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# Opportunity Statement

There is a growing need for an user-friendly basketball training app that provides personalized recommendations and leverages modern technology for skill analysis. Current apps lack an engaging, tailored, experience.

# Main Question

How can we design a basketball training app that provides personalized recommendations while ensuring user privacy, and addressing the needs of young players?

# What features and resources do basketball players find most valuable for improving their performance, and what are their current pain points?

* **Methodology:** Field Research
* **Reason:** Understanding the needs and the behavior of our target audience
* **How it helps:** Identifies what the current players value, what are their frustrations and what is missing from the existing tools.
* **What we found:** We discovered that a kids-friendly application for improving basketball skills is missing from the market. Such an application can stimulate the youngers by practicing basketball, at the same time giving a dose of entertainment.

# How can a user-friendly solution be designed to effectively address the needs of basketball players?

* **Methodology:** Workshop Research
* **Reason:** Ensure that the solution is aligned with the user’s needs and preferences
* **How it helps:** Reduces development risks, enhances innovation and ensures that the solution aligns with the user’s needs.
* **What we found:** By involving players in hands-on workshops, we learned that simplicity and customization are key. Additionally, players preferred clear, intuitive navigation without unnecessary distractions, reinforcing the importance of a clean design.

# How can the app provide personalized recommendation based on a user’s skill level and goals?

* **Methodology:** Lab Research
* **Reason:** Ensure the app delivers a tailored and optimized experience for user.
* **How it helps:** Creates a user-centric application and makes the user feel understood by the system.
* **What we found:** Researching how the users feel about the apps they are currently using, we discovered that each individual need help in improving different skills. Players can experience a long-term improvement as the app provides ongoing support that adapts as their goals change over time.

# What tools and methodologies can be used to analyze and improve basketball players’ skills?

* **Methodology:** Lab research
* **Reason:** Identify effective ways to enhance player performance by using modern technology, data analytics and personalized training
* **How it helps:** Provides more accurate data about the user’s performance, it can identify more easily what are the player’s weak points and it can provide useful information based on the processed data
* **What we found:** Looking at the available technologies, we discovered that we can use various data collected from the multiple sensors from the phone and other devices, for example the camera along with the accelerometer and gyroscope from a watch for body tracking to analyze the movement of the body during shots, microphone for monitoring the dribbling and voice control to provide live feedback.

# How can we ensure that the user privacy and security are protected in the application’s design?

* **Methodology:** Library Research
* **Reason:** Ensure that sensitive data is handled responsibly, and that the application complies with privacy regulations
* **How it helps:** Assessing and selecting appropriate security technologies
* **What we found:** We discovered that privacy and security are high concerns for users, especially for younger audiences and their guardians. Players and parents want reassurance that personal information is safe and won’t be shared without consent.

# How can the app maintain user engagement through gamification and social interaction features?

* **Methodology:** Field research
* **Reason:** Identify best practices and features that drive long-term engagement
* **How it helps:** Understand user behavior, design effective gamification and social features and test the impact of these features in a controlled environment.
* **What we found:** Players responded positively to features that introduced friendly competition, such as leaderboards, badges, and performance challenges.

# Result

Our research has revealed a significant gap in the market for a basketball training app meant to younger audiences that also serve more advanced players. By incorporating real-time data analysis through AR, we create an user-friendly interface.