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# Mobile App Design Intro

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## **1- 1 pm**

Introduction – class goals and overview – syllabus and schedule

Introduction to EVL

Student Data Sheet

## **2- 2pm**

Client Presentation / Q & A

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## **3- 4pm**

Introductions and Portfolio Presentations

## **4- 5pm**

Team formation and discussion

## **Mondays / Wednesdays**

1-6.40pm

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Laboratory (EVL)

Engineering Research  
Facility (EFR)

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## Curriculum

Students explore the current standards and best practices of mobile design and user experience (UX).

The course utilizes a hands- on approach to guide students through learning and understanding the mobile design and development process.

This course is primarily designed for students with minimal technical experience.

By the end of the course, students will be able to plan, design, and implement a front-end functioning mobile app.

## Fall

Developing effective graphics  
and UX for mobile media

- Problem understanding
- Research methods
- Market research
- Ideation / Concept
- User Experience (UX) research
- User interface design
- UX design
- User studies
- Prototype
- Interactive simulation
- Wireframes UX
- Hi fi Design - storyboard
- Initial development

## Curriculum

The curriculum will be presented in two sequential areas of practice:

The Fall semester will be devoted to problem understanding, research, ideation, design and initial development. Design includes user interface design, graphic design, and UX. Solution prototypes will be presented to the client in the form of storyboards.

The Spring semester will be devoted to translating your design solution into a functioning application. This includes programming for all interactivity and multimedia required for mobile development, user testing, and incorporating the feedback into the process.

## Objectives

Upon successful completion of the course, students should be able to:

- 1) Design and implement innovative mobile app based on effective UX design principles.
- 2) Conduct the necessary research to inform the design and development process.
- 3) Work in teams.
- 4) Build functional prototypes and interactive simulations for mobile devices.
- 5) Design mobile interfaces ready to be implemented into coding.

## Objectives

This course assumes that students have a working knowledge of computers, intermediate design knowledge, and familiarity with web design principles and software.

For the duration of the course we will be using the Apple Macintosh platform and a variety of design software.

While various software packages will be utilized, the course focuses on the research and development of creative concepts, ideas and the quality of their visualization.





**Working collaboratively —**  
show early, share often, get feedback.  
YES, even “ugly” sketches!

## Problem Orientation

### Work in teams of 3-4

- communication
- project management
- regular meetings
- reports
- roles and tasks
- progress documentation

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- research
- stakeholder interviews
- conduct market and user research
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- user interface
- interactivity
- mobility
- user experience (UX)
- mobile media technologies

### Design Process:

- UX design
- client presentations & Q&A
- UX wireframes
- iterative design
- development
- incorporating client feedback
- low & high fidelity
- prototypes

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- low & high fidelity prototypes

## DES 421

### Functional prototypes Mobile interface design

#### Current practice:

- development technologies
- tools
- frameworks
- programming languages

#### Production process:

- programming
- scripting
- debugging
- uploading on the Cloud
- collaborating with developers

## Hardware/Software

Mac 2019+  
No windows

Adobe CS  
Photoshop  
Illustrator  
InDesign  
XD  
Marvel app

Xcode (IB+Swift)  
Swift

## Online Tools

-Course website (schedule, links, assignments)  
[www.evl.uic.edu/mad/schedule.html](http://www.evl.uic.edu/mad/schedule.html)

-Blackboard (“Bb”) (grades, discussion boards)

-Box( class folder with all the files)

## Electronic Communication Mantra

If it's an grade, quiz or discussion it's on Blackboard;

if it's any material, link, assignment, date or video, it's on the class website;

if it's a file upload/download it's on **Box**.

## New tools

We will mix up and try tools as we will move forward with app design

## Readings

### **iOS Programming. The Big Nerd Ranch Guide by Christian Keur, Aaron Hillegass, 7th edition**

Beginning Xcode by Matthew Knott Daniel Bramhall

Mobile Usability by Jakob Nielsen and Raluca Budiu, New Riders

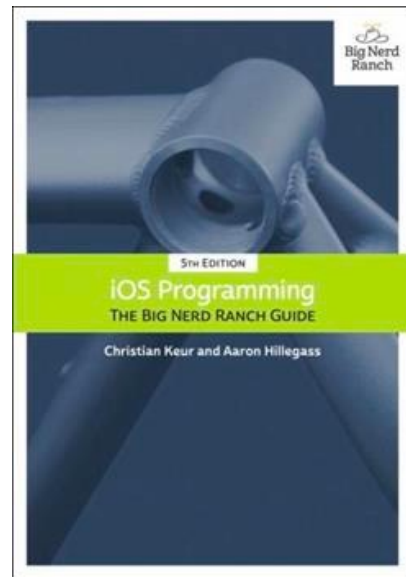
The Elements of User Experience: User-Centered Design for the Web  
by Jesse James Garrett

A Project Guide to UX Design: For user experience designers in the field  
or in the making by Russ Unger and Carolyn Chandler

Learn Xcode Tools for Mac OS X and iPhone Development by Ian Piper

Typographie by Emil Ruder, Arthur Niggli/Teufen

The Elements of Typographic Style by Robert Bringhurst, Hartley & Marks Publishers





## Evaluation

### **Team project, assignments (50%)**

- A1 Market research
- A2 UX design
- A3 Wireframe
- A4 Revisions
- A5 Icon
- A6 Storyboard Midterm
- A7 Revisions
- Final

### **discussions, quizzes, peer evaluation (\$30%)**

- A5 icons
- quiz
- peer evaluation

### **attendance & participation (20%)**

your willingness and ability to accept client & faculty feedback

## Evaluation

14 classes

11 work sessions

Attendance is mandatory

>2 absences – final grade reduction

late submissions will be penalized

by 15% grade reduction for the first day

10% for each day afterwards

Hardware failure is not an acceptable excuse for late assignment.

You should always make a backup of your files.

## Assessments

### Formative

Practice & confidence build

Self-Checks

Bb auto graded (quiz, discussion)

Be prepared for a lot of hard work

Self – studies outside of the class

Research/design/code

Class time is limited-

In-depth course to prepare your graduation portfolio

### Summative

Projects

Presentations

## Schedule

Week 1 — Introduction

Week 2 — Labor Day

Week 3 — UX and UI design

Week 4 — Team Presentations

Week 5 — Collaborative UX Wireframe Presentations

Week 6 — Icon Presentation

Week 7 — Storyboard Design

Week 8 — Lab

Week 9 — Midterm

Week 10 — Intro to App Development

Week 11 — Intro to Xcode

Week 12 — Interface Builder

Week 13 — Lab

Week 14 — Lab

Week 15 — Final Review



## Flow

Flow is an app developed for the UIC ENT clinic in order to demystify the patient's waiting experience. A visual timeline maps each step of the patient's visit, from the waiting room to the doctor check-up. Flow is both informative and calming by giving the patient the option to read up on doctor bios during their wait or participate in relaxing meditations.



# Daily Bytes

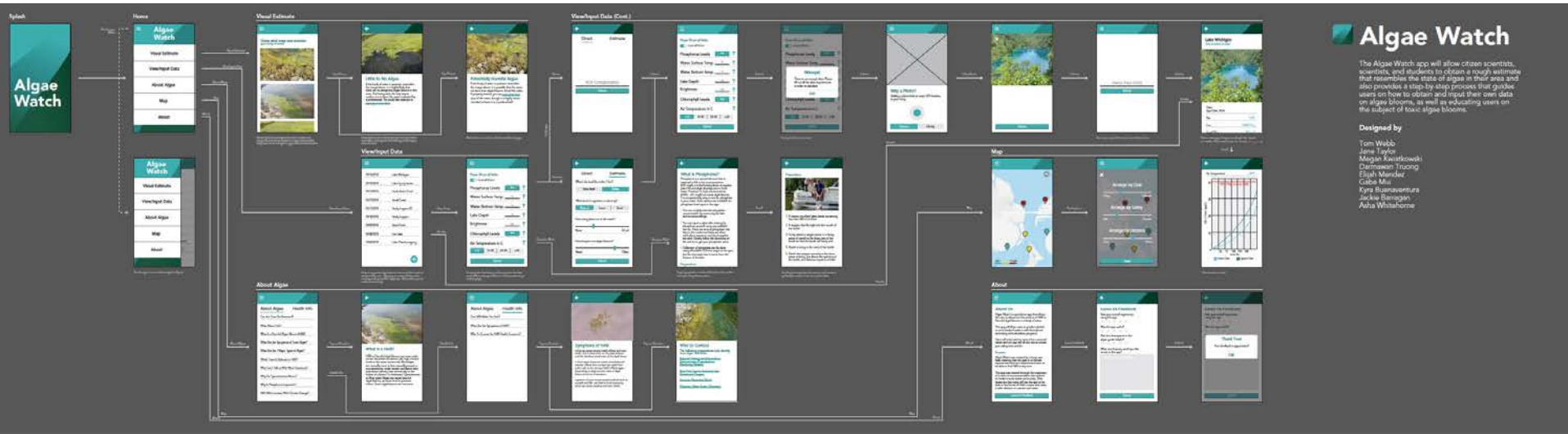
Daily Bytes was developed for the UIC Department of Surgery. The app is based on a spaced-education (SE) theory to teach core content to M3 medical students while assessing their knowledge and retention of material.



Daily Bytes Story Board  
Jessica Kim, Ryan Hernandez, Will Dutton

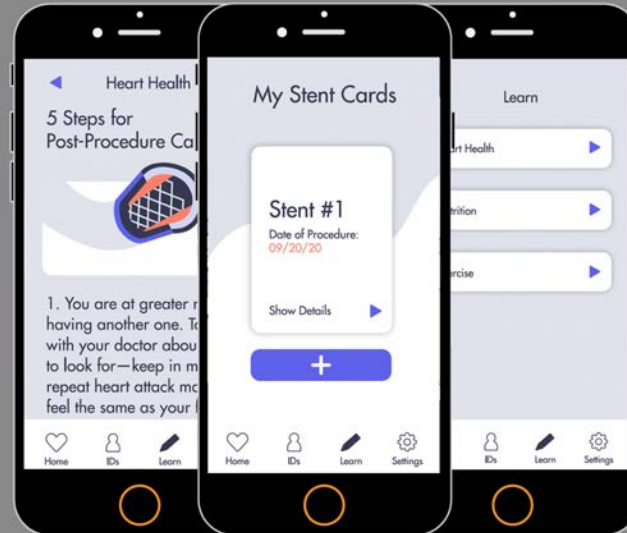
## Algae Watch

The Algae Watch app will allow citizen scientists, scientists, and students to obtain a rough estimate that resembles the state of algae in their area and also provides a step-by-step process that guides users on how to obtain and input their own data on algae blooms, as well as educating users on the subject of toxic algae blooms.

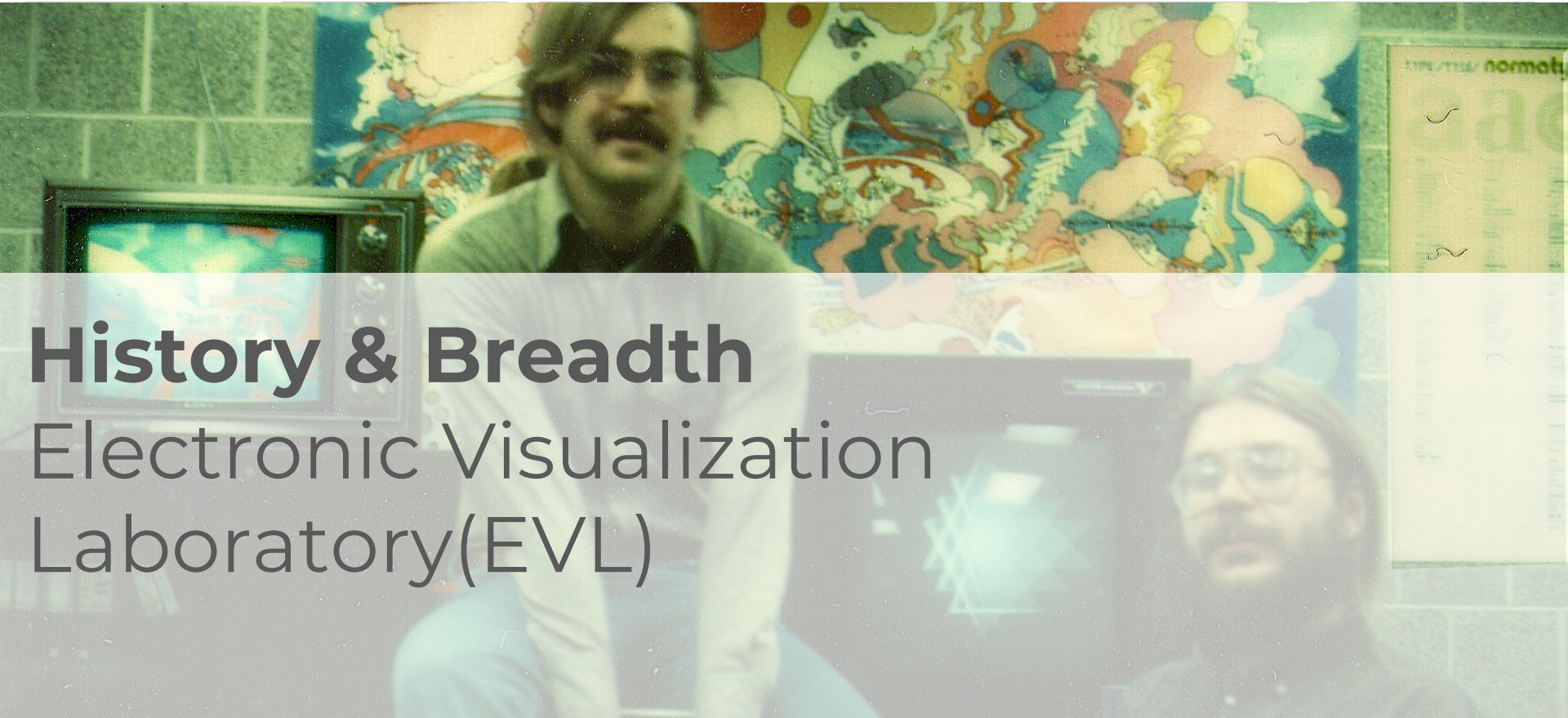


## Villis

A patient-centered app that records information about their heart stent implant data. Patients receive a variety of implanted devices but due to lack of integration of hospital IT systems information about the devices is not readily available. Often this lack of information at hand leads to emergencies potentially aggravate lethal results.







# History & Breadth

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Artists organize projects,  
help visualize data,  
create media

Artists are supported and  
get the toys to do their  
own work: often inspired  
by science

Scientists get to  
communicate effectively  
EVL makes them look good  
EVL delivers visualization  
technology and techniques  
to science

mid-70s — *the Electronic Visualization Events* a series of live performances in which images were computer generated and color processed in real time with musical accompaniment

EVL helped to produce the CG special effects for the first Star Wars film

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2aLOAjTISEs>

<https://chicagotonight.wttw.com/2013/05/23/star-wars-connection>





## CAVE® 1992



## ImmersaDesk® 1995



## Paris 1998



## GeoWall — 2000



## Varrier



## CAVE2 — 2012





## Molecular Chemistry Dataset



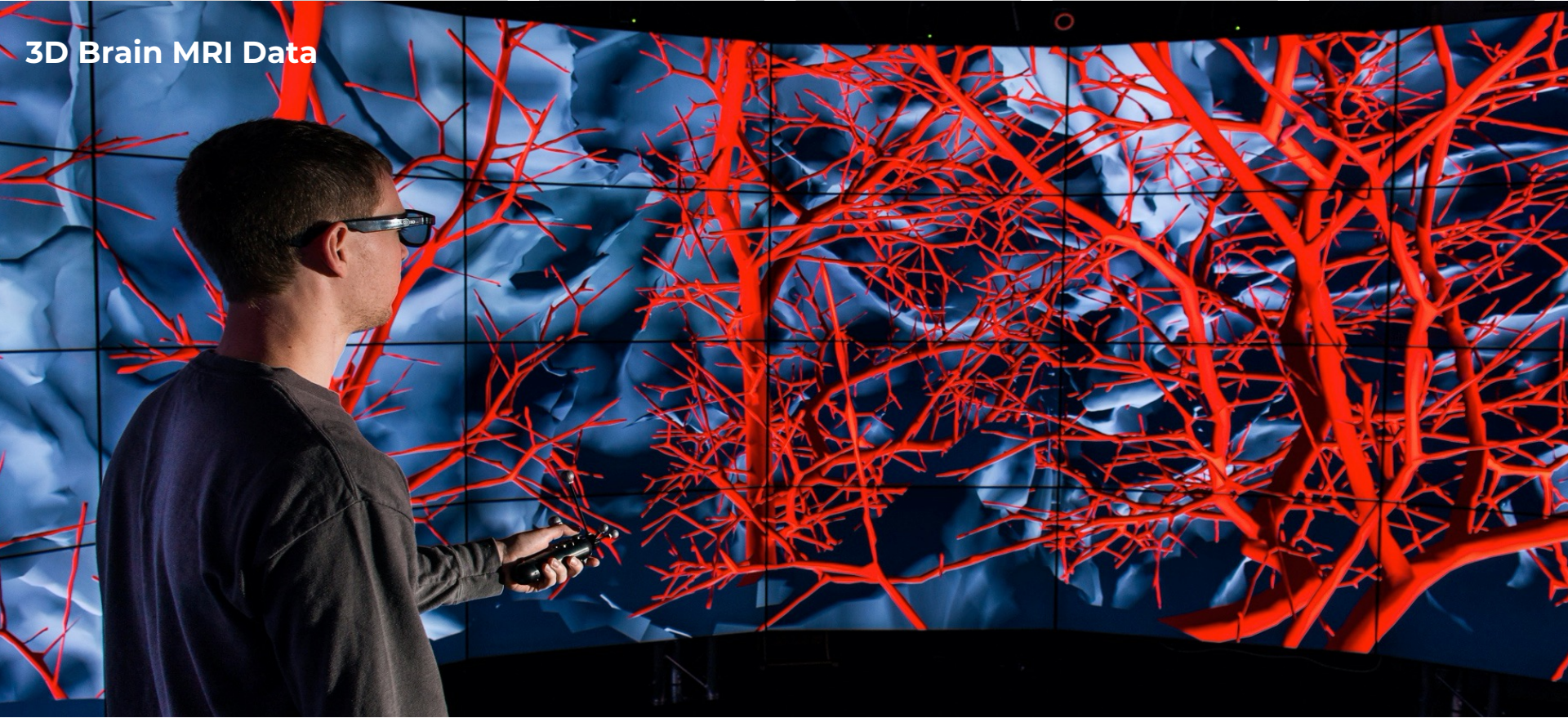


## Particle Dreams in Spherical Harmonics



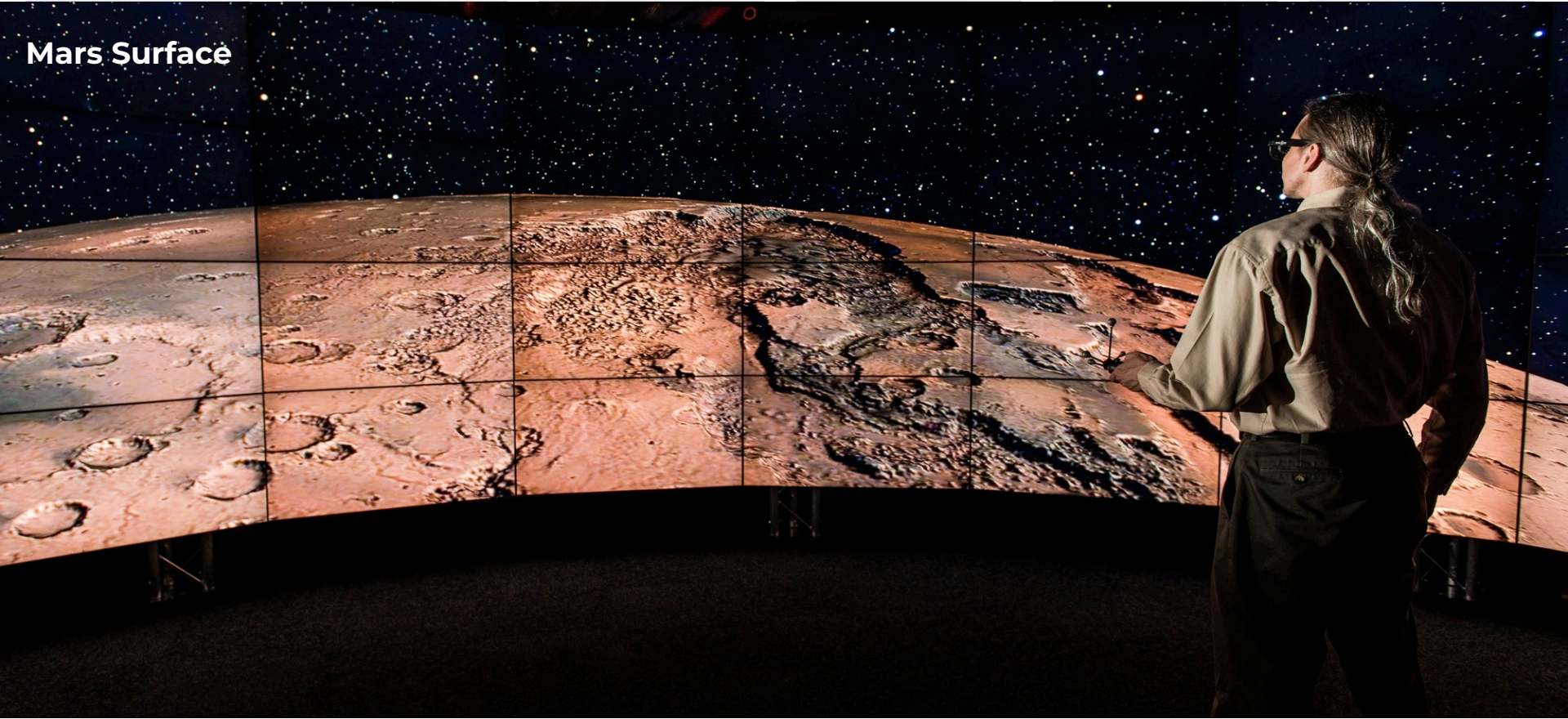


## 3D Brain MRI Data





## Mars Surface



## Fleet Commander — CyberCommons





## Paint Program — CyberCommons



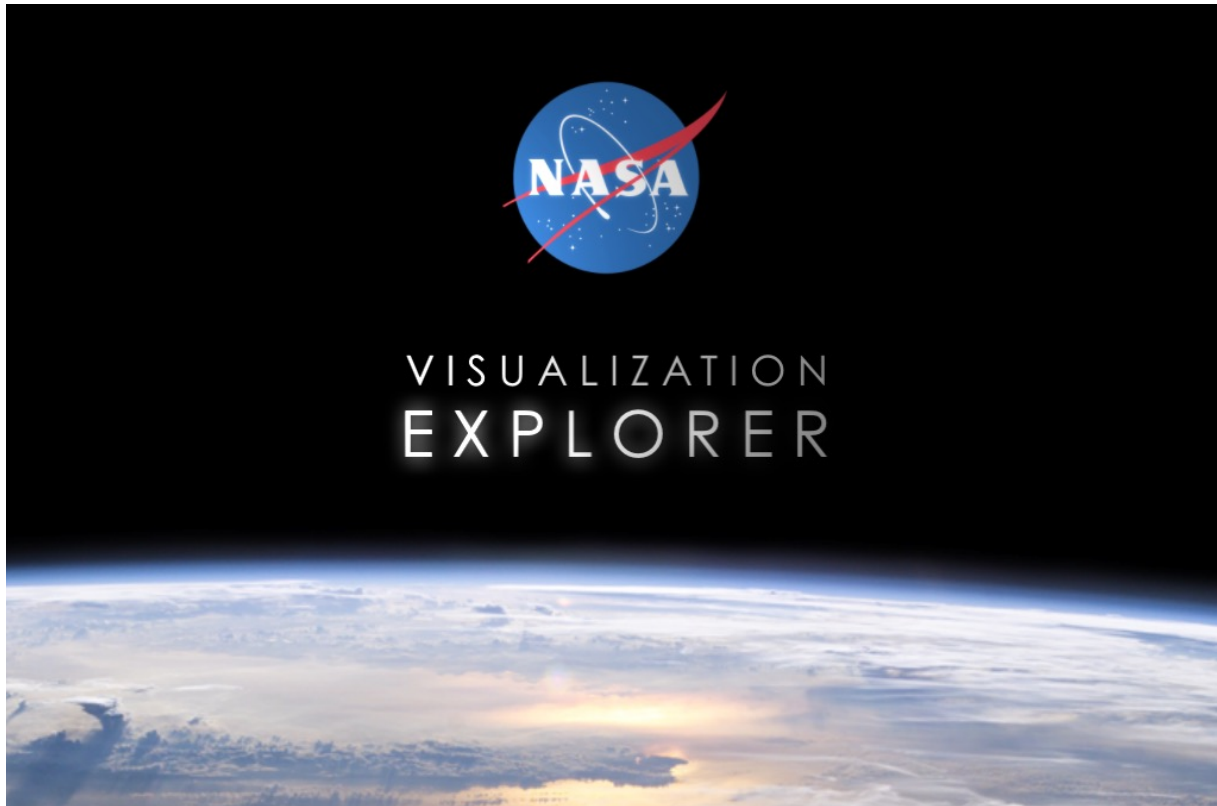
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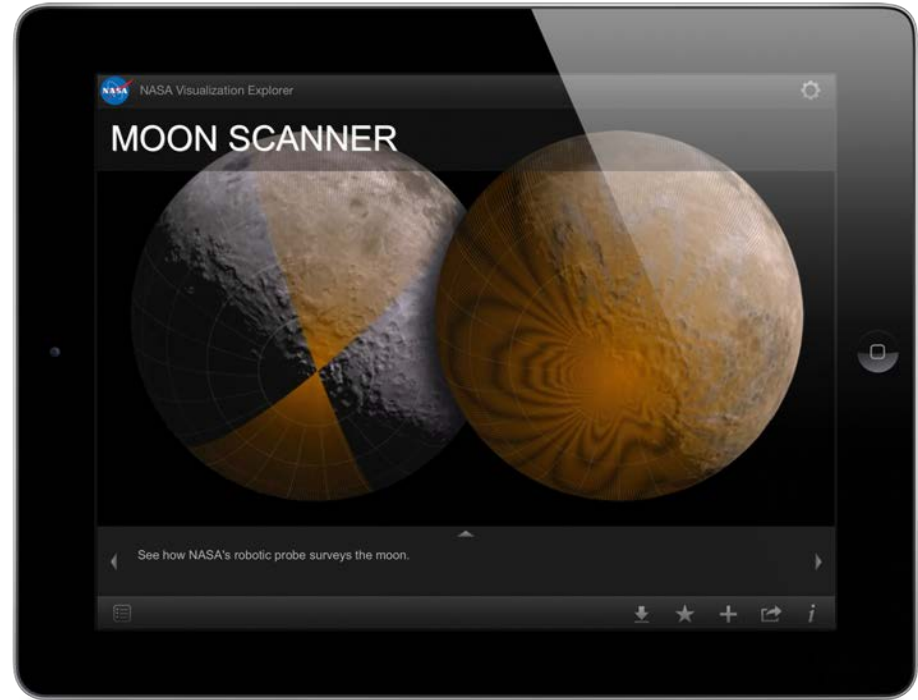
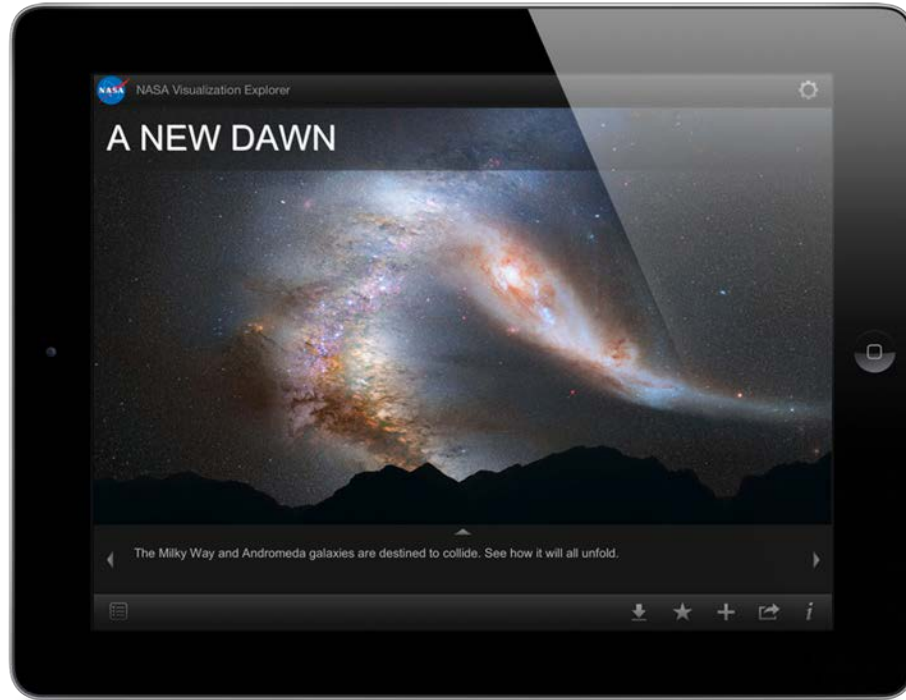
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general public

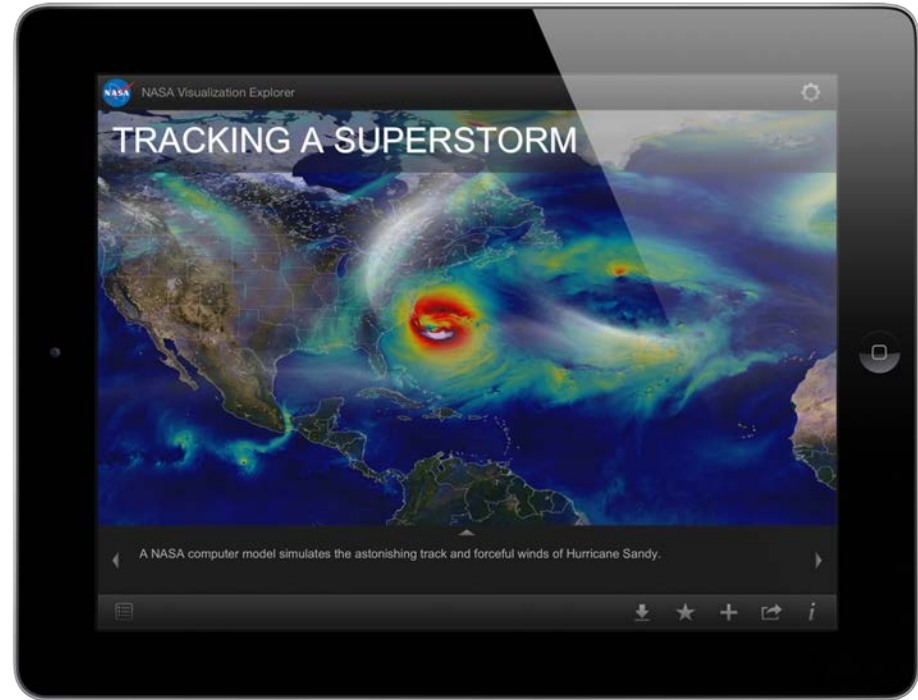
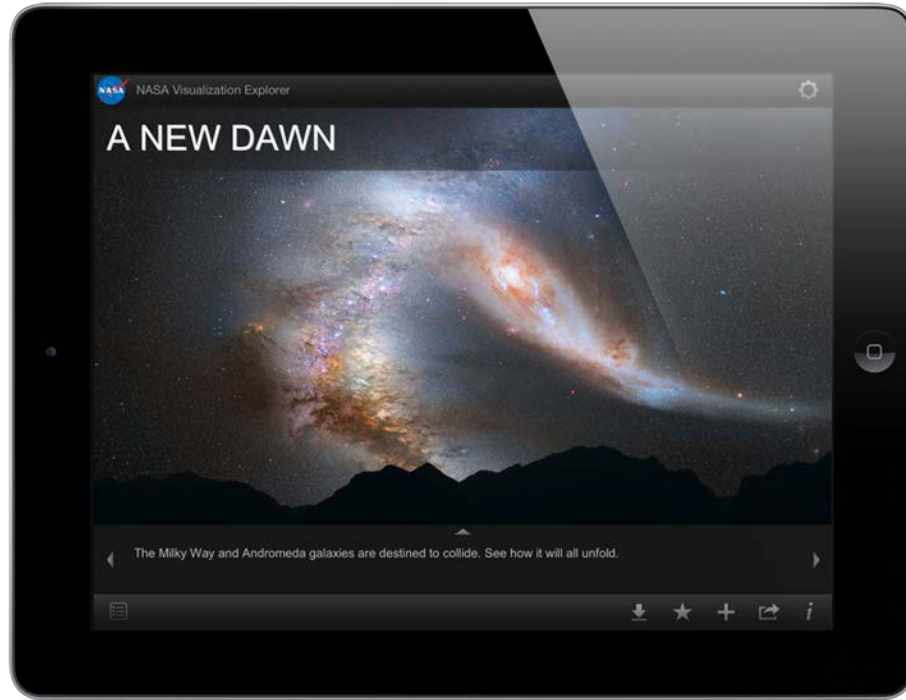
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stories per week

Scientific Storytelling  
effort from NASA/GSFC

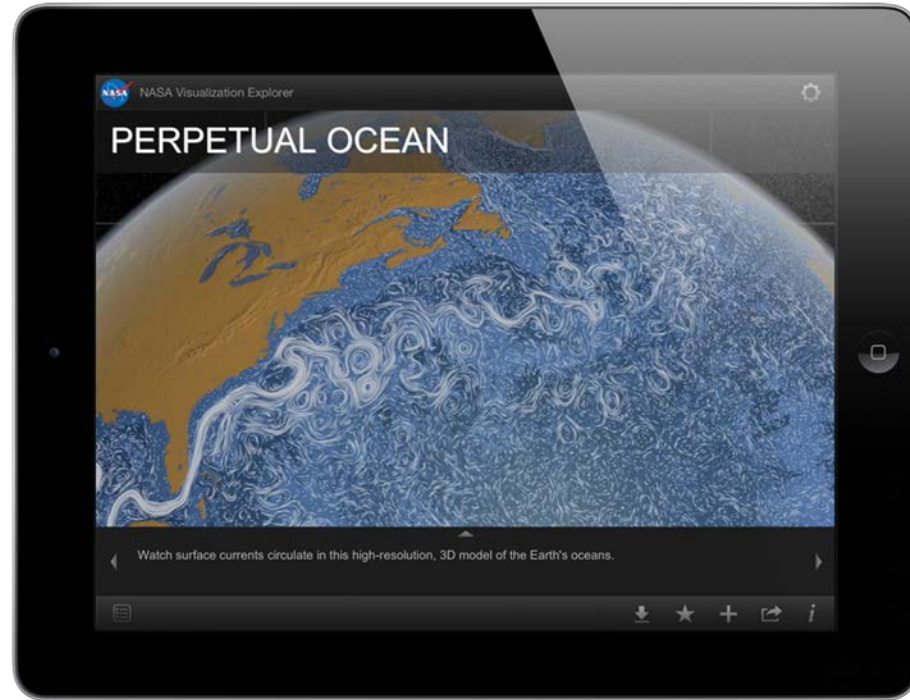
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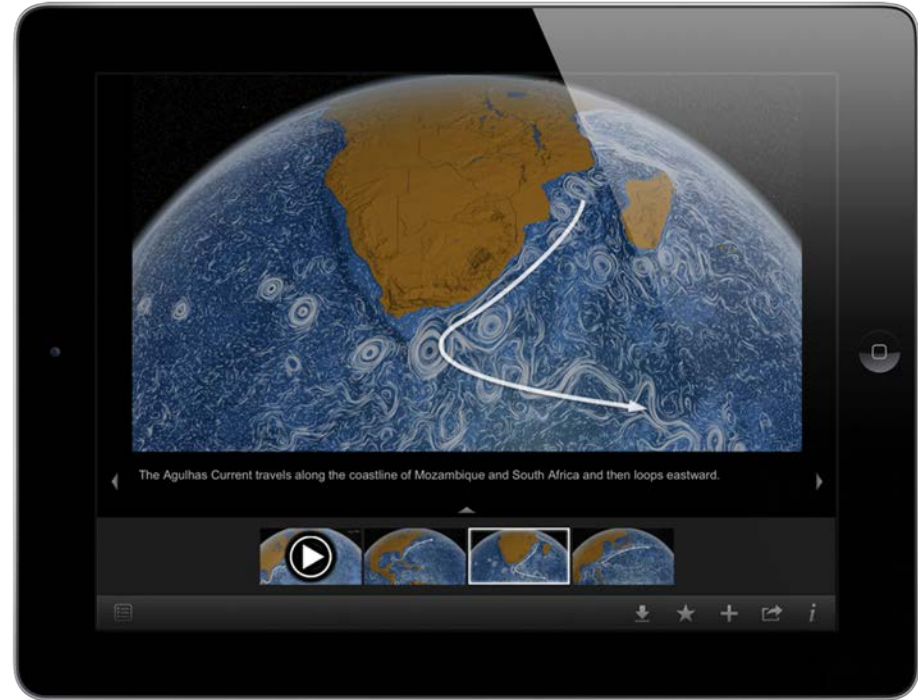
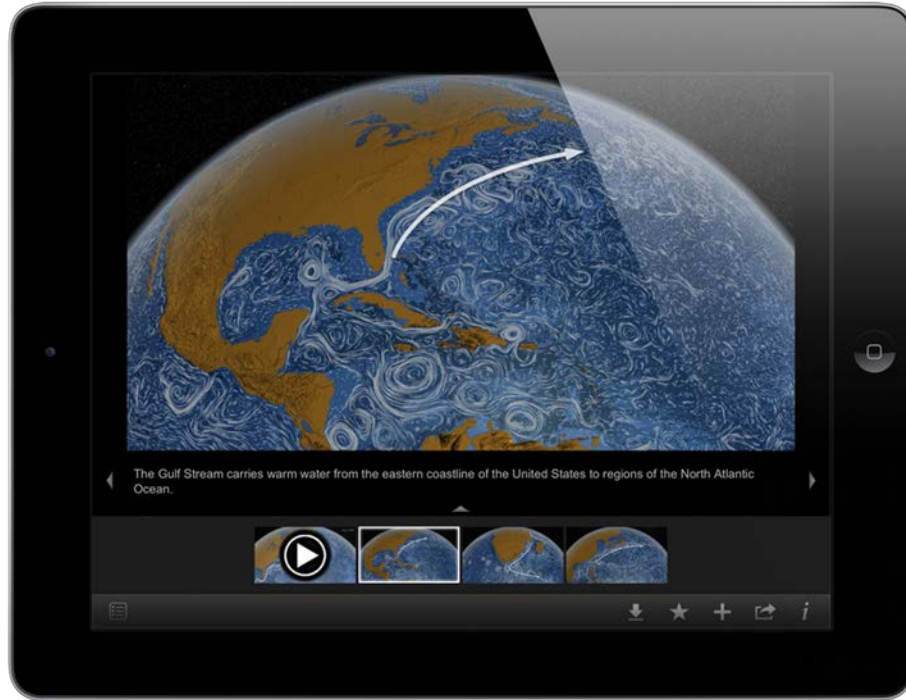














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# Let's get started.



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## Assignments Week 1

### A1 – Market and UX Research and analyses

website/ week 1   Submit to   Drive / A1 folder

### Introduction slides

Submit to Drive / Introductions