T5: Team Assignment #5 – Paper Prototyping Part 2
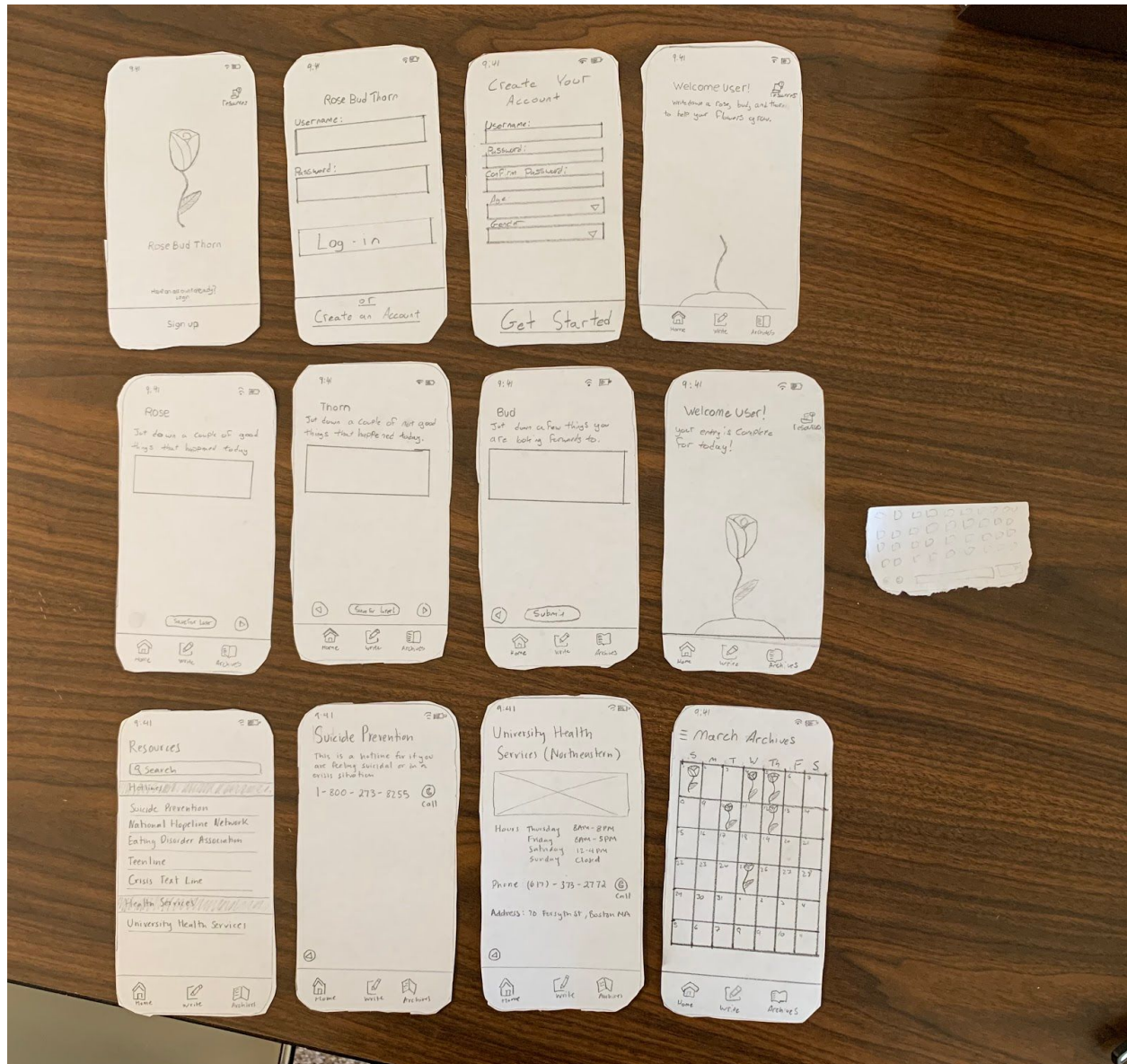**2-20-2020**
Rose Bud Thorn
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Prototype photos:

Briefing:

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.

Scenario Tasks:
1. Write a post
2. Find a mental health hotline
3. Find an old post you wrote

Demographics of your test users:

User 1: Blake Hatch
- White, Male, 20 years old, Third Year Student, Computer Science Major
- The test is given in Douglass park at 3:15pm

User 2: Nick Rossitto
- White, Male, 19 years old, Second Year Student, Mechanical Engineering
- The test is given in Douglass park at 3:30pm

User 3: Leo Belyi
- White, Male, 21 years old, Third Year Student, Computer Science Major
- The test is given in Douglass park at 4:15pm

Observations from Tests:

User 1
- Consistency with the back and forth arrows
- Rose, Bud, Thorn pages should be a carousel-like feature possibly
- Having resources as the top right button might be confusing
- Moving resources to the bottom
- Save for later button is confusing
- Archive feature should be able to pop up that person's rose, bud, and thorn on the same page for that day
- Changing the archive icon
- Removing text from the icons
- Being able to search for resources by mental health category rather than type of resource

User 2
- Having past rose, bud, and thorns on one page
- The user had not a lot of trouble going through all the screens
- Making the save for later button a little bit more clear
- Making sure the rose is colorful and present when the user is done writing

User 3
- Confused about the coupling between the counseling services and the writing app
- Rose, Bud, Thorn doesn't necessarily feel like it is something to do with mental health
- Feels like there needs to be more of a connect between the mental health part of the app and the writing part of the app
- Maybe we could make some sort of informational page where people could see an about section for why we created the app

Results from interviews & other measures:
- Definitely need to move the resources icon to the navigation bar
- Could be useful for users to see some sort of introduction/about section
- Users want to see the rose bud thorn archived posts all on one page

A link to the video of each of the test sessions:

User 1 Part 1
User 1 Part 2
User 2
User 3

Revisions:
- Moving resources icon to the bottom navigation bar
- Changing the location of back buttons to the resources navigation
- Making the rose colorful and prominent
- Creating a screen where the user can see their past rose, bud and thorn for the day in the archive view (all on the same screen)
- Changing the position of the forward and back buttons on the rose, bud and thorn page
- Save for later button should be smaller and less prominent
- Could make some sort on an informational screen about the purpose of rosebud thorn
    - Some sort of information/about page