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Travel Itinerary Planner

Stage 3: 1st Prototype

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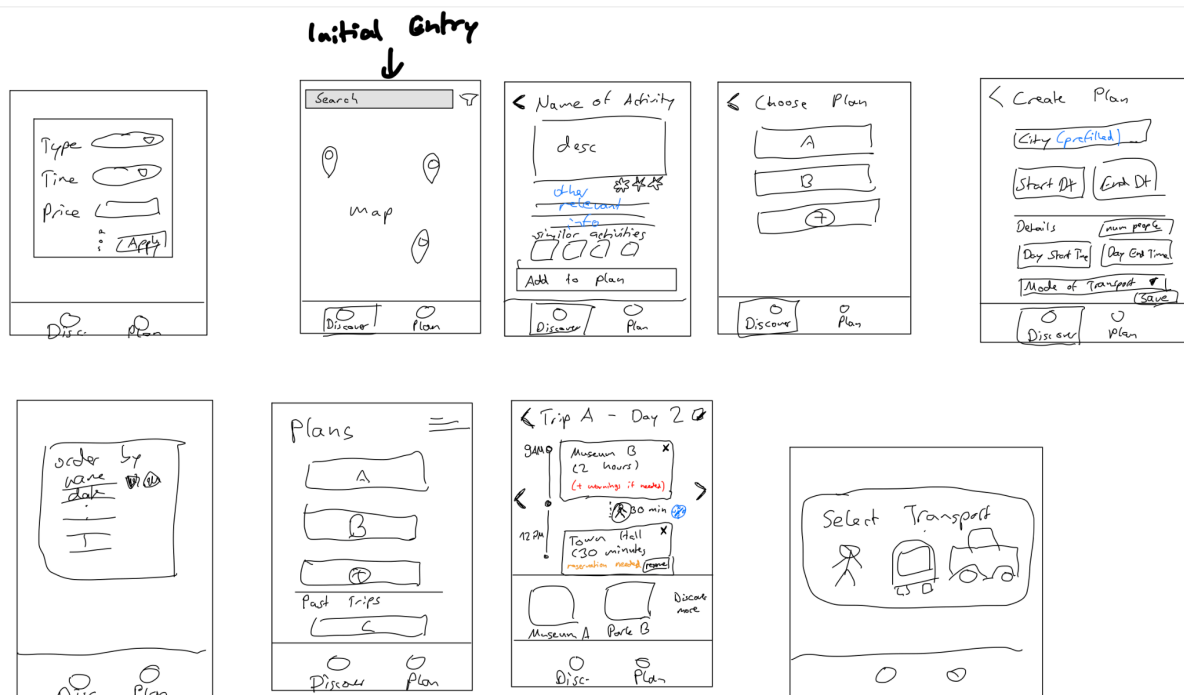
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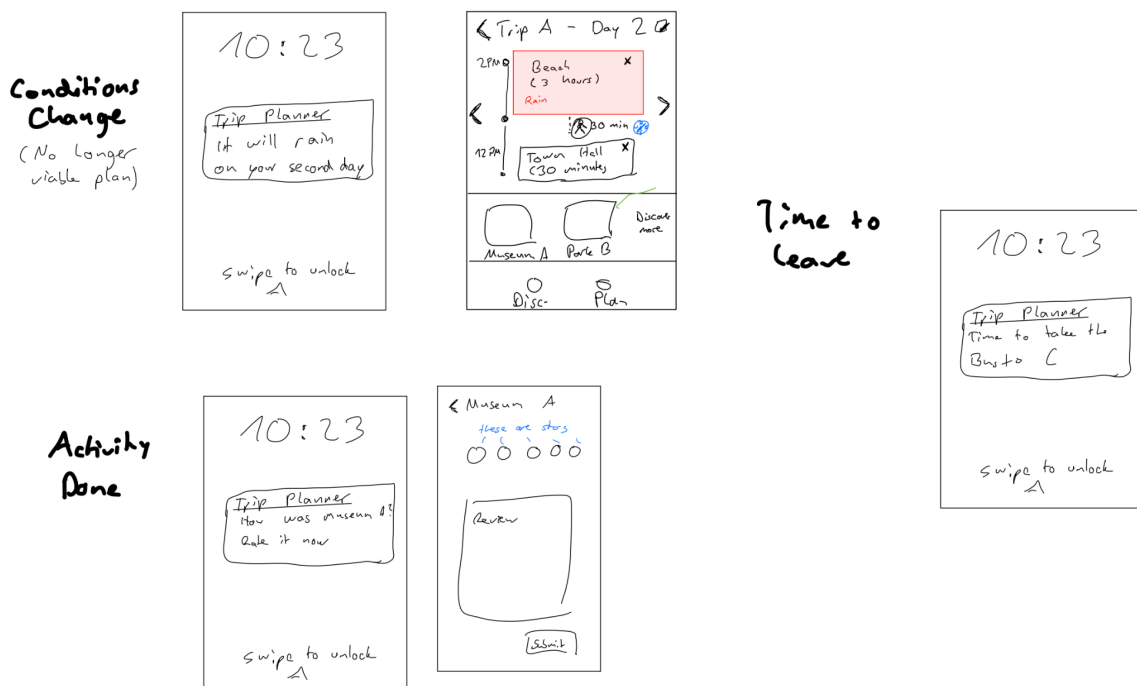
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SKETCHES

The following sketches show the main functionality of the application

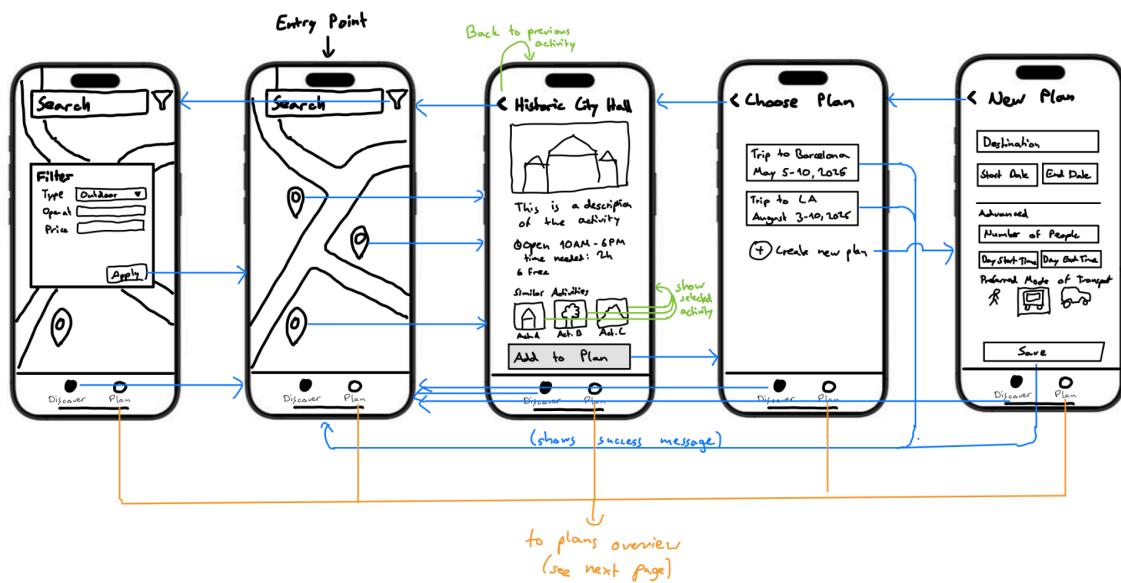


The following sketches show some contextual states of the application and notifications.

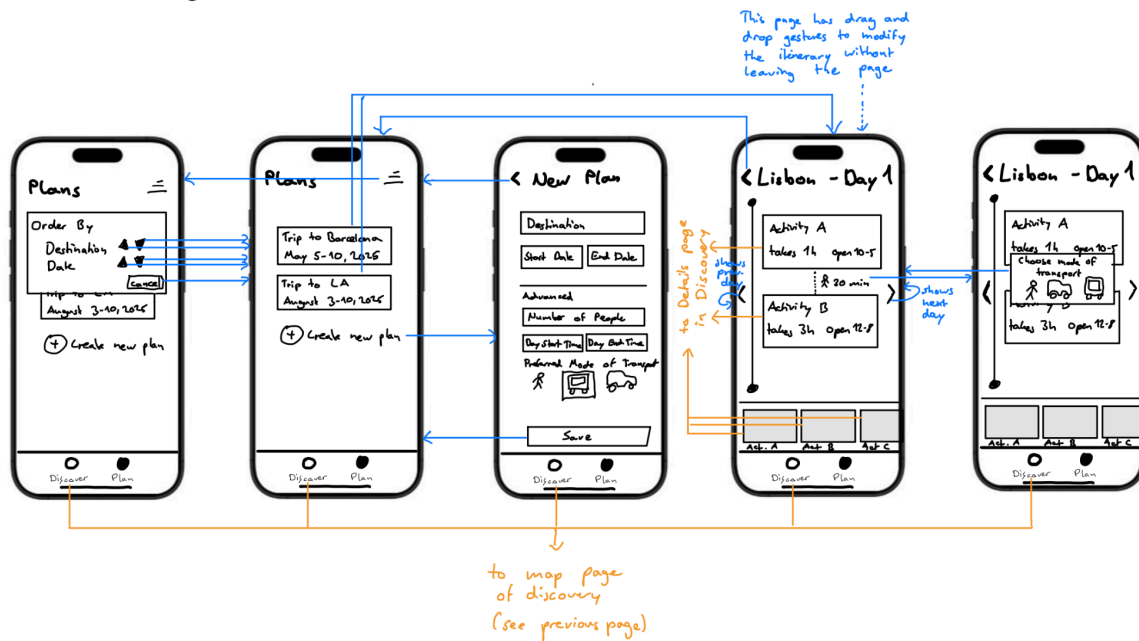


STORYBOARDS

Activity Discovery



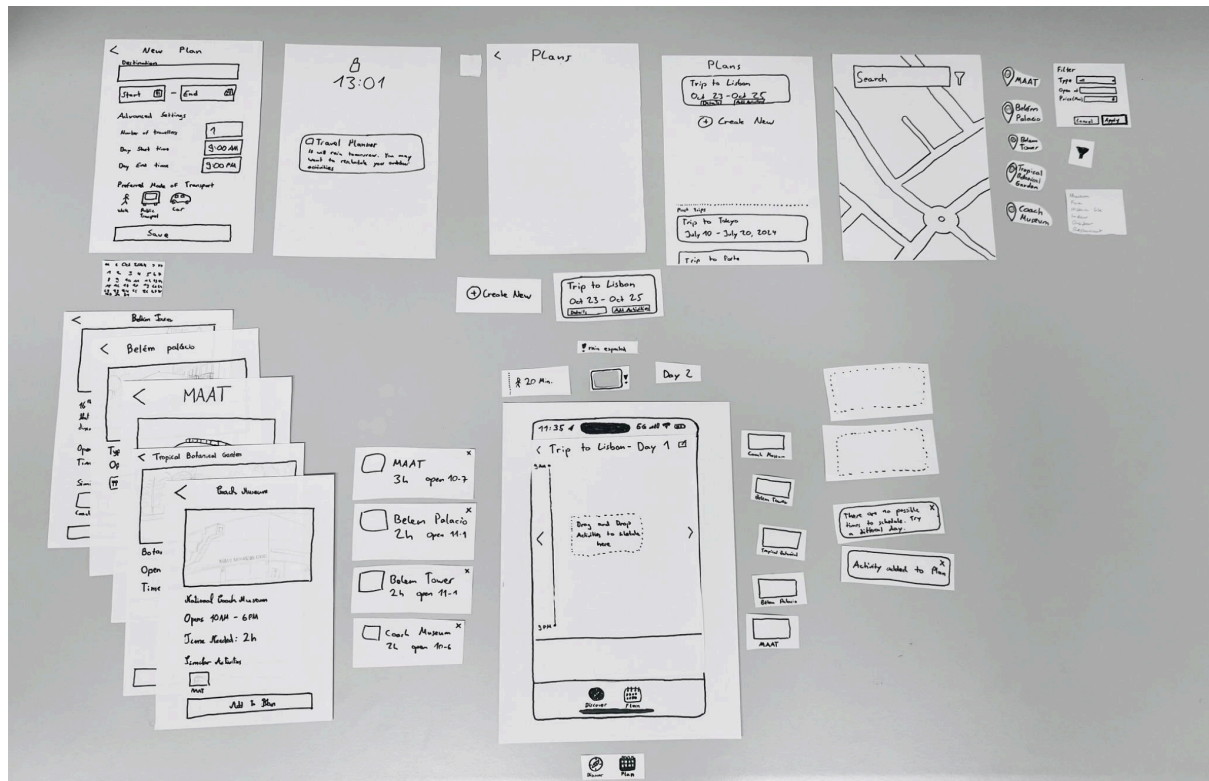
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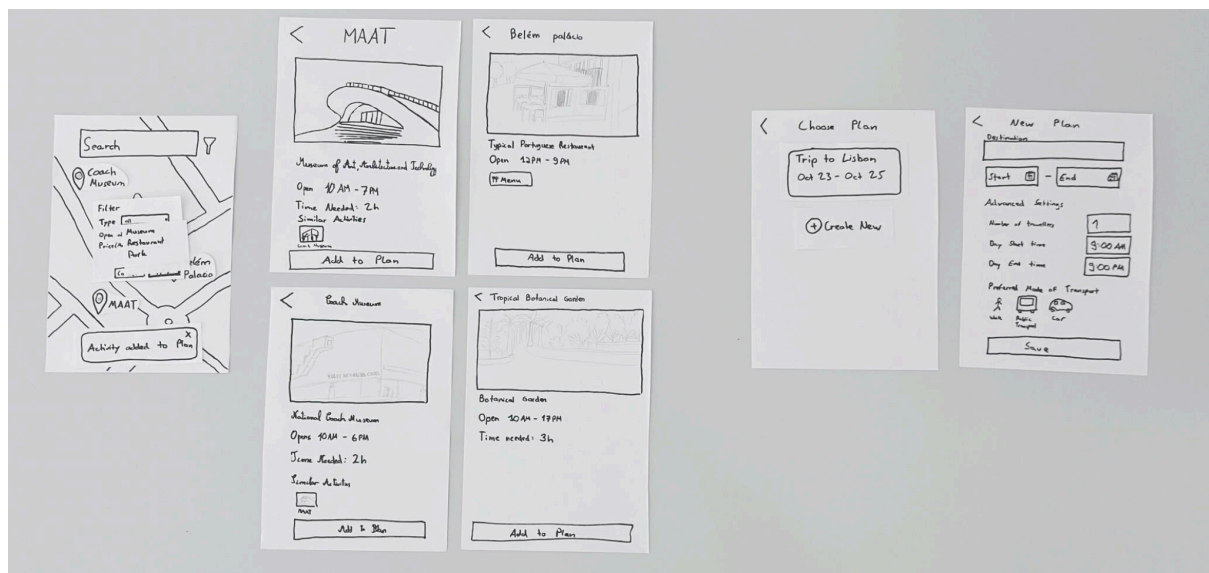
(In the paper prototype, the entry point has changed from the map to the overview of travel plans)

PROTOTYPE PHOTOS

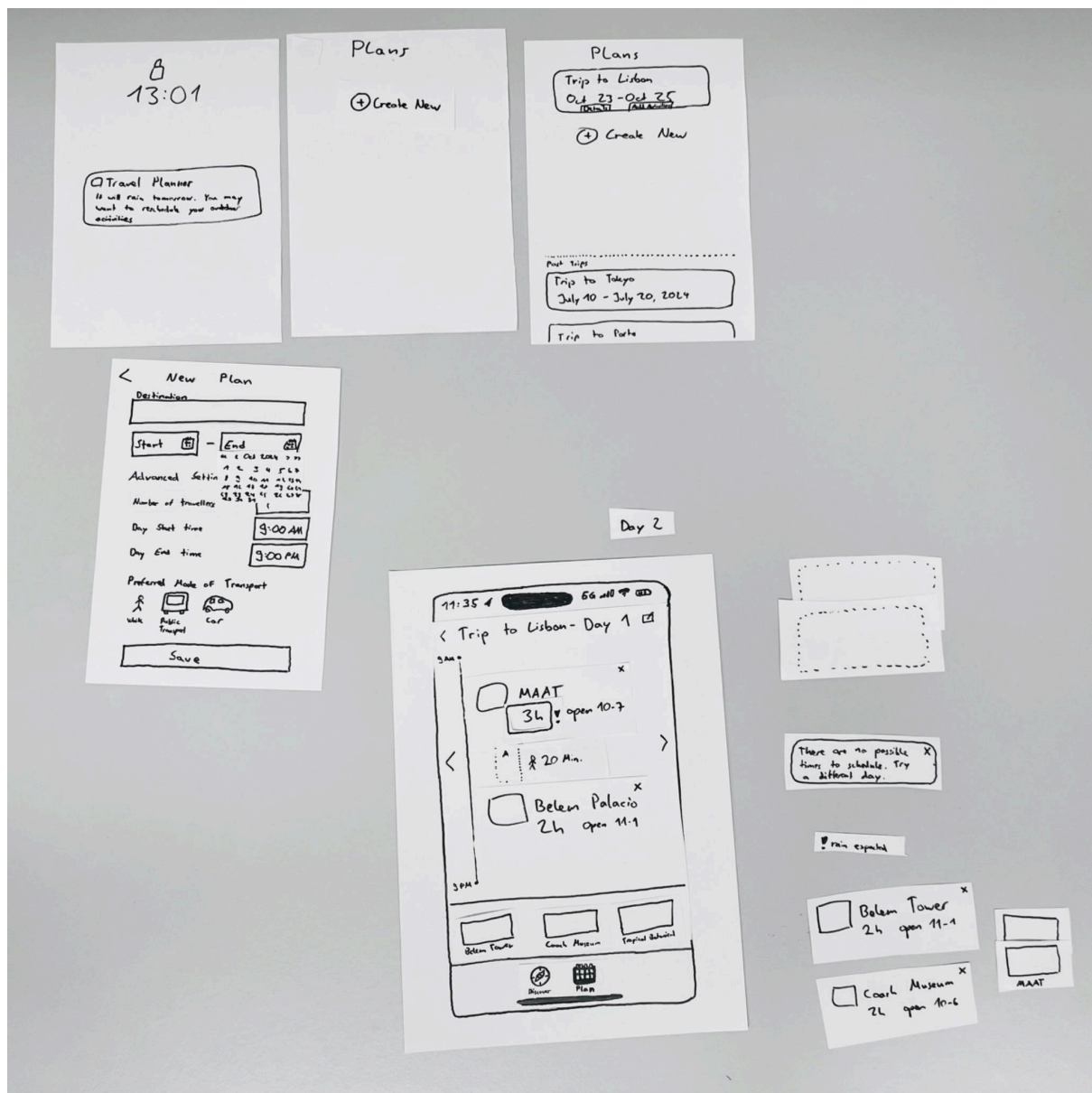
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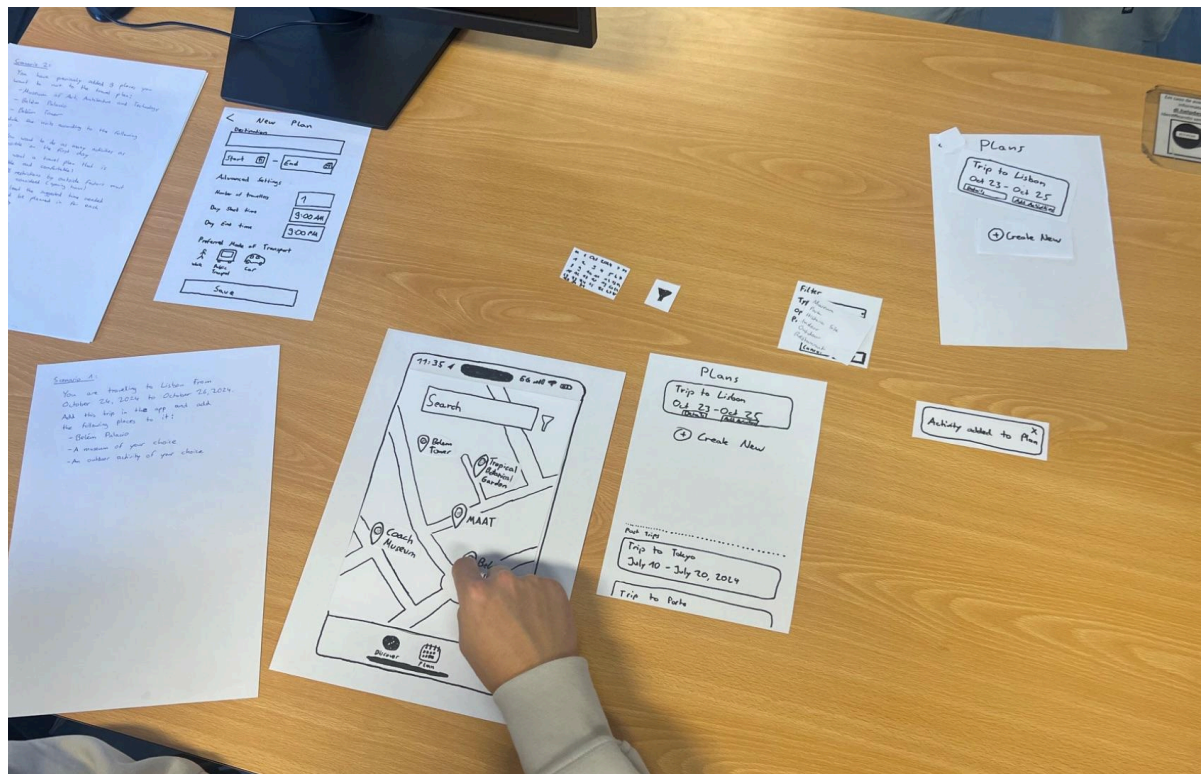
Prototype setup for discovery:



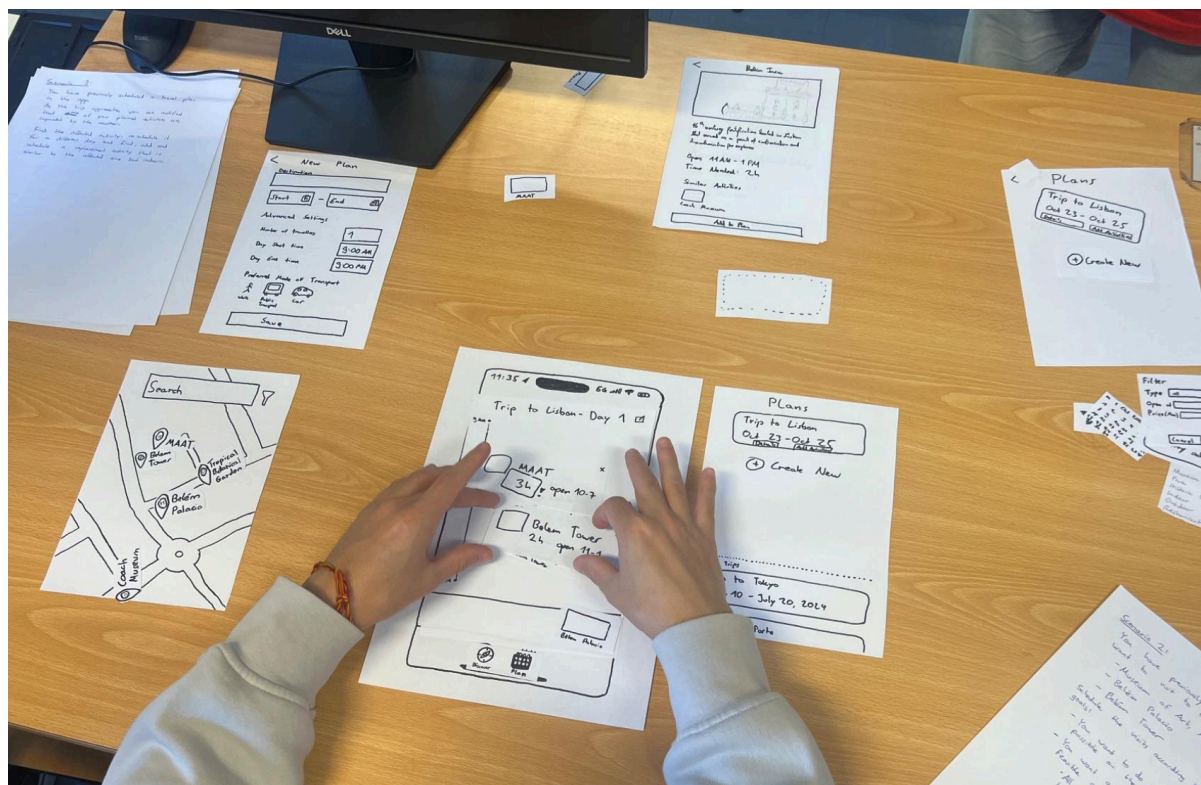
Prototype setup for scheduling



Prototype testing of discovery (top) and scheduling (bottom):



The user performs the tasks in scenario 1 by interacting with the map.



For scenarios 2 and 3, drag and drop is simulated by physically moving the paper.

BRIEFING

You will be testing a travel planner app that assists users with the discovery and scheduling of activities on trips to cities.

The objective of the app is to make the tedious process of making a feasible travel plan easier by consolidating all information needed to plan a trip in one place, and offering an interactive way to make and validate schedules / itineraries.

Both before and during the trip, the app supports users in adapting their plans to unexpected changes in external factors and provides navigation guidance between scheduled activities.

SCENARIOS

Scenario 1

You are traveling to Lisbon from October 24, 2024 to October 26, 2024. Add this trip in the app and add the following places to it:

- Belém Palácio
- A museum of your choice
- An outdoor activity of your choice

Scenario 2

You have previously added 3 places you want to visit to the travel plan:

- Museum of Art, Architecture and Technology
- Belém Palácio
- Belém Tower

Schedule the visits according to the following goals:

- You want to do as many activities as possible on the first day
- You want a travel plan that is feasible and comfortable:
 - Opening hours should be considered
 - At least the suggested time needed should be planned for each activity

Scenario 3

You have an existing travel plan scheduled in the app. As the trip day approaches, you receive a notification that one of your activities will be affected by weather conditions.

Identify the impacted activity and reschedule it to a different day. Additionally, search for, add, and schedule an alternative indoor activity as a replacement.

OBSERVATIONS

During the testing of our interface these were the observations we were able to make:

- Tester users questioned the existence of a user profile, which we hadn't planned for yet.
- The time constraints for ordering activities seemed to cause at least a bit of confusion in some testers, they may need better labeling.
- Users sometimes tap the plan itself instead of the add activities button and get to the scheduler instead of adding activities. There should be a way to add activities from the scheduling page.
- The information before adding something to the schedule (in the list on the bottom of the scheduling view) isn't sufficient. There should be at least the opening hours.
- Testers expect search and filtering to be found when tapping on search, so having it separate caused confusion.
- Some testers complimented the intractability of our system.
- Some testers were unable to identify which part of the app they were in (discover / plan), which could be because the highlighting of the icons in black and white is ambiguous

Furthermore the paper prototype didn't adequately represent the system in the following aspects:

- Color should be used to highlight issues in the travel plan
- The interactive scheduling and reordering is tedious and therefore slow on paper