UX, Interactive, & Brand Portfolio – *January* 2021



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Hi!

I'm a designer who takes
high-level conceptual problems
and filters them through my
gained knowledge and
business skillset to produce
products and experiences
that positively affect the
lives of others.



I like people.

I enjoy figuring out what makes them tick.

From opening clothing stores, studying critical & cultural theory, managing a residential meditation centre, to working with design clients from all walks of life, I've listened to all kinds of problems and revel in helping solve them.

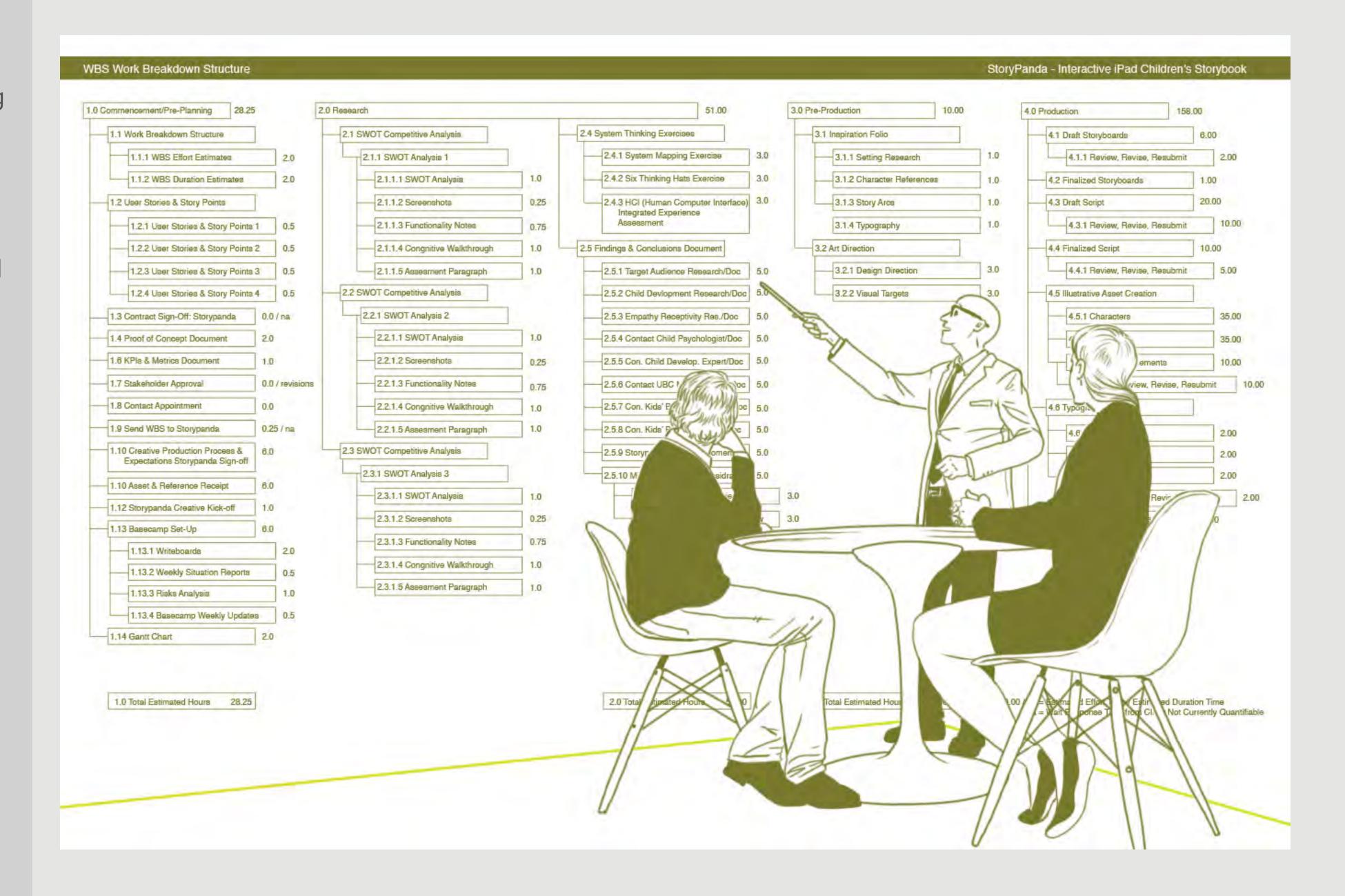
The following is an overview of how I do it.



Discovery

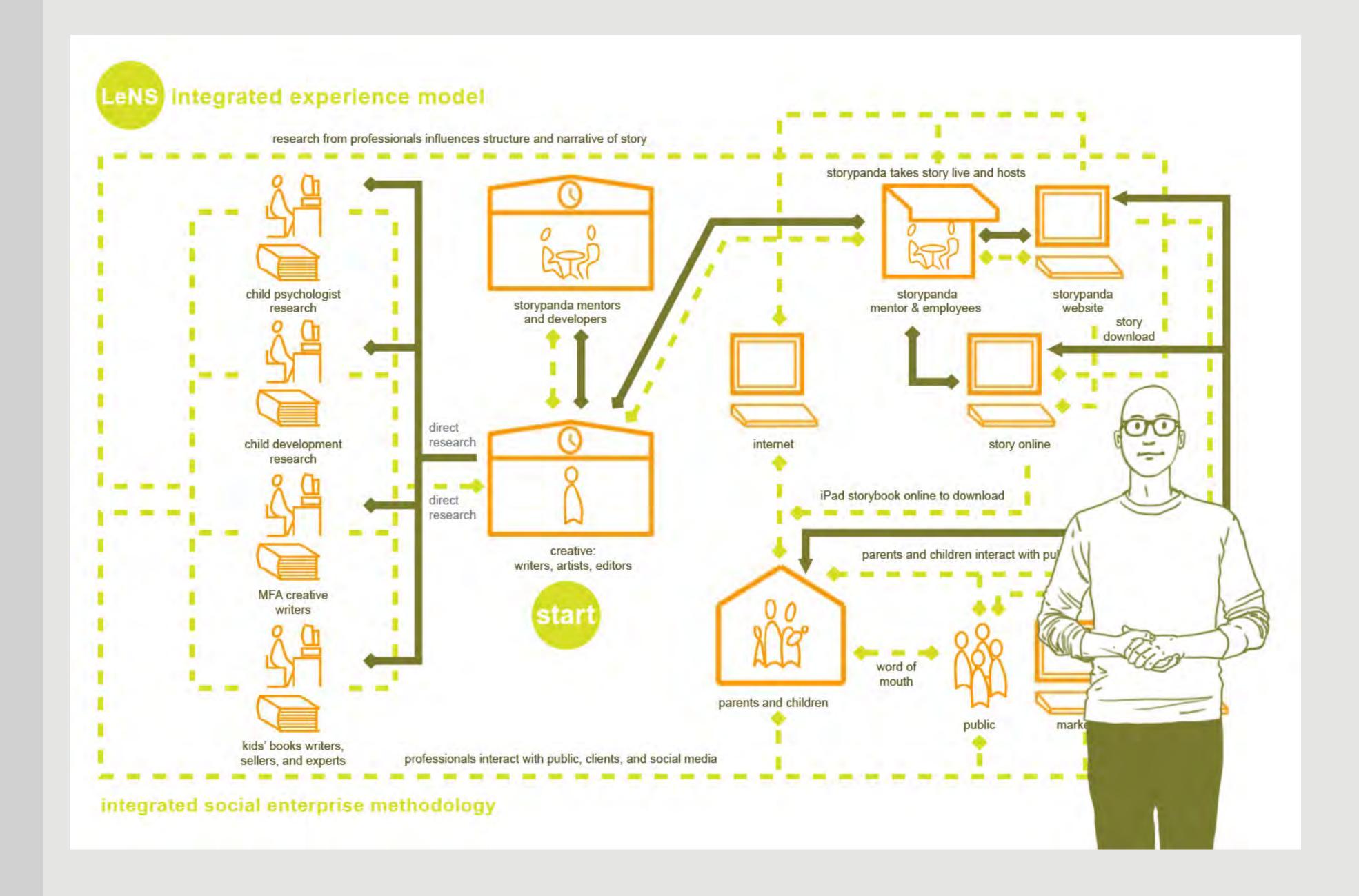
Getting to know you.

In a stakeholder kickoff meeting we overview the perceived problem, define roles, outline a typical project timeline as dictated by the design process, and discuss how milestones will keep the project within scope and on budget.



Handshakes all around.

Through conversation, stake-holder interviews, or systems analyses, we re-articulate and agree upon the problem to ensure solutions will meet the client and end-users' needs.



Systems thinking

Let's get wet.

Whether a deep-dive research study or wading into a project with quick turnaround, the discovery phase can take the form of further interviews, surveys, data analysis, heuristic evaluations, ethnographic studies, and competitive analyses, to name a few.

COMPETITIVE ANALYSIS 4

Diesel: http://www.diesel.com/

Diesel was included in this analysis because it defined the segment and continues to be a purveyor of the high-end streetwear market. It was founded in Northern Italy in 1978, currently has over 5000 points of sale worldwide, and is known for its successful advertising campaigns such as 'Only the Brave', 'For Successful Living', and 'King Frank'. It continues to be one of the leaders in the market.

Site Functionality

Diesel.com is an all in one super-site encompassing full collection details for clothing, accessories, licensed and collaborative products, advertising campaigns, online store, physical store locator, lifestyle links - including blogs, charitable campaigns, artistic collaborations, and hospitality properties.

Overall Rating: A+

Style & substance, exceeds expectations, comes with a totally immersive environment.

Weaknesses

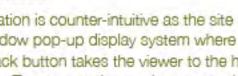
Navigation is counter-intuitive as the site uses an in-window pop-up display system where pressing the back button takes the viewer to the home screen. To return to the previous page, the user must double-click inside the pop-up window or a tiny 'keep-shopping' field at the bottom of the window. Aside from poorly marked entrances and exits, there is no search field, product descriptions are minimal, and links and labels are extremely

Instead of opening alternate tabs, more emphasis could be given to breadcrumbs, or the like, for internal site navigation. Better navigation feedback within the site would reduce user frustration. Photographs of people modeling the clothing would convey a better idea of fit and features. Finally, the site would benefit from social media links and opportunities for fans to upload and

However unlikely, because of the market share that Diesel pursues, some customers may be put off by how highly polished the site is, as it may seem incongruous with the label's iconoclastic branding.

Strengths

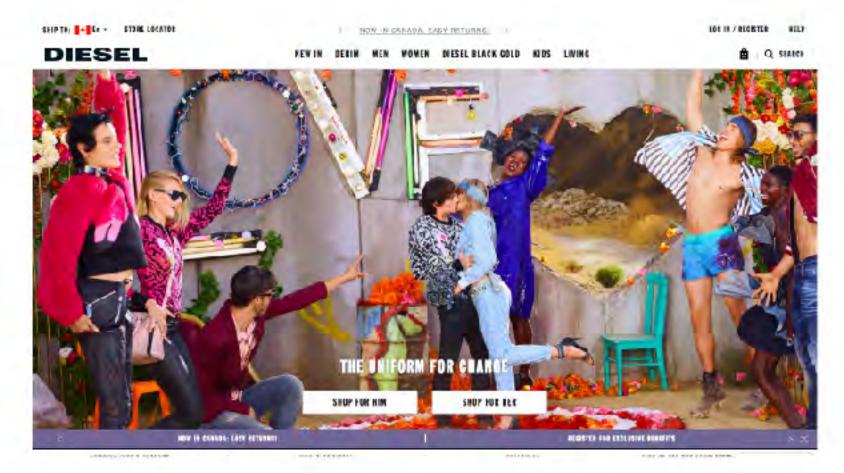
This site sets the bar. It is a delight to navigate, has an intuitive interface, extremely useable, and seemingly never ends. Even before the site loads, it raises expectations with the scrolling logo that appears in the web browser field bar. Menus are legible and conventionally worded, button states are responsive, layout provides clear and multiple CTAs throughout, social media links appear many places, new subject selections open in new tabs, there is zero lag, selectable fields are large, and the graphics, photographs, videos, sound, and typography are beautiful. This site is pure seduction with the know-how and skill to make it functional. Instead of minimizing use load, the site allows you to get lost in all things Diesel until you need a more conventional interface. The online store and collection descriptions are intuitive, professional, easy to understand, and have clearly marked entrances, exits, error messages, and help options.

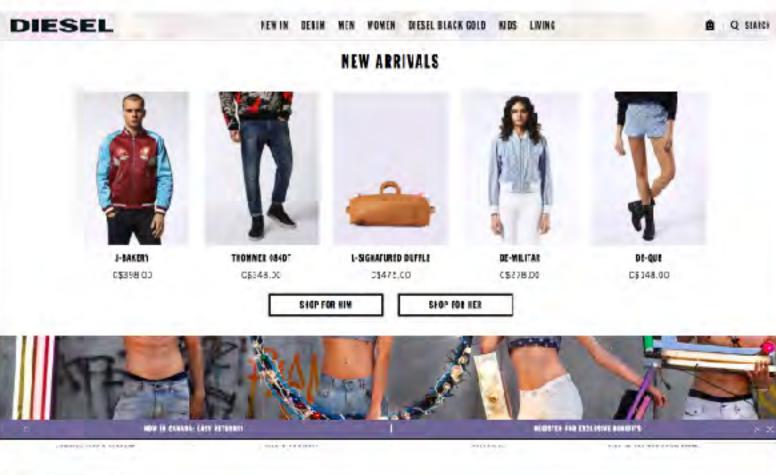


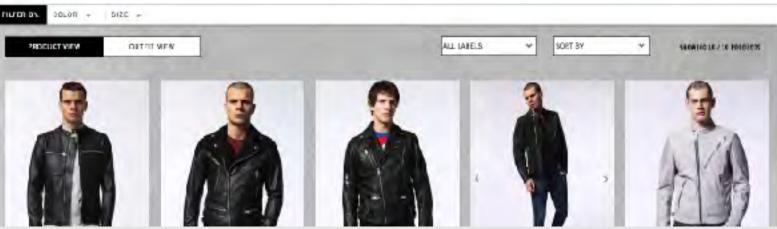
Opportunities

share media.





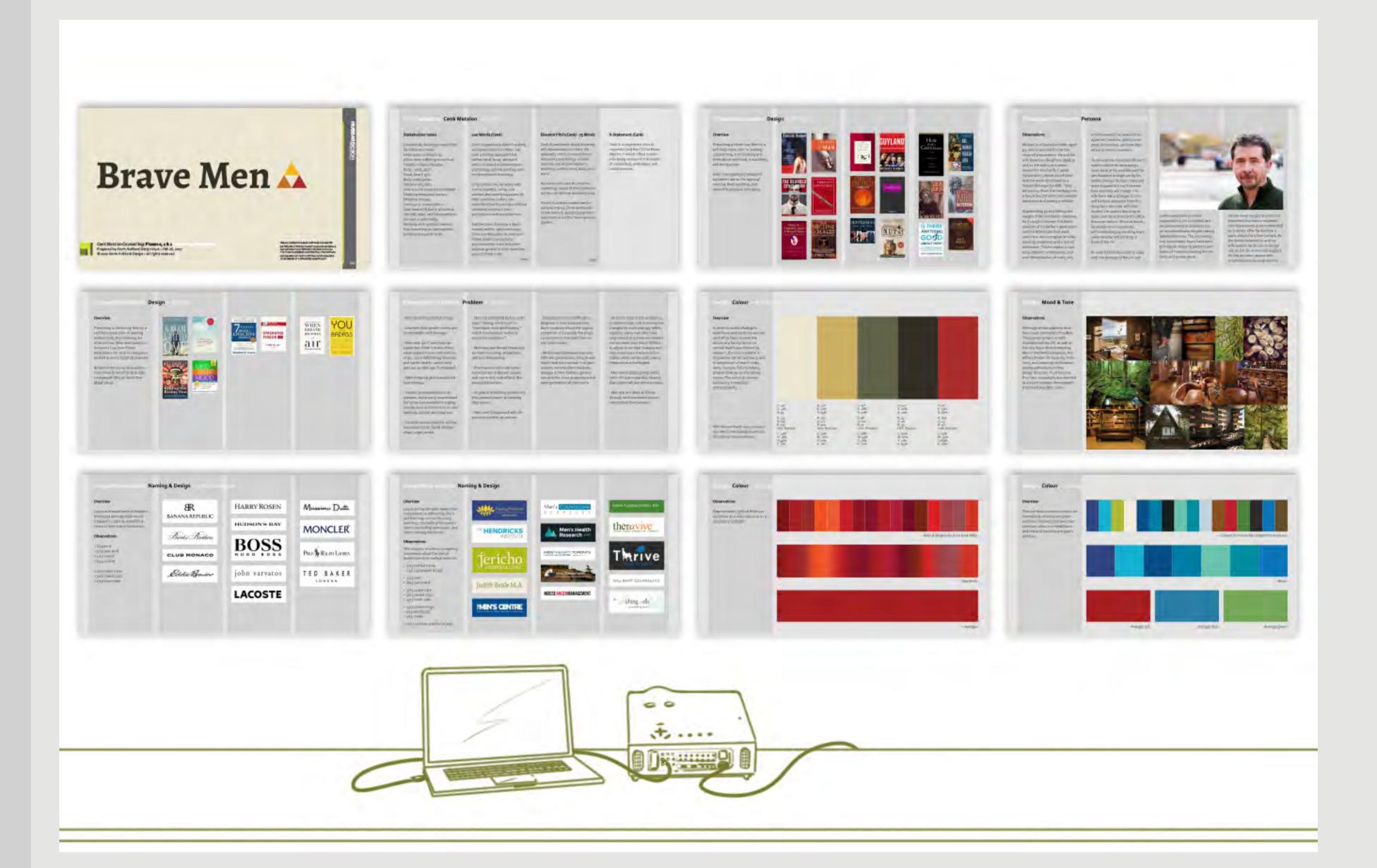






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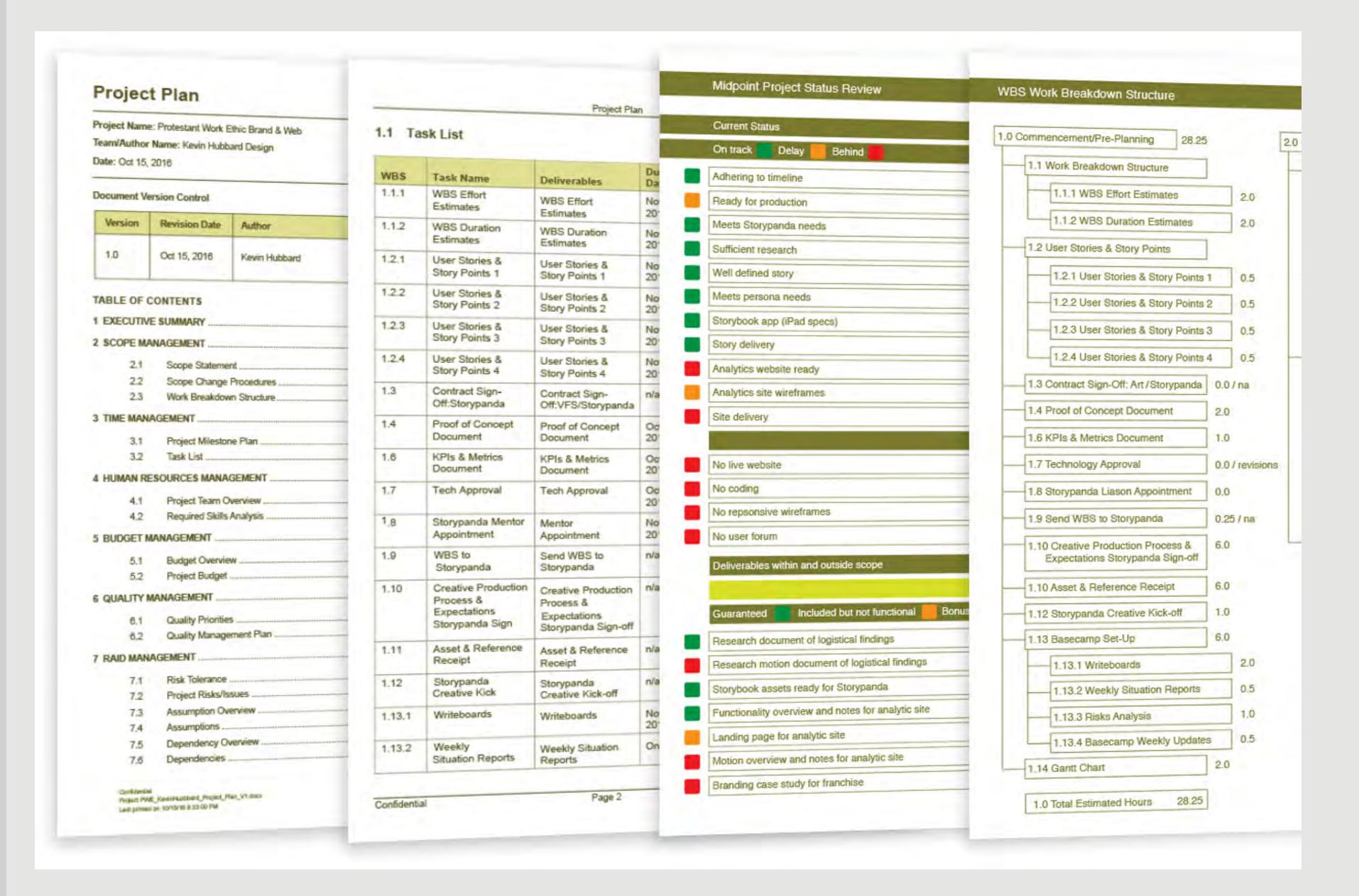
Submitted in a client presentation or as a concise deck, research findings are conveyed to stakeholders. The findings may validate or refocus the original problem as well as uncover new threats or opportunities.



Client relations

Master of scrums.

Once the problem is validated or redefined, the requirements are detailed and a project management framework agreed upon to meet the objective. Timelines, deliverables, plans, and charters all clearly detail the requirements in order to keep the project on-time, within scope, and on budget.



Play time.

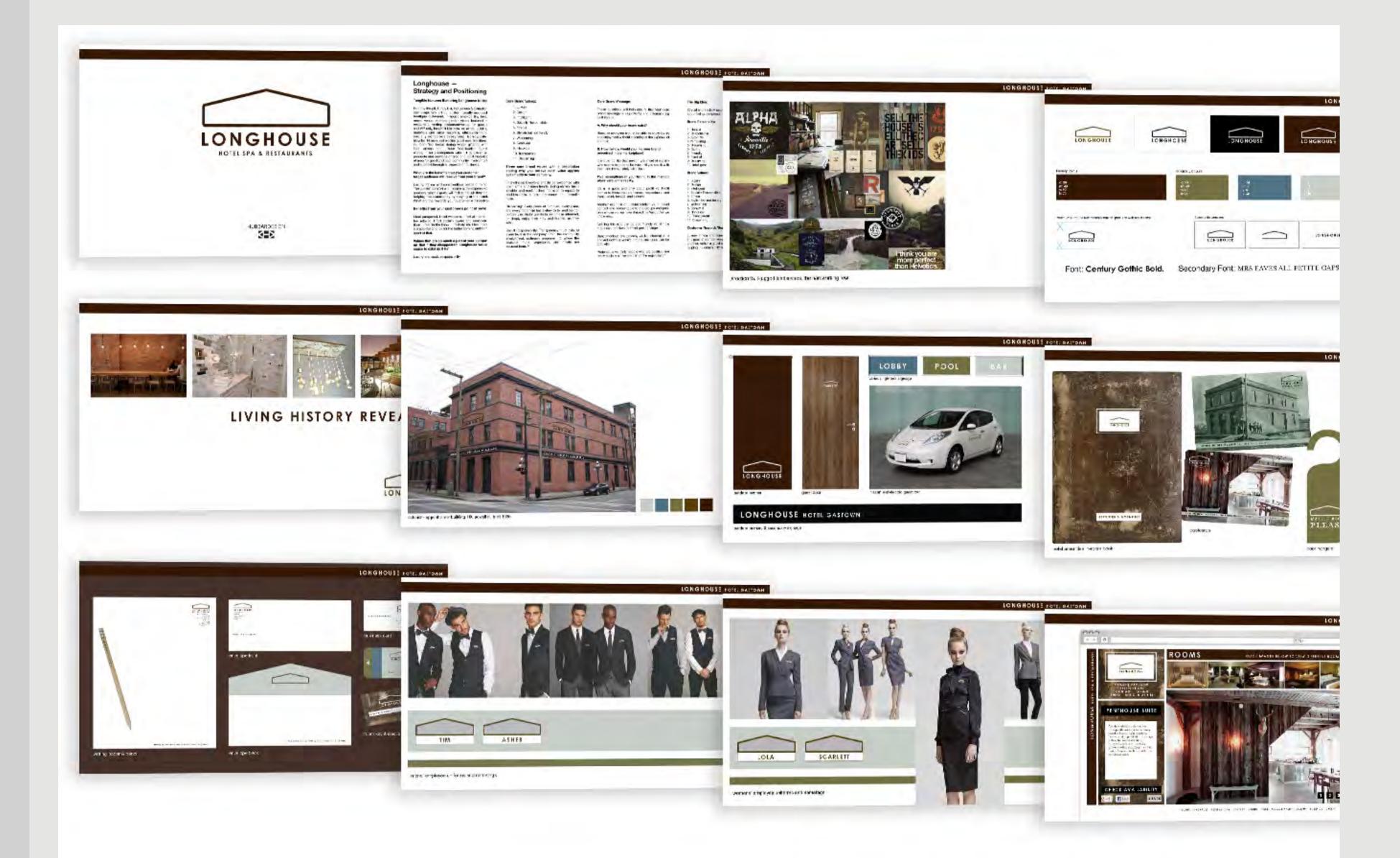
In the realms of branding & communication design, I can oversee a project through its entire lifecycle: whether intended for physical environment, print, package, product, or all the established and emerging forms of the digital sphere.



Brand & communication design

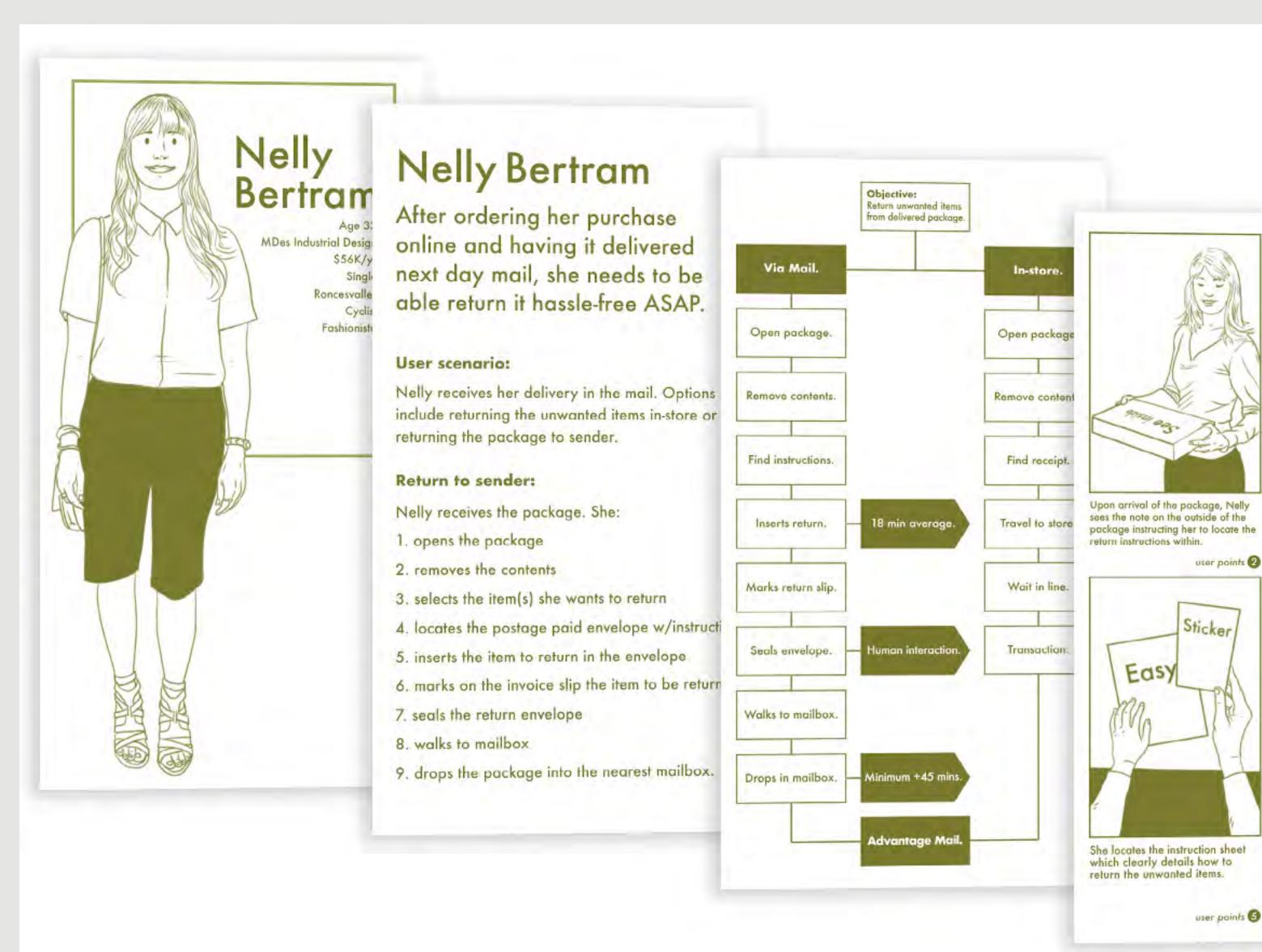
Feels good.

I create brand style guides that establish a cohesive and concise brand vision ensuring message harmony across all platforms. Mood, style, and tone conveyed through visual and written elements solidify a foundational controlling idea and core message. Colour trends and style forecasting influence logos & palettes, while psychologically motivated language—from gamification principles to emotional drivers—dictate written content.



Story time.

Within a user-experience work-flow, I develop user profiles and user stories complete with user flows and user points. My artistic background comes in handy with storyboards, conceptual models, and pre-visualization documents. Combined, everything creates a story of a plausible user whose needs can be targeted effectively and efficiently in a way which is a positive experience for the user.



She opens the package, removes

packages the returns, walks to

the mailbox and inserts the

user points 2

the contents, and locates the

Same same, but different.

Like everywhere else, research and findings drive interactive design. Competitive analyses, internal and external site audits, and heuristic evaluations result in card sorts and information hierarchies.

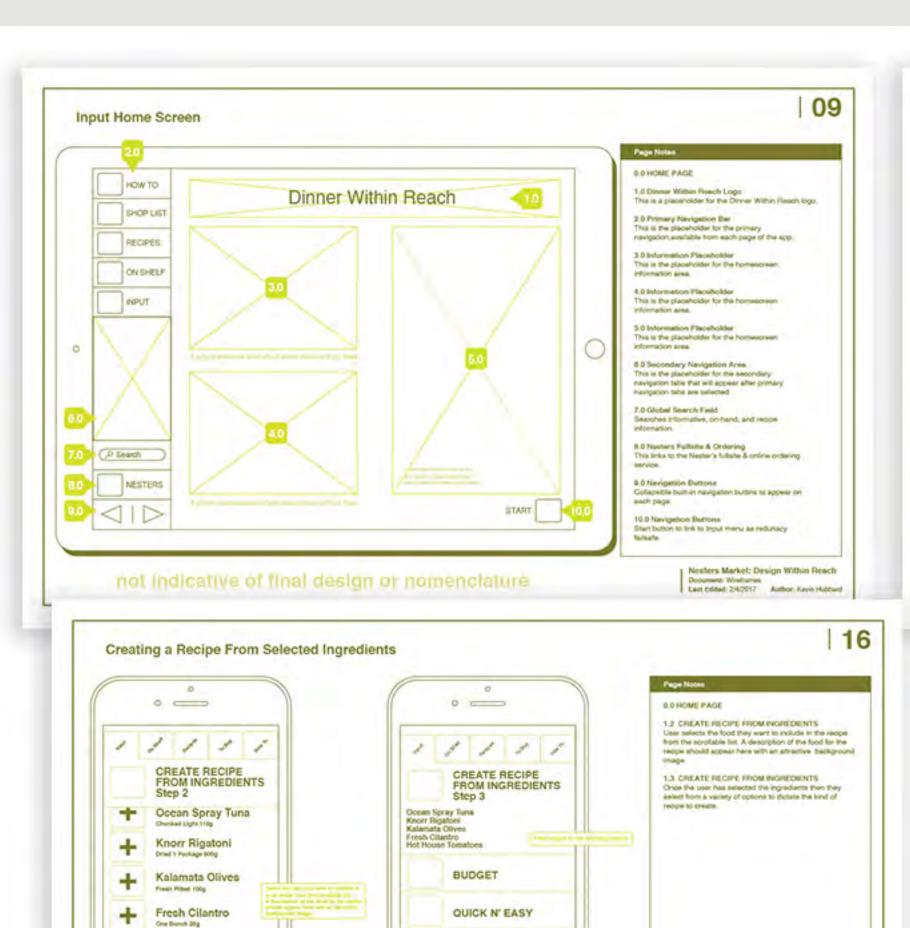
And user, community, cultural, and business needs dictate navigational structure and nomenclature.



Information architecture

Order, blessed order.

Sitemaps and wireframes complete with functionality notes for all states and actions that speak 'developer' round out the information architecture process.



WORLD FLAVOR

FAMILY FRIENDLY

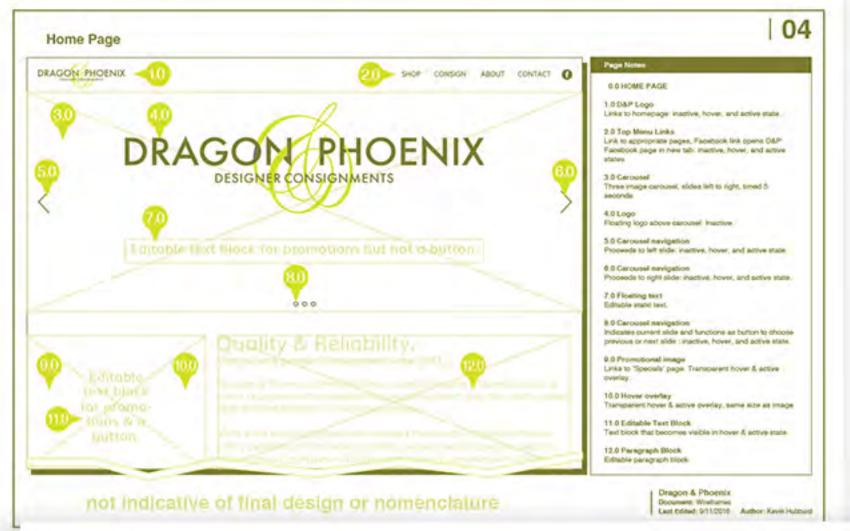
HEALTHY EATING

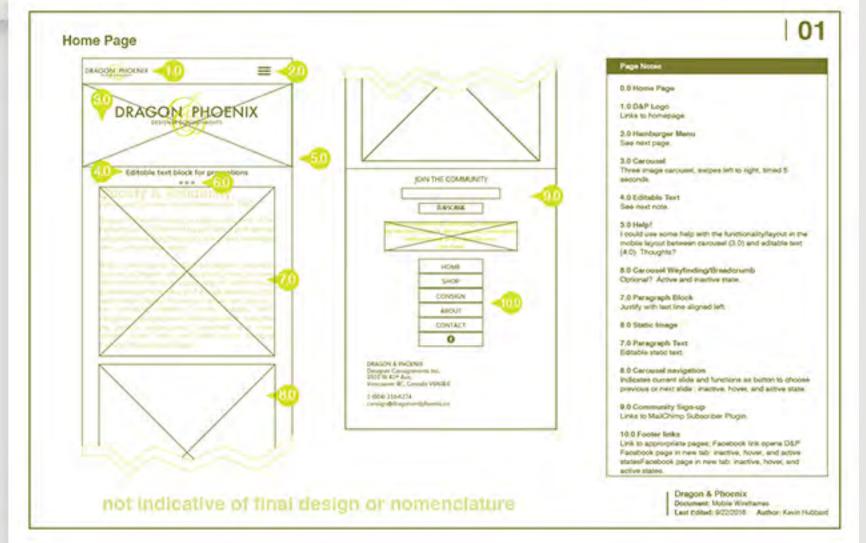
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Adam's Peanut Butter

Hot House Tomatoes





Information architecture

How'd we do?

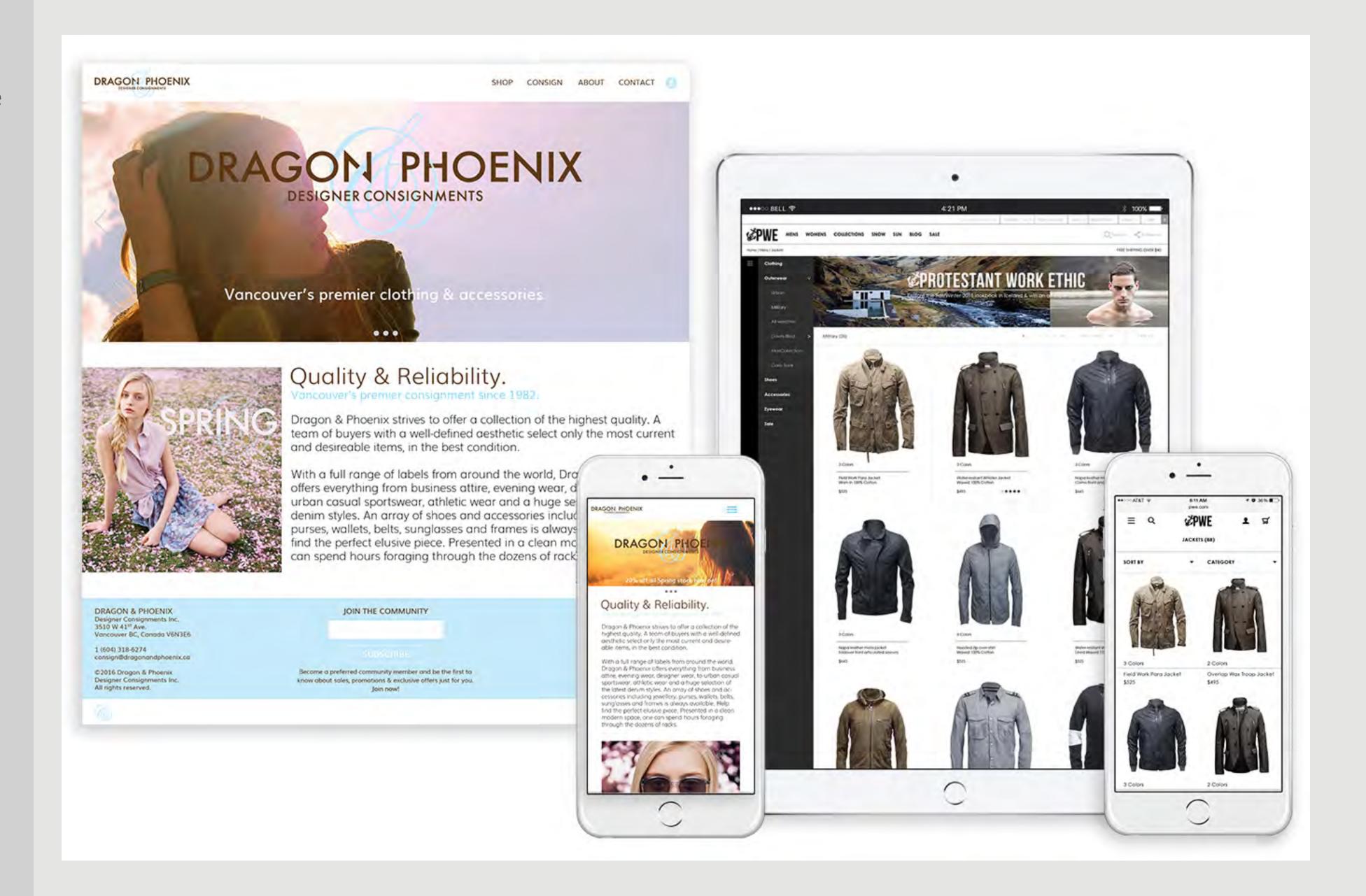
Prototyping and usability testing—from paper to on-screen
clickable—demonstrate
preliminary performance,
usability, accuracy, emotional
response, and reveal
points of pain.



Usability testing & evaluation

Function meet form.

Under the umbrella of interface design, error messages, feedback, and button states are designed for ease of use and to create a meaningful experience for the user – all while adhering to brand guidelines in an aesthetically pleasing manner.



Interface desigr

Start again.

After the product launch the cycle begins anew: define, ideate, prototype, build, test.

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