

Interaction Award Website Redesign

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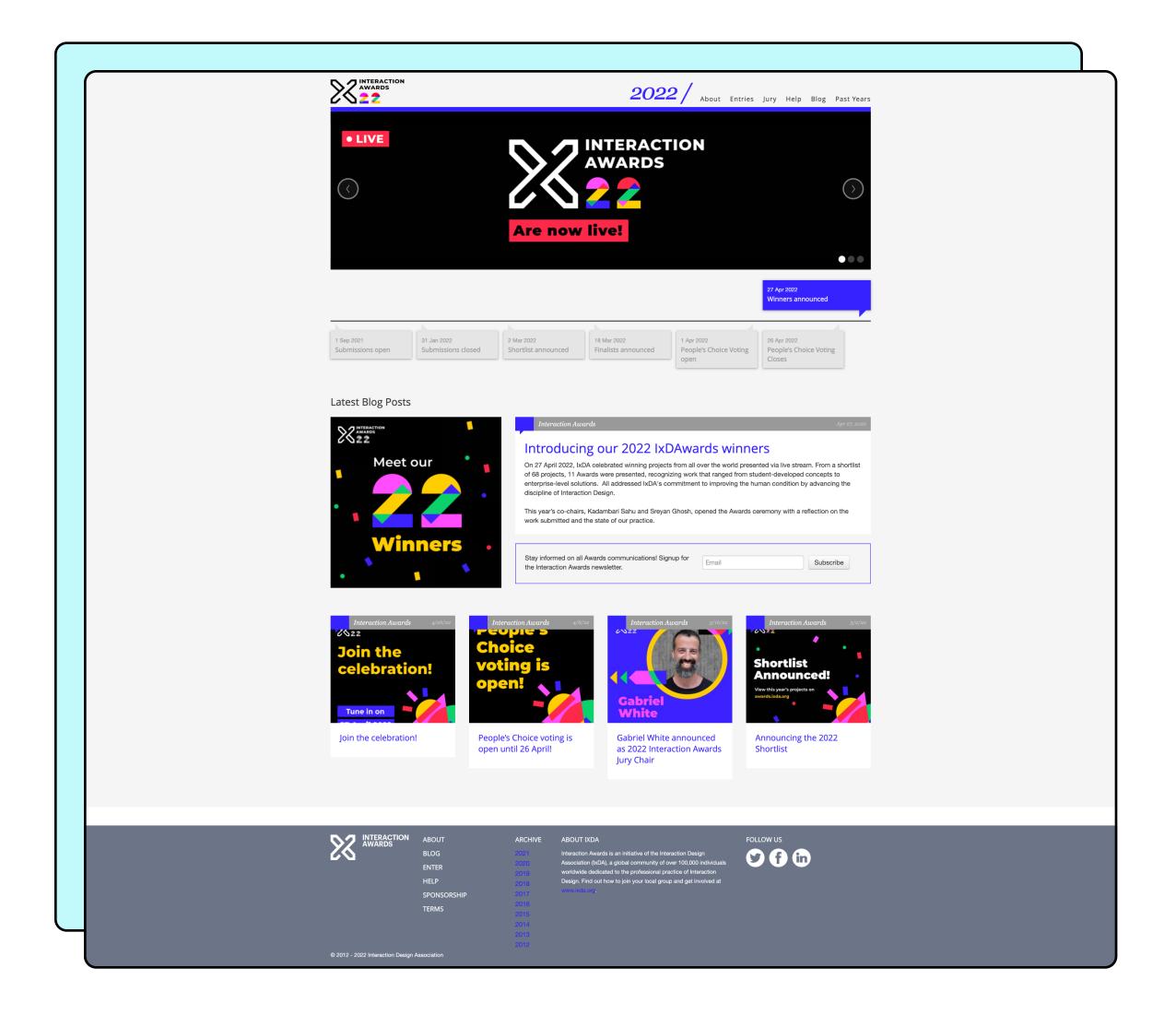
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IxDA Interaction Award



- The Interaction Awards was founded by the Interaction Design Association (IxDA), an international member-supported organization dedicated to interaction design.
- IxDA's initiatives also include Interaction
 Week, Interaction Design Education
 Summit, IxDA Student Design Charette,
 Interaction Latin America, and World
 Interaction Design Day.

Meet the team



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Natasha Alcantra



Rosanna Lui



Tony Li



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Problem Statement

Key Problems:

- Searching for past projects is not intuitive
- Elements like headlines cannot be read by screen readers, accessibility
- Information for entering the competition is unclear
- Not integrated well with social media channels

The primary purpose of redesigning the Interaction Awards website is to create a more user-friendly and accessible experience for people navigating the website.



Primary Business Goals and Objectives

1. Increase user engagement with more efficient submission and voting process

- Increase the number of intentional viewers (non-bouncing) to submit a submission for an award compared to the last year by 30% compared to last year
- Increase the number of unique voters compared to last year by 20% compared to last year

2. Improve searchability of website content

- Reduce bounce rate of users from the home page by 20% compared to last year
- Reduce the number of clicks for people to find information on the competition by 30% compared to last year

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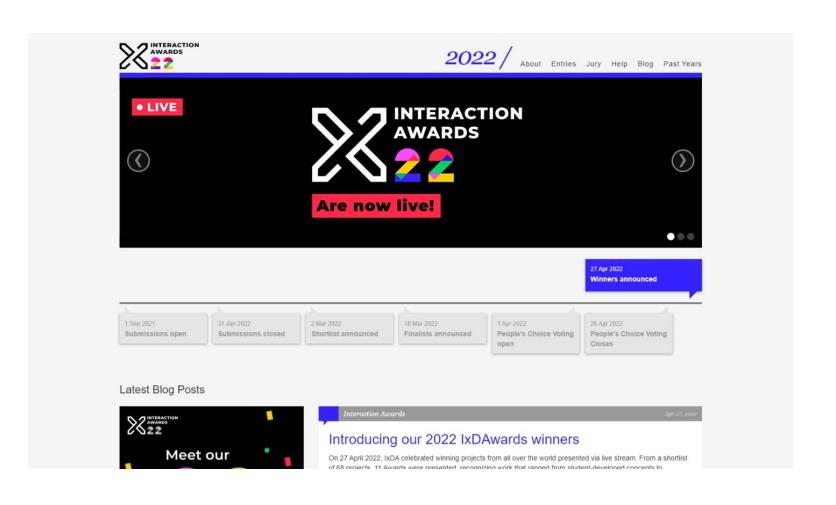
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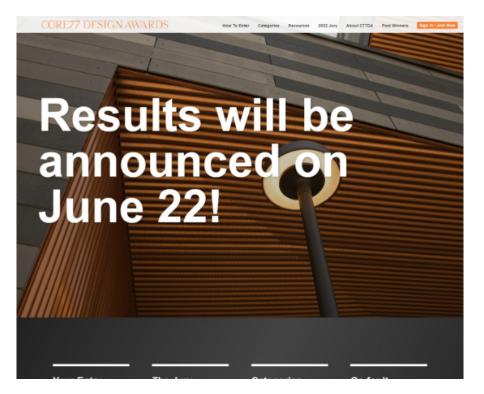
Strength of IxDA Awards Website:

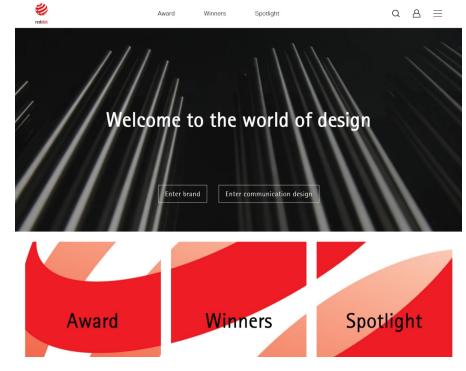
Rich information about projects

Areas for Improvement:

- Accessibility and hierarchy of text
- Categorization and searchability
- Visual system
- Consistency







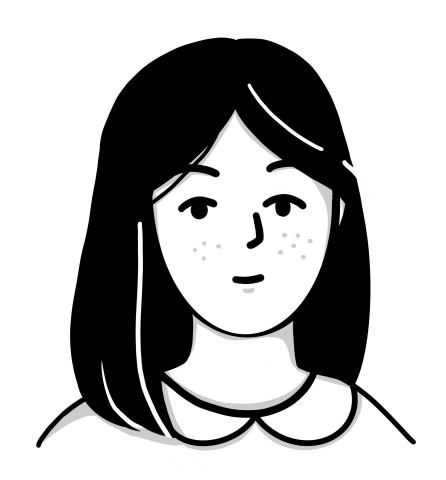


Three full days of educational sessions, networking, and social activities - all online



Meet the winners of Index Award 2021





Primary Persona Ashley Award

"I really want build a nice portfolio project and hopefully get an award!"

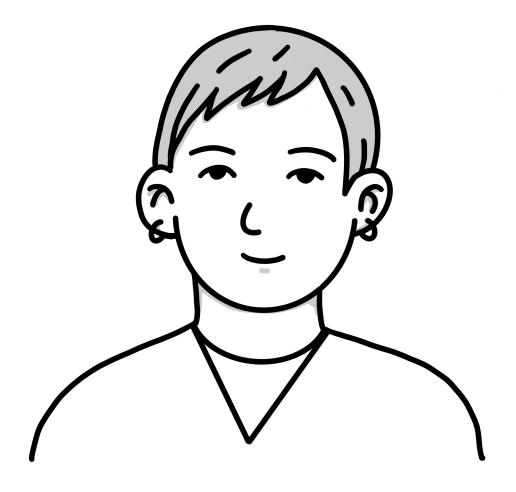
"I'm about to start my career and really need some experiences!"



Secondary Persona Corey Corporate

"Partnering with the awards will increase our name in the industry."

"We might have a few openings for talented designers."



Tertiary Persona Trianna Trend Seeker

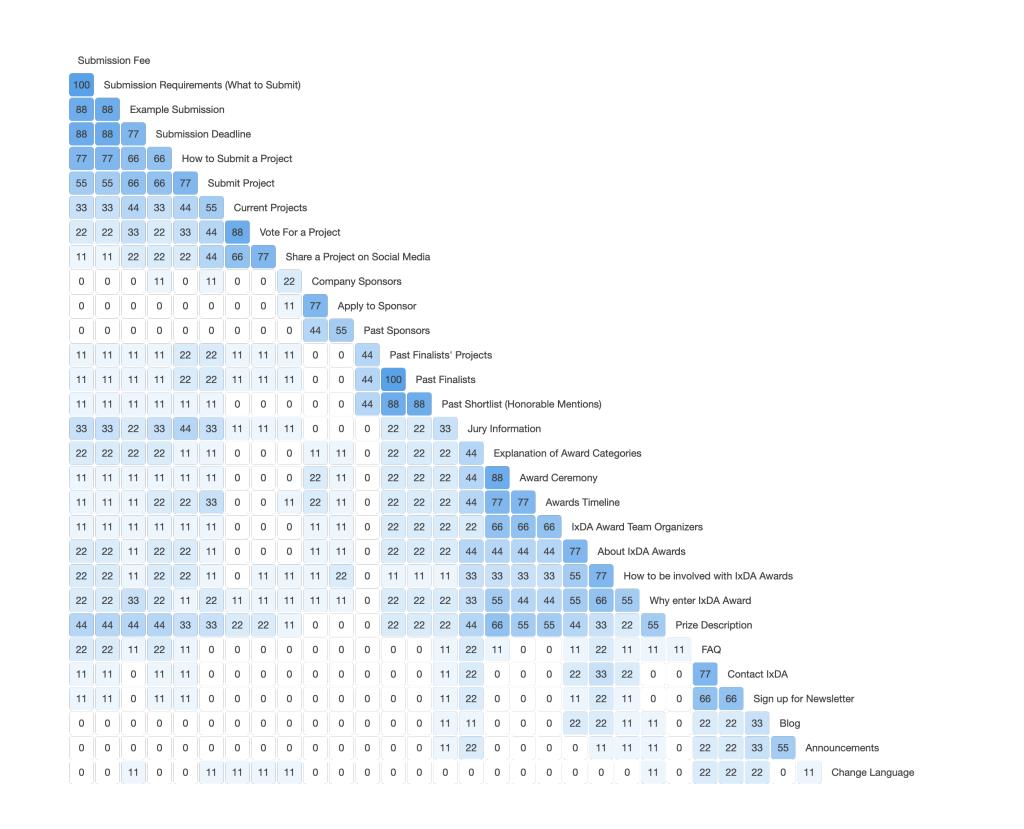
"I need to be updated on the latest UX and IxD trends"

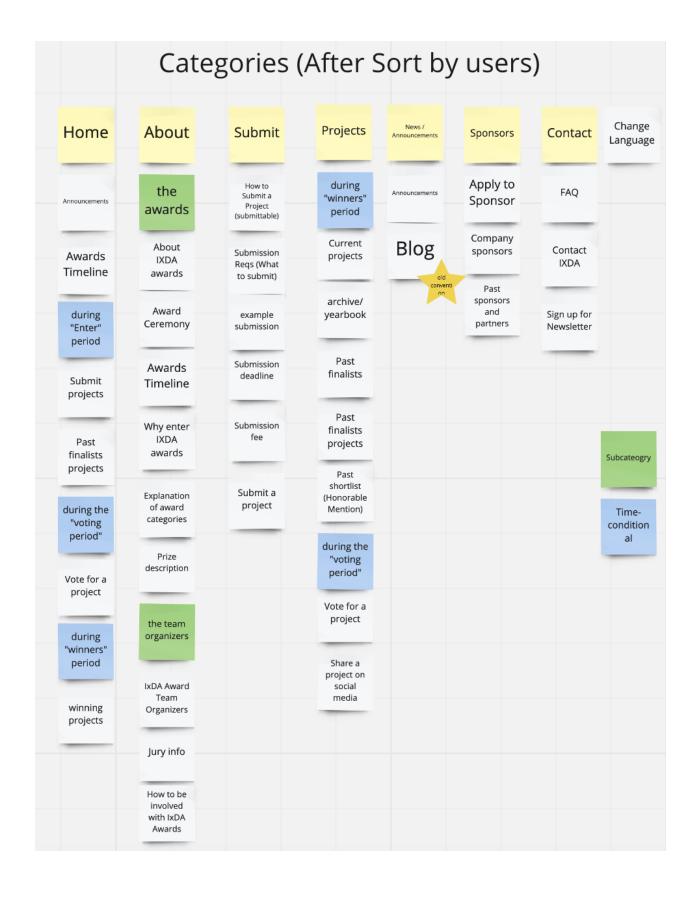
"I want to make sure my research and knowledge remain relevant and up-to-date"



Card Sorting

- Open card sort with 9 participants (students and client team)
- Categorized into common themes as input for our information architecture







How our research guide the design



Credible

Build trust in the IXDA award and its website



Simple

Leave unimportant information outside of the design.



Visible

Let users know their options and how to access



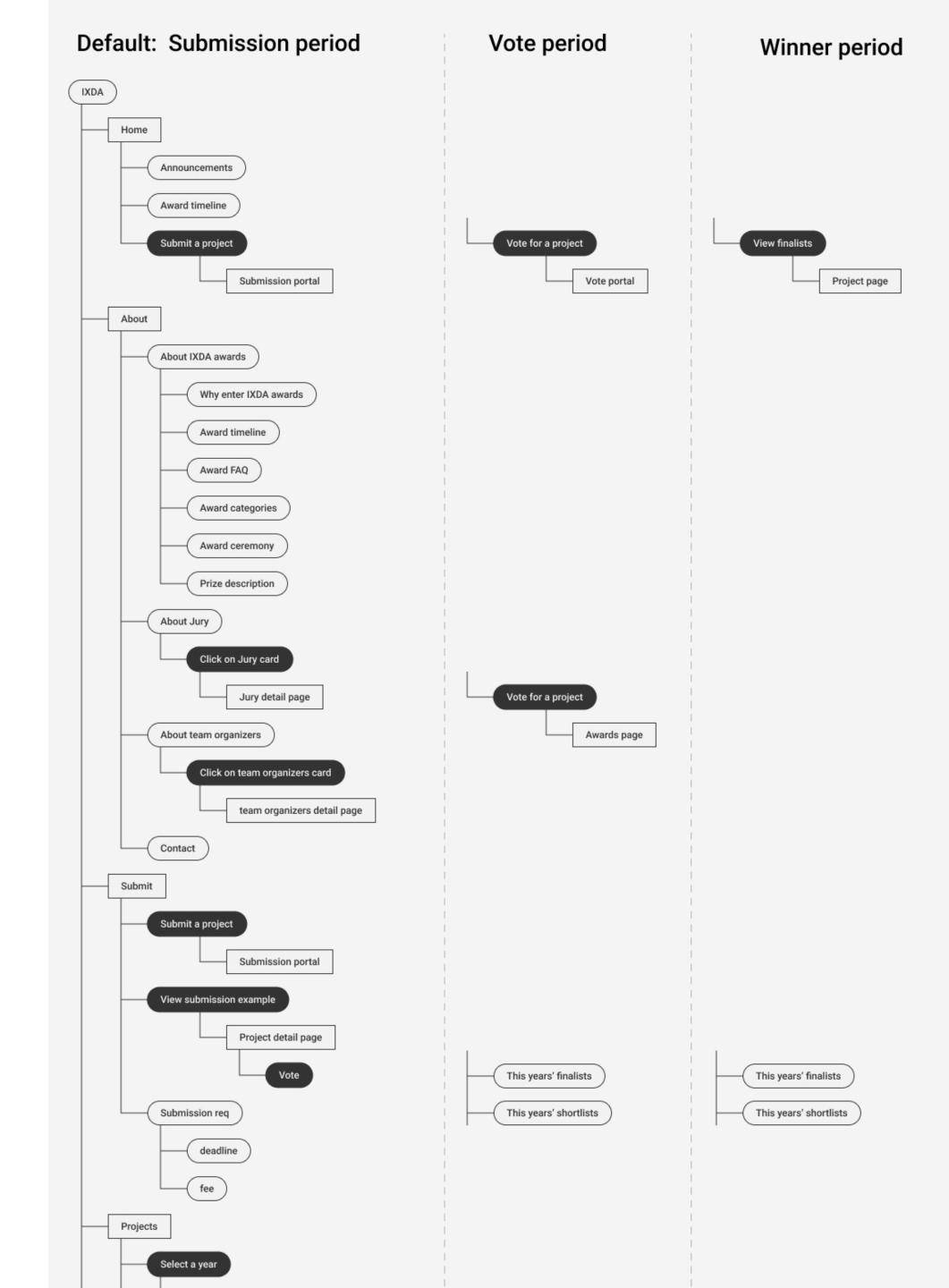
Accessible

Making infornation digestible. Avoid jargons.



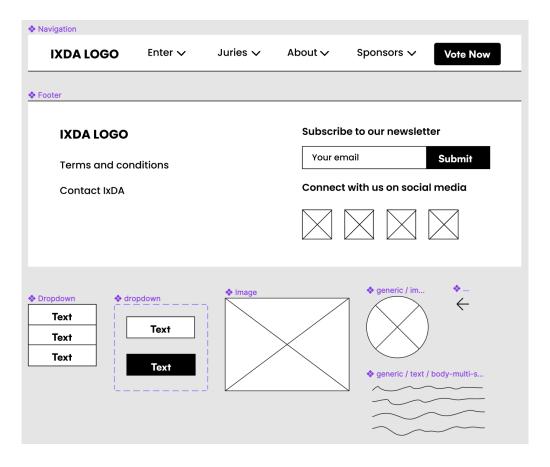
How we iterated the structure of website

- Created based on cardsort and business goals
- Major changes
 - Adjusted the navigation
 - Highlighted actions
 - Increased flexibility across stages

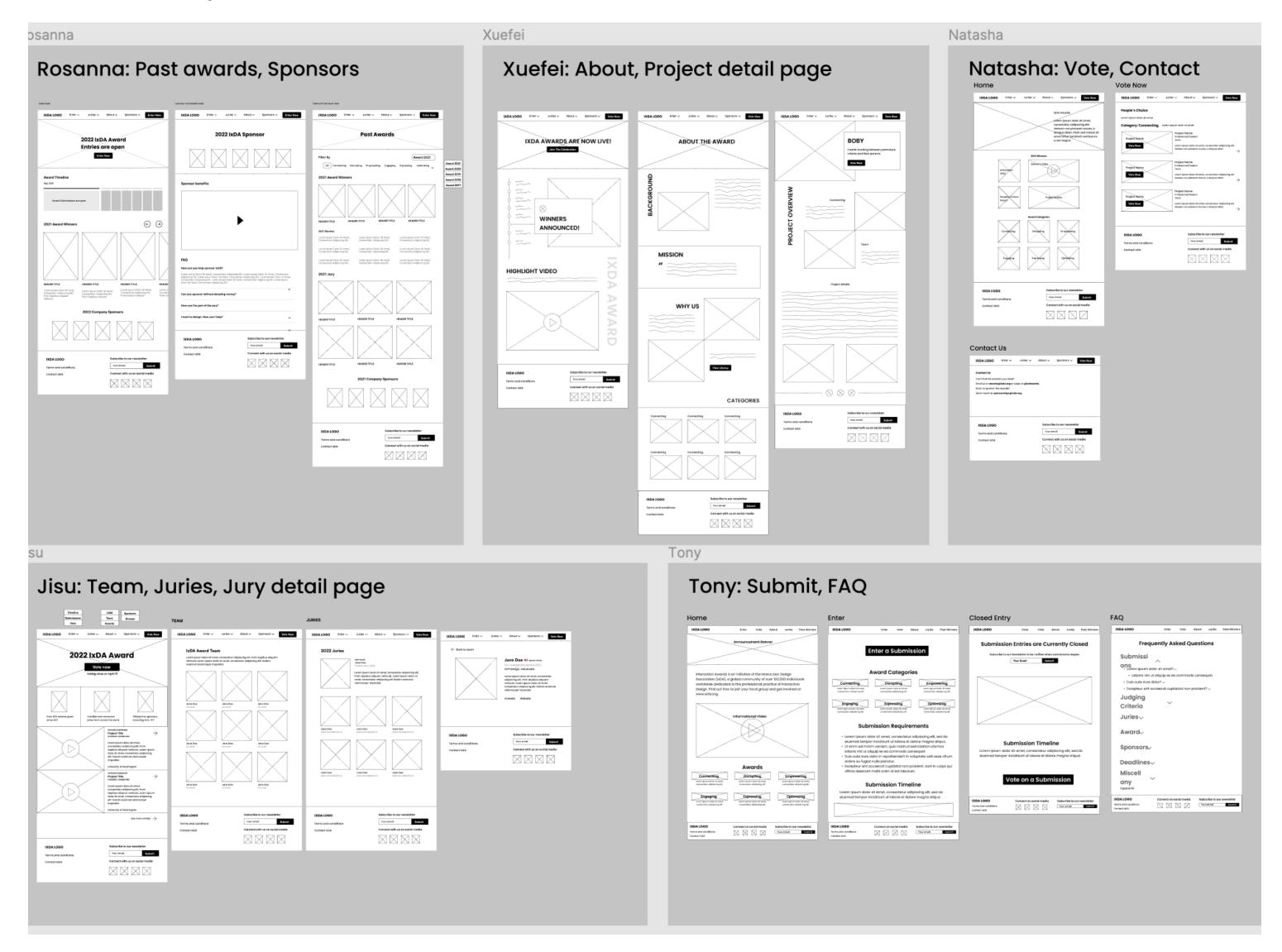




Set basic components



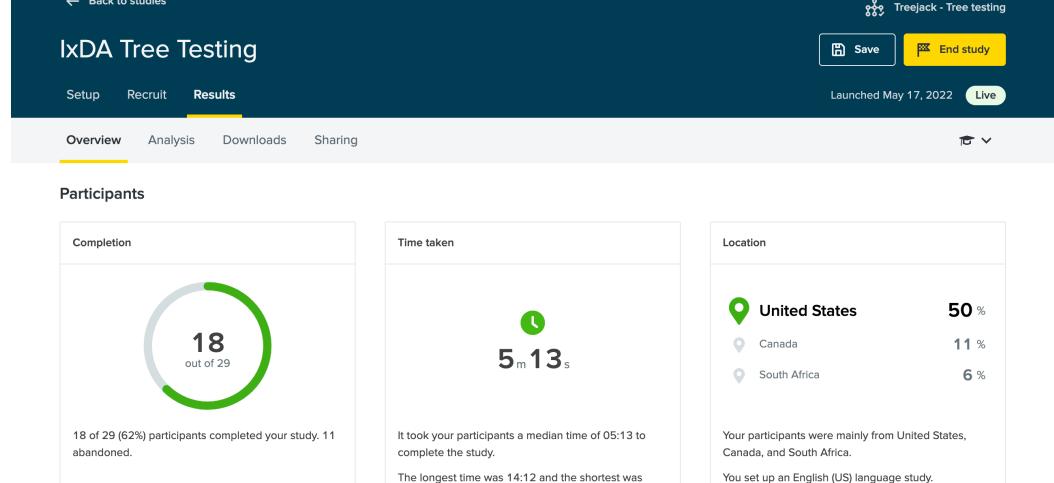
Divide and conquer



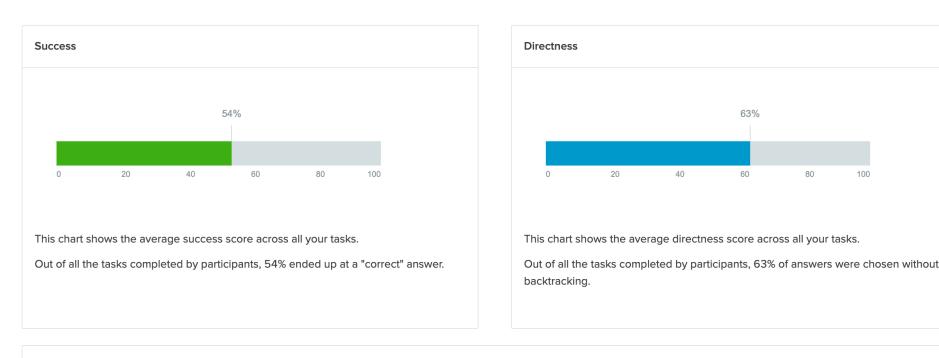


Tree Testing

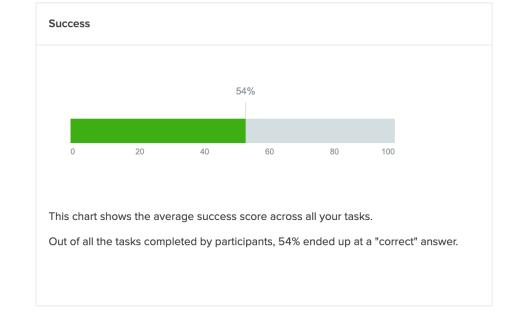
- To validate/evaluate the information architecture
- Clear paths: Finding the jury of the award, finding the winner of a category in a specific year, find out how to become a sponsor
- Unclear paths: Finding examples of project submission, finding the submission deadline, finding jury submission requirements.

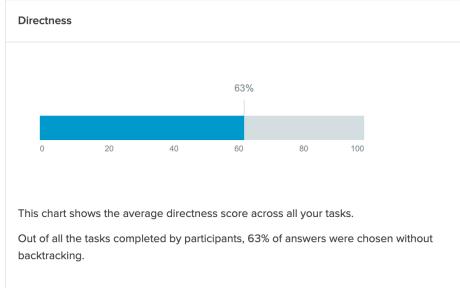


Tasks



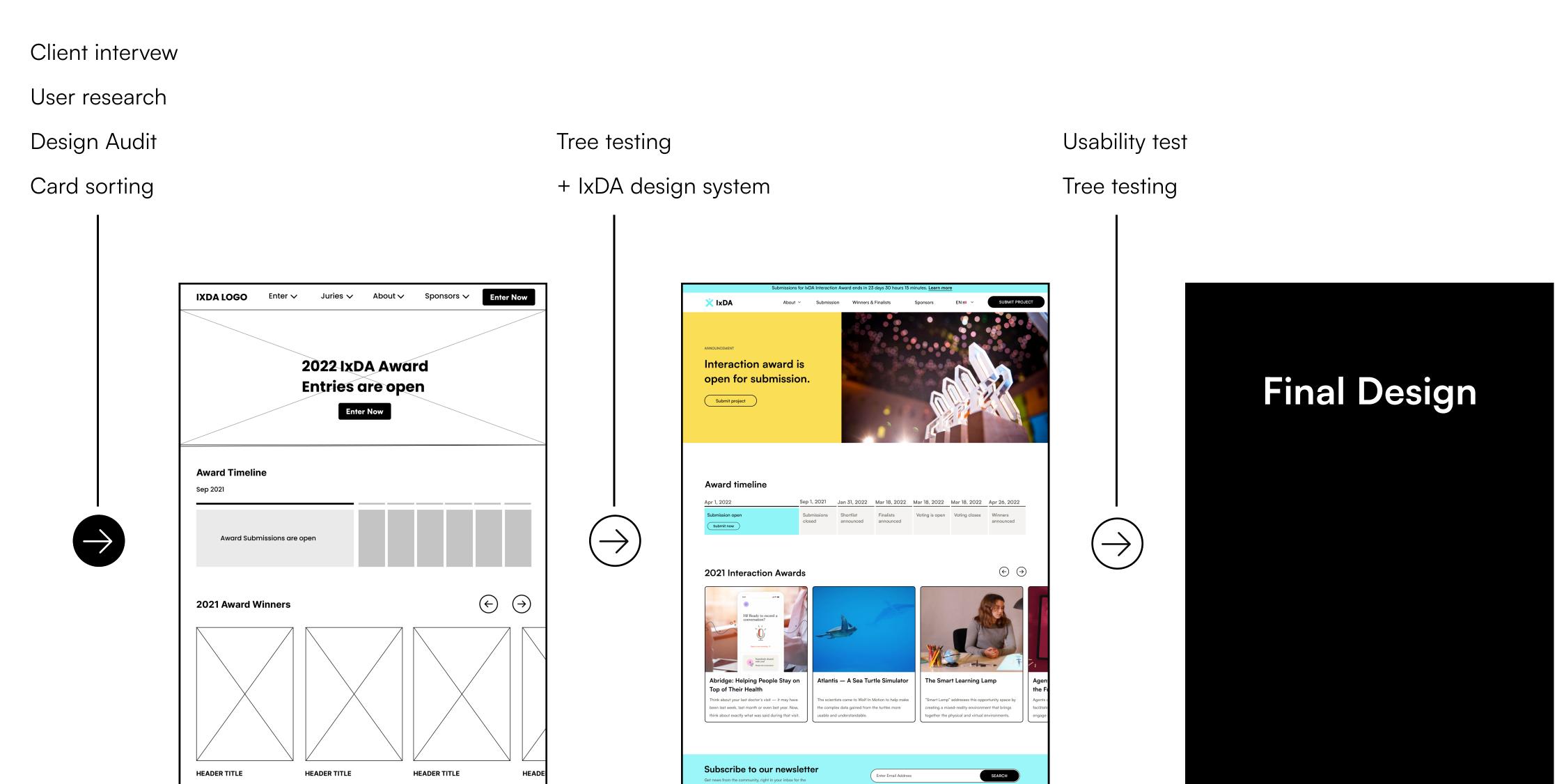
Tasks







With data gathered from multiple research methods, we developed prototypes and iterated them thoroughly.





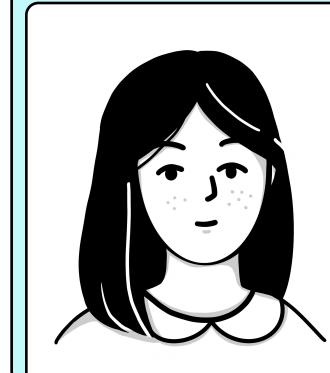
We conducted 3 back-to-back UT on the original website and our prototype and 3 UT only on the prototype.

1. Pre-test questionaire

2. Usability test tasks

Among 6 participants:

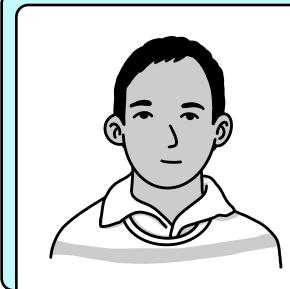
- 5 students
- competition experience
- time frame and requirements
- heard of IxDA



Primary Persona:

Ashley Award

- 1. Learn about IxDA award
- 2. Find out who the judges are
- 3. Check submission deadline and fees to enter
- 4. See example projects
- 5. Submit a project
- 6. Check future schedule and events
- 7. Join mailing list



Secondary Persona:

Corey Corporate

- 1. Learn about IxDA mission and what it does
- 2. View award winners' project
- 3. Become a sponsor

3. Post-test questionaire

Redesign:

"easy", "clear", "well-organized"

- Easy to navigate
- Most likely to recommend to friends

Original:

"clunky", "busy", "like a puzzle"

- Some information is hard to find
- Not visually appealing
- Feels disconnected

After conducting usability tests, we observed 3 insights that helped us through the iteration.

Look and feel is important. Very much.

Put what people want to find where they expect it to be.

Simpler the better. Make it easy to find and do.



From the overall findings, we had 2 key objectives to focus for iterating our mid-fi prototype.

Less confusing

- Provide more information
- Remove unnecessary redundancy
- Organize content user friendly

Simple and easy

- Simplify page content
- Make it easier to find information or complete goal

Recommendations Key Insights The top banner with identical format across all pages is confusing for people navigating the website. Remove all top banners with no significant function. Redundant "Call-to-action" buttons are confusing, Remove "Submit" Call-to-action buttons on the navigation bar. Navigation wording affects what users expected to be on Rephrased "Submit" on navigation to "Submissions" and include comprehensive information on submitting projects the page. the page

Users want to exert less effort when navigating. Simplify

functions and interface. Also help users take immediate action.

Key Insights Recommendations Lengthy texts and lots of numbers discourage users to read and Shorten texts and make content structure clearer by adding makes it hard to find useful information. subheadings. Replace complicated numbers with digestible texts. Add sections users are interested in knowing: "Partnership benefits", Relevant and crucial information are missing. "Judging Criteria", and "IxDA Award News"

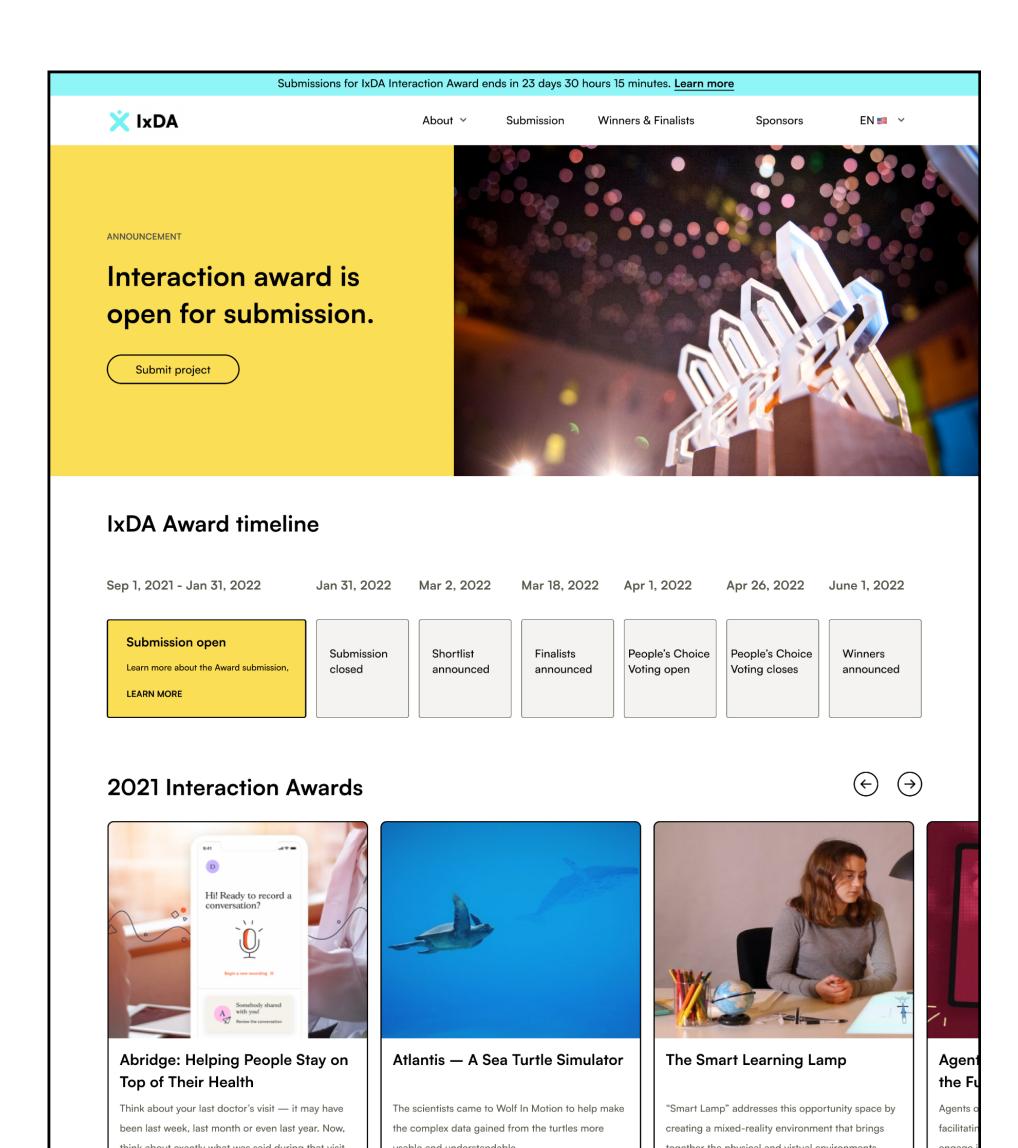
Remove inactive link icons for peer reviewers and 1 filter for browsing

projects. Add relevant call-to-action buttons next to the content body.



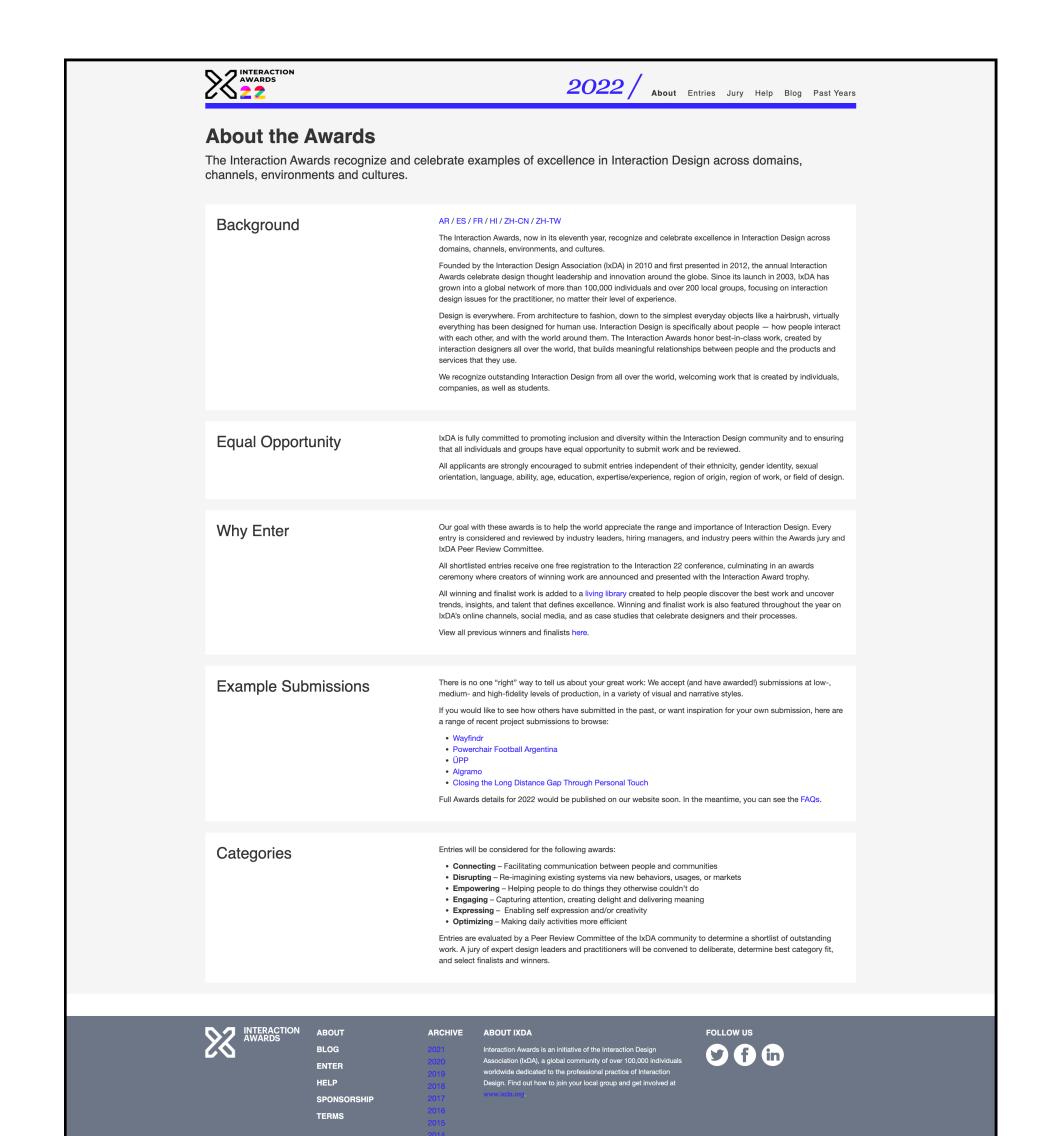
Homepage







About the award page



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Background

The Interaction Awards recognize and celebrate excellence in Interaction Design across domains, channels, environments, and cultures for over a decade.

Founded by the Interaction Design Association (IxDA) in 2010 and first presented in 2012, the annual Interaction Awards celebrate design thought leadership and innovation around the globe. Since its launch in 2003, IxDA has grown into a global network of more than 100,000 individuals and over 200 local groups, focusing on interaction design issues for the practitioner, no matter their level of experience.

The Interaction Awards honor best-in-class work, created by interaction designers all over the world, that builds meaningful relationships between people and the products and services that they use. We welcome work created by individuals, companies, as well as students.

Why Enter

Our goal with these awards is to help the world appreciate the range and importance of Interaction Design. Every entry is considered and reviewed by industry leaders, hiring managers, and industry peers within the Awards jury and IxDA Peer Review Committee.

All shortlisted entries receive one free registration to the Interaction 22 conference, culminating in an awards ceremony where creators of winning work are announced and presented with the Interaction Award trophy.

All winning and finalist work is added to a living library created to help people excellence. Winning and finalist work is also featured throughout the year on IxDA's online channels, social media, and as case studies that celebrate designers and their processes.

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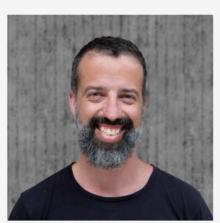
About the jury page



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The Jury

Make their job difficult. Our jury is ready; share your story with us!



Gabriel is the founder and principal consultant at Small Surfaces, an international human-centred design consultancy focused on social impact projects in developing countries. Gabriel works on projects that seek to improve education, healthcare and access to financial services for low-income people across Africa, Asia and the Pacific. He also has a degree in Philosophy.



Dean Broadley

Dean is a Design Executive from Cape Town, South Africa. He's spent his career working hard to connect experiences in the physical, digital, and career spaces and finds great value in leaving things more human than he found them.

Currently the Founder of Designing Humans, an organization dedicated to professionalizing & strengthening design in Africa, he spends his time mentoring individuals, assisting enterprise design executives demonstrating the value of design, managing design practice at scale, raising design literacy, and developing sustainable talent pipelines.

Previously, Dean has worked in startups and tech businesses as a Product Designer, been an executive design director for a multi-national bank. and a digital communications specialist.

Outside of work, Dean spends his time with Design communities in South Africa creating the platform for designers to share, learn and improve through the practice of being human

He is also an avid Chilli breeder 🥜

Johannesburg, South Africa



Erico Fileno

Erico Fileno is a designer and professor with more than 25 years of experience. He combines business, technology and cultural practices, bringing organizations and services/products to the society, thus impacting the life of millions of people every day around the world.

In the early 2000's, he was the pioneer for igniting Service Design, UX and Interaction Design movements in Latin America. He created the first reference center on Interaction Design and UX in Brazil and the first graduate program in Service Design in the region. He was an important volunteer in IxDA Community, creating Interaction Latin America (2009) and serving the community as local leader, lecturer and - until last year - as Regional Coordinator for Latin America.

Nowadays, he is Executive Director at EY (Latin America South Design Studio) - part of a global organization with more than 1,400 designers working in business transformation for Fortune 500



Sarah Fathallah Sarah Fathallah (they/she) is an independent designer, researcher, and educator, who specializes in applying participatory research and design to the social sector, and cares about shifting how we



Shikoh Gitau

Shikoh is the CEO of Qhala, a Digital Innovation company that catalyzes digital transformation capabilities for organizations across Africa. She has over 10 years of experience in the Research, Design,



Jay Dutta

Jay Dutta, abbreviated to JD, is an Indian Design leader. In the last decade, he has built and scaled design teams, and capabilities, for Adobe India, Flipkart, MakeMyTrip and now Udaan. He has advised multiple startups and unicorns as a Designer-in-Residence at the VC - SAIF Partners. In the journey, redefining the role and influence of Design in Indian Tech and Business. He is the founder of DesignUp Conference, arguably SE Asia's largest and amongst it's most influential Design-In-Tech Festival - listed by quartz.com as one of "the world's most exciting Design Events"

in India, JD spent over a decade in Europe, in the formative years of the interaction design discipline. After the dot com boom and bust, he went on do a MSc in Design Management and co-founded his Design Consultancy in Manchester. Jay has shared his journey, insights and learning at TEDx, Adobe Max, Collision and multiple conferences across India, Asia and the US.

After graduating from the National Institute of Design



Xiangyang Xin

Xiangyang Xin, PhD, founder of XXY Innovation, Professor at Tongji University. Xin holds a PhD in Design from Carnegie Mellon University with interests in interaction, experience, service, and organization design, and looks at how design





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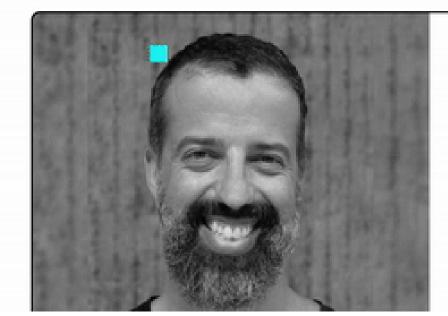
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Meet the Jury

Our hand-picked panel of esteemed Jury Captains lead the charge in honoring the most deserving design work across our 18 categories. Every Captain builds their own jury team of diverse design experts to ensure a broadly informed discussion and deliberation.

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Jury



Jury Chair

Gabriel White

Santiago, Chile

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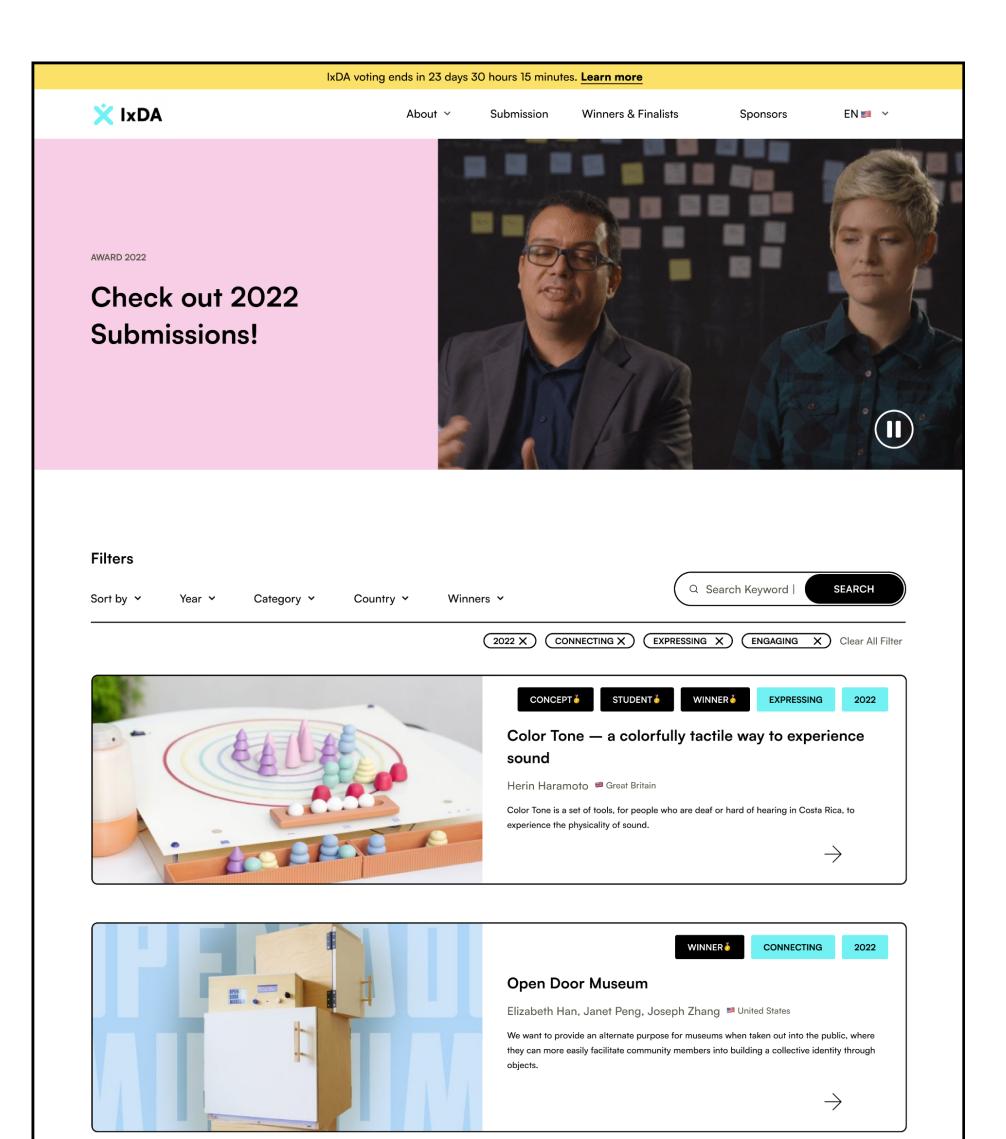
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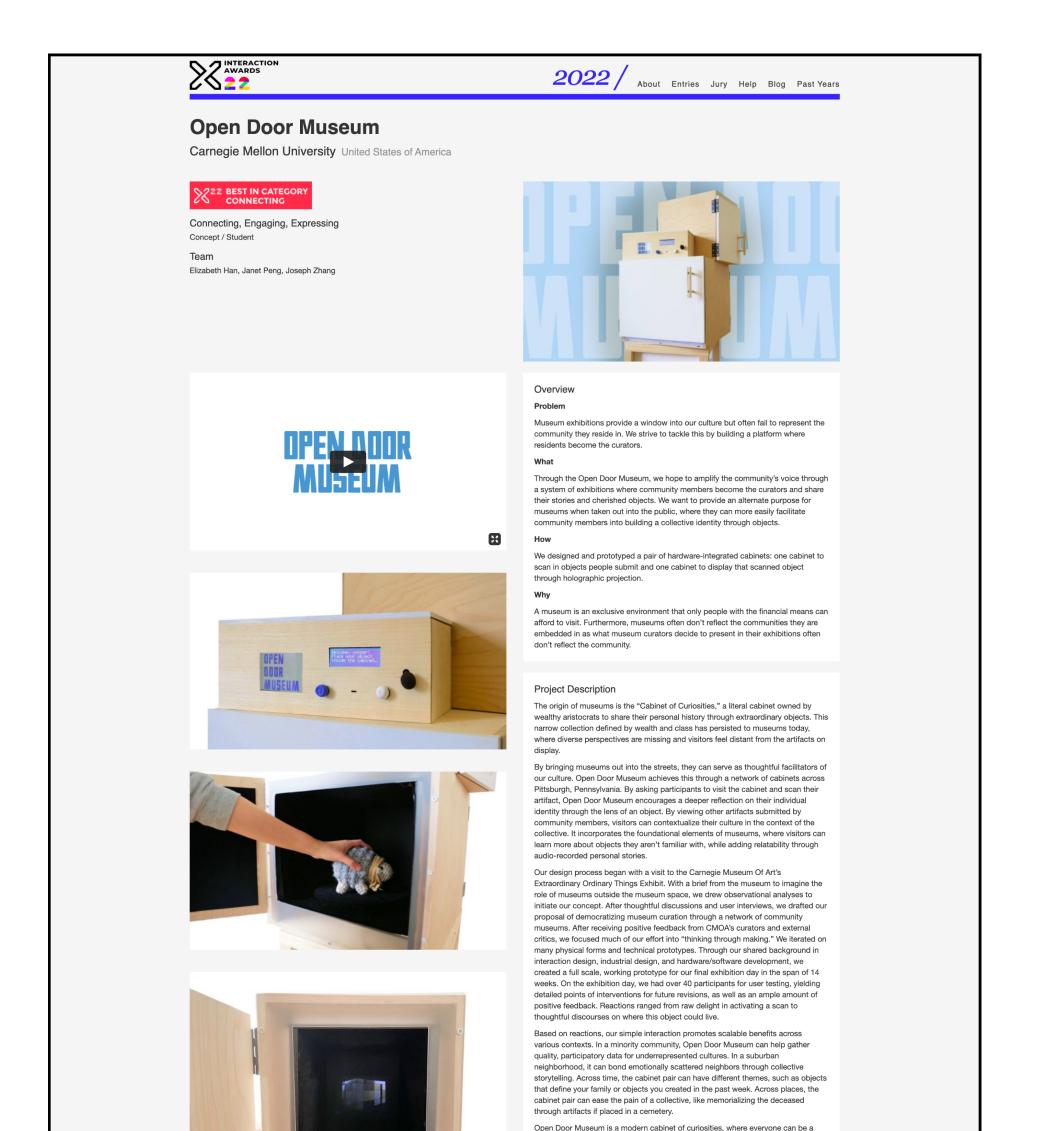
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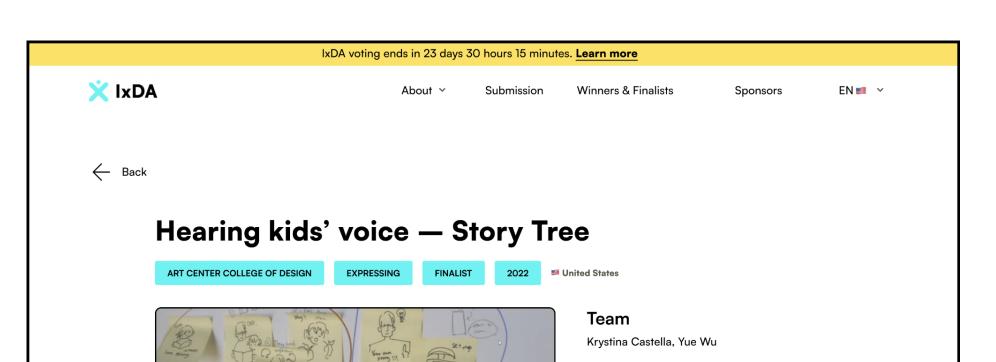






Project detail page







Story Tree is a project that encourages children to express themselves and create their own stories.

Due to interviews with writing teachers, kindergareners and parents, I found that many children are facing the problem of lacking ideas in writting. This has nothing to do with the writing skills teachers can teach, but the result of lack of expression exercise and imagination.

In this project, our mission statement is to establish an appealing storytelling experience for children and guide them create their own stories. Through telling stories, exercise children's imagination and expression ability, guide them to develop the habit of thinking and creating, and establish a closer family relationship through parent-child interaction.

It is workable for little kids (4-6) and older group to improve their physical, congnitive and emotional abilities.

The concept is to create an open-end storytelling experience for children with freely dressable characters and puzzle maps. By introducing smart devices, it provides children with more attractive interactives and recording functions.

Category

Concept / Student

Empowering, Engaging, Expressing

Project Description

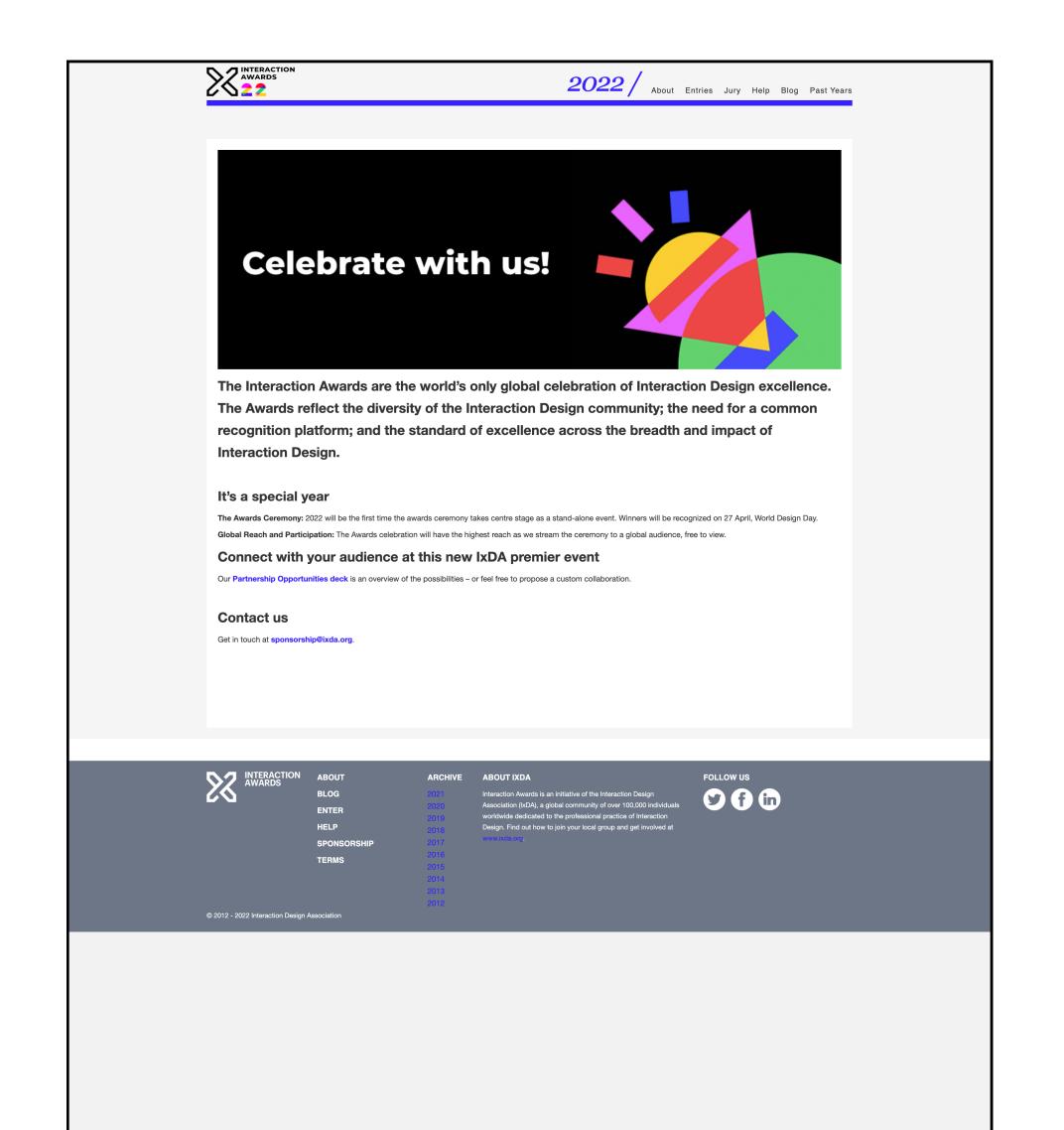
The reason that this project introuduces the digital part is that we are living in a world that digital is the future. We do worry that spending too much time on electronic products will affect children's physical and mental health. However, instead of prohibiting children from contacting the digital world, we should pay more attention to how to use the advantages of the digital world to create a better environment for them to grow up. What is more, the recording part of the digital devices would be a nice chance for them to save childhood memories and visualize the growth.

Overall, the Stroy Tree project can bring happiness and postive influence for children to be more confident to express their own vioce and practice their imagination that will give back throughout their whole lives.





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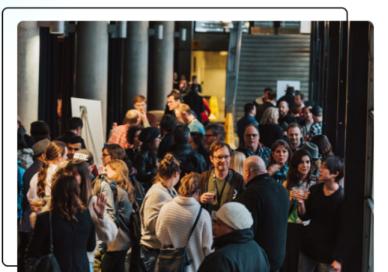
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Our Interaction conferences invite and seek inspiration from other areas of practice. Design trhives at

the intersection of varied expertise - Industrial Design, Ethnography, Experience Design, Customer

Experience, and Visual Communication, amongst others.



Connect with your audience

The Interaction Awards are the world's only global celebration of Interaction Design excellence. The Awards reflect the diversity of the Interaction Design community; the need for a common recognition platform; and the standard of excellence across the breadth and impact of Interaction Design.

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Support the community

Supporting the Interaction Awards means taking your place at the hub of one of the fastest growing design sectors in the world. Companies aligning with IxDA and the Interaction Awards enjoy hing level respect in the community, attracting positive attention among an active and vibrant community of professionals and practitioners.



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Obstacles

- IxDA is experiencing a rebrand with another team. We are designing the plane as the other team is flying it.
- Ambitious project plans and not enough time to fully implement.
- Needing more iteration for the overall design and research.
- Technical difficulties with OptimalSort
 - Limitations of platform
 - Screening out participants

× REFLECTIONS

Lessons

- Divide and conquer is key to success.
- Open communication is important for this to work. We are working with stakeholders in different timezones.
- Scope scope scope. We had to focus on Submitter group to focus our work on vs. focusing on the Submitter and the backend.



Next Steps

- Dig deeper on the information architecture with a bigger sample size of research.
- IxDA is international and need a more representative research sample.
- Get the design organized for development and continue building the design system.



Thank you!

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Everyone who participated in our studies

