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Field Usability Study

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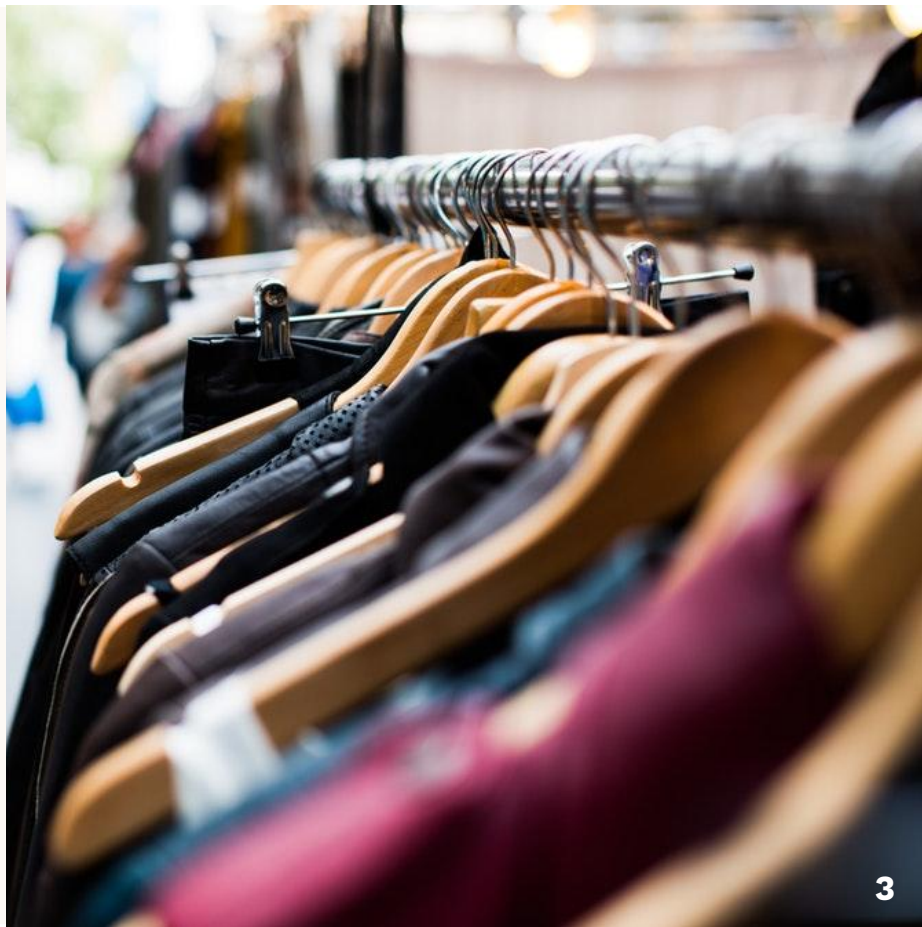
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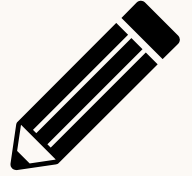
find that missing piece





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Prototype Changes

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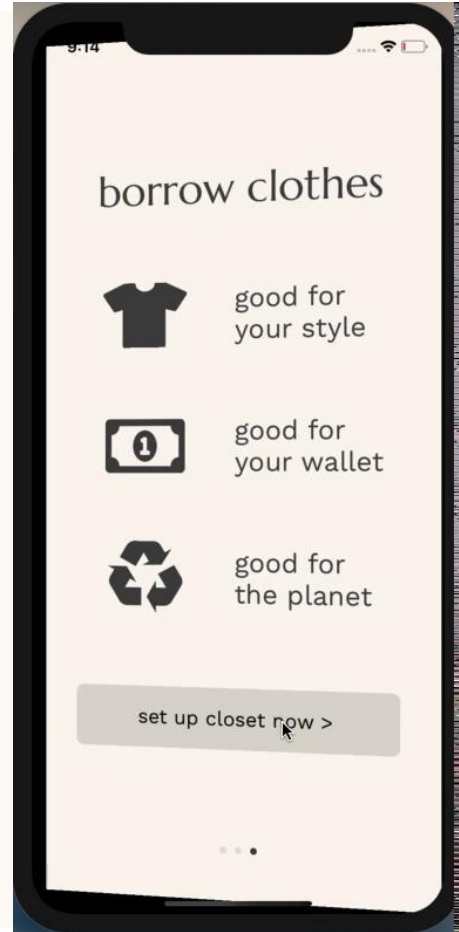
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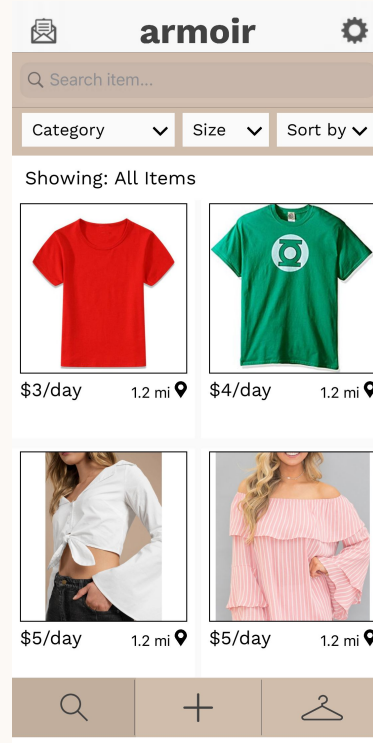
The image displays three stages of a mobile app interface for clothing exchange:

- Stage 1 (Left):** A message from Starr J. (0.3 mi) at 8:51 am: "Hi, I'd like to borrow this...". The status is **Pending** (Feb 12-14, 2020). Below it is a message from Ellen R. (1.2 mi) at Yesterday: "Hi, I'd like to borrow this...". The status is **Confirmed** (Due in 7 days).
- Stage 2 (Middle):** A detailed view of the **Brown Sweater** from Starr J. The status is **Pending**. A **See details** button is visible. A green **Mark as exchanged** button is highlighted with a red circle.
- Stage 3 (Right):** The message from Starr J. is now **Confirmed** (Feb 12-14, 2020). The message from Ellen R. remains **Confirmed** (Due in 7 days).

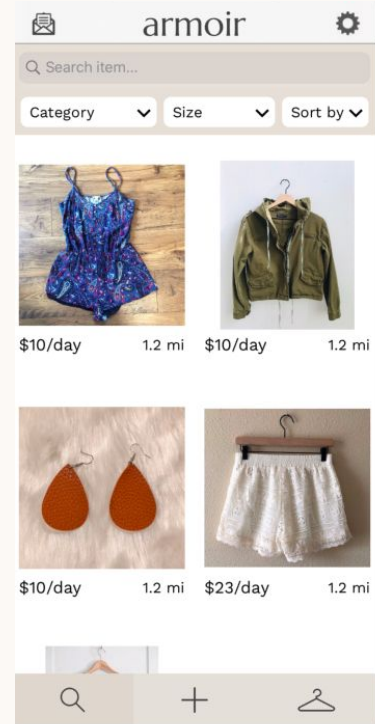
Red arrows indicate the flow from the initial inbox view to the item details, and then to the final confirmed state.

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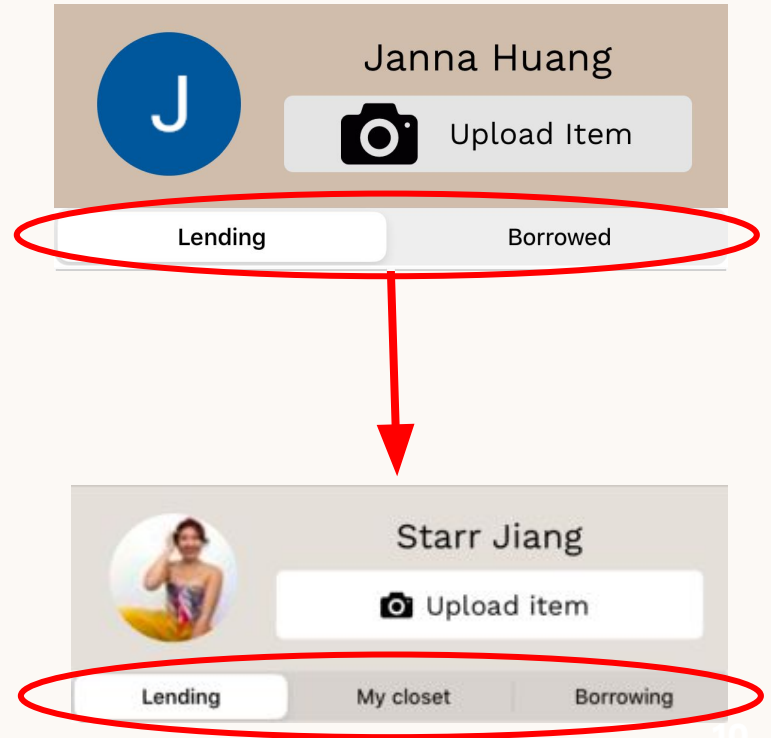
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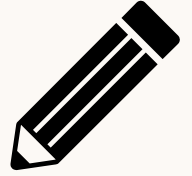


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- Added additional tab for clothing uploads (“My closet”) in closet tab





Methods & Tasks

Participants



Angela

Senior
Shops on
Abercrombie
website



Wynna

High Schooler
Shops on Urban
Outfitters
website



Colin

Senior
Buys socks off
of Amazon



Vamsi

Senior
Likes Amazon
Prime Wardrobe



Tara

Senior
Doesn't online
shop

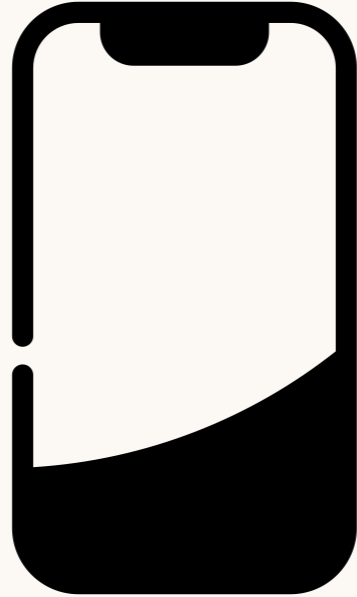


Michelle

SJSU Student
Buys working
leggings online

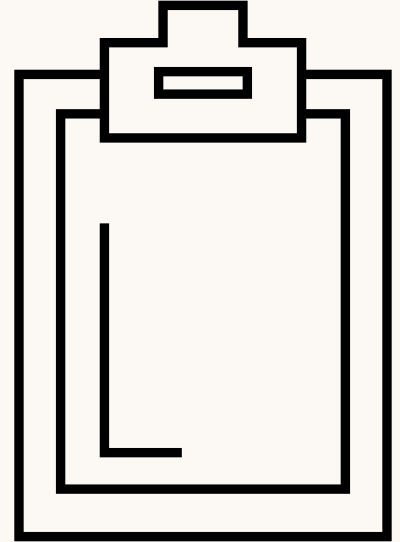
Apparatus

- Filmed with iPhone cameras
- Firebase for registering clicks
- Ran tests in participants' rooms/closets
- Ran app on iPhone 10
- Participants compensated with \$10 Amazon gift card and many thank you's



Procedure

- Pre-written script for short demo of system
- Collected demographic data
- Signed consent form for data collected
- Handed out 5 tasks on separate index cards for participants to complete
- Debriefing interview
 - Follow-up questions on completing tasks
 - Thoughts & feelings while using app



Test Measures

- Completion of each task
- Time to complete each task
- Buttons tapped to complete a task
- Errors made while completing task
- Critical Incidents (+/-)
- Thoughts/feelings while completing tasks

Tasks



Focus on tasks in lender/borrower interaction

1. Explore and request to borrow clothing
2. Upload clothing to your account
3. Approve borrow request and mark clothing as exchanged
4. Send a reminder to get clothing back
5. Check when borrowed clothing is due

Tasks

Borrower



1. Explore and request to borrow clothing

What we looked for:

- *How did users search - Keywords? Size? Type?*

Tasks

Lender



2. Upload clothing to your account

What we looked for:

- *How did participants photograph their items?*
- *How did participants choose the price they set?*

Tasks

Lender



3. Approve a borrow request and mark clothing as exchanged

What we looked for:

- *Could users find the inbox feature?*
- *How did they interact with the chat view?*

Tasks

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4. Send a reminder to get clothing back

What we looked for:

- *Do the users go to the inbox or the closet to complete this task?*

Tasks

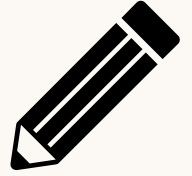
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5. Check when borrowed clothing is due

What we looked for:

- *Where did users go to find this information?*



Results

Results: At A Glance

Task	Average Completion Time	Fastest Time	Total Errors	Completed
1	20.23 s	10.05 s	1	6/6
2	40.25 s	31.23 s	1	6/6
3	53.19 s	15.23 s	12	6/6
4	29.33 s	8.9 s	5	6/6
5	8.1 s	2.4 s	0	6/6

Results

1. Explore and request to borrow clothing

Average Completion Time: 20.23 s

Fastest Time: 10.05 s

Errors: 1

Completed: 6/6

Results

1. Explore and request to borrow clothing

Critical Incidents:

- 2 users thought the onboarding screen with photos was the closet
- 2 users stated that scrolling through the clothing was fun, interesting, and intuitive

Results

2. Upload an item of clothing from your closet.

Average Completion Time: 40.25 s

Fastest Time: 31.23 s

Errors: 1

Completed: 6/6

Results

2. Upload an item of clothing from your closet

Critical Incidents:

- Users wanted to hang the items of clothing from hangers in the photos
- 2 users did not take the task very seriously and put random values for the descriptions/price of the uploaded items

Results

3. Approve borrow request and mark clothing as exchanged

Average Completion Time: 53.19 s

Fastest Time: 15.23 s

Errors: 12

Completed: 6/6

Results

3. Approve borrow request and mark clothing as exchanged

Critical Incidents:

- 4 users went into the closet first
- 2 users did not know what to do and asked for hints

Results

4. Send a reminder to get clothing back

Average Completion Time: 29.33 s

Fastest Time: 8.9 s

Errors: 5

Completed: 6/6

Results

Task 4: Send a reminder to get clothing back

Critical Incidents:

- Half of the users looked for this in the closet, the other half looked in the inbox (both are correct)
- Users who looked for the reminder in the closet didn't know which tab to go into

Results

5. Check when borrowed clothing is due

Average Completion Time: 8.1 s

Fastest Time: 2.4 s

Errors: 0

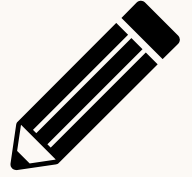
Completed: 6/6

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5. Check when borrowed clothing is due

Critical Incidents:

- Even split between going to closet vs. going to the inbox
- Testers were quick to complete this task in every trial



Discussion

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There should be a **guided walkthrough** when you first use the app to show you where the inbox is. I like that you can message people through it, but **it's hard to find and understand its purpose** when I first enter the app.

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I'm interested in **lending out my clothing for free** as long as the other person is **trustworthy** and doesn't mess my clothes up. I'd like to see the **rating of each user** so I know how much I can trust them.

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I would use this app to get **outfits for events or “rally wear”** since these are clothes that I don't always need but is nice to have when the occasion arises

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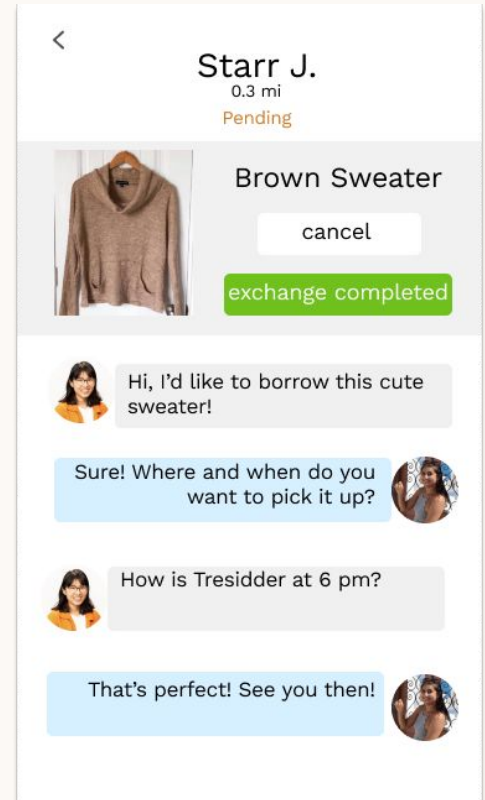
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- Multiple users remarked that they weren't interested in making money off the app

Future Testing

- Fully implement chat feature for “real time” borrower/lender interaction
 - In future tests, have two users test at a time to coordinate item pick-up and return



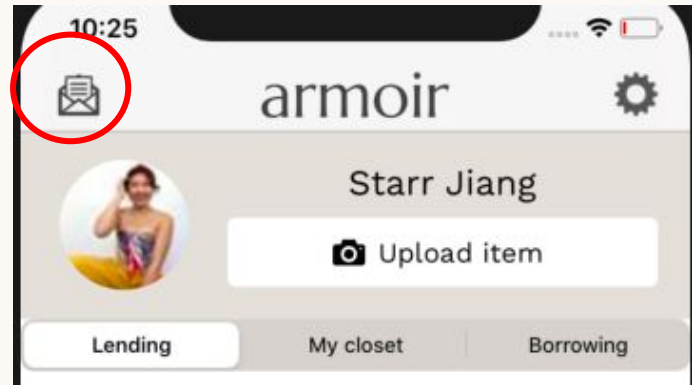
Future Testing

- Implement functionality for users to set the dates they want to borrow item
- Have pop-ups confirm a user's action whenever they send a borrow request and reminder

Potential Changes

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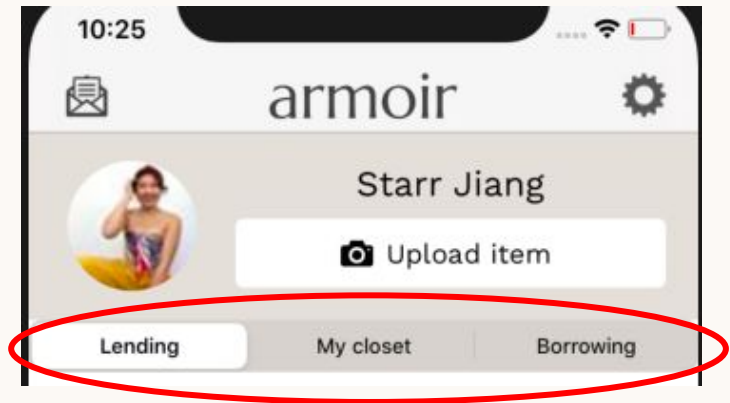
- Have a pop-up or screen in the onboarding that tells users the purpose of the inbox
- Add notifications



Potential Changes

Clarify the difference between the three tabs

- Consider renaming the tabs or have part of onboarding dedicated to explaining the difference



Summary

- Usability tests with 6 subjects, 4 from a Stanford row house, 1 high schooler, and 1 SJSU student
- All tasks were completed, certain tabs and buttons were not clear
- Need to fully implement the chat feature to continue testing direct borrower/lender interaction

Questions?