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The Idea

The domain for the Make-a-Recipe interface is home cooking. The specific need is the need to turn a video recipe into a static recipe that can be referenced later. The person that this interface serves is someone who wants to cook for a Superbowl-style party and wants to make a static recipe of a party food recipe video. The user needs this because recipe videos available on YouTube and on social media move very quickly and are very difficult to follow along with if the user is actually cooking the dish. This interface allows the user to combine both text and images from the video for a visual static recipe that is possible to follow at one's own pace.

The Make-a-Recipe interface uses recipe videos that combine music with on-screen demonstrations of cooking a dish. The videos also features some on-screen text that indicates what ingredients or techniques are being used at certain points. The user interacts with these videos by clicking the "capture" button and using the "add note" interface to screenshot parts of the video and add instructions corresponding to those screenshots. The user may also undo a screenshot or note addition, and drag/drop the pieces of the static recipe around to reorder them. When the person is done making screenshots and notes of the video, they click the "Finished" button, which will hide the video and cause the recipe to occupy the entire page. This will indicate that they are done.