

FigJam-XR (Design Atrium)

This project turns a familiar whiteboarding workflow into a **3D Design Atrium**. Users can **travel along design flows**, **spawn & organize wireframe panels**, and **brainstorm with spatial sticky notes**. The goal is to see if XR makes early design work more **intuitive, spatial, and collaborative**.

Testing Objective

Primary objective: Verify that first-time users can complete the three core interactions **quickly and without guidance**:

1. Travel along a predefined **flow** (rail waypoints).
2. **Create** and **organize** wireframe panels (spawn → grab → scale → snap).
3. **Add** and place a **spatial sticky note** from the wrist menu.

Hypotheses (what we're validating):

- H1: Users can discover how to **move along the flow** and reach the final waypoint **≤ 45s** without hints.
- H2: Users can **spawn a wireframe**, **scale** it, and **snap** it into a zone **≤ 90s**, with ≤ 1 prompt.
- H3: Users can **spawn a sticky note** from the wrist and place it next to a panel **≤ 45s** without hints.

Methodology

Type: Short, in-class, **think-aloud** usability test with a horizontal prototype.

Session length: ~5 minutes per participant (plus <1 minute logging).

Sample: 5–10 classmates/tutors (mixed XR familiarity).

Measures: Task success, time-on-task, number of prompts, brief Likert ratings, key observations.

Rationale: IP1 is a **horizontal prototype** aiming for an overall impression and testable interactions rather than depth. The plan is simple enough that **another person could run it** and collect similar results.

Prototype Description / Requirements

- **Unity scene:** A minimal “Design Atrium” with:
 - **FlowPath** (3–6 waypoints) + simple rail locomotion (hold **Activate** to move).
 - **Wireframe panels** that can be spawned (right **Select**), grabbed, **scaled** (right thumbstick up/down), and **snapped** into **Circle** or **Grid** zones.
 - **Wrist menu** on **Left Controller** with a “+ Note” button to spawn a **StickyNote** (grab/move).
- **Controller-first** interactions (no hand tracking required) to ensure stability in class.

Participant Tasks

1. **Travel the flow:** “Hold the move/activate input and ride the path through the markers until you stop at the last point.”
2. **Make & organize a wireframe:** “Spawn a wireframe panel, grab it, scale it a bit, and place it neatly into the circular zone.”
3. **Add a sticky note:** “Use your wrist menu to add a sticky note and place it near your panel.”

Success criteria (per task):

- **Success/Fail, time (sec), prompts given (count), errors** (e.g., wrong button, lost object).

Data Collection

- **Observer sheet** (one row per participant, three task blocks):
 - **Task success (Y/N), Time (sec), Prompts (#), Notable behaviors/errors.**
- **Post-task micro-ratings** (1–5 Likert, very quick):
 - “That task was **clear**.”
 - “That task was **easy**.”
 - “I felt **in control**.”
- **One comment:** “What felt most awkward or confusing?”

Risks & Mitigations

- **Control confusion** → On a paper card, show three controls: **Activate**, **Select**, **Right thumbstick**.
- **Motion discomfort** → Rail speed is slow; no free-roam; stop test immediately if discomfort is reported.
- **UI miss-clicks** → Ensure **XR UI Input Module** present; wrist canvas sized & facing user.

Success Criteria to Decide Next Iteration

- $\geq 80\%$ **task success** on first attempt for each task.
- Median **time-on-task**: Flow $\leq 45s$; Wireframe $\leq 90s$; Sticky $\leq 45s$.
- Median **ratings** ≥ 4 for clarity/ease on at least two tasks.
- Top **3 friction points** identified (from comments/observations) → become next sprint fixes.