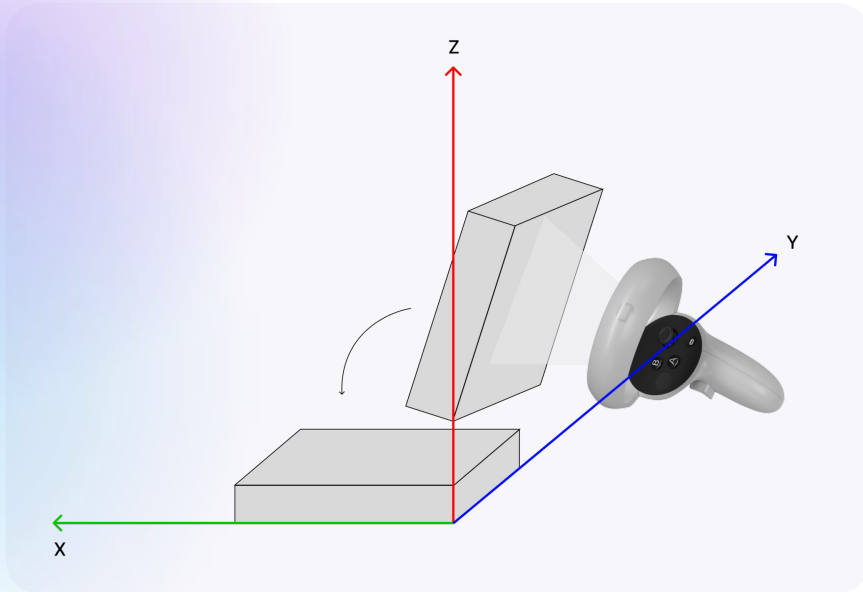
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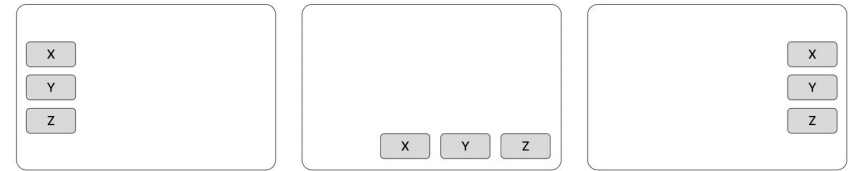


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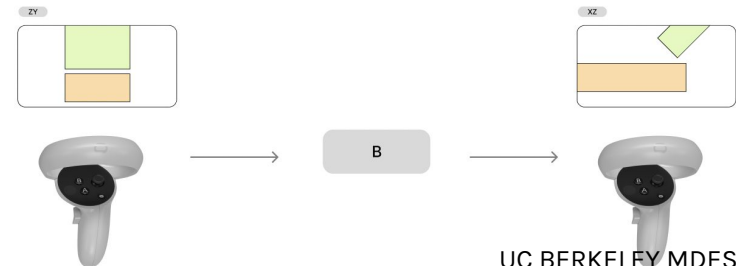
# Add 2D perspective preview



Alternative Preview Window Arrangements

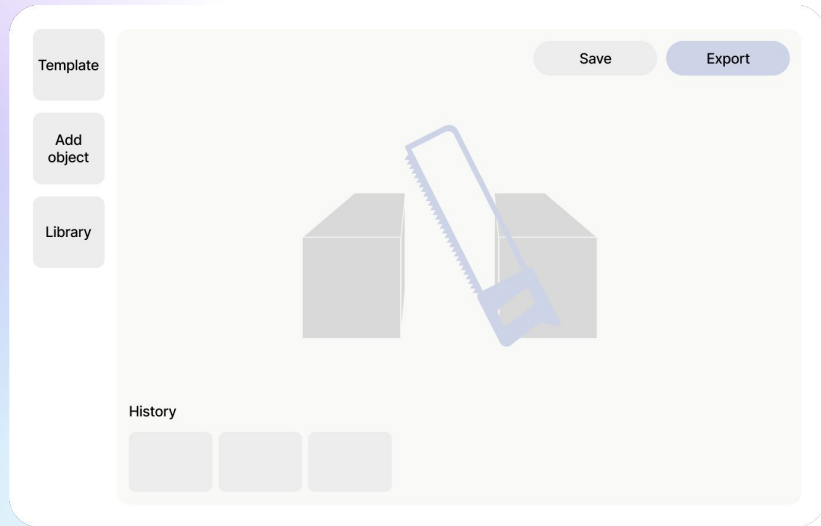


Alternatively, this preview could also be attached(floating) next to the controller. Users can flick between the views by pressing B.



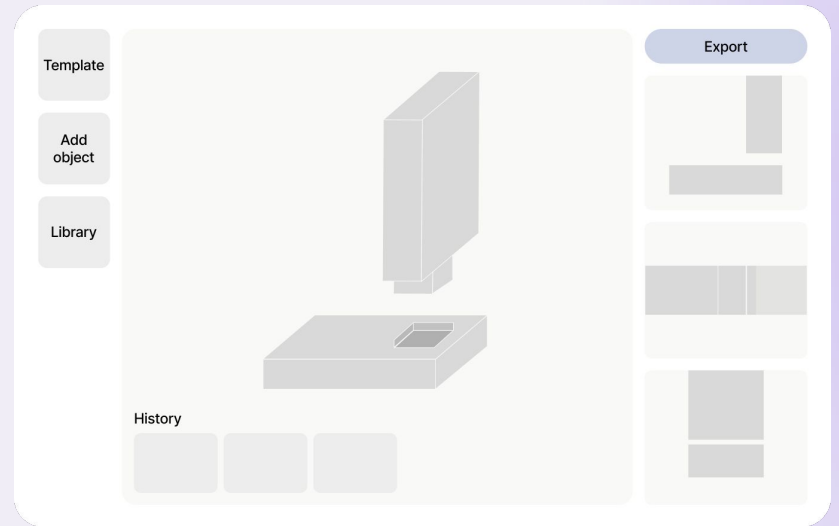
## V 2.0

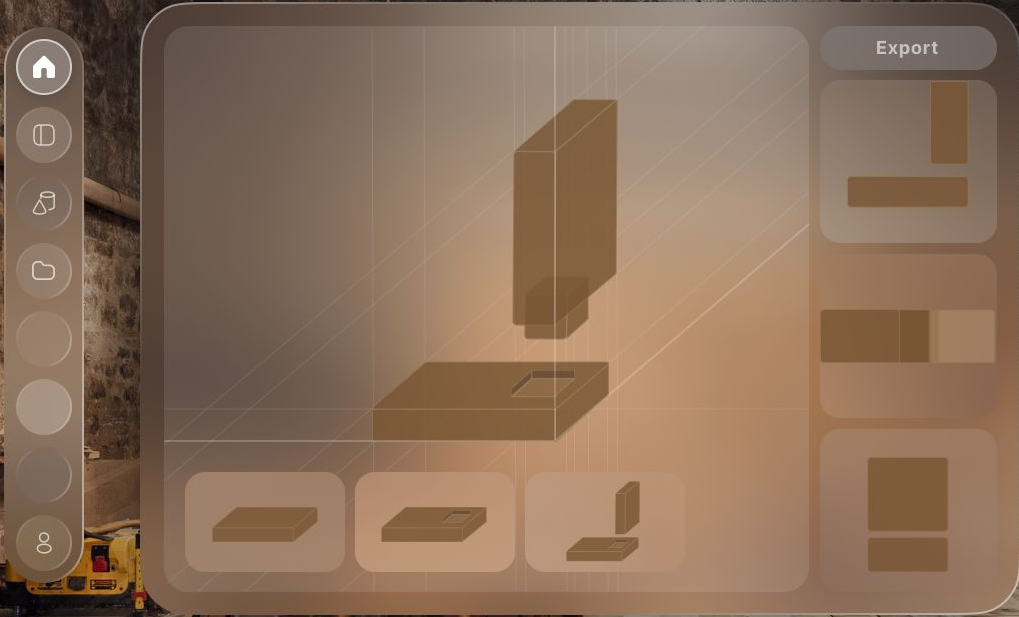
One window. One perspective.



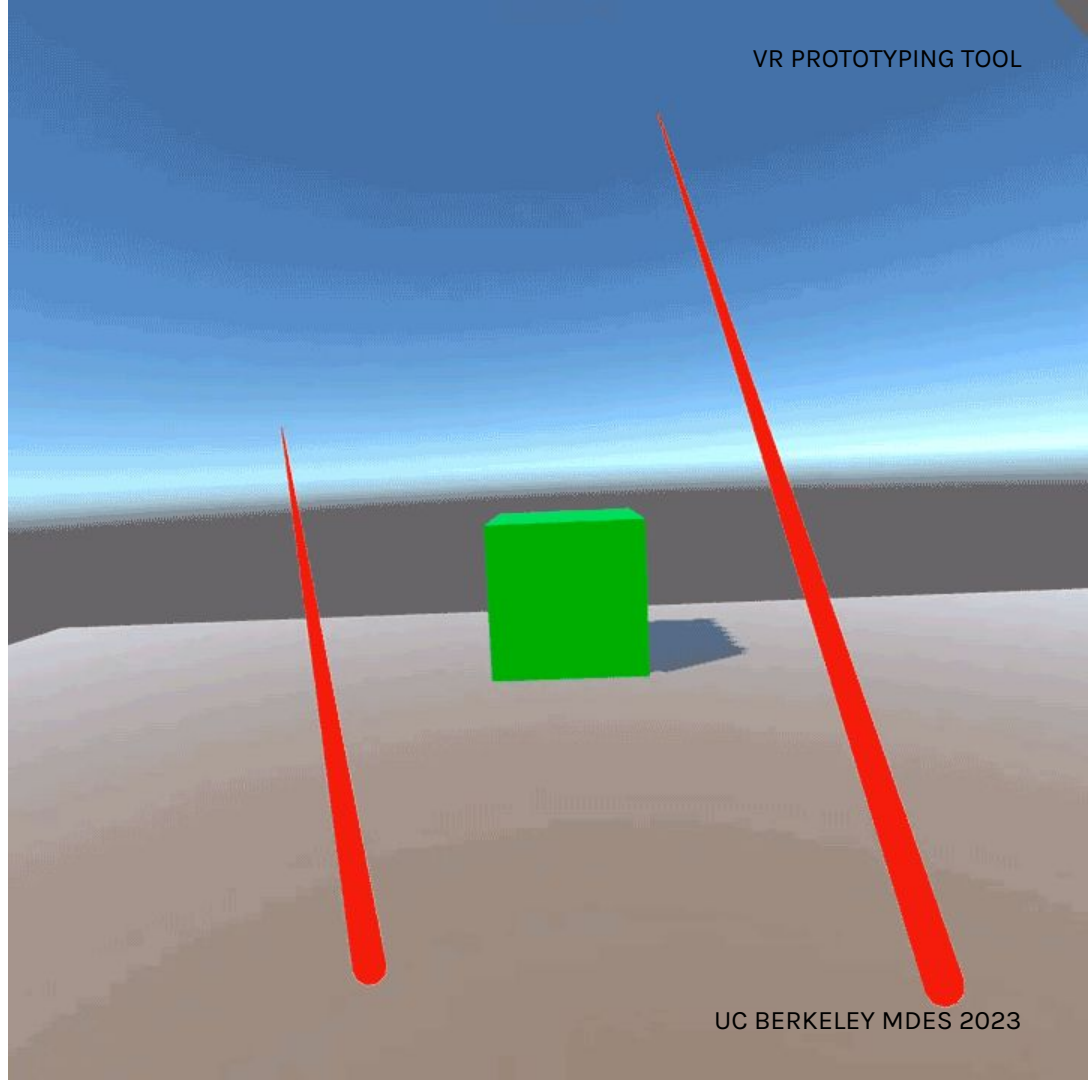
## V 3.0

Add 2D preview windows of 3 perspectives.





# Develop interaction in Unity VR application



# Slicing and cutting



The chest will collect any allowed socketable that enters it's trigger and place it in the first available socket.

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# Deformation



## Outcomes



### TIME SAVED

**Reduced** prototyping process time, leading to increased productivity



### COST SAVED

The decreased cost of materials and resources contributes to more **budget-friendly** prototyping.



### EASILY ADAPTED

Simplicity leads to a smoother learning curve and **quicker adaption** to 3D virtual prototyping



# What's next?

1. **Testing and validating**  
the interactions and their effectiveness within the VR application
2. **Exploring ways to transform imprecise human interactions**  
into accurate outputs without relying on numerical inputs

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# Design for one, Beneficial for all.

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# Project Overview

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## Project Type

Industry-Sponsored project

## Target user

Duo end user with vision impairment

## Timeline

Sep 2022 - Present

## My Role

UX Research  
UX Design  
Visual Design

## Team

Collaborating Researcher:  
Phyllis Fei  
PM: Melanie Girod  
Partner: Cisco



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How can we  
make cybersecurity  
more accessible  
and inclusive?

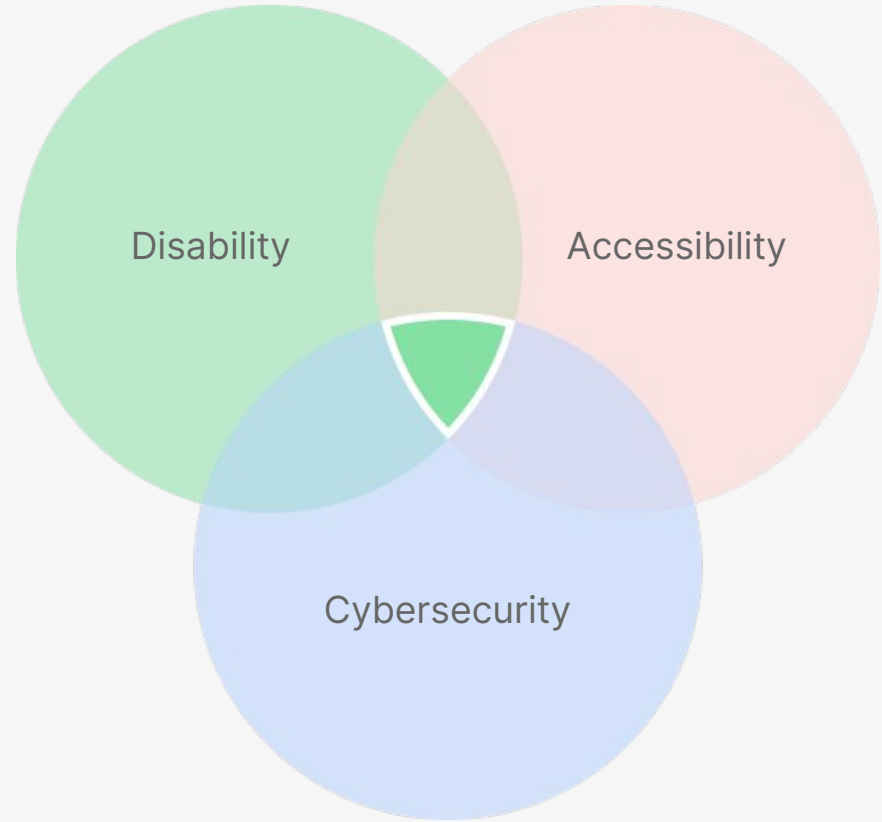
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Cisco



# My Focus

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“

How might we alert cyber attacks to professionals with low vision in a way that is **safer, faster**, yet **less overwhelming**?

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# Solution

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PHYSICAL PROXIMITY  
CHECK



# Proximity Authentication



# Empathize



# Research Strategy

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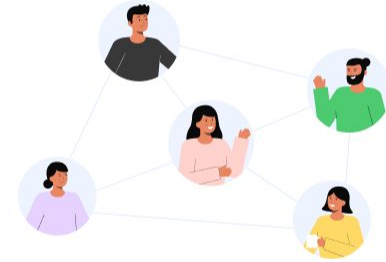
## Secondary Research

Competitive analysis



## Primary Research

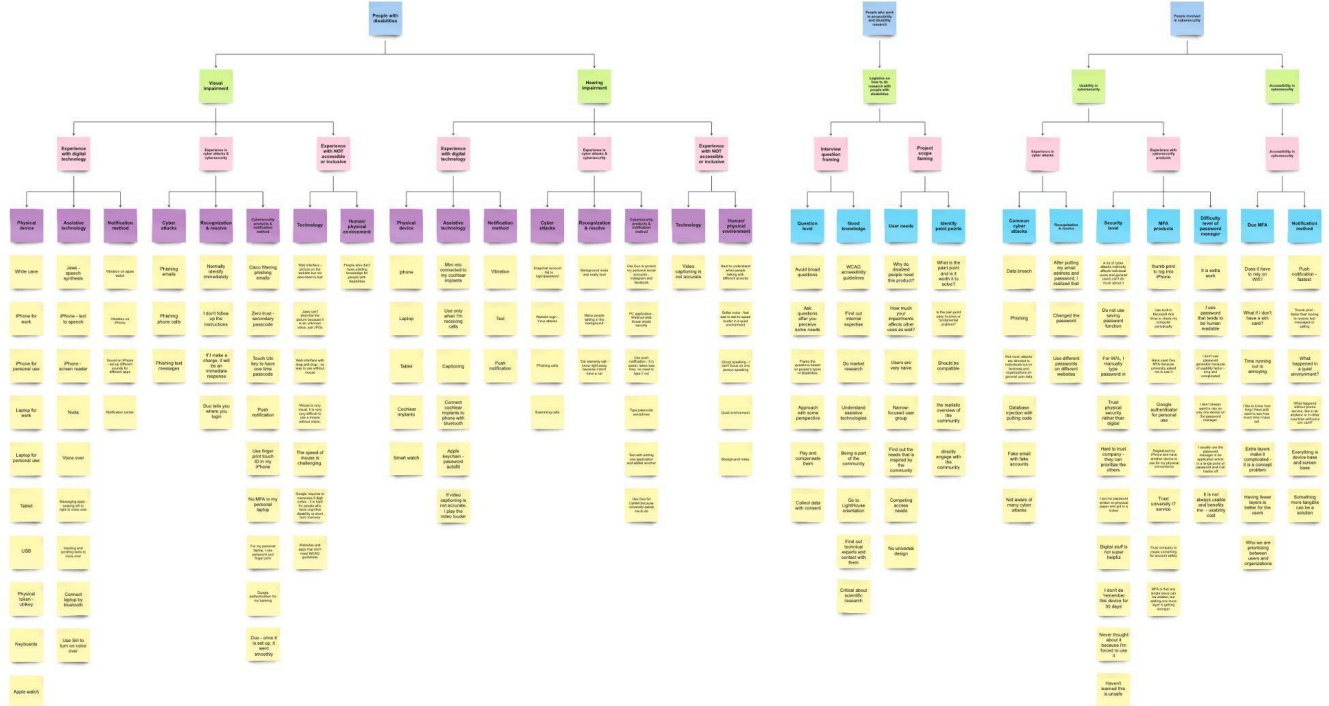
15 in-depth interviews



## Synthesis

Key insights and findings

# Research Synthesis



# Auditory Overload



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Dealing with notifications in different sounds and vibrations is extremely stressful and overwhelming.

The potential risk of missing time-sensitive notifications is increased.

# VoiceOver Usability

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Switching between the browser and Duo mobile app requires additional effort.

Using VoiceOver to swipe through all elements on the screen to proceed authentication is painful.

# Safety Concerns

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Top 3 security concerns of people with vision impairment:

- private information being stolen (70%)
- financial information being accessed(65%)
- personal information being made public (65%)

# Persona & Empathy Map



## Bio

James is a Director of User Research Lab at UC Berkeley with over 12 years of work experience. He was born with very limited vision in one eye and no vision in the other eye, being blind in all his life. He has no caregivers. He cooks all his meals, uses a walking cane, and takes public transportation like everyone else does. He has little experience in cyberattacks. He receives phishing calls or texts every now and then and experienced data breach from his organization and company.

He highly relies on his iPhone and iWatch in his daily life. During work, he uses Ubi Key, Jaws (a screen reader), a braille keyboard, and a laptop. Over the past 7 years, he has been using Duo MFA for work to ensure safe logins. He receives push notifications from Duo MFA multiples times a day. He has 2-3 meetings daily and have all-department meetings once a week. He shares his office with other colleagues and enjoys his working environment a lot.

## Goal

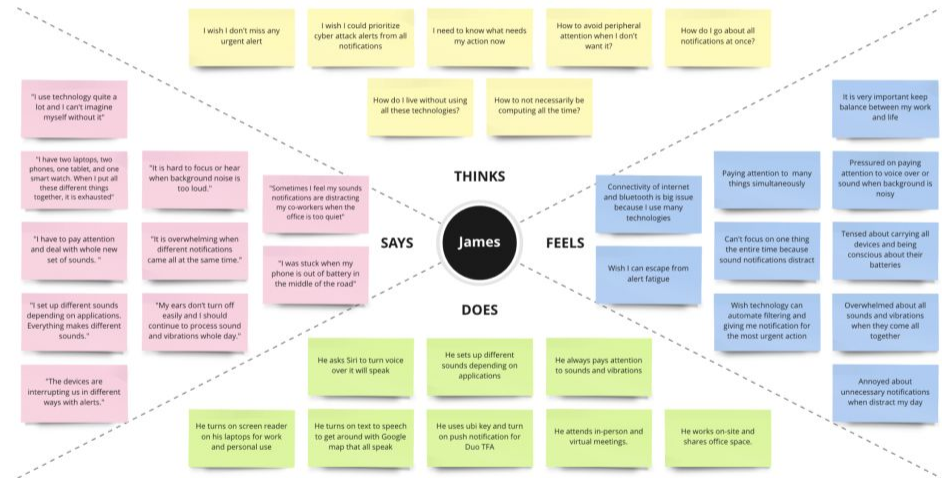
- To have better professional performances on my job.
- To have a better work-life balance of high quality.
- To be independent in all aspects including living, working, socializing, entertaining, and beyond.

## Motivations

- To prove my ability to live independently and work professionally.
- To be more active and involved in the community and society.

## Frustrations

- Receiving different sounds and vibrations at an extremely high frequency are distracting and bring him anxiety.
- Due to the large number of notifications received each day, some important information or action items are be accidentally missed.
- Dealing with too many devices and technologies can be daunting sometimes.

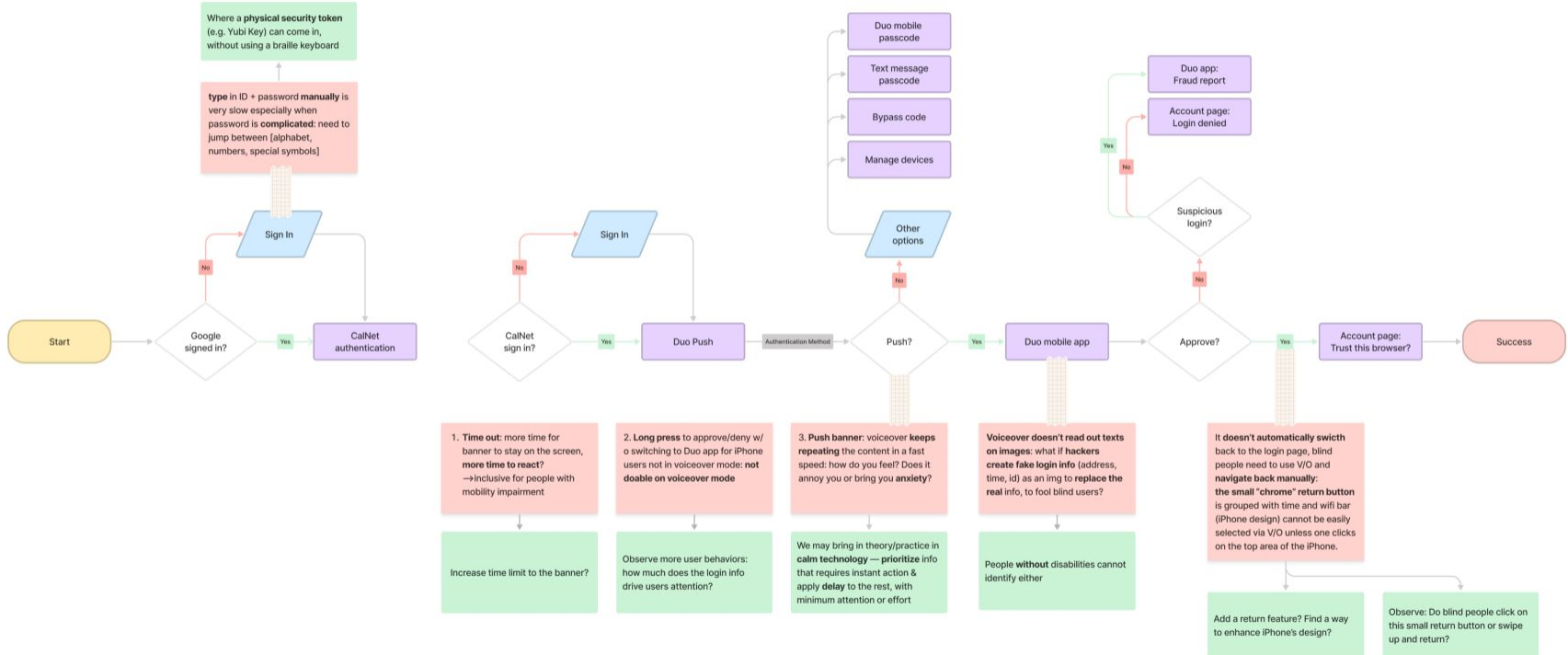


# Define



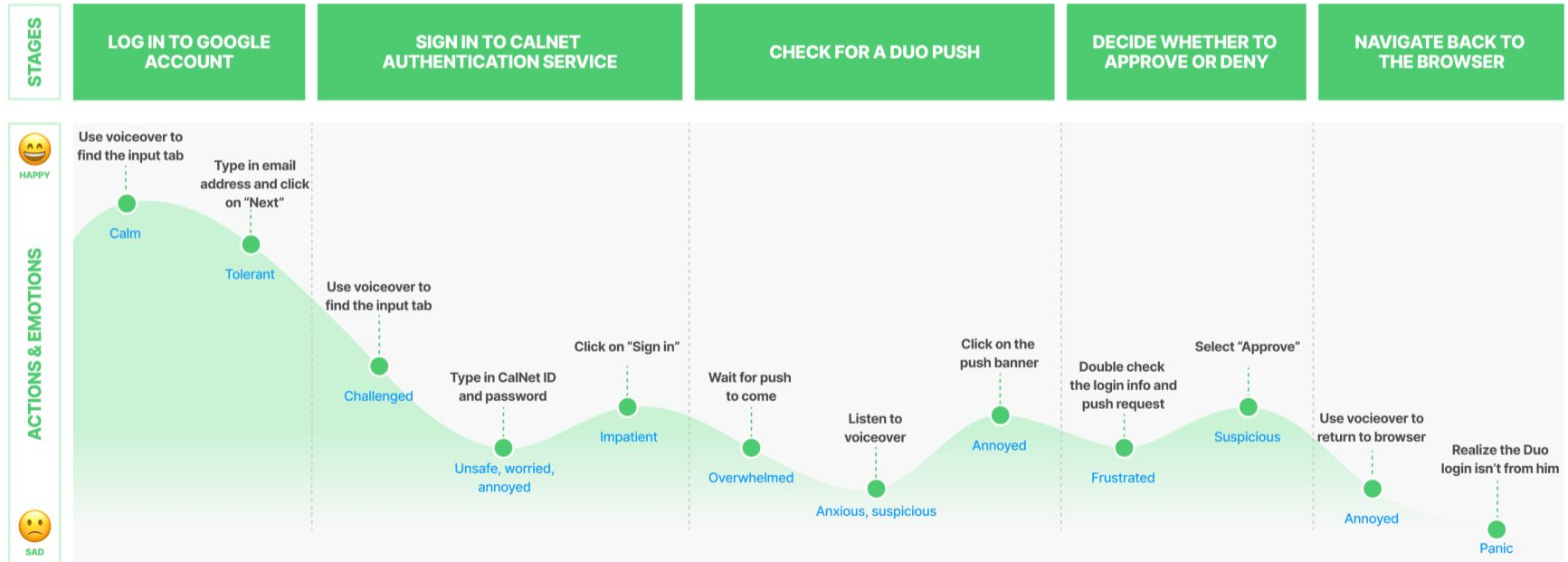


# Task Analysis



# User Journey

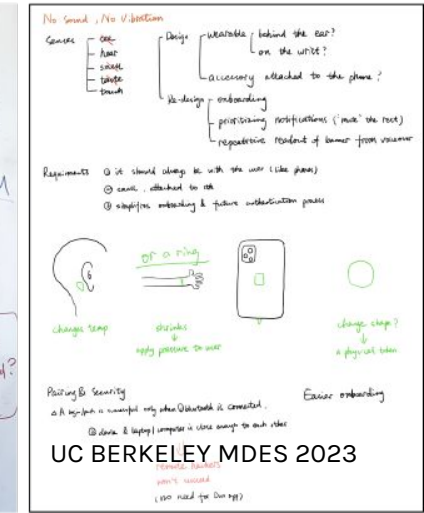
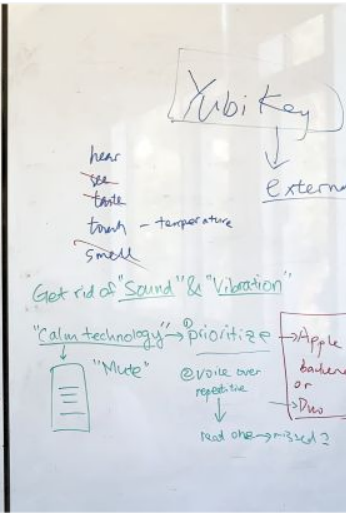
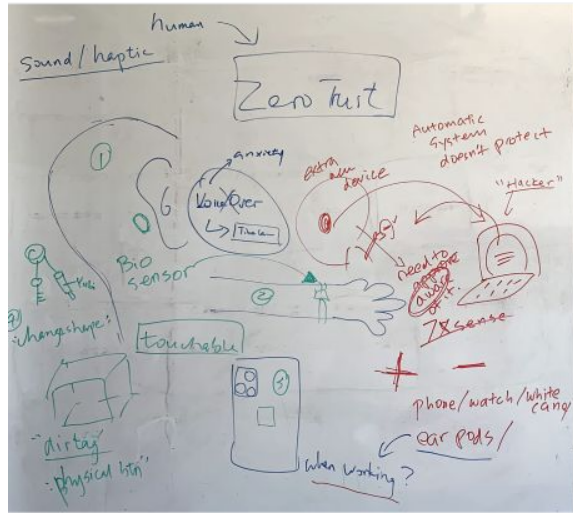
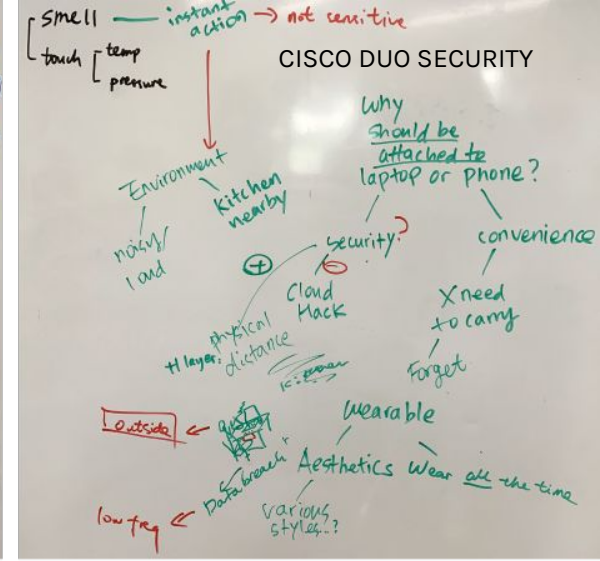
**Persona:** James Williams **Goal:** Confidently authenticate a login on both his laptop and his phone with assistive technology with full trust and minimum effort



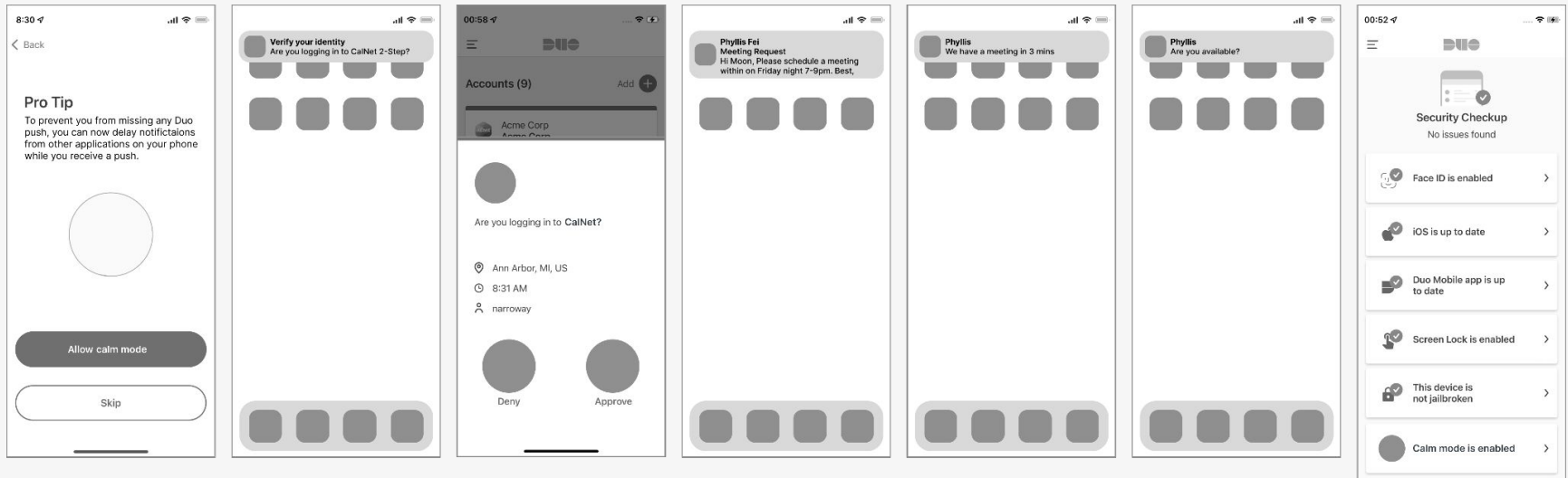
# Ideate



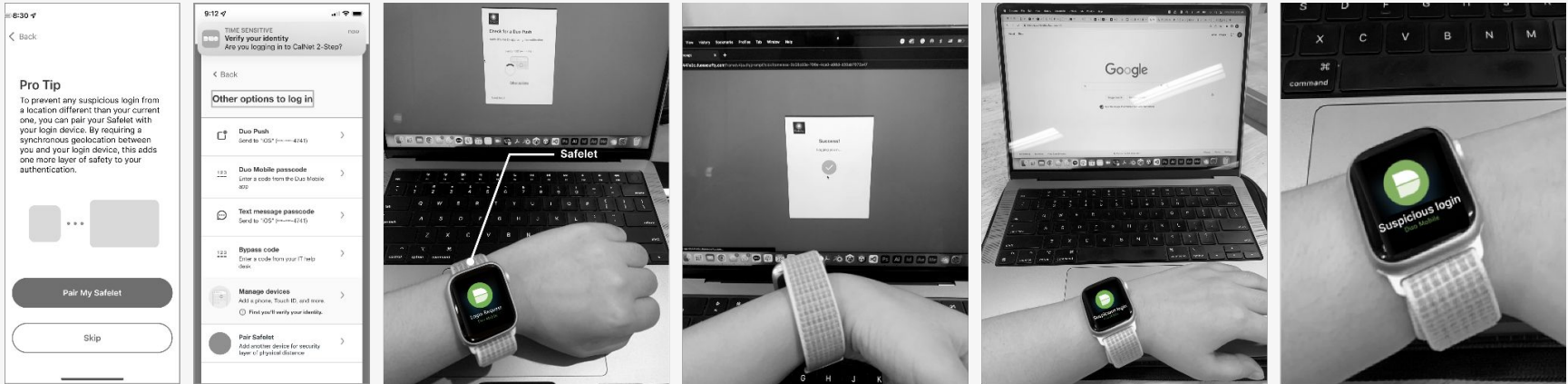
# Solution Matrix



# Potential Solution 1: Calm Mode



# Potential Solution 2: Wearable Safelet

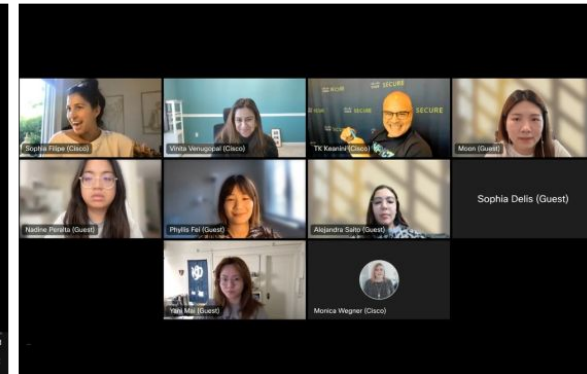
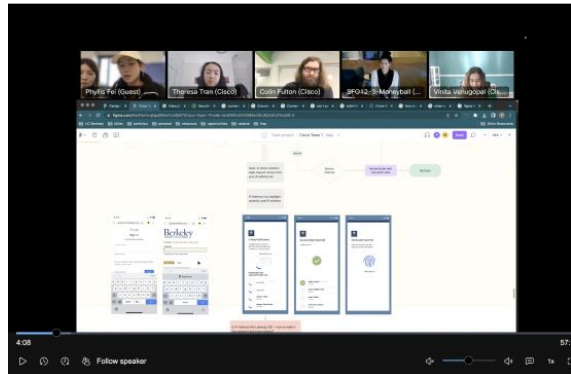
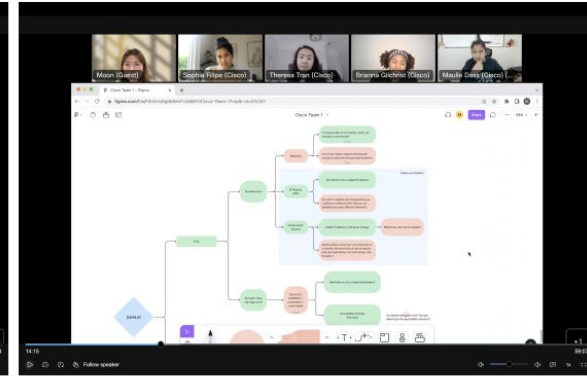
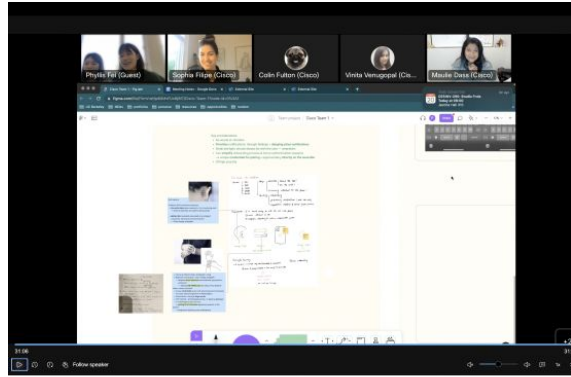


# Concept Test



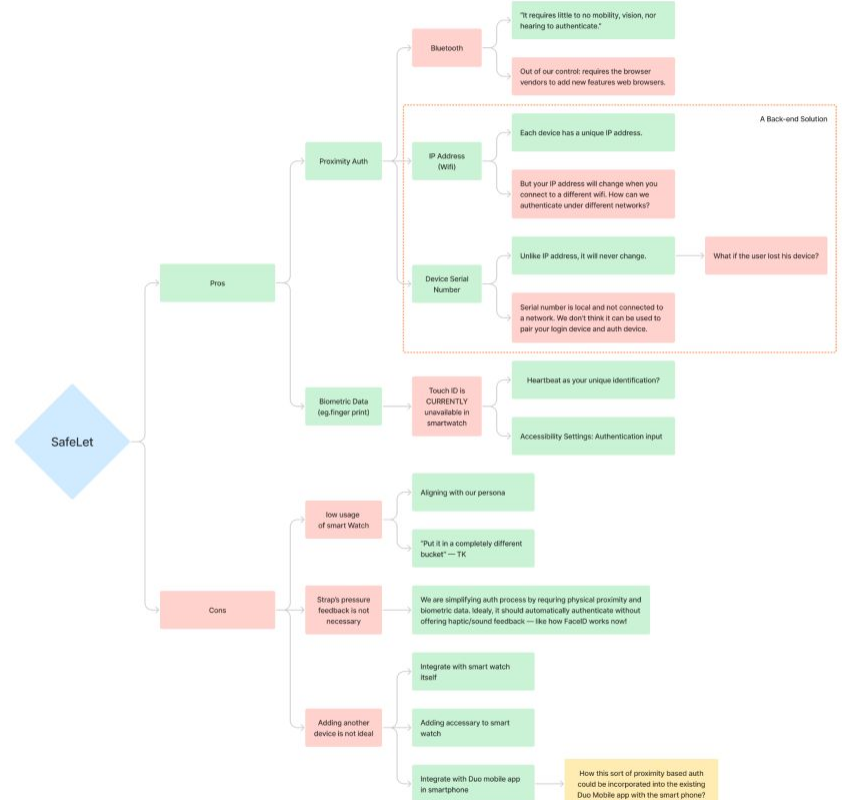
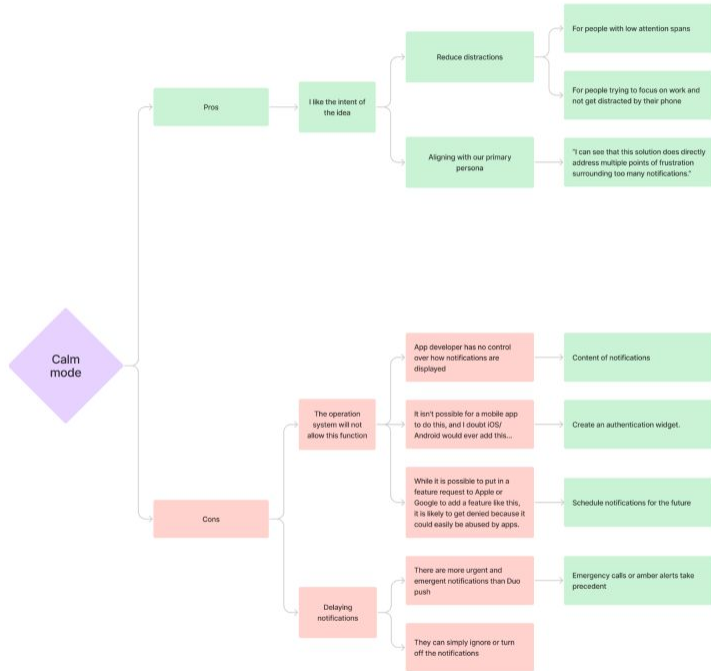
# Stakeholder Review

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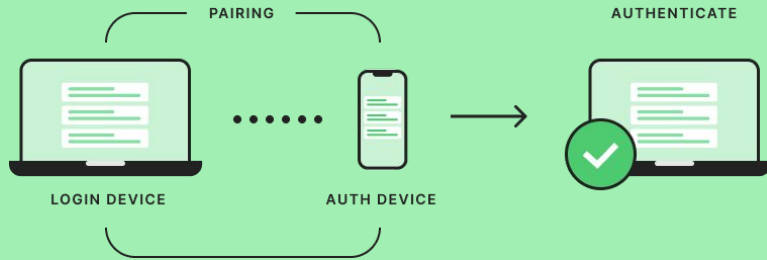
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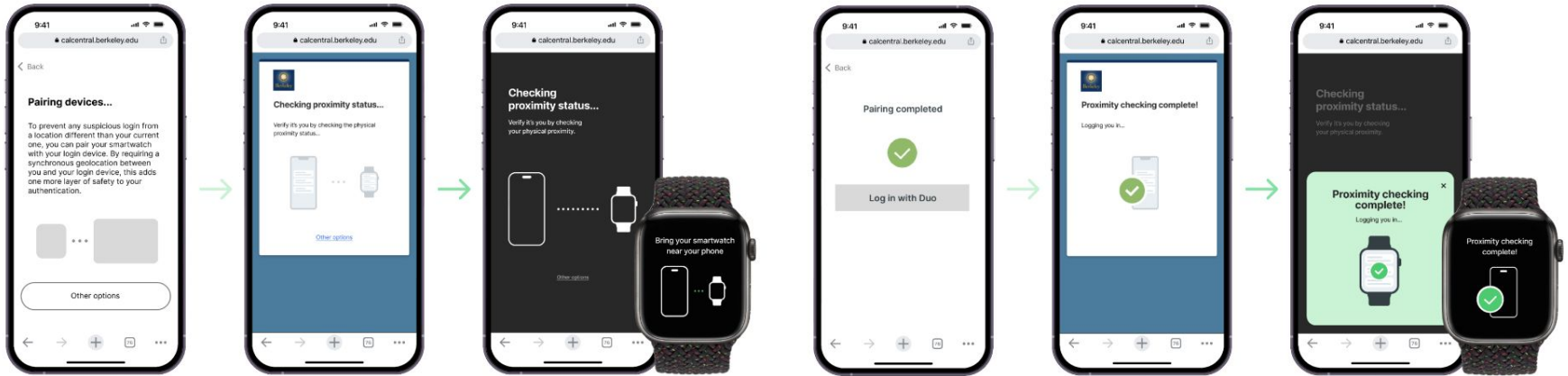
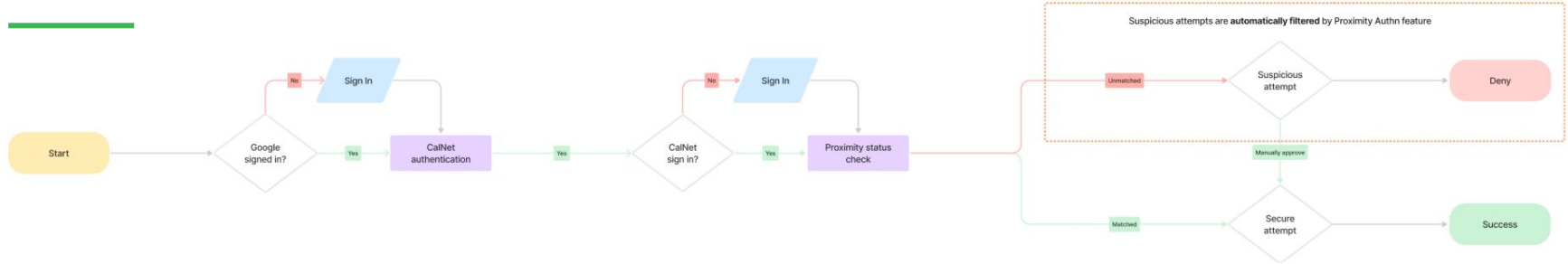
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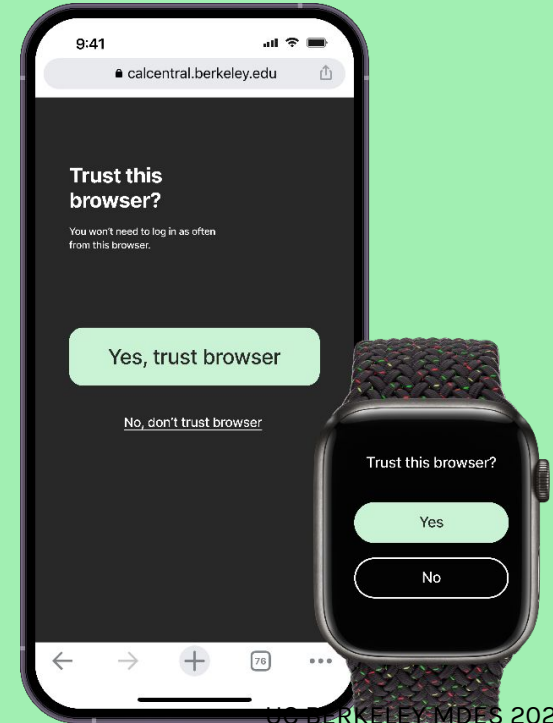
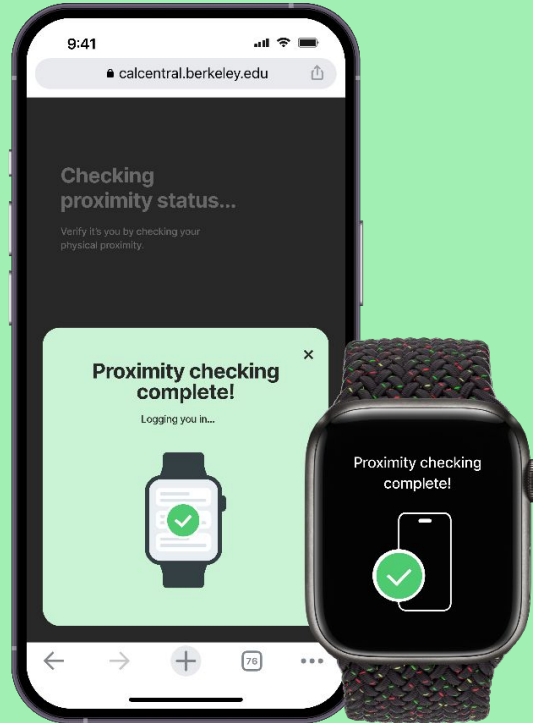
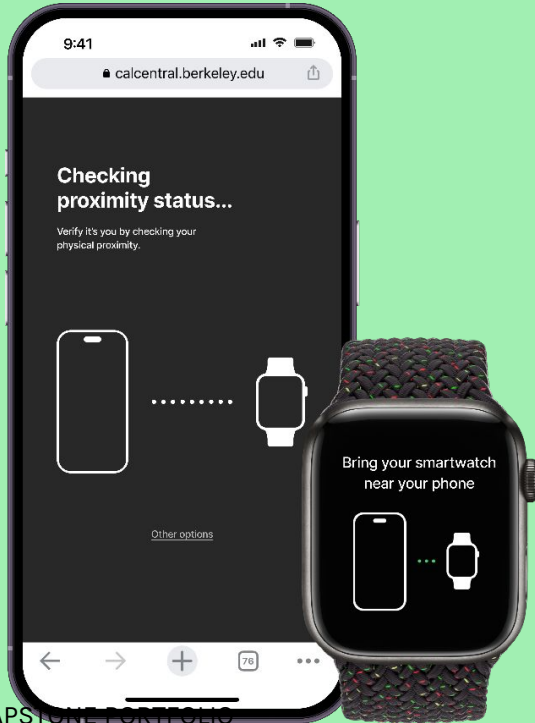
# Experience



# Iterate Design



# Final Design



# Alternative Pairing Options

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**Login  
Device**



**Authentication  
Device**



# Potential Technology Implementation



**Bluetooth Low Energy**



**IP Address/ Mac Address**



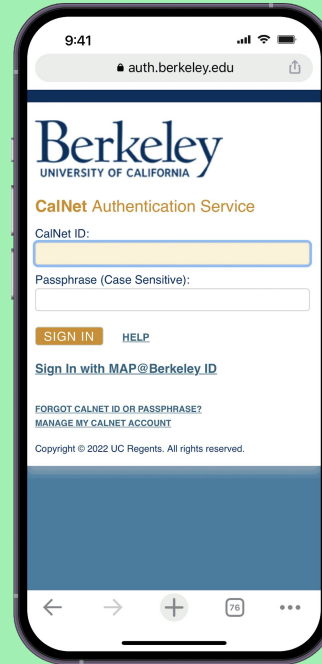
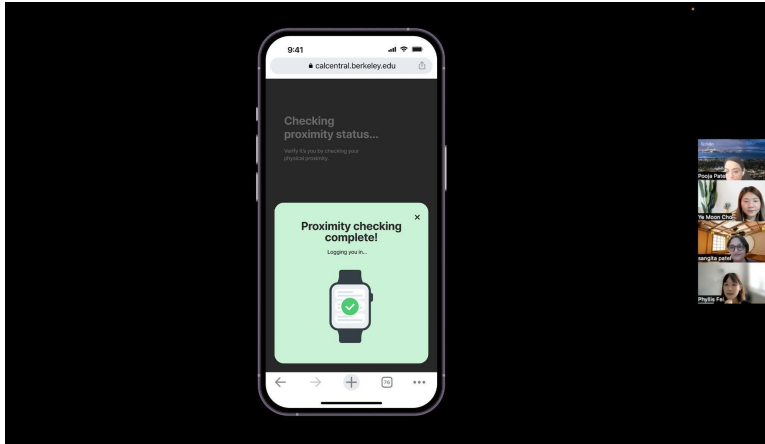
**Existing Ecosystem  
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# Evaluation

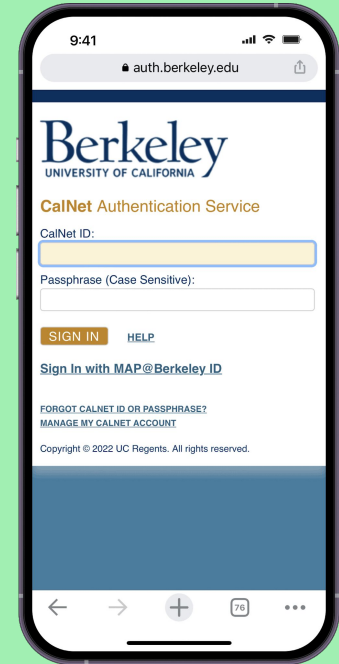




# Usability Test



BEFORE



AFTER

# Feedback

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“I didn’t realize how complicated the current experience is until I tried your design prototype. **It is so much better.**”

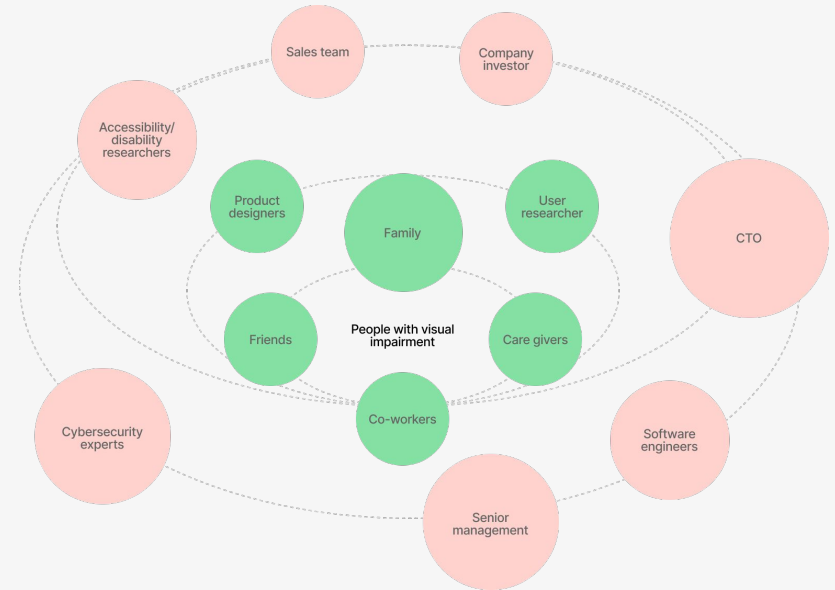
— Sangita, low vision

“As a person without vision impairment, I would even love to choose this auth method. **It’s so fast and convenient!** I wish this option can be available ASAP.”

— Pooja, general user/caregiver of Sangita

“The ultimate goal of a design is that you start from one focus group, and extend it to **benefit all users.** Proximity auth is great.”

— Colin, senior accessibility engineer



# Design for **one**, Beneficial for **all**.

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Second (time) saved

9

Swiping gestures saved

1

Double-tapping  
gestures saved

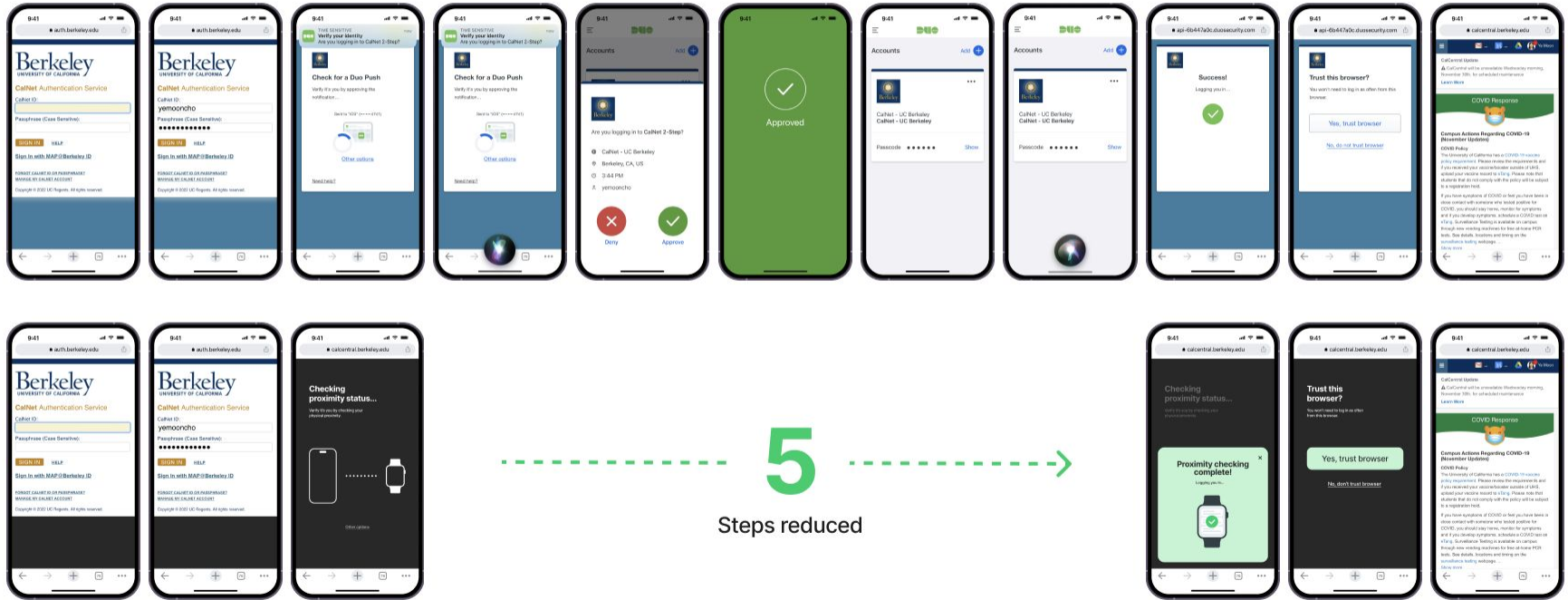
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Siri being used

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Switching among  
apps/devices

# Comparison At A Glance



# Next Step



# Moving Forward

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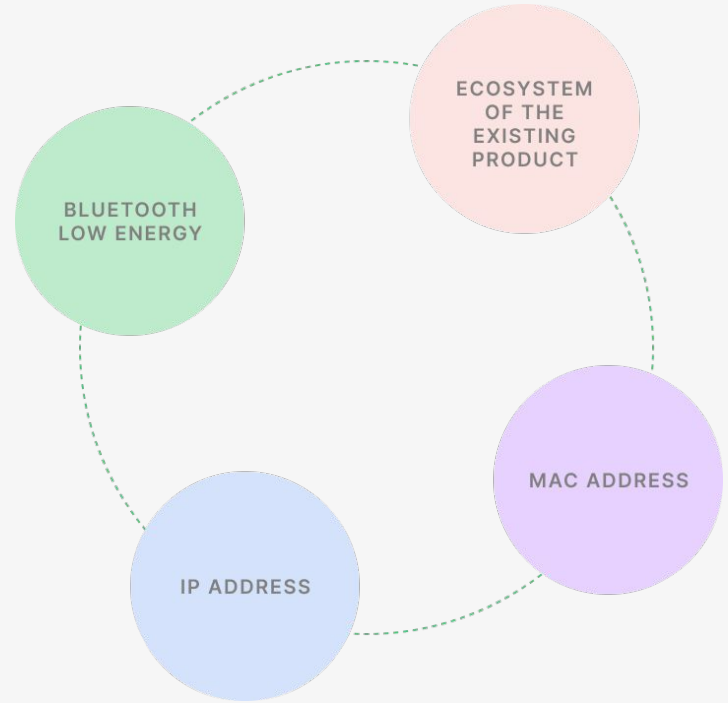
## Educate users

New onboarding process

Practice demo video

## Implement technology

Backend network architecture



# Reflection



# Learnings

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## The Origin Story

Product insight comes from ***anywhere***.

## The User Story

I am ***not*** the user.

## The Industry Story

Benefit for all.



**MDES 23**  
Thesis project

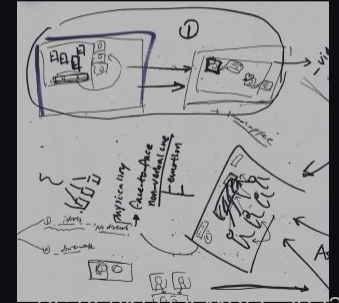
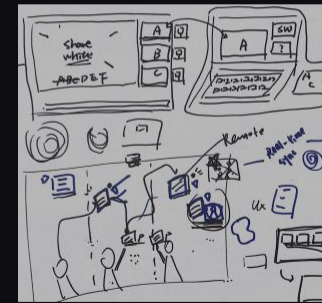
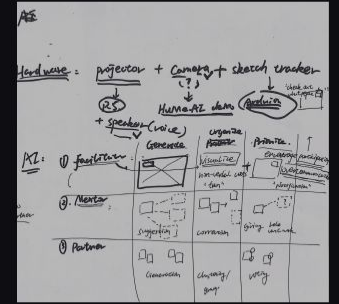
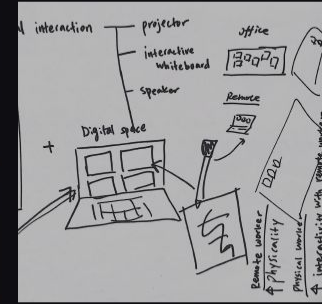
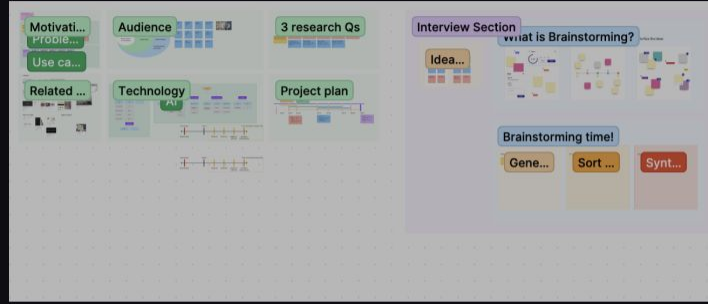
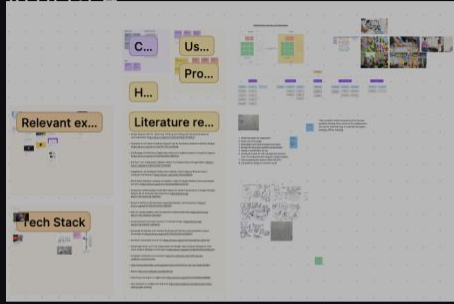


**AI as a  
collaborator  
in a hybrid  
brainstorming**



HOW MIGHT WE

**Enhance the creativity and productivity of brainstorming in a hybrid working environment?**



USER SCENARIO

**On-site**  
**participants**



USER SCENARIO

# Remote participants



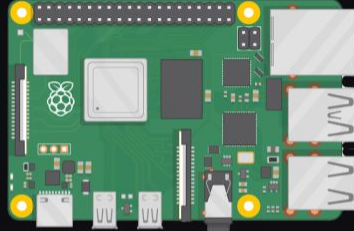
POTENTIAL SOLUTION #1

# **Digitize physical interaction**

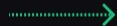
to enhance interactivity with remote participants  
for on-site participants



PROJECT 4



IMU Sensor

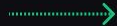


Raspberry Pi



Interactive Whiteboard

Specific force  
Angular rate  
Orientation

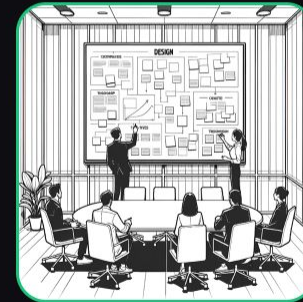


Absolute position  
Coordinates



Trajectory  
Visualization

Removable marker  
accessories



POTENTIAL SOLUTION #2

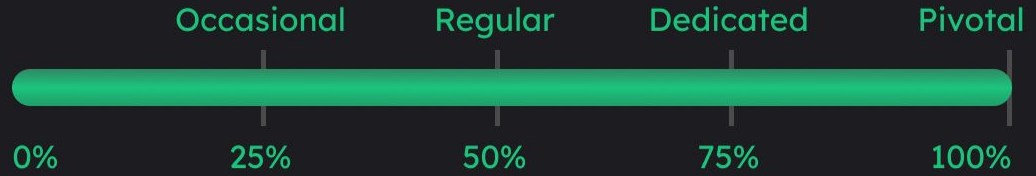
# **Personalize your AI involvement**

to enhance the productivity in brainstorming

## Advisor



## Contributor

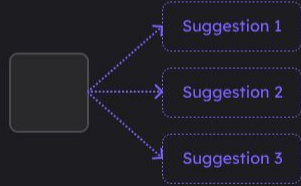


## Coordinator



### Generate

#### Advisor



#### Contributor

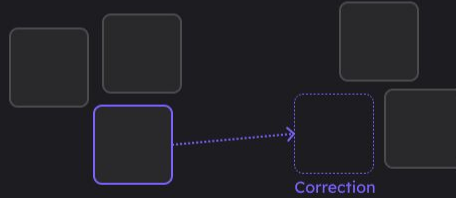


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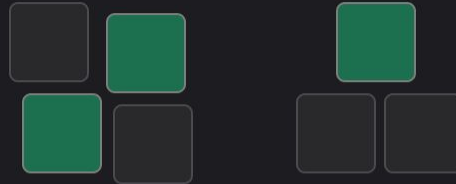
You're welcome to vocalize your thoughts!

### Organize

#### Advisor



#### Contributor

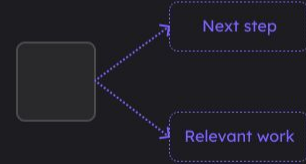


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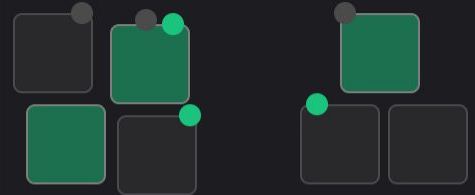
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### Prioritize

#### Advisor



#### Contributor



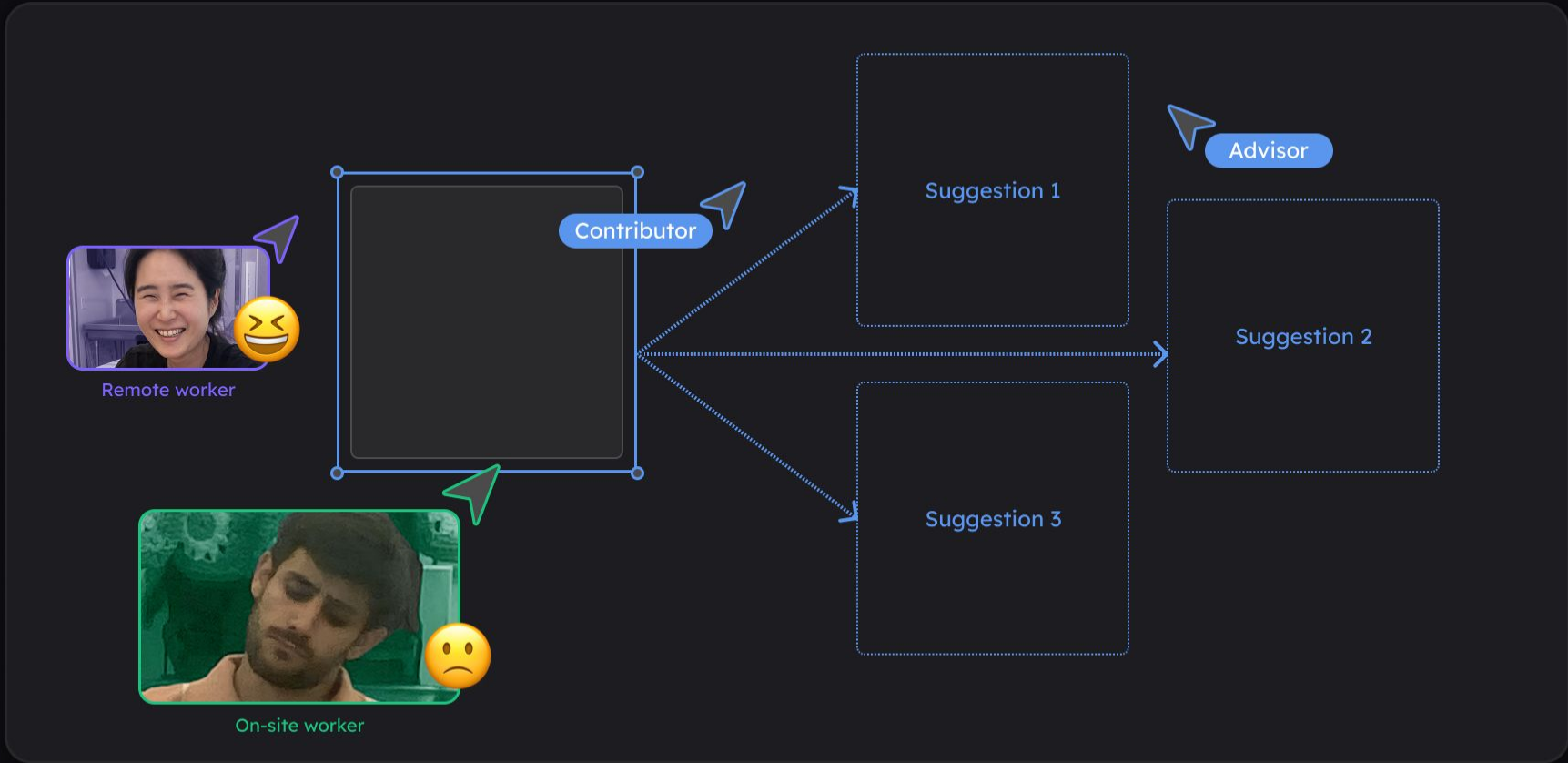
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Your vote matters!

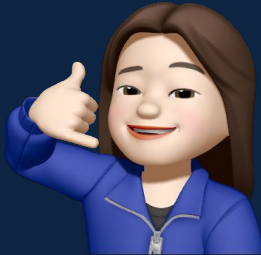
POTENTIAL SOLUTION #3

# **Visualize** **non-verbal cue**

to enhance physicality for remote participants



# Why I'm a good fit



## Fast learner

Never hesitate to learn new things  
Adaptive to new technology



## Collaborative

Great team player with  
independent mindset



## Passionate to solve complex UX problem

User centric designer

**Thank you!**