

## Introduction

Hi! This quarter we are doing a project for our design-thinking *Smart Education* course. We started from a social anxiety perspective and have realized that one of the things that reduces anxiety for students in the classroom is active engagement.

So, to increase collaboration and student interactions in asynchronous learning, we have created a “lecture watch party” platform. We’re gonna walk through a number of tasks on our prototype.

## Discussion Guide

### I. Background

OK, now let’s get started. I’m going to show you an early prototype of a web app and give you some scenarios to try out. It’s a rough prototype and some things don’t work or aren’t connected to anything. If that happens, I might ask you to imagine that it works or tell me what you think would happen if that area works. We would like you to talk through your decisions and any questions you might have. So, let’s get to it!

### II. Task 1:

Your first task is to sign up and accept a watch party invite.

**Click signup -> go to classes list page**

How do you think you would add a class?

Do you think that these classes are buttons?

**Click continue -> go to dashboard**

How would you accept an invite?

Is there anything confusing about this layout?

Overall Questions:

Can you make sense of the icons on the left?

### III. Task 2:

Your second task is to invite a friend to join you in watching the lecture and start it.

**Click classes -> go to classes page**

How do you think you would invite friends to a class?

Are the edit invite buttons misleading or confusing at all?

Do you think that these classes are buttons?

**Click invite friends -> popup**

How would you invite friends?  
How would you add friends to an invite?

**Click to start video**

How would you start watching a lecture?

**Overall**

Is there anything confusing about this layout?  
Do you wish there were more confirmations about scheduling?  
Expected flow:  
 $X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow$

IV. Task 3:

Your third and final task is to ask a question, pause the video, and finally answer the question

Expected flow:

$X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow$

Asks a question by clicking the plus button -> sent to Added a question frame -> Suggests a pause by clicking Suggest Pause button -> sent to Question Answering frame -> Answers questions -> Clicks submit and brought back to Main Video frame

**Overall**

Would you rather put questions in the chat than add question?  
Is it clear where the questions go?  
Do you feel comfortable adding questions?  
Are you aware that it is anonymous?  
Do you have problems differentiating your questions from professor's questions?

**Wrap-up**

What are your overall impressions of this app?  
Anything confusing?  
Would you like a calendar feature?  
Anything you particularly liked?  
Any more thoughts about what we looked at today?  
What do you think about this concept for an app? § When, if ever, would you use it? •

Anything else you'd like to add? Thanks so much for your time! Your feedback is very helpful.