Small Business Owners

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The Problem

• Running a small businesses is a time consuming endeavor in itself, providing consistently accurate quotes to a customer can be a challenge.



The Contextual Inquires

- Participants/ Occupation
 - Katniss: Owns an interior design business
 - Peeta: Owns a metal fabrication business
 - Haymitch: Private investigator
 - Take aways
 - Do not have time to track the financial aspects of their business accurately
 - Spend a lot of time manually keeping track of expenses with spreadsheets and paper
 - Always have multiple jobs going on at once, making tracking each job difficult



Tasks

- Tracking mileage for a job Medium
- Itemizing expenses at the end of the year Hard
- Initial tracking for new job Medium
- Recording of annual amortized costs -Easy
- Invoice creation for project Easy
- Quote generation Medium

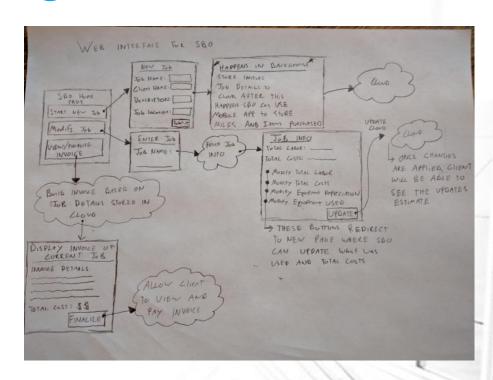
Initial Designs: Design One

- Targeted for users that complete jobs at a specific jobsite (carpenter, interior designer, metal fabricator)
- Tasks
 - Quote generation via virtual reality
 - Tracking material costs for a job
 - Invoice generation
 - Communication with customers



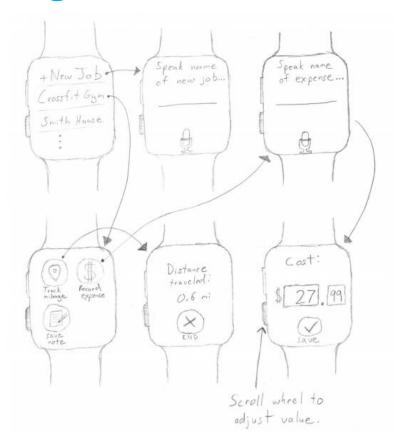
Initial Designs: Design Two

- Web/Mobile Design
 - More functionality
 - Notifies clients of quote change and invoice
 - Mobile interface keeps track of initial costs and miles driven for a job.
- Tasks
 - Quote generation
 - Keeping track of initial costs
 - Tracking miles
 - Invoice creation



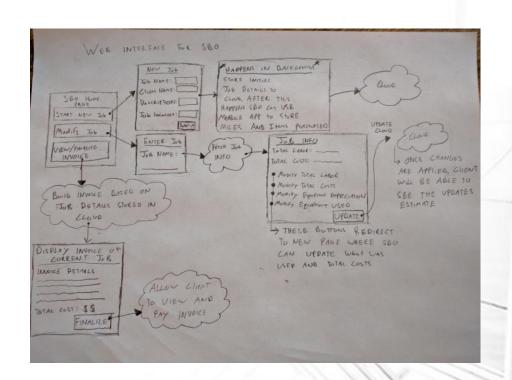
Initial Designs: Design Three

- Wearable/Mobile design
 - Easily creates job without phone, using voice control.
- Tasks
 - Recording of annual costs
 - Initial tracking of new job
 - Itemizing expenses
 - Mileage tracking



Selected Design

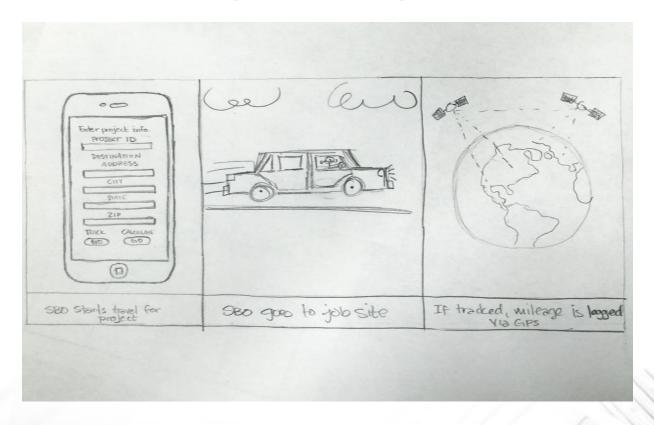
- All contextual inquires wanted transparent communication with client
- Still retains most functionality of other designs.



Storyboard: Open communication with client



Storyboard: Mileage Tracking



Summary

- Coming up with unique designs is difficult.
- Specified problems have limited solution spaces.
- Target user base will be one that relies heavily on quotes and invoices.
- User base will need an overly simplistic design in order to make this worth using over a combination of existing products.