Mobile Proto HW6

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Questions and Findings

• Why is there a icon for messenger on the tool bar?

I personally dislike the messenger icon. It directly links to the messenger app. Why people don't simply open up messenger app instead of go into Facebook and then press that button to messenger? The answer is that when people want to reply to their friends' message, it would be easy to tap on that icon and go to messenger app. However, I still feel this icon unnecessary.

• When I tap on the upper right next to the messenger icon, it shows a drop-down list including my recently contacted friends. Tapping on any of my friends still links me to the messenger app. What is this for?

With this drop-down list, I am able to see the status of my recently contacted friends. It is convenient to know if it is good to reply to them at the moment. And it also allows me to search for a friend by name or phone number. I think it is better to put this feature into the Friends page(fragment).
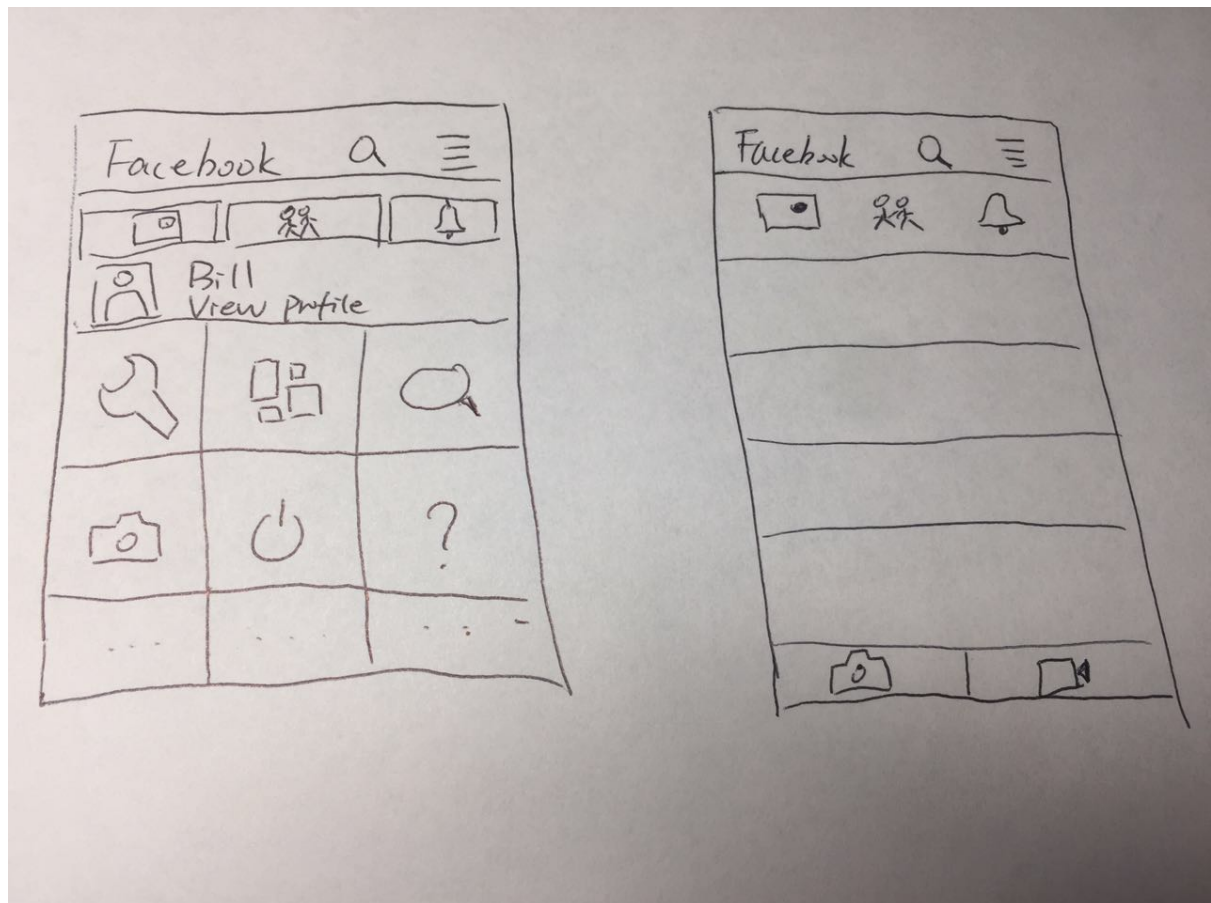
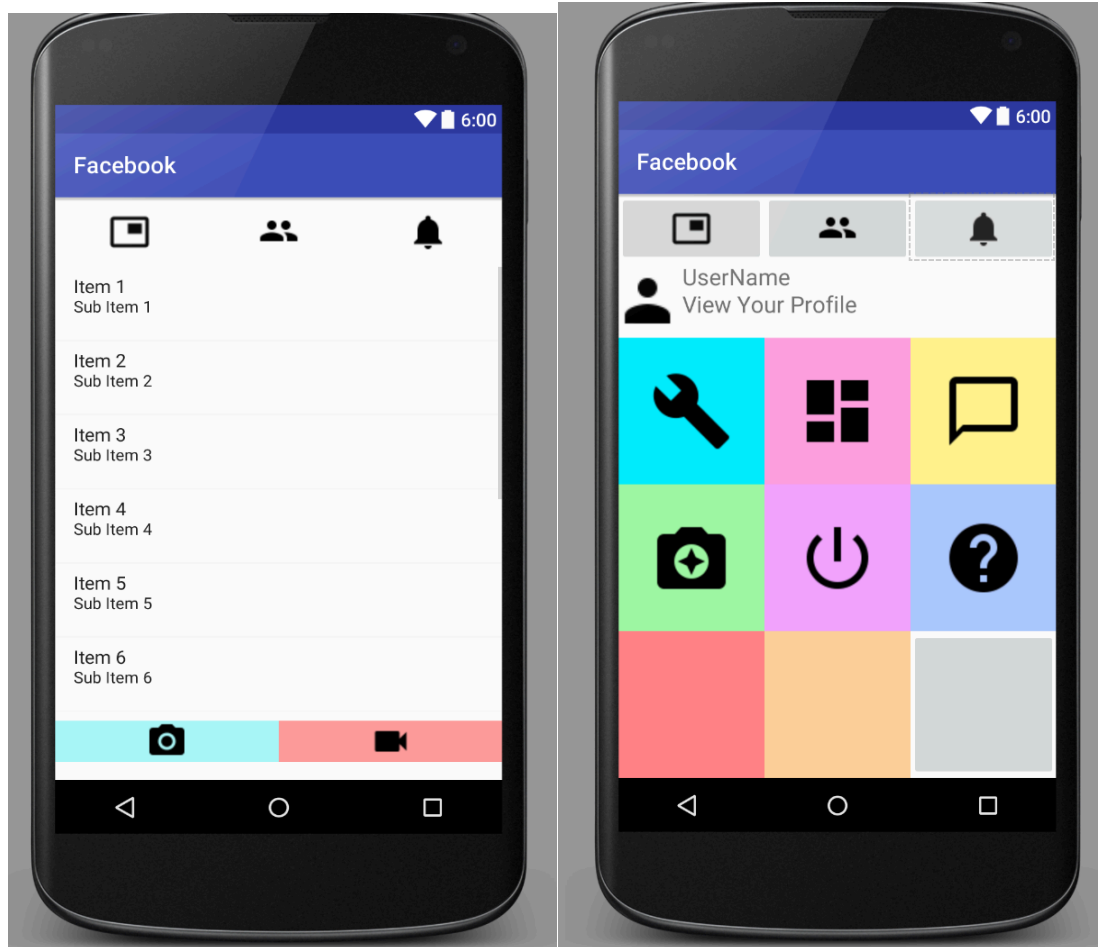• The general color scheme is blue. Does user feel good about it?

The color for the Facebook app icon is blue, and Facebook is making blue as their signature color. Overall, the app looks good in this color scheme because blue and white doesn't make me feel busy or hot.

• Is it easy to find and edit my profile, system settings… etc. ?

The last tab below the toolbar links to the fragment I want. I can easily edit my profile by clicking on the first element which shows my profile picture and "View your profile". However, there is a super long list below my profile. A lot of different features are listed one by one, and I have to scroll down to the very bottom to see the "App Settings", which is not convenient for me.

My Design

I redesigned the toolbar (menu items not shown on the device screen), the first tab page and the settings page. I also reduced the number of tabs from 4 to 3 by moving the last tab to the toolbar.

For the tool bar, I removed the messenger icon because I don't think it's necessary to be there. If people want to go to messenger, they would simply open up the app. Then I changed the link of the icon next to the search icon. Tapping on that icon now leads the user to the Settings page.

In the first tab page, I retained the list view for all the posts. To leave more spaces for the posts, I removed the profile element and moved the camera and video icon to the bottom.

In the Settings page, I retained the profile element in my design. I used a set of large icons to replace the annoying long list. The icons in the first row are: System Settings, Apps, Messenger. And in the second row are: Instagram, Log Our, and Help. I put these 6 features and categories here to make people easier to find what they are looking for. Finally, I set different colors for the icons to make user feel more delightful.