

CS 435 Human-Computer Interaction Project Task 3

Agent Based Interface

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1. Low User Engagement:

- *Issue:* Users may lose interest or engagement with the platform over time, leading to reduced effectiveness in improving mental wellness.
- Factors Contributing to the Issue: Lack of interactive elements, absence of reminders or incentives to encourage regular usage, and limited visibility into progress and achievements.

2. Complex Questionnaire:

- *Issue:* A lengthy or complicated questionnaire may discourage users from completing it, hindering the accurate assessment of their mental state.
- Factors Contributing to the Issue: Overwhelming number of questions, confusing language or instructions, and lack of personalization in the questionnaire.

3. Lack of Personalization in Recommendations:

- *Issue:* Generic recommendations may not effectively address the specific needs and challenges of individual users.
- Factors Contributing to the Issue: Limited data analysis for personalized insights, reliance on one-size-fits-all recommendations, and inadequate consideration of user preferences.

4. Limited Accessibility:

- *Issue:* Users with disabilities may encounter barriers that prevent them from accessing and using the platform effectively.
- Factors Contributing to the Issue: Lack of accessibility features such as screen reader compatibility, keyboard navigation options, and visual contrast adjustments.

Design issues

Our platform is designed to empower users to monitor and improve their mental state with tailored recommendations based on their unique needs and preferences. We explore the key areas that require attention. Addressing these will lead to a comprehensive and intuitive system for all people.

• **User Profiles**: Users should be able to create profiles to track their progress and access personalized recommendations.

- Questionnaire: A comprehensive questionnaire should be designed to assess the
 user's mental state accurately. This could include questions about stress levels, mood,
 sleep quality, etc.
- **Recommendation Engine:** Based on the questionnaire responses and historical data, the system should suggest personalized breathing exercises, physical activities, and meditation techniques tailored to the user's needs.
- Progress Tracking: Users should be able to see their progress and improvements over time, motivating them to continue with the recommended practices.

Addressing the design issues in our model will lead to several significant improvements and benefits for users such as Enhanced User Engagement, Improved User Experience, Personalization and Effectiveness, Accessibility and Inclusivity.

Prototype Overview:

Our prototype aims to address the identified challenges and design issues in our mental wellness platform. By focusing on user engagement, simplifying the questionnaire, personalizing recommendations, ensuring accessibility, and incorporating essential features, we aim to create a comprehensive and intuitive system for all users.

Prototype Components:

1. User Profiles:

Users can create personalized profiles to track their progress and preferences.

Profile customization options include setting goals, preferences for activity types, and viewing past achievements.

Progress tracking charts and visualizations provide users with a clear overview of their mental wellness journey.

2. Questionnaire:

A user-friendly questionnaire interface guides users through assessing their mental state accurately.

The questionnaire is structured to avoid overwhelming users with an excessive number of questions.

Clear language and instructions are provided, with tooltips available for clarification on specific questions.

3. Recommendation Engine:

The recommendation engine analyzes questionnaire responses and historical data to generate personalized recommendations.

Recommendations include tailored breathing exercises, physical activities, and meditation techniques based on the user's needs and preferences.

Users can explore and customize their recommendations, with options to filter activities based on intensity, duration, and personal interests.

4. Progress Tracking:

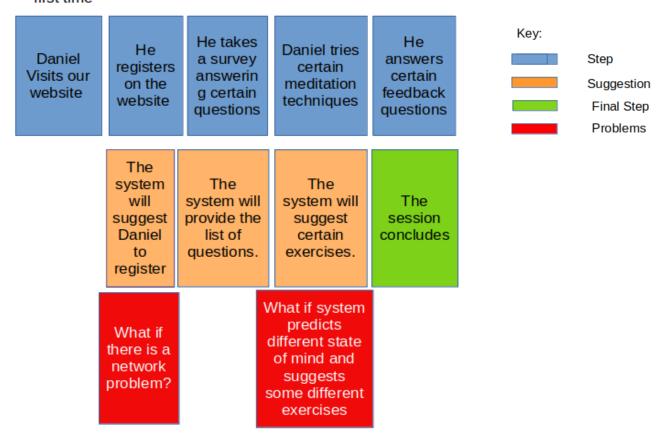
Progress tracking features enable users to monitor their mental wellness journey over time.

Visualizations showcase trends, achievements, and areas for improvement, motivating users to continue with recommended practices.

Goal-setting functionality allows users to set targets and milestones, with progress indicators and notifications to celebrate achievements.

Design Map:

Design Map: Daniel visits our website TranquilMind for the first time

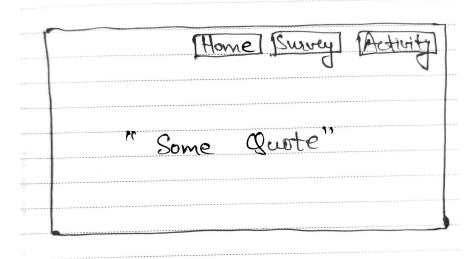


The various steps, suggestions, problems, and ideas are put in boxes coloured as per the key. The right way to read is from left to right and top to bottom in each step.

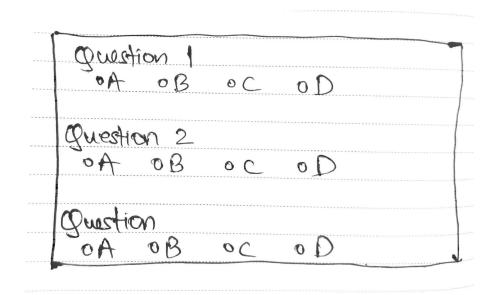
Wireframe Sketches:

The hand drawn sketches for our website TranquilMind. It consists of the first page, Questionnaire, Exercise page.

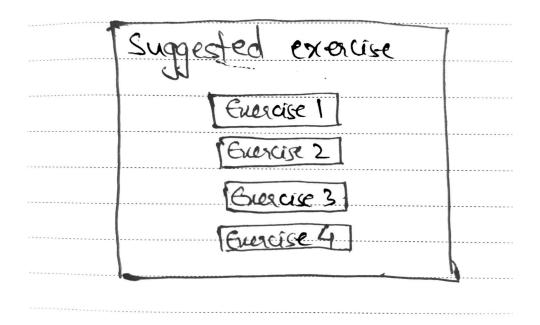
Home Page:



Questionnaire Page:



Exercise Page:



StoryBoard:

Storyboard 1: Stressful Workday

Panel 1:

A person sits at their desk, surrounded by papers and a cluttered computer screen

Panel 4:

Based on the user's responses, the agent recommends a short breathing exercise, like box breathing. The screen shows a simple animation guiding the user through the steps.

Panel 2:

Opens the website on their computer. A pop-up appears with a friendly message: "Feeling Stressed? Let's check in."

Panel 5:

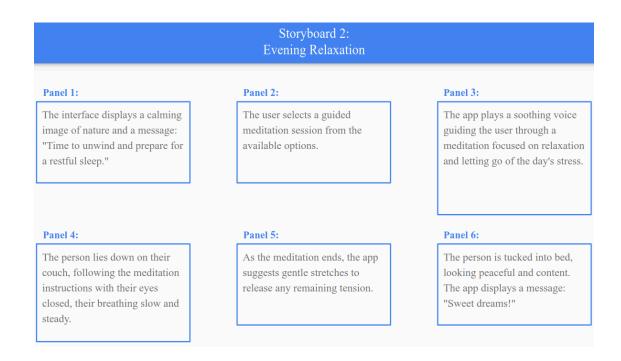
The person follows the breathing exercise, their posture gradually relaxing and their expression softening

Panel 3:

The user interface displays a series of questions about their current state, such as "How tense are your muscles?" ans "How focused do you feel?" with options for the user to select.

Panel 6:

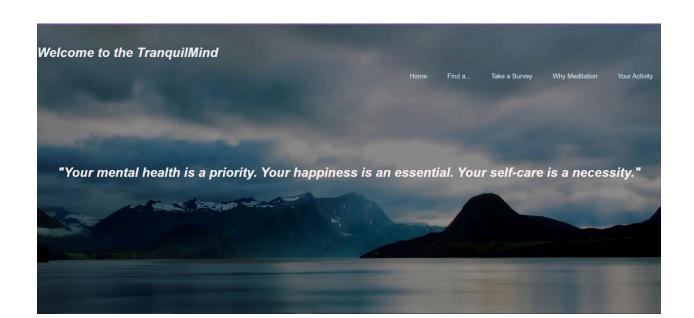
After completing the exercise, the user is prompted to rate their current state. They select a more positive option, indicating reduced stress levels.

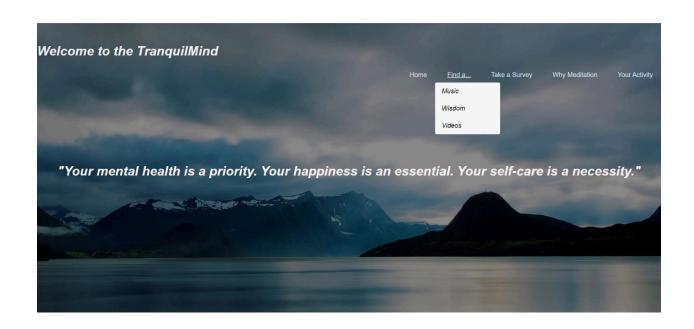


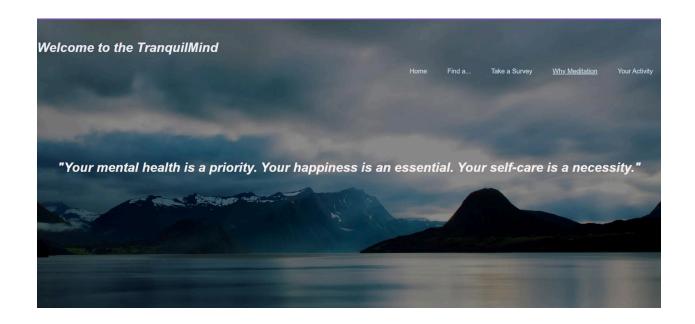
High-fidelity Prototype:

This section includes the High - fidelity prototype with our website The Tranquilmind. All important pages have been prototyped with limited functionality. Here are the screenshots of the pages.

This prototype can be accessed through the following link: https://gangaramsiddam.github.io/Trangilmind.github.io/







12 Science-Based Benefits of Meditation



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Meditation has been shown to offer many benefits. Although it's well known as a technique to reduce stress and anxiety, research shows that it may also help enhance your mood, promote healthy sleep patterns, and boost cognitive skills.

Meditation is the habitual process of training your mind to focus and redirect your thoughts.

The popularity of meditation is increasing as more people discover its many health benefits.

You can use it to increase awareness of yourself and your surroundings. Many people think of it as a way to reduce stress and develop concentration.

People also use the practice to develop other beneficial habits and feelings, such as a positive mood and outlook, self-discipline, healthy sleep patterns, and even increased pain tolerance.

