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CLIENT:	Eastern Washington University
PROJECT DATE:	January to March 2018
RESPONSIBILITIES:	UX/UI Design
TOOLS:	Sketch
UX METHODS:	Rapid prototypes Research
COLLABORATORS:	P. Colin Manikoth (Instructor)
STATUS:	Concept

Course Evaluations

Course Evaluation

Q1 Course Number

Q2 Course Name

Q3 Instructor

Your ratings on these questions will be included as part of the information used to make decisions about retention, tenure, and promotion for your course instructor. Please answer these questions accurately and honestly in fairness to both the instructor and the institution.

Q4 The course as a whole was

1 = Very Poor 2 = Poor 3 = Average 4 = Good

Q5 The course content was

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Q6 The instructor's effectiveness in teaching the subject matter was

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Q7 The instructor's overall contribution to the course was

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Q8 Comments

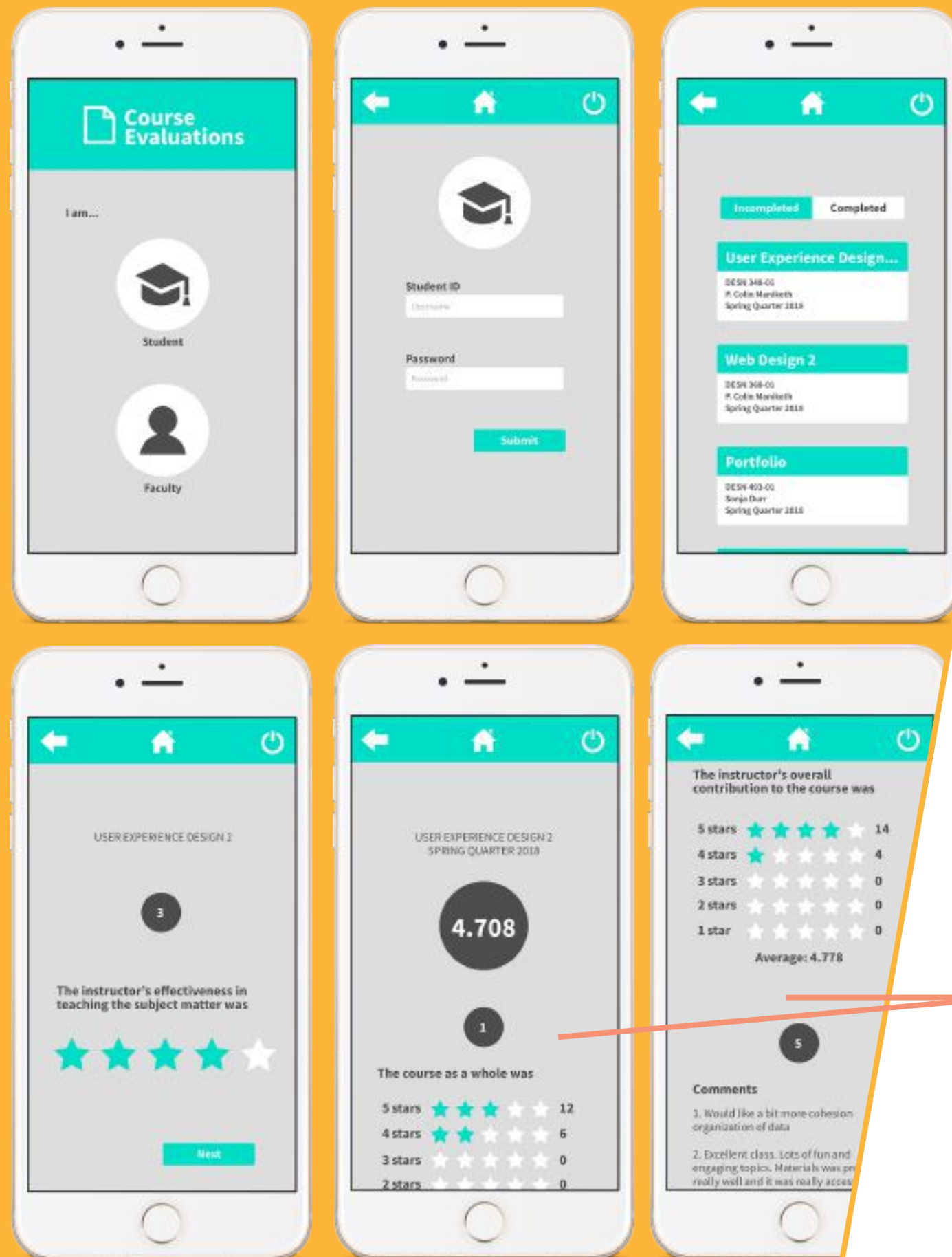
The Problem: Bland, Boring, Blah

EWU's current Course Evaluation form is, for lack of a better word, boring. Most importantly, it's inconvenient. Let's rewind: at the end of each quarter, every professor hands out one Course Evaluation form to each student. The students fill out the forms anonymously, collect their forms, and then turn in to the department. The department secretary then compiles all of the information. The method of this is very analog and old-school, and, did I mention, boring?

The Other Problem: Faculty Calculate Their Own Scores

SUMMARY OF INSTRUCTION EVALUATION							
Course:		DESN 468-01		Date:		Spring 2016	
Instructor:		MANIKOTH		# of responses:		188 / 130	
RATINGS:	VERY POOR	POOR	AVERAGE	GOOD	EXCELLENT	NO ANS	SCORE/PER
Values	1	2	3	4	5		LINE ITEM
1				6	12		4.667
2			1	4	13		4.667
3				5	13		4.722
4				4	14		4.778
Total of Line Item Averages							18.833
TOTAL SCORE							4.708
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Each quarter, every faculty member receives their scores compiled into one document like the one on the left. The downside: in order to know their cumulative score, they must calculate it themselves. Pretty inefficient, right?



The Solution: User-Friendly App

The majority of people, especially students, nowadays have a smart phone. Paper is SO last year, and with how many steps the previous method of course evaluations had, a mobile app was the perfect solution. The app allows students to login to auto-fill their course numbers, course name, and professor name. The submissions are still anonymous, and students can keep track of which classes they have or haven't out a form yet. The app also allows every student to fill out an evaluation, whereas beforehand, students had to physically be in class to fill one out.

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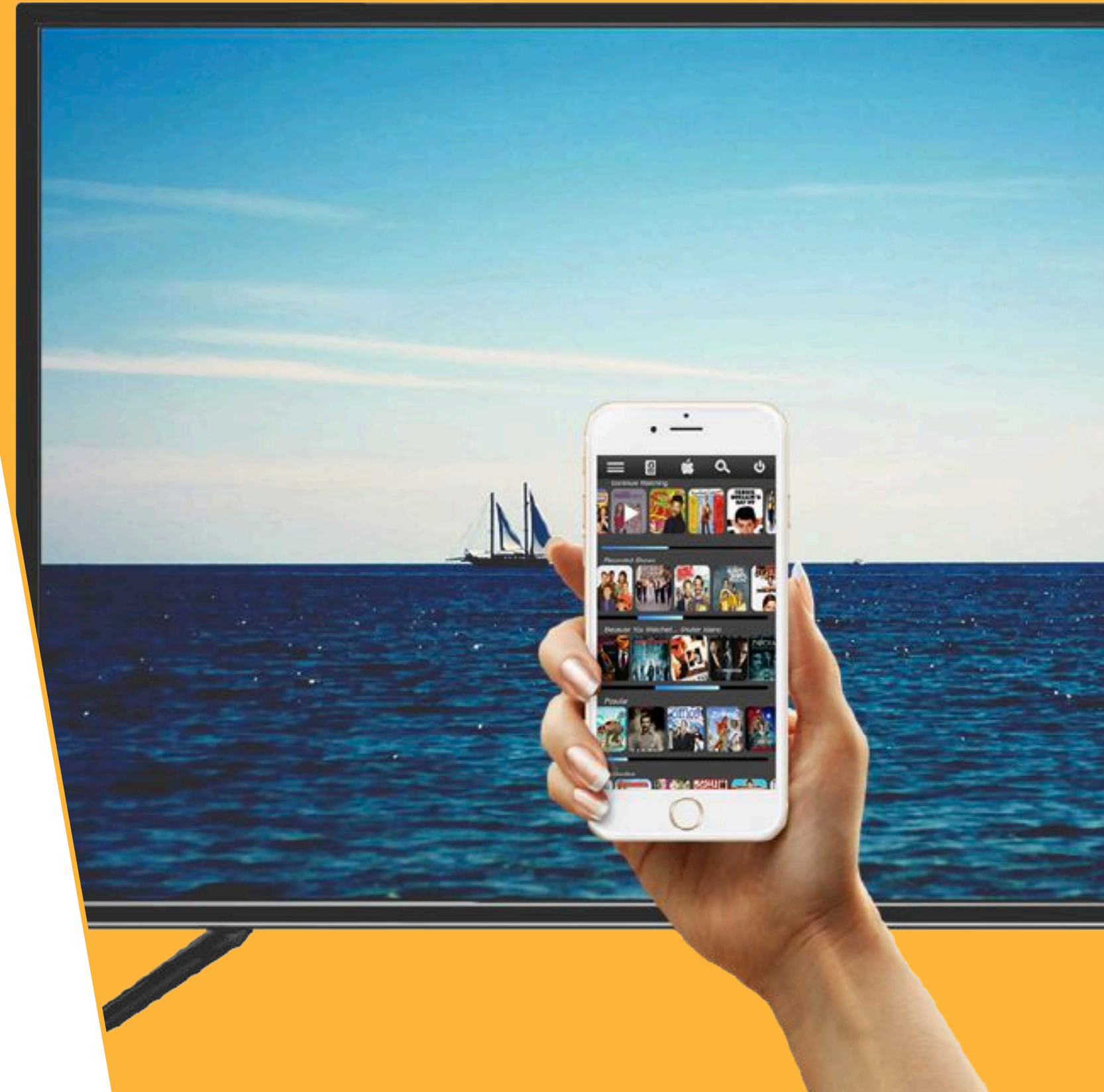
A new feature of the app is the faculty login, where faculty members can view the scores for each class they've taught, as well as view their overall cumulative score. This allows faculty to know what to improve on in their teaching.



DVR Remote App



CLIENT:	Eastern Washington University
PROJECT DATE:	September to November 2017
RESPONSIBILITIES:	UX/UI Design
TOOLS:	Sketch
UX METHODS:	Rapid prototypes Research
COLLABORATORS:	P. Colin Manikoth (Instructor)
STATUS:	Concept





The Problem: Too Many To Choose From

Whatever phone you have, whatever age you are, it's no doubt that being able to control your TV with the device you probably already have in your hand would make life so much easier. The downside: there's too many to choose from, most of which only do one thing: act as a remote.

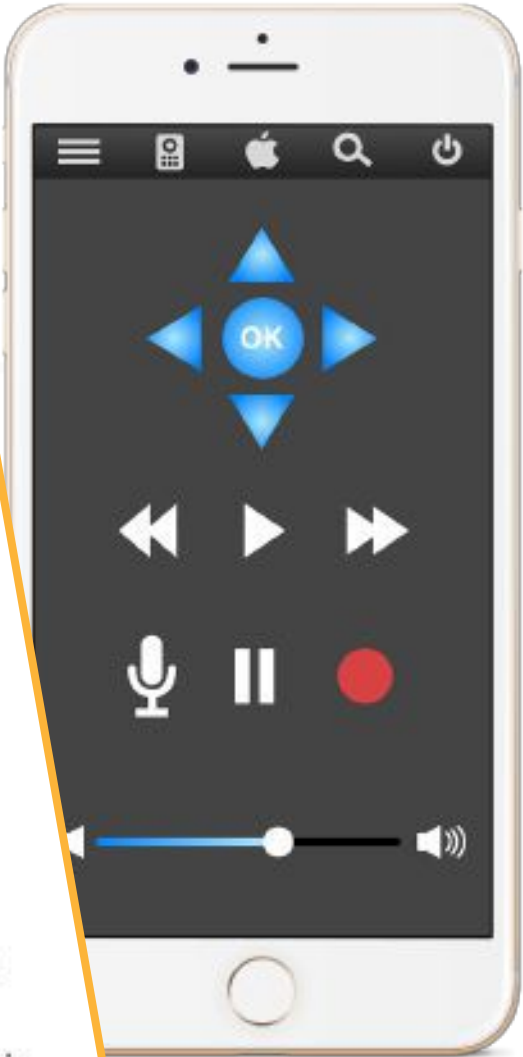
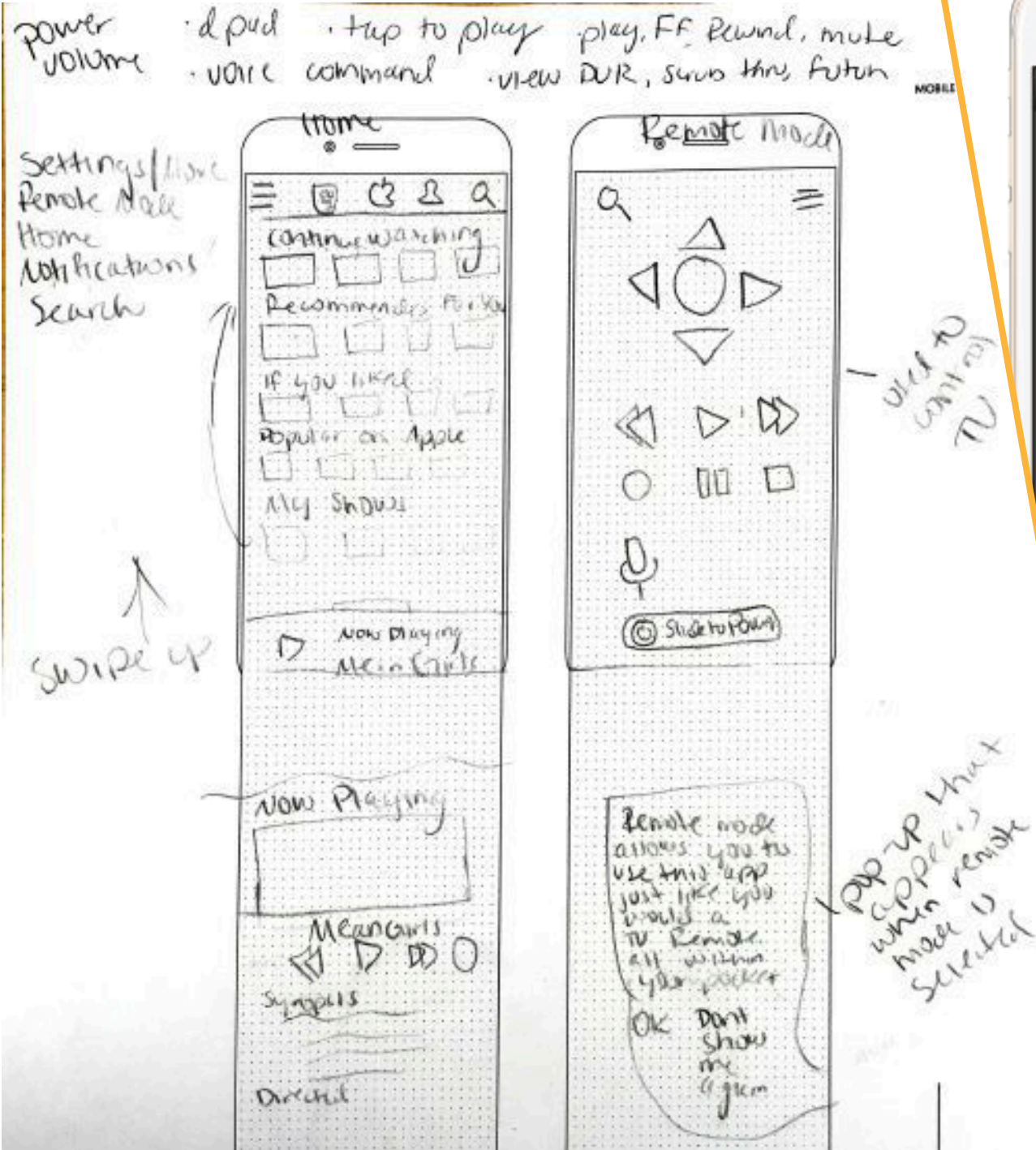


The Solution: DVR All-In-One Remote App

Features:

Voice
Command

DVR



UX Rave



CLIENT:	Tom Cruise
PROJECT DATE:	May to June 2018
RESPONSIBILITIES:	HTML, CSS, Javascript
TOOLS:	CodePen.io Leap Motion
UX METHODS:	Physical interaction
COLLABORATORS:	P. Colin Manikoth (Instructor)
STATUS:	Concept

A photograph of a person's hand holding a red, plush toy octopus in front of a computer monitor. The monitor displays a large penguin illustration on an orange background, with the number '1.' to its right. A smaller window titled 'Whale Rare' is visible on the monitor, showing a penguin illustration. The desk is cluttered with various items, including a black remote control, a yellow object, and a small white mouse. The background shows a dimly lit room with blue and green ambient lighting.

The digital component is, of course, the whale, who works by using SVG and Javascript that allow him to follow the cursor around the screen. I also added a neon flashing background to match with the rave atmosphere.

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The digital and the physical interacted by the user waving their hand over the Leap Motion which caused the whale to follow the movements of the hand. Since the interaction without Leap Motion featured the whale following the cursor, the mental model was that the user's hand would take the place of the cursor, and it did. The predictability was that the user would wave their hand to the right as expected, and the whale would move to the right, so on and so forth. The whale also moved at the same speed of the user's hand motions, so he could potentially dance to the rhythm of the EDM music playing in the background. The context of the project was a whale at a rave, where he can dance to his heart's content, accompanied by flashing colors on the screen, dance music, and flashing lights.



Kendemoji App

CLIENT:	Eastern Washington University
PROJECT DATE:	September 2017 to June 2018
RESPONSIBILITIES:	UX/UI Design
TOOLS:	Sketch Adobe Illustrator
UX METHODS:	User testing
COLLABORATORS:	P. Colin Manikoth (Instructor)
STATUS:	Concept



The Concept: Kendama

The kendama (ball and cup) game is one of the most traditional yet simple games invented. It's also a well-known fact that kids love emojis. The rules of the game is the same as the kendama--try to get the ball into the cup. The difference between the two is that Kendemoji includes a timer, making it even more challenging. Users can challenge themselves or their friends.

Observations

While observing the students playing Kendemoji, I overheard them call it the "Spongebob game" and "awesome!" Some students mentioned how they liked the game, and others pointed out the possibility of the string breaking. They enjoyed the competitiveness the timer added, and, when asked, they said if they could make any game of their own, it'd be a ball and cup game.

“Spongebob!”

“I like this!”



Kendemoji: The App

Kendemoji game originally includes the kendama toy and a timer. The goal is to earn as many “points” as possible under a time constraint set on the timer included. On the app, kids can enter their name as a way to keep track of points and who wins. The app also replaces the timer that the game comes with, because kitchen timers are so 2017. The digital app makes the Kendemoji game more interactive, competitive, and personal.

