

Flight booking system

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Introduction

Background

Under the influence of the COVID-19 epidemic, overseas travel is strictly controlled. However, recently the restrictions on local entry into Hong Kong have been loosened to 0+3 days. To cope with this phenomenon and provide a high-quality, comfortable, and convenient travel experience.

About the application

Our group decided to build a mobile app for inquiring and ordering flights to cover travel advice. Which could help users find the best flight options, covering multiple airlines, and providing the cheapest and best choices. Users can use the application to query the remaining seats and the airlines that provide services to meet their needs. Spending more willing to travel.



Overall design

Main function: Booking flight tickets

Target users: Everyone

Main user group: Hong Kong people

Development process

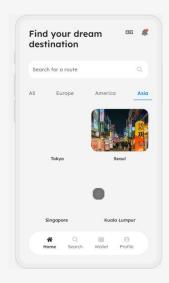




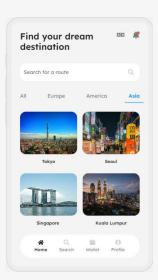


Principles-Usability measures

- Speed of performance
 - According to the function used

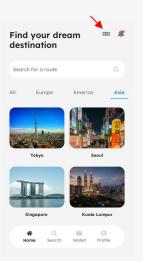


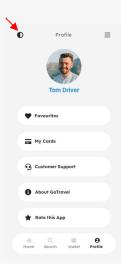




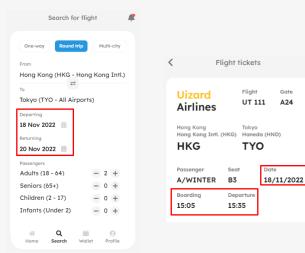
Principles-Universal Usability Concerns

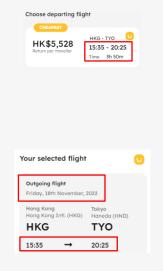
- Cultural and international diversity:
- 1. User can change language and theme mode in homepage and settings





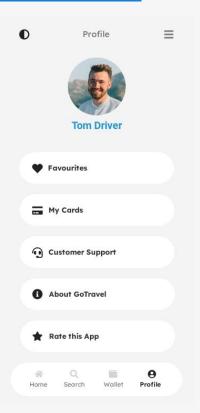
2. Date and time formats are "DD Mon, YYYY", "DD/MM/YY" and 24-hour format





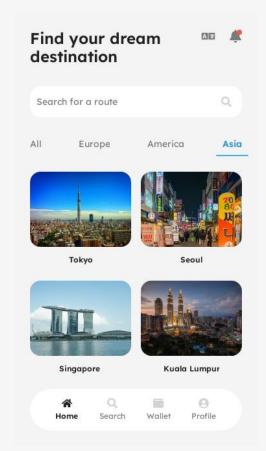
Principles-Effective navigation interface

- Shortcuts for frequent users
- 1. Favourites
 - Save users' time
- 2. My Cards
 - Eliminating the need to re-enter credit card information



Principles-Display design

- Mullet and Sano's categories of design principles
- 1. Organization and visual structure
 - Destinations
- 2. Image and representation
 - > Toolbar



Principles-8 golden rules

Strive for consistency

 we used Identical terminology in the menu to help the user easily identify information(similar colors, layout etc.)

Seek universal usability

 Universal Usability Concerns section above. (P.6)

Offer informative feedback

 detailed interface categorization allows users to get visual feedback after each operation.

Design dialogs to yield closure

 we through a clear transaction interface to provide the satisfaction of accomplishment to the user.

Prevent errors

- standard formats and a Forget password button for users to reduce error inputs.
- Permit easy reversal of actions
- we provide a return button to return to the previous page.

Keep users in control

 We use the common operator interface and payment methods in the market.

Reduce short-term memory load

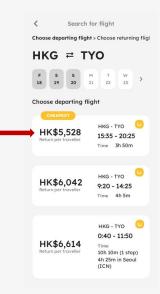
 We provide appropriate interface switching and filling in data without repeated repetitions.

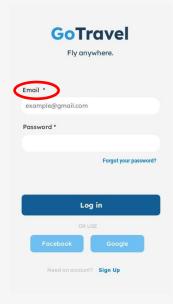
Principles-User-Centered Design Process

 Requirements/needs: Booking and purchasing of air tickets to the destination.

 Wants: Providing the cheapest way/plan for buying the air tickets.

Limitations: User must enter email and password when registering or logging in (on the login and registration pages, "*" means must be filled in to continue)





Principles-CRAP principles

Contrasts

 We used color choice to classify air tickets (Economy or business class) to help users quickly filter information.

Repetition

 We use similar text types and icons design to categorize different tasks, such as icons and text in the navigation bar.

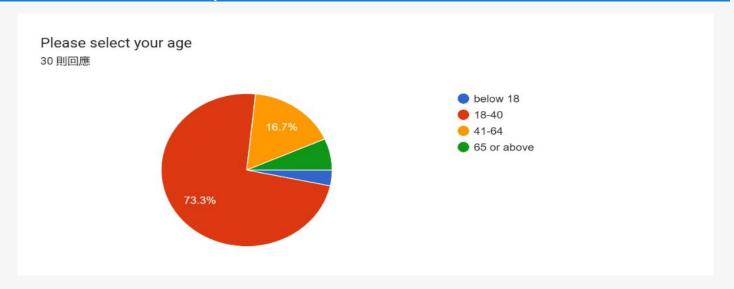
Alignment

 neatly list the information that users need on each page to ensure that there are clear plans and instructions for users to quickly complete tasks.

Proximity

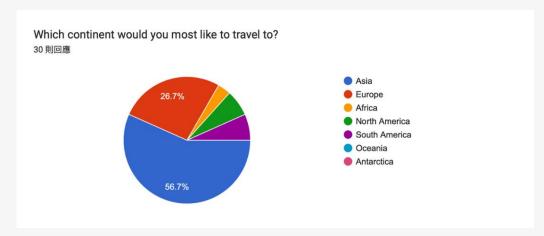
 Group similar types of information allowing users to quickly move to the menu page to obtain the required information or services.

Gather user requirements, feedback, or evaluation



- We asked 30 people, mostly around 18 to 40 years old, to do this survey
- Many things in the prototype are based on this survey

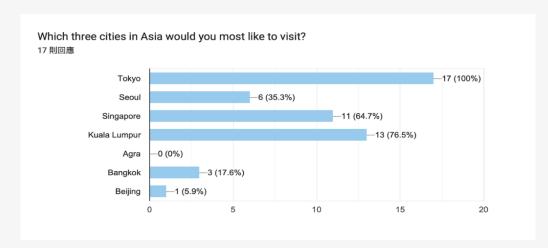
The continent that we select in the home page



- Asia
- Europe
- 3. North America and South America



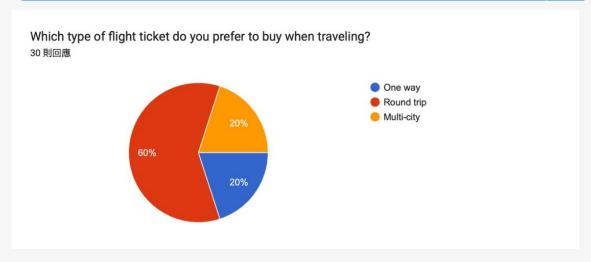
The cities that we select in the home page



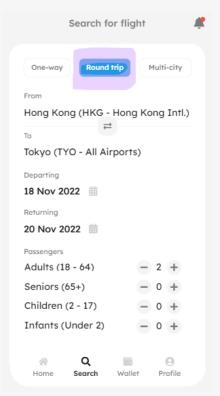
- 17 people want to go to Asia
 - 1. Tokyo
 - 2. Kuala Lumpur
 - 3. Singapore
 - 4. Seoul



For the ticket purchase page



- There 60% of people prefer a round trip
- Both "Multi-city" and "One way" are 20%

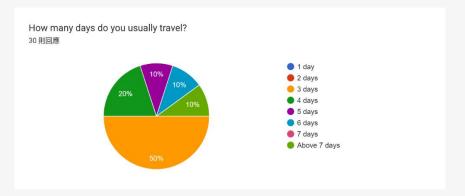


Why the people chose round-trip

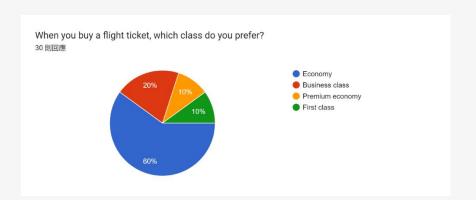


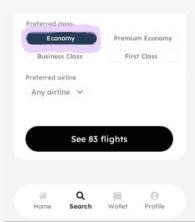
 main reason was that people were planning to go home to the same tourist city

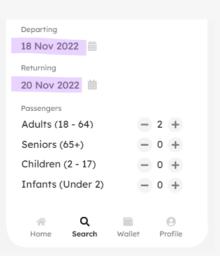
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 Most people usually go on 3 days of travel

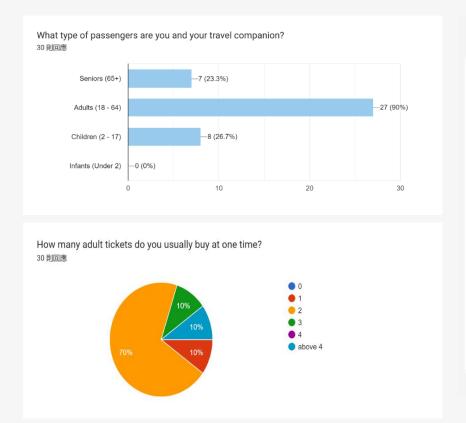


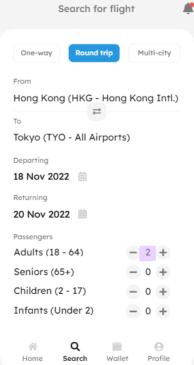




 60% of people are choosing the Economy for their class when they buy a flight ticket

For the ticket purchase page





- Most of the passengers and their travel companions are between 18 to 64 years old
- Most of them are buying just 2 tickets
- We preset need to buy 2 adult tickets on this page

Software: Uizard

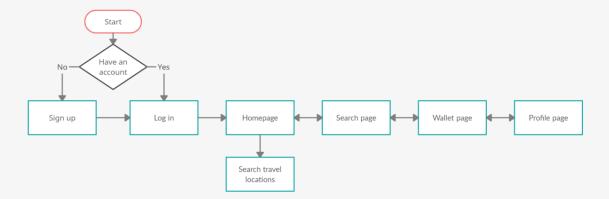
→ Detailed demo in another video

Only supports very few interactions: "Open link"

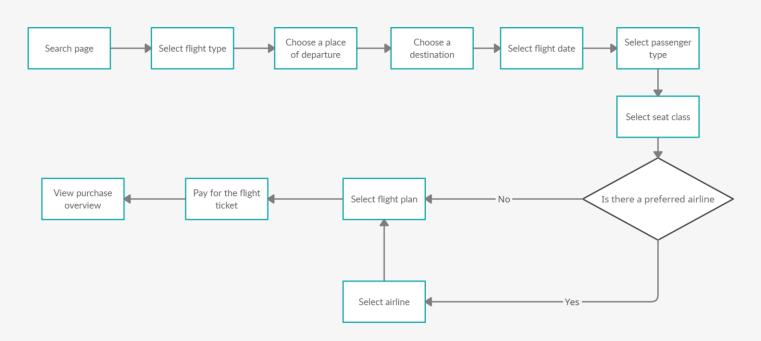
→ X Data validation (Login and Registration)

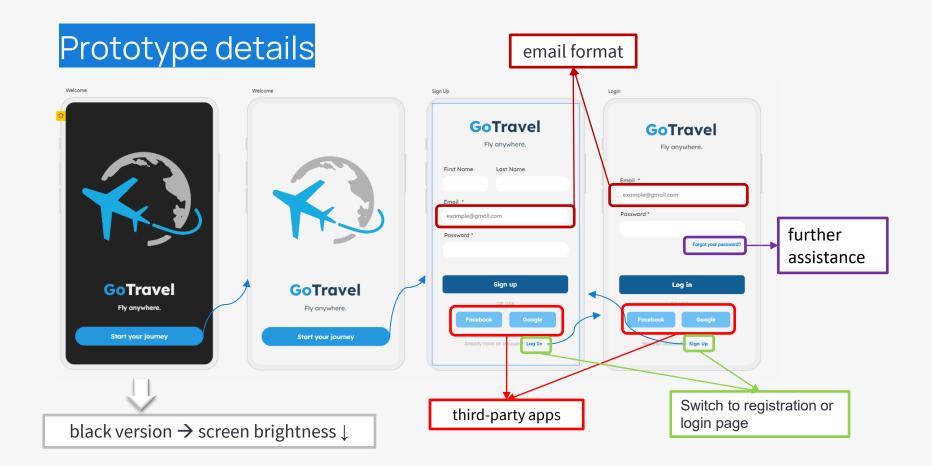


User Flowchart



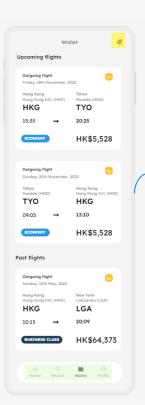
User Flowchart (booking flight ticket)



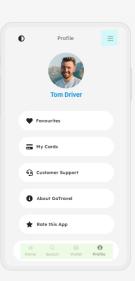




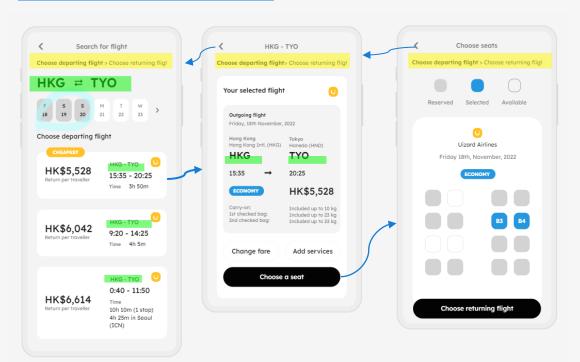






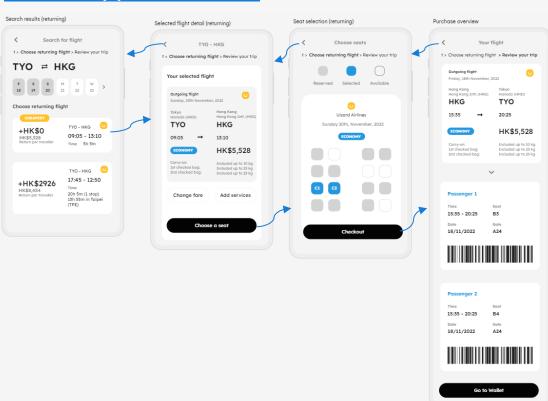


- "Notifications" button → view the latest announcements (highlighted in yellow)
- Navigation bar (highlighted in green)
- "Settings" button → change the language and currency of the app (highlighted in blue)



- Progress bar for users to see what stage they are in (highlighted in yellow)
- Selected dates will be greyed out (circled in blue)
- Use an abbreviation for the location name (highlighted in green)

[Departing flight]
Select flight plan → View more flight details or add services → Choose the flight seat



[Returning flight]

Select flight plan → View more flight details or add services → Choose the flight seat → Check out → View purchase overview

barcode and flight information of the purchased ticket

Demonstration



Conclusion

 We learned more about the process of flight booking and stages such as user evaluation and principles of UI design. Hopefully, we can travel anywhere without masks as soon as possible.

Difficulties

 We have difficulty thinking and using principles in prototypes because we need to consider both functionality and design layout. Also, we need to determine what content should consider the user's perspective when prototyping. It is important that we have a clear idea of UI design after finishing the project.

Thanks!

