Project 3: Stout Campus Map App & Website

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Overview/Competitive Analysis Project 3

Overview

The Campus Map project consists of creating a new website and mobile application for the UW Stout campus with a special focus on user experience. The design should include buildings, facilities, parking lots, campus boundaries, etc. The target audience for this redesign is incoming students, new faculty, and staff. The result should be not only aesthetically successful, but easy to navigate for all of its intended users.

Competitive Analysis

- 1. University of Wisconsin Stevens Point
- 2. University of Minnesota Duluth
- 3. University of Wisconsin River falls

UW Stevens Point

UW Stevens Point was looked at due to the similarity between campus size and undergrad enrollment when compared to UW Stout. Both universities provide a flat view map along with an interactive "3D" version of their campuses. Many of the same usability features are shared between these as well. The 3D maps can both be navigated by dragging the cursor and provide a slideshow of information and pictures when a building is selected. However, unlike UW Stout, UWSP's flat view map is a single image while Stout's still lets the user navigate around the area and click on a location point for the building name and address.

https://www.uwsp.edu/about/Documents/campusmap.pdf https://stevenspoint.university-tour.com/map.php

UWSP, contd.

Strengths

- Clicking on interactive map opens more information and images of the selected building
- 2. Interactive map allows for drag-able navigation
- 3. Flat view map is color-coded

Weaknesses

- 1. No sense of direction on 3D map (no compass, street names, etc.)
- 2. Users must find location names by searching through a list on flat-view
- 3. Interactive functions are only present with the 3D map







DANIEL O. TRAINER NATURAL RESOURCES BUILDING (TNR)

The College of Natural Resources is widely regarded as the nation's leading undergraduate natural resource program.

Inside the Trainer Natural Resources building, you will find a live animal exhibit; excellent labs, including a water and environmental analysis lab; a greenhouse with an attached research room on the top floor; and some of the **nation's leading experts** in their subjects.

Students explore a variety of programs: Fisheries and water resources, forestry, resource management, paper science and chemical engineering, soil and waste resources, and wildlife ecology.

The college is primarily renowned for the experiential learning opportunities including student trips to our field stations at **Treehaven**, 1,400 acres of outdoor classroom space located in Tomahawk, Wisconsin, **Schmeeckle**



University of Minnesota Duluth

UMD was chosen because of it's similar enrollment size and because it is not a part of the UW system. UMD does not offer a 3D campus map, but it does have an interactive Google map with "layers" that toggle the display of features such as campus bus routes, walk and bike amenities, and accessibility. Locations that are marked with a "?" icon show contact information when clicked on, along with a short list of the services at that location. UMD also offers a PDF printable map, which has an included key for bus hubs, parking, and types of university buildings.

https://www.d.umn.edu/maps/ https://www.d.umn.edu/maps/specific/campus_map.pdf

UMD, contd.

Strengths

- 1. Information layers are useful for displaying transportation and accessible locations
- 2. Map is draggable and can zoom in and out
- 3. Color coding is identical to printed version of the map

Weaknesses

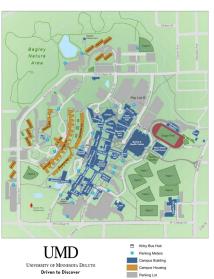
- Contact information and hours is limited to buildings with a "?" icon, not accessible by clicking on the building name
- 2. Layer buttons are not labeled
- 3. Parking lots are color coded, but not labeled

Interactive Campus Map



Laver buttons





UW River Falls

UW River Falls was chosen because of similar campus size and and enrollment when compared to UW stout. While UW stout uses a flat map and UW river Falls takes advantage of using a 2D map as well as flat map. Stouts map and UWRF 2D map are interactive and provide additional information to each of the buildings. Both maps are used similar with zoom and drag tools. But Stout used numbers to serve as a map key while River Falls does not have a key to each building (you must drag over each building).

https://www.uwrf.edu/AboutUs/Explore/

https://www.uwrf.edu/ANFS/Maps-and-Lodging.cfm

UWRF, Contd.

Strengths

- 1. Nice to looks at, feels cohesive
- 2. Able to use drag and zoom tools to navigate the map
- 3. Types of buildings are organized in a manageable way
- 4. When clicking on buildings, more about its history and floor layout is shown

Weaknesses

- 1. On the 2D map buildings are not label with any sort of key or numbering
- Contact information of any buildings is hard to find
- 3. There are some architectural structures mapped but not clickable or labeled

Explore Campus

Academic Buildings

Residence Halls

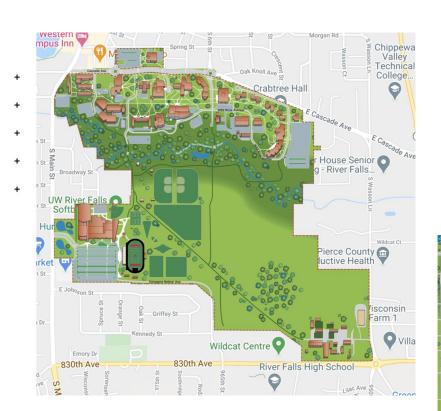
University Services

Athletics And Recreation

Parking Lots

Printable Map

Get Directions







User Research/Personas/ Red Routes Project 3

User 1

Can you show me how you find your way around your college campus? What are the main steps you take when trying to navigate a new area? Are you a college student, if so where do you attend and for how long? Do you or have you ever attended class on your campus? Have you ever searched for or used a map of your campus? Why or why not? How long did it take you to feel comfortable navigating your college campus? How could your experience navigating your campus been a f you are familiar with the buildings on campus, in what ways, if any, could a map still be useful to you? Is there anything else about campus more enjoyable experience? you'd like to be more familiar with?

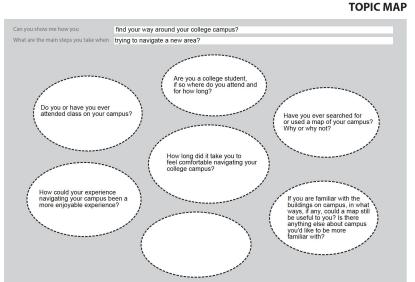
WORKSHEET

TOPIC MAP

CONTEXTUAL INTERVIEW HIGHLIGHTS

DATE: 11/18/2020 PARTICIPANT: User 1 JOB ROLE: UW Stout Student AGE / SEX: 20 / Female Describe the participant and the environment. What clues do these give List the 3 main themes or learnings that stood out from this observation us about the goals and priorities of the participant and the organisation? As a freshman on campus for the first time, this user felt a lot of worry over learning the buildings and finding her classes. This participant is a third year, full-time student at Stout. She lived on campus for the first 2 years, and is now living off campus. Due to Covid19, only one of her classes is in-person. She tried to use the campus map through the Connect app, however it never worked properly (at least at the time). Because of how long she's been at Stout, she no longer feels the need to personally use a campus map. Now in her third year, she feels confident in navigating her campus. However, she noted she will still use building-specifc maps to find certain classrooms. List the ways in which this participant is similar to other participants List the ways in which this participant is different from other participants Doesn't currently need a map to successfully find her She no longer lives on campus and feels comfortable navigating alone. way around. Felt concern when it came to first locating academic buildings. User 2 This participant is most different from: User 3 This participant is most similar to:

User 2



WORKSHEET

CONTEXTUAL INTERVIEW HIGHLIGHTS

DATE: 11/18/2020	PARTICIPANT: User 2	JOB ROLE: UW Stout Student	AGE/SEX: 20 / Male
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Didn't look to Stout-provid they needed one).	led map resources (didn't feel		
This participant is most similar	to: User 5	This participant is most different fr	om: User 3

User 3

TOPIC MAP Can you show me how you Find a new building What are the main steps you take when Planning a visit to campus Have you used a campus map What's your experience with finding campus locations? How would you describe your relation to Stout? What's your experience with parking at Stout? If one of your classes is in a building you've never been to before, how would you find out where it is? Did you know about this campus map? Do you find the digital campus map more or less useful than the printable map?

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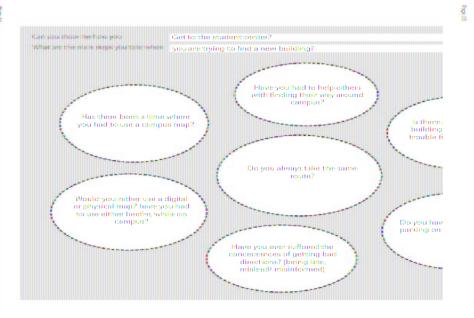
CONTEXTUAL INTERVIEW HIGHLIGHTS

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Lives off campus			
This participant is most similar to	User 4	This participant is most different f	rom: User 1

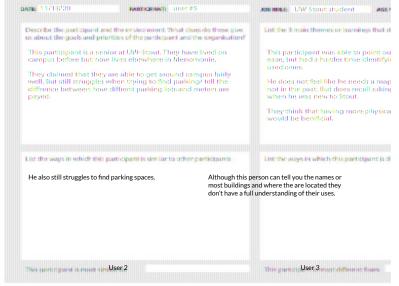


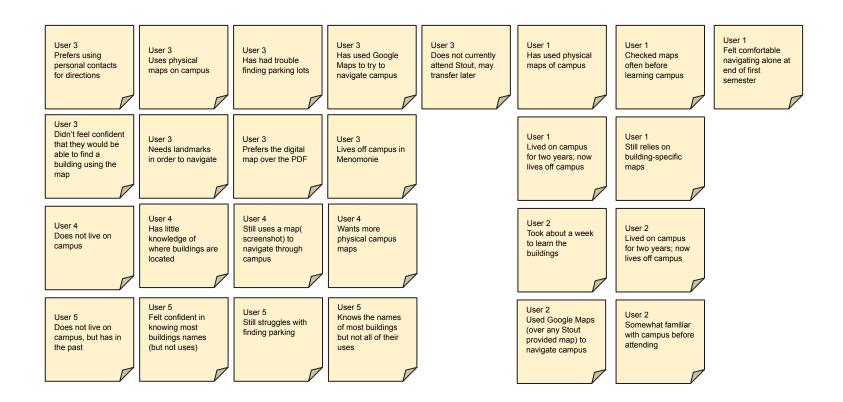
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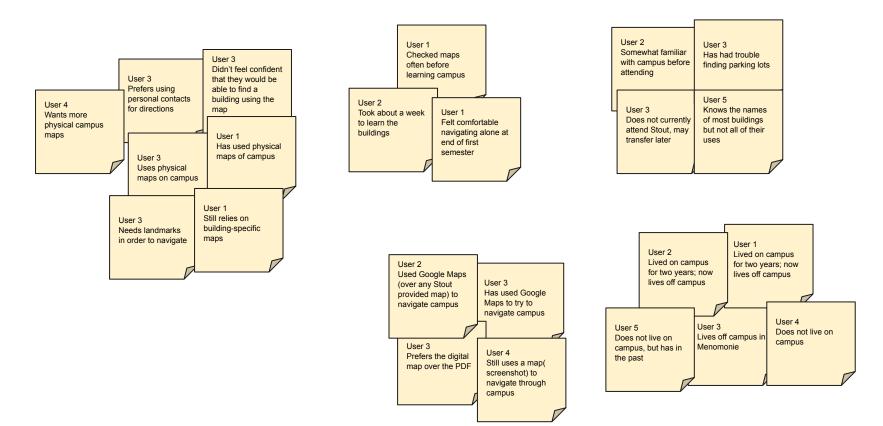




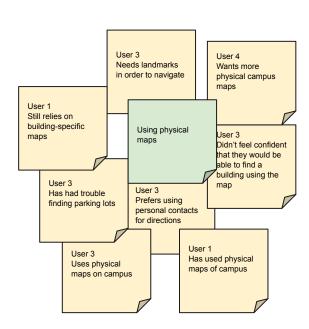
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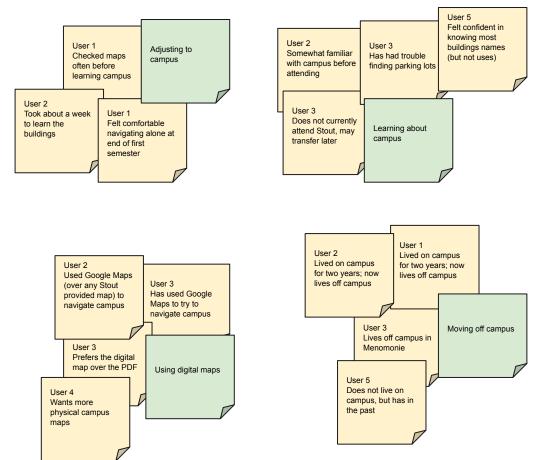




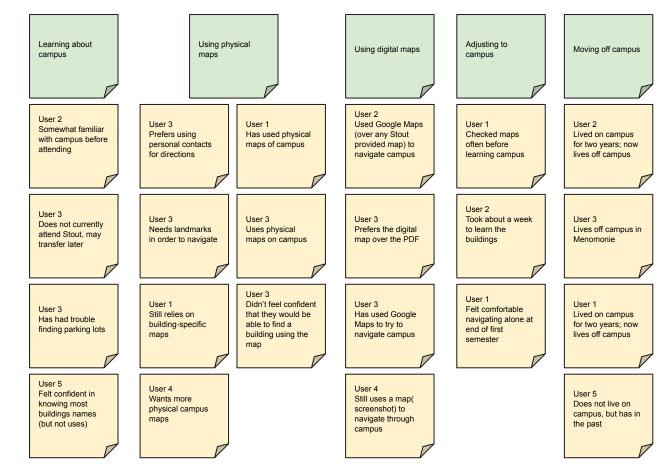


Affinity Diagramming - Step 2





Affinity Diagramming - Step 3



Affinity Diagramming - Step 4

	GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3
GIVE THIS GROUP OF USERS A NAME e.g. 'Telesales support'	Freshmen	Upperclassmen	Prospective students
WHY DO THEY USE THE APPLICATION? Write down the goals as users would express them. Don't simply write down the functions you expect them to use.	Find buildings to attend classes Find key locations for living on campus (dorms, cafeteria) Accessibility information	Find parking spaces when commuting to campus	Find parking locations for tours Learn about key locations for campus life
WHAT INFORMATION DO THEY WANT? In order to achieve their goals, what kind of information, functions or features do they need?	Building guide Accessibility guide	Building hours Parking lot information	Parking lot information Campus overview
HOW DO THEY DIFFER FROM THE OTHER GOUPS? What makes this group a group? Think about usage patterns, job roles, tasks and activities.	They are new to campus and do not have as much experience	These students generally live off-campus They have familiarity with academic buildings	These students may have never seen campus in person, their point of reference could only come from online resources

Primary Persona

Jane



"Where is the Jarvis Tech Wing?"

- Jane is an 18 year old female freshman who just started at UW Stout. They are new to the college environment, and this is the first time they've lived somewhere without their family.
- Jane has a hard time navigating campus, and ends up wandering around buildings looking for her classrooms. She wants an easier way to find her way around campus.

Secondary Persona

Ben



"Where can I park?"

- Ben is a 21 year old male student at UW
 Stout. He lived on campus for the first two years, and has since moved off campus.
- He only comes to campus once a week for class and has trouble finding parking. He currently drives around campus until he sees an empty spot. He wants an easy way to locate parking spaces that he can use (clarification between who can park where on the map).

Red Routes

All the time		Finding parking spaces		Finding academic buildings
Most of the time				
Some of the time	Learn about campus locations	Locating other key buildings (ie dorms, cafeteria)		Finding classrooms
Very little of the time	Accessibility information	Specific building and lab hours		
	Few of the people	Some of the people	Most of the people	All of the people

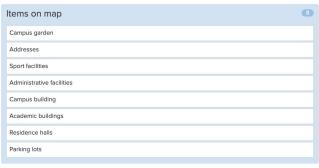
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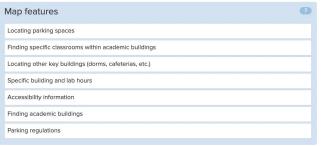
- 1. "I'm still finding my way around the academic buildings, and have trouble finding my classrooms each semester. I wish there was an easier way to find them."
- 2. "As someone who's lived on campus, but now only visits once a week, I'm familiar with where to find my classes but I have no idea where I can park. I want an accessible resource to find parking lot information."
- 3. "I'm newer to Stout and only have one in person class this semester. So finding some of the buildings is hard for me, I still use a screenshot of the map to get around most of the time. I wish Stout had more physical maps around campus."

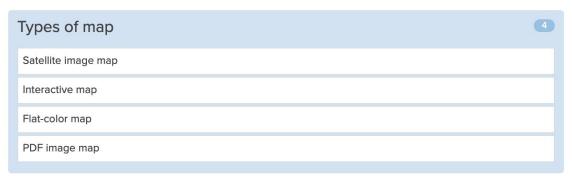
Sitemap Project 3

Card Sorting Analysis

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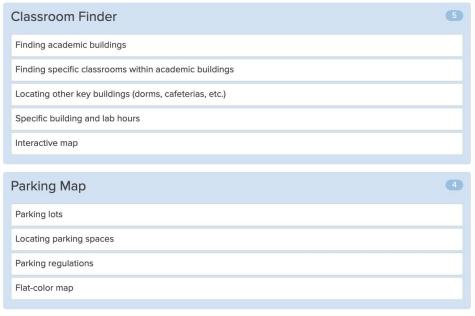


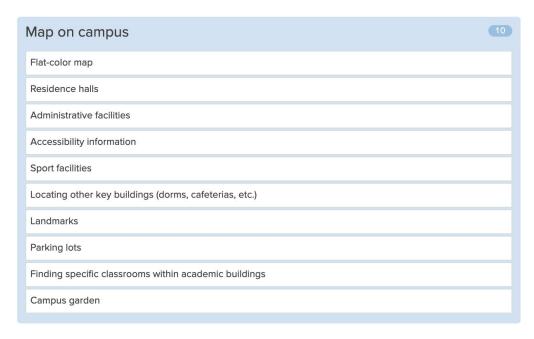




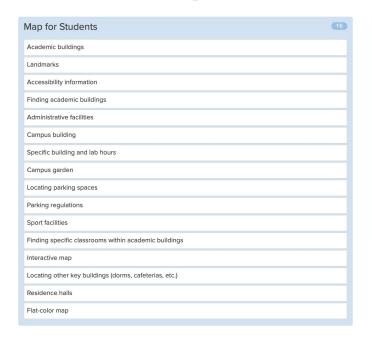






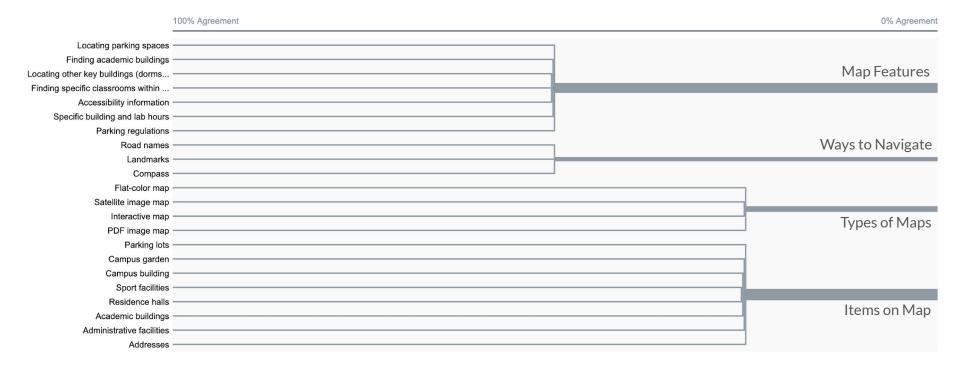


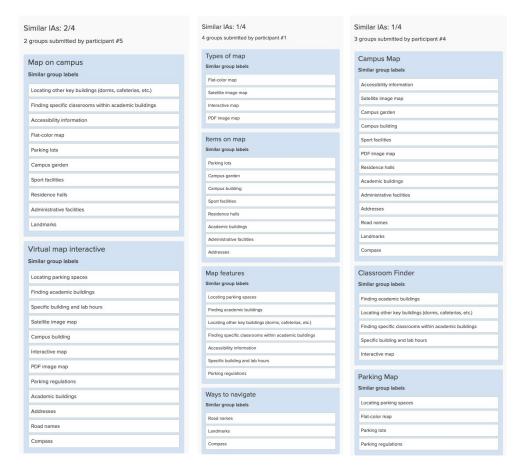
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Parking regulations	
Interactive map	
Satellite image map	
Locating parking spaces	
Campus building	
Specific building and lab hours	
Addresses	
Road names	
Compass	
PDF image map	
Academic buildings	
Finding academic buildings	



Map for Visitors	6
Satellite image map	
Addresses	
Road names	
Compass	
Parking lots	
PDF image map	

Locating other key buildings (dorms, cafeterias, etc.) Finding specific classrooms within academic buildings Finding academic buildings Specific building and lab hours 75 75 100 50 50 75 75 Locating parking spaces 50 50 75 75 100 Parking regulations 25 25 50 50 50 50 Campus building 25 25 50 50 50 50 Academic buildings 100 50 50 25 25 25 25 75 75 Campus garden 50 50 25 25 25 25 Sport facilities 75 75 100 50 50 25 25 25 25 75 75 100 100 Residence halls 50 50 25 25 25 25 75 75 100 100 100 Administrative facilities **75 75 50 50 50 50 50 50** 75 75 75 75 Accessibility information 25 25 25 25 50 50 75 75 75 Landmarks 25 25 25 25 50 50 25 25 25 25 50 Road names 25 25 25 25 50 50 25 25 25 25 25 50 Compass 25 25 25 25 50 50 25 25 25 25 25 25 75 75 Satellite image map 25 25 25 25 50 50 25 25 25 25 25 25 PDF image map 25 25 25 25 75 75 50 50 50 50 25 25 Addresses 25 25 25 25 50 50 50 50 25 25 25 50 50 25 25 50 50 25 25 50 50 50 50 50 50 0 25 25 0 50 Flat-color map 50 50 50 50 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 50 50 25 Interactive map





Sitemap

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Map features

Parking map

Map types

Locating Academic buildings

Locating parking spots

Flat

Accessibility information

Parking regulations

satellite

Lab/building hours

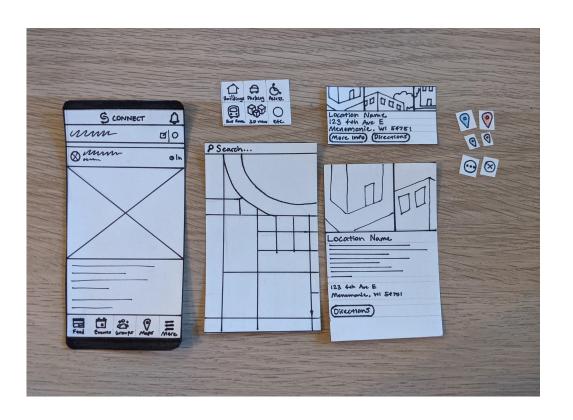
Parking payment

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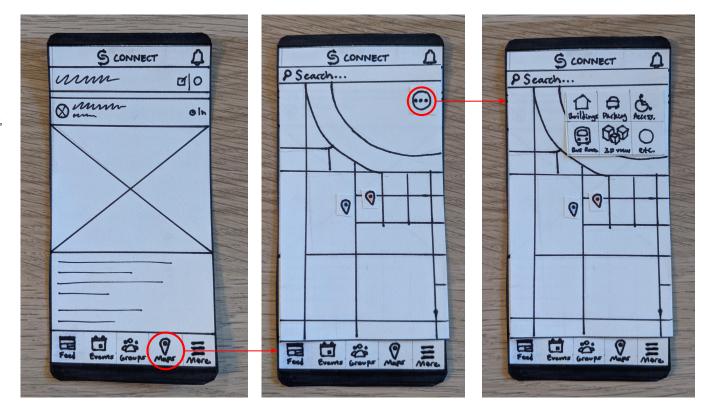
Interactive

Lo-fi Prototype/Lo-fi Usability Testing Project 3

App Prototype

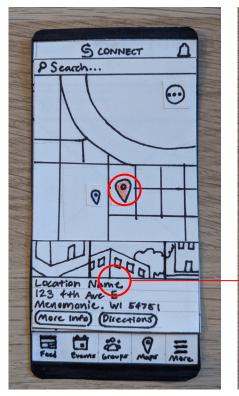


- 1. User taps on "Maps" tab to open campus map
- 2. User taps on "..." icon for sorting layers and extra map features
- 3. User selects desired sorting layer (Buildings, parking, accessibility, transit, 3D view, etc.) or taps on map to close popup



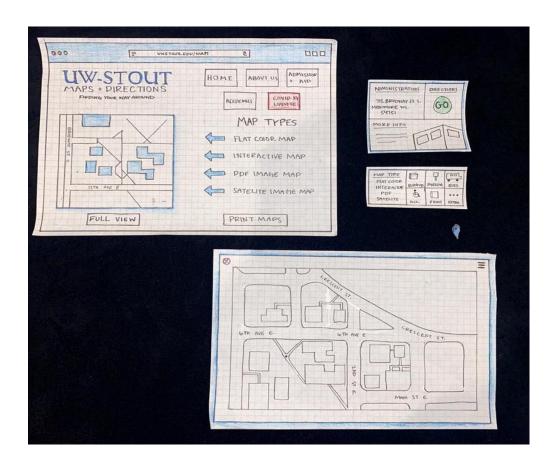
- User selects blue location (buildings) - more information about that location is shown in the lower section/drawer
- User selects red location (parking lots) - more information about that location is shown in the lower section/drawer
- 3. User taps/swipes up on drawer to see more information about that location user may close out of drawer by tapping the "X" icon or swiping down



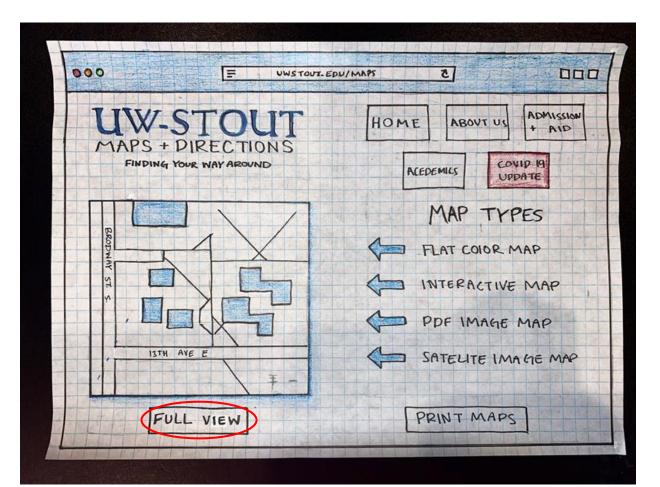




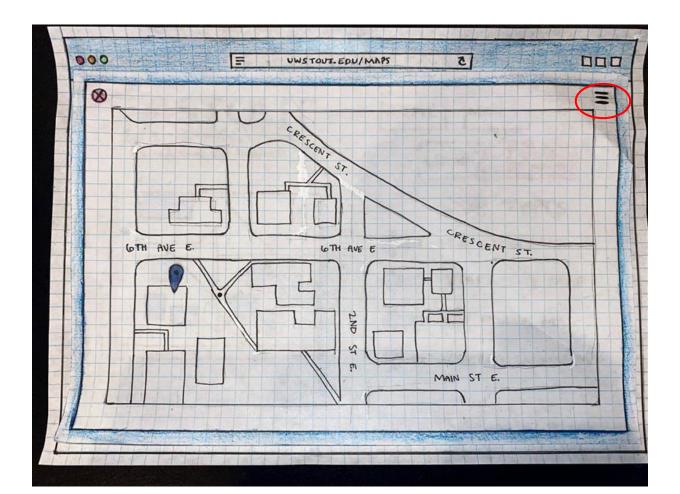
Website Prototype



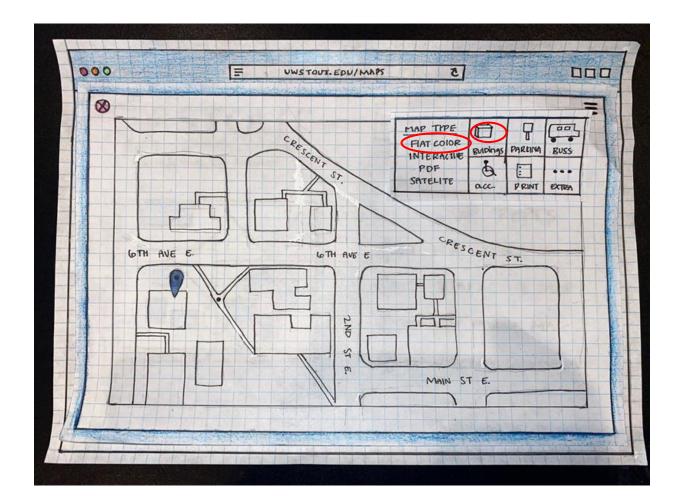
1. User clicks on "full view" button to view the campus map.



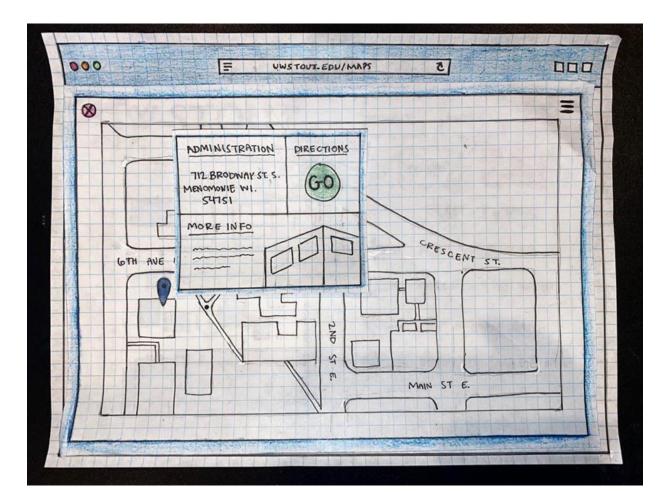
1. User clicks on the three bars in the upper right corner to view the options menu.



- 1. User clicks on the type of map they would like to view.
- 2. User also clicks on the parts of the maps they wish to be displayed. (i.e. buildings)



 User clicks on the highlighted building. Here directions, the address and more information of the building is displayed.



Lo-fi User Testing

App observations are coded in pink, while web observations are shown in orange.



Groupings are made in blue, analyses are presented in purple.





#1 Located "Maps" from Connect home page #2
Chose "Buildings"
from Map settings
menu, viewed
highlighted building

#3 Returned to Settings menu, chose "Parking"

#4
Clicked on parking
lot icon, chose
"More Info"

#1 Chose "Full View" to open map #2 Clicked on the menu icon, chose "Buildings" from pop-up

#3
Clicked on the
building icon and
viewed information

#1 Located "Maps" from Connect home page #2 Chose "Buildings" from Map settings menu, viewed highlighted building

#3
Returned to
Settings menu,
chose "Parking"

Clicked on parking lot icon, chose "More Info"

#1 Chose "Full View" to open map #2
Confused by
location of "X" and
the menu icon,
found and opened
menu

#3
Confused by map
views and features
shown in menu,
clicked on
"Buildings"

#3 Clicked on highlighted location to view full info

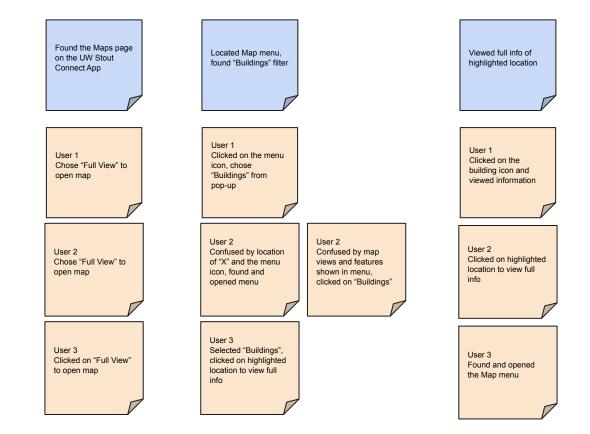
#1 Clicked on Maps icon from Connect home page

#2 Clicked on menu icon #3 Selected "Buildings", viewed info of highlighted building

#4 Returned to menu and chose "Parking" #5 Clicked on highlighted location, chose "More Info" on the location #1 Clicked on "Full View" to open map #2 Found and opened the Map menu

#3 Selected "Buildings", clicked on highlighted location to view full info

Found the Maps page Accessed the specific Located Map settings on the UW Stout location information Connect App User 2 User 2 User 1 Chose "Buildings" User 1 Returned to Settings Clicked on parking lot from Map settings Located "Maps" from menu, chose icon, chose "More menu, viewed Connect home page "Parking" highlighted building User 1 User 1 Chose "Buildings" User 2 Returned to Settings User 2 from Map settings Clicked on parking lot Located "Maps" from menu, chose menu, viewed icon, chose "More Connect home page "Parking" highlighted building Info" User 3 User 3 User 3 User 3 Selected "Buildings", Clicked on Maps Clicked on menu Clicked on viewed info of icon from Connect icon highlighted location, highlighted building home page chose "More Info" on the location User 3 Returned to menu and chose "Parking"



Analysis

Арр

Show all location icons muted & small, map menu filters them so the chosen option is larger and more colorful Web

On homepage \rightarrow flip the menu and the map

On homepage → no need to list "interactive map" as an option, both satellite and flat color are already interactive

On homepage → list PDF map as a downloadable link

Fullview map \rightarrow switch location of "X" and the options menu

Fullview map → don't put "map views" in the same location as the features/highlights

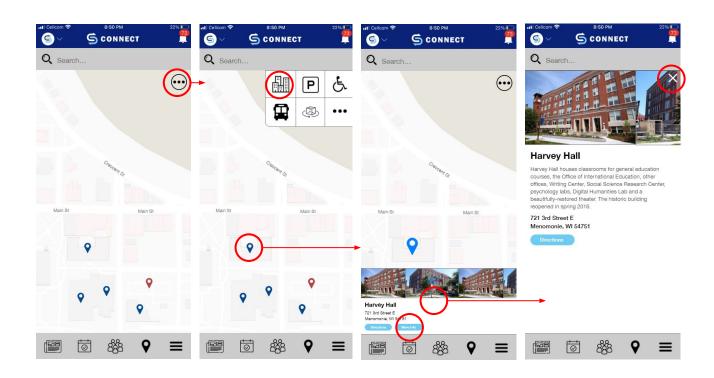
Visual Layout & Interaction Design Project 3

XD Prototypes

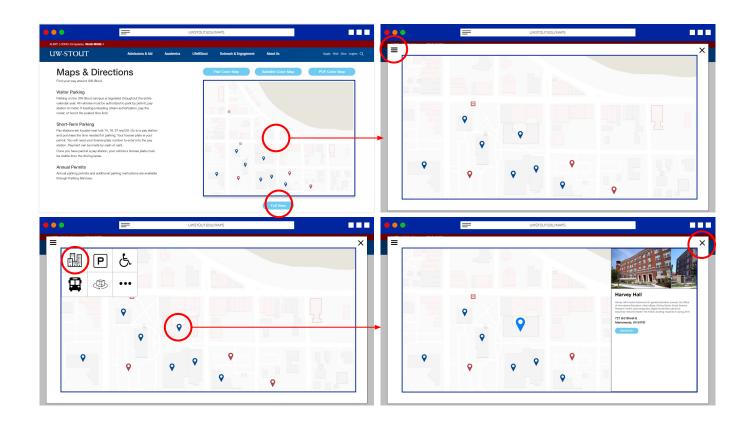
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- 1. User taps on "..." icon for sorting layers
- 2. User selects sorting layer or taps outside of menu to close
- 3. User taps on location icon
- 4. User taps on drawer or "More info" button
- 5. User closes information window by tapping the "X" icon



- 1. User clicks on small map or "Full View" button to open full map
- 2. User clicks on menu icon
- 3. User clicks on sorting layer option or closes menu by clicking outside
- 4. User clicks on location icon
- 5. User clicks on "X" icon to close map



Hi-fi Usability Testing Project 3

#1 #1 #3 Closed full map Tapped on sorting Clicked on "Full Clicked on location Tapped on location Tapped on drawer options icon View" button icon #4 Tried to view Needed some Tapped on another type of guidance to find "Directions" button map for sorting the sorting layers layer information

#1
Hovered over location pts until clicking on Harvey

#2
Chose "More Info" on Harvey Hall

#3
Tried to click on directions

#4
Clicked off to return to the map

#5
Found the menu and clicked around on the options

#1
Clicked on 3 map options on top

#2
Clicked on map to open the full view

#4
Clicked on map to close info tab

#4
Opened menu drawer, tried to view filtering options

#5
Chose Harvey Hall, tried to click on "Directions"

info button

#1
Clicked on drawer button on bottom of screen

#2
Clicked on sorting options

#4
Hovered for a moment then clicked on more
#5
Tried to click on directions button

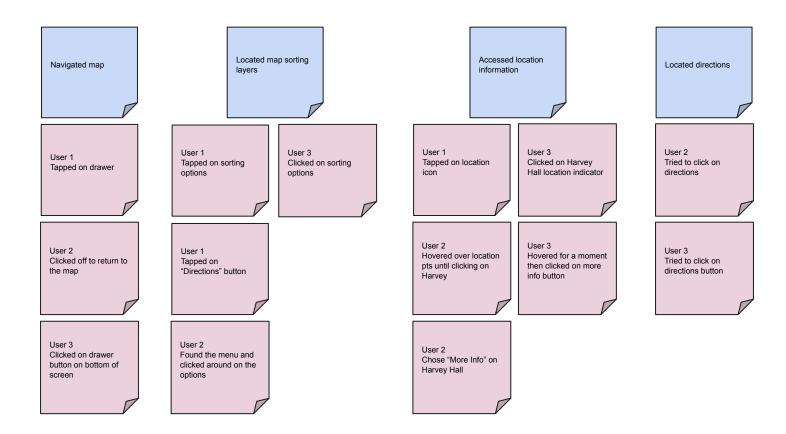
#3 Clicked on Harvey Hall location indicator #1
Hovered over then clicked on small map icon

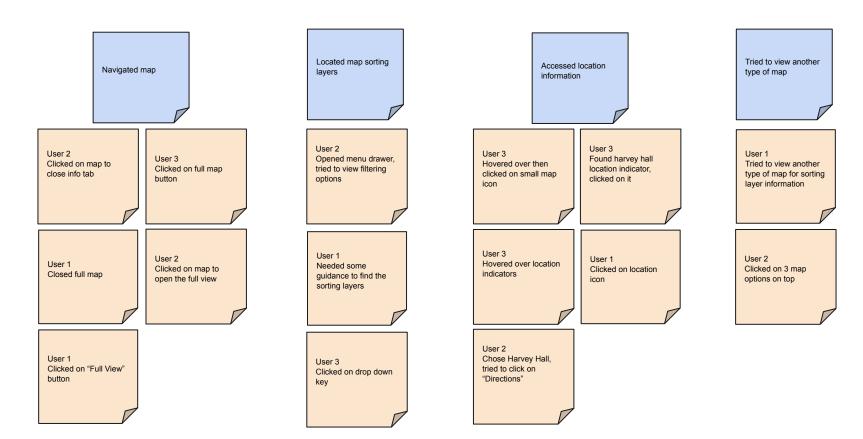
#2
Clicked on full map button

#3
Hovered over location indicators

#4
Clicked on drop down key

#4
Found harvey hall location indicator, clicked on it





Affinity Map — WEB

Observation	Critical	Serious	Medium	Low
Clicked on "Directions" button		×		
Hovered over all shown location points	Х			
Tested all menu sorting options	Х			
Clicked on drawer located at bottom of page				Х

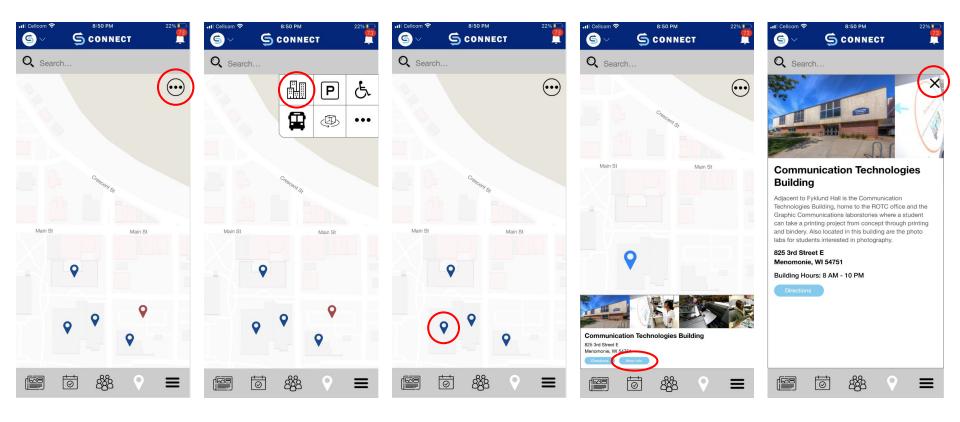
Observation	Critical	Serious	Medium	Low
Clicked on 3 listed map options on home page			×	
Clicked on "Directions" button		Х		
Tested all menu sorting options	Х			
Hovered over all shown location pins	Х			

Outcome Project 3

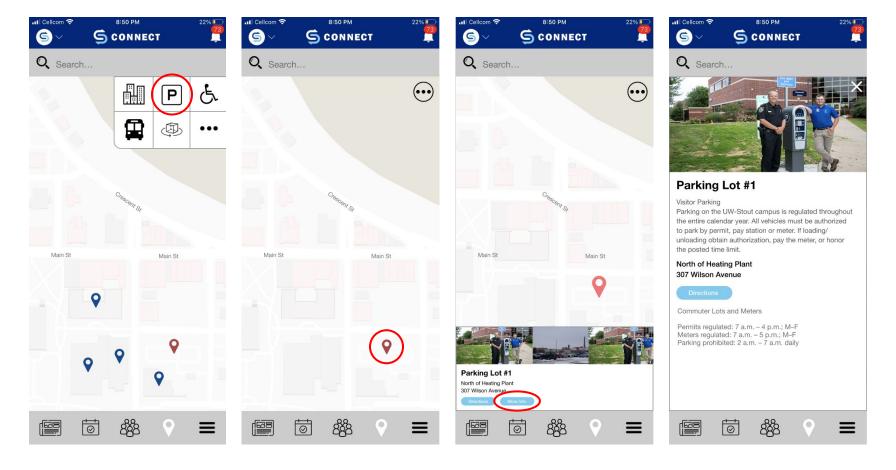
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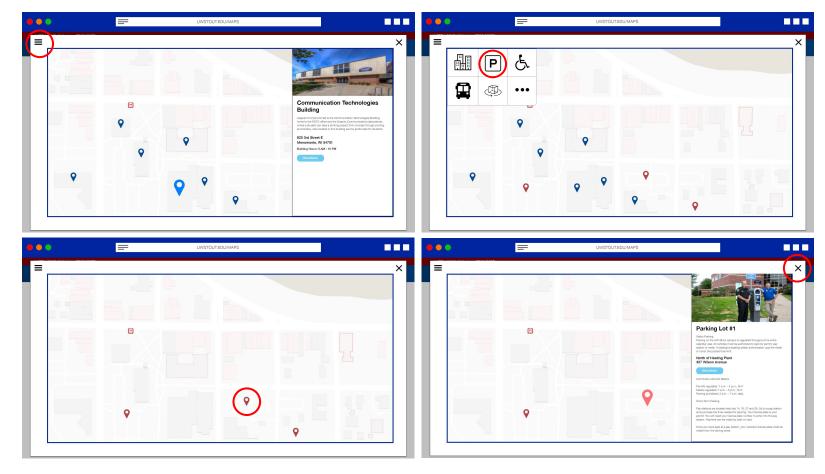
App Screenshots



App Screenshots



Web Screenshots



Web Screenshots

Summary

Through research and testing, we learned the goals of our user base could be summarized as: locating campus buildings and facilities, having easy access to building hours, and clear specification of parking and those regulations. Our design meets these functions with a clear, simple interface that spans across both the app and web versions. Each building point includes images of the location, a short description, the address, and the hours of operation. The parking pins on the map include the address of the lot, information on who can park there, and its hours of regulation. Our campus map also allows for filtering, so if the user were to choose so they could view campus with only buildings or parking lots shown. This feature allows for the possibility of quick access to only the information they need at the time.