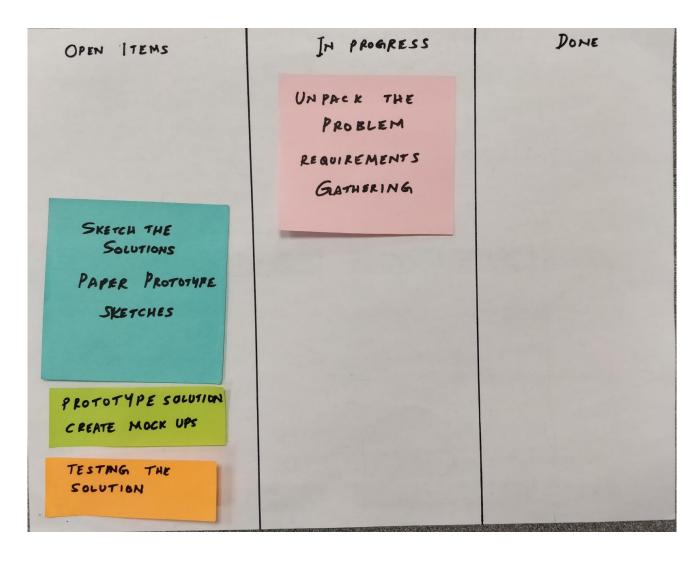
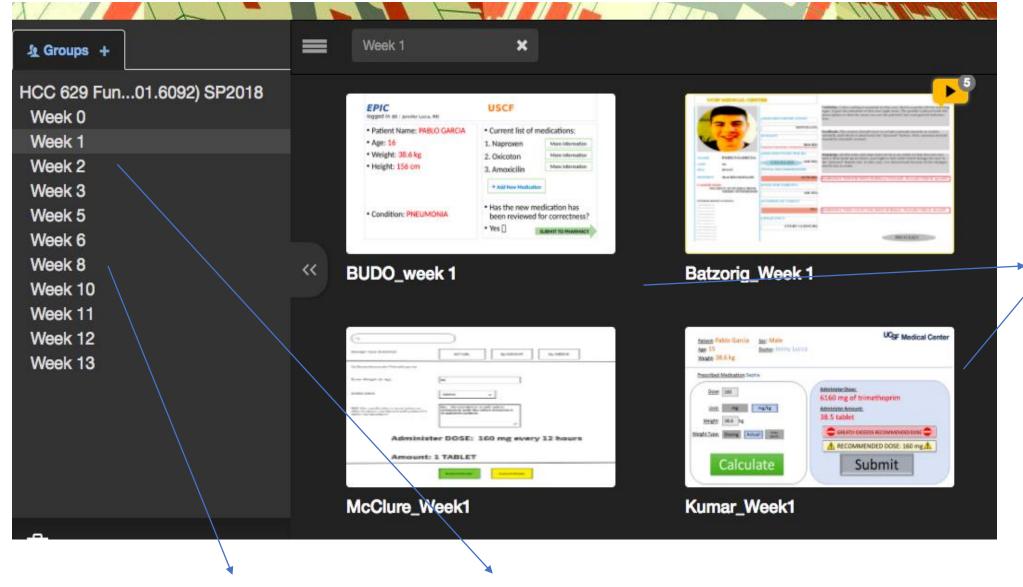


Unpack the problem

Create requirements and define problems by brainstorming and critiquing the current application

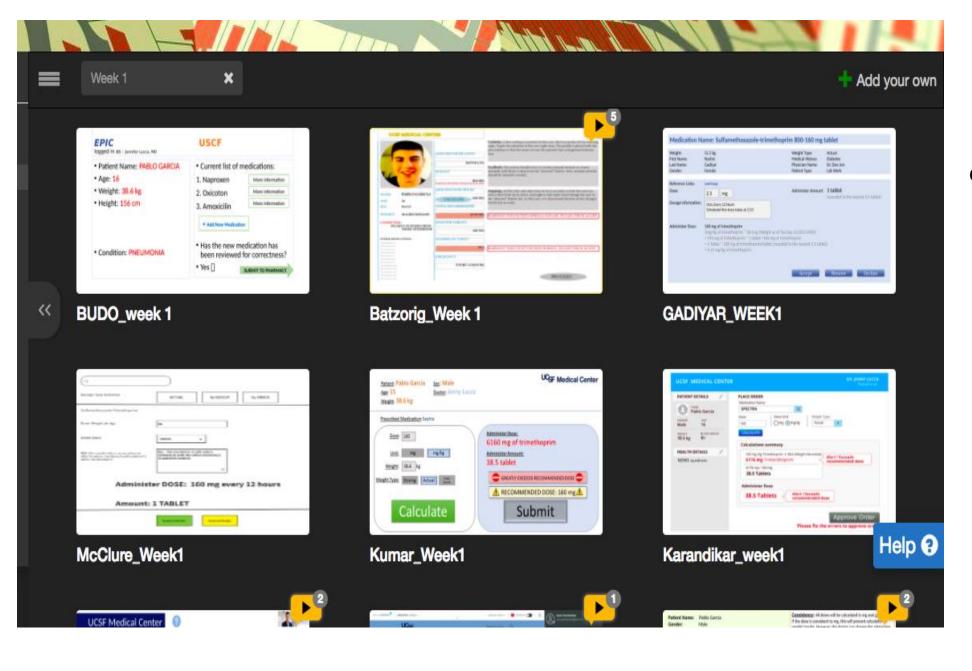




Font color: The font color can be changed to improve attention

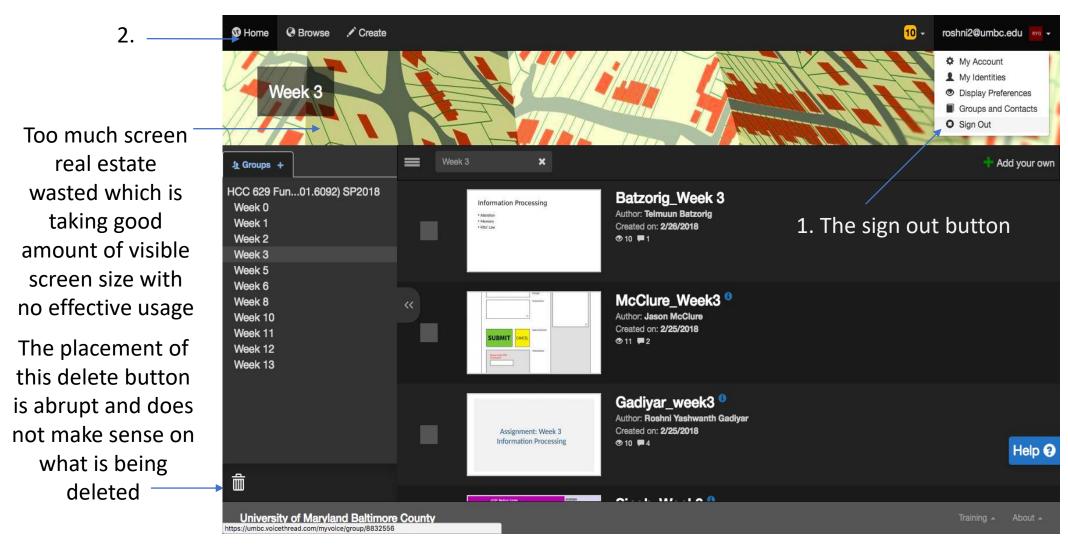
Navigation: The navigation is not grouped and requires a lot of scrolling which could be replaced by dropdowns

Gutters: The gutters present are uneven and could be reduced



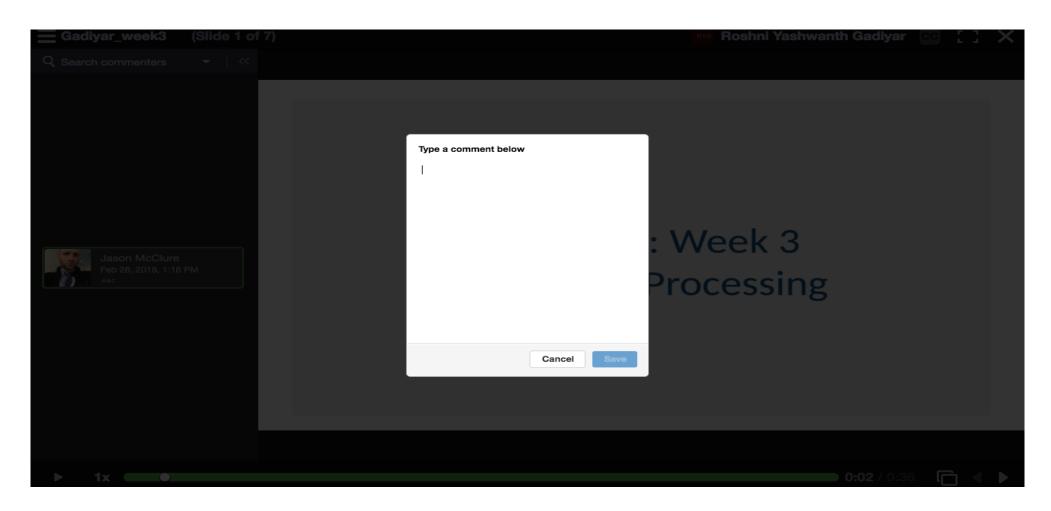
The professor's lectures could be placed first, then the students assignment for better grouping, consistency and navigation. They should be separated with a border.

This will solve the issue of grouping.



- 1. The sign out button is a cross which could indicate delete. We could replace that with a better icon such as a power button seen in desktops
- 2. The VT icon at the top left corner is small, the size could be bigger and in itself a logo of the application, the navigation could be in a breadcrumb format.

While typing a comment on the interface, the slides are non-accessible which makes it harder for the user to comment while viewing the VT content. The user would want to see the slides while simultaneously commenting on them, but the current UI does not allow this.

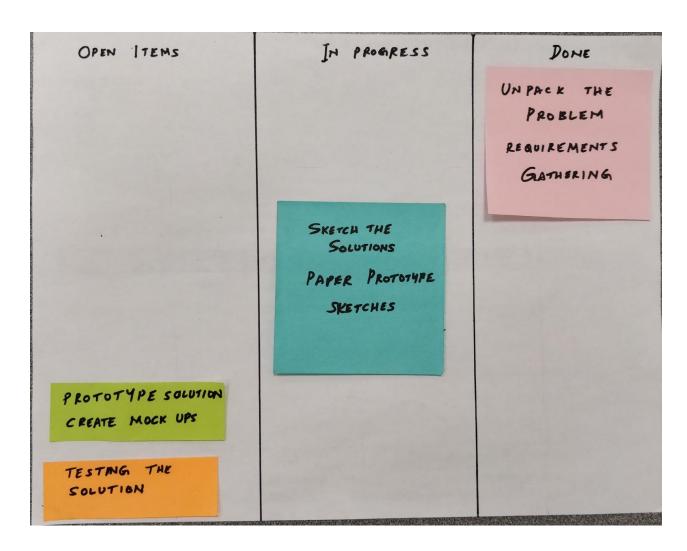


Brainstorming, requirements gathering

- Remove banner (as there is no specific use of the banner)
- Sorting on the top (for selection of week) or Left hand navigation fix the space
- Colors for actionables (theme with 2 colors only)
- Dropdown for weeks
- sorting can be easier (like amazon)
- Add description to create navigation
- Can add the profiles as professors and students
- Delete is unnecessary
- Minus icon (move folders, manage folders)

Sketch the solutions

Paper prototypes were created and feedback were gathered within the group

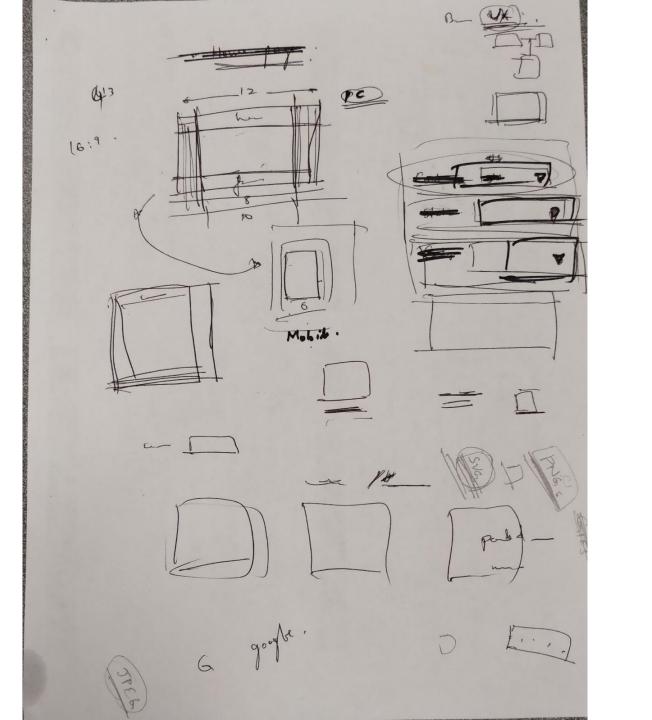


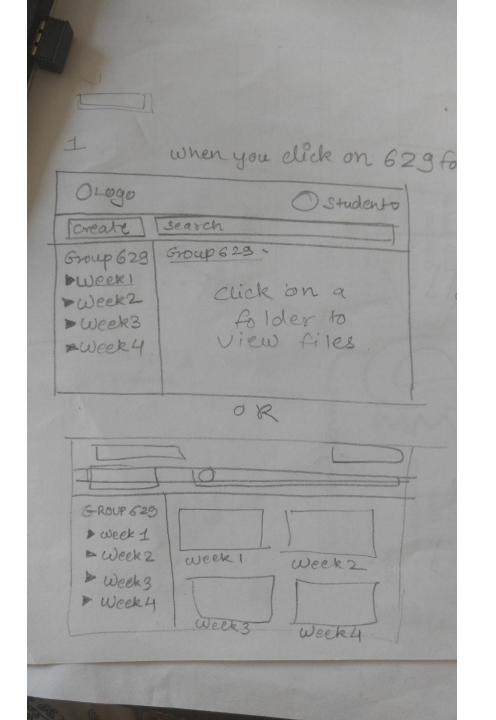
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Decide on solution Medium Fidelity Wireframes

We merged different ideas from different paper prototypes created and came up with the following wireframe

These are the create new VT options. Use good font icons or logos to depict each option



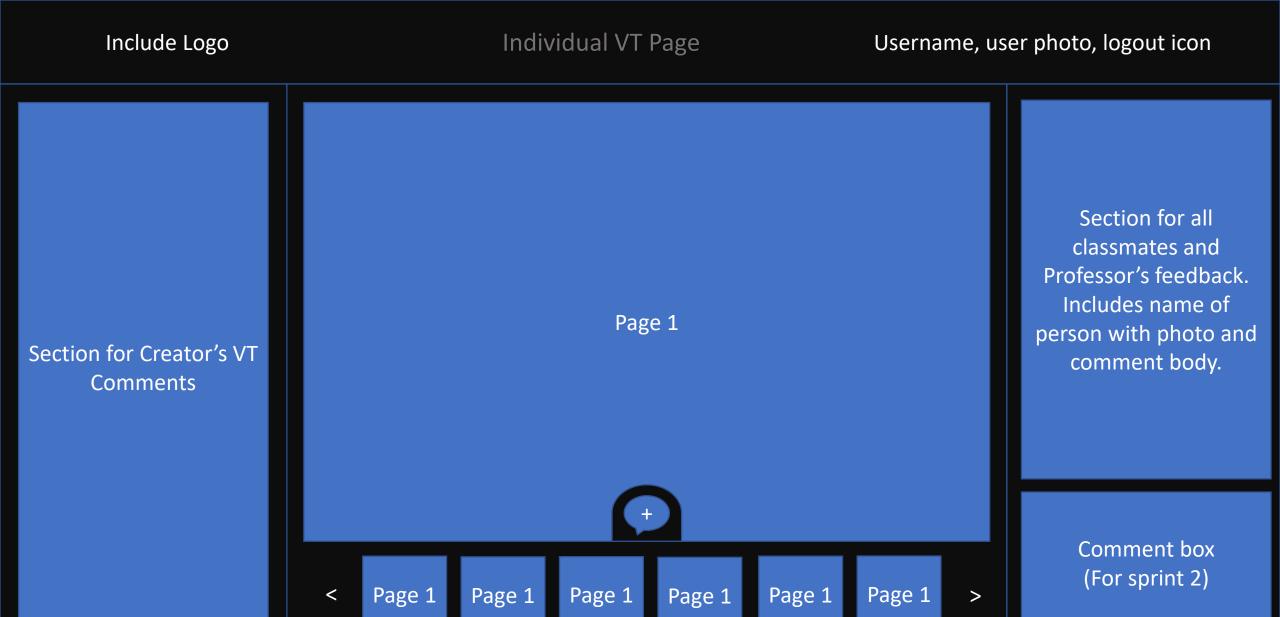






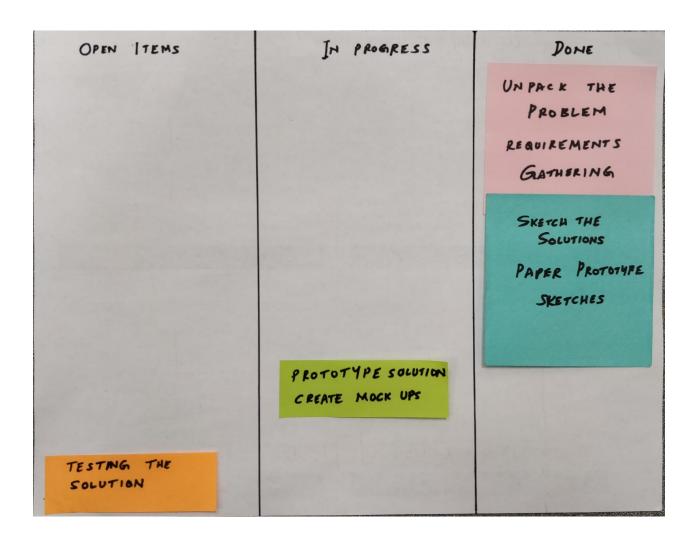






Prototype the solution

Based on the Wireframes we created we built our prototype of the VT app for 4 main screens which constitute the essence of the entire application



voicethread redesign





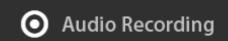


Create Voice Thread

Select one option to get started









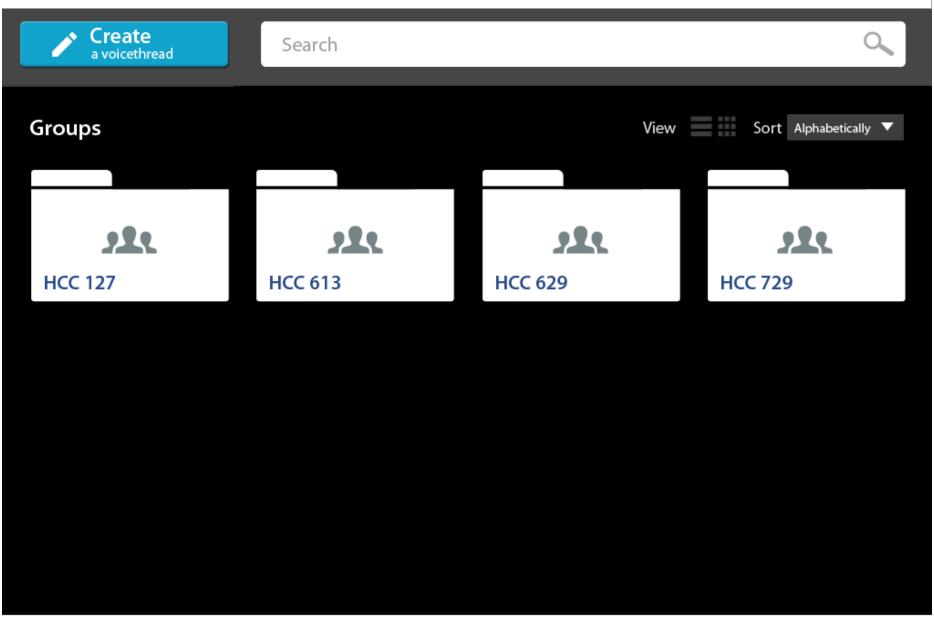






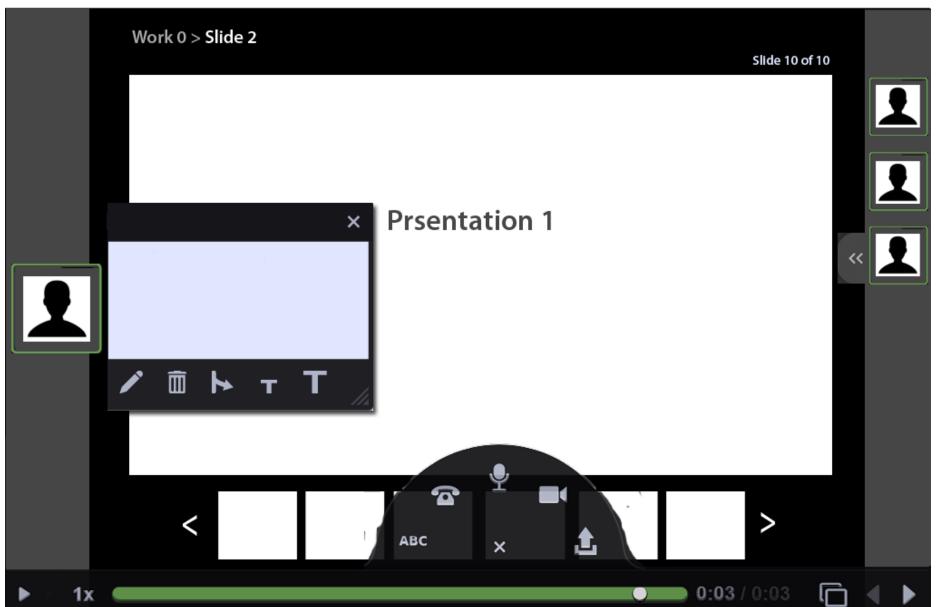






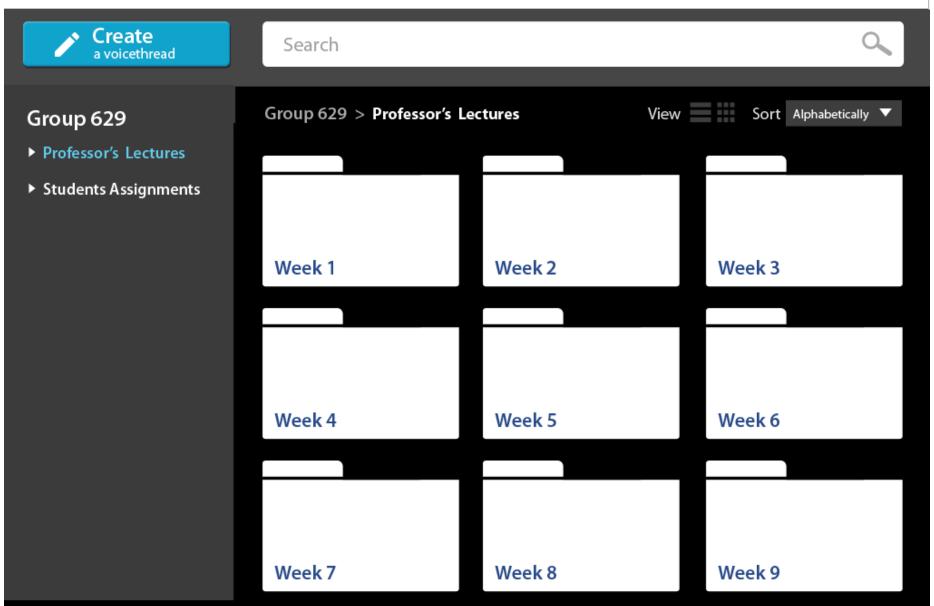






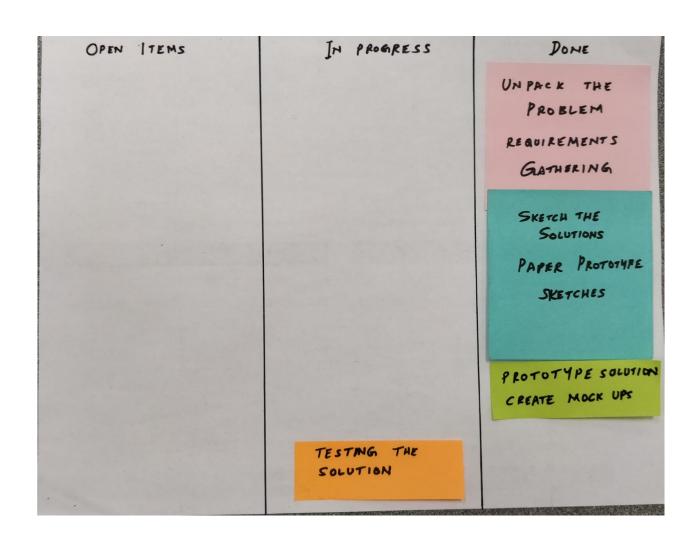






Design principles applied in the redesign

- Navigation: The original design requires the user to scroll down for more options, and the icons are smaller. Problem: The original design requires the user to scroll down for more options, and the icons are smaller. Solution: In the redesign, the icons are placed horizontally so they are more visible.
- **Visibility: Problem:** The original design requires the user to scroll down for more options, and the icons are smaller. **Solution:** In the redesign, the icons are placed horizontally so they are more visible.
- **Attention:** The choice of a brighter color solves the issue of attention. The blue color makes it easier for the user to pay attention to the create icon.
- **Branding:** The logo and the name is made clearer and more visible for the user.
- Metaphor: **Problem:** The folders are just plain squares. **Solution:** The use of metaphors: The icons look like an actual physical folder which makes it easier for the user to understand.
- Consistency: All the pages have the same look and feel. The header and the footer of all the pages is consistent throughout the UI.
- Flat design: The pages follow a flat design which is more simple and plain and less clutter. The headers are minimalistic and does not contain a lot of elements.
- **Gutters:** The gutters run between the folder icons and we have given enough spacing for better visibility of the icons and distinguishing between the different folders.



Test the solution

Each project partner shared the design with their friends and came up with critiques and feedback which will be addressed in SPRINT 2

Agile Process

