

VizItCards Over Video

We have been running the VizItCards workshop over video during the pandemic. The specific adaptations we have made include:

- 1) We provide a link to the intro video and have students watch before they run the session the first time (see below). We also allow them to ask questions before they start.
- 2) We told students to use the timer we created for them. It was just an 80-minute Youtube video that would remind them what they should be doing at that point and would make some noise when they were supposed to switch.
- 3) We offer students that we can jump into their Zoom call the first time they run this so we can check in to answer questions. This is optional and only some groups took us up on this.
- 4) We set up Miro workspaces for each group and added ourselves to it. Students didn't have to use it, but most groups did. Some alternatives are at the end of the document
- 5) We provide the following instruction to students (you'll want to modify the items in yellow). The various documents mentioned are the ones we provide in each of the zip files.
- 6) When students would email us that they were done, we'd give them the "required reading" that was the professional solution for that week.
- 7) As a change for this year, instead of having each person prepare a slide deck, we had each group record a 5 minute video/presentation and turn that in. This streamlined things a bit for the students and for us. First, there were fewer things to go through and grade. Second, it was easier to figure out what was going on. During physical sessions we would often watch participants create their visualizations so we would know what was what. The videos allowed us to recover some of that.

Instruction template below

IMPORTANT: PLEASE DO NOT OPEN ANY OF THESE FILES UNTIL YOU START YOUR GROUP MEETING!!!

(Seriously, don't look... we want these exercises to be time limited. The time constraint is an important part of this)

Also important: Try to have fun with this. We know there's a timer, but treat it like a game!

Here's what you need to do before the session:

- 1) Arrange a time with your group to meet (see the previous announcement and Slack). If you do it during lab or office hours, feel free to send us a meeting invite (<YOUR INFO>). We're happy to drop in. You can also message us on Slack and we'll try to sign

on and answer questions. You will need paper/colored pencils/pens (or tablet if you prefer), probably a camera phone for the session.

2) Watch the instructional video on VizItCards before you log in:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-SI0Imh8-II>

3) You can get a cheat sheet for the activity here: [step0-vizitcards_cheatsheet_letter.pdf](#)

4) Decide on which collaborative drawing application you want to use. We suggest Miro. It supports different kinds of devices, is collaborative and seems reliable. Please sign up for Miro ASAP so we can add you to your group's "project." If you don't like Miro, you can try any of the zillion apps in the space*.

5) Copy and share [this Google slideshow](#) with your group and with us (<YOUR INFO>).

For the session itself:

1) Once you get started, you can use this handy timer that Licia made to keep you on task. Stick to the 80 minutes and the times allocated for different steps:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WABMCeRP2Ck>

2) The spec for step 1 is here: [step1.1-spec.pdf](#) and the domain cards are here: [step1.2_domain_cards.pdf](#) (remember, make your own cards before looking at ours). Please do not Google for ideas.

3) When you start to sketch (steps 3/4) try to draw as many solutions as you can. If you get stuck, take a look at our inspiration cards: [step3-inspiration-cards.pdf](#)

4) When you're done, email us (<YOUR INFO>) so we can send you the next step.

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<https://www.figma.com/blog/how-figmas-multiplayer-technology-works/>,
<https://www.mural.co/>, <https://sketchpad.app/en/>, <https://sketchtogether.com/>,
<https://sketchpad.pro/>, <https://zoop.io/>, <https://sketchboard.io/>, <http://flockdraw.com/>,
<https://aggie.io/>, <https://drawpile.net/>