



FocusBot

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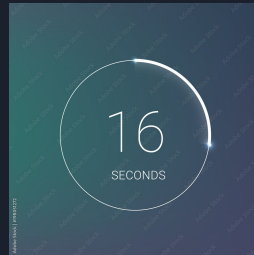
Original Problem Statement

Maintaining a high level of output over a long period of time remains a challenge in the software engineering field. Health factors such as vitamin intake, sleep, and energy levels play a huge role in the overall efficiency of software engineers. Creating a way for developers to know when they should take a break to hydrate, go for a walk, or stretch is essential for improving efficiency. This is what our solution attempts to solve.



Explanation of Solution

- FocusBot web/mobile application to monitor software engineer productivity
- Tells user to take a break when productivity decreases or after a long duration of time
 - Monitors user activity (keystrokes, clicks, etc.)
 - Provides a lockout timer to ensure the user takes a sufficient break to reset
- Integrate health metrics from smart watches to advise moving / stretching



Rationale for Solution

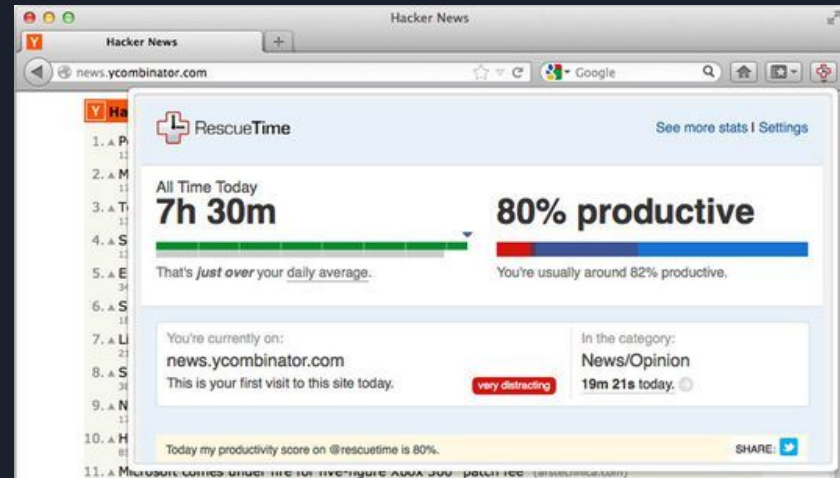
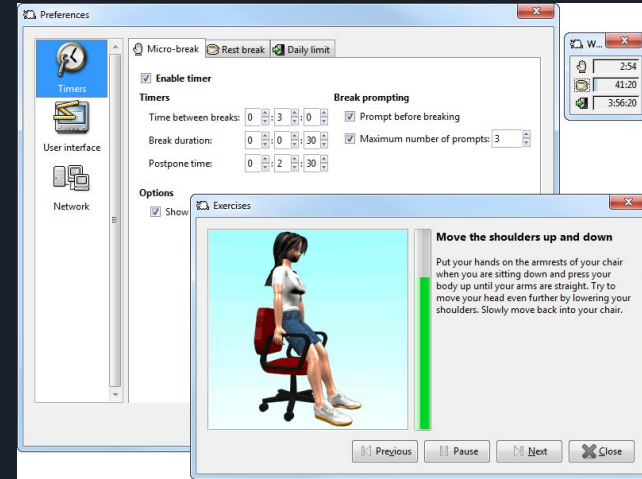
- More efficiency
- Higher quality of life for employees, as they receive as-needed breaks
- Help employees adopt a healthier lifestyle while working remotely
- Study by Cigna Healthcare (2023):
 - Declines in physical and mental health leads to huge losses
 - Total cost of UK economy of lost output among working-age people due to ill health was around \$180 billion per year (~7% of GDP)



Related Works

Similar applications:

- WorkRave
- RescueTime
- Stretchly
- StandApp
- EyeLeo

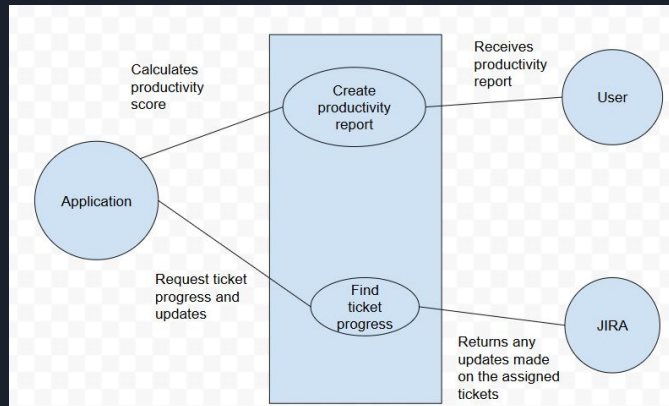


Use Case 1 - Productivity Tracker

[S1] Application will track the productivity of the user

[S2] Productivity will be tracked using the amount of time spent on completing tickets and how active the user is while at the computer

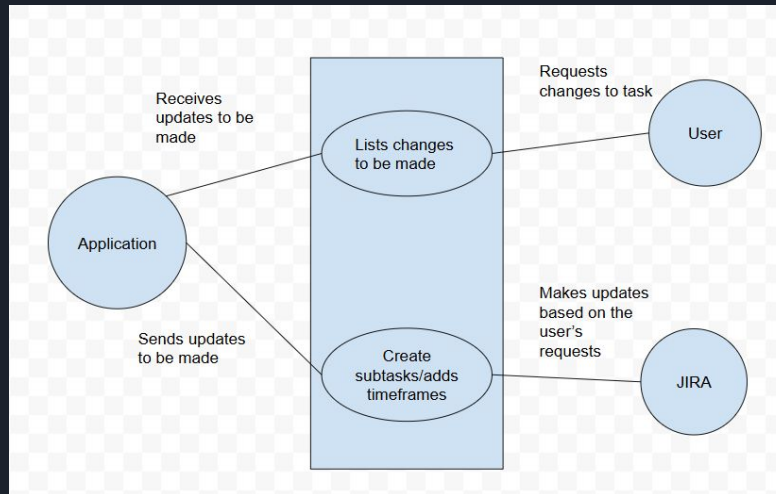
[S3] A score will be given to the user per period of time to praise/give advice to the user in terms of how well they've done over that period



Use Case 2 - Access & Split Up Tasks

[S1] Users will be able to access, update, and split up tasks assigned on Jira through the application

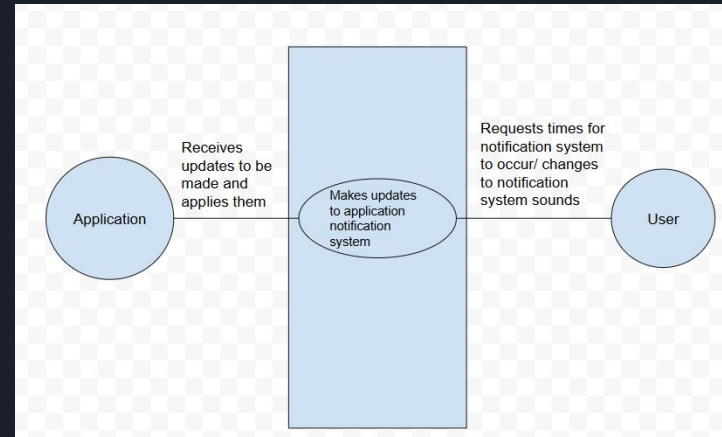
[S2] The user will be able to assign time frames for them to complete each subtask



Use Case 3 - Ability to Customize the Reminder Functionality

[S1] Users will be able to choose specific times that will vary in length based on the different amount of time from the previous break

[S2] There will also be different notification sounds that can be set for different notification types

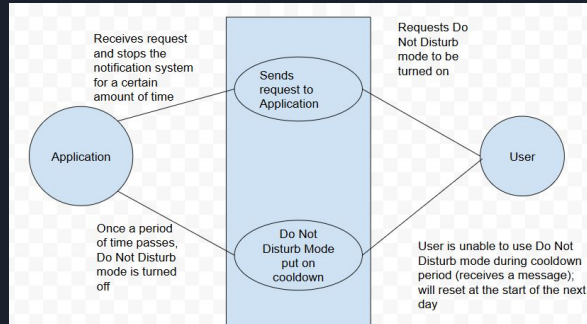


Use Case 4 - Do Not Disturb/Meeting Mode

[S1] Users will be able to set a Do Not Disturb/Meeting mode that will prevent the application from sending break time notifications

[S2] The mode will automatically turn off after a certain amount of time as to prevent the user from avoiding all break notifications

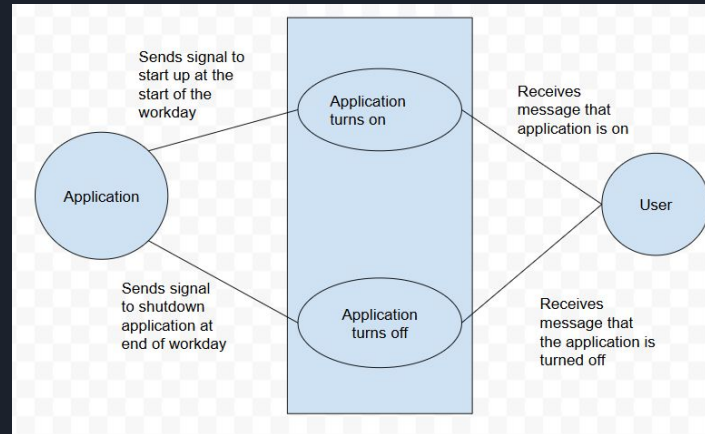
[S3] The mode will have a temporary cooldown period after use before it can be used again, with a limit to how much time that can be used per day (resets per day)



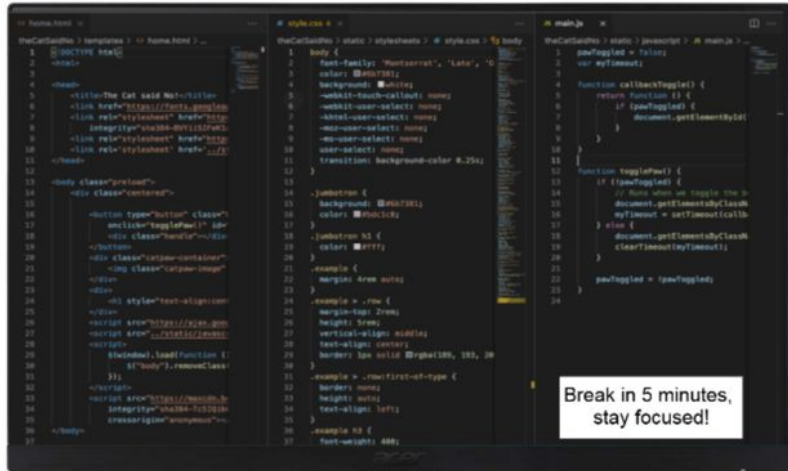
Use Case 5 - Application Automatically Starts/Stops

[S1] The application will automatically enable itself at the start of the workday

[S2] Additionally, it will shut itself down once the workday is over



Visualized User Interface

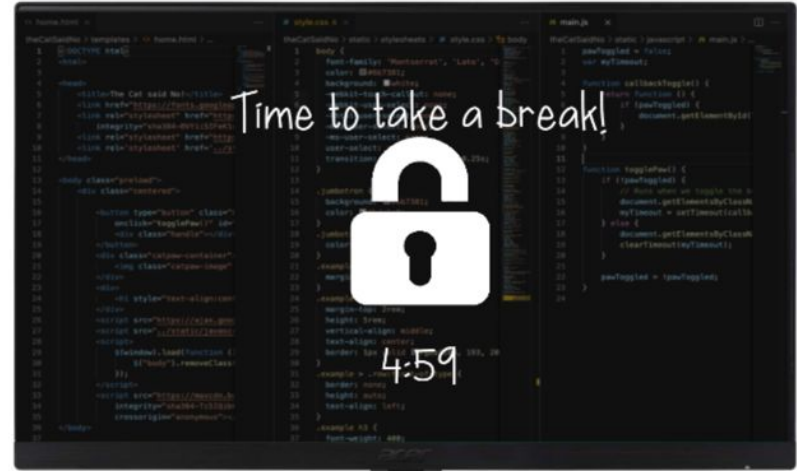


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Break in 5 minutes, stay focused!



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Time to take a break!

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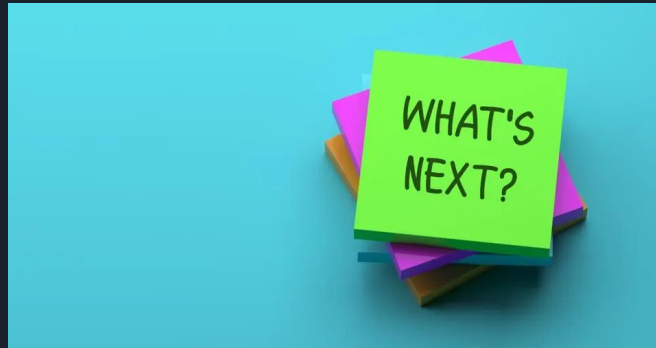
Visualized User Interface (2)





Future Work

- Smartwatch Integration
 - Track health information of the user
- Long term pattern recognition and reporting
 - AI
- Eye Tracking





Limitations

- Privacy Concerns
 - Since FocusBot monitors developers in real-time through different metrics it could raise concerns of personal privacy.
 - Developers might perceive the system as invasive, which could lead to mistrust or resistance
- One Size DOES NOT Fit All
 - All developers are different. A system that works better for one developer, might not work better for another.
- Notification Fatigue
 - Frequent notifications, even if well-intentioned, could overwhelm developers, leading to notification fatigue and diminished productivity.
- Measuring Success
 - Determining whether FocusBot effectively enhances productivity can be difficult, as improvements in focus or well-being are subjective and vary between individuals.

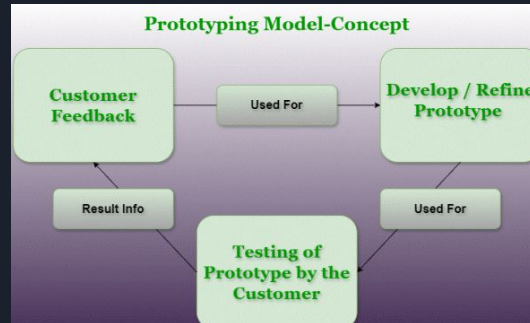
Processes and Tools Used

Processes:

- Agile Software Engineering Process
 - Prototyping Model
- Requirements Engineering Process
 - Elicitation -> Analysis -> Specification -> Prioritization

Tools:

- GitHub
 - Version control
- Paint/Pixlr
 - Prototyping



What are your primary goals when using the system?

5 responses

I want to make sure that I don't stay sedentary for too long while I am doing work. It would also be nice to be able to track my activity while I'm at work.

Being able to get tasks done efficiently, not being distracted by the tool itself, and other external tasks. Maybe adding functionality that reminds user to be productive. Also figure out a way to pace out tasks for users that have tunnel vision.

Limiting screen time and reducing prolonged sitting.

As a software developer, I want to be able to improve my health and not allow working on projects to distract me from taking necessary breaks.

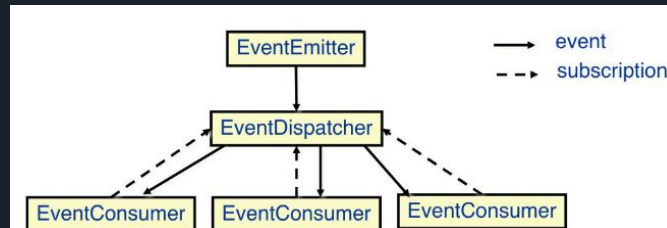
To remember to touch grass more often and reduce eye/hand strain.

What problems do you face that this system should solve?

5 responses

Things We Learned

- Applying High-Level Design and Low-Level Design Patterns to the Software Engineering Process
 - Event-based Architecture
 - Behavioral Design Pattern Family
- Applying the Requirements Engineering process to a real-life project
 - Different methods for Requirement Elicitation
 - How to perform Requirement Analysis
 - How to create formal use cases



Questions?

