

Speculative Technology and how it affects people:

My speculative technology is highly advanced contact lenses that don't have to be taken out of your eyes every day but can be if desired. These smart lenses will record everything you do in your life from your perspective. Every recording would be downloaded to the cloud or of something of the sort where you have access to them at any time. You can rewatch, slow down, speed up, and pause specific moments from your life for any reason. All the rewatching can be done on the contact lenses (could also have the option to watch it on device), however, the navigation of recordings will be done on an external device like a cell phone or laptop. Playing the recording from the device would play the recording on your contacts. Then you could also fast forward and rewind through the recordings on your phone as you would a regular video. Furthermore you could display your recordings on a screen so you can share any part of your life with people around you. Another possibility of the device is syncing of different people's lenses so others can see your life through your eyes but in their own eyes, as they're just seeing it on their own contacts. This part of the technology could also lead to things such as live streams where people can watch things, for example someone skydiving, from that person's perspective but through their own personal contacts. The tech could also lead to people being able to share any part of a recording from their life with anyone they desire. This would theoretically create a whole different branch of social media.

These smart lenses could lead people to constantly rewatching parts of their life and becoming addicted to it, but that's not all that different from a cell phone addiction. However, people could also become super distracted and unaware of their surroundings if they're watching other parts of their life while doing other important activities like driving. However, this is also the case with cell phones. Lastly, being that this tech leans towards virtual reality if you're watching other people's lives, some may begin to live mainly through others' eyes rather than their own. People who are wanting to look back at parts of their life or don't remember and want to somewhat relive the moment could benefit from this tech. Furthermore, students who want to rewatch lectures, or companies who want to rewatch interviews, or parents who want to watch their kids play a sport when they can't watch in person could all benefit from this tech. However, this

tech also offers a massive lack of privacy as couples, people in relationships, and parents can now ask to see parts of their partner's or child's life. There is also the problem of hacking, like with any tech, where if someone was able to gain access to people's personal recordings, they basically have access to everything and anything the person has done in their life.

Project:

An interactive website taking you through different players' lives as they live with smart lenses. Depending on which player you choose, you will be presented with a series of choices that you would hypothetically face if you were to have smart lenses. Your choice selection will then lead you to a reaction from the program in response to your choice.

Aesthetic Approach:

I wanted to use a very simple, text based design to keep the viewer focused on the choices rather than graphics. The simplicity also allows the viewer to visualize the hypothetical scenario in which they'd be in rather than having their imagination go towards different graphics on the screen. The pink text backgrounds on top of the navy blue overall background make the different decisions stand out so the viewer has no issue seeing they're choice.