

PERSPECTIVE

MISSION STATEMENT

To have students (middle school, high school, and university) understand the perspectives of diverse groups of people on topics, especially in history and culture.

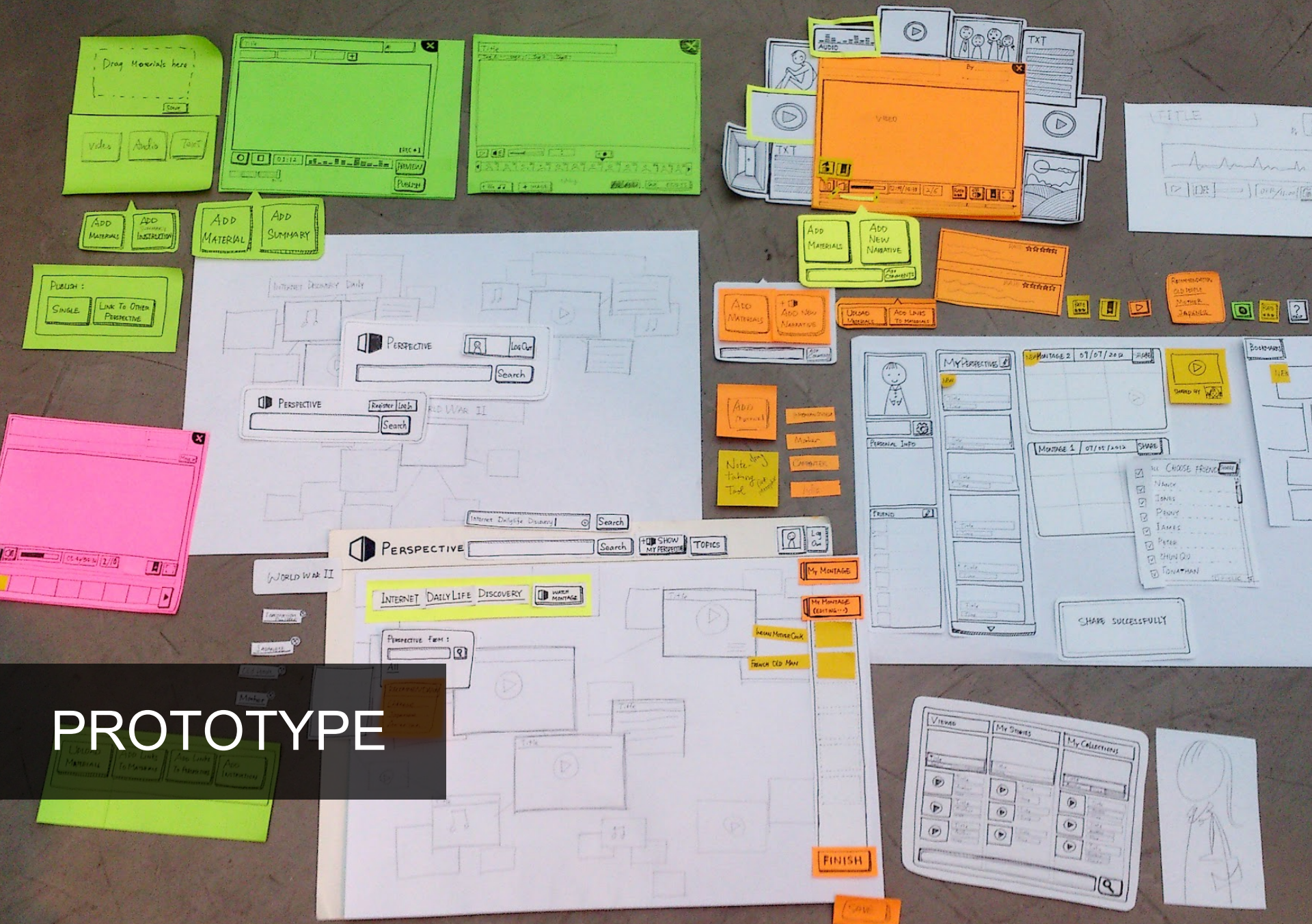
TASKS

- Research a topic
- Create a "montage"
- Record a video
- Social / sharing of montage

PARTICIPANTS

- 1 College Graduate
- 2 Grad Students
- 1 Teacher
- 1 Entrepreneur

PROTOTYPE





USER TESTING

Research Topic for Prototype

"How the invention of the Internet impacted daily life"

Participant A– 22. F.

College Graduate, Philosophy

HOBBY: Scrapbooking

CURRENT RESEARCH TACTICS: Google/Journal Search Engines

- Overwhelmed: Too many options, too cluttered, too much movement (background)
- Interface design too messy for user to want to use the program
- Ability to keep montage as is
 - Compare/contrast paper
 - Use montage across multiple topics

Participant B– 30. M.

Graduate Student, Computer Science

HOBBIES: "Sitting in front of the computer," Tennis

CURRENT RESEARCH TACTICS:

Search Internet for research papers and journals

- Record Perspective to add a story, opinion, or to teach
- Back button?
- Wanted to add comments supplementing his montage to share with friends/public
- Would use for:
 - Personal Interest
 - History
 - View friends' perspectives
 - Publicity for research
- People who don't know what a montage is may have trouble making one
 - Complex concept
 - Suggested hints/tutorials
- Ability to save for later

Participant C– 25. M.

Graduate Student, Computer Science

HOBBIES: Music

CURRENT RESEARCH TACTICS: Google Search

- Wanted to use service to search for perspectives on products (shopping), suggestions for places to see when traveling
- No use for bookmarks
- Difficult? No
- Was excited to tell his story about the Internet
- Concerns about privacy: share video with friends only

Participant D– F.

Adult, Teacher

- Needed to know more of the storyline of why she is on the site
- What is a "montage?"
- Overwhelmed by all the things on the "screen"
- Icons confusing: Suggested to relate to more traditional (ie. Index/glossary)
- Primary sources around the video were confusing
- Liked the idea of keeping track of watched videos
- Wanted background music for videos
- Ability to save for later

Participant E– 26. M.

Entrepreneur

MAJOR: East-Asian Studies, Economics

HOBBIES: Drawing, Ping Pong

CURRENT RESEARCH TACTICS:

Google Search, Google Scholar, Wikipedia, JSTOR

–Overwhelmed: "Visual overload"

–Navigation: How to skip to parts?

–Confused difference between "bookmark" and "+ to My Montage"

–Found "My Montage" extremely helpful, but found the naming confusing

–Ability to add notes

–Log In unnecessary unless contributing content

–Tagging difficult to search