

# ***“I Don’t Even Remember What I Read”***

## **How Design Influences Dissociation on Social Media**



# BACKGROUND



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Designs systems focusing on emotional, cognitive and social impacts in HCI



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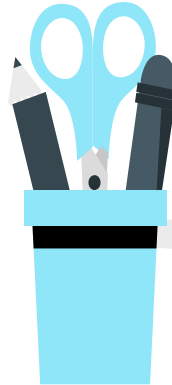
Explores technology’s role in promoting healthy digital habits and well-being.

# Normative Dissociation



## Passive Dissociation

- Involuntary Absorption such as daydreaming
- Occurs during routine activities
- No deliberate purpose



## Active Dissociation

- Planned Absorption
- Usually recreational activities
- Specific purpose / Goal oriented

# ABSTRACT



**01**

## Objectives

- How social media design affects normative dissociation
- Do people dissociate on social media?

**02**

## Contributions

- Highlighted the set of features that influence the likelihood of normative dissociation
- Provided insights for creating social media designs that balance user engagement and disengagement.

**03**

## Findings

- Normative dissociation offers moments of mental relief but often leads to wasted time.
- Designers have the power to encourage normative dissociation and to disrupt it

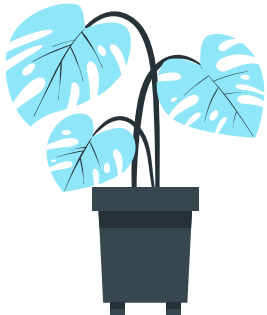
# Methodology

## Approaches and Research Methods

- Experience Sampling Method (ESM)
- Interviews
- Mixed-methods analysis

## Data Collection Application

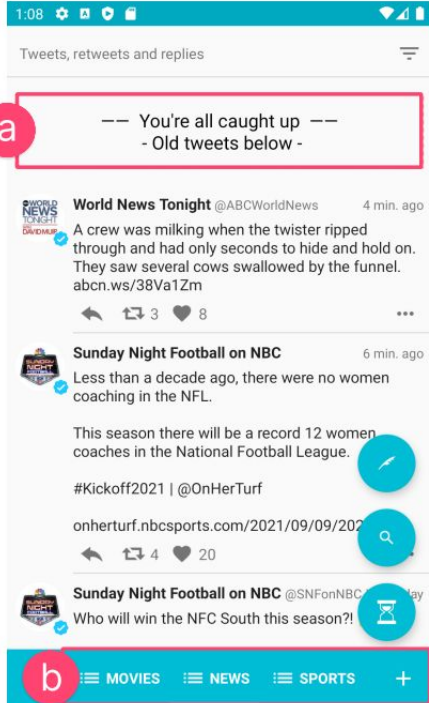
- Custom Twitter Client, Chirp



# Results

## Reading History Labels <sup>a</sup>

were associated  
with less dissociation  
( $\beta = -0.046$ ,  $t = -4.158$ ,  $p < 0.001$ )



## Custom Lists <sup>b</sup> <sup>c</sup>

reduced dissociation

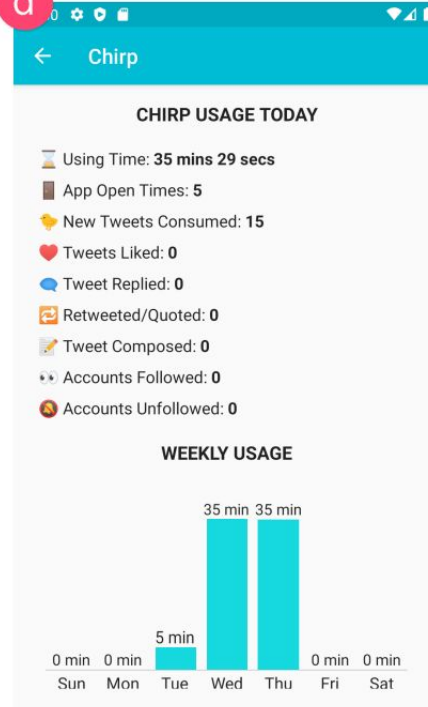
( $\beta = -0.027$ ,  $t = -4.763$ ,  $p < 0.001$ )



## Usage statistics page <sup>d</sup>

was associated with less  
dissociation

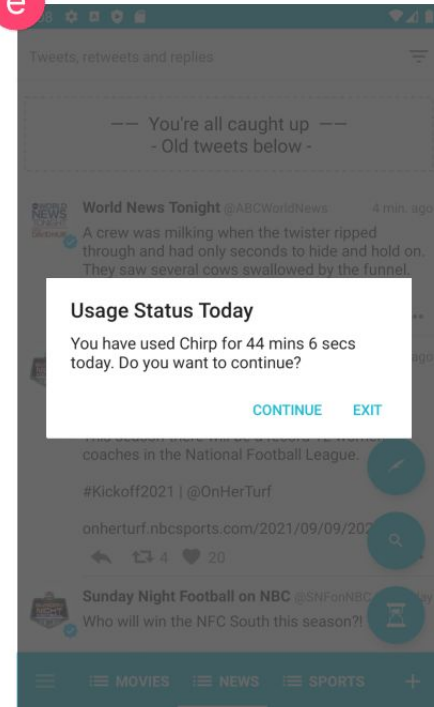
( $\beta = -0.016$ ,  $t = -2.898$ ,  $p = 0.004$ )



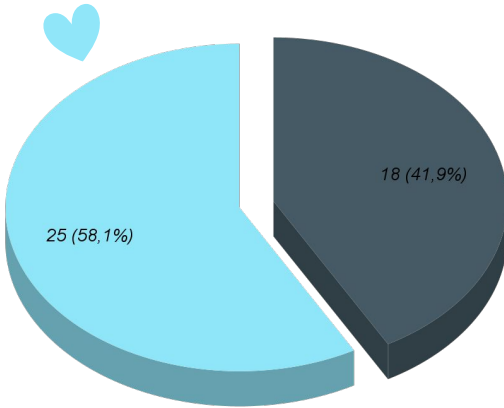
## Time limit reminder <sup>e</sup>

had mixed results

( $\beta = -0.172$ ,  $t = 2.616$ ,  $p = 0.009$ )



# Results

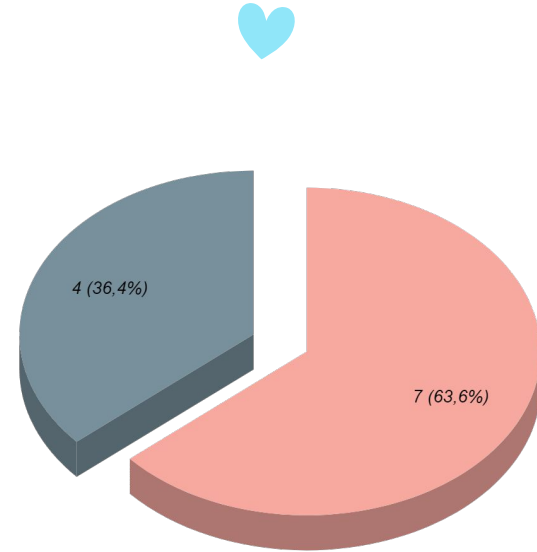


● **41.9%**  
Dissociated at  
least once

● **58.1%**  
Never  
dissociated

● **36.4%**  
No  
dissociation

● **63.6%**  
Regular  
dissociations



# Discussion

**01**

Seeking normative dissociation is often beneficial and widely experienced, not necessarily harmful.

**02**

Normative dissociation reduces self-awareness and control, making it harder to stop using social media.

**03**

Normative dissociation may be a more appropriate way to frame social media overuse rather than calling it addiction.

**04**

Limitations include lack of content influence analysis, platform specific focus and potential bias in ESM timing







# Conclusion

The study confirms that people experience dissociation on social media, and design plays a key role in how much they dissociate. Incorporating certain design features like custom lists, reading history labels and usage statistics can help mitigate dissociation and promote healthier habits.

These findings suggest that HCI designers can leverage this understanding to create interfaces that encourage more balanced and mindful social media use.



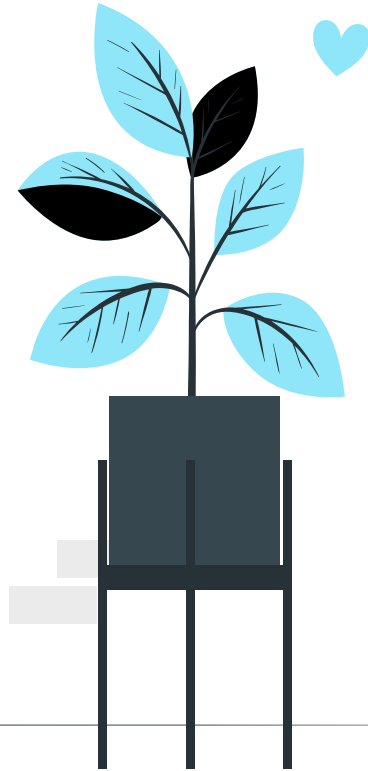
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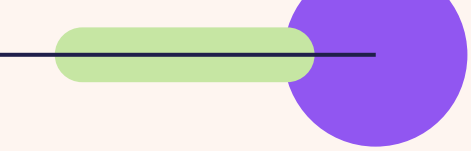


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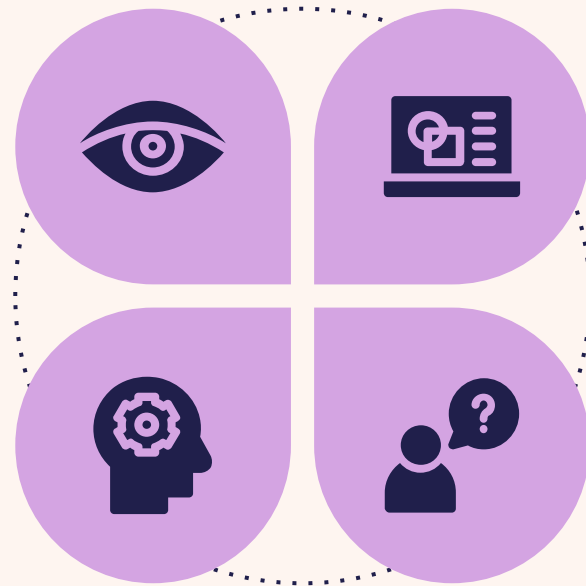




# A11yBoard:

## Making Digital Artboards Accessible to Blind and Low-Vision Users

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# Background



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# Background

## Problem

Inaccessibility of Digital Artboards for blind and low-vision (BLV) users

## Limitation

Screen Readers in 2D Spaces

## Difficulty

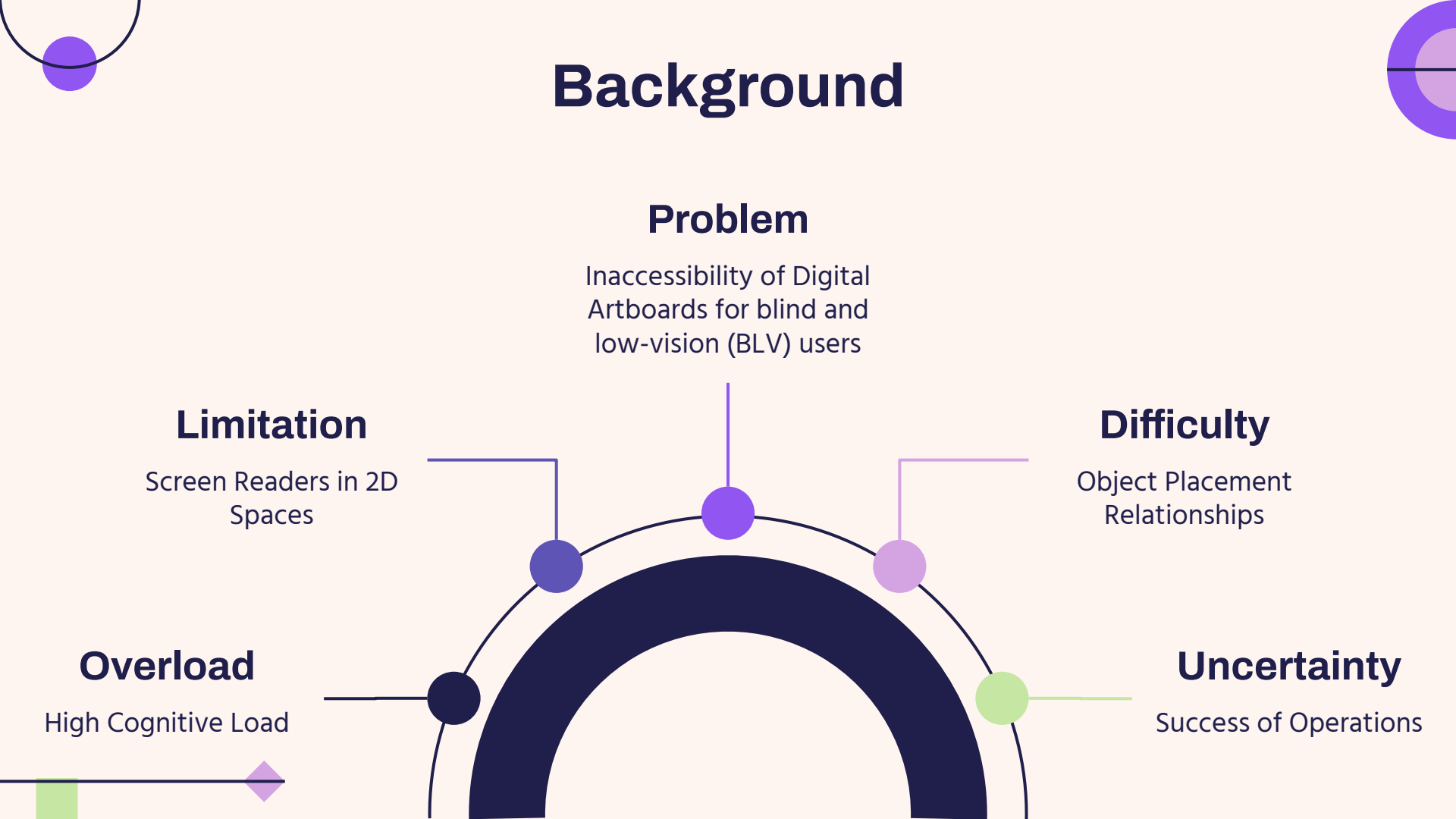
Object Placement Relationships

## Overload

High Cognitive Load

## Uncertainty

Success of Operations



# Abstract

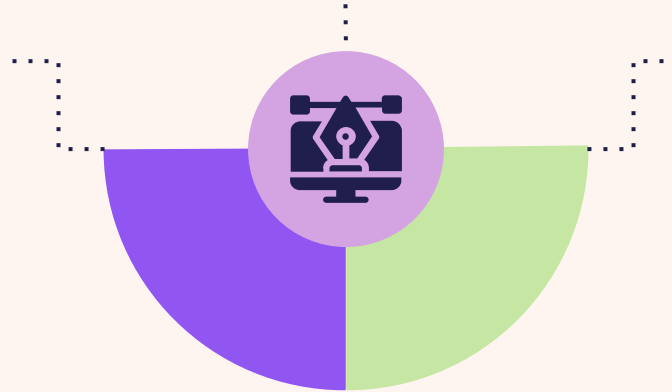


## Main Objective

Develop a multimodal tool to make digital artboards accessible to BLV users.

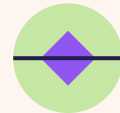
## Findings

Multimodal tools improves interpretation and creation of artboards for BLV users.



## Contributions

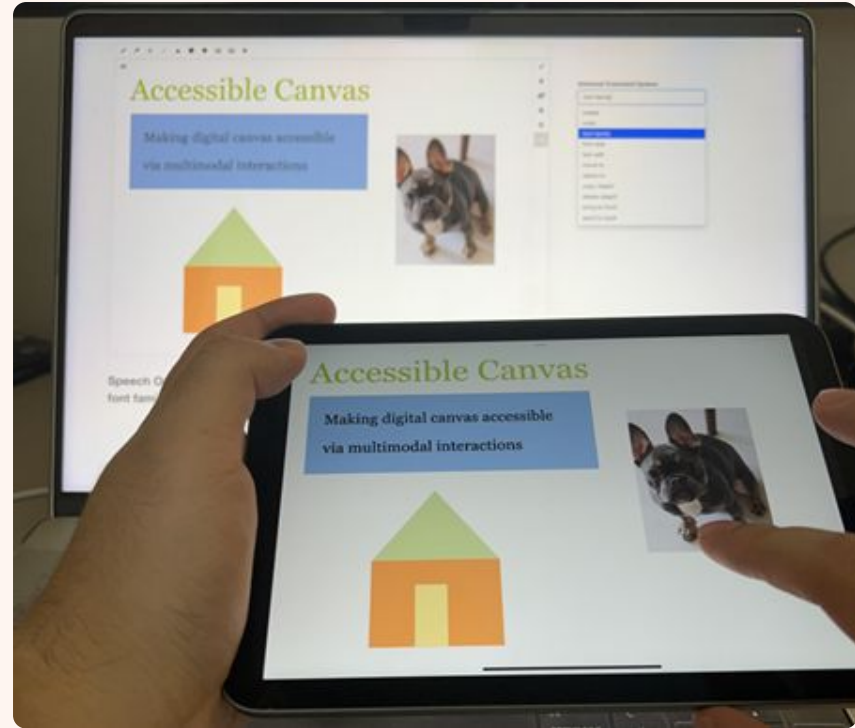
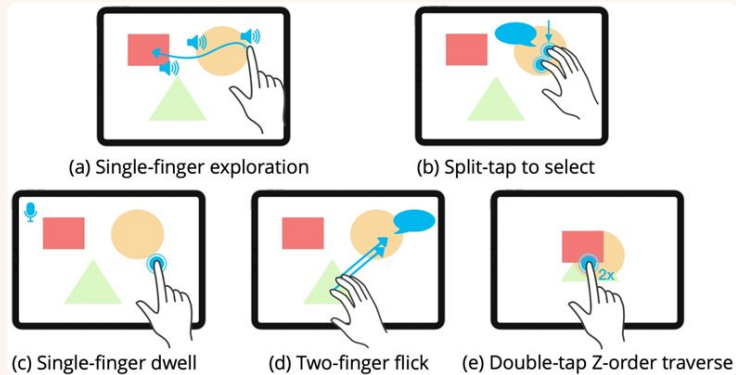
Accessibility & Inclusivity in 2D Spaces



# A11yBoard

## Design Implementation

Consists of a web-based artboard tool displayed on a desktop or laptop, with a mobile touch screen for interaction and a keyboard for input commands.



# Methodology

**User-Centered  
Design Process**



**Pilot Usability  
Study**



**multi-modal  
interactive system**



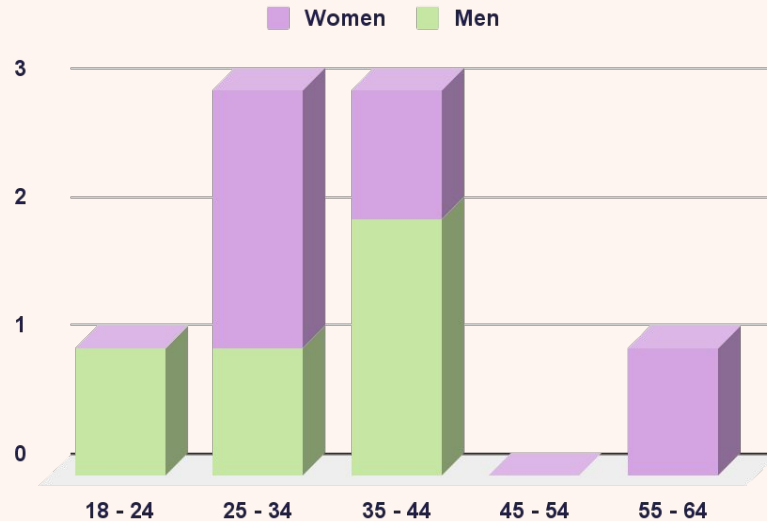
**Formal Usability  
Study**



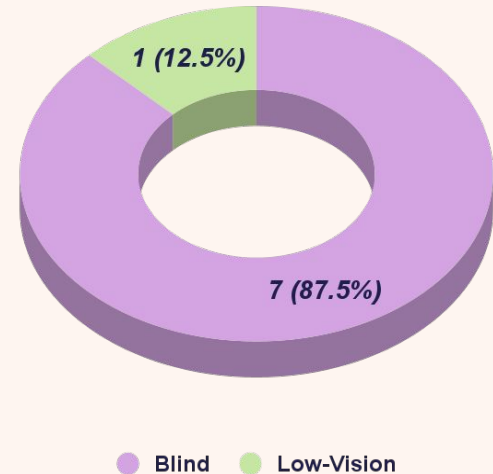


# Participant Demographic

**Figure 1: Age and Gender Distribution of Participants**



**Figure 2: Vision Status of Participants**



# Results

100% were at least partially successful

Perceived workload was relatively low

Low frustration mental, physical, and temporal demand

Figure 3: Interpretive Task Completion Outcomes for BLV Participants

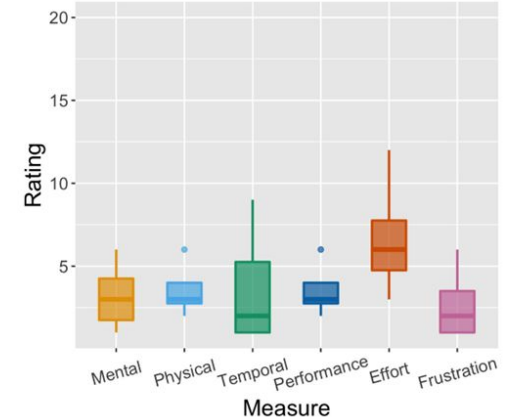
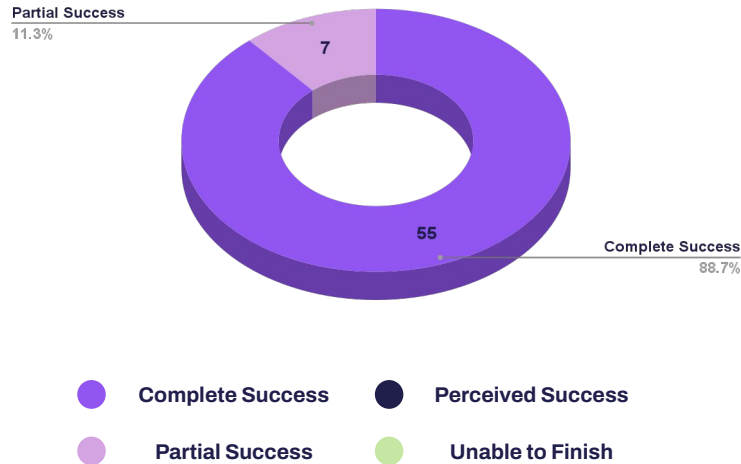


Figure 4: Box plots of NASA TLX perceived workload ratings for interpretive tasks.

<sup>1</sup> **Partial Success** - participants either completed the task with aid of a hint, or completed only part of the task successfully

<sup>2</sup> **Perceived Success** - participant thought they were successful, but they were not

<sup>3</sup> **NASA TLX** - scales ranged from 1 - 20. On all scales, lower is better, corresponding to a lesser workload.

# Results

96% were at least partially successful

Perceived workload was relatively low

Low frustration mental, and physical demand

Figure 5: Generative Task Completion Outcomes for BLV Participants

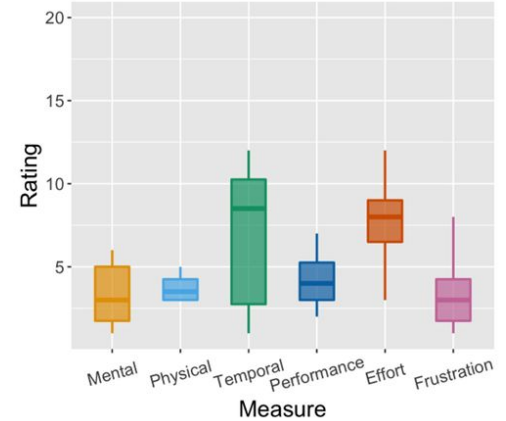
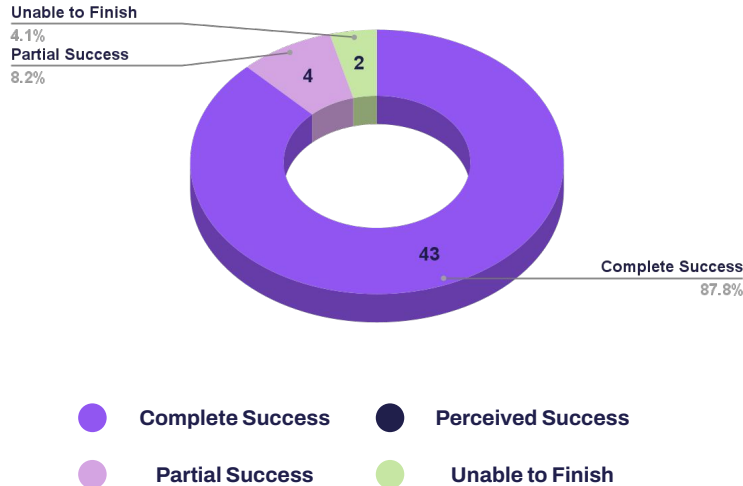


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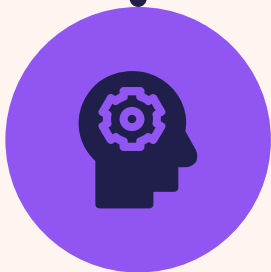
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# Discussion - Findings

**Intuitive Spatial Reasoning**



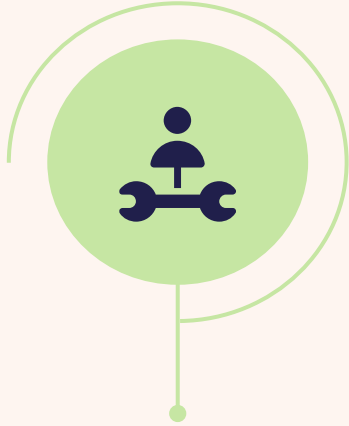
**Multimodal access to objects' properties and relationships**



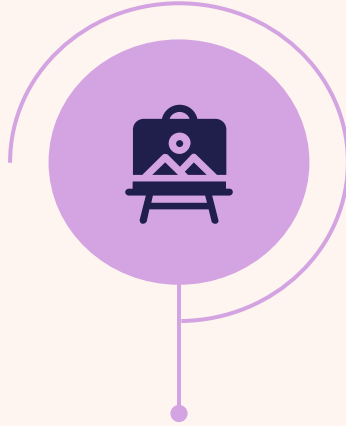
**Eyes-Free Object Creation and Editing**



# Discussion - Significance



A11yBoard addresses critical accessibility gaps in visual content creation.

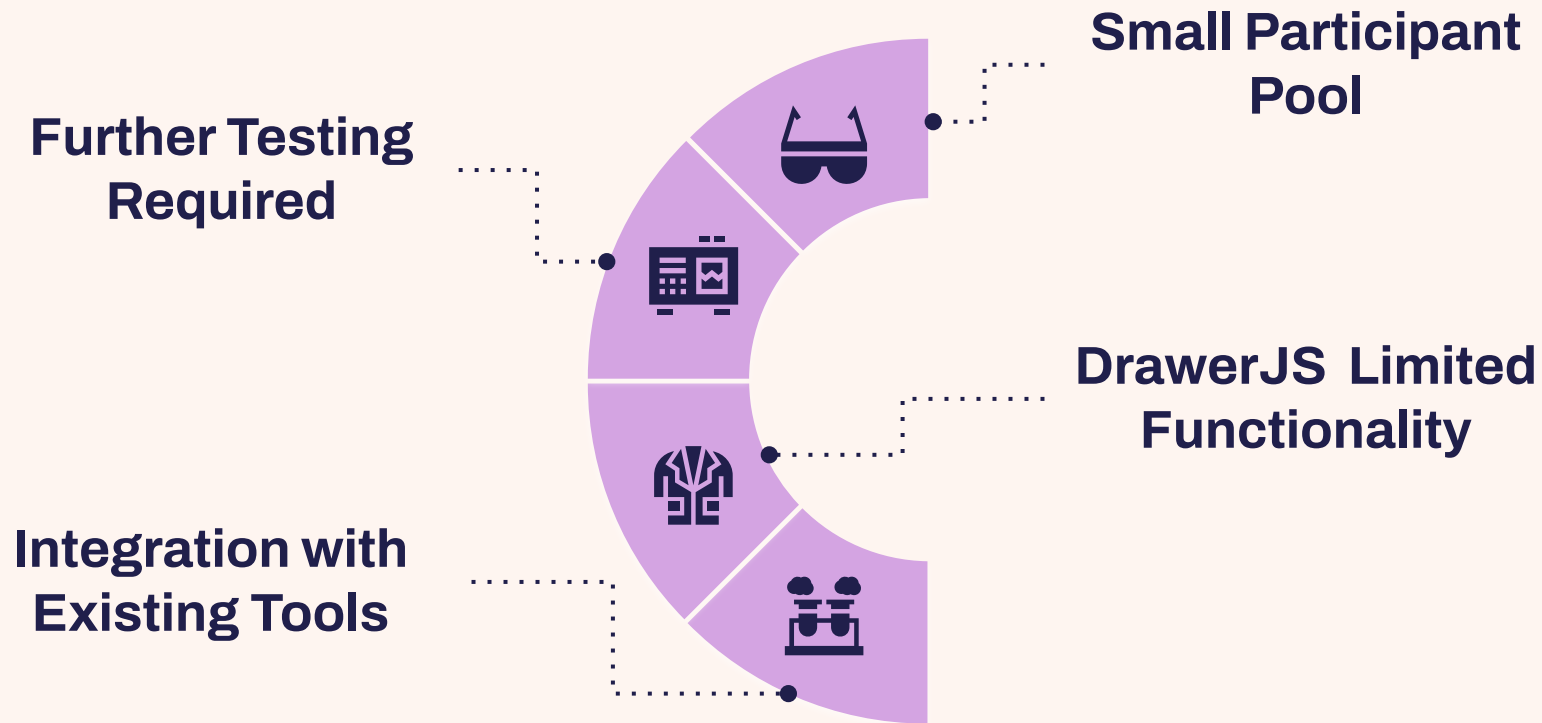


Expands creative capabilities for BLV users beyond simple text-based interactions.



Paves the way for integrating accessibility into mainstream digital artboard tools

# Discussion - Limitations & Future Work



# Conclusion

- Existing digital artboards tools fall short in terms of accessibility and inclusivity for BLV users
- A11yBoard can greatly enhance the accessibility of digital artboards for BLV users
- Vital contribution to the HCI field in terms of accessibility and inclusivity.
- *"[shows] how people with disabilities can be moved from mere consumers of content to creators of their own content"*



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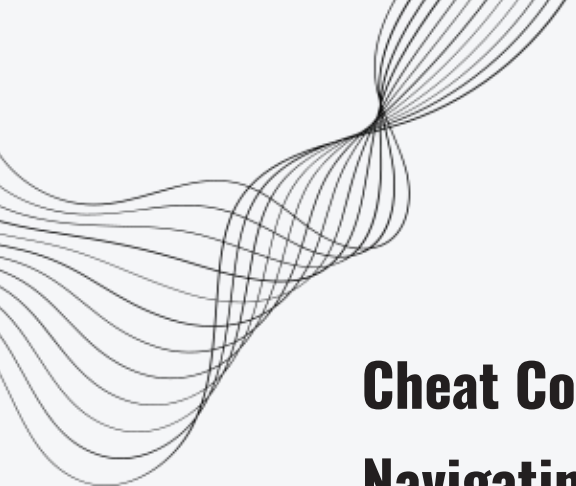


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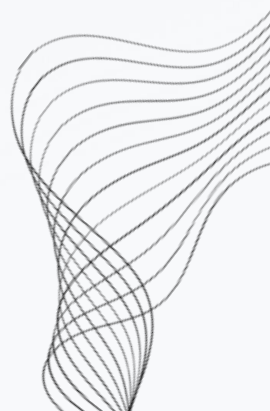




# **Cheat Codes as External Support for Players Navigating Fear of Failure and Self-Regulation Challenges In Digital Games**

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# BACKGROUND

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# ABSTRACT



## Main Objectives

The study investigates how cheat codes act as external support to help players manage fear of failure and self-regulation difficulties in digital games.

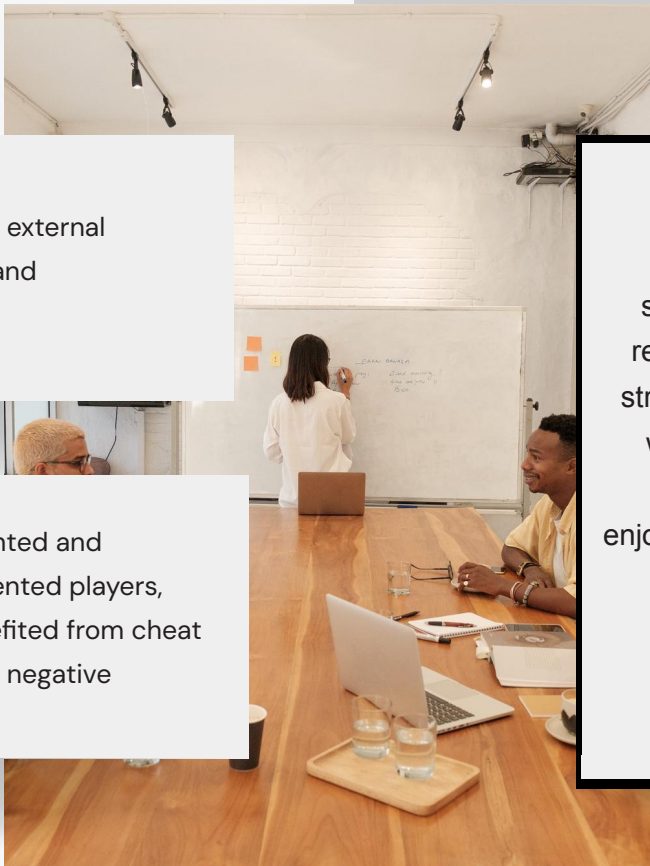


## Contributions

It examines the differences between state-oriented and action-oriented players, showing that state-oriented players, who typically struggle with self-regulation, benefited from cheat codes as external support without experiencing negative impacts on motivation or performance.

## Key Findings

Cheat codes helped state-oriented players reduce pressure during stressful game situations without harming their intrinsic motivation, enjoyment, or performance.



# METHODOLOGY

## Research Methods

- The study used a lab experiment where participants (88 novice players) played a city-management game (Anno 1404).
- Participants faced a stressful situation involving the risk of financial failure in the game.

## Experimental Design

Players were randomly assigned to two conditions: “rich” (enough resources to survive) and “poor” (close to financial ruin). They were offered the option to use a money-generating cheat code during the game.

## Data Collection

The study measured participants’ self-regulation abilities using the Action Control Scale and collected data on their game performance, cheat code usage, and player experience (motivation, pressure, etc.).



# RESULTS

## Key Findings



- State-oriented players (those with lower self-regulation abilities) were more likely to use cheat codes, and their use of cheat codes helped them manage game-related stress more effectively.
- Cheat codes did not negatively impact players' intrinsic motivation, needs satisfaction, or flow during the game. This suggests that external support mechanisms can benefit players without diminishing their gaming experience.

	N	Used Cheat				N	Did Not Use Cheat			
		Min	Max	Mean	SD		Min	Max	Mean	SD
IMI: Pressure	55	1.20	3.80	2.52	0.68	32	1.20	4.40	2.59	0.91
IMI: Enjoyment	55	1.00	4.43	2.29	0.82	32	1.29	4.43	2.93	0.98
IMI: Competence	55	1.00	3.50	2.32	0.62	32	1.00	3.83	2.35	0.71
PENS: Competence	55	1.00	3.67	2.01	0.85	32	1.00	3.67	2.00	0.83
PENS: Autonomy	55	1.00	4.67	2.81	1.03	32	1.00	4.33	2.88	1.08
PENS: Intuitive Control	55	1.00	4.67	2.63	0.97	32	1.00	5.00	2.90	1.10
PENS: Presence	55	1.00	3.67	2.17	0.79	32	1.00	3.56	2.17	0.81
Flow: Fluency	55	1.00	5.33	2.86	1.22	32	1.00	6.17	3.13	1.44
Flow: Absorption	55	1.00	6.75	3.74	1.58	32	1.00	6.75	3.58	1.75
Action-State Orientation	55	0	12	3.85	3.00	32	0	12	5.28	3.22
Performance before cheat	55	-643	-158	-482	111	32	-584	14	-475	139
Performance at game end	55	-1230	246	-393	275	32	-1027	742	-276	331

Table 1: Show descriptive statistics split by whether or not participants used the cheat codes.

# DISCUSSION



- Cheat codes can serve as an important external support for players, particularly those who struggle with managing stress and failure in games.
- The study challenges the negative connotation of cheating in single-player games, suggesting that for some players, cheats can improve the emotional and gameplay experience.

## IMPLICATIONS



The study's findings are limited to novice players in a single game (Anno 1404), and further research is needed to generalize the results to other game genres or more experienced players.

## LIMITATIONS

# CONCLUSION

## Main Takeaways:

- Cheat codes can serve as a useful tool to alleviate stress for players with self-regulation challenges, without compromising their enjoyment or game performance.

## Relevance & Impact

- This research contributes to the HCI field by offering new insights into how game design can be more inclusive of players with different emotional needs. It also emphasizes the importance of considering individual differences in self-regulation when designing games that support diverse player experiences.







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