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>>>> TCG Card Collection

Trying to solve the problem of **trading convenience**, **price traceback** integration, and card **management**.

Problem Domains: User experience, Investment





NeedFinding Methodology



- > 1 Newbie
- > 1 Collection addict









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Interviewee 1: Dogdog





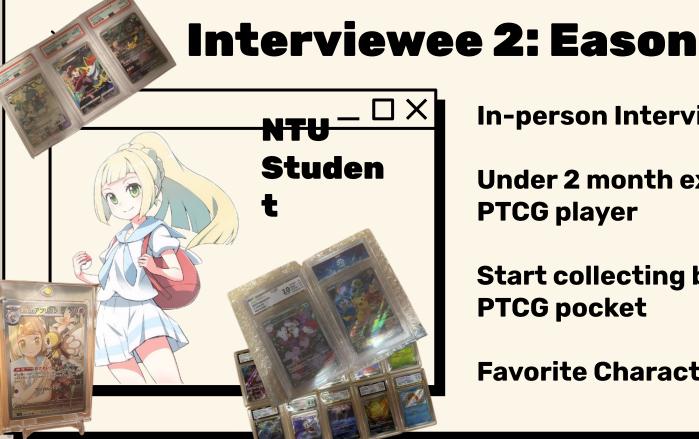
Phone Interview

About 10 years PTCG player

PTCG World Championship Day2

Favorite Character: N, Eevees





In-person Interview

Under 2 month experience as PTCG player

Start collecting because of **PTCG** pocket

Favorite Character: Lillie



In-person Interview

About 5 years PTCG player

PTCG World Championship attendee

Favorite Character: Charizard







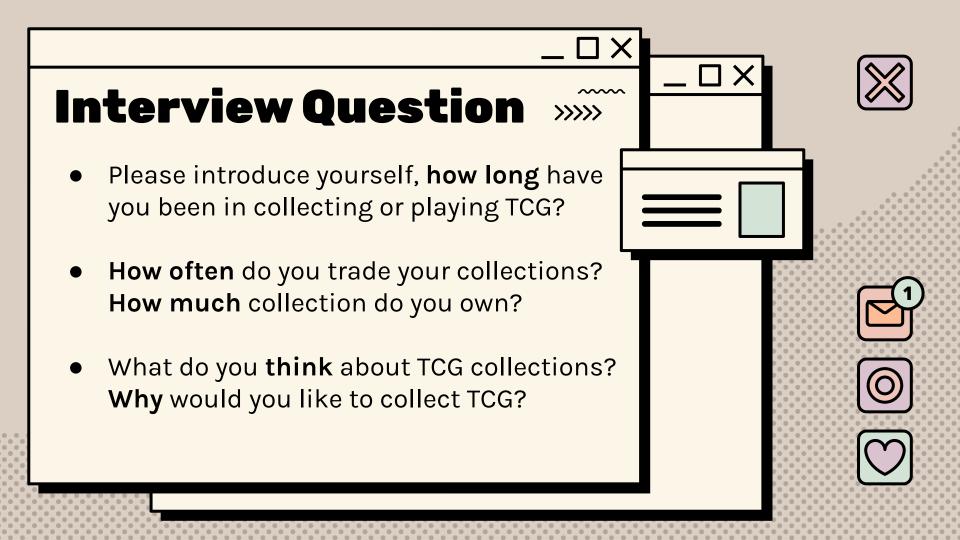


In-person Interview

About 9 years PTCG player

Working in TCG unpacking company

Favorite Character: Karen



Interview Question

- What platform will you use to trade your collections? Why do you use this method for trading cards?
- Why wont you use other platform for trading? Can you describe the difficulties when using these methods?





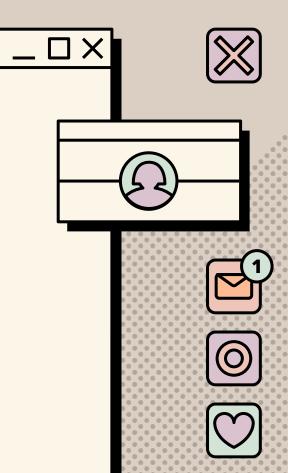






Interview Question

- Have you encountered memorable experiences when trying to collect/sell cards? Please talk about that experience.
- What is the most important information to you in trading procedure?
- What will affect your choice when trading card(time-consuming, status, personal preference)?





Interview Result Quotes

"If there were a platform that could directly **integrate card listings** from international sites like Japanese auctions and
eBay, and allow me to **search in Chinese**, that would be
incredibly convenient!"

—Dogdog & Louis & Nine

"In Taiwan's trading groups, I often struggle to determine whether a seller's price is reasonable because platforms like Shopee **do not display records of sold prices**."

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-Nine



Interview Result Quotes

"One of the biggest challenges of purchasing items from overseas is the **complex shipping process**, high shipping costs and expensive single-package fees either".

-Louis & Nine

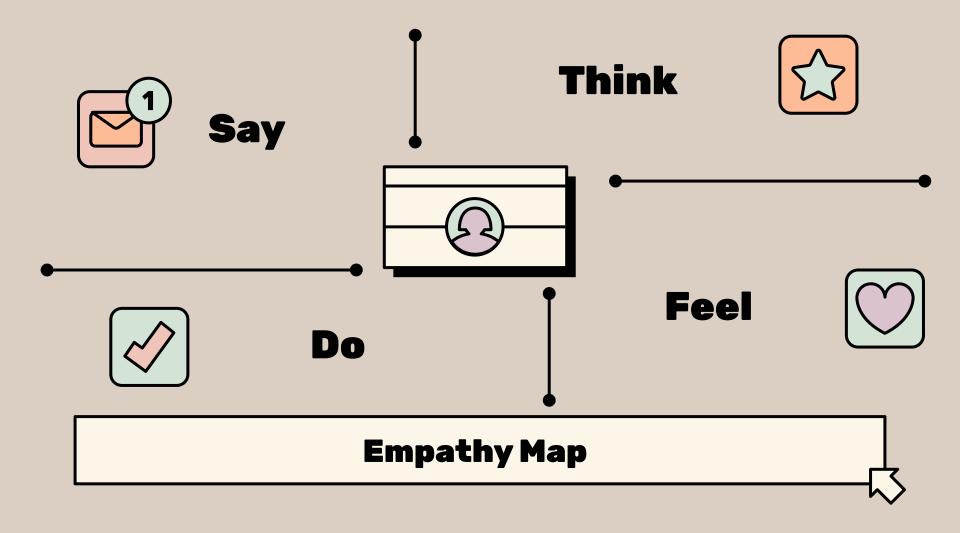
"Finding cards in Facebook groups sometimes feels like a matter of luck, especially for older cards. There's no guarantee of finding the desired version or condition."

-Dogdog











"It would be convenient if a platform **integrating cards' trading info** from every platform together." "For a buyer, convenience of searching is critical. However each platform hold their distinct searching methods."

Say

"Sellers' reviews for me lose their significance recently. As long as the seller hasn't committed fraud or received considerable negative reviews, that doesn't matter."

"The limit of transportation from China is bothering me, I've already used 5 out of 6 chances to import stuff from China this half year"

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"I'm tracking the **value** of my collections, if the price goes beyond expectations, I'll try to sell it for **profiting**"

"I like Cynthia, Iono and Lillie, that's why I **buy the cards related to them**"

Say

"Market of the Chinese version mainly references the earlier-released Japanese market with adjustments downwards, but it's hard to price old or rare cards."

"Sometimes, specific cards need **luck** to obtain, it'll be super convenient to have a platform optimizing this"



The price may not be reasonable

Habits greatly influence platform preference

Trading platform should record **final prices** for them to estimate a card's value.

Think

Desiring an **info integrating** platform

Sometimes for collection, sometimes investment

Platforms should adopt tough measures on **punishing unworthy seller**



Check the seller's transaction history and reviews when buying cards.

Ask a friend to purchase from abroad to avoid international shipping fees.

Do

Checking card prices, use multiple platforms for cross-referencing: TCGplayer and eBay for the English version, Yuyutei and Mercari for the Japanese version, Facebook groups for the Chinese version, and Chinese apps as a reference.



Use **Facebook** communities and **stores** for transactions; other methods are used less frequently.

Open packs themselves, prefer convenience store pickup for transactions to reduce the hassle of in-person meetups.



Use consolidation warehouse services to helps saving shipping fees, providing management and status updates, and allowing to accumulate a certain quantity before retrieval.

During the buying process, constantly check similar cards and realize having a collecting habit for entire sets.



Excitement and **joy** when pulling the biggest prize

Surprising to be recognized by buyer

Amazed by discovering a "compulsive" tendency in collecting complete card sets.

Brings childhood memories and emotional value



Fulfillment from completing specific series collections

Feels a sense of **satisfaction** and cured from decorating collections

Feeling **secured** when meeting in person to check card conditions



Troublesome when trying to **compare price** due to the platform restrictions

Anxious when unable to find the price of desired rare cards

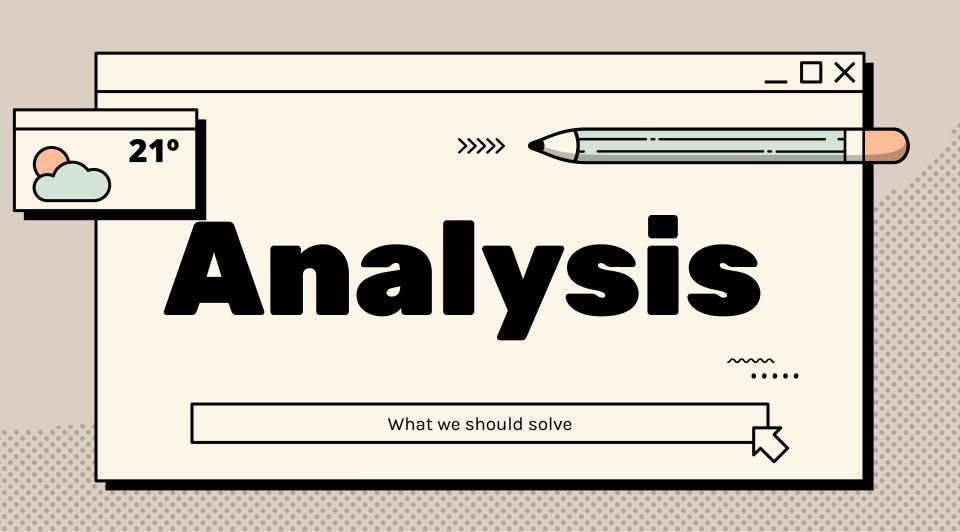


Disappointed when discovering **low condition** during in person trading

Dissatisfied with in-face buyers **bargaining** on deals or **nitpicking** card conditions

Frustrated when card **prices dropped** during the pandemic

Angers when receiving a NTD 8000 "perfect graded" card which turned out to be a **replica**





Quote

"Especially for some old or rare cards, it would be hard to estimate the price without sufficient **price histories.**"

"Searching function is critical for traders, but disconnected data among platforms do make inconvenience"

Insights

They're having a hard time dealing with value estimation

Needs

Statistical data for current price and price change



Quote

"I also buy some cards for **investment**, expect their value to go up, and **earn from the spread** "
"I'm **tracking the value** of my collections, if the price goes beyond expectations, I'll try to **sell it for profiting** "

Insights

Some people track the price on investment purpose

Needs

Statistical tools for card value's history tendency



Quote

"Some cards exist in Japanese or English but not in Chinese. If I come across them at a **reasonable price**, I might **consider collecting them**."

Insights

The thrill of card collecting lies in both **planned buys** and **unexpected finds** that inspire purchases at the right price.

Needs

A personalized system that combines **smart discovery** with the thrill of **unexpected finds at the right price**.

Quote

"Non-Chinese Pokémon cards are rarely found in Facebook groups and must be bought through international platforms, despite challenges like language barriers and extra costs."

Insights

Collecting these cards is troublesome, there isn't a platform for **convenient international purchases experience**.

Needs

Integrate platforms from different countries.



Summary

- Causes of Collecting Cards
- Aspects of their Pain Points
 - Price search methods
 - Deals finder for rare cards
 - Cost and returns
 - Safety and trust

