

The overall concept of this project was to identify and explore the dichotomy between life and death, and fate and freewill. In this project the screen starts off with an orange leaf on top of pavement. When the user clicks the leaf, it brushes to the side to reveal a set of numbers which are taken from the scene in *Donnie Darko* in which Donnie is told by Frank the Rabbit that he only has a set time until the world ends. When the user clicks the leaf again, the leaf brushes back into its original spot and hides the numbers once more.

Fallen leafs are symbolic of decay and death in nature, while concrete or manmade constructions are considered an act of life and creation. A fallen leaf on the pavement is a reminder that even though we can choose to create fantastic things while we live, like the leaf, we will all eventually decay, and our fate is death. The numbers serve as a reminder that, like Donnie, perhaps we do not have as much freewill as we would like to think.