The Break Room

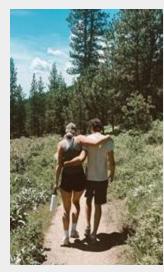


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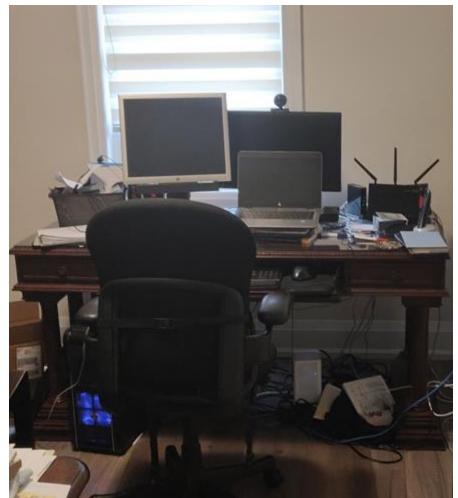












Problem

Routine



Isolation



Workaholic



Market Validation

75+ **Working Professionals**



"Working from home makes work life balance harder as there isn't a clear distinction of lunch break (for eg)."

> "Work sometimes intrudes too much. Even when not working it's hard to stop thinking about it."

44%

of Millennials strongly agree that they look forward to taking a lunch break ¹

1. Tork Survey, 2019

45%

of newly remote workers say that working from home has negatively affected their sense of belonging²

2. Slack Report, 2020

Young professionals *need social interactions* with co-workers due to the shift to remote work which has resulted in increased social isolation.



Our Solution

A virtual break room experience for social interactions among peers

"Office" Environment



Social Interaction



Gamification



User Testing - Discord

180 mins



Time spent testing

5+ users



Target Demographic

Final Prototype



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Existing Solutions & Competitors

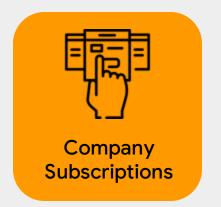






Business Model







Market Size

75M+



Daily Active Users on Microsoft Teams

16M+



Remote U.S. knowledge workers

Future Iterations

User Testing



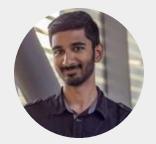
Backend Development



Integration into Microsoft Teams



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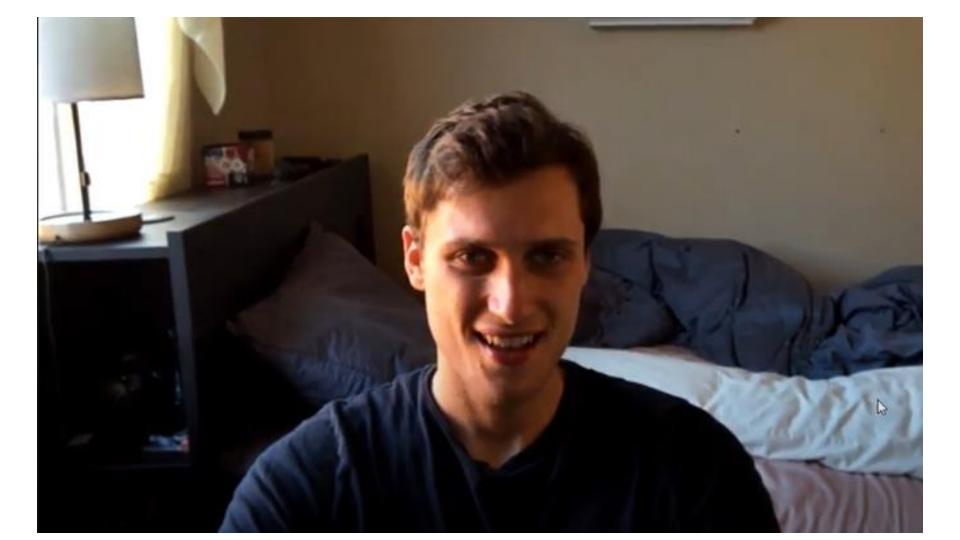


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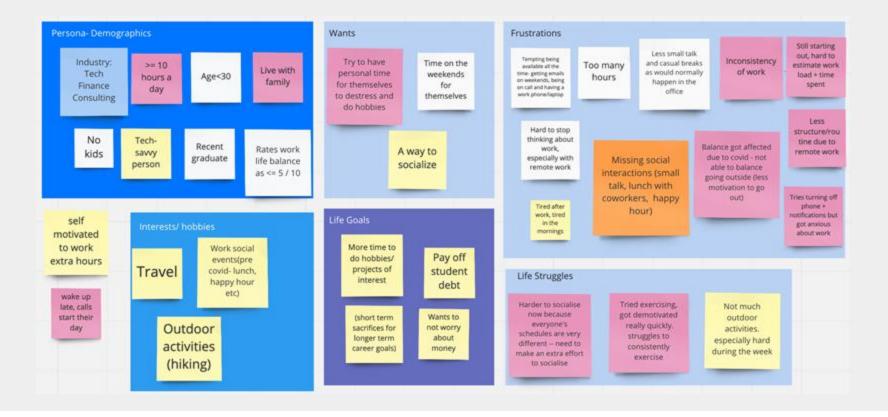
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Prototype Demo

Appendix

User Persona Brainstorm



User persona



Demographics

- Tech consultant at BCG, now working remotely
- Lives with her family in SF
- Tech savvy
- Typically works 10 hours a day

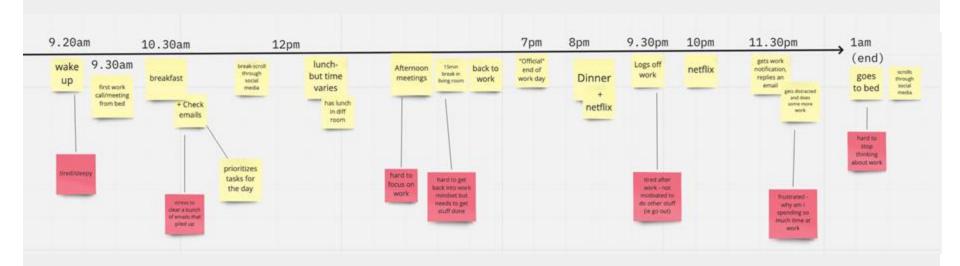
Frustrations

- Inconsistency of work, especially because she is still starting her career
- Less structure/routine due to remote work
- Thinks about work all the time
- Misses lunch breaks in the office

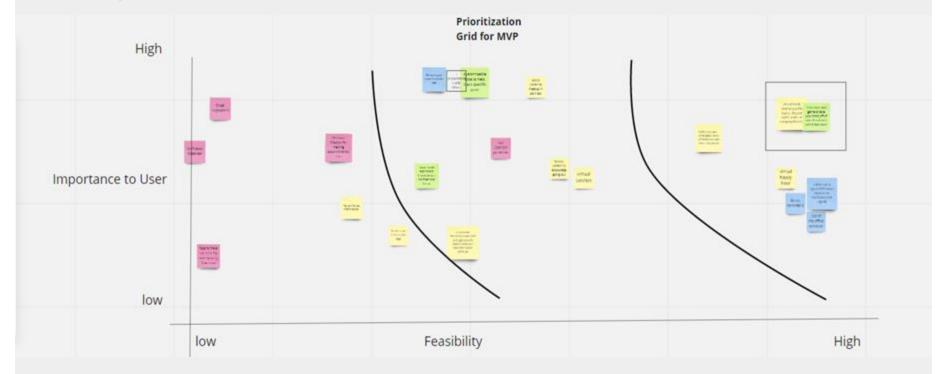
Wants

- Personal time to destress and do hobbies
- A way to socialise with her friends and coworkers

User Journey Map



Design Process- Solution Considerations



	Hallway	Microsoft Teams	Discord
Type (Direct, Indirect)	Direct	Indirect	Indirect
Target audience	Slack Users	Organizations using Microsoft Office	Gaming community
Value Prop	Virtual break rooms with random or pre-set notifications, replicating the office atmosphere	A platform for teams to collaborate	Place to talk and hangout
Key competitive advantage	Integrates with Slack	Video and chat platform built	Ease of switching voice channels, free
	Single setup process, Ease of use, Can use multiple video chat platforms (zoom, google etc), integrates into slack channels, Mobile and PC versions	Completed back-end, integrated with outlook, has target audience, mobile app and pc app, collab on files, meetings chat & calls	Separate voice channels (video rooms), pop in to talk, create your own servers and channels, free, mobile and pc
Weaknesses	Only Slack users, Cannot see real time users before joining, Tracks user movement, Time limit-10 mins, Need experience with slack bots	Interface isn't user friendly, calls require a phone call, not as accessible, no break rooms	need to download or signup, not integrated with work platforms, voice and text channels are seperated, UI can be confusing

User Testing Results - Discord

Likes

- 1. Ease of moving from channels
- 2. No log of entry or exit from voice channels
- 3. Room size limits

Dislikes

- Not integrated with an existing platform
- 2. Too cluttered



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