

The background features a stylized mountain range. The top half is a dark green color with several overlapping, semi-transparent mountain peaks of varying shades of green. The bottom half is a bright orange color with a fine, textured pattern. The two halves are separated by a jagged, torn-paper-like edge.

PickUp

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Problem and Solution

Planning casual sporting activities is difficult.

- Challenges include:
 - Finding people with common interests to play with.
 - Arranging a mutually convenient time.
- PickUp aims to solve these problems by making it easier to organize and participate in pickup sports games.

Contextual Inquiry: Motivation

We wanted to:

- Learn how people currently organize pickup games.
- Identify what difficulties people encounter in organization.
- Determine whether people choose alternatives due to these difficulties.

Contextual Inquiry: Results

- Planned vs. Spontaneous Games
- Coordinating Schedules
- Communication Methods
- Finding Other Players



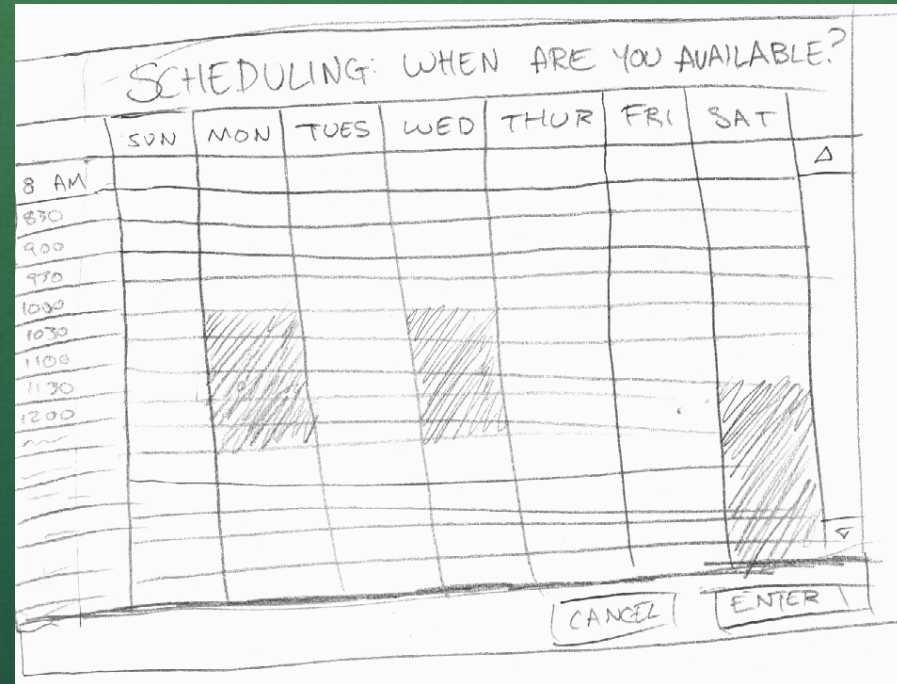
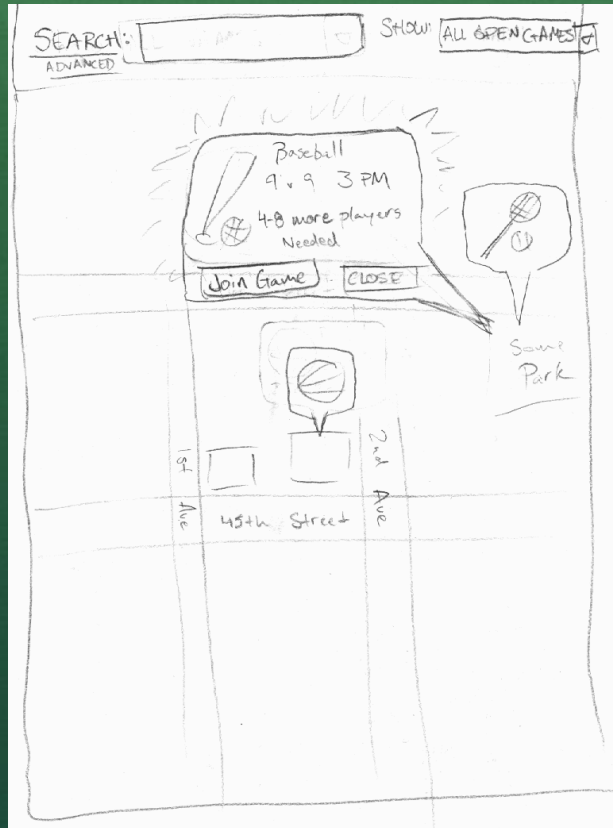
A screenshot of a Facebook event page titled "Ultimate Frisbee at Night". The page is for a "Sports - Pick-Up" event on Thursday, October 15, 2009, from 8:15pm to 11:00pm at Denny Field. The description mentions a "light-up" game and encourages attendees to bring glowsticks. The page shows 14 confirmed guests, including Adil Humayun, Shylaja Vijay, Amandeep Sandhu, Rakendu Shukla, Archita Taylor, Ankit Patel, Nisha Nariya, and Nirali Patel. The right sidebar shows RSVP options (Attending, Maybe Attending, Not Attending) and a list of other invitees like Kendall Kosai, Sunny Bajwa, and Sunil Garg.

Tasks

We chose tasks for broad coverage of the possible use cases.

- Find and join a game spontaneously.
- Organize a game ahead of time.
- Organize a team and find another group to play against.


Design Sketches



More Design Sketches

FIND A GAME

Sport: ▾

Near: 

I am

Skill Level: ▾

BEGIN: ▾ TO ▾

DURATION: ▾ TO ▾

upcoming game
ULTIMATE

where?
IMA Fields [map]
[suggest another place]

who's playing?
Devon
Kurt
Jenny
[invite more]
[send confirmation]

when?

Summary

- Many of our original suspicions were true.
- We learned a lot about *how* people actually accomplish these tasks.

Thanks!