Team 1+

Geovisualization & Timeline for Incidents of Violence

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Project Overview

Customer

School of Social Ecology

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Description

Design an Interactive geographical visualization and timeline for incidents (data provided by customer) of violence during the Civil Rights Movements with contextual event information and document access.

Issues to be Addressed

- Simple map interface interaction
 - Someone with no experience should be able to find incidents filtered by location or time frame in seconds
- Easy maintainability
 - Geoff Ward must be able to maintain the product despite lack of programming experience
- Transferring growing data to populate map
 - Microsoft Excel table format input
 - May consider changing data format if necessary

Our Process

- Prototype Phase
 - Gather client requirements
 - Design initial mockup
- Revision Phase
 - User interviews and surveys
 - Mockup revisions
- Final Phase
 - Final computer prototype
 - Final Report

Three Types of Users

Customer/Client

Community Users

Informers

Customer

- Geoff Ward + Lab Students
- Goal
 - Raise awareness of racial hate crimes of the past and present
 - Humanize stories and data about said events
- Requirements
 - Display events with basic demographic information
 - Interface simplicity
 - Longevity and ease of maintainability

Community Users

- User Goal (Public)
 - Seek information and insight about racial crimes

- Requirements (So far)
 - Provide powerful visualization and timeline
 - Interactive presentation of events

Informers

User Goal

- Add new event information.
- Revise current event information
- Easily navigate through map to collect info

Requirements (So far)

- Easy visualization of events
- Seamless integration of visualization, event view and data entry

Finding Users

- Customer
 - Geoff Ward and students in his lab
 - We will get in touch with student researchers through Prof.
 Ward and set up interviews
- Informers/Community User
 - Since our team is not responsible for the portion allowing users to input new incidents, Informers and Community Users are very similar for our purposes.
 - We will potentially ask for volunteers from Prof. Ward's class to test the interface.

Usability Testing Overview

- Sample users Lab students of Geoff Ward
- Meetings would last about 10-20 minutes depending on our process:
 - Meet user at Social Ecology computer lab
 - Reviewing product/instructions with user
 - Allowing user the freedom to use system
 - Answering questions and receiving feedback from user after use

What is our End Goal?

- Interactive computer application prototype
 - Geographical markers of various hate crimes
 - Functional timeline
 - Filter events based on similarity of attack
 - Balloon descriptions
 - Ability to move to a mobile device

Quarter Schedule

- Week 3
 - Finalize requirements + tools for mockups (Amrit)
 - Low fidelity (paper sketches) mockups (Mallika)

- Week 4
 - Draft Wireframes (Amrit) + Interview Questions (Mallika)
 - Build a mockup with draft wireframes (Justin)

Quarter Schedule (cont.)

- Week 5
 - Finalize Questions and Conduct Interviews (Michelle)
 - Collect feedback on Interviews (All)
 - Draft Usability testing plans (Michelle)
- Week 6
 - Based on feedback, Finalize Wireframes (Justin)
 - Finalize Usability Testing Plans (Mallika)
- Week 7
 - Usability Testing (All)

Quarter Schedule (cont.)

- Week 8
 - Usability Testing (as needed) + Compile Feedback (All)
 - Prepare for Pre-Final Presentation (All)
- Week 9
 - Pre-Final Presentation (All)
 - 2nd round of Usability Testing (if needed) (All)
- Week 10
 - Compile Results + Provide Final Recommendations (All)
 - Prepare and turn in Final Report (All)