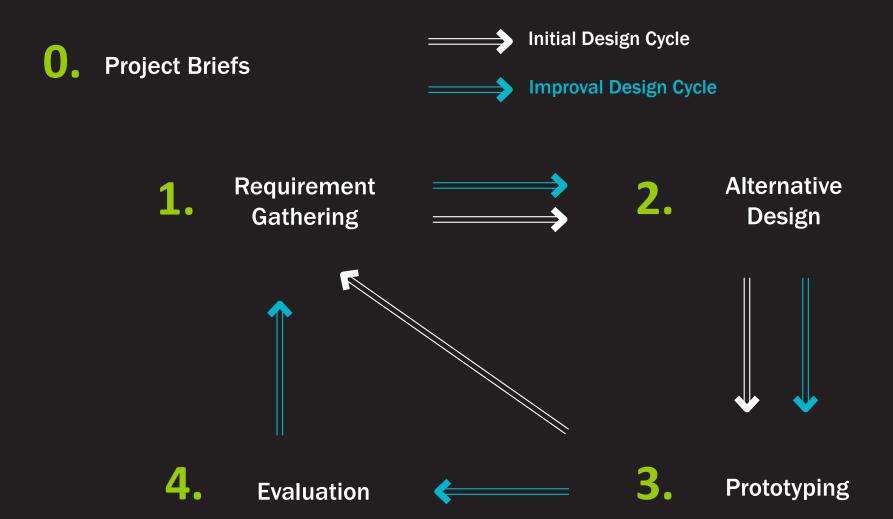
# REDESIGN ONE FUNCTION OF WECHAT



## **O. Project Briefs**

Before diving into design, I wrote some briefs to keep me focus on my design.

- What's my goal?
  research first and then redesign one function of Wechat
- What's the time period of this project?
  8 weeks
- Is it a data-driven design?
- Is it a direct solution?
- Can I further improve the design?

Balance between details and time

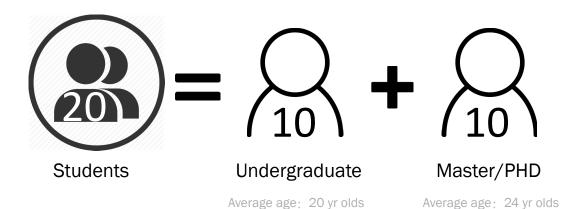
Make sure my design based on data not subjective experience

Design iteratively

# 1. Requirement Gathering

## A. Target Group: College Students

I recruited 20 students to do 1-on-1 interview, all of them are from China the major country using Wechat, from which the number of undergraduate and master/PHD students are equal, the purpose is to find pain points.



## B. Interview Script

The outline of interview is given blew, including Prepare Part, Introduction, General Background, Exploring Wechat, Focus on main function, Wrap up and Closing.

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### MY INTERVIEW GUIDE (Length: 42minutes)

### Prepare Part Checklist:

☐ Introduction email

☐ Voice recorde

☐ Note book

#### Purpose:

At this stage, completely understand how the users complete the whole tasks. Remember that at this stage in the design process, your goal is to understand the user's goals and context. We're not yet at the stage where we're looking for feedback on a specific design idea.

### Previously: <before you interact with users>

- Review your goals for the interview
- Make sure each part of the interaction meets the goals
- Personal hygiene, grooming habits and appeal signal that you are professional and that you are serious about the interview. Relax is also important. Be sure to balance well between serious and relax
- Interaction
  - Provide neutral feedback
  - Being positive, but in no way encourage or sensor the information that is being provided
- If the format permits, encourage elaboration & keep control of the interaction
- . (If need) Practice the interaction with someone else

### Demographic information: (2min)

Participant number:	Gender:		Age:	
Email:		Location:		

### Introduction (5min)

Explain what we are here for, Set up voice recorder, Read the following.

- Thanks
- Evaluation
- Schedule
- Privacy Right

(Thanks)

Thank you for participating!

We're not evaluating you in any way, but we're learning from you about how you use the WeChat app and what works and doesn't work for you. With this, we hope we can make this product better for people like vou. There are no right or wrong answers to any of the questions I'm asking in this study - we're simply interested in understanding how you use the WeChat app. So, please describe according to the fact. We will conduct this study mostly as a discussion - I will ask you to show me how you use the WeChat app and ask you questions to better understand what you do.

(Schedule)

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Here's how the session's going to be scheduled. We'll ask you a few general questions about how you use the phone and WeChat app. Then we'll talk about some specific function. You can talk about things you like or don't like. Feel free to say anything that comes to your mind; don't worry about offending us since we didn't design this product

#### (Privacy)

We will record an auditory material of you so that I can go back and review things later and make sure we get everything right. All results are saved according number not name. We won't use your name in connection with the recordings or the results. The record will only be used internally. For Coursera class, we will upload this record as a part of assignment for peer critic. This will do only for education.

Here are some rights you have. Participation is completely voluntary, you are free to stop participating at any time. If you wish to stop participating this will not negatively affect your relationship with your company/institution.

[Have person sign & turn cell phone off]

### General Background: < Grab information, if possible. Prepare for further discussion > (5min)

Could you tell us a little bit about yourself- what you do or what's your hobby?

Can I know your phone's brand and model? Is it a smart phone?

Where do you usually use your phone? What for (call, message, take pics, game, payment, etc.)?

Is this the only phone you use? Do you share this with other people?

How much time/day do you use the phone (eg: yesterday)? (in hours)

### Exploring WeChat: < let some silence happen > (10min)

#### (frequency of the use)

In our introduction email, we asked you to pay attention to the use of WeChat, can you tell how often do you use the app in the last week? (Don't prompt unless they get stuck. Then suggest "as much as six times a day? More than thirty times?")

#### (success of the use)

How well do your operations of WeChat work on your phone? Do you usually have success when send text/voice clip, or share photo on Moments and else?

Is it easy/effective/satisfying to use or just can complete a task? (usable/useful)

#### (problems of the use)

Tell me all the problems you met in using. (You can complain meanwhile browsing the WeChat app to help you recall.) Or wish lists you want this app to improve.

Tell me some purposes on sharing moments, from two field: self-centerd motivation and community-related motivation?

#### {main function of the use

Which function in WeChat is the most commonly used in (eg: chat, share photo, snatch redpacket, payment, etc.)?

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#### Can you give me a few example?

If absent this function will you continue to use this app and why?

#### {re-prompt-additional info with the use}

Are you using other app similar with this one? Can you give me the name and differences between the two apps? You want to reduce, add or just maintain the time you used in WeChat in the future and why?

### Focus on two main function: (10min)

Next, we will focus on specific function in WeChat. If you recall some other problems omitted previously, you can speak out directly. You can check your WeChat if needed.

#### {Chat}

which type of tool do you prefer to choose (text, voice clips, voice call, video call or just emotion icon) How many friends do you often chat with? What a proportion do these friends can account for? Did this app promote your communication with all your friends? (If there is a low proportion ask why?)

Is there any problem you have met when you share something to Moments? If you have, please give me some details and how did you solve the problem? How many moments did you totally post in the last week? Do you like the content your friends uploaded in your last browse? What content do you like or dislike, please give me some example? (insights from sense of participation, feeling of joyness, etc.)

Except above two function, what function do you like or dislike and why? (eg: red packets, payment, etc.)

### Wrap-up: (5min)

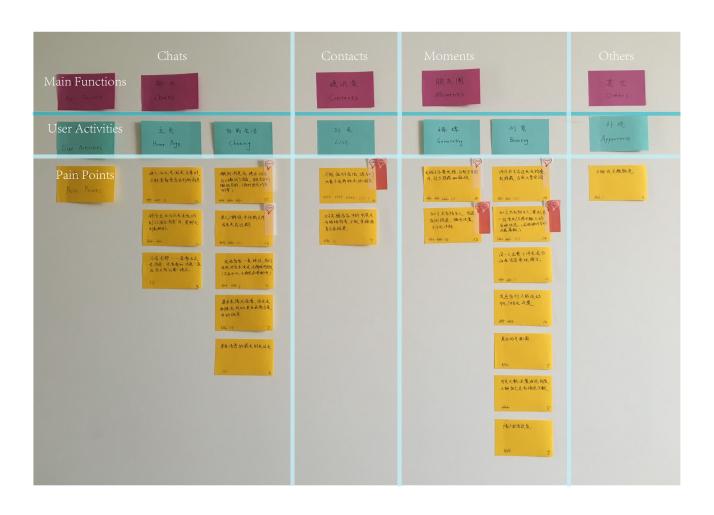
In summary, we talked some thing about the use of phone and WeChat app especially two main function. I've been asking you a lot of questions. Is there anything you want to ask me?

### Closing: (5min)

- Compensation
- Thanks and explain the interview purpose and data use again
- Put file in order

## C. Statistic Analysis

I sort all pain points according to function and activity, and count the frequency in reverse order, frequency is recorded at the bottom (Only one mentioned three times or larger than three times will be shown below). I mark the top5 pain points (including ties) with white tag and among which top1 and raleted to top1 pain point with red tag.



## 2. Alternative Design

According to top1 pain point which is about people have to add friend first and then to chat, so they added too many strangers they only contact few times. Surprisingly, I also find another two points in top5 are also related to the top1 point. So, my design is to add temporary conversation function to avoid above inconvenience.

## Top 5 Pain Points:

Frequency

18

15

13 /

13

# 1. Add too many friends only for temporary conversations

- 2. The way of sending text Moments without picture is too hidden
- 3. A prompt is still even after people withdraw the message
- 4. Moment comment section can't be folded or hid when it is too long
- 4. Browse somethings that don't want to see, since add too many strangers as "friends"
- 6. There are concerns about sharing the state of life due to too many strangers in their contacts
- 6. Transfered files are easily lost or expired



### **Add Temporary Conversation Function**

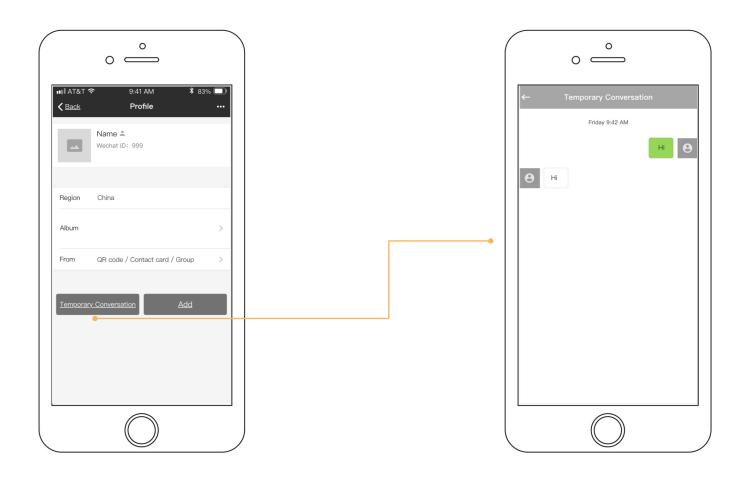
### Define:

Two Wechat users chat directly without adding into contacts first.

### Entry Mode:

- **✓** QR code
- Contact card
- **✓** Group

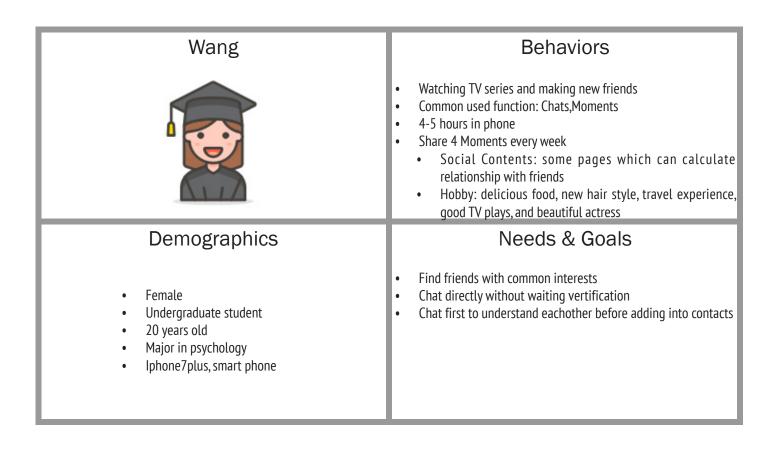
# 3. Prototyping



# 1. Requirement Gathering

I return to the interview records to find details about the top 1 pain point, to define other typical using scenarios.

## Persona - Wang



## Persona - Liu

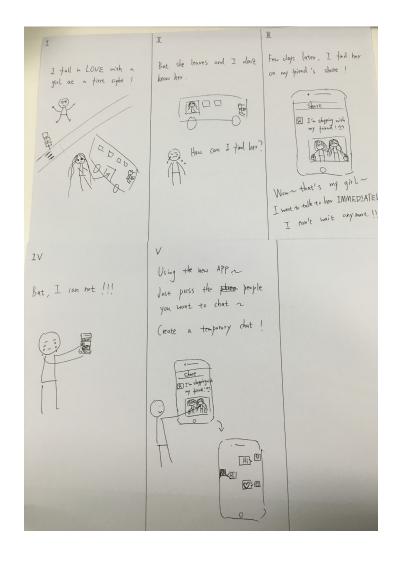
### Liu **Behaviors** A drummer likes rock music Common used function: Chats, Moments, Payment 5 hours in phone Share 7 Moments every week awards honest thoughts help friends to spread some information Demographics Needs & Goals My friend who is interested in some information which I Male forwarded for another friend could chat directly with that quy, Master without bothering me to ask contact card 23 years old Chat with the girl I like showing in my friend's Moment directly Major in electronic information engineering without asking my friend for Wecht ID, avoiding in an awkward Huawei-honor series, smart phone situation

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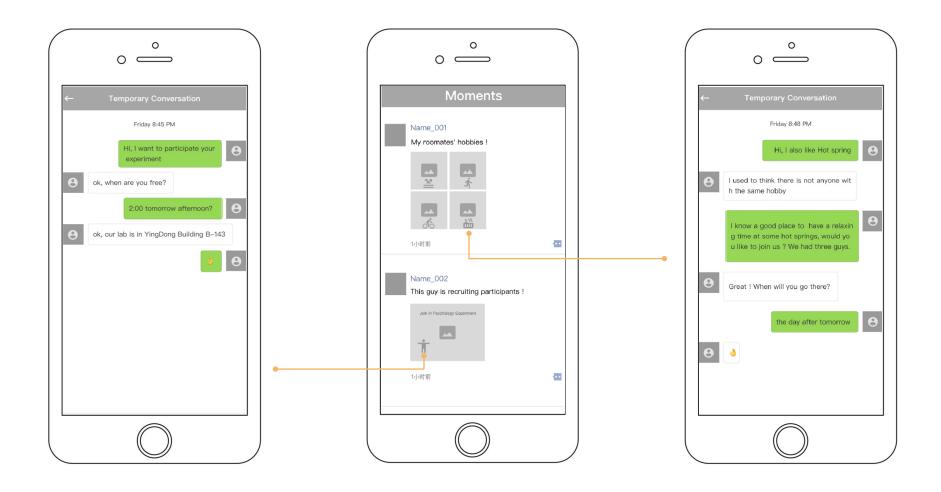
## Storyboard

According to the typical using scenarios, I design another mode to create a temporary conversation, which can be easily accessed by clicking his photo on Moment.





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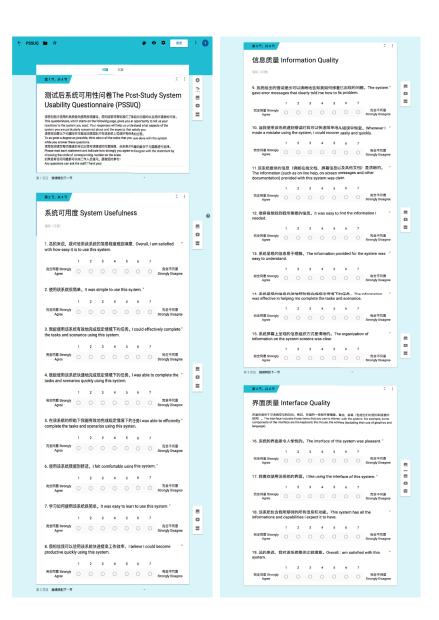


Touch the person and talk directly

## 4. Evaluation

I give the Post-Study System Usability Questionnaire (PSSUQ) to participants after they have completed all the scenarios in a usability study





According to PSSUQ (7-point scale), low score is better than high score, the lower score the more satisfied users are. Average scores in three dimentions show that users are satisfied with system(Factor1), information(Factor2) and interface after adding the new function. Meanwhile, we need to pay more attention to feedback information.

