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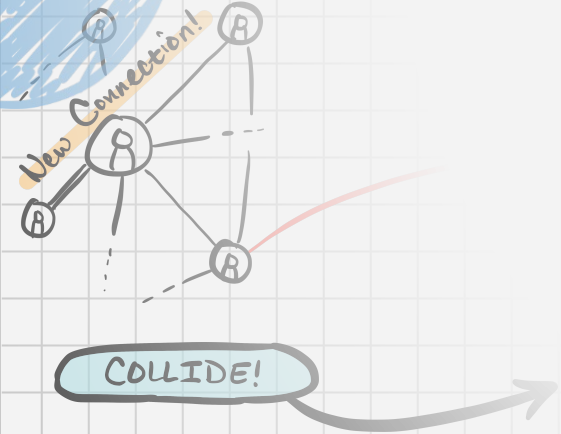
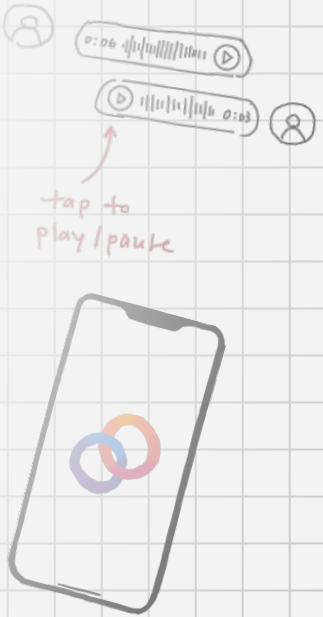
Low-Fi Prototyping & Pilot Usability Testing





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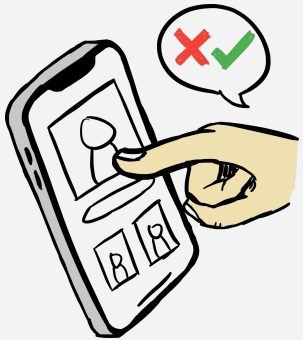
Prototyping



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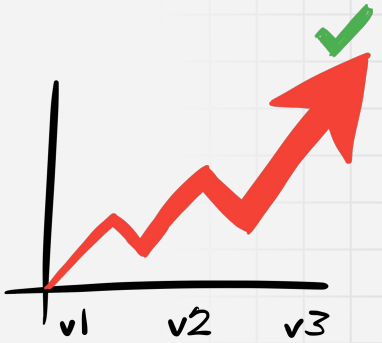

Improving

Prototyping

Our Mission

The problem:

Transitioning to a new environment, people find it difficult to make meaningful connections and are fearful of reaching out.

Our solution:

We want to solve this by creating opportunities for people, who would have otherwise passed by each other, to stop and talk.

> "Your next best friend is just around the corner."

Choosing a Modality

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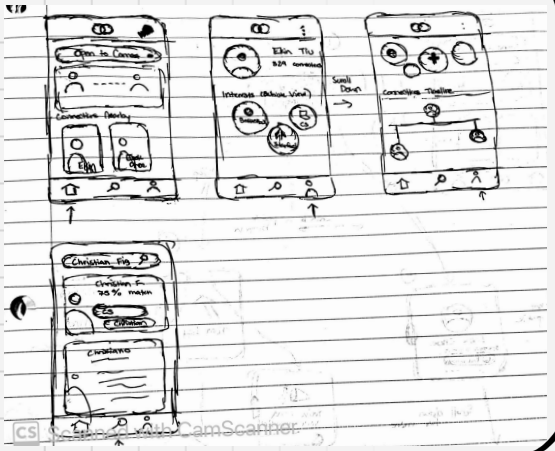

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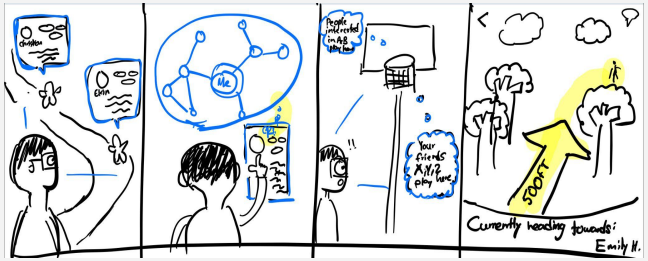

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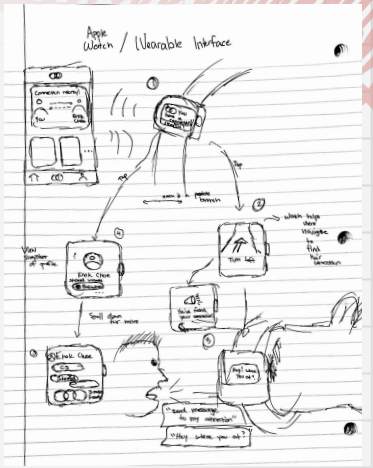

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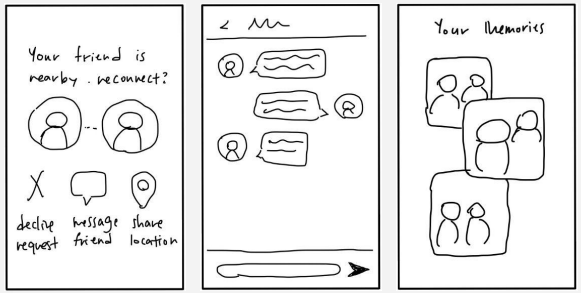

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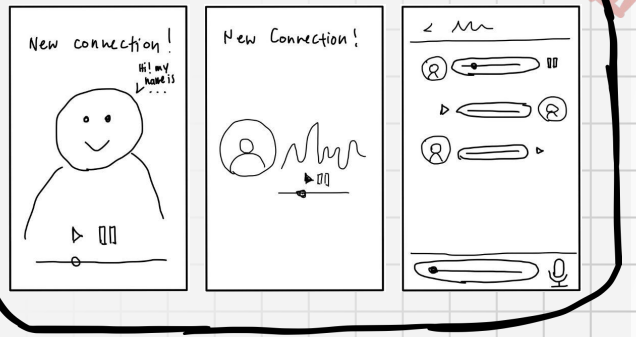

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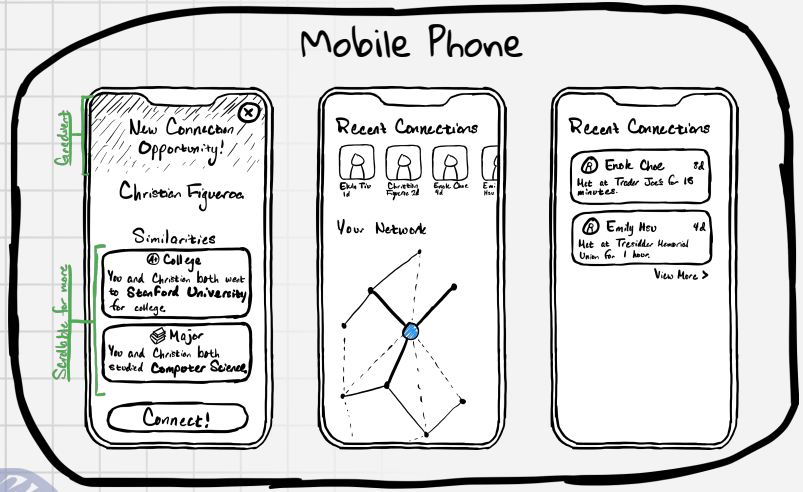

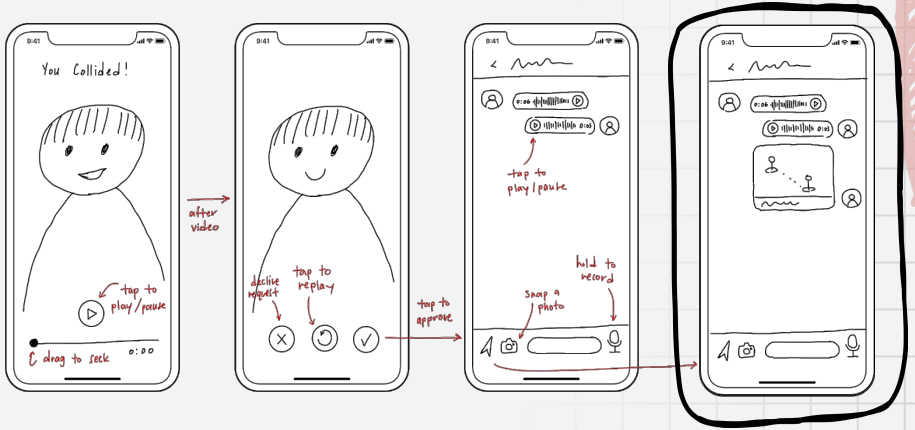

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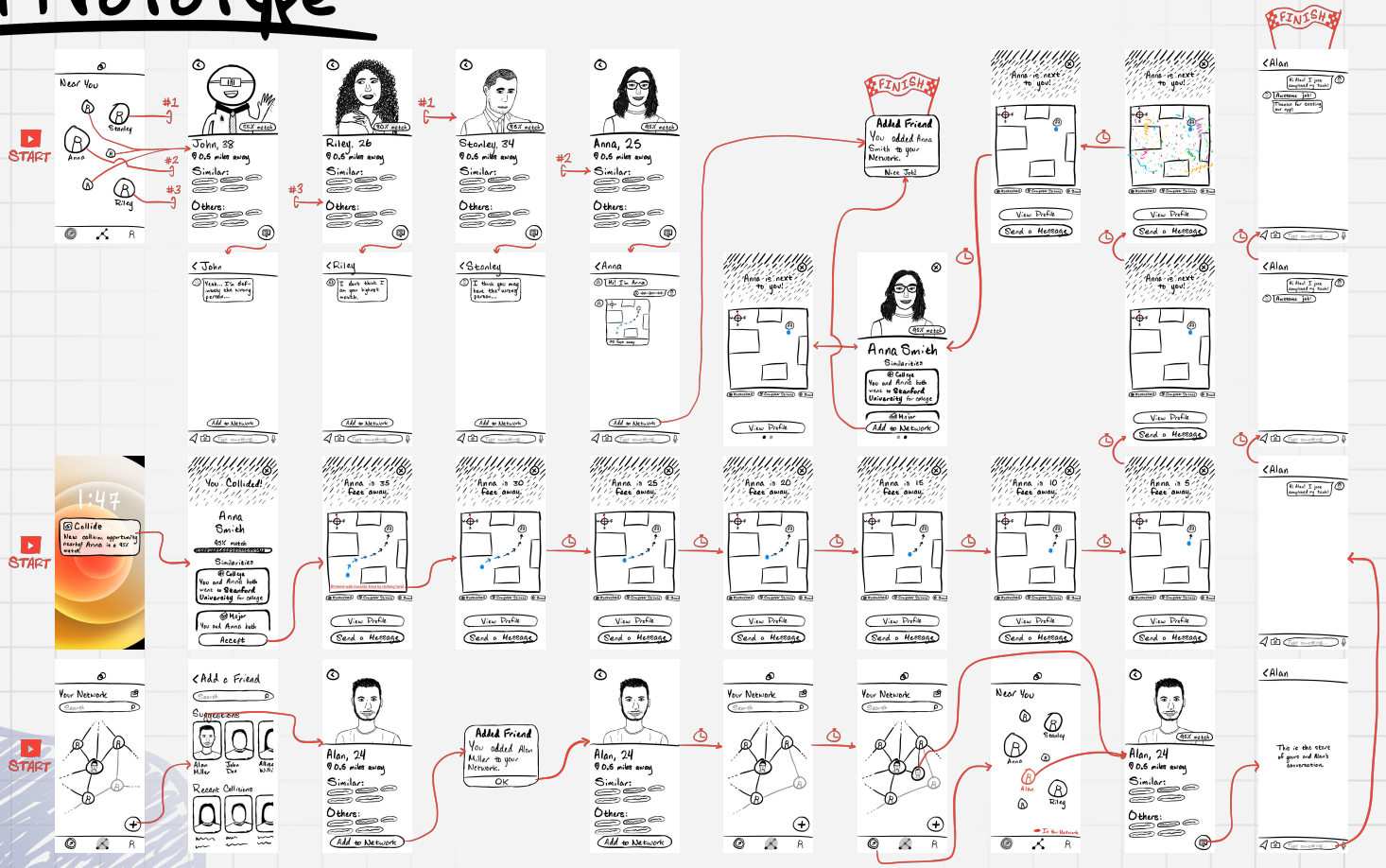

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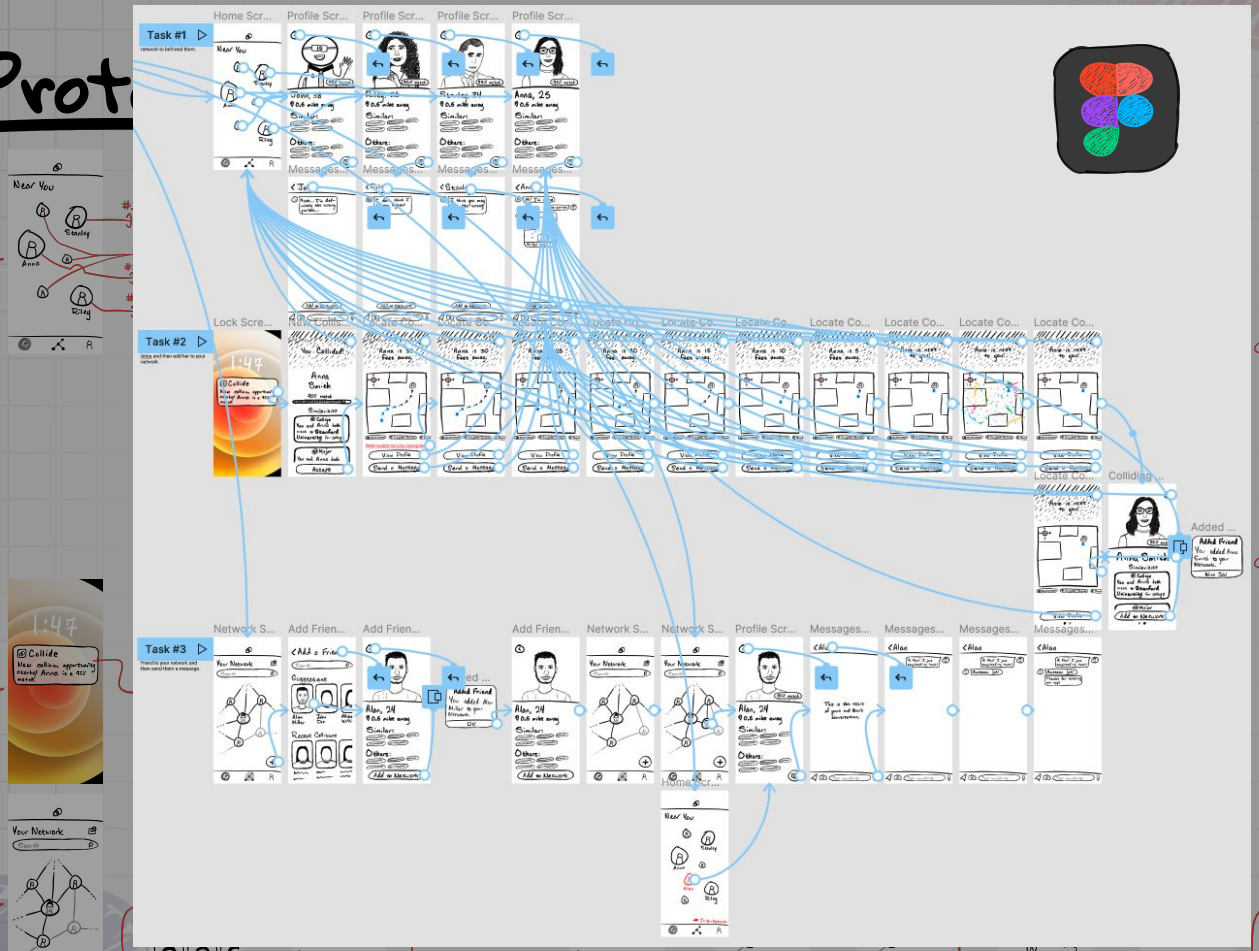
Task #1
Task #2
Task #3
Home Scr...
Profile Scr...
Messages...
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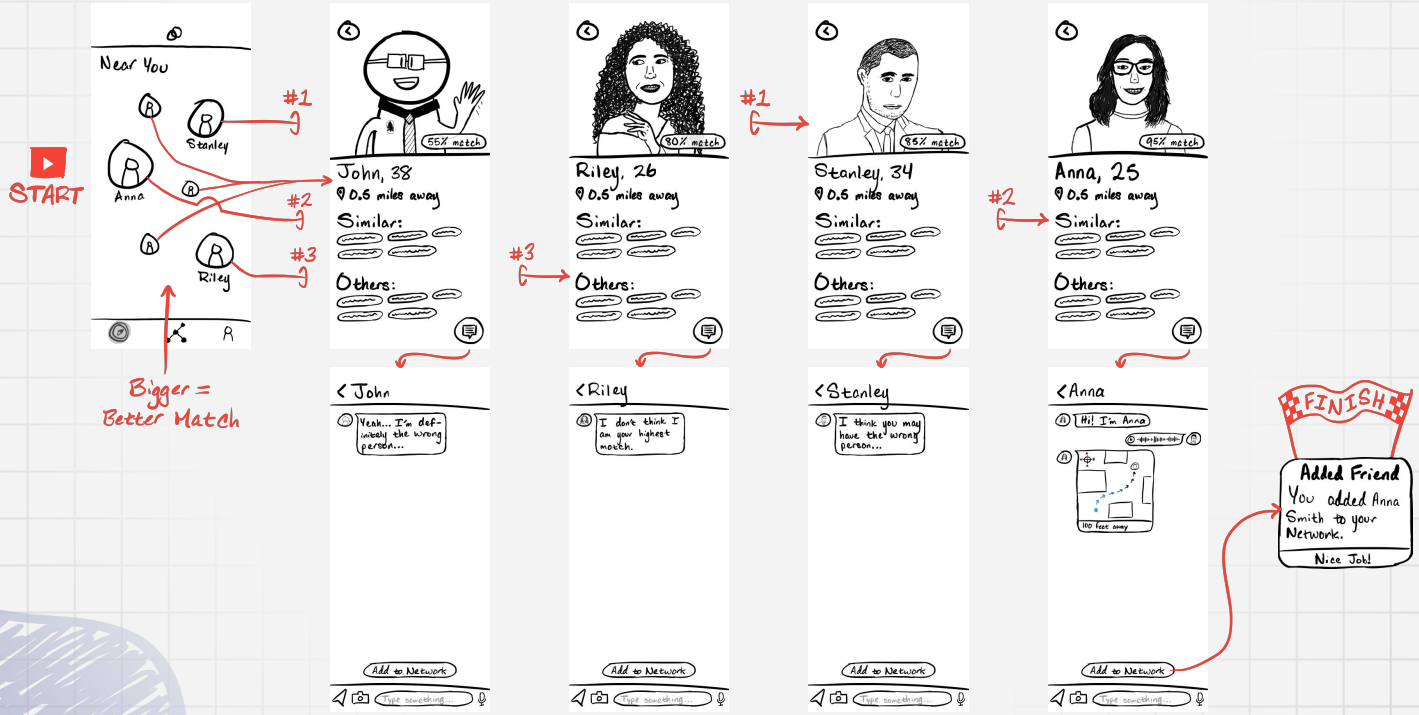
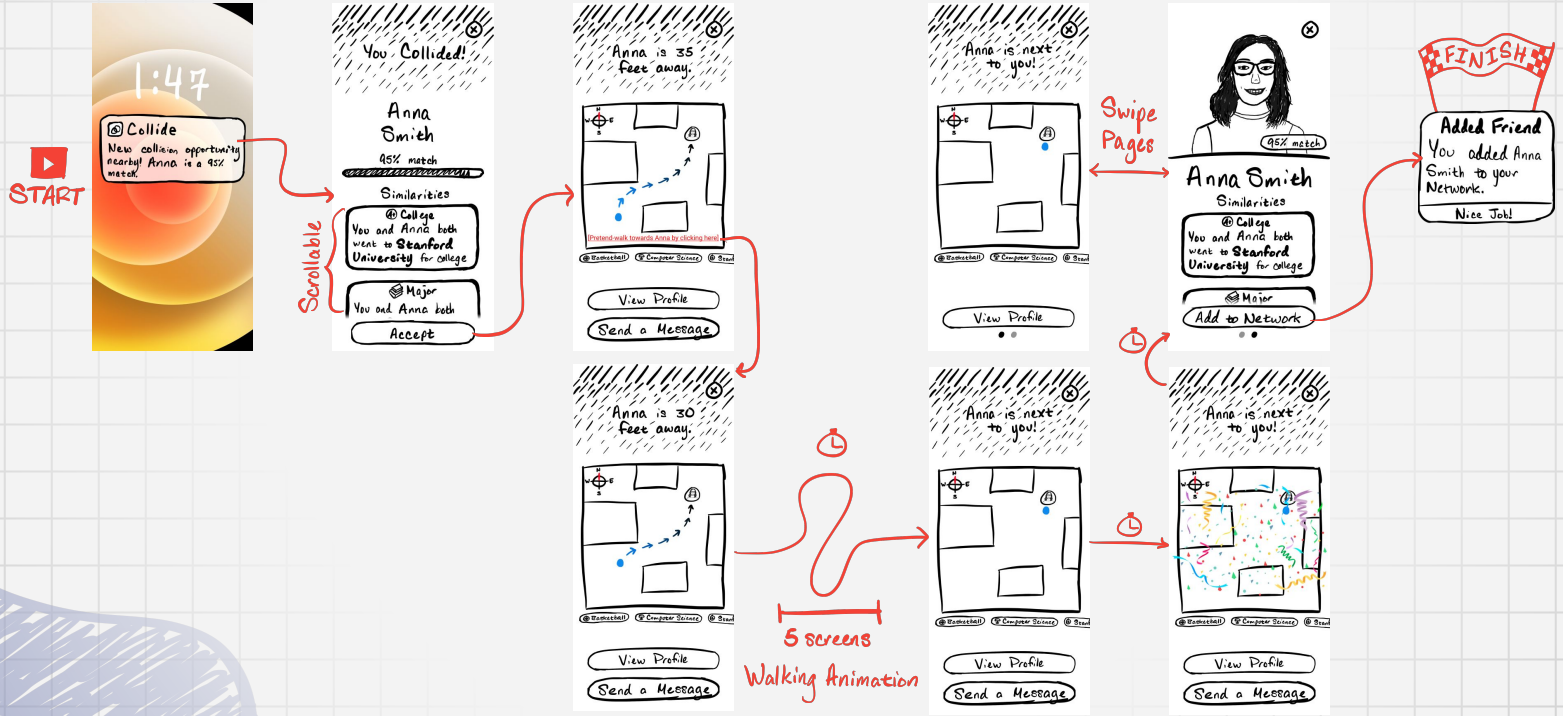
Task #1: Simple

Befriend someone near you with similar interests.



Task #2: Moderate

Start a conversation with someone in person.



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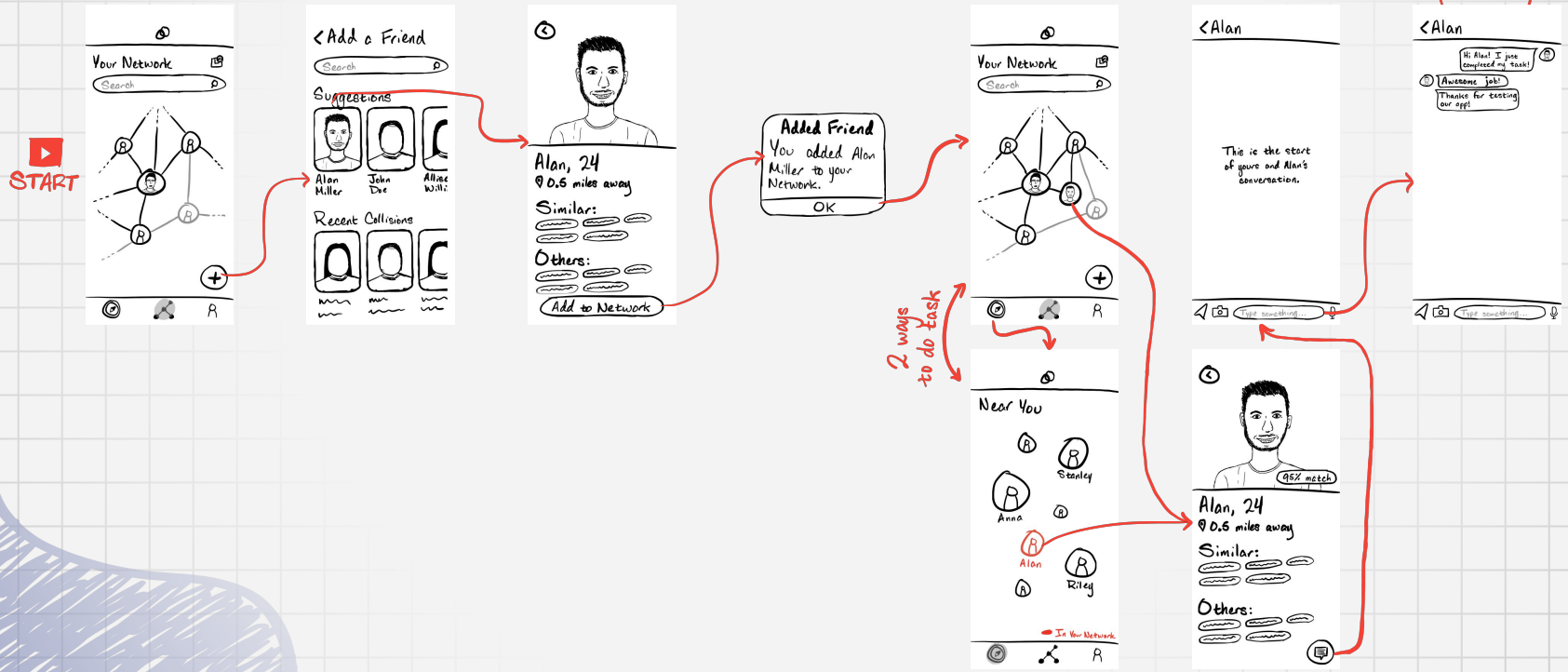
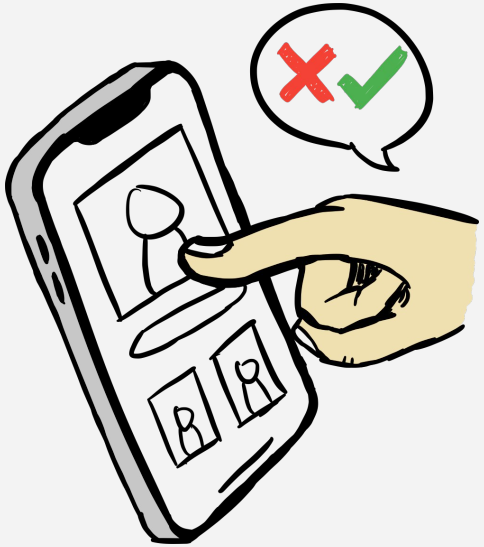
Reconnect with a past friend.

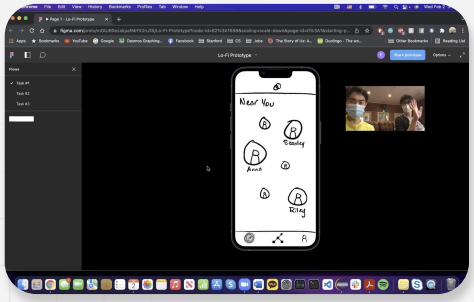


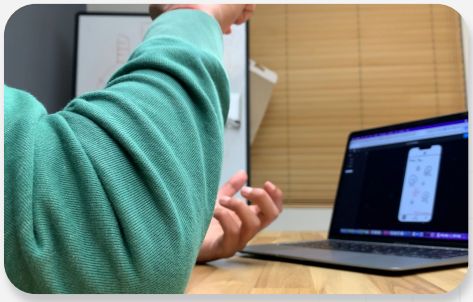


Testing

Experimental Method

- Conducted in person or over Zoom
- Both engineering and non-engineering backgrounds
- Used Figma for handling user interaction
- One facilitator and one note taker, shared notes as group





Our Interviewees

Esha

UC San Diego
Economics Student

Jasper

Stanford
CS Student

Yasmine

Sheridan College
Design

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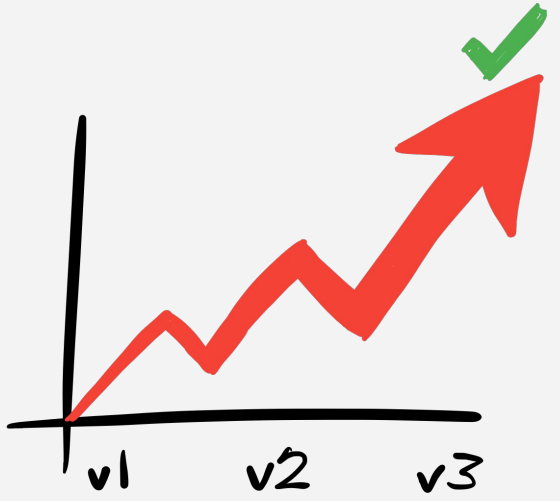
Engineer



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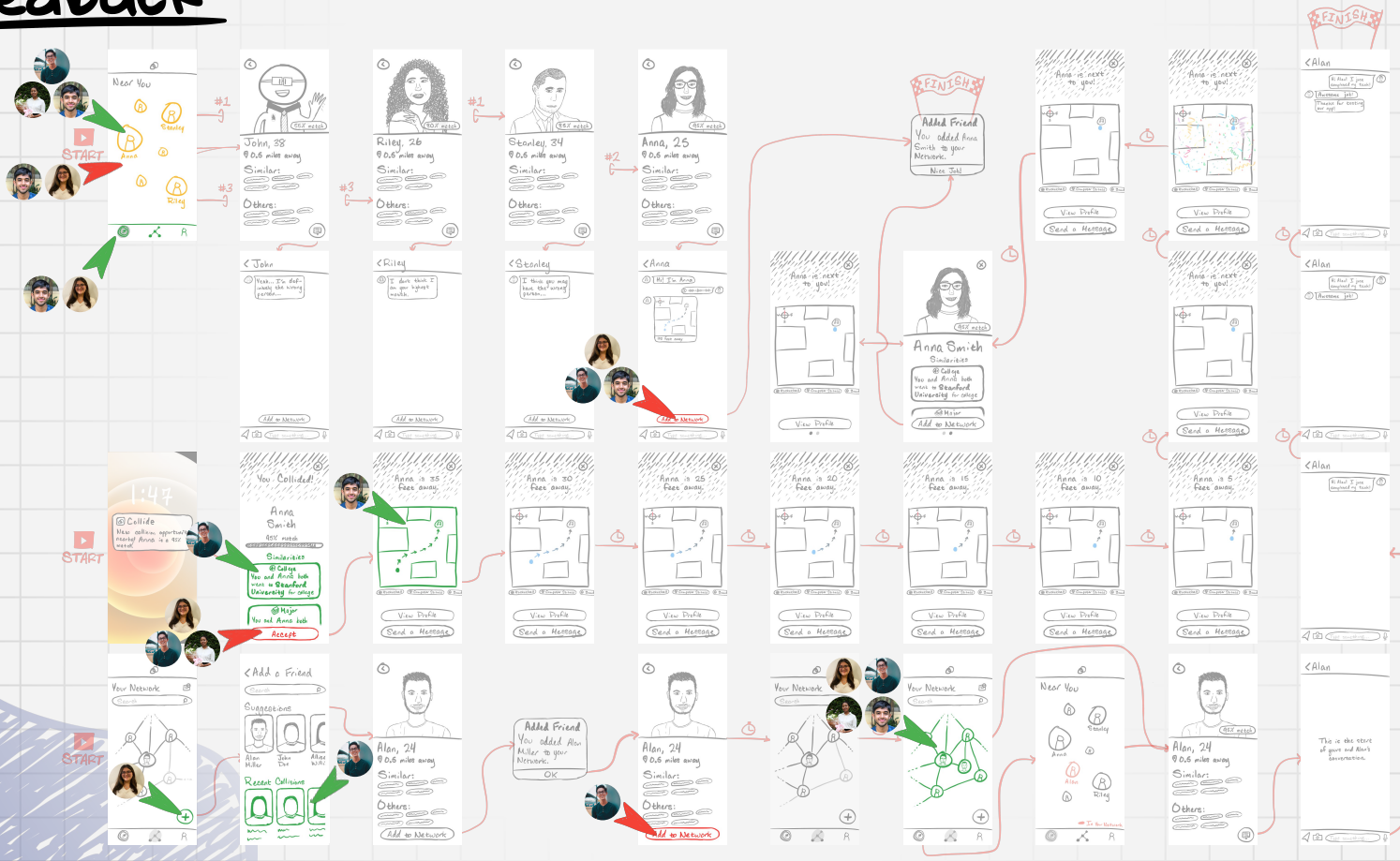
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Nice Job!
Anna is next to you!
View Profile
Send a Message
Anna Smith
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You and Anna both went to Stanford University for college
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Add to Network
Alan
Hi Alan! I see you completed my task!
Awesome job!
Thanks for coming our way!
You Collided!
1:47
Collide
Accept
Anna is 35 Kms away.
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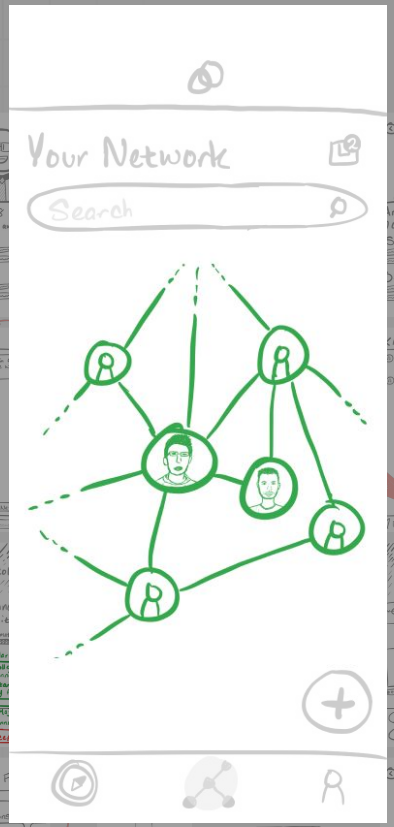

Comments:

Everyone liked the networking graphic.

Improvements:

Flesh out the networking map even more to make it interactive (e.g., scroll, zoom, etc.).

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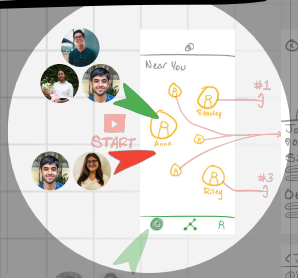

Comments:

Most found the bubble sizes intuitive, but wanted it to be more map-like.

Improvements:

Keep the bubble sizes, make it clear how far people are from you.

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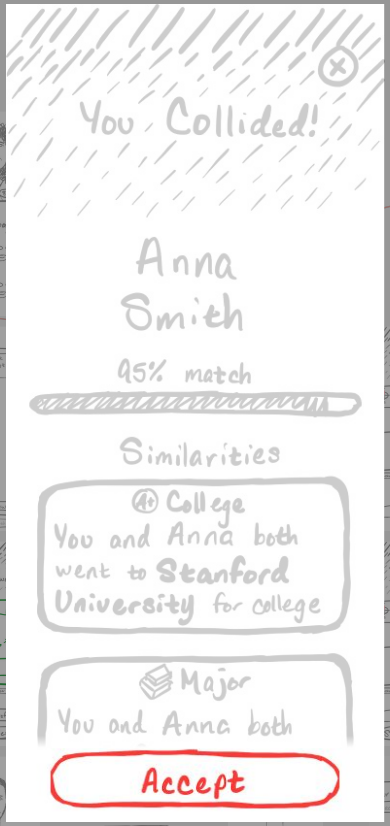

Comments:

Most thought the "Accept" button was confusing and didn't realize it would share location.

Improvements:

Change the wording and add more options (e.g., "Share Location", "Chat")

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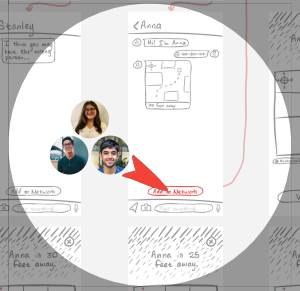

Comments:

Most wanted the "Add to Network" button on the Profile page instead of Messages.

Improvements:

Add that option to the Profile page as well so it's easier to find.

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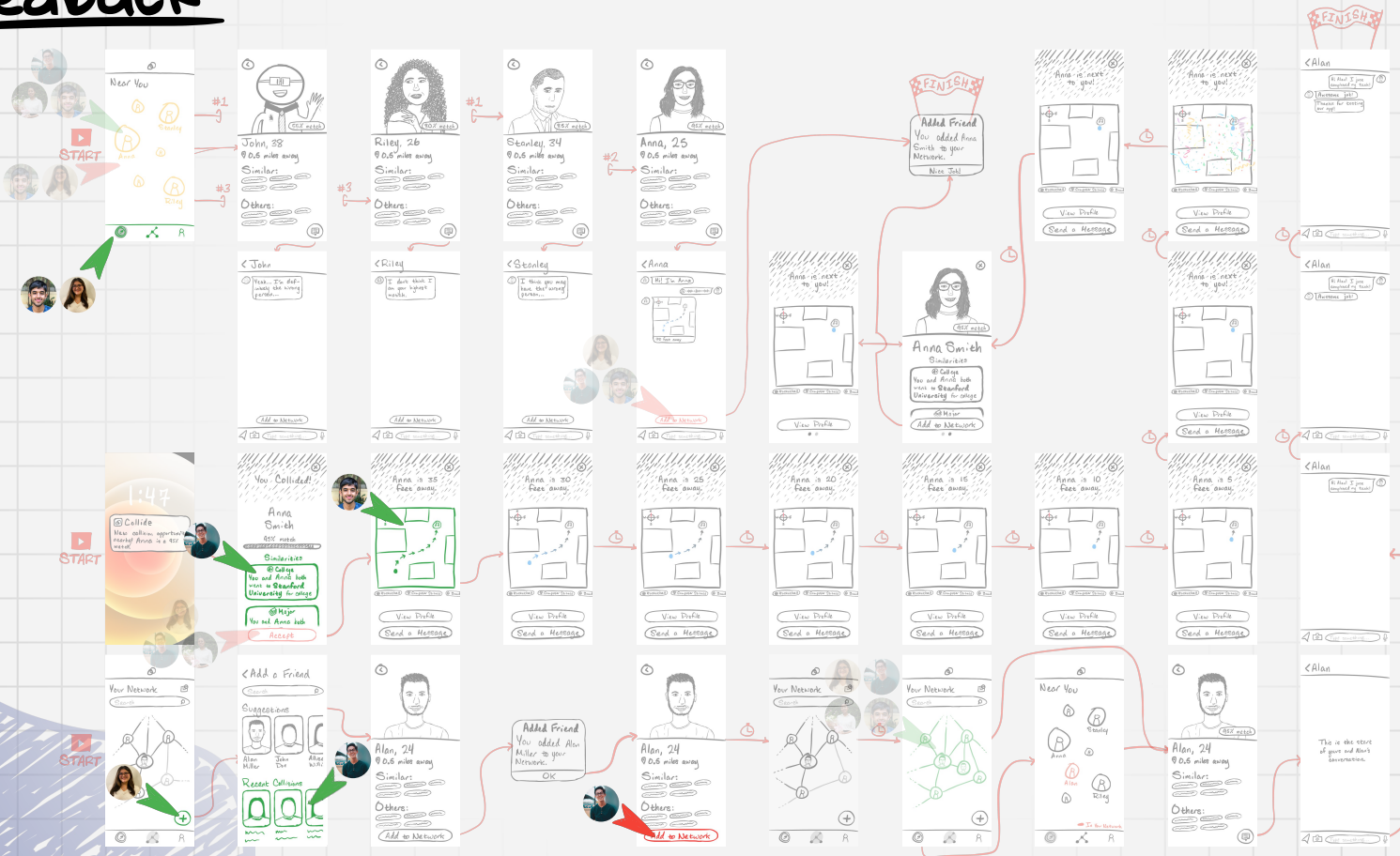
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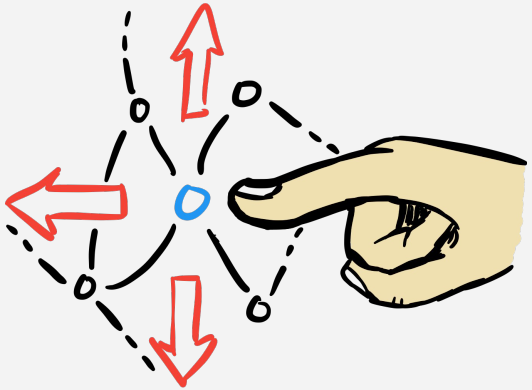

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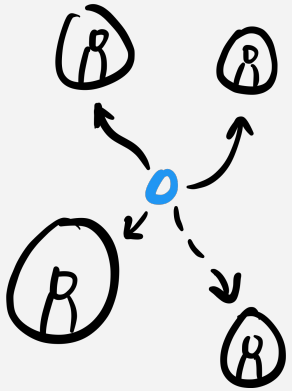

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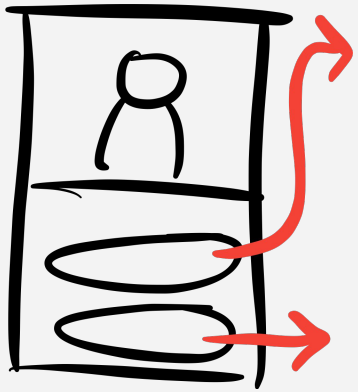

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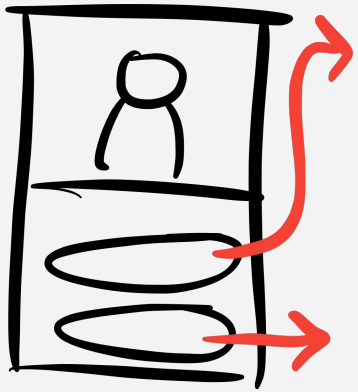

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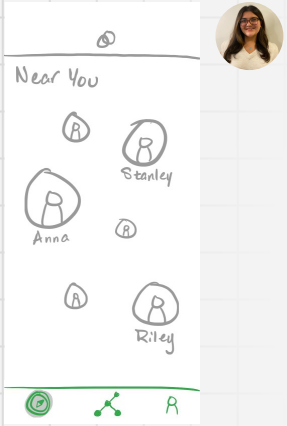

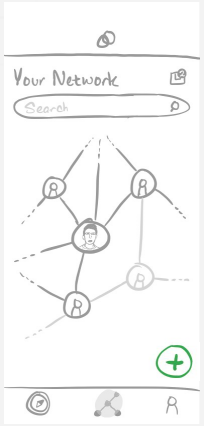

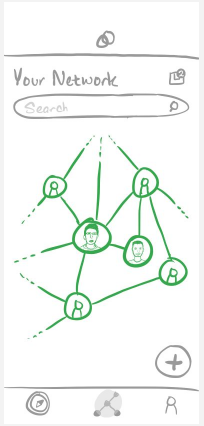

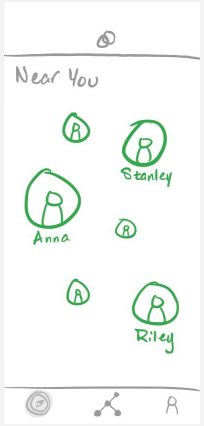

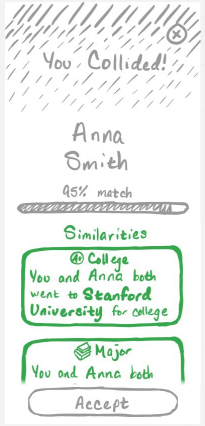

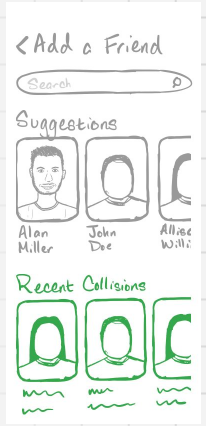

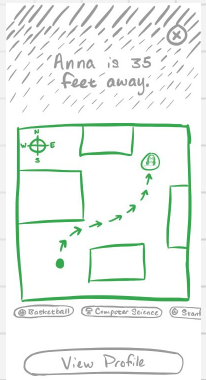

Liked that there were two ways to do Task #3

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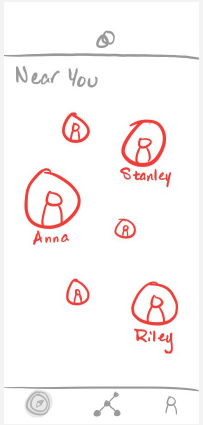

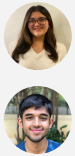

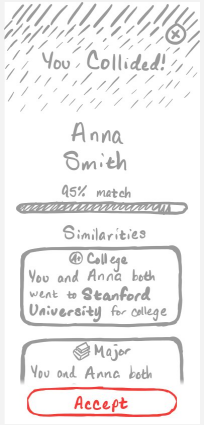

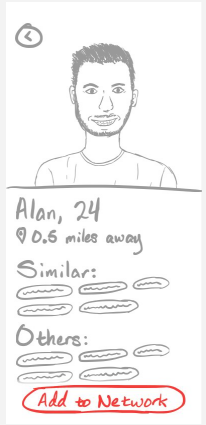

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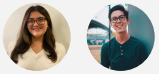

See Match score before adding to network (#3)

See Match Score on Near You page

More specific directions

See similarities before you get to Anna

Add names to Network (#3)