

Design Goal

Make people in different time zones continually feel happy with family, especially between parents and kids.



Interaction Vision

The metaphor
A group of flying Migrant Birds

Implicit/subtle
Free
Mutual

Concept

The whole system consists of an app (kids side) and a remote printer (parents side).

The app is accessible to all social networks of the kids and cellphone albums. Kids can easily select photos to send and share with their family.

There will be a time shifting when photos sent to the printer. It automatically sets the time to when the photo is shot, which means if you take a sun rise photo at 8, then your parents will receive it at 8 am as well.

However, as the time of sending is unexpected, it builds up little surprises for parents.

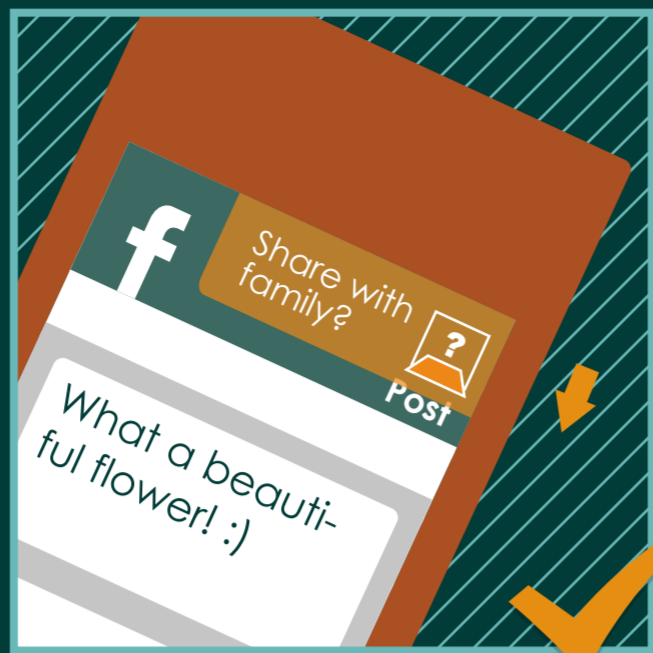
The idea of physical photos and time shifting is to decrease the feeling of distance by making two paralleled timeline together, and build up subtle surprises by affecting real daily life.



15:00 pm NL

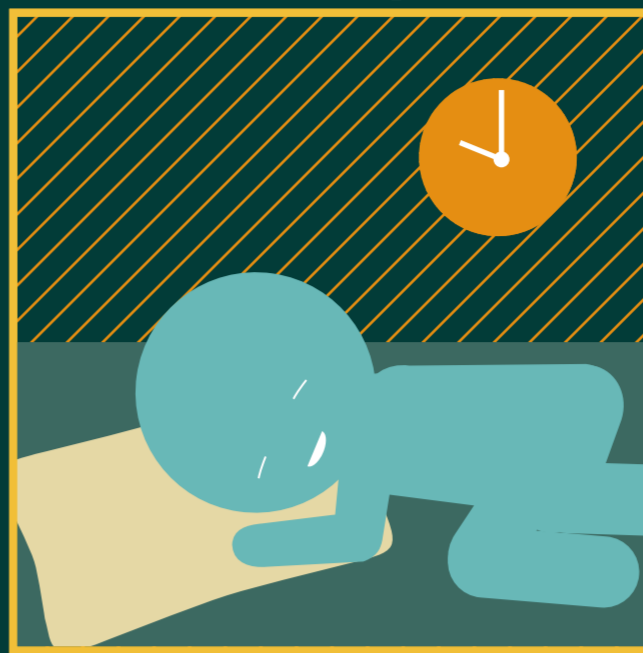


For the kids, they just normally use their social network as input for this system.



Now, they have an optional selection of what they want to share. When they come across something interesting, they can chose to share with family or not. If they click Yes, the status will be directly sent to their family.

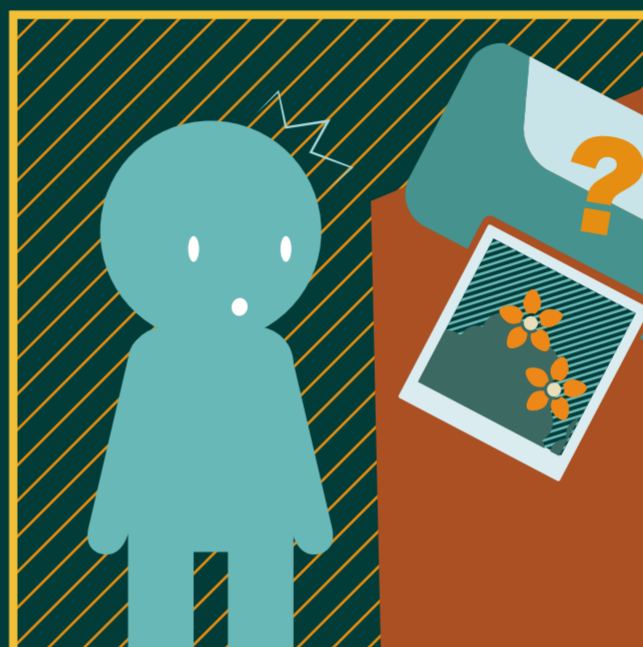
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At that time, their parents are still sleeping. The photo then will be stored in the printer.



15:00 pm CN (Next day) **Photo Printed**

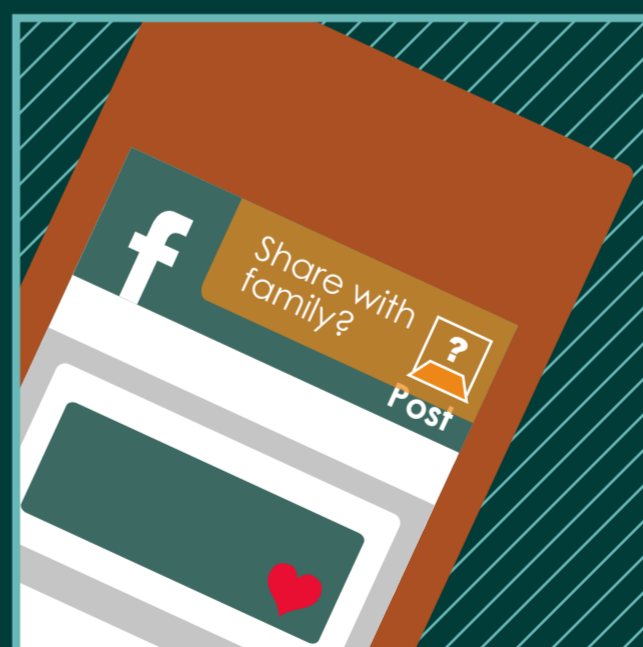


Emoticon feedback

When it is the same time in China (Next day), the photo will be printed out at exactly the time kid post the photo. Parents can feel a sense of surprise as well as a sense of presence. They can make a simple feedback by emoticon buttons.

Afterwards, they collect all the physical photos into an album and discuss with friend. Photos become pieces of new memories with their kids.

Next day NL



See emoticons

Kids can check parents' feedback on the app. It is so subtle that they will not feel intrusive at all. The memories will be collected and enhance their normal communication later on.

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