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# Artifacts

AN EXCHANGE PLATFORM FOR ARTISTS

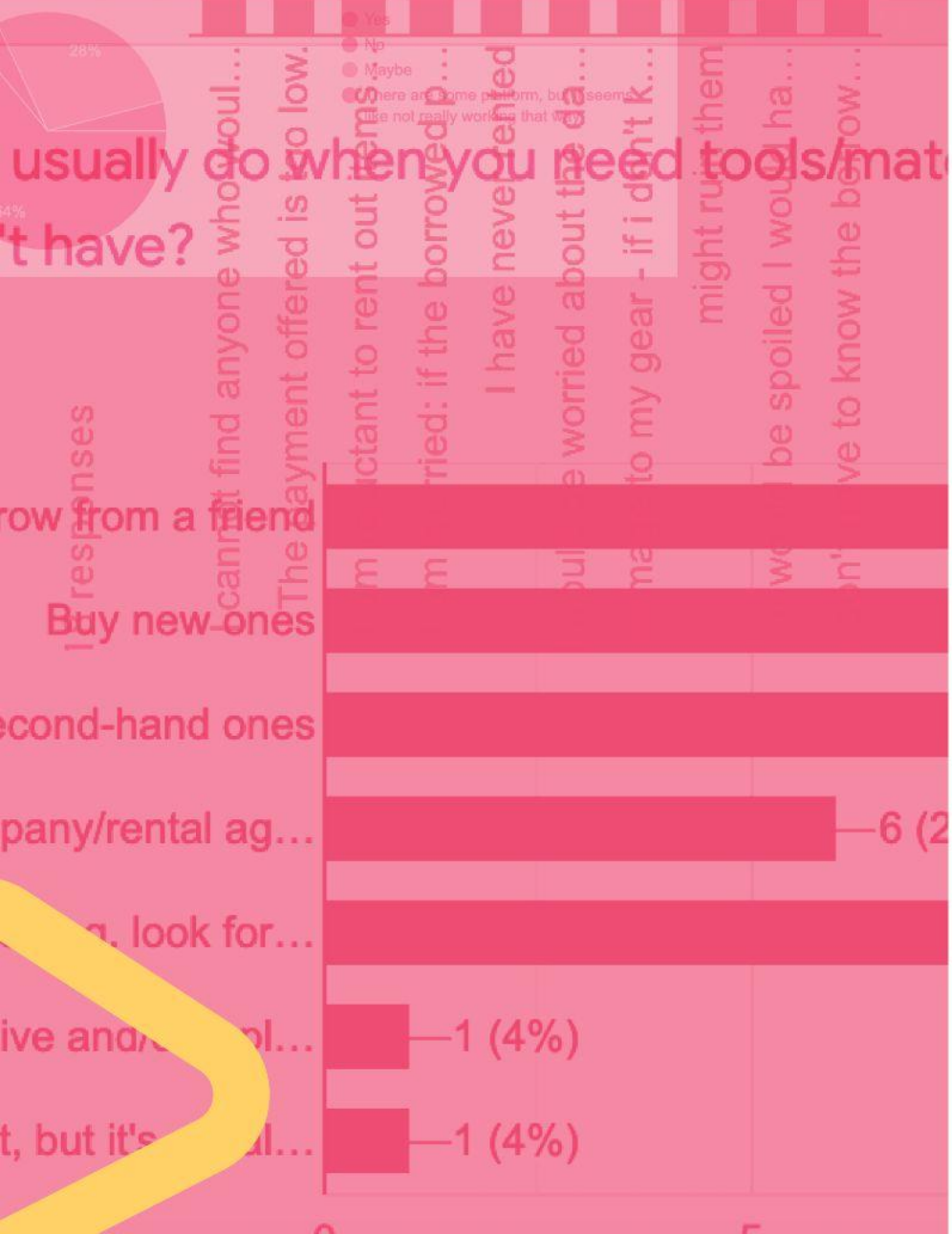
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# The Idea

- Problem: Artists in Berlin need equipment → no proper community for lending and borrowing tools
- We want to build a web-app where artists of all disciplines could go and rent equipment from fellow artists.
- a borrowing-lending platform based on trust
- for free / at a small fee





# User Research

- In terms of the exchange of items / equipment, people are most interested in:
  - Selling
  - Giving away for free
  - Finding for free
  - Buying
- People would not trust other people with their equipment. They would rather hire from a secure rental company.
- Potential users are also interested in:
  - Finding and offering services
  - Collaboration & networking



**We decided to shift and make a platform to buy/sell/give equipment and offer services.**



# Personas



**Sofia, 23**  
**Opera student and performer**

Sofia is a opera student and performer.

She performs live or records music as her job, but she is also a full-time student. She often needs help from other musicians and does not have a budget for professional equipment she needs as well as staff. Therefore, she would use Artifacts to connect with fellow artist who would help her with her music as well as find free equipment that other people are giving away.

Right now, she turns to her classmates for help, but she wants to build a community of musicians in Berlin that would help each other.



**Stefan, 45**  
**Photographer and painter**

Stefan is an established artist, with more than 20 years of experience.

He is a professional photographer and painter, and has a lot of knowledge about the industry. He loves the art community and wants to meet fellow artists, as well as offer his services on the platform. His speciality is model photography, so he wants to do some freelance work on the app and help fellow artists out for a small fee.

He also has a lot of equipment he does not use anymore, so he wants to sell



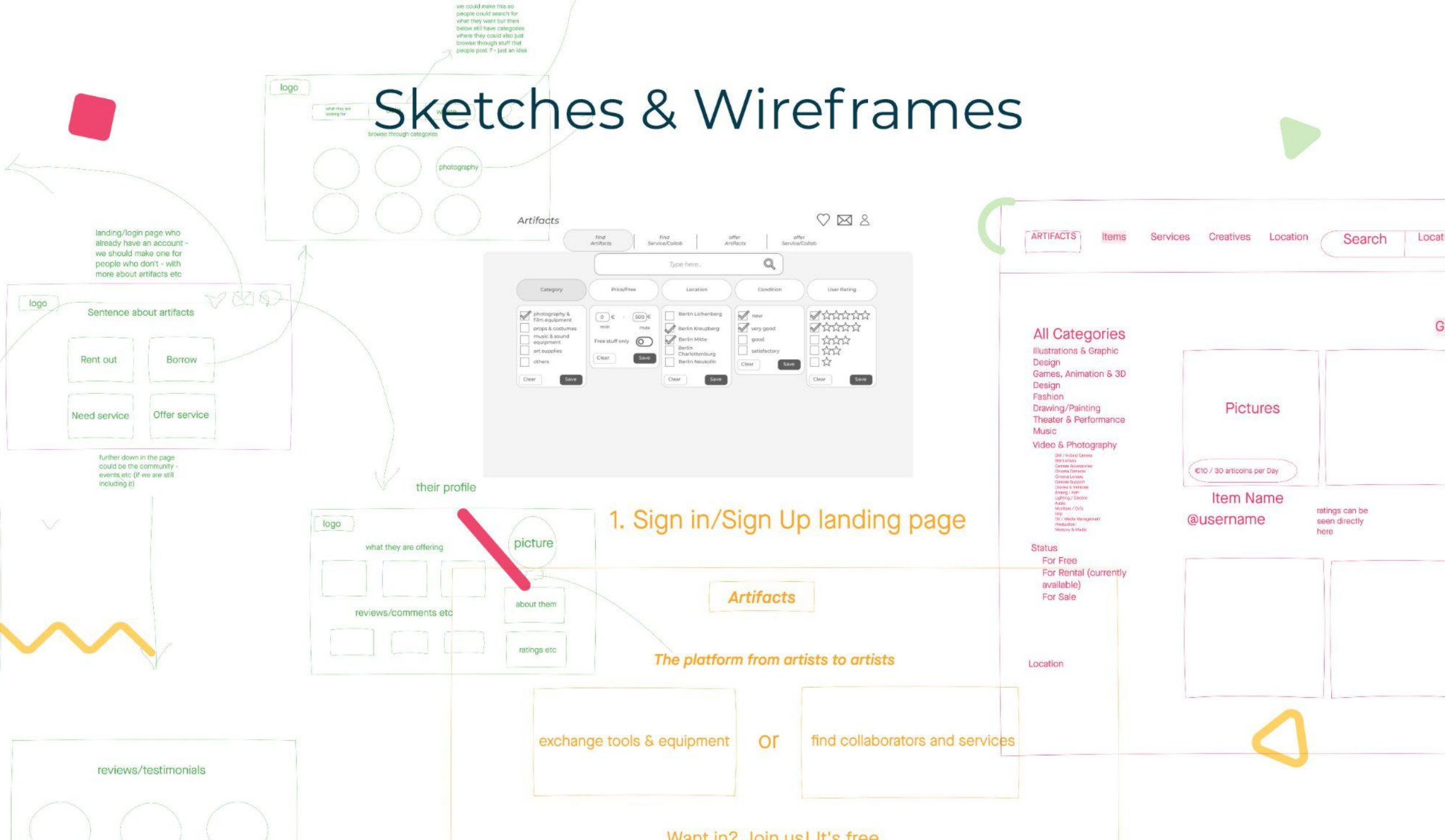
**Andrea, 27**  
**Assistant Film Director**

Andrea is a young professional.

She graduated from film school 1 year ago and is currently pursuing directing. She uses the platform in order to gather experience and build her portfolio. Hence, she would use it to offer her services and gain some connections..

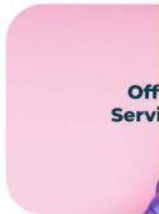
She wants to find people who are willing to **collaborate with no pay**, she also **doesn't have** much of the **equipment** needed for those projects herself. Hence, she would use artifacts to search for cheaper equipment that she might need to projects.

# Sketches & Wireframes





Welcome to Artifacts

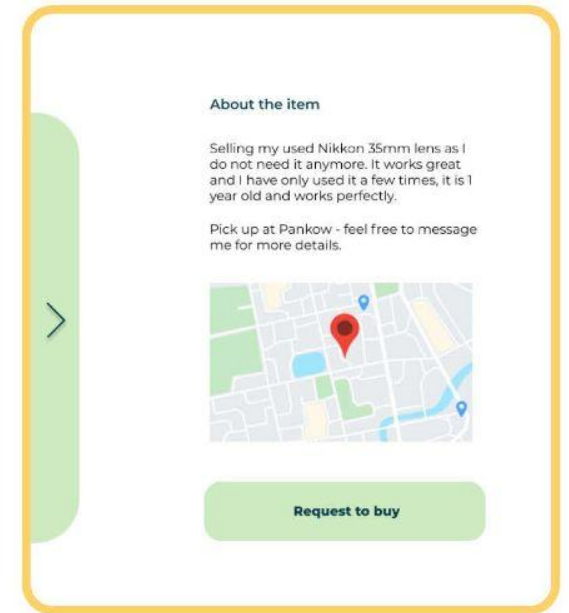
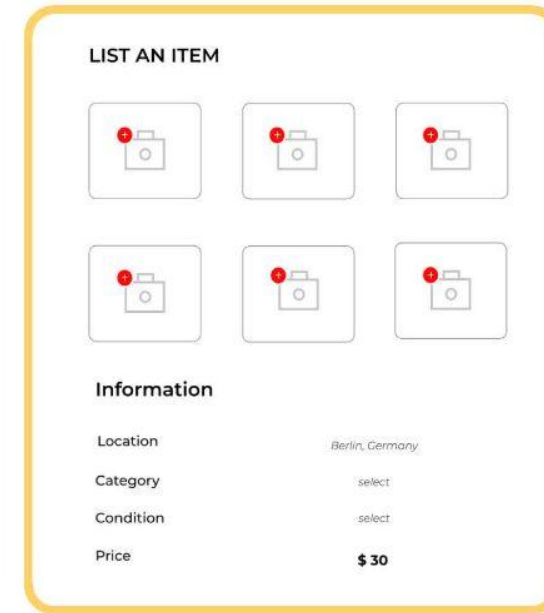
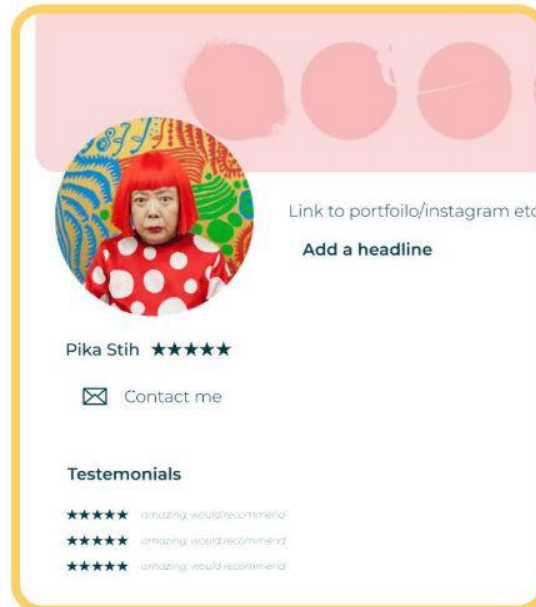


# MVP - Functionalities & Development

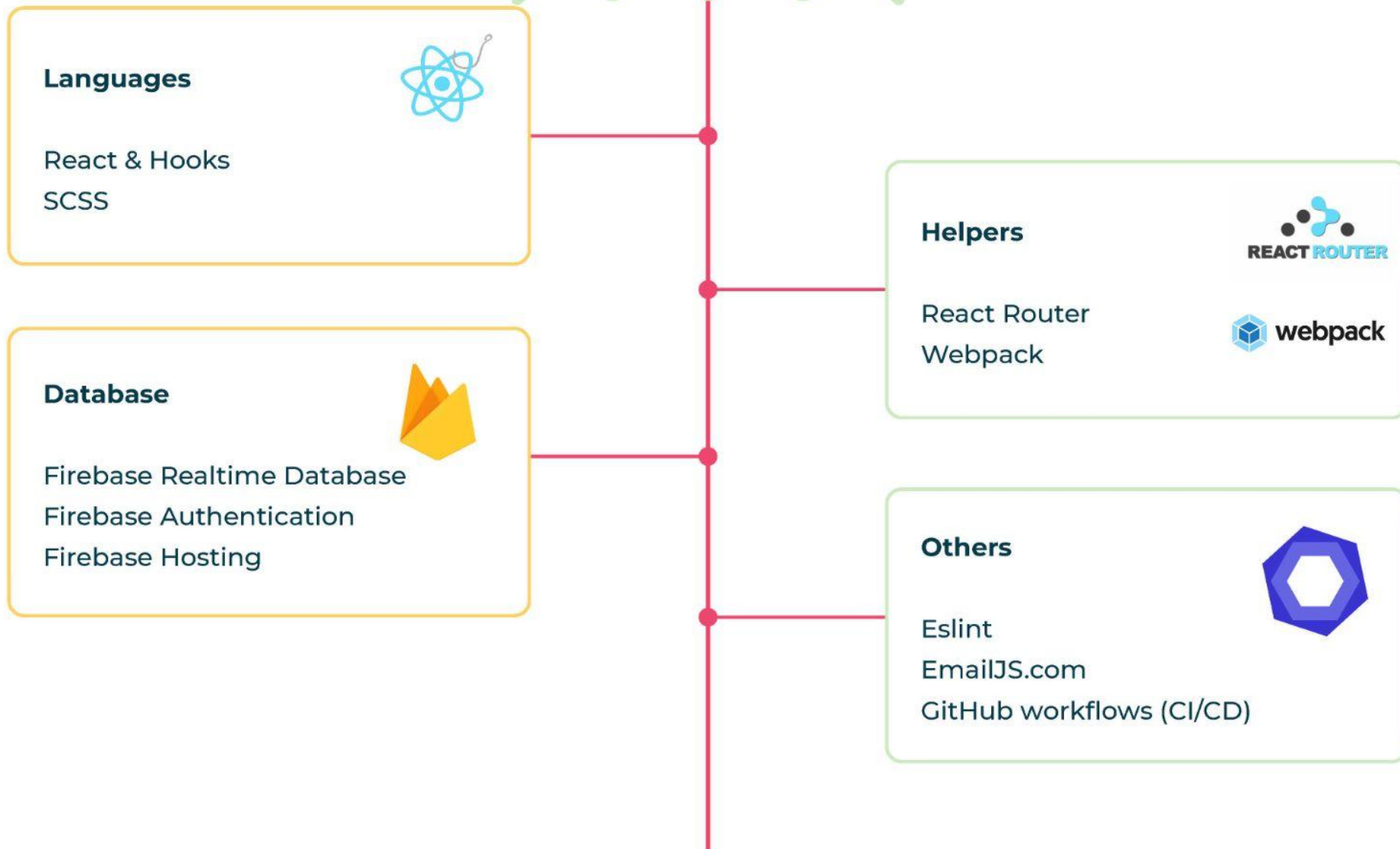
Core functionalities: main page, search page, offer item page, personal profile incl. overview of own items and favourites and product pop-up

Style: clean, simple and easy to use

Color palette: colourful pastel colours



# Tech Stack





Live Demo



# Further Extensions of Prototype



**Find & Offer Services analogous  
Find & Offer Items**



**Show availability and  
Location / Map / Around Me**



**Show other users' profiles**



**Messenger for communication  
between users**



**Dynamic rating of other users**



**Picture upload and storage**

# Our Success Story

UX



**Terence**

With no experience in UX before, building an exchange platform from scratch is a big challenge. In the end, we managed to build a simple and chic prototype. A good milestone for our team!

UX



**Pika**

I really enjoyed working on this project and learning UX design through it. I also improved my group working and communication skills and learned more about how to work with developers too. I am looking forward to continue practicing my UX design skills.

UX



**Kati**

A lot of what I learnt in the process goes beyond the project itself: organization, communication, when to persist vs. when to let go....And that learning by doing is the best motivator.

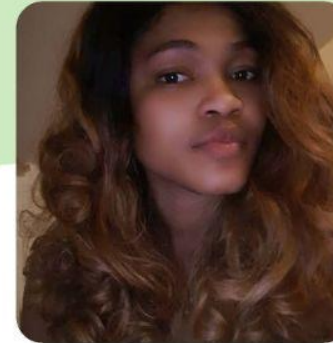
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**Luciana**

It was a great and rewarding experience to first be lost together and bit by bit shape this project together with such motivated and engaged team members :)

WD



**Eunice**

Few weeks at Techlabs has caused me to turn up the dial on learning to code. A lot of late nights, mistakes, and resilience got me where I am now, this would not have been possible without a great and supportive team.

WD



**Steffi**

I am happy that we all made the project work - without any losses of team members - and that we were able to care for the individual circumstances.



And a big thank you to Renan  
for being the best mentor a team could hope for!