# Research-based Design: Case of an Academic E-Reader Design

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### Introduction and Design Concept

- **Design Concept**: E-reader, a mobile app, aims to support academic reading and learning
- **Design Challenges**: the lack of motivation affordances for academic reading, interaction design challenges and the limited application of e-reader in collaborative learning.
- **Design Object**: enhance reading comprehension and improve reading competence.
- **Major Features**: multimodal presentation of texts, exercises with rewarded points and incentives, and collaborative learning platform
- Target Users: students in university and college
- **Design Process**: two prototypes with different fidelity (Low-Fidelity, Hi-Fidelity)
  - designer, educational experts and technology developers
  - two workshops

#### Literature Review

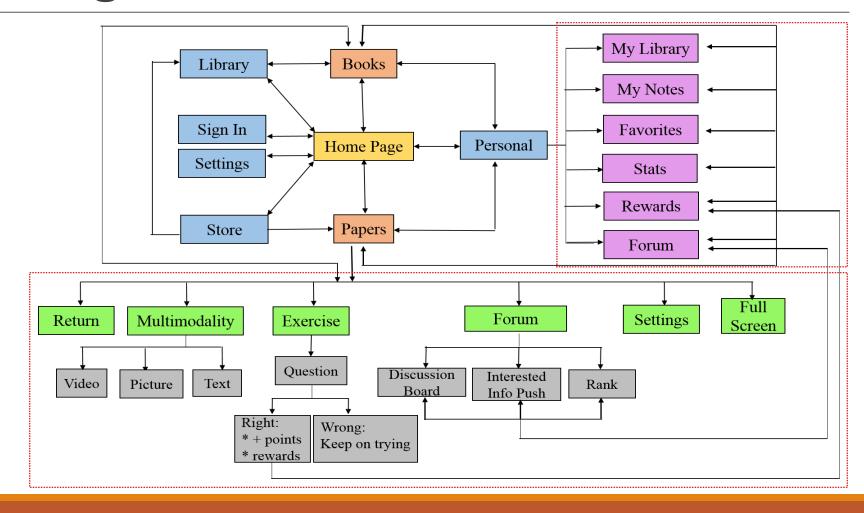
- Problematic Features of E-Reader (Thayer et al. 2011)
- Motivation & Engagement for Reading (Wright et al. 2013)
- Multimodality (Kalantzis and Cope, 2012)
- Gamification (Deterding et al. 2011)
- Collaborative Learning (Dillenbourg et al. 2009; Timmis, 2011)

### Learning Brief

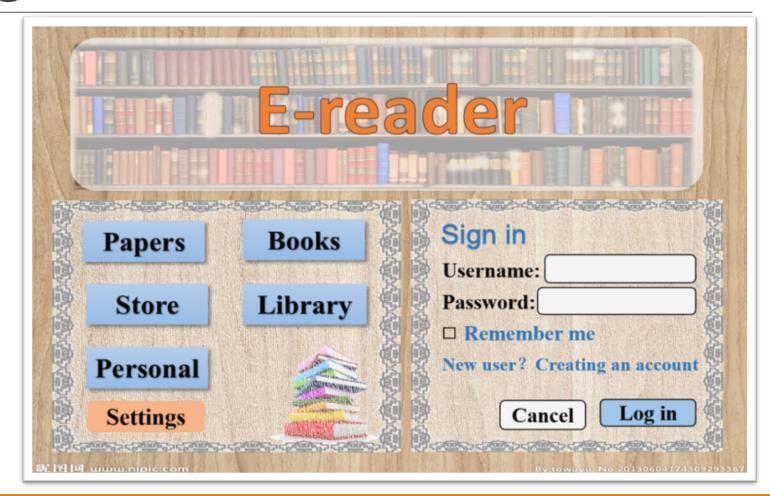
#### Learning objects are to:

- > Improve target users' engagement and motivation towards academic read
- > Enhance target users' comprehension

Screen Design

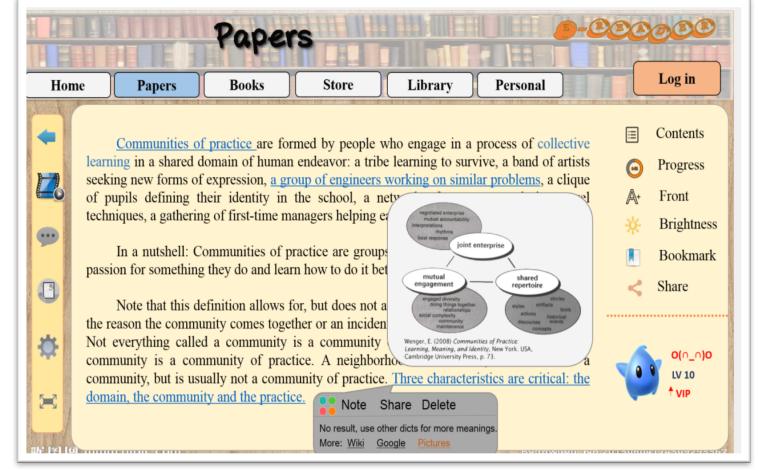


Screen Shots



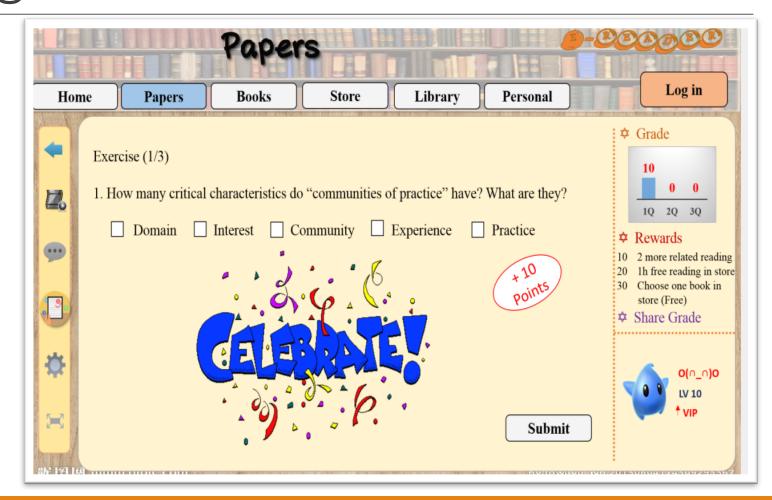
The Home Page of E-reader

Screen Shots



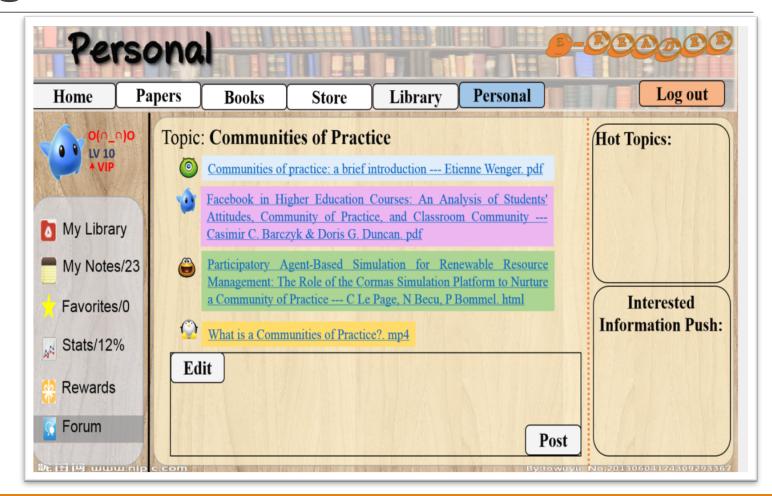
Multimodal Presentation of the Reading Texts

Screen Shots



"Gamified" Exercises

Screen Shots



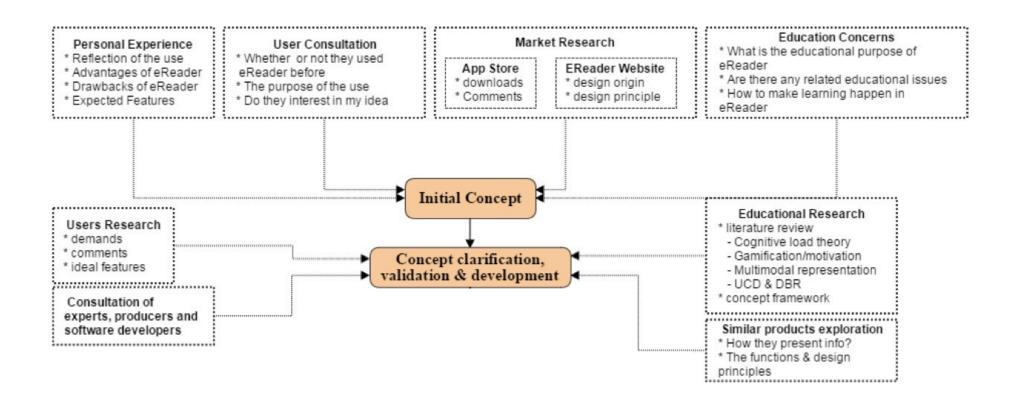
The Personal Forum of E-reader

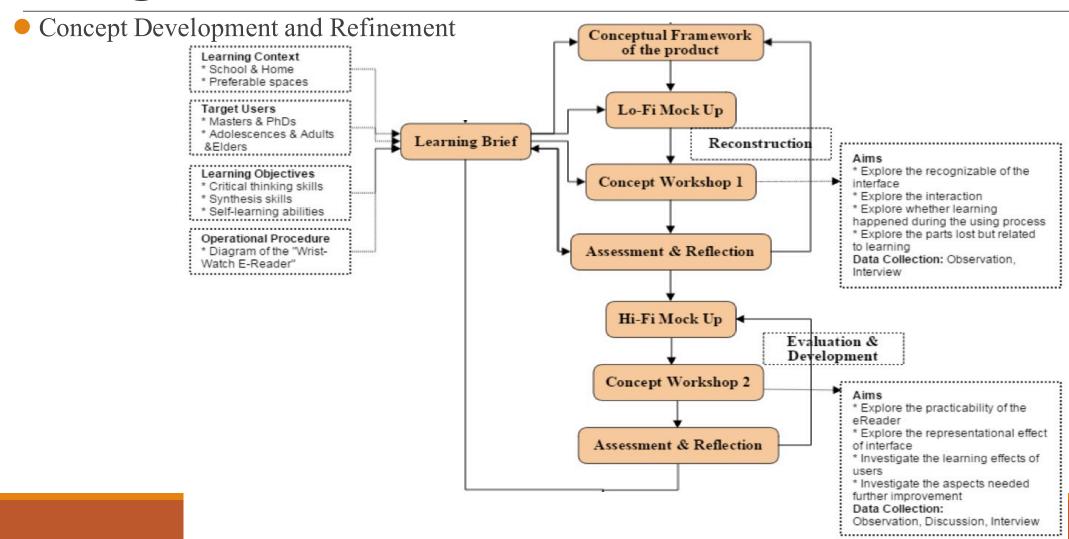
Theoretical Framework of design process



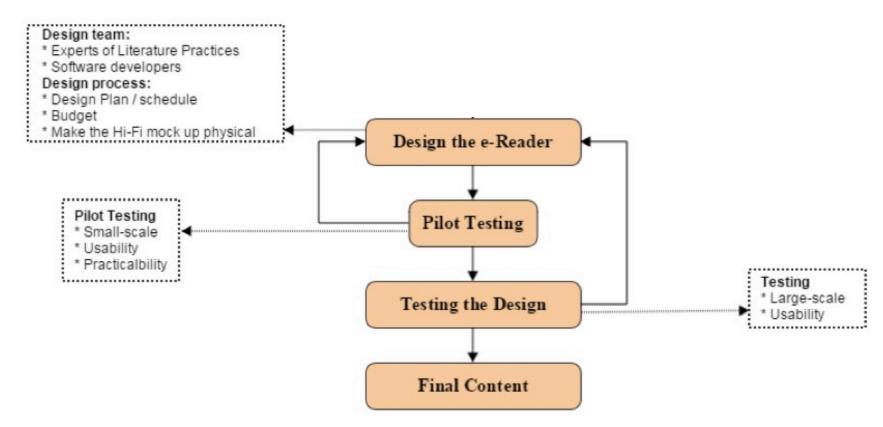
Research-based design process (Adapt from Leinonen et al. 2008)

Concept clarification and validation





Concept as hypothesis



### Critiques

- limits
- Contributions

### Thank you for your listening!