T6: Team Assignment #6 – Computer Prototyping

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Rose Bud Thorn

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Link to Prototype: https://github.com/Liam-Fink-NEU/RBT

Startup Instructions

In order to run this project you must have node installed on your laptop. Please refer to the following resources to install node.is.

Node: https://nodejs.org/en/download/

After installing node, please download the repository from github. Navigate to that directory. In your terminal window run the following command:

npm start

If you run into any issues, try running:

npm install npm start

Briefing

Thank you for participating in our casual testing of this app! Our application is called Rose Bud Thorn. This app is designed based on the old girl scout activity called Rose, Bud Thorn. This game was designed to allow people to look back on activities from the day/week and reflect on what was good, bad, and what to look forward to in the future. This small action focused on bettering mental health by not allowing the person to only think about the negatives.

The way the activity is run is as follows. First, the user records a rose. A rose is a positive event from their day or week that made them happy or that they consider a victory. Next, the user reflects on their thorn. A thorn is an event that was not good or

did not go well. Finally, the user records a bud. A Bud is an event the user is looking forward to in the near future. By completing this simple task people can begin to see a pattern of what makes them happy, and upset allowing someone to focus more on what makes them happy. It also forces them to not only focus on the negative.

The purpose of our app is to combine this concept with access to mental health resources both on-campus and off-campus. Mental health is an issue many college students face and often it can be hard to find resources or where to go next. The aim of this application is to make access to these resources easier while also providing a "journal" of events going on in their life. This information can be very useful for users and therapists for seeing what someone is going through.

Our app will have a few features to assist with our goals. First, the app will have a journal entry feature allowing the user to write entries for their rose, bud, and thorn that will be saved by the date and stored in the app. Similarly, the app will have the ability to see past entries. Most importantly the app will provide easy access to mental health resources such as UHCS, mental health hotlines, and information on counselors in the area. Thank you! If you have any questions, feel free to ask us.

3 Tasks

- 1. Write a post (rose, bud, thorn)
- 2. Find a depression hotline
- 3. Find an old post you wrote