Brian Carter

USER EXPERIENCE DESIGNER

I live in the SF Bay Area. Previous employers and clients include Microsoft, Amazon, University of Kansas, and UC Berkeley.

About me ...

I'm a User Experience & Product Designer with 10+ years of experience designing web and mobile apps based on user needs and business opportunities.

I love constraints, problem solving, and delivering well-researched features that are feasible, desired, and viable. I get excited about storytelling, craft, and collaborating with developers.

For my next role, I'm looking for a diverse team wanting a user-centered approach.



Experience and software

INDUSTRY KNOWLEDGE

Design Thinking, User Experience, Product Design, Design Strategy, Feature Planning, Usability, Accessibility, Human Computer Interaction, Design Sprints, User Stories, Rapid Prototyping, Wireframing.

TOOLS & TECHNOLOGIES

Sketch App, inVision, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, After Effects.

METHODS EXPERIENCE

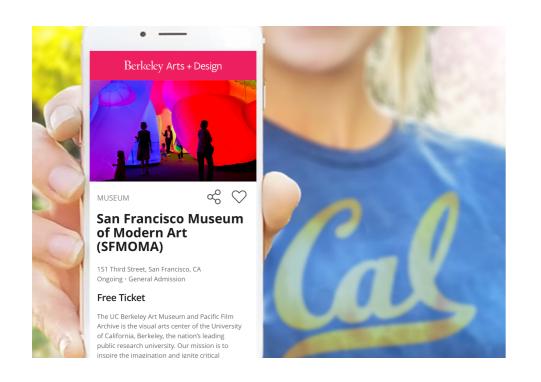
UX Research, Heuristic Evaluation, International User Studies, Study Protocol, Scripts, A/B User Tests, Eye Tracking, Methods Bias, Design Principles, Contextual Inquiry, Feedback via UserVoice & Helpshift.

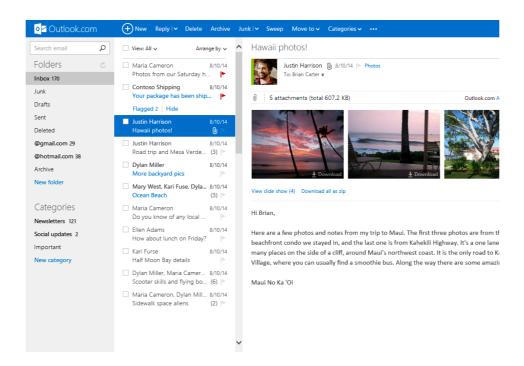
jQuery, HTML5, Next.js, Document Object Model, Static Site Generation, Bootstrap, Sass, CSS3,

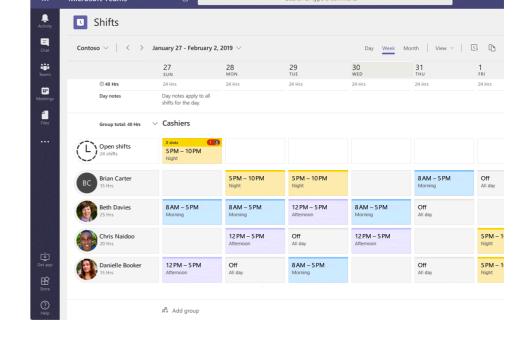
XML, XSLT.

Select projects

The following projects demonstrate my range of skills and experience as a User Experience & Product Designer







Arts Passport

Planning and roadmap for the next phase of free access

MICROSOFT

Outlook.com

Usability and product design across Hotmail, Outlook, O365

MICROSOFT

Microsoft Teams

Unblocking large organizations via user collaboration

Arts Passport



Arts Passport

OVERVIEW

The Arts Passport is an Arts + Design Initiative at UC Berkeley to provide free and subsidized student access to arts and design experiences, events, and exhibits on and off Campus.

I joined the project in 2019 as a vendor to provide a v2 **roadmap**. A student-built proof of concept existed before my arrival.

Arts Passport

TEAM

- Arts + Design Advisory Council
- Director of Programs & Operations
- Communications Manager
- Business partner for web app wrapper
- Museum and event partners
- My role: lead, planning, user experience
- 5 month vendor contract

What feasible opportunities should we roadmap?

- 1 How might additional archetypes work with the system?
- 2 Some tickets were not picked up. What's going on?
- 3 Heuristic evaluations, cognitive walks, code updates

Timeline

Objective 1 / Define

How might additional archetypes work with the system?

Objective 2 / Explore

Several hypotheses for why some tickets were never picked up.

Objective 3 / Implement

I updated the system to use a shared database, and more.

How might additional archetypes work with the system?

I developed user stories based on **needs and objectives** and presented the stories, tasks, and actions together as a complete **journey**. These stories drove collaboration.

JOURNEY MAP

	Sign in	Manage users	Submit event	Approve event	List / Details	Reserve ticket	Pick up ticket
[] Admin / Manage	Yes	Obj.1 / Define		Not shown			
[] Partner / Submit	Yes		Obj.1 / Define				
[] Student / Reserve	Yes / SSO					Obj.1 / Define	
[] Staff / Verify	Yes						Not shown
[] Guest / View	No / Limited permissions				Obj.2 / Explore		
Boolean: Published / Event							
Boolean: Reserved / Ticket							
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Stage 2 / Future	[] Sponsor / Donor [] Faculty	[] Partner self-service [] Org vs. Event / objects	[] Edit & re-submit [] Receive: too many!	[] 1 event ready to approve [] Auto-approve / trusted [] Send: too many!		[] Time out: notification reminder [] Time out: status message [] Date / seat / choose friends	[] E-ticket / print [] Partner verify
Needs / Goals / Cases	[] Case: Switch user type [] Case: Share, guest access [] Case: Already signed in SSO [] Case: Student FRE (& Guest) [] Case: Invite guest to sign in [] Low barrier to entry	[] Case: I forgot my password [] Case: Employee left w/ keys [] Case: I'm a Student and Admin	[] Case: I don't have a dev team [] Case: It's not In our system [] Case: Our system is rigid [] Case: Why not approved? [] Case: Too many events!	[] Case: Event criteria [] Case: Format criteria [] Case: I check this weekly? [] Case: Too many events!			[] I don't want to Inventory [] Where do I pick up? [] Where is the ticket? [] Case: unpublished

USER STORIES / NEEDS

I developed user stories based on archetype needs and objectives

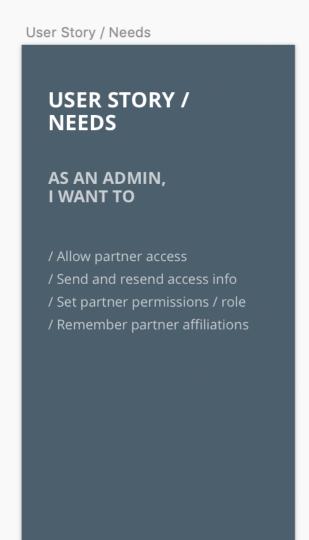
Every row in Sketch is a **story** within the journey map and each starts with the user, objective, and needs. I narrated these directly from Sketch and Invision.

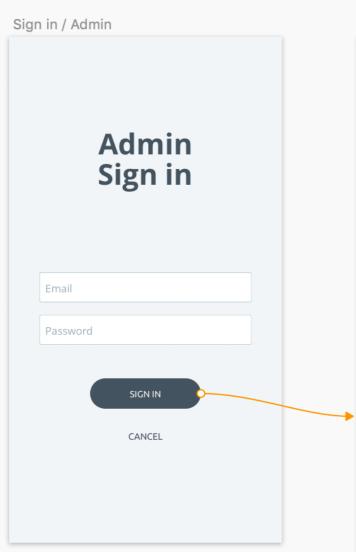
MANAGE USERS / ADMIN

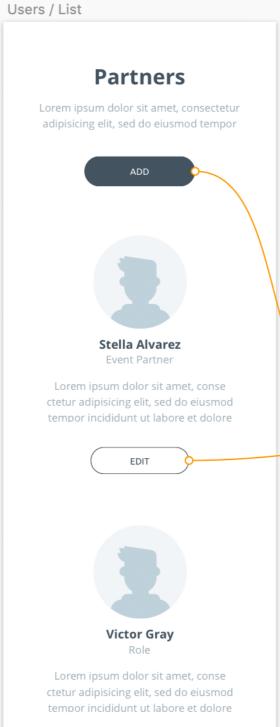
USER STORY / NEEDS

AS AN ADMIN, I WANT TO

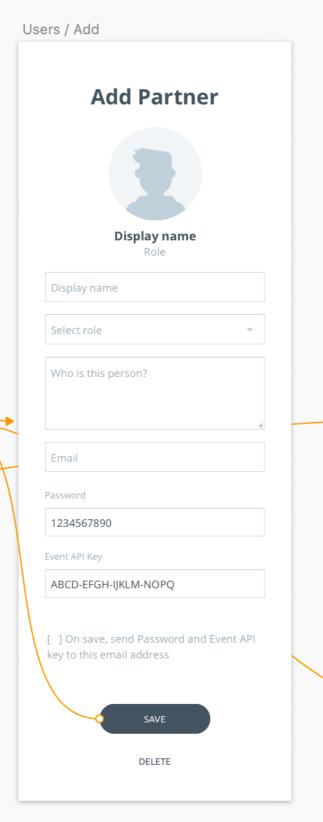
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- / Set partner permissions / role
- / Remember partner affiliations

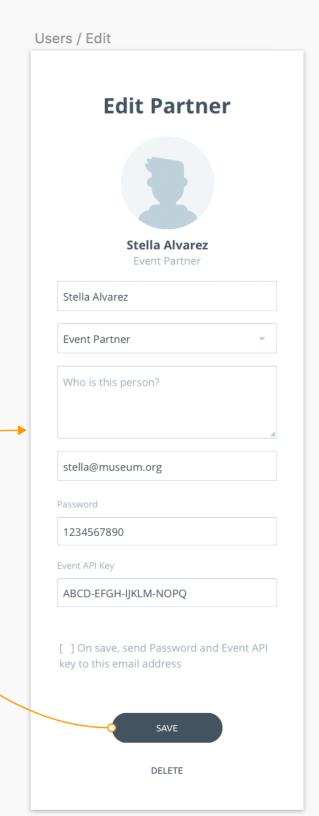




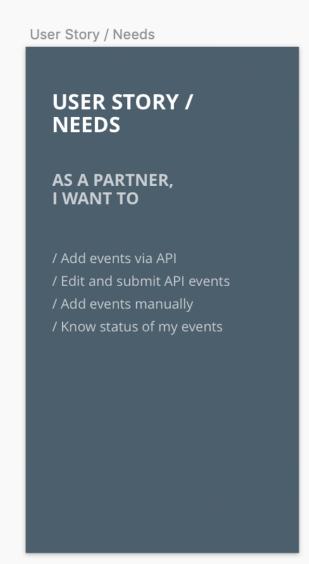


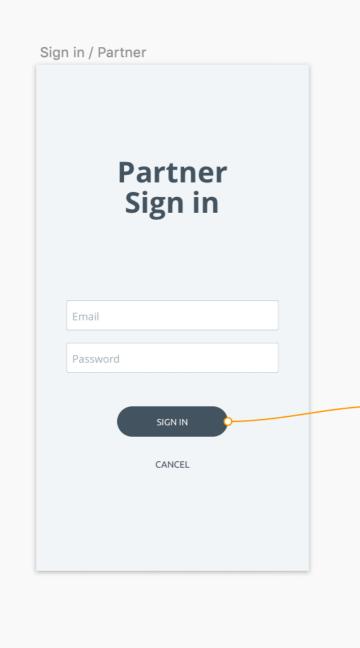
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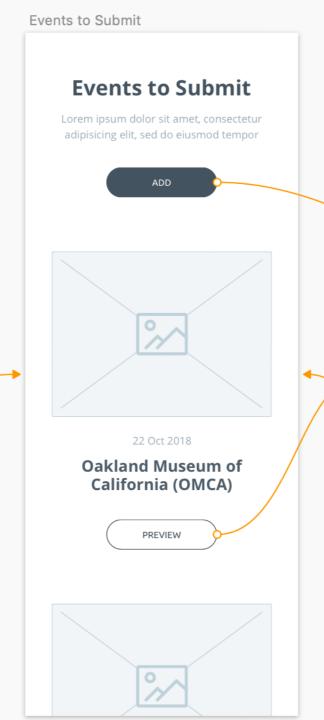




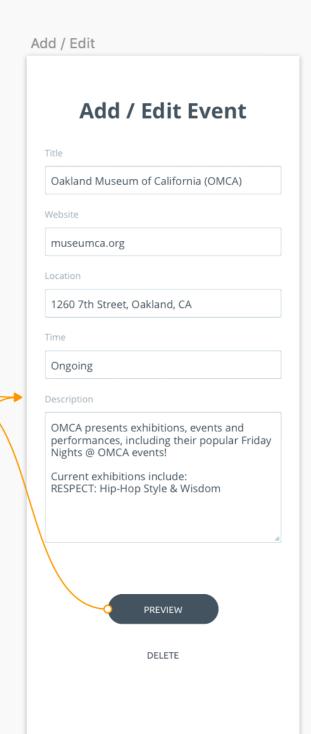
MANAGE USERS ADMIN





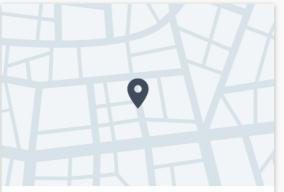






SUBMIT EVENTS PARTNER

Paper / Are you sure?



Paper Ticket Reserve for pick up?

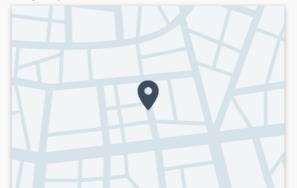
Click "Reserve" below to proceed. Tickets will be ready on / after March 1, 2019, and you have 7 days to claim at:

Dwinelle Annex Floor 2, Room 209 or 212 Monday - Friday, 10am-5pm

> RESERVE BACK

RESERVE TICKET / **STUDENT**

Paper / Reserved



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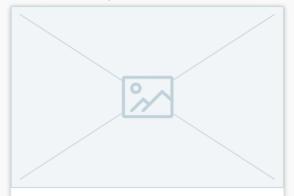
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CANCEL RESERVATION

E-Ticket Print / Date



E-Ticket / Print **Choose a Date**

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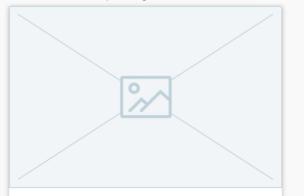
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E-Ticket Print / Are you sure?

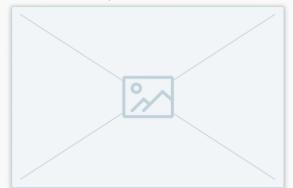


E-Ticket / Print Claim ticket?

Ticket date: March 15, 2019. You will receive your ticket electronically and can print it yourself. General Admission includes access to all of OMCA galleries. Access to the Great Hall exhibits are not included and can be purchased for an additional fee.



E-Ticket Print / Claimed



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Ticket

OMCA sent this ticket and additional information to your student email.





ADULT GA WEB



How might we ...

IDEATION

These were my questions to **frame and guide** ideation. I also explored **cognitive** factors throughout, including the experience beyond devices.

PARTNER / SUBMIT EVENTS

How might partners submit events and tickets directly?

I explored an API concept, a local page for partners to **submit events**, tickets, and attachments. To automate data entry, the partner system could generate a submit page or send data directly.

<title>API test</title> </head> <body class=""> <!-- Container --> API test <div id="container"> <!-- Content --> <div id="content" class="colM"> Oakland Museum of California (OMCA) <h1>API test</h1> <div id="content-main"> http://museumca.org <form enctype="multipart/form-data" action="http://l</pre> id="event_form" novalidate> 1000 Oak Street, Oakland, CA <!-- input type='hidden' name='csrfmiddlewaretoken' value='bDRp1kKdsWfxxBNIoXuP38cwC0vAdHGwlz4JA2W91mpDY Ongoing <script type="text/javascript"> var authtoken = "bDRp1kKdsWfxxBNIoXuP38cwC0vAdHGwlz4 OMCA presents exhibitions, events and pe events! // this is the id of the form \$("#event_form").submit(function(e) { Current exhibitions include: RESPECT: Hip-Hop Style & Wisdom e.preventDefault(); // cancel form submit March 24-August 12, 2018 RESPECT: Hip-Hop Style & Wisdom tells th var form = \$(this); starting from its roots on the streets, befo var url = form.attr('action'); fashion launched into mainstream popula \$.ajax({ type: "POST", url: url, General Admission crossDomain: true, data: form.serialize(), // serialize for contentType: 'application/json', headers: { Choose File No file chosen "Authorization" : "Token " + authtok async: false, // locks page until respon success: function(data) alert(data); // show response });

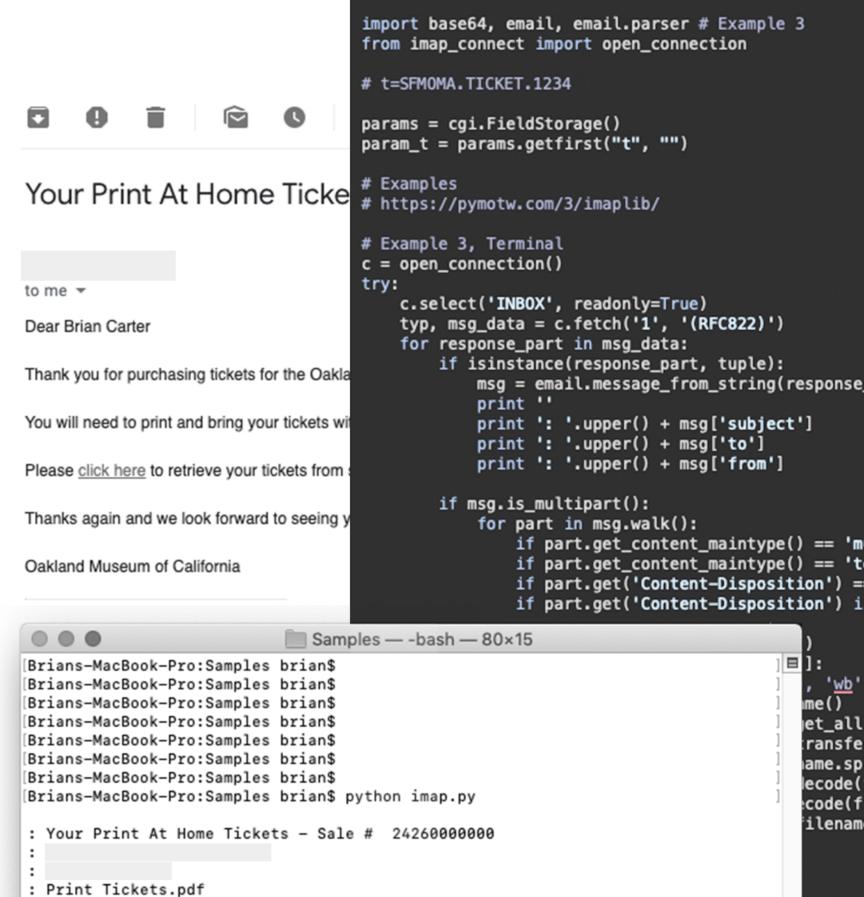
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PARTNER / E-TICKETS

How might partners use existing solutions, like e-tickets via email?

If partners have existing solutions, they could send or pre-send **e-tickets** for Berkeley to relay. If partners presend tickets, this would improve delivery speed. This is an IMAP exploration for e-ticket relay.



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PARTNER / PUBLISH MODEL

How might we support the needs of admins, partners, students, and guests?

I built a journey map. The partner and admin needs combine into a **publish model**. I also explored student and staff touchpoints. I presented these journeys and stories to the Advisory Council, Director of Operations, Communications Manager, and business partners.

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How might we reduce cognitive load when verifying a reservation?

I explored several SVG QR concepts and the verify story. This feasible concept provides an image of a number via URL ?id=123.



STAFF / VERIFY

QR explorations led to a question. Could venues scan QRs like e-tickets?

I added a QR staff story to the journey map and made note of potential concerns around using personal phones for work tasks.

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Some tickets were not picked up. What's going on?

I explored several hypotheses: curiosity, unclear process, or perhaps students needed transportation. I outlined solutions, including **reducing complexity** and adding **prompts**.

UC BERKELEY 2019 WIREFRAME

I defined a type system for consistent information and JTBD hierarchy

People tend to scan rather than read, so I prioritized headings for navigation and how to get tickets. The type system is tuned for **wireframes**.

OVERLINE THE QUICK BROWN FOX

Headline The quick brown fox jumps

over the lazy dog

Subtitle The quick brown fox jumps

Headline The quick brown fox jumps

Menu The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog

Alpha 70 Menu The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog

Subtitle The quick brown fox jumps

Body The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog

Alpha 50 Body The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog

UC BERKELEY 2019 STUDENT / MOTIVATION

I combined several pages to reduce complexity

I combined several pages to **reduce complexity** and clarify purpose of the app with less navigation. I also changed text and **hierarchy** to match JTBD needs.

dialogue through art and film, engaging audiences from the UC Berkeley campus, the Bay Area, and beyond. Each year BAMPFA presents more than twenty art exhibitions, 450 film programs, and dozens of performances, as well as lectures, symposia, and tours.

Check in daily for rewards



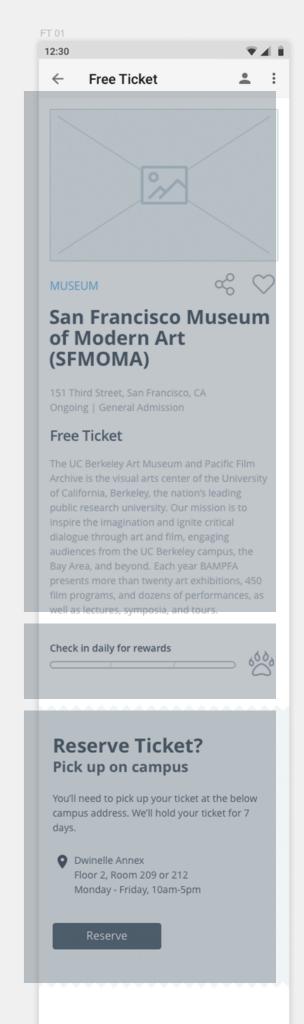
Reserve Ticket? Pick up on campus

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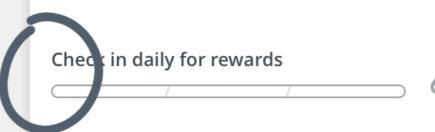
UC BERKELEY 2019 STUDENT / MOTIVATION

I added Gamification using behavior prompts and progress

Bite-sized, well-defined **challenges** provide progress and easy wins. In contrast, large-group leaderboards tend to produce unreachable high scores over time.

This exploration provides an intrinsic reward via a series of small steps. Progress is shown as a **prompt** that doubles as an entry point. B = MAP

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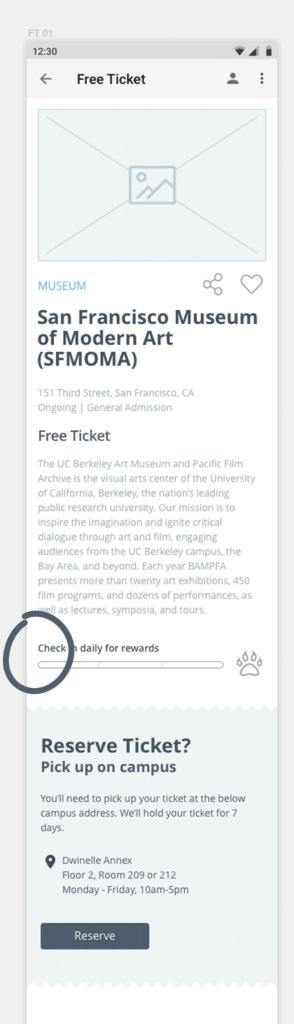


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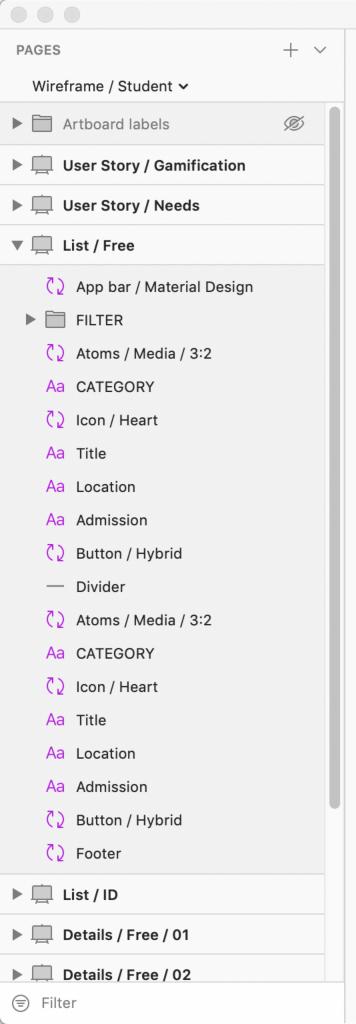
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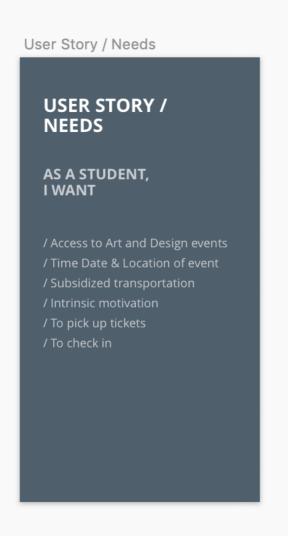
List / Free

Free Ticket

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Arts Passport





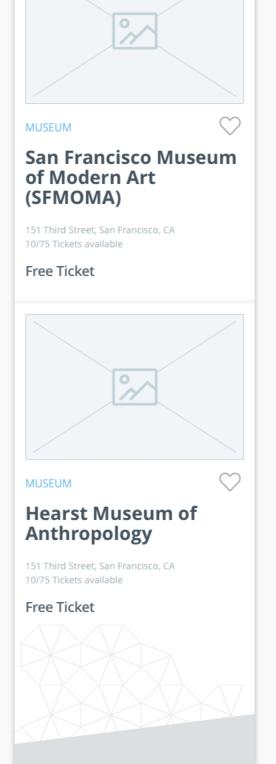
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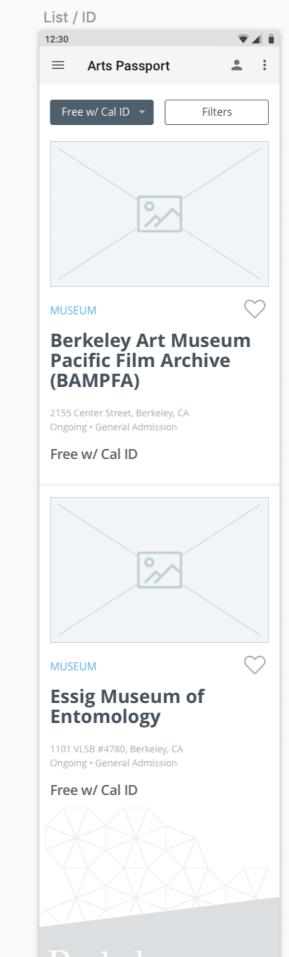
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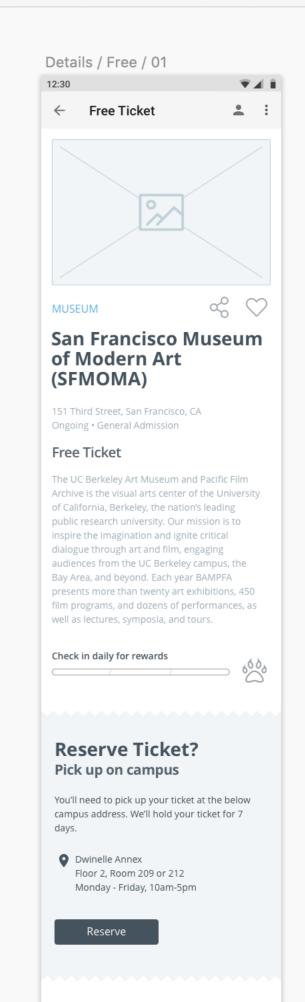
Sign in ... My Favorites

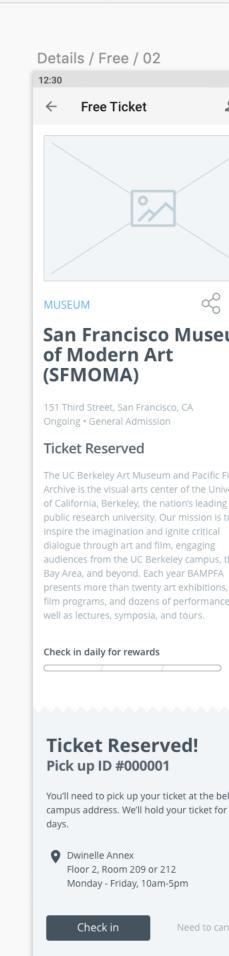
My Tickets

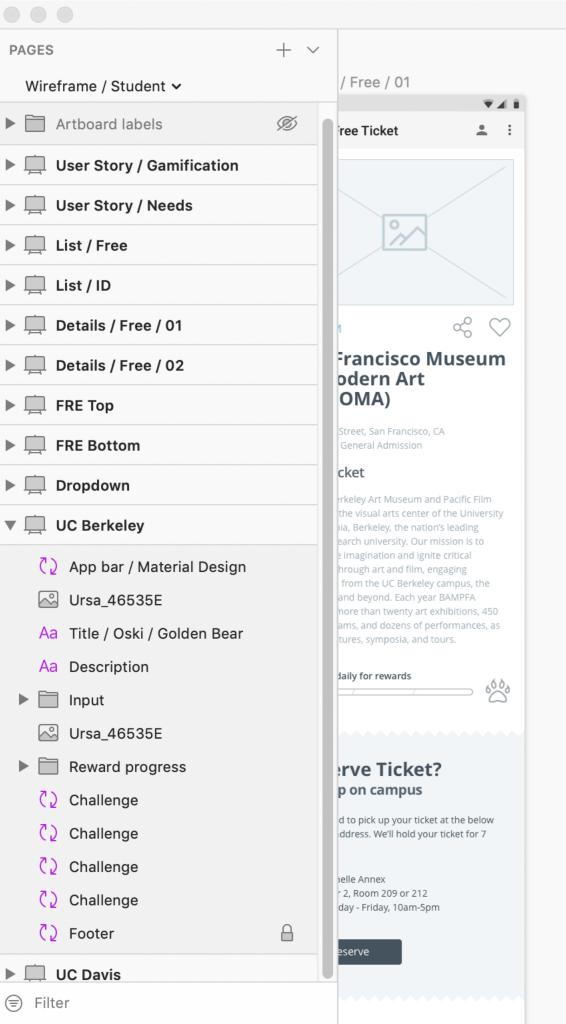
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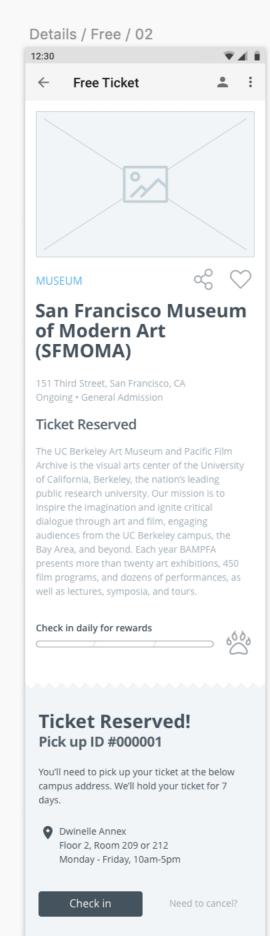


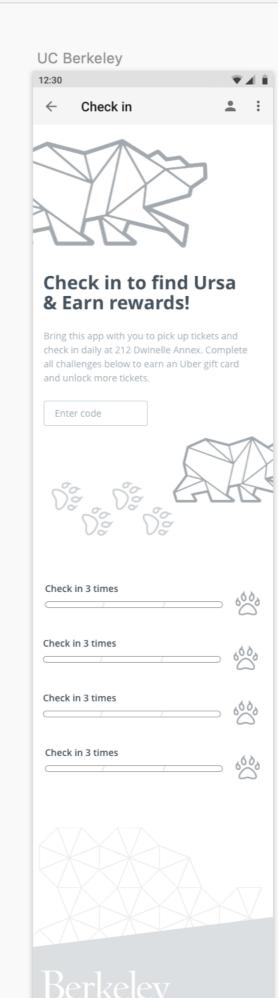


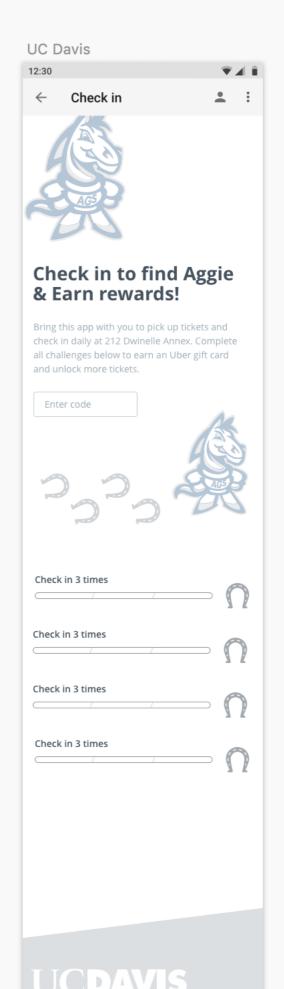


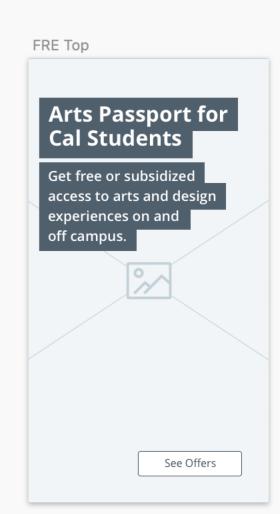


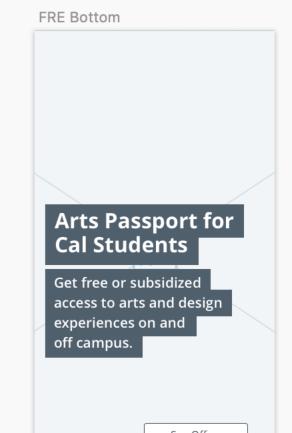








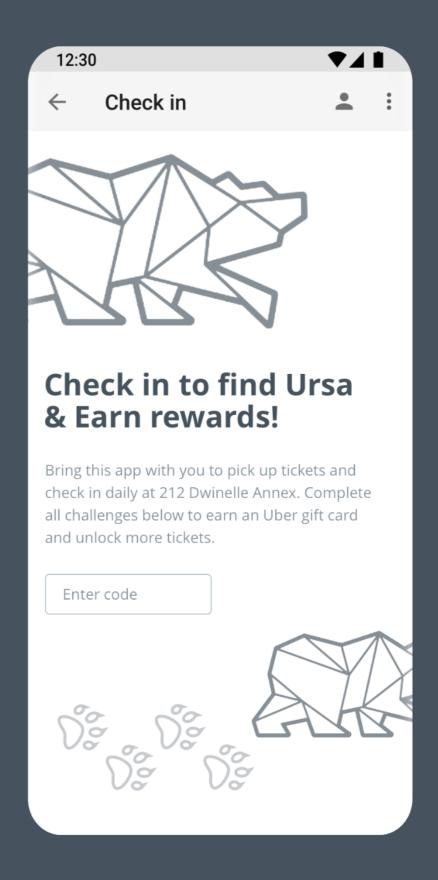




82% of students are car-free

I built a prototype to test these wireframe concepts with a small group of students. Are **transportation** credits and **ticket unlocks** the right rewards? Are the rewards attainable? Is check in reasonable?

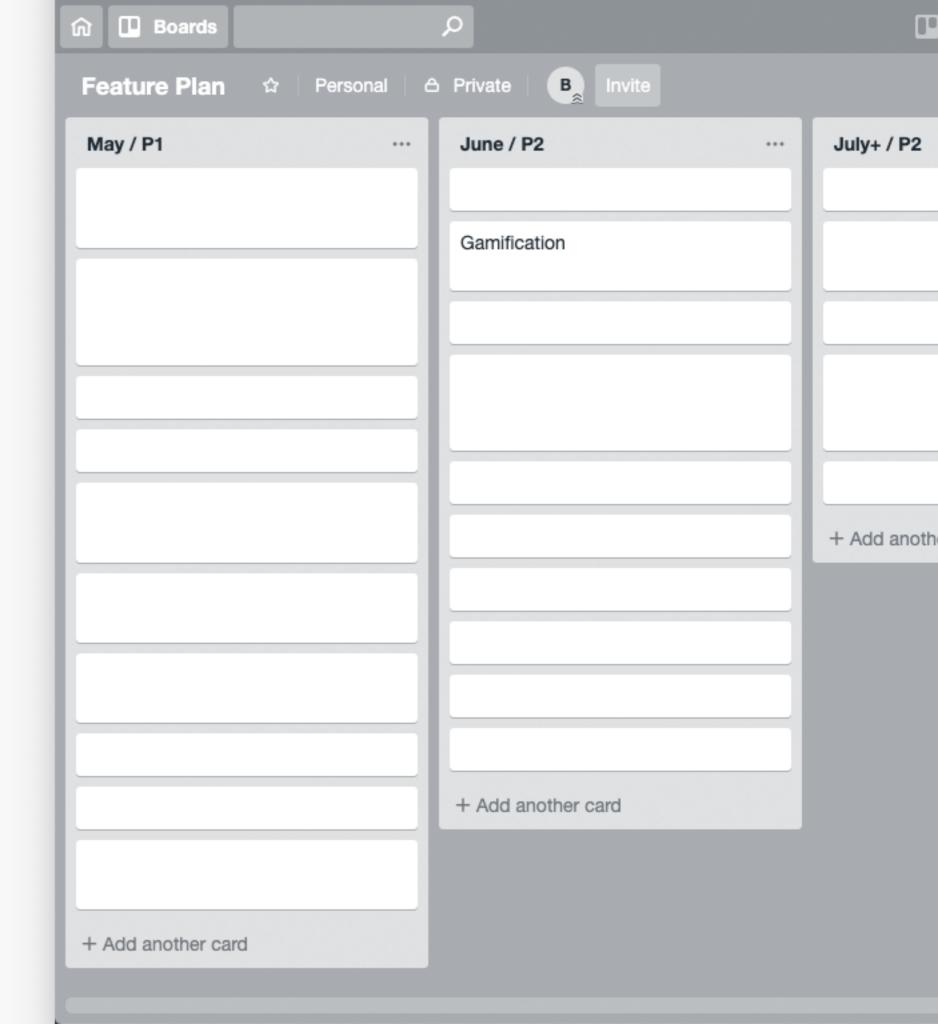
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ROADMAP

I prioritized these and other opportunities for a roadmap

Which features are **feasible**, **desired**, and **viable**? And what should we work on, when? I led feature planning for priority alignment and **staging**.



ARTS PASSPORT

As a step towards v2, I updated SQL, AWS, and UX

I updated the system with a shared **SQL** database across **AWS** instances for persistent data and easy backups. I also delivered frontend and **UX** updates.

Berkeley Arts



Oakland Museun (OMC

Ongoing 1000 Oak Street, Oakland, CA General Admission 8/8 Tickets Available

☐ Free Ticket

OMCA presents exhibitions, events a their popular Friday Nights @ OMCA include: RESPECT: Hip-Hop Style & W 2018. Hip-Hop Style & Wisdom tells thow Hip-Hop changed the world, stastreets, before rap, DJing, street art,

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Oakland Museum of California (OMCA)

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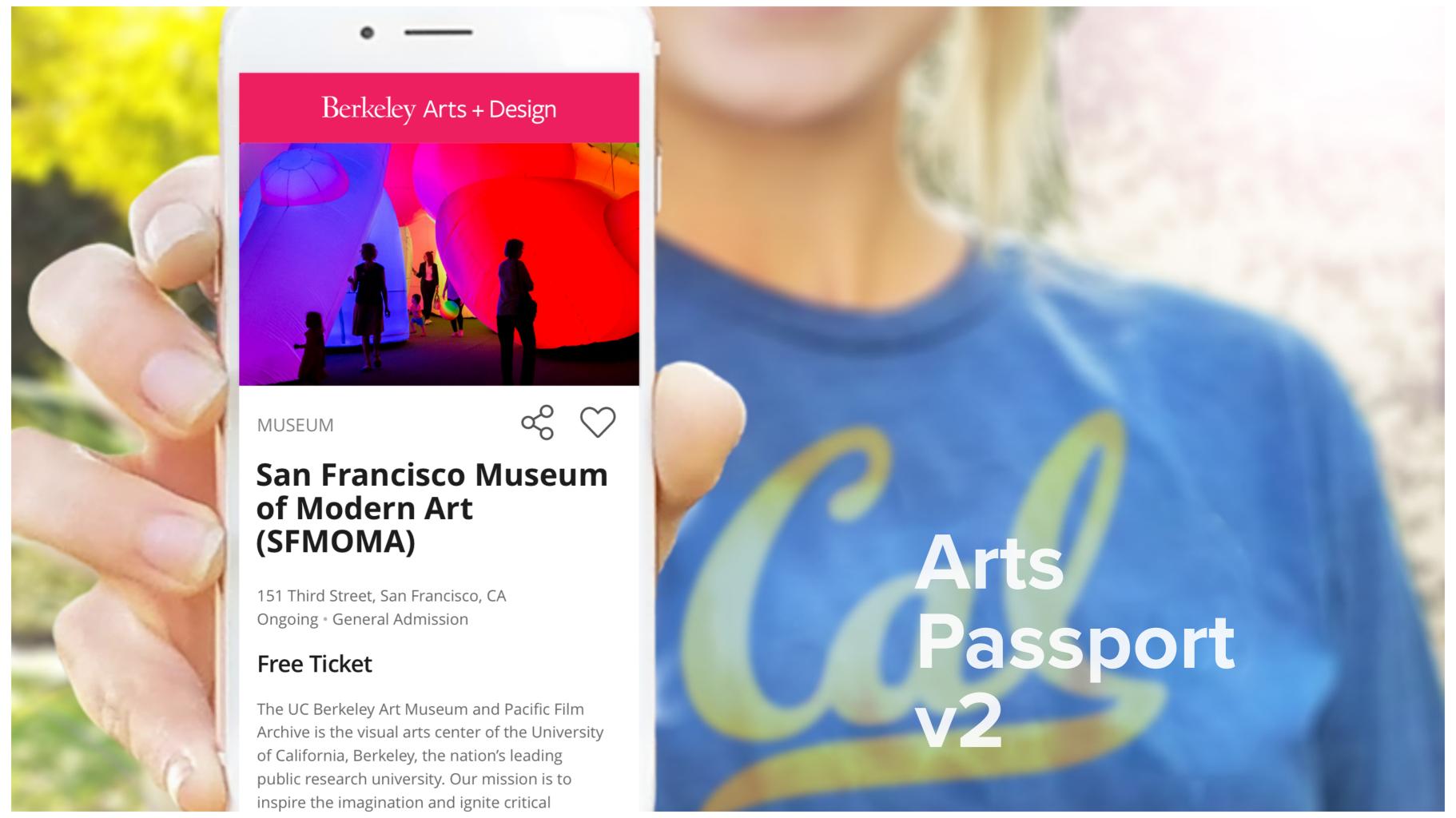
☐ Free Ticket ☐ Favorite

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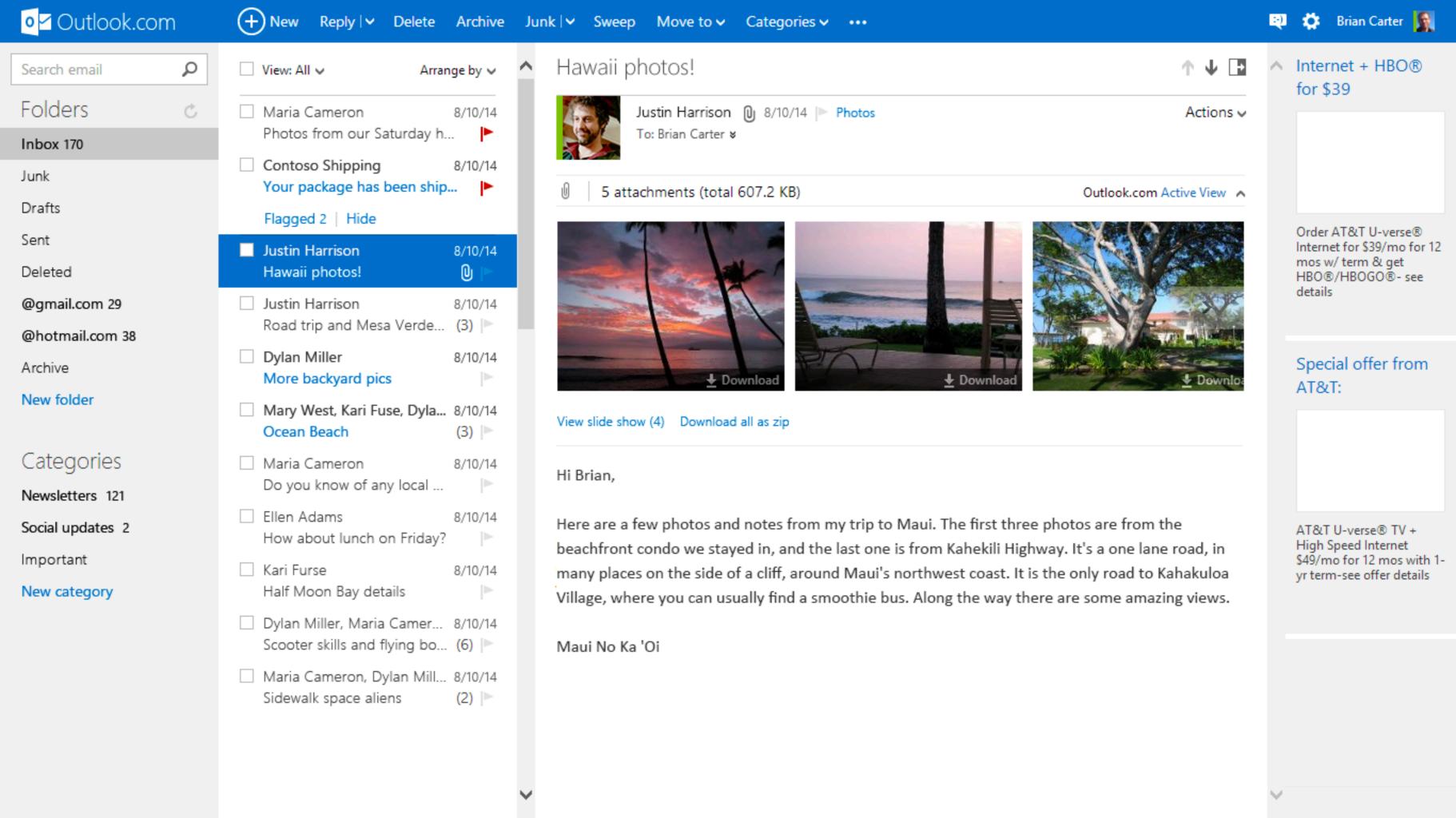


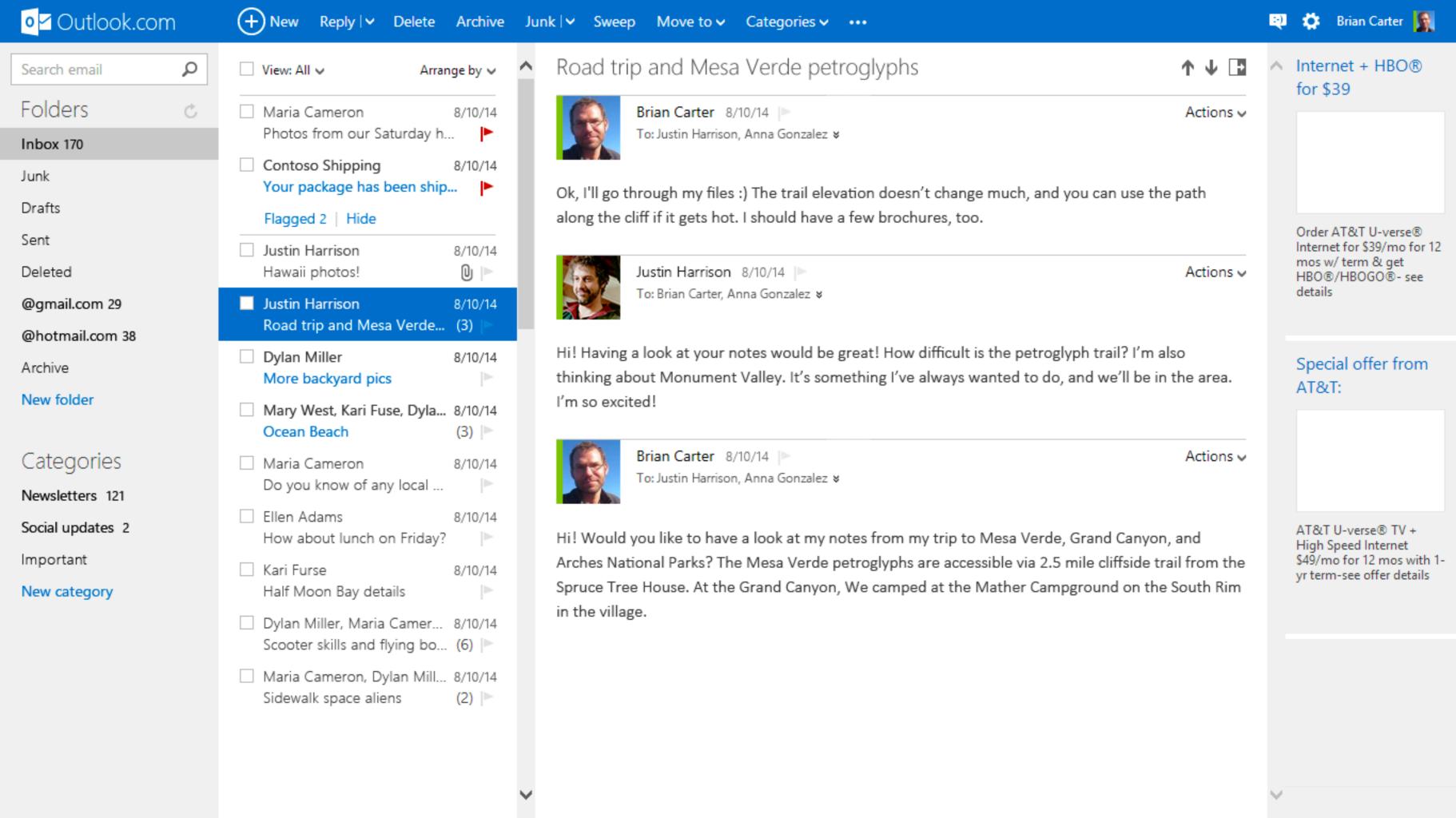
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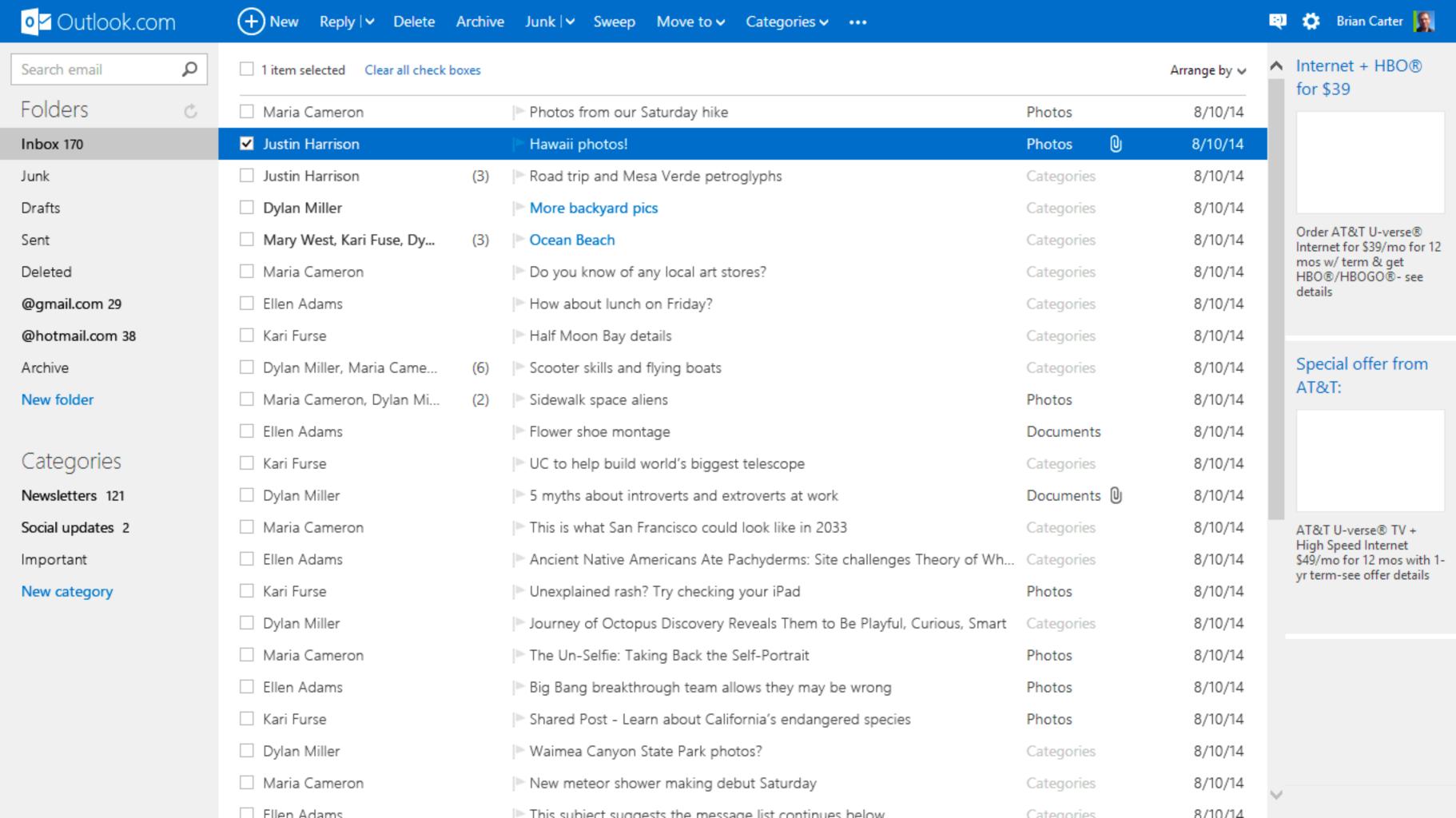
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5 YEARS

I designed product features and layouts for Hotmail, Outlook.com, and Office 365, including vision decks and continuous usability studies.





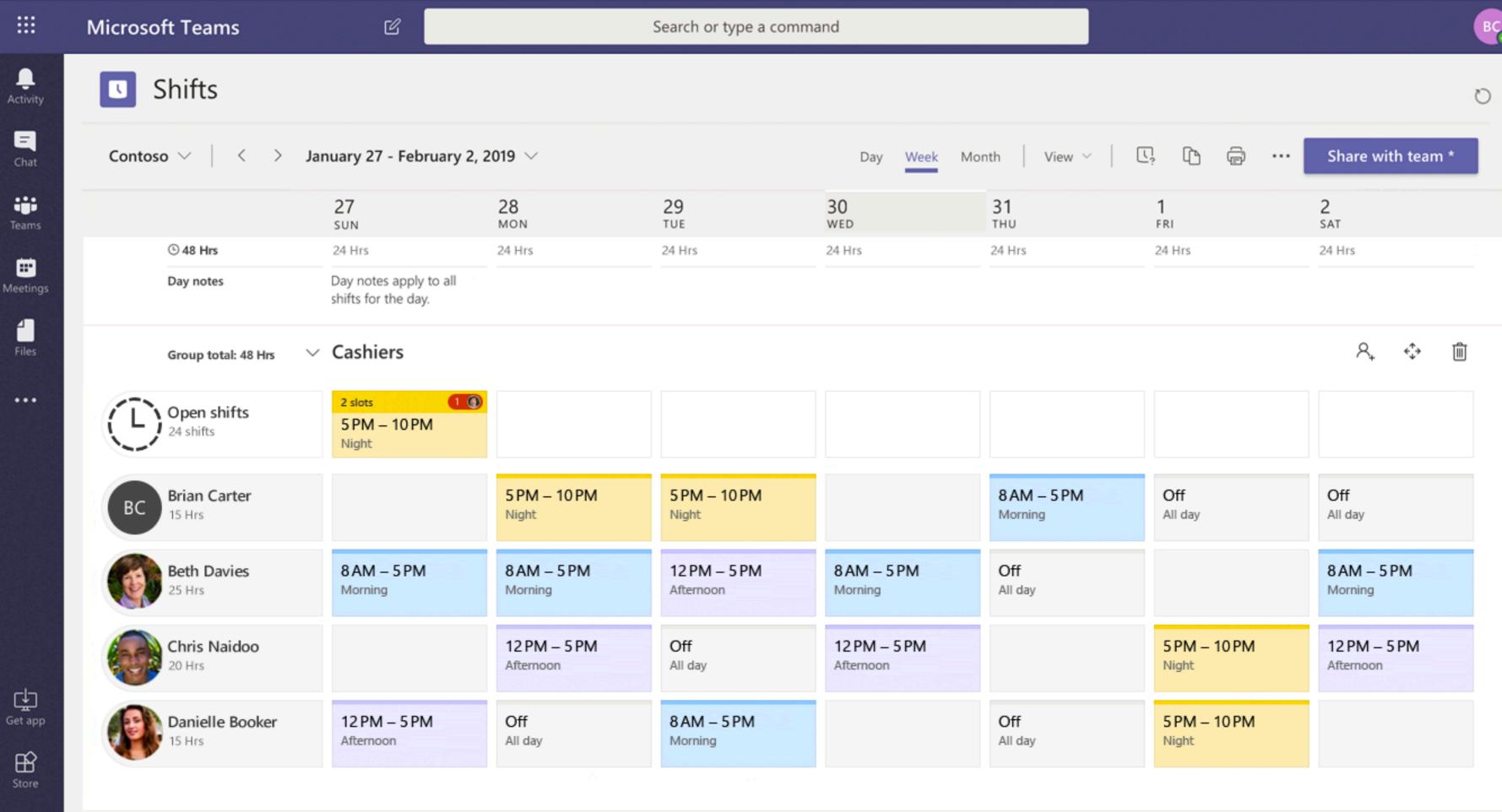


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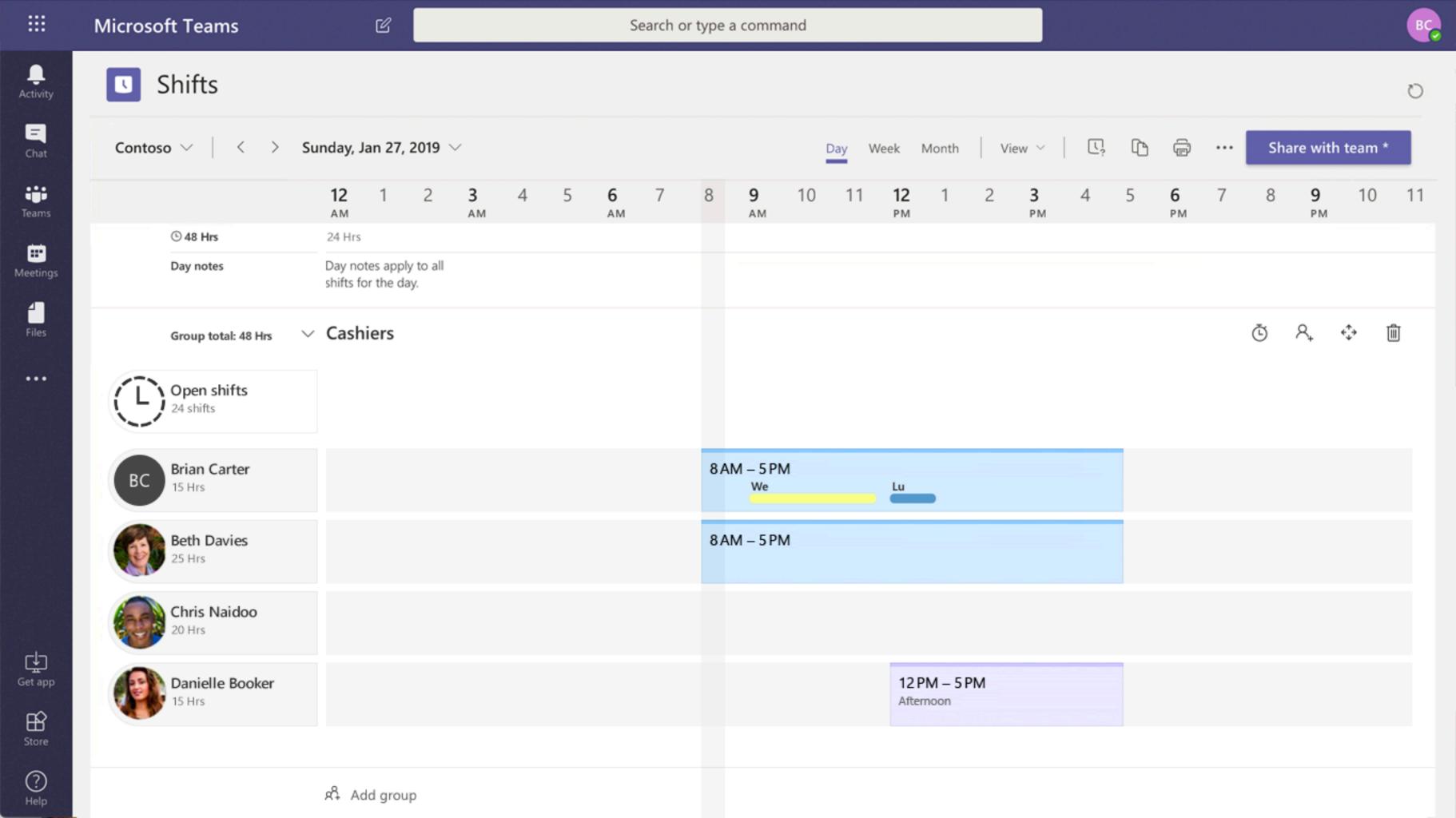
2+ YEARS

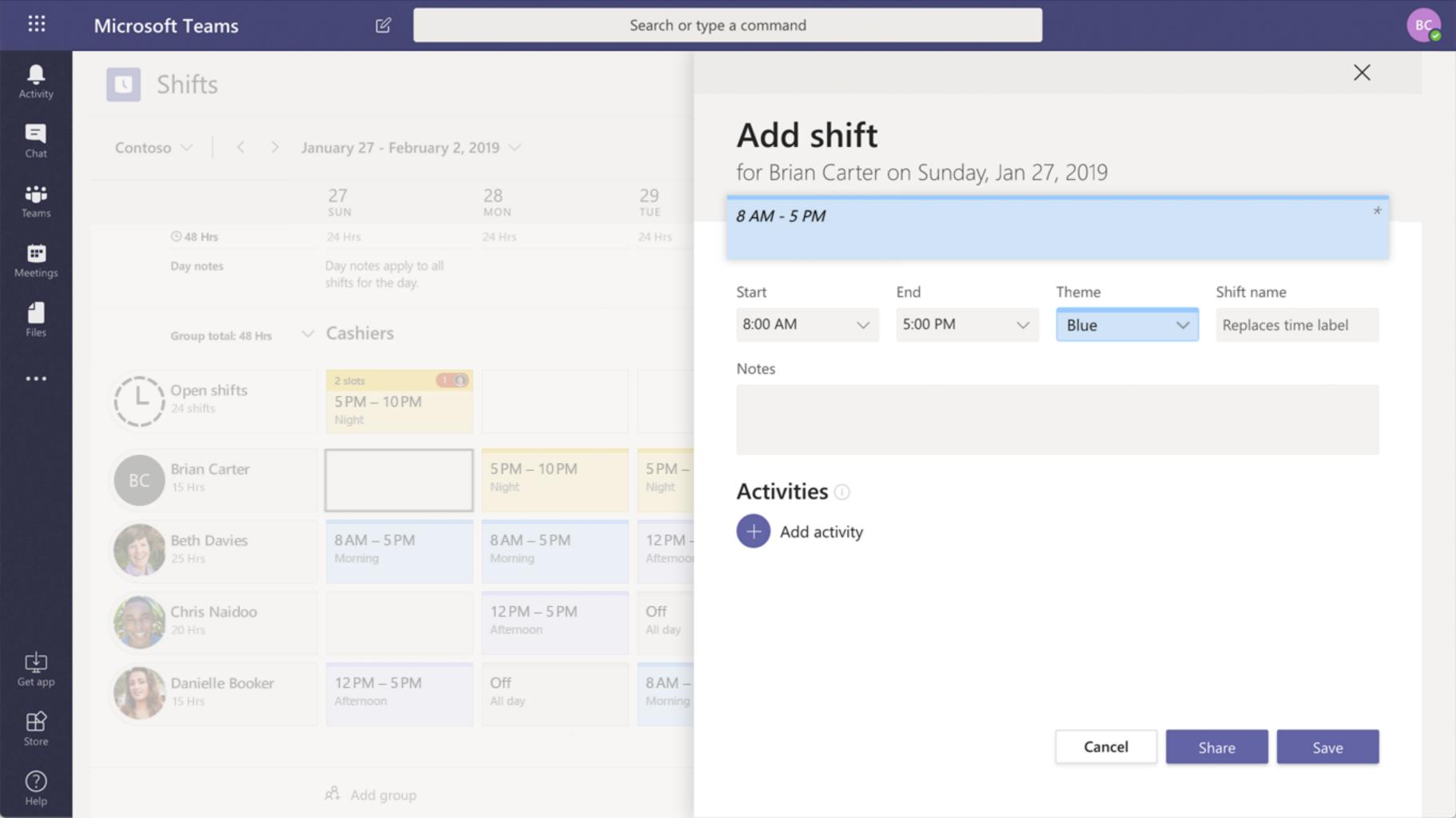
I designed product features for several versions of Shifts. I owned stories across devices and unblocked large organizations via user collaboration.





Add group





Other projects and awards

BFA, Industrial Design at University of Kansas. Human-Computer Interaction and Design Methods. 5 year program. Master's equivalent.

Minor in Anthropology

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"Thoughtful research with uncompromising aesthetics.

Craig Vogel, FIDSA, Associate Dean, College of Fine Arts, Carnegie Mellon University.

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