

Farshad Saffari

An Industrial Designer who cares about the experiences and interactions of users with devices and is eager to humanize the recent technologies to empower people to overcome the complexity and uncertainty of the contemporary world.

Experiences

01/2022 - 04/2022 Polifactory - Talent in Residence

"Conducting research on a haptic navigation system to improve the navigation experiences"

10/2021 - Present ISS s.r.l. - Freelance Industrial Designer

"Designing a muscle therapy product and preparing the 3D printed prototype"

07/2021 - Present Zymio - Freelance Interface and Experience Designer

"Designing UX & UI modest fashion marketplace desktop and mobile website design"

05/2021 - 12/2021 Accessory Power - Freelance Industrial Designer

"Designing, 3D modeling, rendering for Enhance and GoGroove brands"

02/2021 - 04/2021 Innobrain - Freelance Industrial Designer

"3D Modeling, 3D Printing EEG device"

03/2020 - 06/2020 Tinker Design Limited- Product and Experience Designer Intern

"3d Modeling, animation, rendering, experience design"

02/2019 - 02/2020 Braun - SAES Group - Ferrero - European Space Agency - Student Designer

11/2018 - 12/2018 Teaching and holding 24 hours Smart Product and Smart Home design and

prototyping workshop at Isfahan University of Art

05/2017 - 09/2017 Value Innovation Center - Product Service Design Intern

"Designing services for improving the acceptance of new fintech products"

Education

2019 - 2022 MSc. Integrated Product Design

Politecnico di Milano - 110/110

Thesis "Tactile Navigation Product System to improve urban life experience"

2013 - 2018 BSc. Industrial Design

Art University of Isfahan - 18.71/20

Thesis "Smart product design to improve the everyday life of design students"

Achievements

2020 - Hack The Crisis Winner

Canary Biometrix for diagnosing COVID-19 at early stages

2020 - Finalist Global Grad Show for COVID-19 - LifeLine

2020 - A'Design Award Winner

Furniture, Decorative Items and Homeware Design, PinTheTime

2019 - Finalist Vodafone 5G smart city and smart campus challenge

Wellness at Work

2018 - Featured in Global Grad Show (Dubai Design Week) - NAJI

Certificates

2022 - A Simple Framework for Designing IoT Products - PTC

2022 - New Business Markets in the Internet of Things (IoT) - PTC

2022 - Introduction to User Experience Design -

Georgia Institute of Technology

2022 - Introduction to Haptics - Stanford University

2022 - SOLIDWORKS Sheet Metal – LinkedIn Learning

2021 - Smart Product and City Design Certificate -

INSA Lyon Spring School

Skills

Rhino 3d Adobe Photoshop

Grasshopper 3d Adobe XD

Keyshot Figma

Blender 3d Arduino - C++

Fusion 360 JavaScript

Solidworks Python

Prototyping and Modeling Making

Creativity and Innovation

Adoptation

Decision Making

Product Evaluation

Internet of Things & Smart Product

Design Thinking
Teamworking

Research and Trend Finding

Languages

English TOEFL iBT 99

Italian

B1 - Attending in a course

German

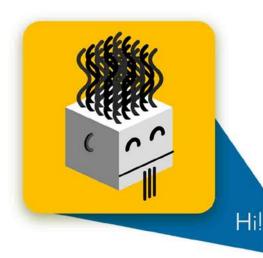
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Design Portfolio

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Other Projects





















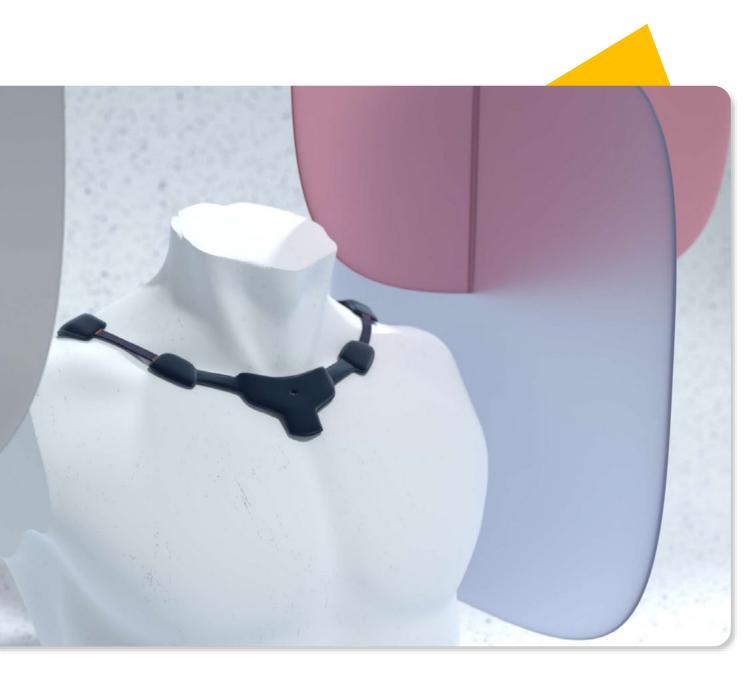
Tactile Navigation Product System

Farshad Saffari As a talent in residence at Polifactory Supervisor: Stefano Maffei









What is Navitile?

Navitile is a wearable tactile navigation product system that utilizes haptic technologies to improve the navigation experience in and out of cities.

As a result, this project became a **platform** for **development** of other haptic devices in different environments.

- Reduced sensory overload
- Improved Navigation Experience
- Easy to learn
- Intuitive
- Directional Information
 - Opportunities to be used as a platform, in navigation, fitness, healthcare, and as an open-source platform for makers and researchers.

My Contribution:

Research • Ideation • 3D Modeling (Rhino, Fusion 360, Blender) • Prototyping (Arduino, KiCAD)

The project started with a deep research and study about haptics and use cases of it. Haptics is about anything related to

the sense of touch and divided into:

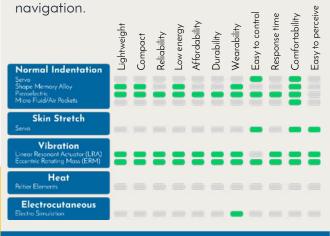
- Kinesthetic
- Tactile

There are several different situations to use the haptics and I have decided to focus on:

- Guidance
- Abstract Communication
- Background Awareness

Research Question:

How could we improve the urban life experience by using haptic technologies? I wanted to use haptics to reduce sensory overload on eyes and ears and improve the urban life experience by removing distractions and concerns related to



Background Research

Haptic wearable for





• Campus



Urban Navigation Closed Space Nature/Open Space

- Around city Micro Mobility
- Tourism
- Hospital
- Nature
- Hiking
- Mountain climbina Warehouse
- Office • Running

Using vibration and using ERM motors was the best choice for the Navitile according to my analysis.

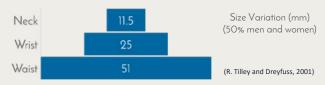
To understand the best motor type and location I have conducted some user test and also considering the durability of the product, the user experience and anthropometrics we I have chosen to use neck and shoulders for our use.

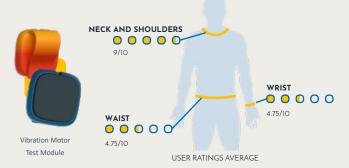






User test with 3 motors - 3 location - 3 user













Previous work by others are:

- Very specific use cases
- Only Academic research
- Focus on technology and mechanics not design or the user.
- Low attention to the experience or product design

I wanted to focus more on:

- Production considerations
- Durability
- User experience

Inspiration

The number of **tactile patterns** that human brain can handle and remember are **limited** to around **20**. According to different situations that this device could be used I have created two lists of patterns. Level 1 patterns have **higher priority** and need to be simpler and easier to learn. Level 2 patterns can use more abstract vibration patterns.

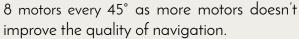
Information to provide

Level 1 Communication:

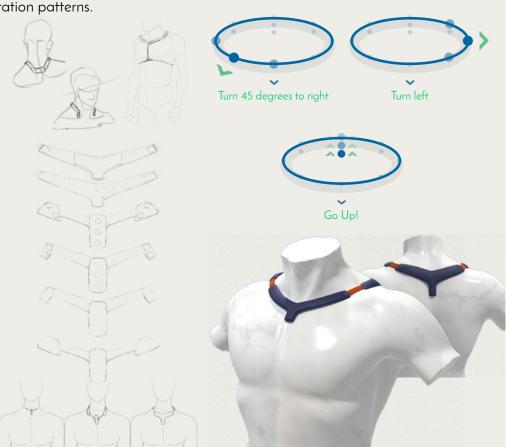
- Turn Left
- Turn 45° Left
- Turn Right
- Turn 45° Right
- Go Straight
- Turn Back
- Turn 45° Left Back
- Turn 45° Right Back
- Go Up
- Go Down
- Wrong Way
- Compass Mode

Level 2 Communication:

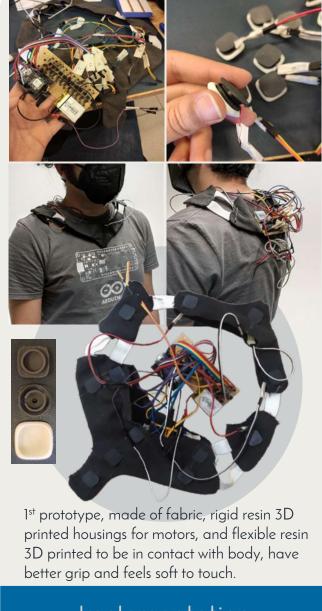
- Remaining Time>20 min5<x<20 min
 - 5> min
- Continue
- Arrival
- Started
- On/Off
- Stop
- Low Battery
- Connected



3 motors vibrate at the same time for simple navigation tasks to give the user differentiation points, and possibly to create haptic illusions of degrees between each 45 degrees.



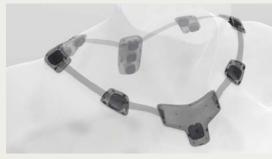
Ideation



Implementation

1st prototype's Weaknesses:

- Motors need support
- The product needs to be smaller
- Electronics need better ways to be implemented



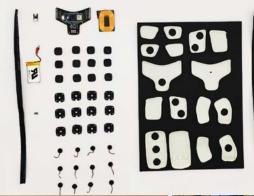


2nd Prototype had to be:

- Minimal
- Discreet
- Representing Urban Life
- Easy to use
- Comfortable



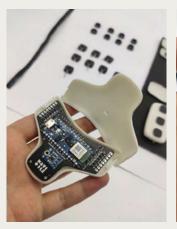
8 rigid parts that are connected with a flat cable and fabric. It contains 12 motors, 8 each 45 degrees and 4 more on the back to create a haptic display. Each motor has its own flexible mounting case with a pad to be in contact with the body.







I have used KiCad to design a custom PCB for it and mounted an Arduino Nano 33 BLE sense. With this model of Arduino, I could also get the directional information and relative position of the user, in addition it could give us the possibility to use the gesture sensor on it to control the device.













Implementation





Questions:

- I think that I would like to use this **3.33**/5 system.
- The product is comfortable to wear 2.67/5 for a short period of time.
- The product is comfortable to wear for a long period of time.
- The clues are easy to follow. 4.67/5 **4**/5
- I would imagine that most people would learn to use this system very quickly.

Phone App:





4.67/5





- Trainina
- Choosing destination
- Device statues
- Integration with other

Scale up opportunities

- Navigation
- Tourism
- Personal trainer
 - Adjusting training form
 - Fitness tracking
- Correct posture

 - Materials to build

- Select navigation mode

- Navigation
- Urban Safety
- Fitness

- Healthcare
- Fall detection
- Body balance
- Open-Source Platform
- Makers & researchers
- APIs

Implementation

Correct readings 85%

Sample navigation Consisting primary and secondary functions

64%

• 3 users

• In campus

Identifying each single motor • Back

79%(sitting)

· Walking, sitting, navigation,

- Primary Commands Left Back
- Front

• 21 functions

• 4 situation

• 11 primary

• 10 secondary

single motor test

• Left • Go Up

82%(Walking)

• Right

- Go Down
- Right back
- Wrong Way

63%(Sitting) 60%(Walking)

Secondary Commands • Low Battery

- Turned on
- Continue
- Stop
- Arrived

- - Started
 - More than 20 minutes
 - 5 to 20 minutes
 - Less than 5 minutes

Lightweight fully functional prototype

Further development

nale

New sanitization system for circular fashion

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What is Nale?

Nale system aims at changing the sanitization system in order to extend the lifetime of our garments and save resources and time for the consumer.



Time Saving



Better care for sustainability



Necessary laundry only



Water and Energy saving



Money Saving



Reduction of Toxic agents

My Contribiution:

Ideation • 3D Modeling (Rhino + Fusion 360) • Rendering • Drafting • Prototyping • UX/UI Design



Check out the descriptive video https://youtu.be/2-39UY3Yfvs







90%

The need for this solution comes from the identification of the following big issue: the damage of garments and excessive resources consumption due to the overuse of washing machines.





Nale system aims at extending the time between each necessary laundry by tackling the two main problems:

stains and odours

With Nale you can prolong the time between Laundry washes to avoid overwashing while still feeling fresh, extending the lifetime of your clothes and helping the environment.

Design Challenge



D.O. is a simple deodorizer based on electrolised water

aware of his/her impact.

The Nale System



D.O Nale



D.O. is one of the most relevant products of the family since it will be used on a daily basis to refresh, sanitize and deodorize garments before putting them back into the wardrobe and being able to wear them for more occasions before washing them.

It is a completely safe product that quickly sanitizes and refresh your clothes spraying electrolyzed water, without needing to achieve high temperatures. It is divided into two parts, the body and the water deposit.

From the deposit, the electrodes, electrolyze the water and the pump drives it up the body to the spray nozzle.



D.O works with effervescent pills that are based on sodium chloride to create the hypochlorite sodium when electrolyzed. They come in a package of 90 pills, which in daily use basis means 3 months. Each of the deposit loads can be used for up to eight garments.



S.T. nale mechanically and automatically gets rid of stains in about 3 minutes. It includes 4 different programs and pills and 3 different brushes to adapt to garments in the best way.



It has two deposits, one to add the pill and prepare the cleaning solution and one for rinsing water.

On the bottom, the brushes can be attached and replaced to eliminate the stain by an eccentric rotation without damaging the fabric. It also includes a Restraint System to hold clothes in place centering the stain and collect the water released.

The interface provides setup instructions and allows to easily select the program using the rotational knob.

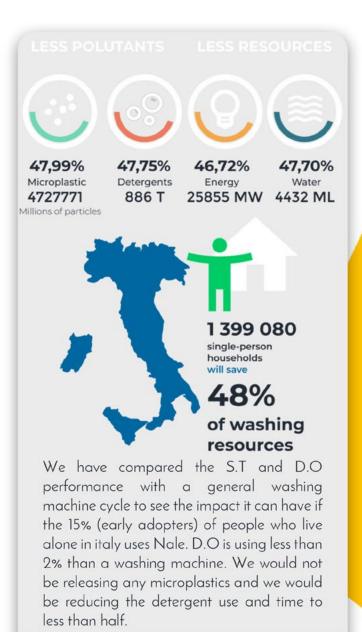
The product works with thanks to the solenoid valve that will open the solution or rinsing deposit depending on the process step, the pump will drive the water to be sprayed and the motor will turn the brush.



S.T Nale



PRE. Nale



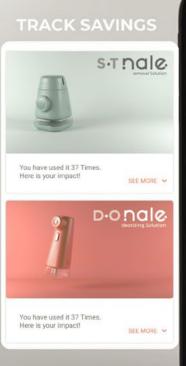
Impact

APP.nale

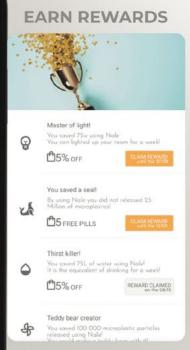
Connecting the system

Connectivity

Nale APP







APP Nale

An important point on the system is the Nale App. It was created with the following key points and goals in mind:

Establishing a connection between the user and the products in order to make them aware of the impact they can have by changing their cleaning habits.

Gathering information about the cleaning and sanitization habits to provide it to third parties.

Providing access to all the information about the products in order to solve all the possible questions or issues and ensure the correct use of them.

Facilitate the purchase of the devices, the maintenance, and the hiring of subscription models to increase the revenue and make the system use smooth. Encourage the relationship between the users creating a user community where to exchange information and experiences about the system.

Give access to complementary information about sustainability and clothes care aiming to raise curiosity and awareness.

To make the user aware of his/her impact and encourage the use of Nale we have set an achievement/reward system. By using the products, you can see the resources you saved compared to a washing machine, the things you could achieve with that savings, like lighting up your room for a week, and receive discounts and promotions when accomplishing the achievements.



Breeze

Refresher in Public Spaces

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What is Breeze?

Breeze is a walk-through device which can be installed in different public spaces like airports and shopping malls, to let the people who pass through it feel a refreshing breeze on their skin and feeling ready to continue their day.



Touch a gentle breeze



Smell clean cotton sheets



Color smart glass will give users privacy



Sound of a gentle wind in the forest

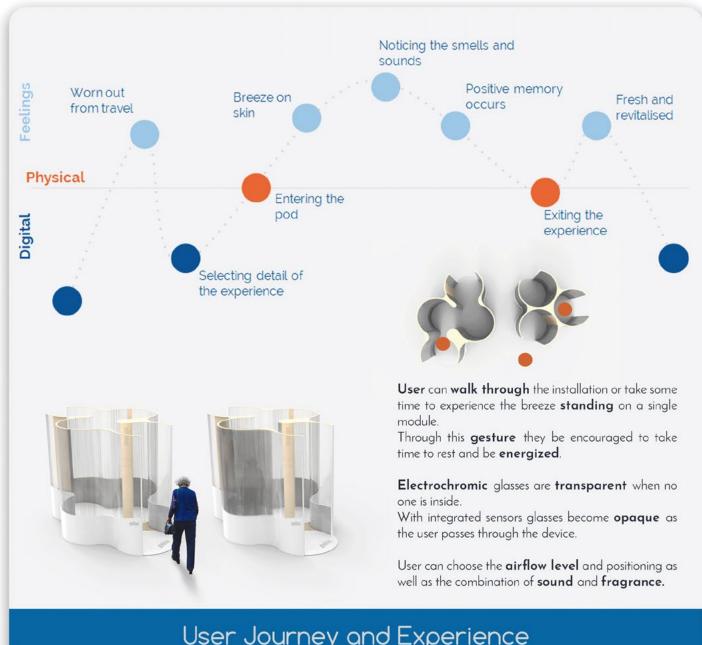
My Contribiution:

Ideation • 3D Modeling (Rhino + Grasshopper) • Rendering



for wellbeing starts Design understanding the positive experiences in personas life and selecting one of them and deepen our understanding of it and extracting the meaning of the positive experience. Then we recognize the persona's psychological needs and find out the materials and skills which engage in this experience.

Design for Wellbeing



User Journey and Experience



Double layer with holes in glass forces the
air and creates the path





Fans are hidden on the lower part to create indirect ventilation







Diffuser spread a comfortable fragrance **Speakers** dip the user into a memorable soundscape



Components









Uber

Creating valuable partnerships with brands in order to further the Breeze experience and audience

Customization



For the future implementation of this positive feeling of freshness and cleanness, we can envision Breeze integrated into different buildings structures and in autonomous cars to:

Seamless choice of combined sensations

Possibility to **share** the experience with other users

Cleanness and sanitizing purpose

Future Scenario

WAW

5G Well-being Monitor

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What is WAW?

WAW is a service to let people be healthier in all workplaces, which has a 5G connected device to monitor their well-being. This project developed during the Vodafone 5G Challenge for Smart City and Smart Campus in 2019. The aim of this hackathon was exploring the design potential of the 5G network.



5G

Smart 5G connected product service



Productivity

Improve work experience and productivity



Well-being

Physical and mental wellness



Satisfaction

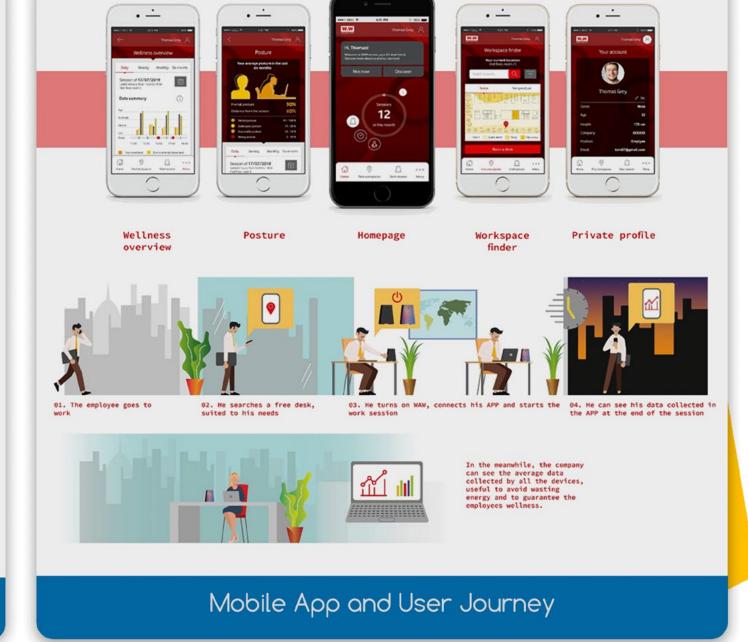
Improve personal satisfaction and efficiency

My Contribiution:

Ideation • 3D Modeling (Rhino + Grasshopper) • Rendering • Programming (Python + C++)(RaspberryPi + Arduino)



Functions





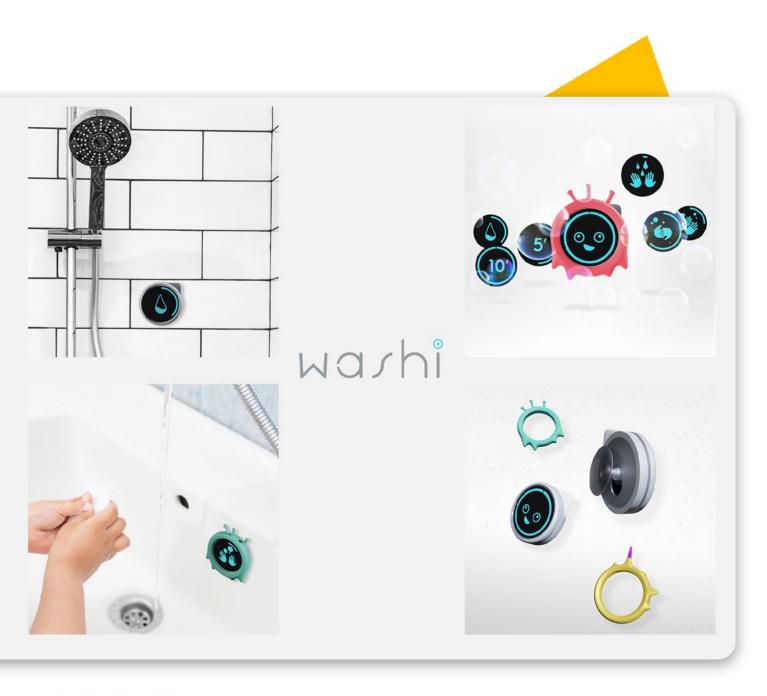


Washi

A Companion for Better Hygine

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My Contribiution: Ideation • 3d Modeling (Blender) • Rendering

What is Washi?

A friendly companion that prompts behavioral change and allows the whole family to build better hygiene and water usage habits.

Hand hashing is said to be the #1 tip for pre venting the spread of virus and bacteria. While this seems like a simple activity, it is usually not done properly and for the right time to make it effective, in fact according to studies about 97% of people wash their hands incorrectly.

With a friendly display and customizable covers, it is a product that adjusts to both adults and children. Its technical simplicity gives it potential to be used in homes and public places like schools as a hygiene educational tool.

To provide a solution to this situation we crea ted Washi, a waterproof attachable device that helps people build hand hygiene and water saving habits by using nudge techniques that induce be havioral change, Washi works by using proximity sensors, time tracking, and easy to understand visual cues and feedback.

PinTheTime

Planner Clock

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What is PinTheTime?

We do not look at the clock just to know the time; by looking at a clock we review the tasks that we have to do in a day at specific times in a day. All of us had experience of using a piece of paper to write down the obligations we have to do in a day, but many times we fail to do all of them; moreover, we forget to do them. It is a soft round clock covered with felt, with the use of pins and paper you can pin your tasks on it on the desired time of day. With PinTheTime you will never miss an appointment or task to be done again.



Analog not Digital

Using analog methods to reduce distraction with digital devices.



Planning

Having a plan and knowing what is your next task today makes you confident.

My Contribiution:

Trend Research • Ideation • Mechanical Design • Prototype

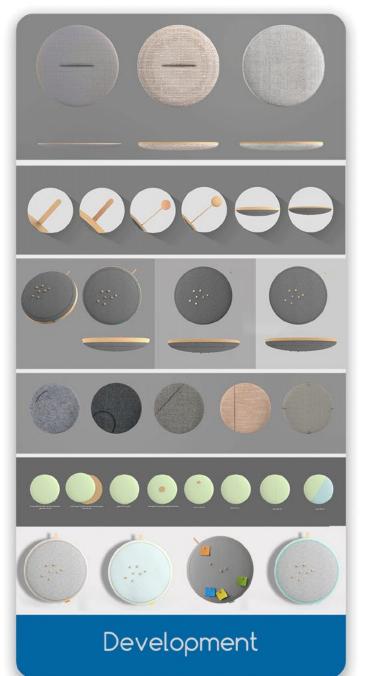






PinTheTime developed through trend haunting and market researches to be presented in galleries. We tried to approach the meaning of time and the feeling about time and hours more than the number that we just read and we look through the meaning behind time and to-do lists.

Ideation





NoGoMo

Personal Development Al Enabled SCP

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What is NoGoMo?

NoGoMo is about to help students to learn better and more, help them to plan their life and reach their goals and help them to be motivated and concentrated on the tasks they are about to do. It is designed after various iterations. About 40 different students participated in participatory design sessions, interviews, brain type tests and voted for the best ideas.

Knowldege



Keep track of what you learn and yourself up to date with NoGoMo's suggestions and training. Tell, type, or select what you learned to NoGoMo to let him know more about your knowledge.

Goal



Set goals, and with the help of AI understand what the steps are you should take to reach your short term and long-term goals. Moreover, schedule your life based on your skills and the future you want to have.

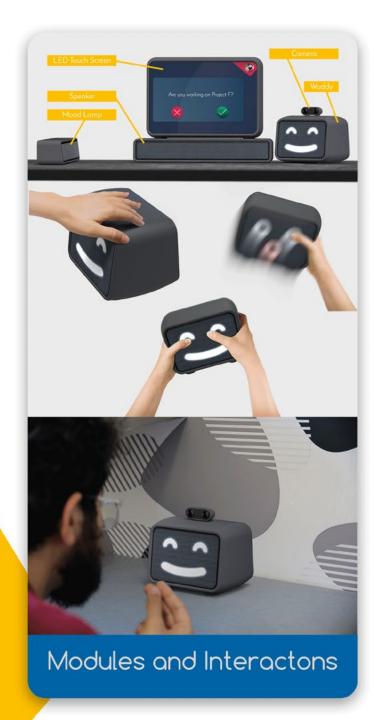
Mood



By taking advantage of IoT, we can enhance the user's learning experience and also break time. NoGoMo can optimize the environment according to the user's mood to help him achieve the most he can.

My Contribiution:

Reaserch • Interview • Ideation • 3D Modeling • Rendering • UX and UI • Team Managment

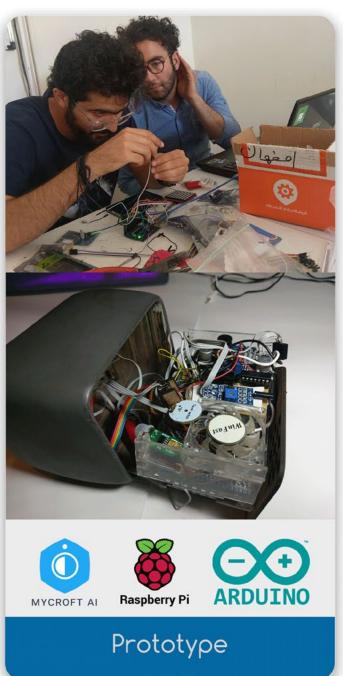




NoGoMo integrates different services with its services and creates a system for better learning. It gets info from the users by speech, type and selecting predefined info, user can shake the Wuddy to learn new things, or press Wuddy if he is tired, or caress it to input new learning or ask questions with speech. With using different AI technologies NoGoMo can keep track of user's learning and the sources and also come up with training and suggestion to help the user to improve skills over time. More than that create the best environment for learning for each user.

Workflow









Some functions of NoGoMo has been prototyped and evaluated. As the user sits in front of NoGoMo it senses him and starts learning session with a smile. With this smile, the user feels more concentrated on his work, because of feeling observation. The user can also ask questions about different topics and it gives audio feedback. It could sense touch, vibration, and pressure and give vibration feedbacks too.

Test

Exerity

Workout Tool for Space

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What is Exerity?

Exerity is an exercise tool for astronauts to help them to improve blood circulation in their body by stretching and massage.

Inspiration is space, but it can also be used on earth for rehabilitation, gentle exercise, and fitness tool.



3D Printing

Possibility to print one's 3d object directly in ISS.



Materials

Free choice of the material to allow total customization on the space object



Dimensioning

Designed to adapt to the user's ergonomic dimensions perfectly



Level Training

Diversity in elastic band resistance to

My Contribiution:

Research • Ideation • 3D Modeling (Rhino + Grasshopper) • Rendering

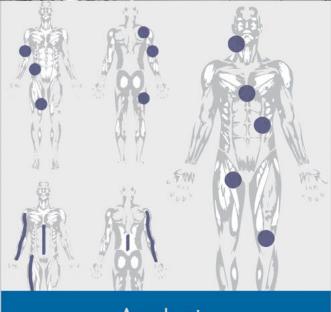
Vision

A shift of meaning for understanding sport in ISS context: from mandatory activity to flexible and enjoyable exercises, adding more possibilities to use.

Mission

A solution carefully designed to add variety and pleasure to training sessions in the ISS by focusing the muscles in a different way than the usual one and adding a relaxing meaning.





Analysis

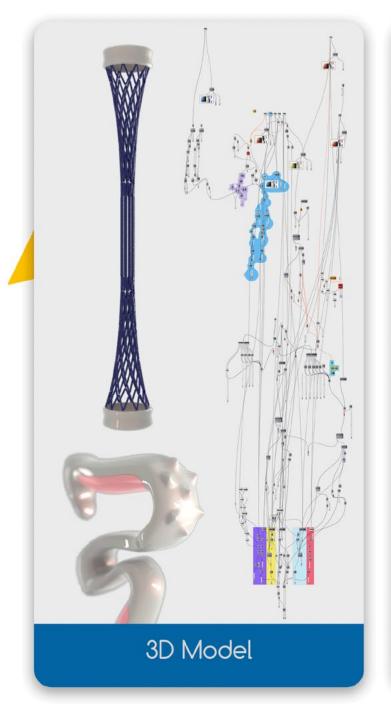


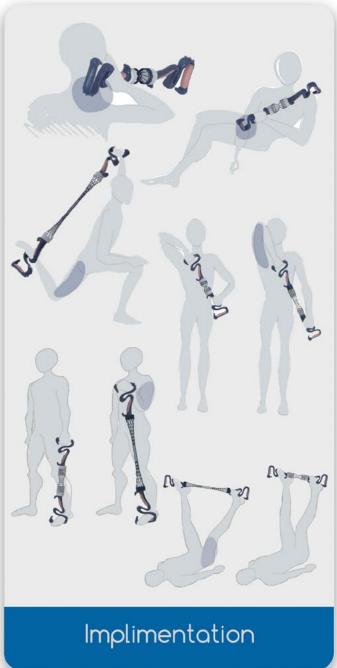
Exerity has some **bumps** which enhance the massage experience.

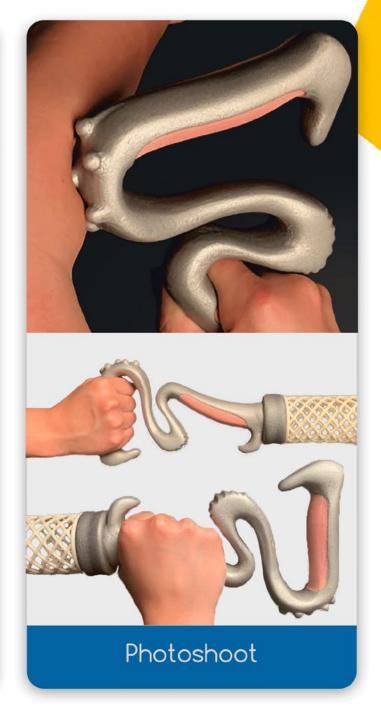
Hook shape Exerity gives it the ability to hold on bars in the space agency.

Inspired by the **auxetic structure**, we designed a shape composed of several filaments that enable the product to be twisted and extended.

Inspiration & Idea







Blobby One

Soft and Minimal Clockface for Fitbit smart wtatches

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My Contribiution:
UI Design • Coding (Javascript, CSS)

Thank You

For more projects and to read about my design journey please visit my website







