I'm Ade-Lee! Design leader, speaker and workshop facilitator.

Here are some handpicked projects focusing on design leadership and workshop facilitation.

Leadership Principles

Level up, win together, and keep it real with empathy, not ego.

I'm all about winning as a team, **leading by example** and enabling everyone to flourish. I take great care when assembling teams, ensuring they vibe well, know how to **cross-collaborate**, and can work independently while growing into leaders in their field from individual contributors.



Leadership Approach

I recognise that everyone's communication style differs, and I tinker and tweak mine to suit the person and or situation.

I am a firm believer in being transparent and **advocate for Enneagrams** to better understand and refine my approach.



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Culture Crafting: I foster an inclusive, accountable, and fun work culture.

Whether digital or face-to-face, clarity and

empathy are my touchstones.

Team Dynamics: I focus on assembling synergetic teams skilled in crosscollaboration and independent growth.

Clear and Compassionate Communication:



Team Mentoring and Personal Development

I believe in helping creatives to be their most badass selves. I do this by

Assigning personal development time

for learning, reading and hackathons.

- Implementing streamlined skill
- frameworks and introducing a level
- differentiation matrix.

Ensuring my teams understand business

- needs, cross-collaborate and move away
- from siloed ways of working

Real experiences with mentor

February 12, 2024

I cannot recommend Ade highly enough. His combination of kindness, approachability, and professionalism creates an ideal mentorship experience that anyone would be fortunate to have.

External mentoring

I have over six years of experience guiding designers, project managers, and those changing careers.







January 30, 2024

Ade was super helpful and inspirational. He provided real insights into what it means to be a design leader. He was an amazing listener and shared his journey and learnings with me throughout the session. I appreciated all the practical suggestions he provided and I look forward to catching up with him again soon.



Technically competen	t 😅 Amazing problem	nsolver
Very motivational	Great communicator	+5
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SoPost

Building an Effective Design Function

- X The design function at SoPost was fragmented, ineffective, and underused.
 - Departments didn't communicate, leading to persistent issues with completed work.
- I aimed to c supports be developme
- encourage teamwork and understanding.

- I aimed to create a design function that
- supports both team achievement and personal
- development, using leadership principles to

Problems that needed solving:

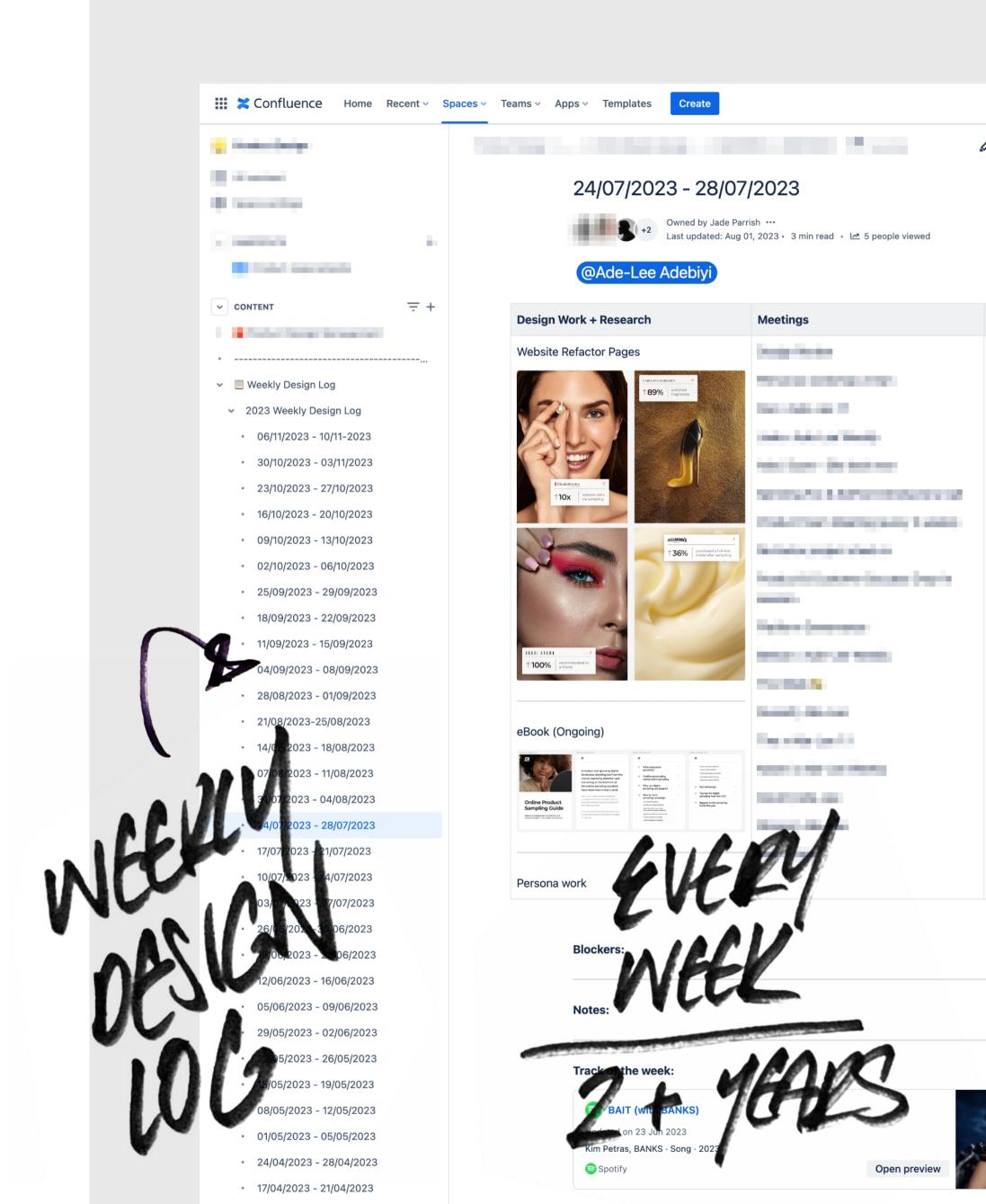
The design team was fragmented, operating in isolation.

This negatively impacted communication and collaboration.

I dismantled operational silos by:

Improve stakeholder collaboration and engagement to better align with business needs and product roadmap.

Creating and implementing better
 documentation processes and rituals.



Adopting a **Data-Driven Design** Approach:

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Design decisions were driven by aesthetics rather than data informed research causing usability and accessibility issues.

I solved this by;

Fostered a culture where data is at the heart of all design **decision making**.

Created training materials and resources tailored to streamline how designers can be more effective contributors and decision makers.

Problems that needed solving:

Reviewing and revamping the current process ensuring that all design decisions were informed by research and aligned with business goals.

Encouraging **Knowledge Exchange:**

Problems that needed solving:

A gap in knowledge sharing within the team led to development problems due to miscommunication.

I solved this by;

Introducing regular company-wide design updates and interactive sessions that encourage collaboration.

Created user-friendly documentation and templates that offer clear design updates with explanations, fostering open dialogue.



Ade-Lee Adebiyi 1:11 PM Hey everyone!

It's time to put on your decision-making hats because we need **YOU** to shape our next big move! Remember our awesome workshop on user personas? Well, it's showtime, and your vote will steer the ship.

Here's the fun part:

You get to pick who we dive into next! Check out these cool contenders and cast your vote for the persona you're most curious about:

- 1. The Trendsetting Gen-Z Customer
- The Dynamic **Campaign Manager** at an External Agency
- The Visionary Marketing Manager at a Brand We Love
- 4. 🜍 The Global Procurement Guru at a Brand We Partner With
- 5. SThe Superstar Brand Partnership Manager

Let the voting games begin! Just click, pick, and that's it - you've helped shape our next persona adventure!

Your vote matters more than you think, so make it count!



💼 Ready, Set, Vote! 💼

(Vote with the corresponding emoji)



Promoting Collaboration and Accountabality

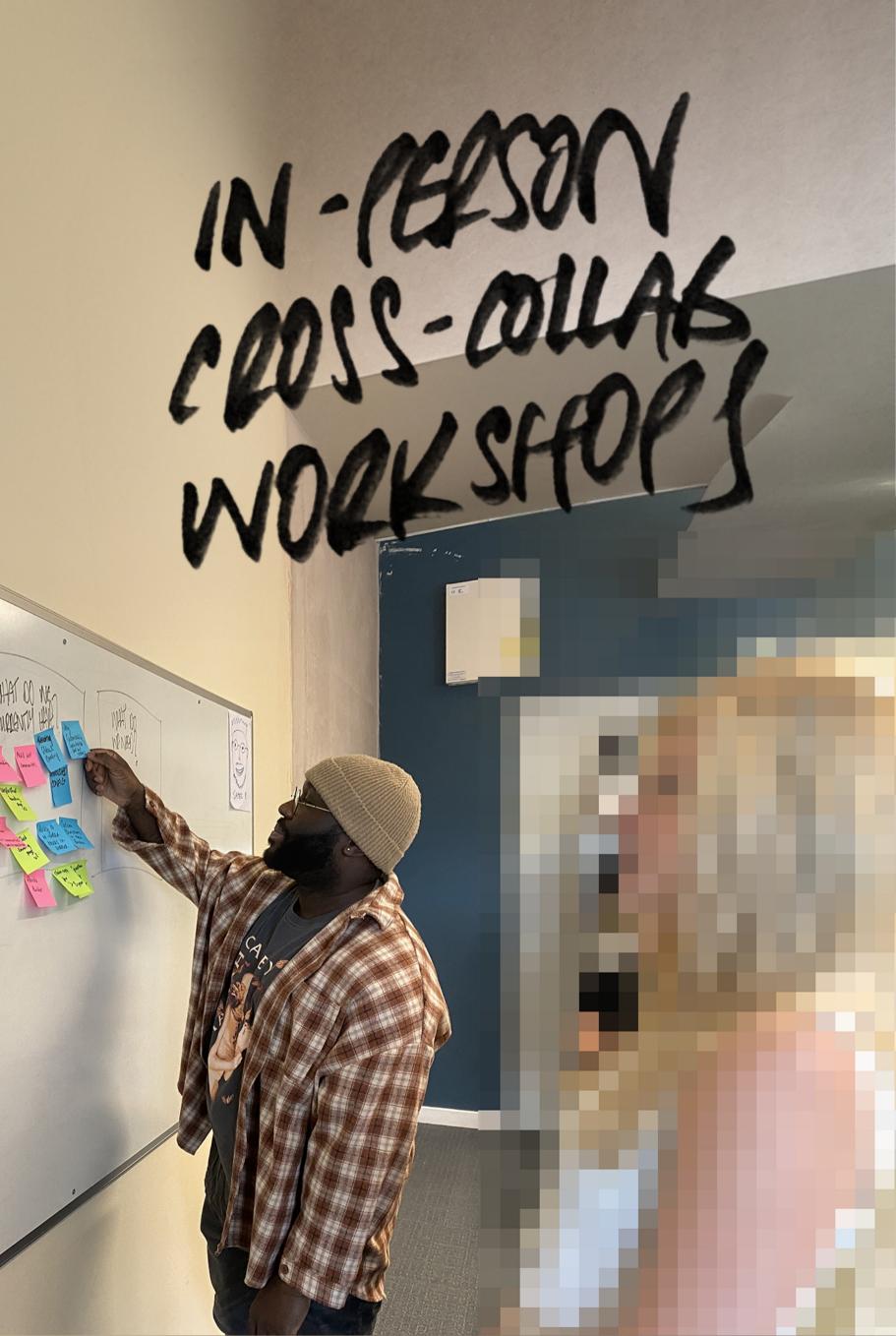
Problems that needed solving:

Everyone was working in their own silo and not communicating or collaborating causing duplicated work and increased development time.

I solved this by;

Cultivated a culture of collaboration by leading training sessions and developing a best practice guide that encouraged design empathy.

Streamlined design workflow with a new ticketing system.



Transitioning from Ego to Confidence:

Problems that needed solving:

Poor communication and ego-driven decisions created a **toxic design culture**.

I solved this by;

Reshaped the design culture to one built on confidence and radical candor through open and transparent communication and teamwork.

Built a culture of knowledge sharing where designers are encouraged to evangelise SoPost design principles internationally.





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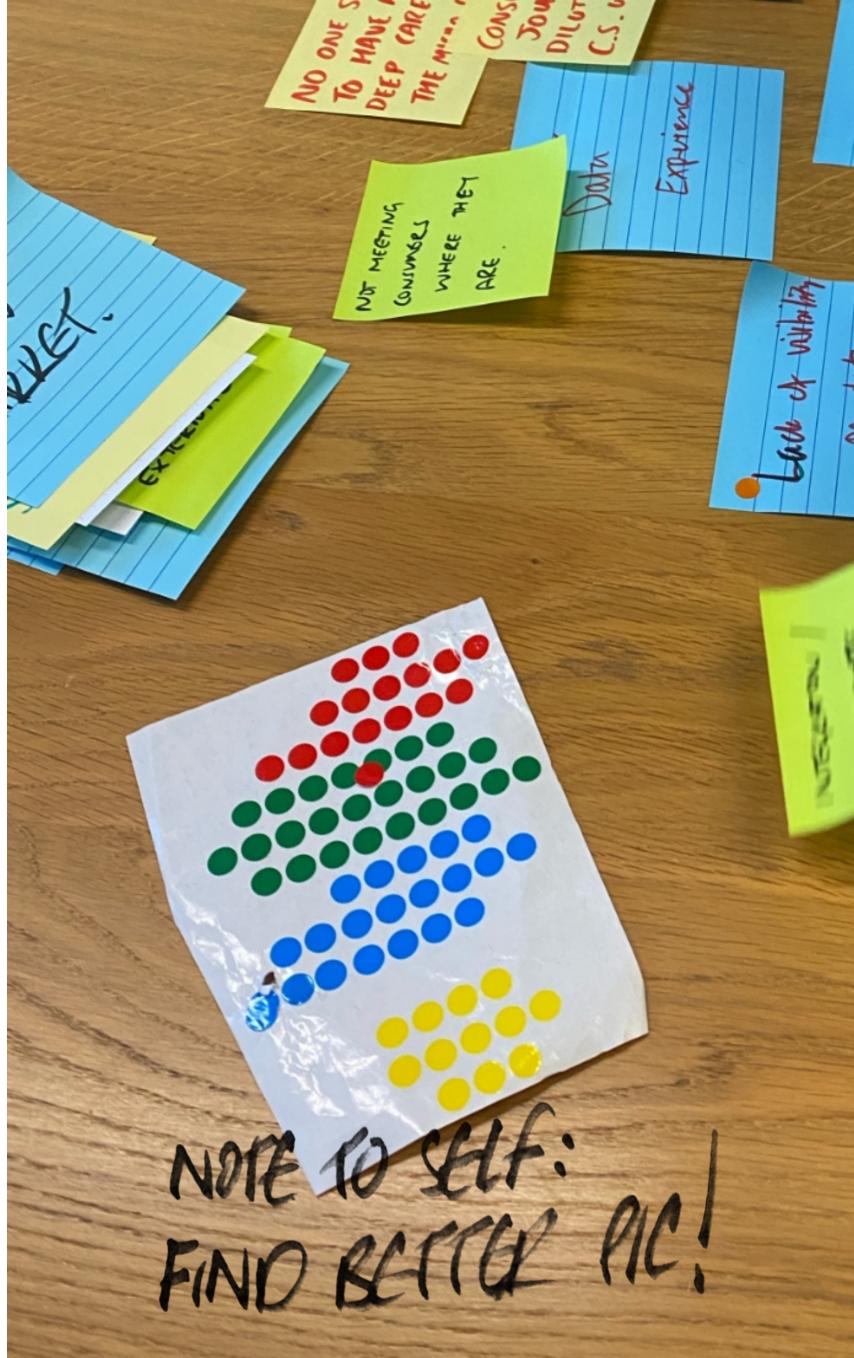
Aligning Design and Business Objectives:

Problems that needed solving:

X There was a noticeable misalignment between our design outputs and the broader business strategy.

I solved this by;

- Ensuring design output correlates with company goals by breaking down leadership objectives and communicating effectively with the team.
- Introducing the Shape-Up methodology to the design team allowing for more business-focused design proposals through pitches.



Results and Insights

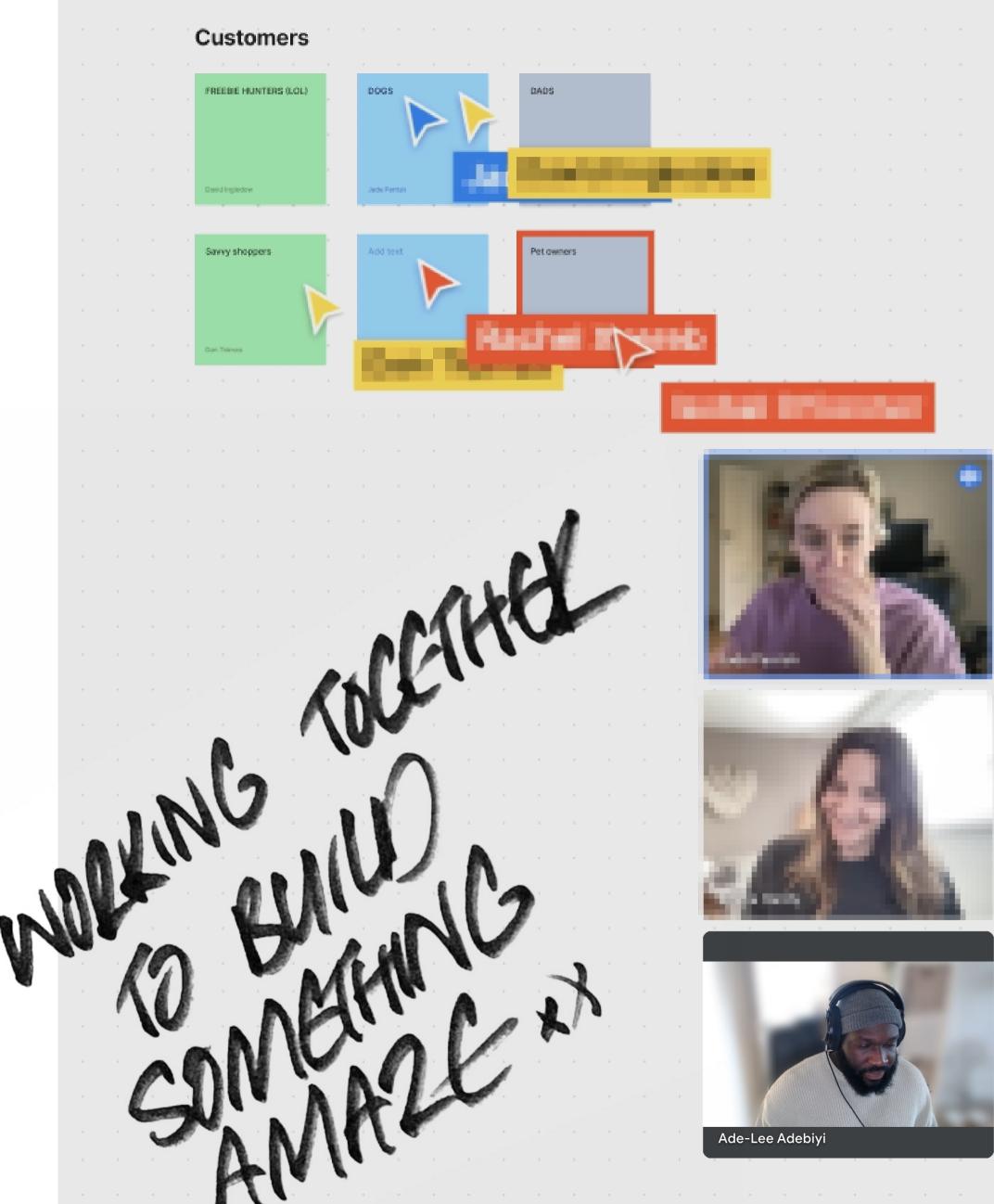
Boosted workflow efficiency by 340%

through implementing a company-wide ticketing and review system.

Improved project completion by 80% by collaborating with the Head of Product and Chief Engineering Officer, using Agile and Shape Up methods and emphasising user-focused design.

Fostered an inclusive design culture

prioritising user research and UX, resulting in more substantial alignment with client needs.





The Problem:

Auditing the current and creating a new colour system for the Turnitin's core tooling

- With over 20 years in academic integrity services,
- Turnitin faces a challenge with its colour scheme.
- Many colours in their applications are **not**
- meaningful or accessible. The task is to assess and
- ensure colours meet AA accessibility guidelines
- while enhancing their purpose and perception.

It all started with a Jira ticket!

Which I used to identify primary and secondary users as well as any subject matter experts.

[Audit] How is color utilized across our **Redwood** apps?

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Description

To complete this ticket:

- Produce a simple, brief audit document that answers the following questions:
 - How is color utilized across our apps?
 - When do colors have meanings attributed to them, where, why?
 - What is the current header color experience across our upcoming GA workflows:

What are the goals of this design

This ticket is knowledge-gathering for a V1 color system proposal.

What are the creative constraints.

- Reduced only. Hight be interesting to identify key difference with TFE (4 there's line).
- Nomeniber to include all income, settings pages, Crit.print previews, and reports.

What type of feedback are you looking for?

Knowledge-sharing. Identifying high impact areas to clean things up.

Primary Users

UX Engineering



	Secondary Users	Business Stakeholders	Subject Matter Experts (SME)
ng	Marketing Support Engineering People and Places		Ade-Lee Adebiyi

I used the JIRA ticket and my prior knowledge to dive deeper into the scope of the problem.

Scoped problem
Colour usage is inconsistent from a global standpoint.
Because the RDN is in working progress an
Because no rules have been established as individual colour usage
Because colours have been added to produ have since been cancelled.
Colours throughout and and are incom and individual use cases. Rules need to be s each colour needs to have a specified use c
By conducting an audit with all the colours available and understanding the current sit with colour.
By conducting research on how colour is pe internally.
By doing a colour audit to better understan colours pass AA/AAA contrast tests.
By creating a new set of rules that are base my findings and present them to the team.

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Unified Colours: The colour use was random and a clear system was needed.

Problems Identified

Colour Knowledge: People weren't sure how to use colours effectively as there was little to no documentation.

Streamlined Palette: Many colours lacked meaning and a clear use case.

Refined problem statement

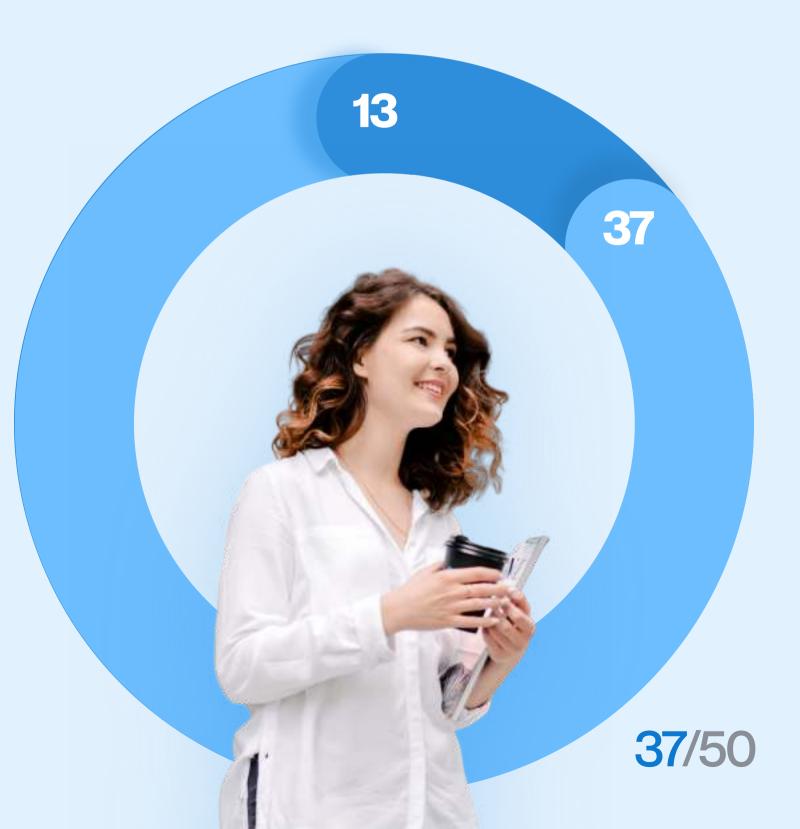
In which way might we enable Designers and Engineers to better use colour within turnitin applications.

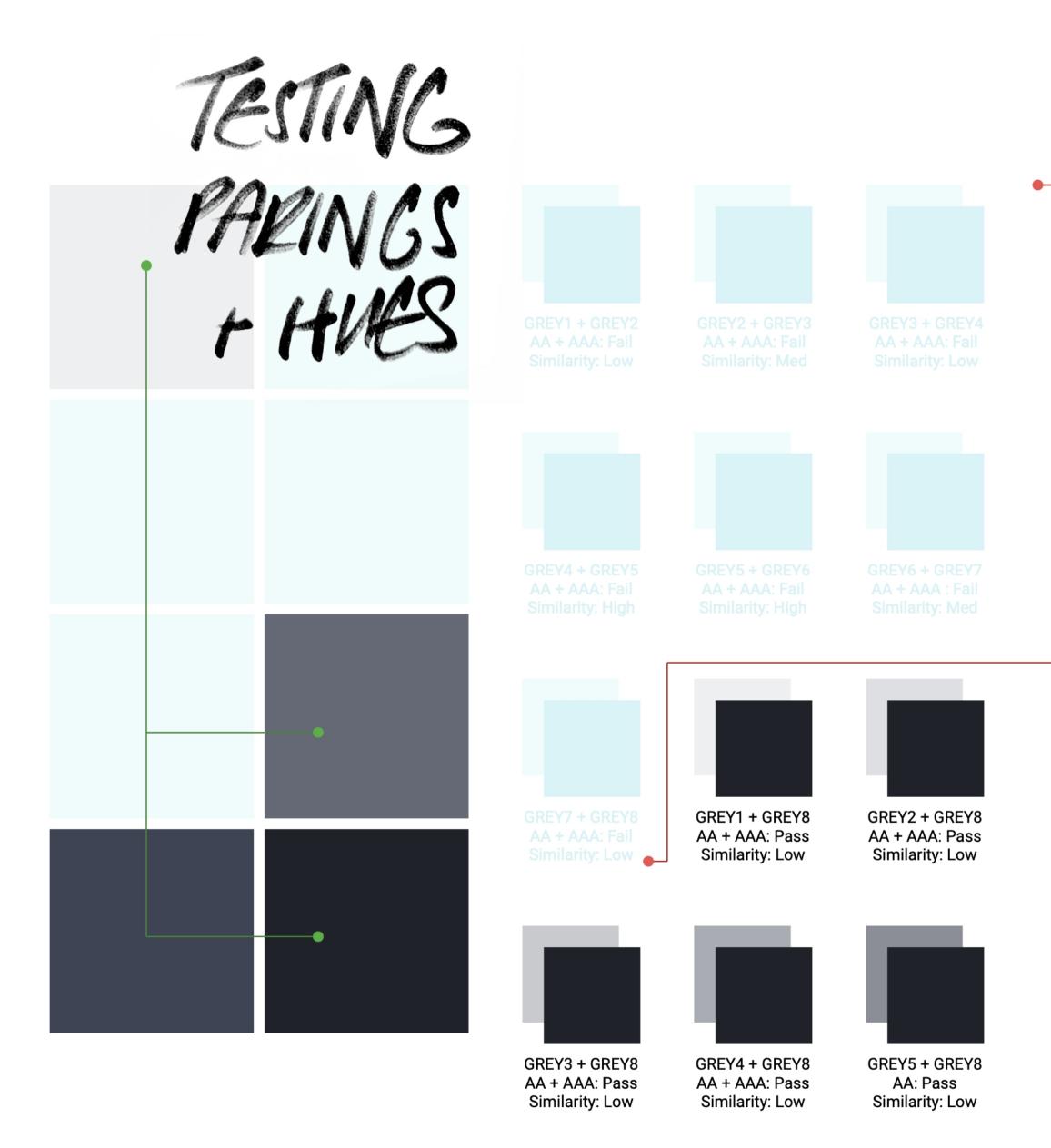
Diving into Turnitin's colour scheme, I uncovered that many hues fell short of the AA/AAA WCAG accessibility standards.

A closer look revealed that **some shades were barely distinguishable**, highlighting an urgent call to revamp our colour theory or simplify our palette to ensure it's accessible for all.

A majority of users did not accurately recognise the intended meaning behind our colour choices.

- I conducted a study with 50 internal and
- external participants to evaluate the
- effectiveness of our app's colour scheme.





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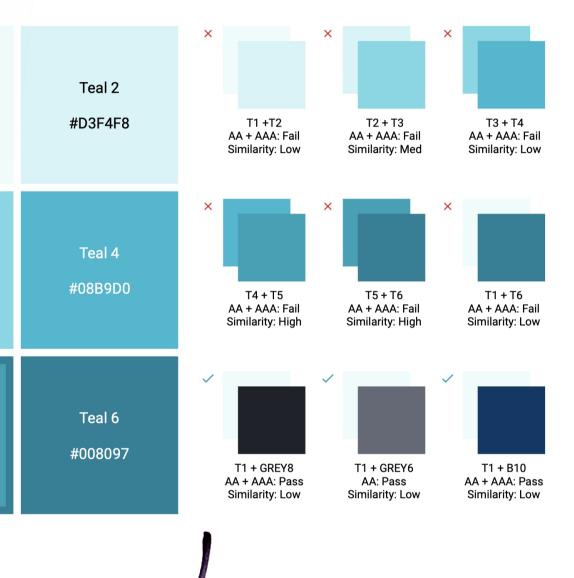
Note(s): A majority of the tint combinations are not expected to pass by default.

Note(s): The lightest tint e.g. [colour]-1 and the darkest [colour]-6 should pass accessibility tests when used together. They should be AA-AAA.

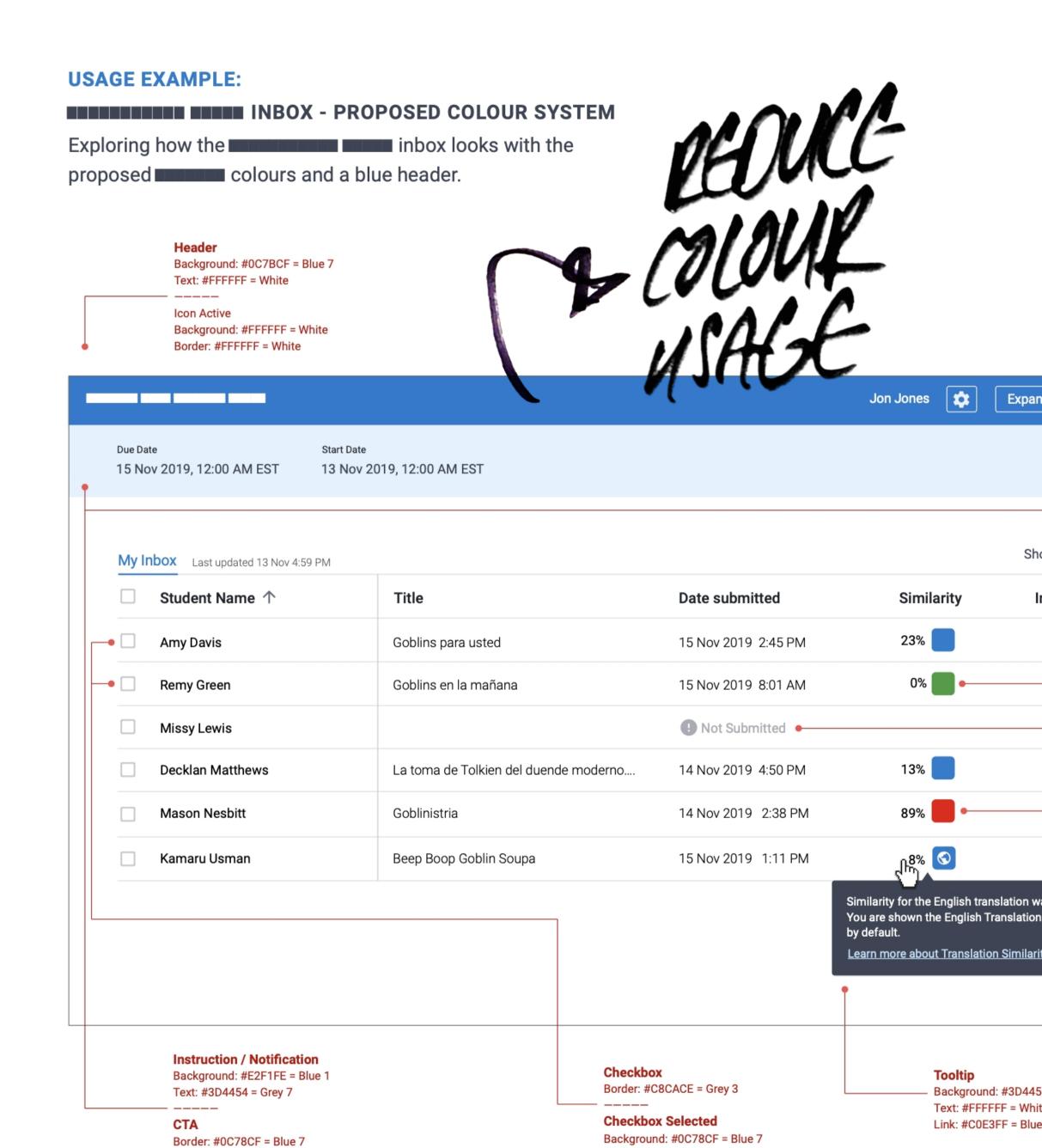
Note(s): Similarity in tint variations has also been tested. Do these different shades closely resemble each other?



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Immediate, cost-effective action points

Utilise a single primary colour

consistently across each application.

Remove redundant colours

from the design system library.

Immediate, cost-effective action points

Assign a distinct use case to each colour and tint.

Highlighting/UI Colours

Teal 2 Coral 2 Blue 2 Purple 2 #D3F4F8 #FFB3AD #C0E3FF #E0D7FA

Authorship gives data-backed insight into whether students are doing their own work. It helps instructors verify their concerns and easily escalate cases for investigation.



Is it their own work?



Address contract cheating with confidence.

Authorship helps instructors validate suspicions of contract cheating and gives investigators a path to quickly gather facts, collate information, and make impartial judgments.

Integrity Flags Background: Coral 2

Similarity Background: Teal 2

Integrity Flags Background: Coral 2

Immediate, cost-effective action points

Decrease the number of available tints for each colour.

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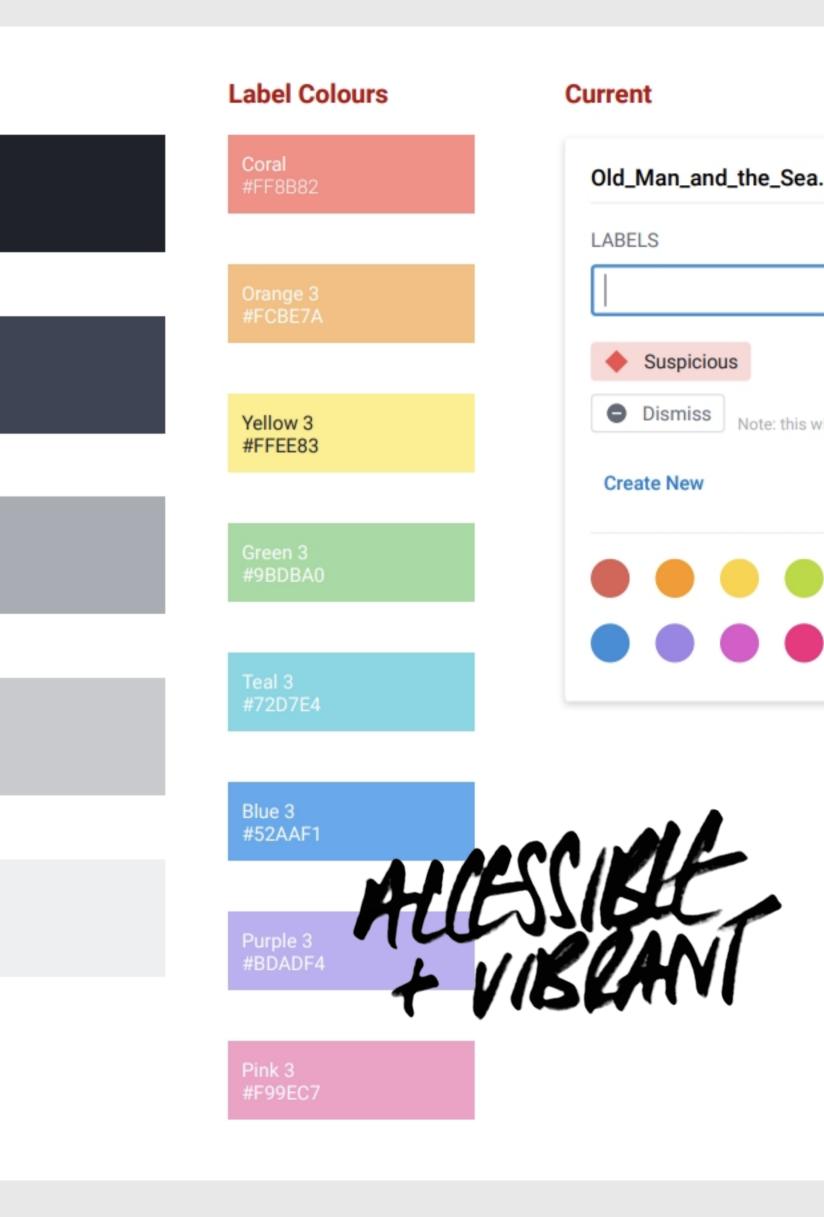
Results and Insights

My analysis cut the colour palette by 43%, clearing excess and enhancing the design system's clarity and accessibility.

My efforts resulted in a **complete overhaul of colour usage**, achieving a 100% rate of accessible colour pairings in all designs.

My insights played a role in guiding the vibrant £25m+ Turnitin rebrand, expertly carried out by the creative team at Ueno.

Base



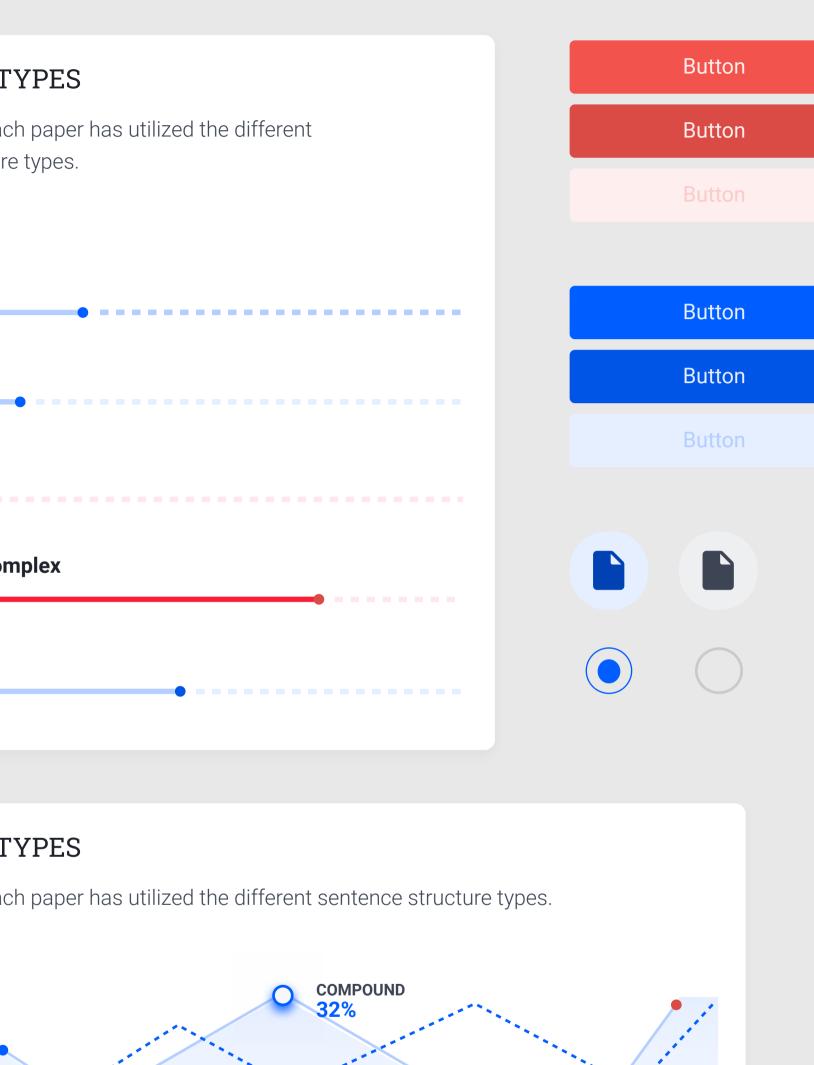
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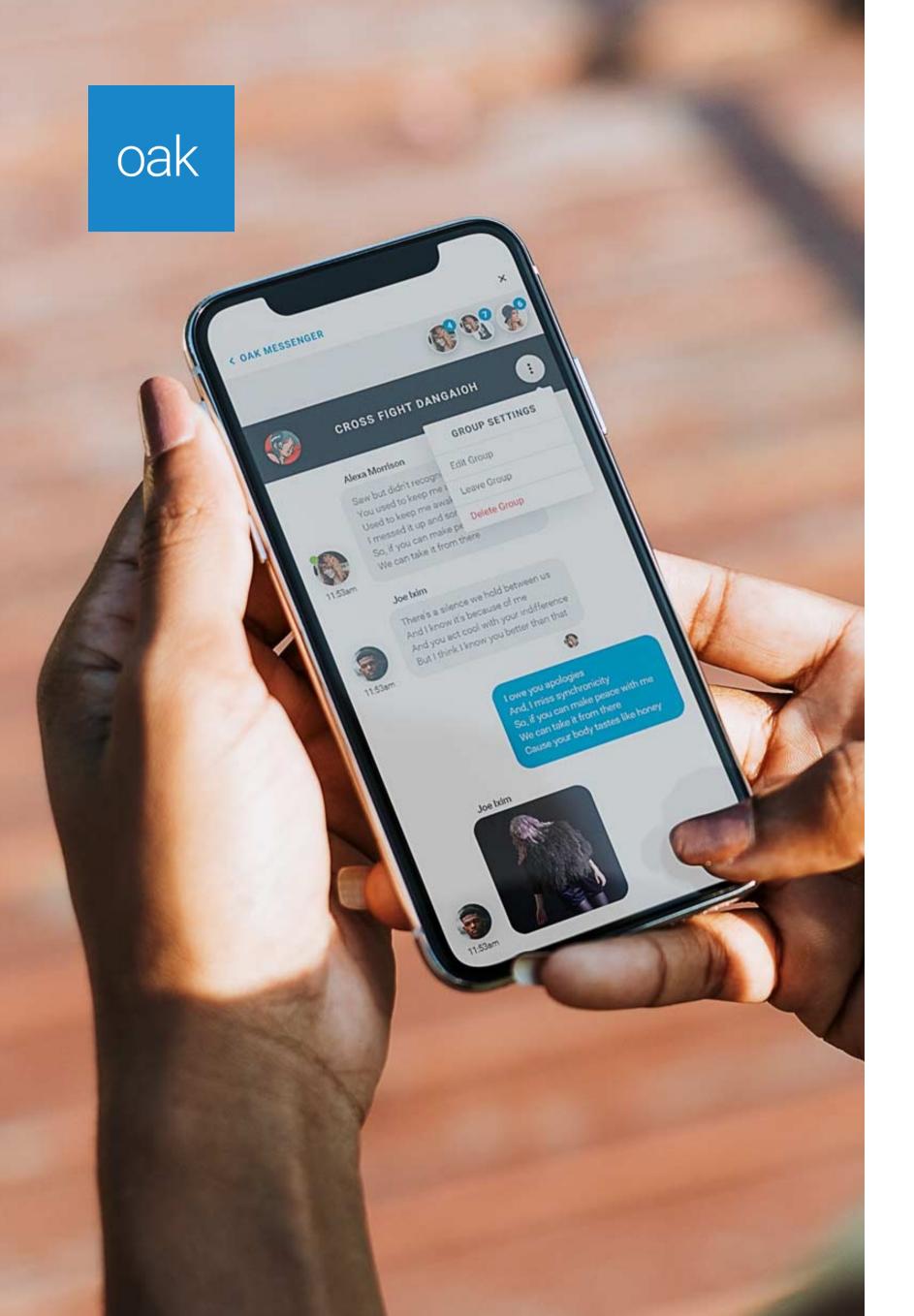
For future projects, I aim to allocate more time for testing colours with individuals who have visual impairments.

I devoted excessive time to the research phase, at the expense of more frequent engagements with stakeholders.

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Designing and developing a lightweight end-to-end encrypted internal messenger

The Problem:

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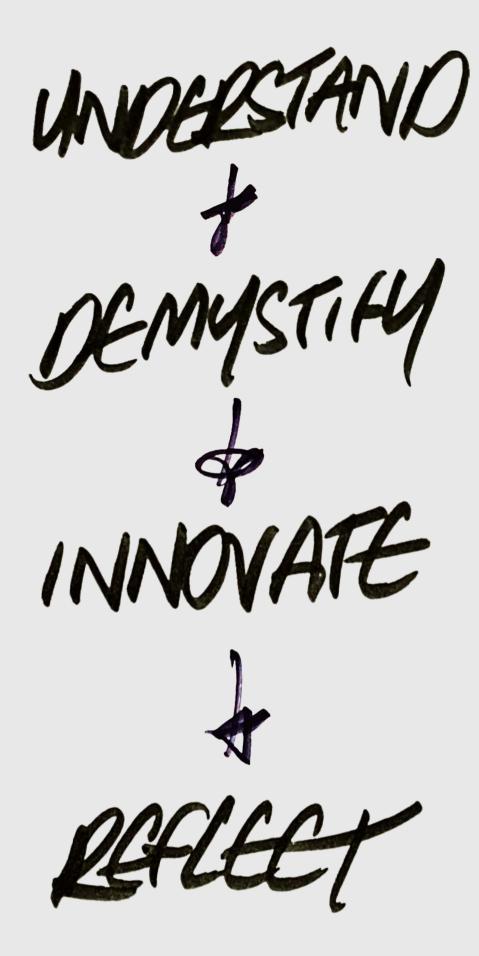
With more intranet managers choosing Oak's cloud services, I took charge of upgrading Oak Messenger. We aimed to make it the top choice for safe, internal conversations, helping teams work together in real time and easily connect with

Design Principles

Agile + Design Thinking = More focus on user needs to drive innovation through open dialogue.

I prioritise a deep understanding of tasks, as it's crucial for developing innovative solutions. Regular, clear communication with stakeholders, engineers, QA testers, and project managers is key to my approach.

These practices have driven successful outcomes and guided future improvements.



I created these principles to enable me to work more efficiently while meeting all business and user requirements.

Design Approach

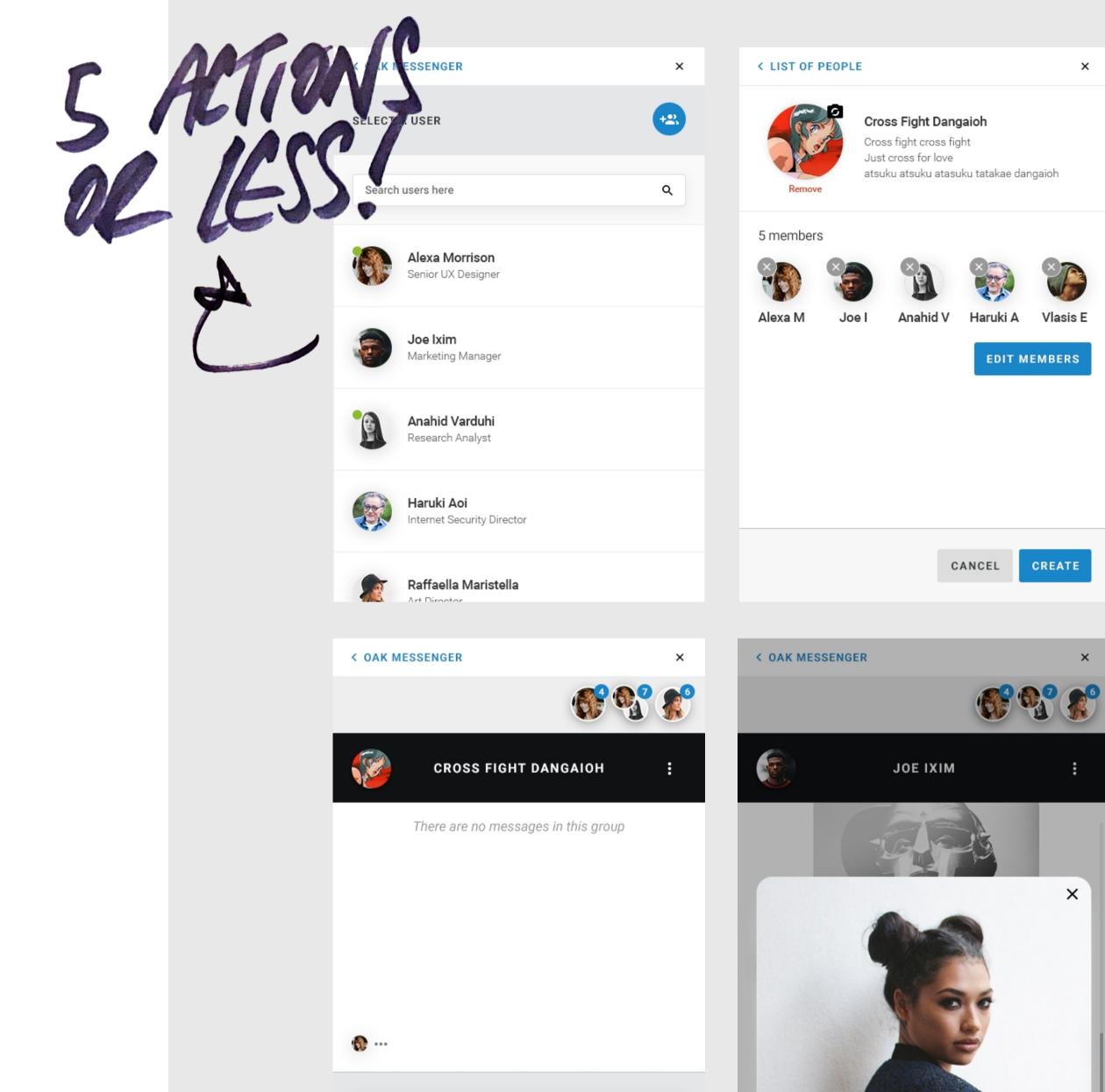
Drawing inspiration from the Oak design team's mantra, "Empower Through Communication", I crafted a refined approach to this design task:

Is It Streamlined?

Aim for a lean, straightforward design focusing on smooth, secure conversations.

Does It Enhance Teamwork?

Focus design efforts on solving real user pain points to improve team communication.

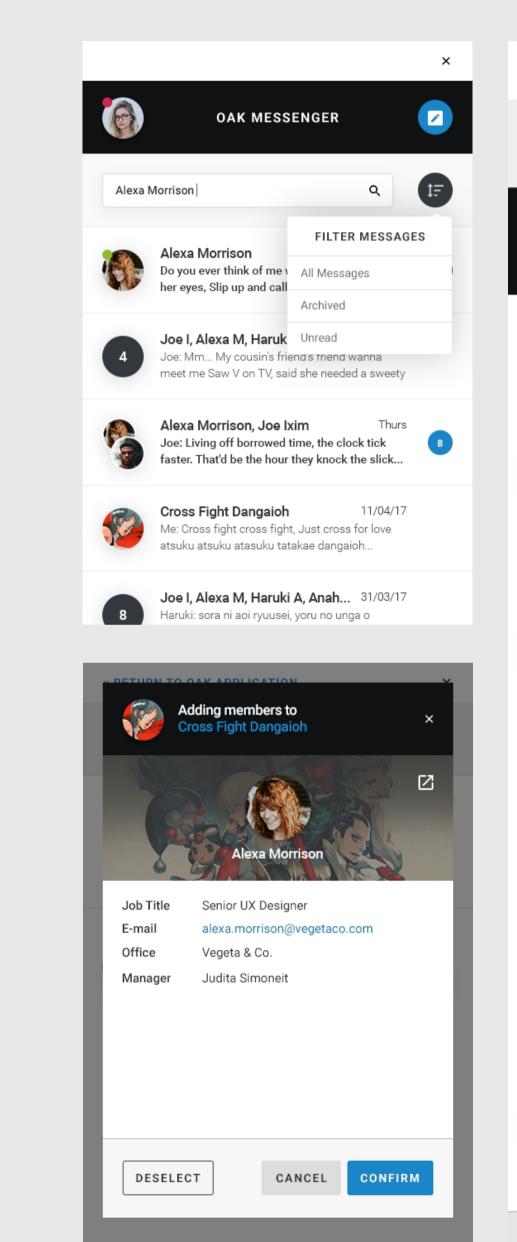


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Results and Insights

Oak messenger became and continues to be the standard messaging service for internal intranet users.

Created modular components that were adopted across multiple Oak applications, saving considerable development time.



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GROUP SETTINGS

CROSS FIGHT DANGAIOH

Alexa Morrison

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Edit Group Leave Group

Delete Group



Joe Ixim



There's a silence we hold between us And I know it's because of me And you act cool with your indifference But I think I know you better than that



I owe you apologies And, I miss synchronicity So, if you can make peace with me We can take it from there Cause your body tastes like honey

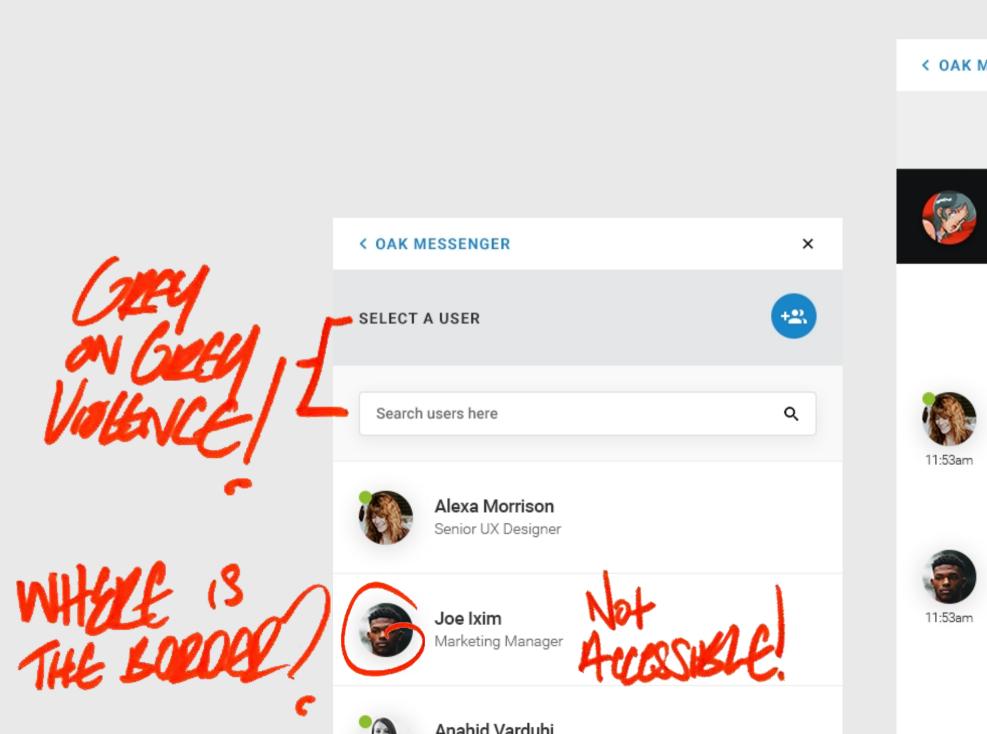
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Reflections

to ensure broader usability.



In future projects, I will give precedence to inclusive design aligned with web accessibility standards, setting aside personal preferences

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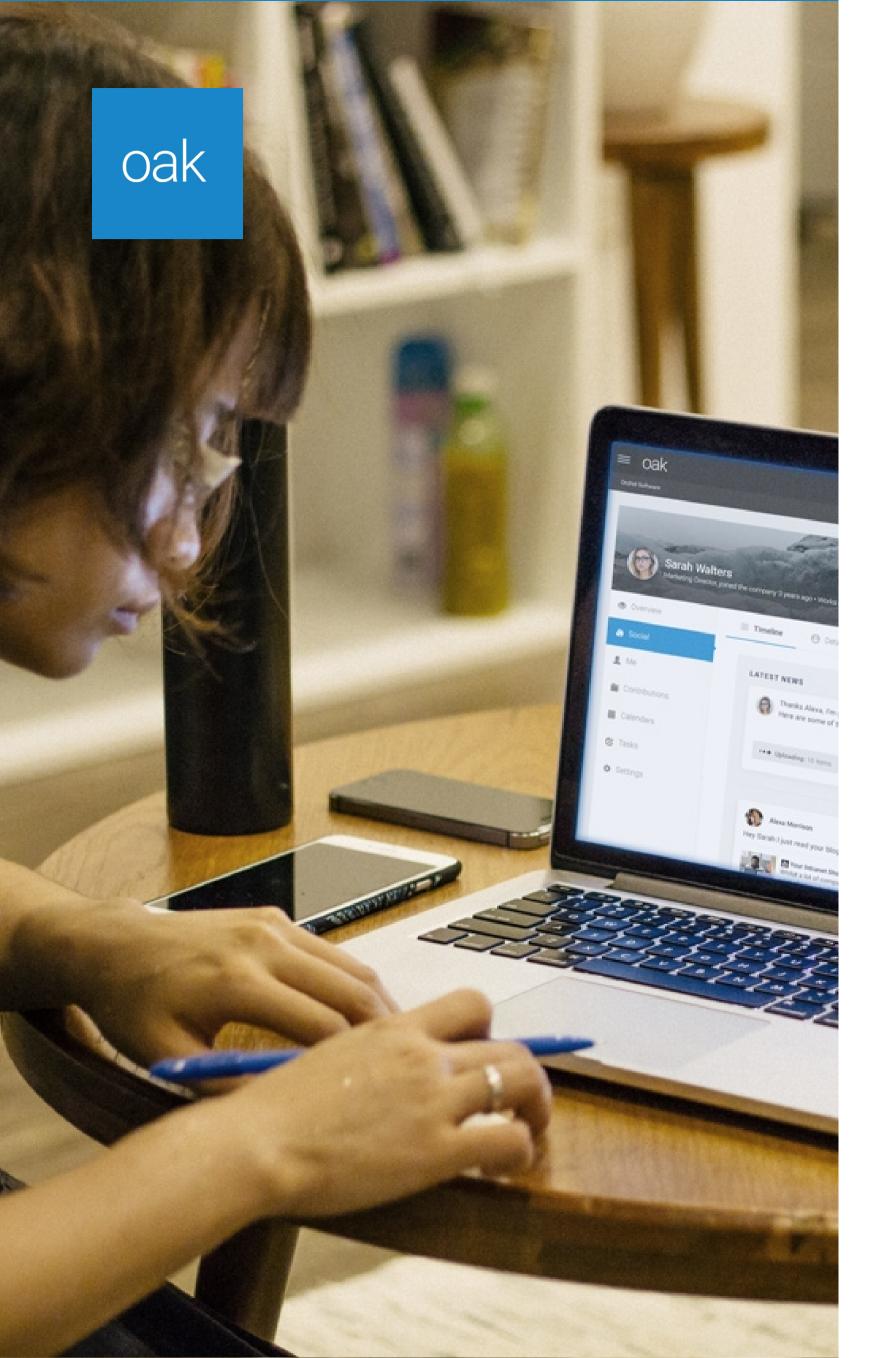
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Creating a go-to solution for all internal business knowledge sharing.

The Problem:

- Intranet managers lacked a secure, centralised
- location for documentation and queries. Existing
- solutions like Zendesk, HubSpot Service Hub, and
- Intercom offered some benefits but didn't provide
- the end-to-end control managers sought.
- Additionally, the need for SSO and ISO 27001
- compliance further complicated the issue,
- demanding a comprehensive solution.

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Can I create a process?

Last Reviewed: 12/06/2023

Ever feel like you're juggling too many tasks at once? That your days are just a blur of unorganized chaos? Then, my friend, it's high time you created a process!



Step 1: Identify the Need @*

Before creating a process, identify why you need one. Are you looking to improve efficiency? Or maybe you need a standardized way to onboard new team members? Knowing the 'why' helps you tailor your process for maximum impact.

Step 2: Decearch and

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Intranet Password?

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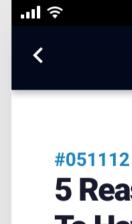
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Introducing expense manager. A simplified way to submit your expenses and get them approved with a few simple clicks!

Results and Insights

The Oak Knowledge Base became a pivotal feature, especially for major clients like ALDI. It was one of the first applications to utilise our newly updated design system.

Improved internal collaboration by enabling real-time knowledge sharing, resulting in faster project turnaround times.



Last Reviewed: 10/04/2023



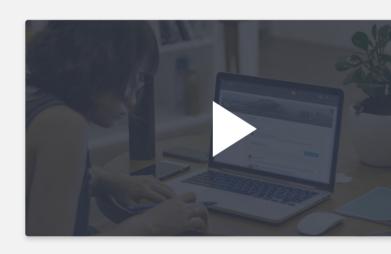
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5 Reasons Why It's Okay To Have a PEA (Playfully **Empathetic Attitude**) With Your Co-Workers

While asking your co-workers to PEA with you will likely be received poorly, it's our top tip for the day.

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Reflections

Improve text readability by adjusting paragraph width and increasing text contrast.

Modify line-height to better accommodate users with dyslexia.

Introduce text-to-speech functionality.

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<u>Knowledge Base</u>

How to Brew The Perfect (Brain)Storm

Last Reviewed: 02/09/2023

So you want to brew the perfect brainstorm huh!



checking through all this actually saves you a lot of time and effort in the long run, because it prevents the need for further clarification or any misunderstandings throughout the brainstorm itself. It's simple, yes, but generally the best working methods are.



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Getting on the Same Targets

While getting on the same page and getting on the same targets sound similar, thy are actually pretty different. Unlike getting on the same page, getting on the same target means making sure everyone is aware what their individual goals are – for both the brainstorm and in general.

When people know their personal significance in the brainstorm, they're more likely to keep tabs on the parts relevant to them – meaning everyone gets that little bit more from the overall experience.

Getting Heard

Now that veryone is working as one badass hivemind, it's time to get to the nittiest, grittiest part of brainstorming. While getting veryone joined in their goals and aims is vital, it ultimately means little if people aren't comfortable to share all their is as. An inevitable part of brainstorming is putting out ideas that may not work, so making sure people don't feel silly fing so is paramount to success.

Although knowing exactly what makes an environment where everyone is willing to throw all possible ideas can be afficult, tweaking the setting, structure and set up to see what works best will pay sevenfold when the right balance is bound. Good luck, keep practising and you'll be on your way to brewing the perfect brainstorm!



William Johnson Marketing Manager

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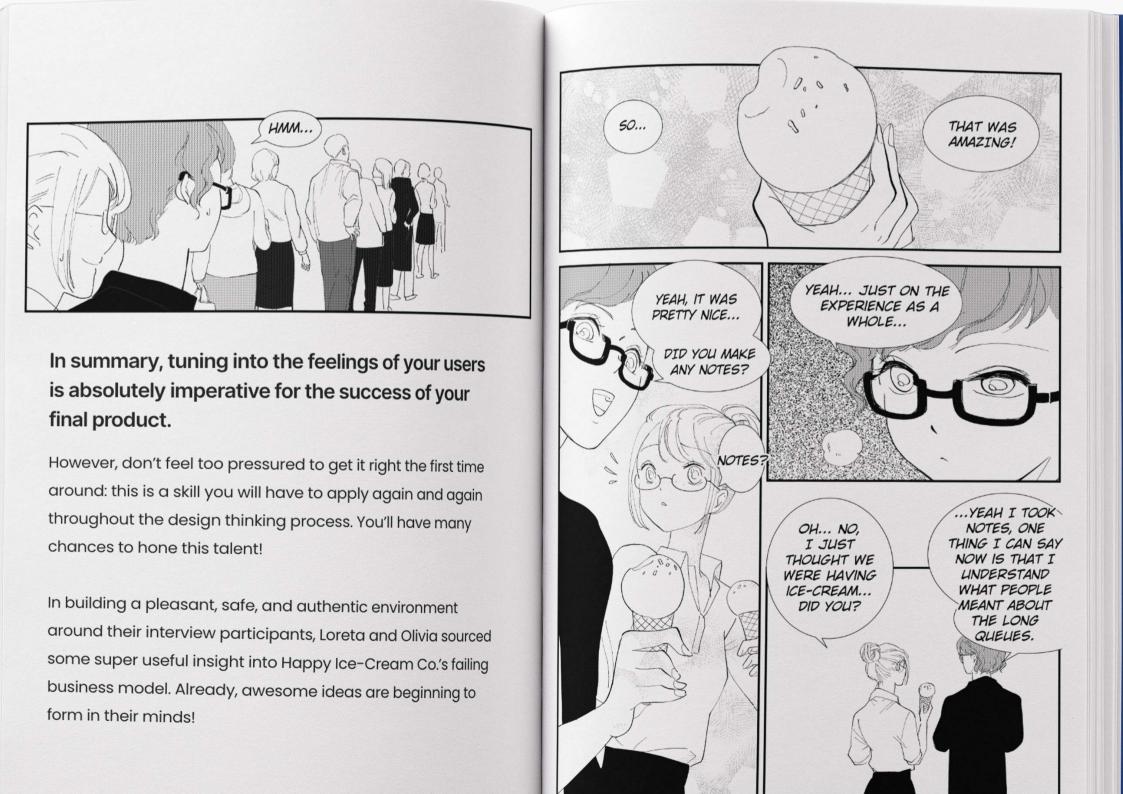
Improving creative play, lateral thinking and design thinking with make it pop

Make IT Pop uses serious play methods to create effective learning tools for individuals, teams and organisations that help improve design thinking and creative confidence.



A accessible narrative approach to introducing design thinking.





- The 'Design Thinking Manga' is a unique, engaging intro to design thinking that serves as a selflearning tool and an educational resource,
- complete with a relatable narrative.

Used as a teachable tool in universities and agencies globally.

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Eric Paquin • 1st Chief Technology Officer at Translators without Borders 1d • Edited • 🔇

Look at what the postman brought me this morning! My copy of **make it pop** Design Thinking Manga! I can't wait to read it!

Congratulations on the launch Ade-Lee Adebiyi!

#designthinking #manga #makeitpop





Luke Brough • 2nd UX Manager at Tracerco 1d • 🕥

This little treat arrived in the post. The results of an awesome project by Ade-Lee Adebiyi and Isabelle Johnson. What a great fun and accessible introduction to creative problem solving and the principles of Design Thinking. Available on Amazon if anyone thinks it might be helpful. #designthinking #innovation #creativity #manga





David Campbell @itzthedave

Been wanting to read this for a while! Thanks @NebulaLab! ...

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Got my Design Thinking Manga in the mail yesterday! Excited to dive in for another way to storytell and communicate the design process. Amazing creativity by author Ade-Lee Adebiyi!

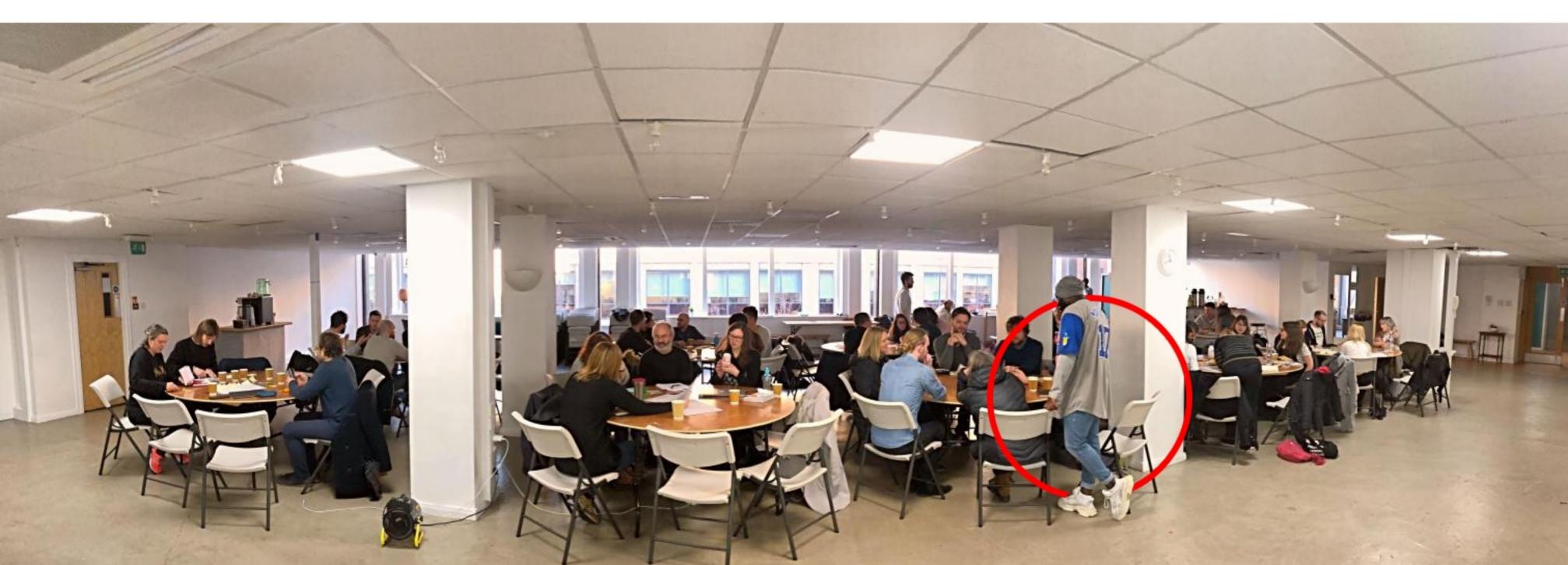
Best said by Morgan Williams, "storytelling is our currency."

#MakeItPOP #InclusiveCommunication #Storytelling #DesignThinking #HCD

HK research Cat Hayes (she/her)?!



Personalised workshops developed and facilitated by make it pop



Since launching make it pop, I've facilitated numerous workshops for businesses, schools and events, focusing on elevating design thinking skills and boosting creative confidence to drive organisational success.



Lindsay Gill • 1st Head of Content and Master of Brand - excels in customer engagement,... 2mo • Edited • 📢

Results and Insights

Facilitated workshops for leading organisations and conferences including TedX and DIBI.

Demystified design thinking creating an educational manga-book that has been sold in every continent.

2,000+ copies of make it pop have been sold to some of the most influential designs and organisations in the world.

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Getting Creative!





After lunch, we welcomed Ade from Make It Pop to deliver an exciting 'Design Thinking for Marketers' workshop. Packed with laughs and curious questions, Ade used their very own design-thinking card game, Make It Pop, to present the audience with a series of marketing challenges.

Brilliant Friday afternoon banter and creative learning at Onyx Health lead by the fantastic Ade-Lee Adebiyi from make it pop.

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Team Onyx welcomed make it pop's Ade-Lee Adebiyi to the studio on Friday, who hosted a thoroughly enjoyable creative workshop. Hu ... see more



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MSc Innovation, Creativity and E students had the pleasure of havi Co-founder and Creative Director deliver an exciting workshop about design thinking. Read more: bit.ly



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