

Anmelden



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Wie Sociall funktioniert



«Aging is not 'lost youth' but a new stage of opportunity and strength.»

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Introduction

Our goal in this project was to enhance the lives of elderly people by addressing social problems they face daily. Furthermore, our main objective for this project was to bring value to society by developing a holistic and integrated solution. This should address social problems such as the generational segregation and general personal challenges that come with growing old such as loneliness, social isolation, and lack of care. Moreover, we wanted to optimize these by providing a service to elderly people that enhance their life quality by integrating them back into society.

To achieve our goal we planed to research the topic of «growing old», cluster our new gained knowledge, and find problem zones. After selecting problems matching to our team's goal we developed a solution and createed a prototype. Furthermore, we looked into communication design to further promote our service. Lastly, we implemented our prototype and used the gained feedback to make some last adjustments and improvements.

Before we began our project we looked into each of our strengths, weaknesses and preferred style of work. This helped us collaborate and work together successfully. We also assigned each team member to some main tasks that correspond with their course of study.

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Tasks: Communication Channels

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Studying: Design Management, International

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Tasks: Project management
Distribution of tasks

Organisation of meetings

Documentation



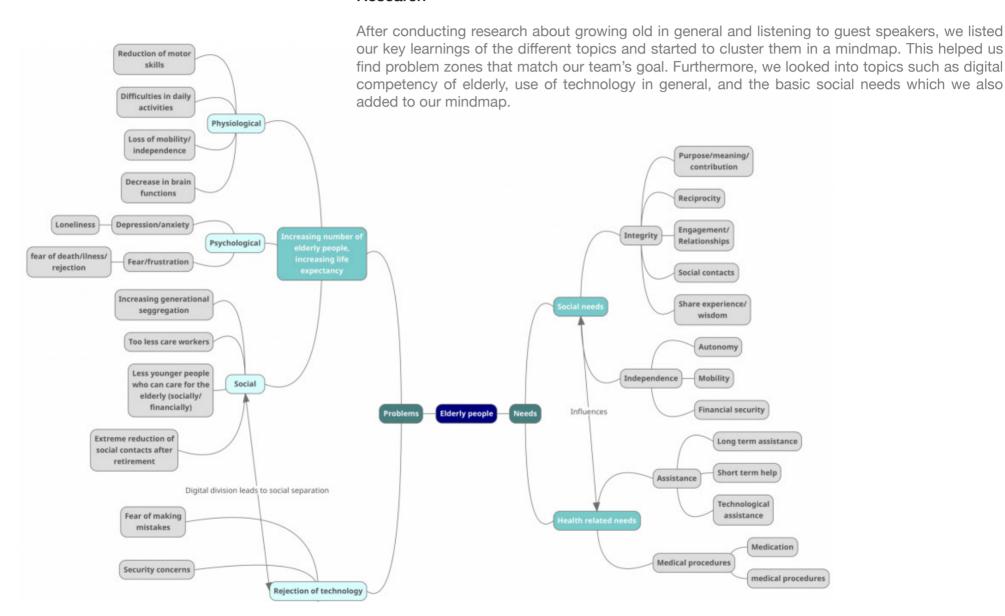
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Web design Interviews Blog



Research



Concept

We wanted to create a service regional for Lucerne that will enhance the social life of elderly people by integrating them back into society. This was done by creating a digital platform that connects people and provides them with the opportunity for knowledge exchange. For our target group, we are focused more on two different age segments to enhance the generational segregation. Nevertheless anyone is welcome to join and participate in this exchange.

Our service represents connection, sharing, and exchanging skills and knowledge between different age groups. With a matchmaking system, our platform can connect people who want to learn a skill with those who offer to teach it.

Elderly People

Age: 65-85 years old

Job: Retired

Criteria: People who still live at home (not in retirement or senior homes), who have the need for social contact, who are interested in other generations, and familiar with the basics of technology.

Young People

Age: 18-35 years old

Job: Students

Criteria: People who live alone or are lonely, who want to learn new things, who have a low budget income or can not afford to take classes, who are interested in other generations, who value sharing time with others.



Personas & Customer Journey

To complete our platform we came up with some personas who match our target groups. We based their profile on individuals we know and people we interviewed in the research process. This method helped us get to know our target groups better and it helped us understand the potential problems they might face, what problem zones could occur, and how we can best solve or minor them.

Additionally, we created a customer journey for Ruth and Valerie. We looked into touchpoints that could be useful for the two different age groups especially when it comes do the communication design. The CJ also showes how the two women go through the process of signing up and meeting each other.

RUTH HÄFLIGER



Demographics: Udligenswil, Lucerne

Status: Widowed 2 children (age 53 and 55)

Age: 78

Job: Housewife

Personality



About

Ruth Häfliger is 78 years old and lives alone in a ground floor apartment in Udligenswil. She has been alone ever since her husband passed away five years ago. Additionally, her two children don't live in Lucerne and aren't able to visit her as frequently as she'd like. She has been struggling with being alone and losing many of her friends due to their old age or illnesses. Furthermore, Ruth has been a stay at home mother all her life, which makes this new life situation particularly hard for her. She does not have as many tasks and activities throughout the day as she used to have. This has resulted in her feeling depressed and secluded. However, lately, she has been trying to find a new purpose and set daily goals. This has helped her regain faith and strength.

Hobbies

Knitting and sewing Reading Painting porcelain

Skills

Cooking Making clothes Handicraft Art

Goals

Learn a new language (Spanish) Keep in contact with the world Go on a cruise ship with her children

Frustrations

Loss of cognitive functions Passing away of friends Loss of social network Loss of purpose Loneliness

Prefered Channels

Landline Letters SMS

VALERIE MEIER



Demographics:
Reussbühl, Lucerne
Status: Single
Age: 23

HSLU of Applied Sciences and Arts

HEINZ BUCHER



Demographics: Würzenbach, Lucerne

Status: Married 2 children (age 35 and 38) 6 grandchildren

Age: 67

Job: School principal

SIMON SCHMIED



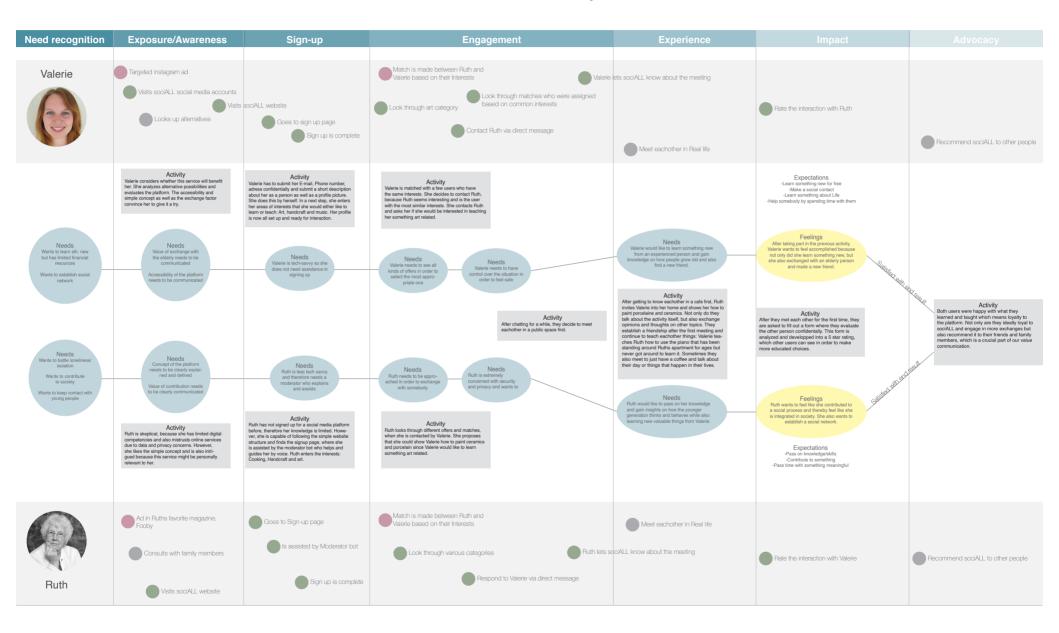
Demographics: Littau, Lucerne

Status: Single

Age: 25

Job: Student, Information Technology at HSLU of Applied Sciences and Arts

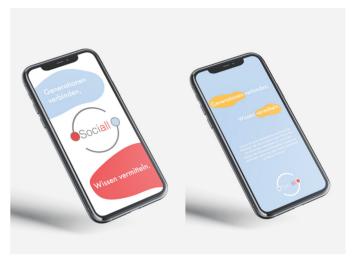
Customer Journey



Communication Design

When developing our communication design strategy, we quickly realized that we have to create two very different approaches, as the target groups have different needs and behaviours. However, we still wanted to implement the same design elements for both digital and physical advertising, as these elements represent the values we stand for as an organization. In order to properly communicate these values we chose different communication channels with the objective to raise as much awareness as possible. Our main channels for the elderly target group are posters at bus stops, train stations, public spaces, and grocery stores. Also, flyers that are distributed by our partner organisations. To address the younger demographic we found that it is most efficient to employ storytelling techniques via various social media channels such as Instagram, Facebook or Youtube. Additionally, the posters at the trainstations can influence this tartget group. There will also be some print media distributed at universities in Lucerne.







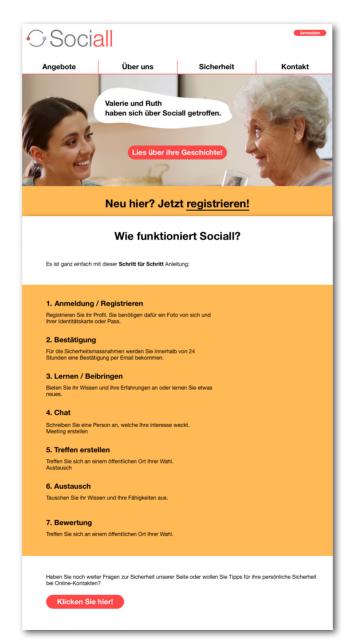


Website

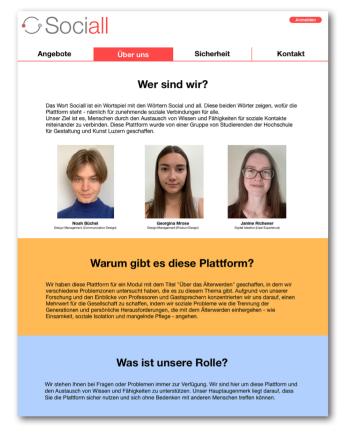
We wanted to create a simple, easy, and understandable design for our website, which is still appealing to all generations. To achieve this, we created multiple clickable prototypes of our platform. We got the opportunity to test our prototype with elderly people. Our goal of this test was to see if they understood their way around the platform since they tend to have more problems with navigation on the internet. We also gained a lot from the feedback of Anna Haas about the general impression of the design, and the colours we used. Together, these different findings led us to our final design of our website, which you can see here.

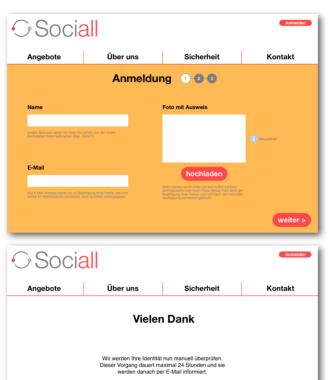
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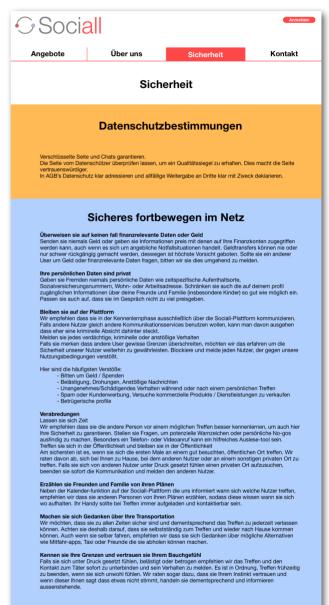








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Conclusion

After working on this project for eight weeks, we are confident that our solution can make a difference in the lives of the elderly but also for others. When we look into the future we see big potential for our service. Future elderly people will always become more technologydriven and the usability struggle we have now will decrease. Furthermore, we have set some possible goals that can be achieved in the years to come. We can imagine that in 2022 there will be enough people on our platform to arrange weekly workshops taught by elderly and organised by us. Also, we want to develop an app to make the experience even more accessible. We can also see our service expand to other regions in Switzerland, for example, in central Switzerland. Lastly, we want to provide our service to retirement and senior homes throughout the country.

For further information and interest in our project, our process and research, please visit our blog 'Elderly Schmelderly'. In our blog, we have uploaded all our findings, creations, and our behind the scenes work.

https://blog.hslu.ch/design-jamming-3-fs20/

