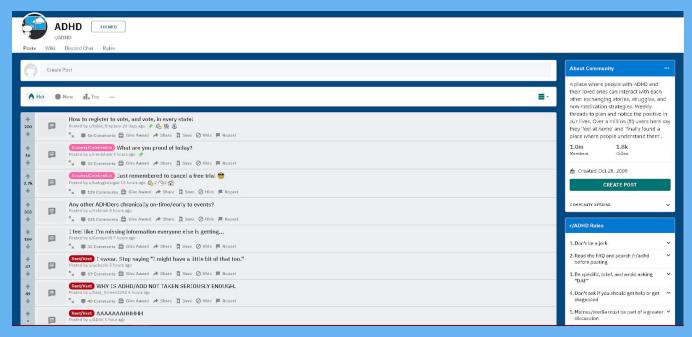


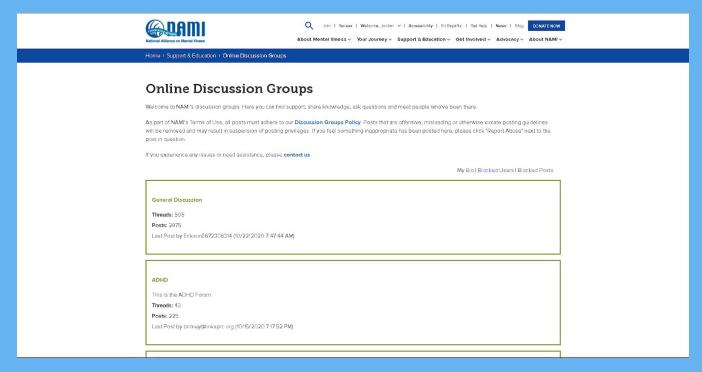
During Week 3 of class, I came up with these drawings for things that aren't designed for normal people and aren't normally included in the design process. I didn't include this in my app as I thought Apple Accessibility does a good job of this. It allowed me to start thinking about what I was going to do for my Independent Project. These ideas weren't far off what I would eventually create for the project.



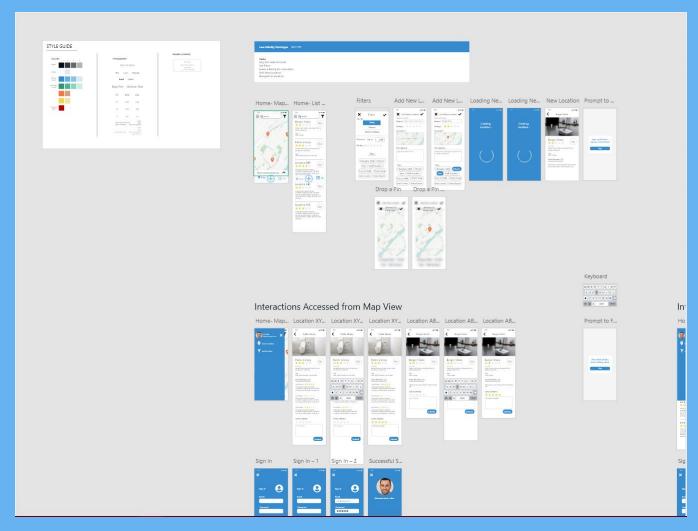
I quickly found out how hard it was going to be to implement captions into my website and Apple Accessibility already does text to speech really well. So I had to come up with something a little out of the box. That's when I decided using voice interactions would be an awesome idea. Voice interactions would not only help those with conditions or disabilities, but it would also help those without them as well. The only people this couldn't help would be those that are mute.



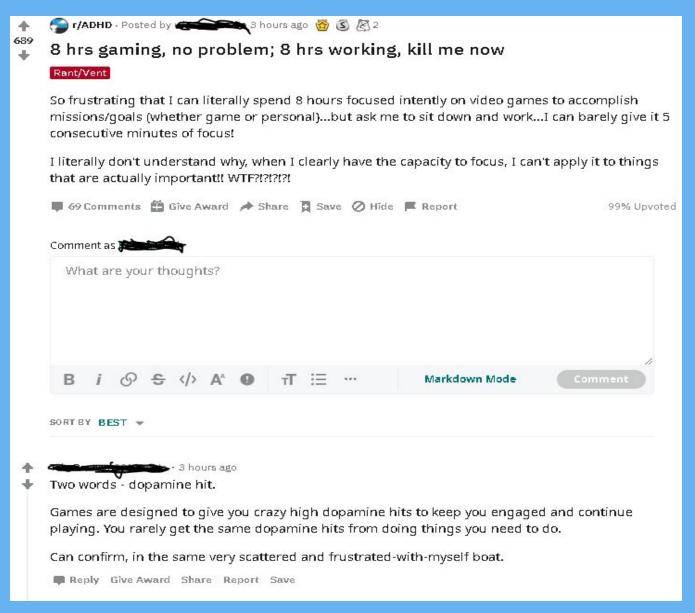
During Week 7, I came up with the idea that I was going to design an app that would help those with conditions and disorders. My inspiration for this was through reddit as I was already a part of a couple subreddits that have helped me understand and manage my conditions.



I also used NAMI discussion boards as an inspiration to group certain conditions and disabilities into their own groups. Looking back at this I wish I would have included the amount of posts that had been made in each group. Maybe that's something I could add in the future.



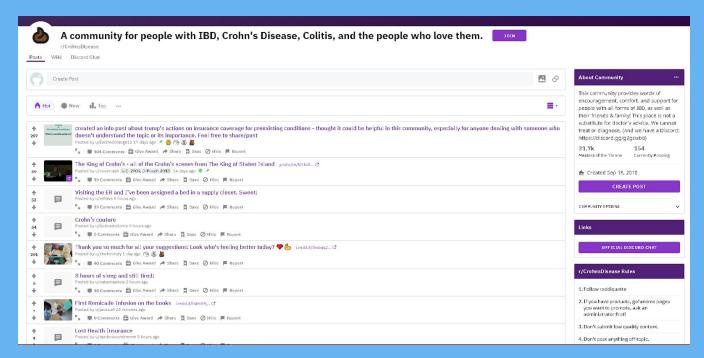
I made an app for another class that involved finding the closest restroom to you using a map and lists. It essentially acted as a GPS. However, there was a social aspect to it as you could add new locations, leave reviews, and use tags to describe the restroom. I only ended up using the tag idea as I didn't think it was a good idea to include a map to be able to meet other people. Although it is something I could add back if it is a feature that users wanted.



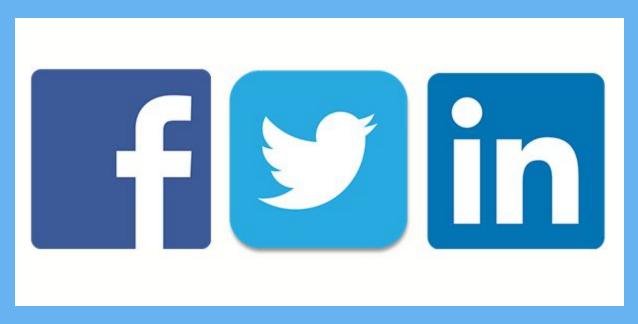
This was my inspiration for how I wanted to set up how to make posts and comments. I didn't like the idea of giving rewards or having upvotes as I wanted it to be welcome to everyone and not become a popularity contest. However, more popular issues would be beneficial to have at the top so maybe I could include some algorithm that gauges how much users engage with a post to do that. I would like to include flairs and the ability to share, save, hide, and possibly report in the future though. Also the formatting of posts and comments is something I could also look into.



While looking back through my other projects I've done, I came across this. While It may not look like much, it gave me the idea to include art banners for each of the groups as this was not something Reddit or NAMI had.



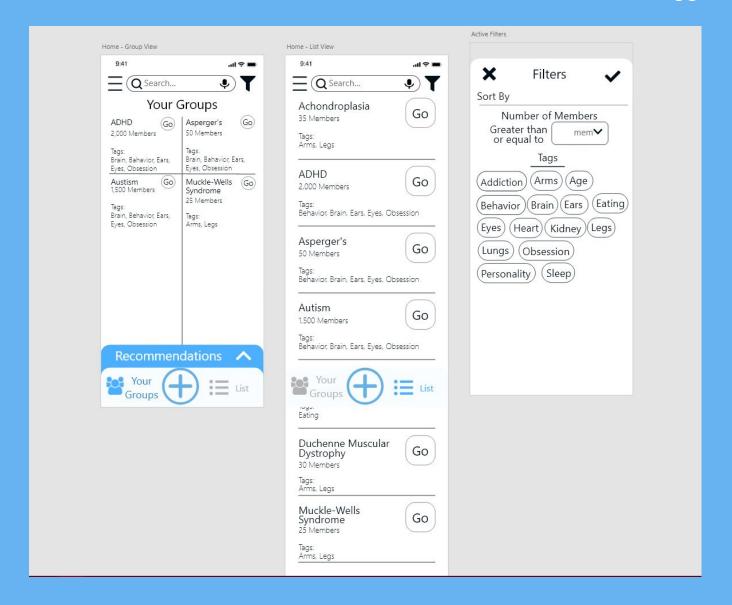
Looking back at my inspiration for this project I realized that each group has their own text color and button colors. While I thought this was a cool idea. It would throw off the overall unity of the app since everything else is blue. However, if it is something that users would want I would add it. It could also help the user know where they are as each color could be coordinated to a certain type of condition or disorder.



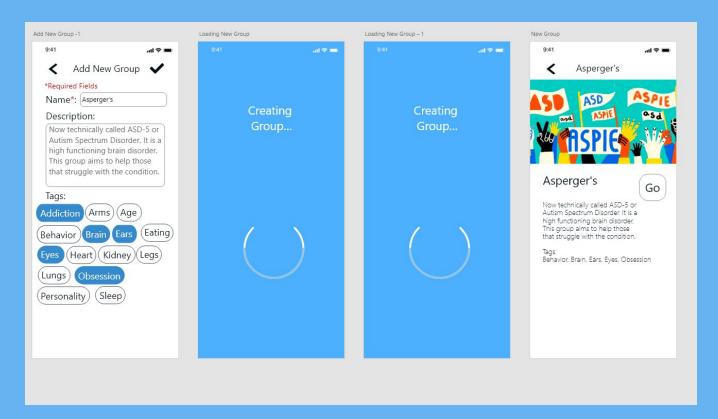
While speaking of color, the reason I chose blue is because it's a very relaxing color. It's the precise reason why several social media sites use the color blue. I also think it looks good.



One of the first things I came up with was the logo, I wanted it to be simple, but also be able to scale up or scale down. It's also very easy to change the color which I did in the app.



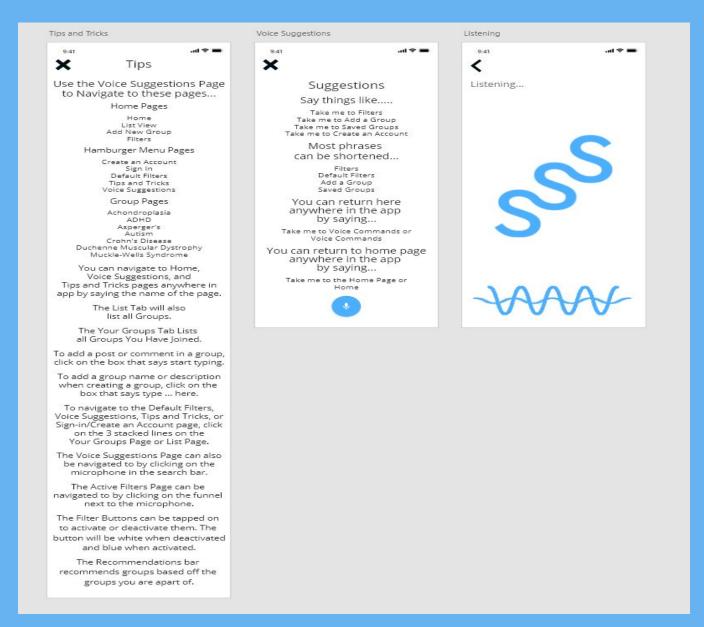
Having a simple layout for the home screen was the most important part of the app as the user is always going to that page every time they open the app. However, that doesn't mean that the home screen is lacking features. It boasts a filters button, search bar, microphone button, hamburger menu tab, a recommendations pull up bar, a Your Groups Tab, a List View Tab, and the add a group button.



The Add a Group Function allows users to add a group to the app for various conditions and diseases. The user adds the name of the group, a description, and tags that apply to it. After that, the app takes you to the newly created group.



On this new page, Users can choose to join the group, make a post in the group and leave comments. With users adding new groups there will be a lot of different groups for every condition/disease under the sun.



Finally, the bread and butter of this app. The feature that this whole app was built around. I wanted to add a page that would tell the user what types of voice commands they could make in the app as well as give them various options on how they could say different phrases. It was also vital to include a page that would give the user tips and tricks on how to navigate and use the app. Included in those tips is a list of every page in the app so if the user gets lost they can always refer back to there. I also wanted to add a built in fail safe for the app in case something breaks. So the user can say Home, Voice Suggestions, or Tips and Tricks anywhere in the app and it will take them there. Every page can be navigated to from the Voice Suggestions Page. Although in the future I hope to add the ability to go anywhere in the app from any page through the use of voice commands.