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Design Product Choices

- Diners can find/see vacant tables and reserve or occupy them
- Diners can browse the menu and enter their order at any time throughout their visit
- Cooks receive orders
- Servers deliver orders when complete
- Diners can signal a need for help at any point in the process
- Staff are alerted to tables that need bussing

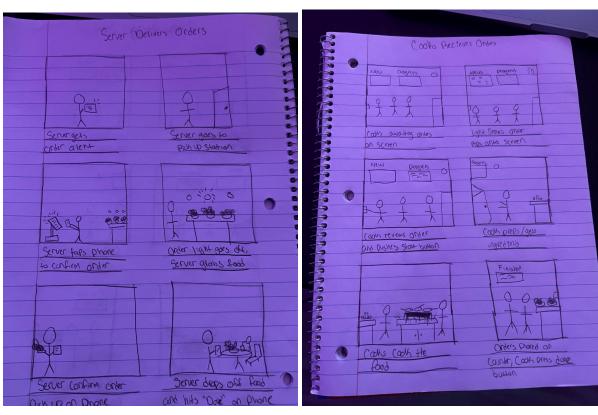
Why We Made Our Choices

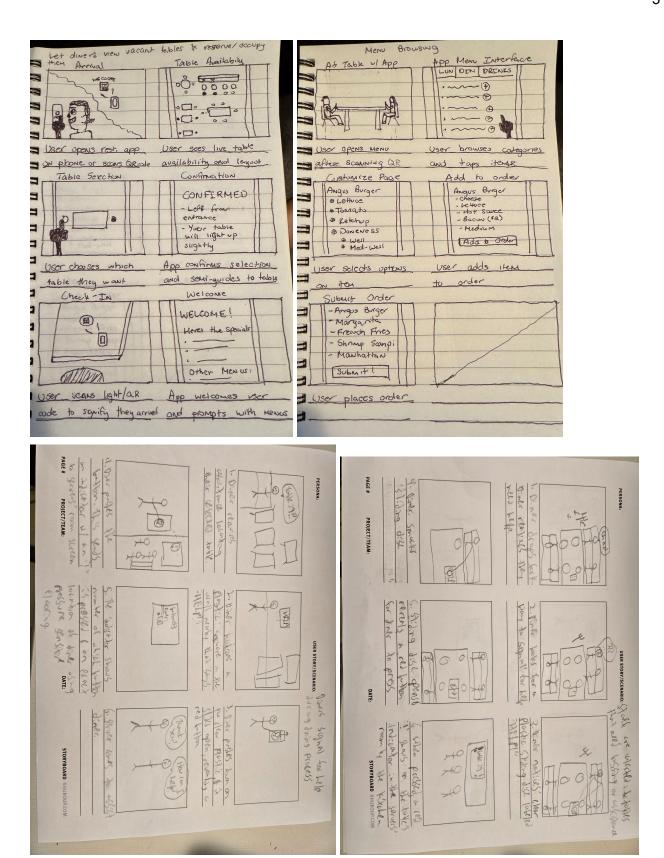
Our product creates an interactive experience for all diners in our modern, automated restaurant. We will have an integrated system throughout the restaurant in which users can use their phones and our digital menus to navigate the dining experience. This product's purpose will streamline the dining experience and decrease the typical hiccups diners and servers often experience.

During the process, we wanted to focus on the user experience. We made our decisions based on what we believed would be ideal and less of a hassle to diners. We wanted to design an interface and app that would allow diners to focus on what is most important to them: their food and their quality time with their guests.

User feedback focused on the new experiences having great potential. However, users also expressed concerns regarding the use of an app due to potential added barriers and technical difficulties. Although we moved forward with the idea of utilizing phones and apps, we simplified the app's design and features. We made the function of the app similar to that of delivery services as users are already often familiar with how these services work. If they are unfamiliar with it, we have made the interface straightforward for new users to learn quickly.

Storyboards





Storyboard Feedback

Several individuals were asked to provide feedback on our storyboards. The overall themes of the feedback included the following:

Pros

- Quick and automated process
- Less awkward or confusing social interactions
- Potential for the experience to be fun or have extra features other restaurants do not have

Cons

- Concerns about having to download an additional phone app just to eat at the restaurant
- Possible technical issues
- Ambiguous directions and functionalities of features

Wireframes

