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ONLINE SCHOLARSHIP

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The Online Scholarship project aims to simplify how students find and apply for scholarships online through a web platform. It provides detailed information about available scholarships, including how to apply and track applications, to make higher education more accessible and inclusive.



- Streamline Scholarship Search and Application Process
- Provide Comprehensive Scholarship Information
- Enhance Accessibility and Inclusivity in Higher Education



Name: João Gomes

Age: 20 years old

Occupation: Student

Motivation: Desires a solution that allows him to conveniently access and apply for scholarships online, eliminating the need for in-person visits and paperwork.

Goals and Tasks:

- Apply for the scholarship
- Read the news about scholarships
- Consult results of the application

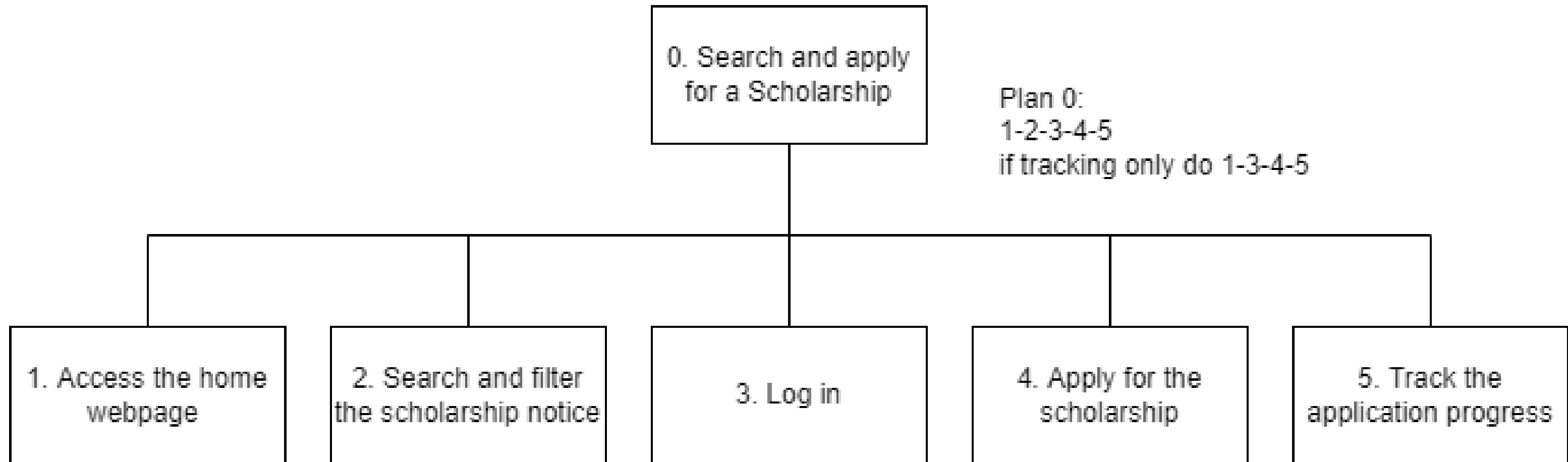


João, a diligent student, is eager to secure a scholarship to support his academic endeavors. He decides to explore scholarship opportunities available but he doesn't know where to search or start.

To achieve his goal, he access the website, search for scholarship notices and apply to the scholarship of his choosing.

João, a student who applied for a scholarship in the website, wants to track the status of his scholarship application.

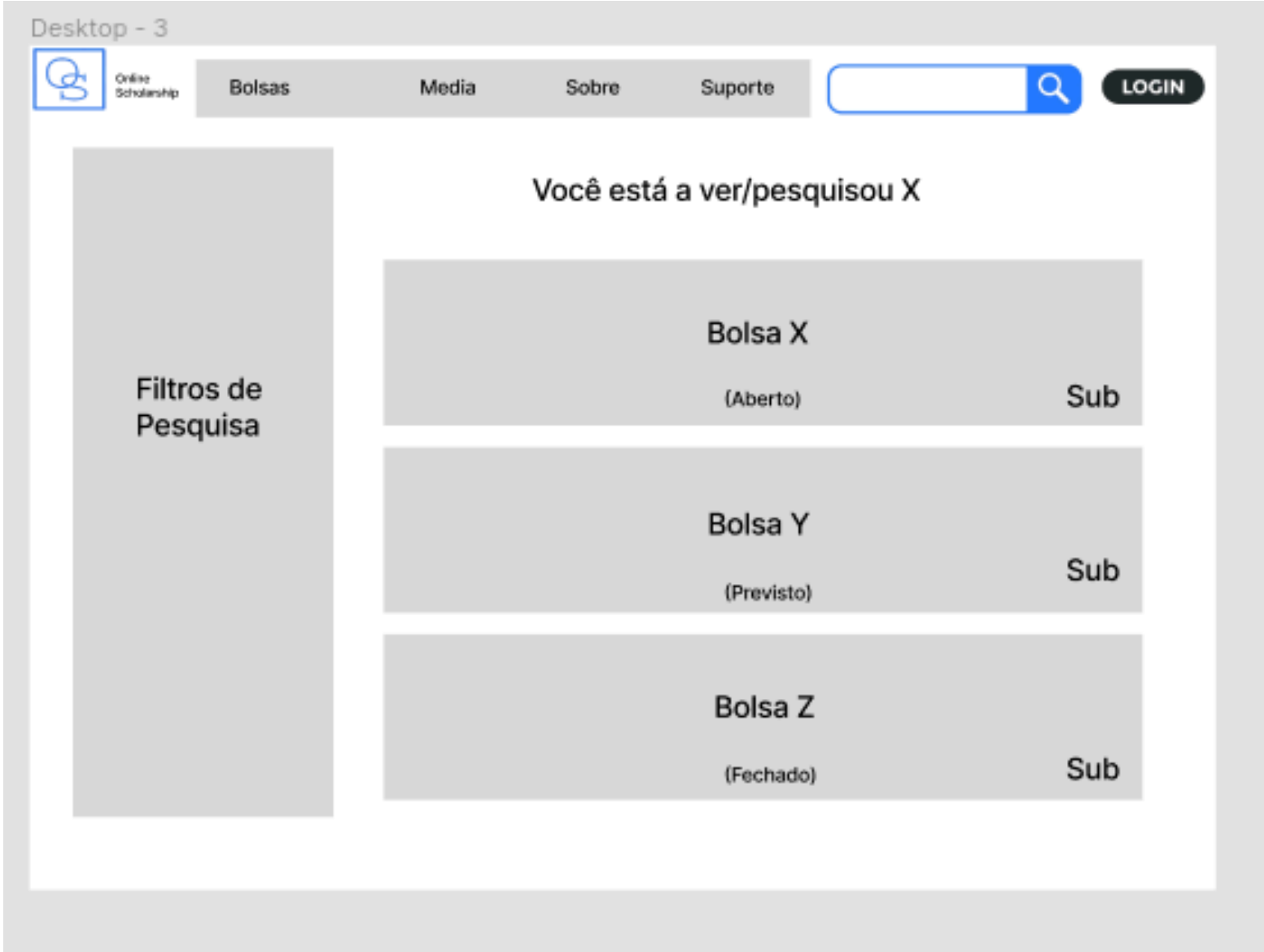
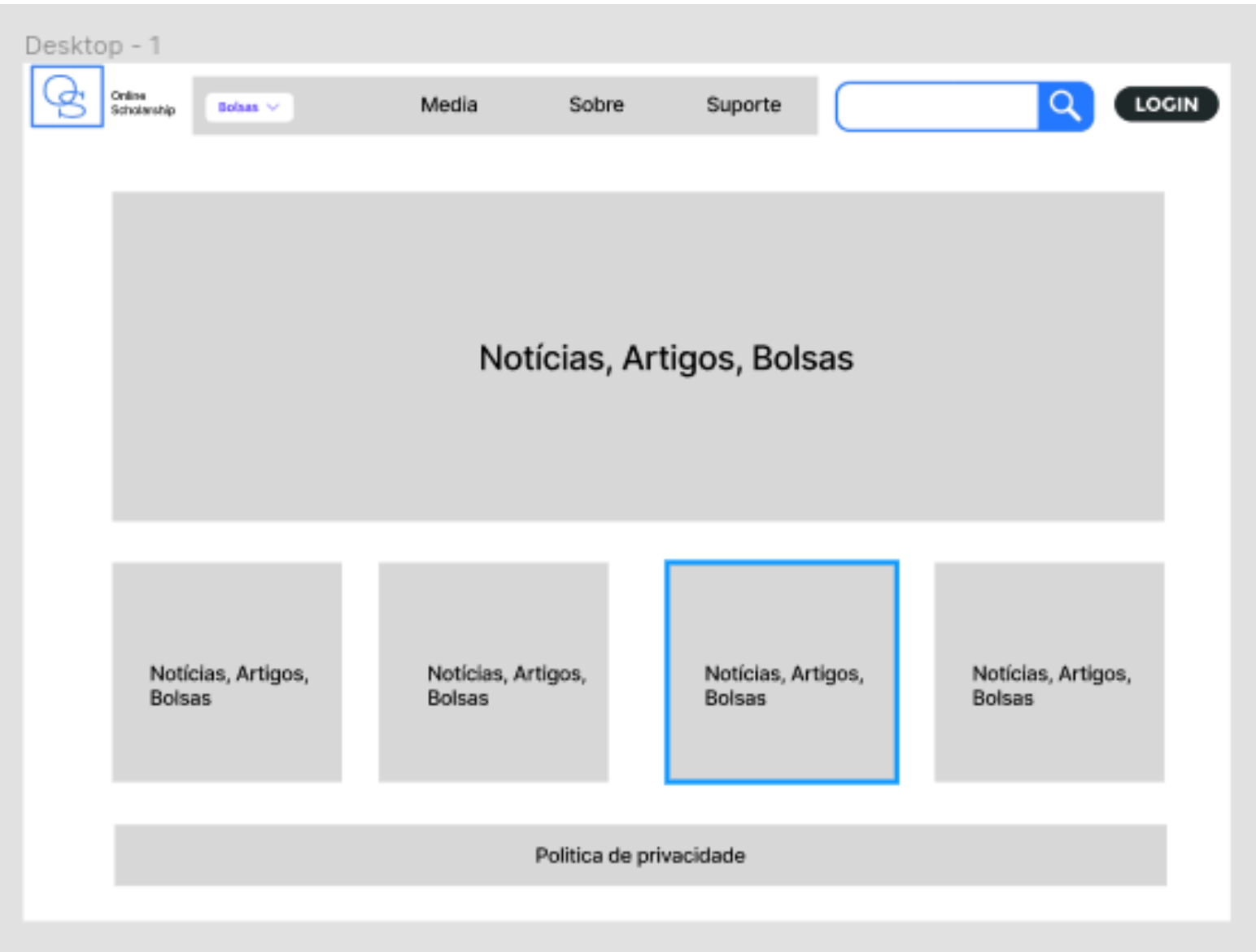
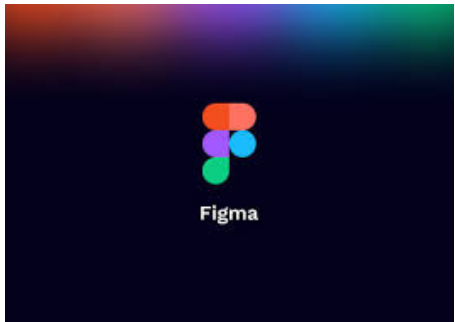
To achieve his goal, he access the website, logs in and enters the Scholarship Status page to see if his application has got any update.

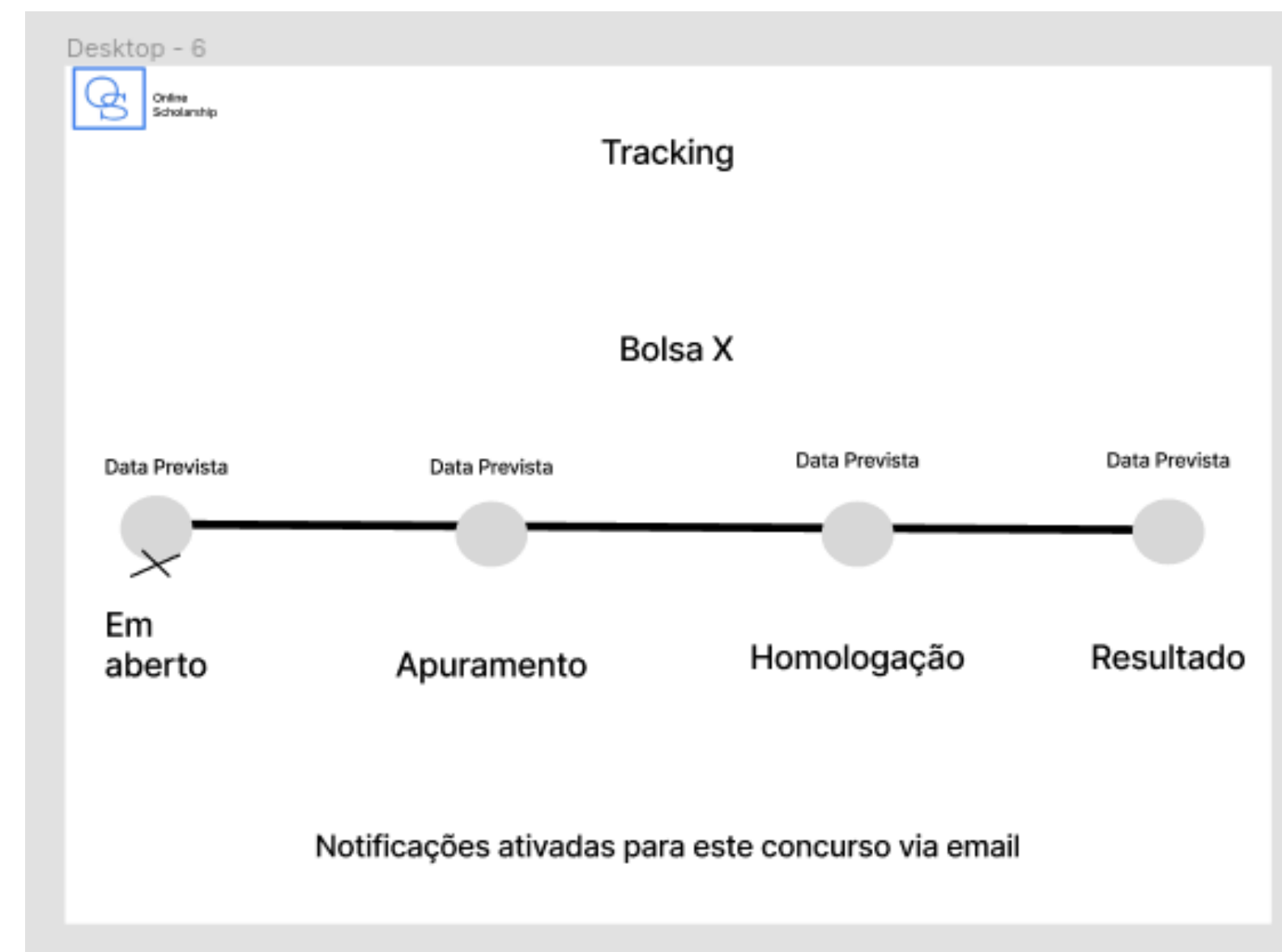
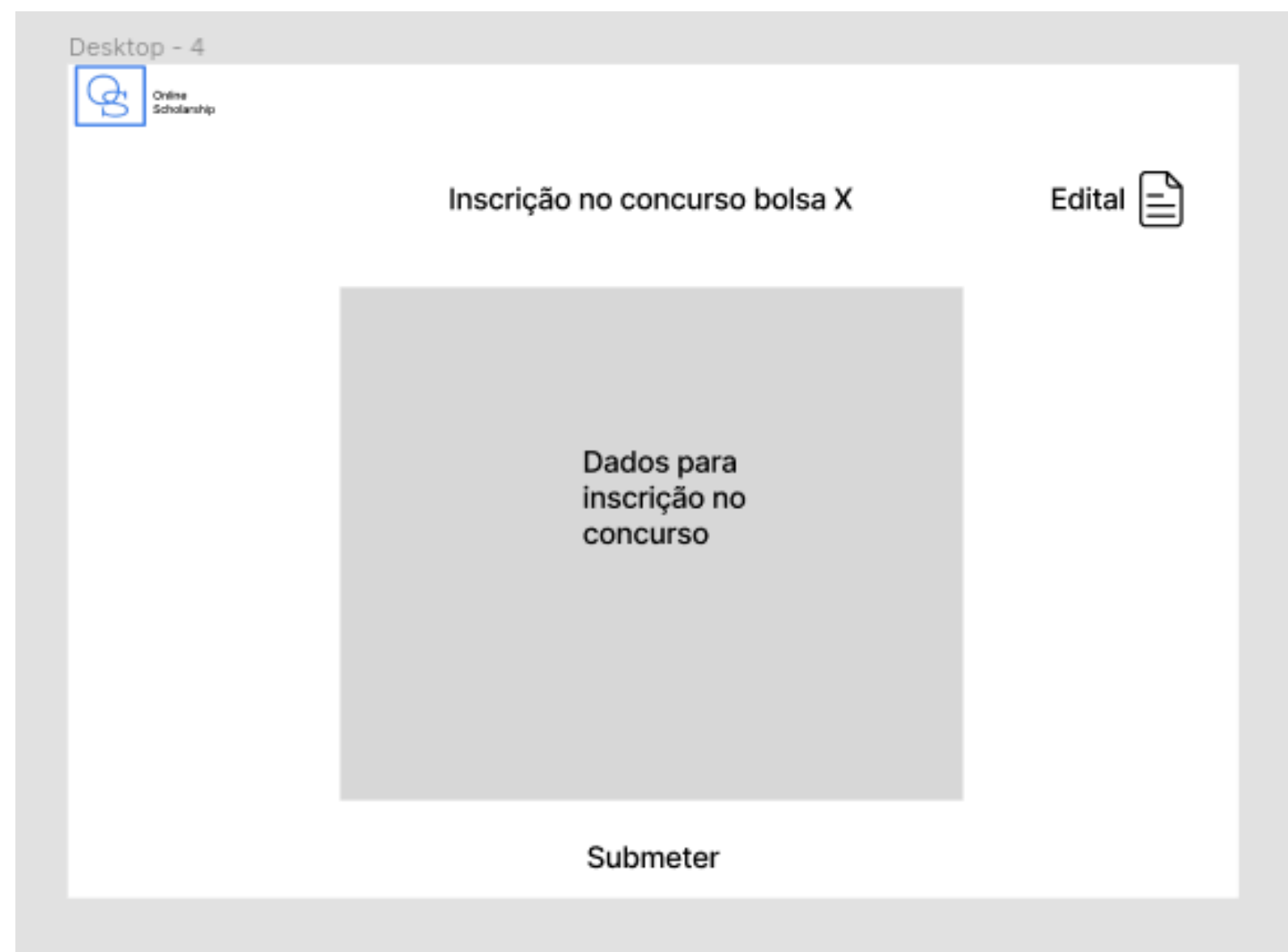


- The website should have a search and filter system.
- The user should be able to log in and apply for scholarships.
- All the information should be up to date and updatable as fast as possible.
- The user should be able to track the application process.
- The website should be able to notify the user about any deadline/information change about the application.

Non-Functional Requirements 5.2

- The website must be available all the time.
- The website should be easy to navigate.
- The system should be able to store a large amount of data.
- The system should be able to handle a considerable large amount of users.
- The website should be able to work on the most commonly used browsers.





User Evaluation

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	Very difficult					1	2	3	4	5	Very easy			
Task 2	In the scholarship page, join the “Students in China” group chat and leave a message.					-----3								
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Task 3	Contact the website’s administration to clarify any doubts by going to the “Contact Us” page.					-----5								
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Observer’s Script

Task	Did the user complete the task?	Correctly? (Y/N) (correct answer)	Max Time Observed time (mm:ss)	Number of errors?	Was lost?	Asked for help	Observed Easiness/difficulty 1 – very difficult 5 – very easy
1	no <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Submit application form)	2min 1 : 45	0	no <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> slightly <input type="checkbox"/> a lot <input type="checkbox"/>	no <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> which?	1 2 3 4 5
2	no <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/>	(Joined the correct group chat and sent message)	2min 1 : 20	1	no <input type="checkbox"/> slightly <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a lot <input type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> which? Didn't know in which page was the group chat	1 2 3 4 5
3	no <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/>	(Submit contact form)	2min 0 : 40	0	no <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> slightly <input type="checkbox"/> a lot <input type="checkbox"/>	no <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> which?	1 2 3 4 5

Feedback:

- Group chat button in every scholarship associated with the country in question.
- Some filters for scholarship search.

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2	no yes x	(Joined the correct group chat and sent message)	2min 1:00	1	no slightly x a lot	no x yes which?	<div>12345</div>
3	no yes x	(Submit contact form)	2min 0:30	0	no x slightly a lot	no x yes which?	<div>12345</div>

Problem	Heuristic	Severity			
		D. Capitão	D. Simbe	Vlad	Average
Absence of a button to clearly navigate to a scholarship.	Recognition Rather than Recall	4	3	3	3
The search bar has only a few filters.	User Control and Freedom	3	3	2	2
The search bar has no search history.	Flexibility and Efficiency of Use	2	3	2	2
No Undo or Redo.	User Control and Freedom	2	3	2	2

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Some inconsistency in the scholarship information	Consistency and Standards	3	3	3	3
No input validation in the forms	Error Prevention	4	3	3	3
No user customization	Flexibility and Efficiency of Use	2	3	2	2
No FAQ	Help and Documentation	2	3	2	2

DEMO

Technologies Used For Functional Prototype

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Future Works

An eventual continuation for this project could focus on, for example:

- Add more shortcuts
- Add a database
- Create a option to change data in the profile
- Create a filter to select scholarship by field

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