Puzzle pieces falling into place

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Today’s topics

• Research engineering
  • Task creation
  • Monitoring
  • Working
• Design
  • Homepage and logo
• Reputation
• Open governance
Guest panelist next week

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UIIST delayed their decision date.

We’ll know on August 13th.
RAship update
Positions were approved!

- The RA positions were finally approved by Stanford’s school of engineering. Full-time.
- They’ll go live for an open application for ten days, starting early next week.
We have work!

Microsoft tasks incoming...
Research engineering...

The three to come —
Task creation
Task monitoring
Working
Design

Homepage and logo
You’re totally my 5/5
Our method + plan
Open governance
The plan from here
August 31: Platform is online, real work is being done on it

- Task creation, including Prototype Task foundation
- Task feed and task submission
- Task review

- Our first workers (skunkworks)
- Our first work (skunkworks)
September 25: CHI paper

- A full paper, 10 pages, at CHI, with you as a coauthor
  - A CHI paper will need:
    - A working platform
    - Fully thought-through and implemented foundations
    - Real usage that we can report
Contributors: our new process

- When you join a milestone on Trello, you are joining an ad-hoc team for the week to pursue that milestone. Immediately go check in via the relevant Slack room.
  - “Hey @channel, I’m joining the task creation milestone this week”

- Then: tell the room whenever you’re starting, and whenever you’re pausing. This will prevent you from working on out-of-date items.
  - “Hey @channel, I’m going to work on the heuristic evaluation for the next two hours. Shout if I shouldn’t!”
DRIs: our new process

- DRIs are responsible for...
  - Organizing any ad-hoc hangouts or hackathons to make sure that everyone who is in the channel knows how to contribute.
  - Posting in #announcements by Friday 5pm each week: an update on their team’s progress. Describe what each team member did.
    - Michael will use this for weekly slides and for recommendation letters.
This week’s milestones
Research engineering

- **Reputation**
  - Introduce a simple basic fair rating system that we have been talking about this week.
    - Rating to be done after the work is completed
    - The rating above is only for the workers-requester who work together, but we would like to have also some similar mechanism which allows the workers to specify what kind of tasks/requesters they'd like to see more and what less, this would happen while browsing the task feed
  - DRI:
Research engineering

• Task posting
  • Improve UI of the task creation flow, upload fixes, load from remote servers (i.e. cloud services) finalizing things, task design changes depending on Micro / Macro flag
  • Design an interface for the milestones after the prototype task milestone, it will be very similar to the prototype milestone but it has to be finalized
  • DRI:
Research engineering

- **Worker task submission working**
  - Populating the templates with spreadsheet data, design and implement and interface for submitting Macro tasks (e.g. photoshopping your photos), handling files, implement "Skip Task" functionality
  - DRI:

- **Monitoring page working**
  - Finish the task overview on monitoring, think about grouping the worker results of multiple template items, add filters and sorting to the tables, add all action buttons relevant to monitoring
  - DRI:
Research engineering

- Decisions and thinking:
  - Start exploring the PayPal/Stripe APIs (those who have bandwidth)
  - How long do we reserve a task for a worker after he clicks Attempt? (e.g. time_it_takes_to_complete * 3)
Reputation

- Goal: design out the text and interactions that convey the correct mental model
  - DRIs: @arichmondfuller + @dilrukshi
- Mock up a design for the monitoring page that conveys the right mental model to requesters
  - Contact in research engineering: @aginzberg
- Mock up a design for the work submission page that conveys the right mental model to workers
  - Contact in research engineering: @dmorina
Design

• Home page implementation completed
  • DRI: @claudiasaviaga

• Master page design
  • DRI: @karolina
Open governance

- I didn’t get it from y’all in time :)

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