Design Document for Project 1

Information

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Intended Audience & Physical Site

The intended audience for this project would consist primarily of those who know about and frequently use tarot to do one or more of the included spreads. Ideally it is something that can be used as an on-the-go solution for those who do not have a deck on their person, or those who do not want to always carry, shuffle, and deal from a physical deck. This program could also be used by amateurs who prioritize the novelty of receiving a reading over receiving extensive, educational information. The intended physical site is anywhere outside of the home where shuffling and dealing a deck of cards may be inappropriate or cumbersome, excluding your local psychic.

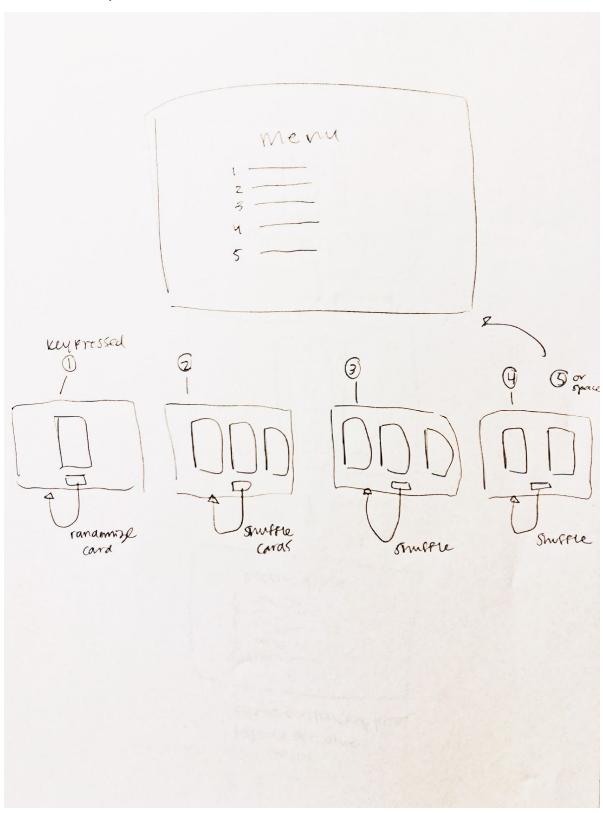
The Project

The project itself involves a state machine, loading and displaying images and text from arrays and files, and mild user input/interaction. The primary function of the program is to randomize cards and display them with the corresponding descriptions. Each state is slightly modified (in numbers of cards shown and/or guiding terms) to replicate a common tarot "spread" (arrangement of cards and guiding language to help with interpretation). Users can randomize their cards through a "deal again" button, and also change the type of spread they want to use.

Aesthetics

The chosen aesthetic approach can be summarized as streamlined, bare bones, and/or basic. This is partially due to time restrictions and part of the incomplete "beta" version, but also partially so that particularly positive or negative decorative imagery doesn't further influence the user's interpretation. The cards (so far) are hand-drawn in a relatively simple and cartoonish style for entertainment, and to eliminate a feeling of intimidation for new or casual users.

Interaction Map



Interaction States

