User Research & Designing a Brand

CIT STRIDES

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Agenda

- About STRIDES
- Problem 1: Feedback on Cloud Billing & Reporting
- Problem 2: Importance of Branding
- Lessons Learned



About STRIDES

- Mission: accelerate biomedical research by reducing barriers to commercial cloud services
- Provides customized trainings and promotes best practices
- Partners with Google Cloud, Amazon Web Services, and Azure



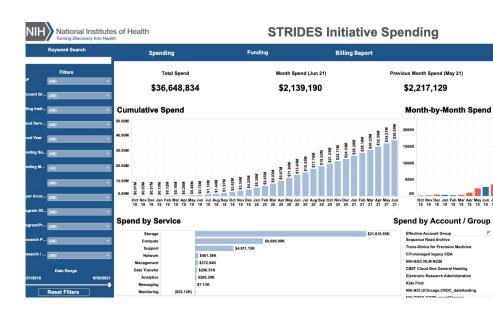


Problem #1: User Needs Analysis

- STRIDES team shares monthly cost/usage information with over 500 customers every month
- Evaluated effectiveness of email reports and Tableau self-serve dashboard
 - Learned that users' preferences vary
 - Provided feature requests to dev team
- Follow-up actions:
 - More user interviews
 - Distribution of survey (draft created)



STRIDES website content updates on consuming billing information



Problem #2: STRIDES Brand

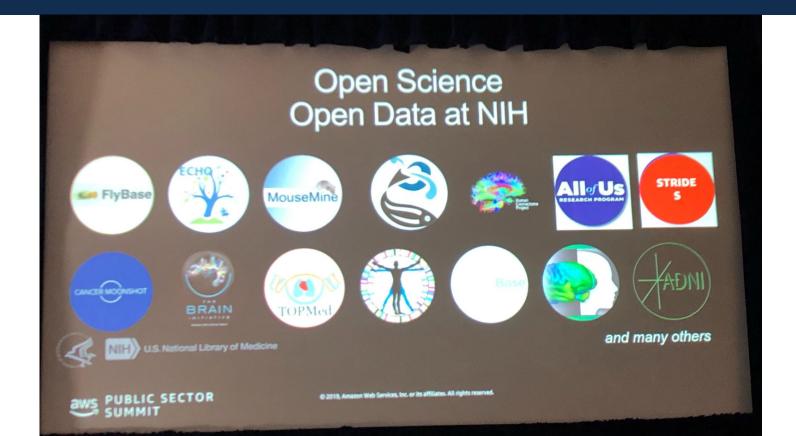


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Problem #2



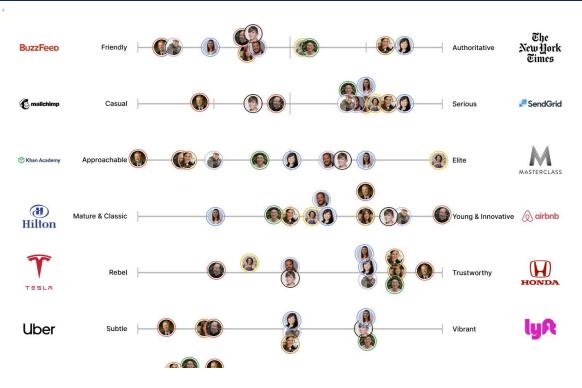


The Need for a Brand

- Communicating a set of expectations and experiences that people associate with a company/product/program
- Part of overall image with associated reputation it's what people *feel* when they hear your name, see your logo, etc.
- Requires consistency; some of STRIDES artifacts to apply branding to include:
 - Website
 - Slide decks
 - References on CSP partner sites and materials
 - Training materials
 - Fact sheets and user guides
 - Collaboration and social media (Slack/Teams, Twitter, etc.)



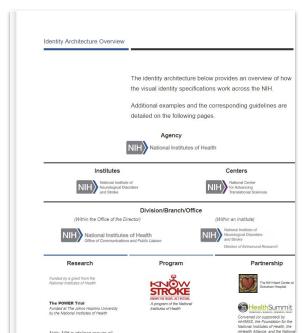
Challenge #1





Annie Wang's brand research from CDF '20

Challenge #2



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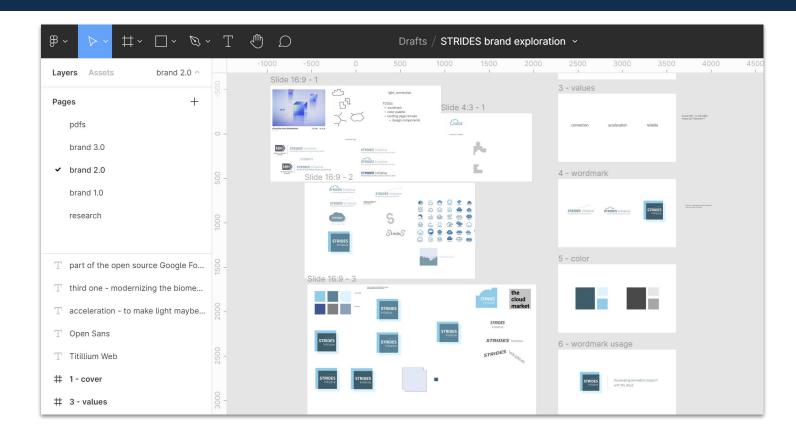


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Reflection

- Navigating different interests
 - Coordination requires time
- **Evaluating** political viability
 - Highlighting the need
- Integrating into the right team
 - Identifying collaborators





Thanks for listening!

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