

INFINITY

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This guide ties together all exciting findings and aspects accumulated through-out this research. It presents insights and examples that can be useful to design, develop and implement the final design:

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The far future exploration tool

Please use this guide as a source and reference for the final design as well as for Generation Z.

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INFINITY

This user-driven showcase for a generation of savers represents an opportunity for any financial services company to renew and revitalise its brand. INFINITY is a retirement exploration tool, designed to motivate and engage young people for far future exploration and investment.

It supports users with setting a realistic retirement age and income goals, as well as provides professional, genuine information from personal experiences.

The target group is late adolescents between the ages of 16 to 18. They are defined as young people with a money mindset of Controller or Future Planner. These mindsets have a high need for control, safety and security. Together they form 41% of the Dutch population.

INFINITY provides clients with the opportunity to connect with users and provide them with additional services and tools that further support their needs and wishes.



PRODUCT FLOW

The design includes conversations with retirement experts and small tasks. It starts with a conversation the discuss the now, followed with two tasks and a conversation about the past, and lastly two tasks and a conversation about the future. In between, the user receives rewards and unlocks achievements.





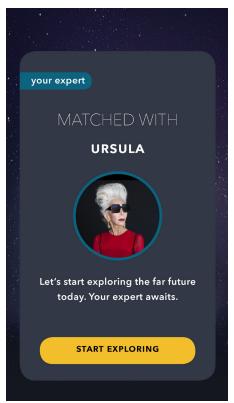


MATCHMAKING

This design chooses to present to users both retirement experts at the beginning of the exploration tool.

Users can read about each retirement expert first, presented as a profile with a short description. Then choose the expert they feel most pleased with to continue with the exploration journey.











CONVERSATIONS

Based on the differences of the Money Mindsets, when it comes to advising which adds value to the user, one expert has to be more of a risk-taker instead of a traditional saver. The Boss should represent a retirement expert with an entrepreneurial spirit: a person who sets up a business and takes on financial risks. Therefore, the given suggestions by this Persona to users should be about smart investment and contain financial short-cuts, tips and tricks.

On the other hand, the Harvester should represent more traditional ways of saving. The expert Persona's given suggestions should portray consistency and organised thinking, planning and investing, in the spirit of 'slow and steady wins the race'.

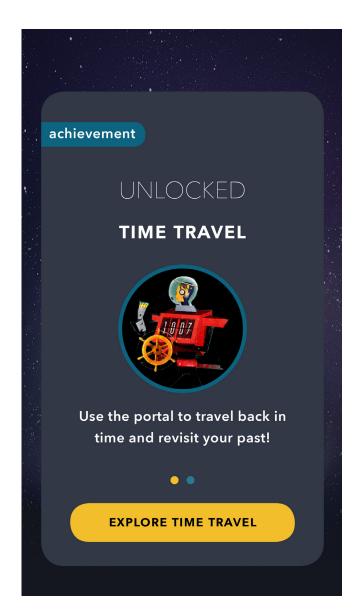


This is an example of an initial conversation between the retirement expert and the user.



ACHIEVEMENT

Eyal and Hoover (2014) explain three types of variable rewards: the Hunt, Tribe, and Self. Concerning retirement planning and the target group, the last reward is the most interesting. Rewards of the self are fueled by 'intrinsic motivation'. It means that the pursuit of this reward is desirable for users when they gain a sense of competency. The rewards could be for example mastering a skill, unlocking new abilities or other game-like aspects that show mastery, completion, and competence. Adding an element of mystery to the pursuit makes the reward intriguing and leaves users wanting to re-engage with the product.







CONVERSATIONS

The findings of the field research and desk research (Vision Critial, 2016), indicate that young people prefer short messages of 40 characters maximum. Otherwise, you have a case of tl;dr.

Too long, didn't read.



Young people like quotes the most. It makes them think and feel. (Field research)



The Journey

The Path of Expression (Sanders & Stappers, 2012) is a method that explains how the present (now) connects to the past and the future through memories and dreams. It describes the path as guiding awareness in "steps of thinking of the present first, then the past, then looking for underlying layers, in order to move towards the future" (Sanders & Stappers, 2012, pp. 55).

The Journey is the user's journey towards retirement awareness and goal-setting. It is a guided process alongside a retirement expert. The path consists of multiple conversations and small tasks, each described as a phase and focuses on either the present, past or future.

Furhermore, INFINITY is deliberately designed as light and playful; with a low threshold and game-like elements to trigger young people and make it easy for them to start exploring their far future (Eyal and Hoover, 2014; Fogg, 2009).









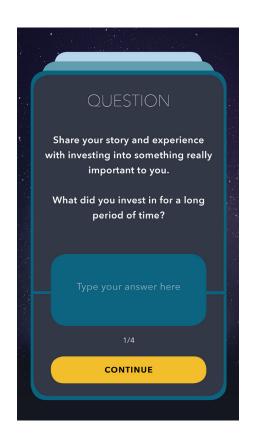


The Past

The Past includes two small tasks and a conversation afterwards. It asks users to think about their past experiences with investing for the future.

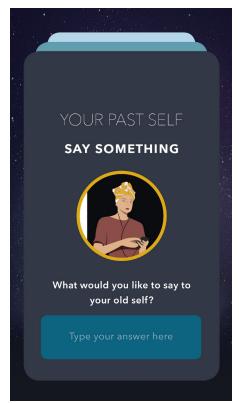
The interpretation for the design of this can be almost anything. An example is given based on the sensitising assignments, used to prepare young people for the workshop sessions that took place.

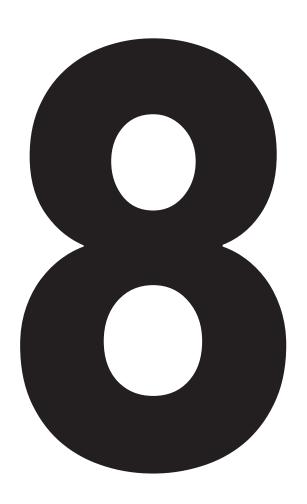
However, it is recommended to keep the tasks short and fun, yet triggering users to think.











The Future

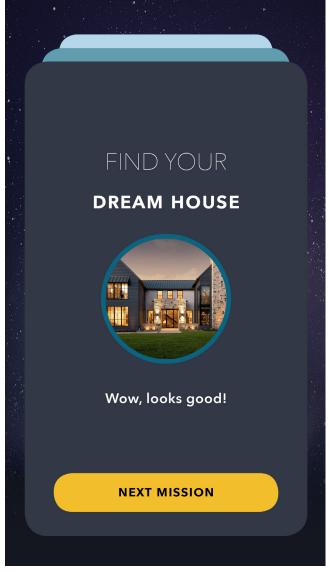
The Future also includes two small tasks and a conversation afterwards. Based on the discovered values and needs in the past, users can now dream and visualise their future (Sanders & Stappers, 2012).

The same as for the past, the interpretation for the design of the tasks can be many things.

However, it is recommended to let users visualise their dreams and goals.

Also, the retirement expert has to make sure to prompt users to explain their thoughts explicitly. It will help to shape their future even more.

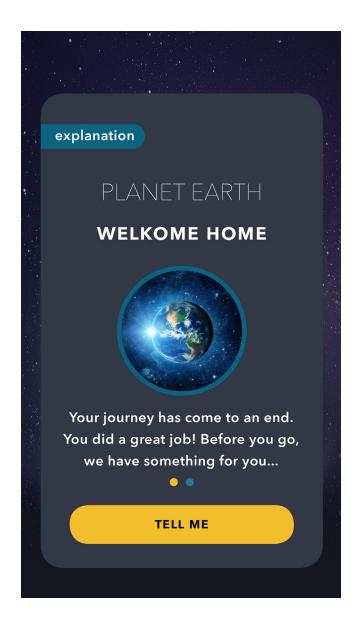






Back Home

The final step is to translate future dreams and goals to action steps in the now.





BYND

Having young people motivated and engaged for retirement investing with INFINITY, offers possibilities to follow up with other products.

Yellowtail's BYND would be a suitable follow up as it prompts users to improve their saving skills to build a larger buffer or achieve financial goals faster. Providing users with other tools and services, which enable them to start planning and saving for retirement, is recommended.

The design guidelines for Gen Z can help to adjust these tools and services to fit young users.





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