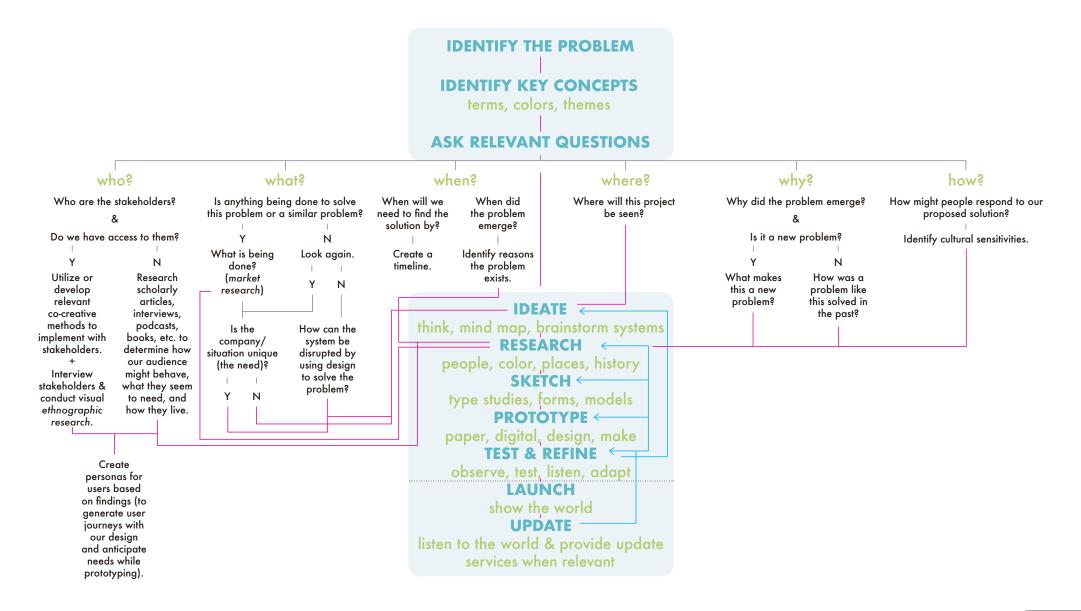
Spero

retirees + refugees

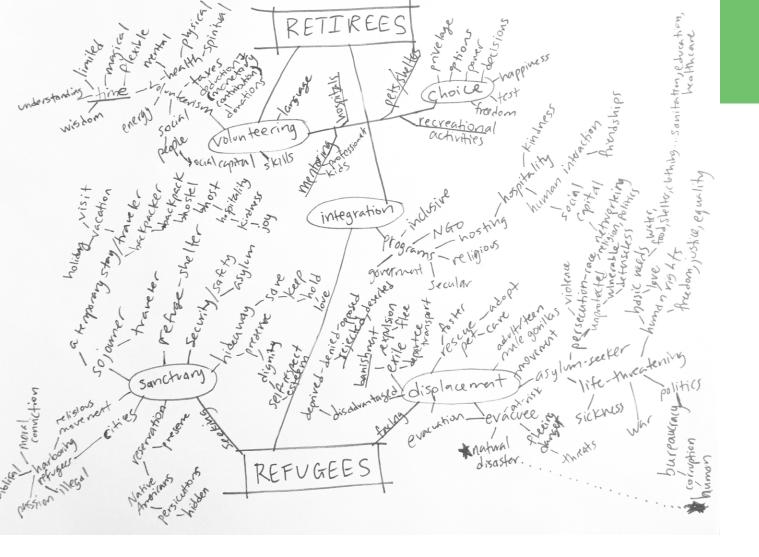
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Disclaimer

As I understand, each project presents its own needs and requires a unique process. This is simply a general sequence I put together that I have used and observed.



mind map

This is a visual representation of my thoughts while visiting my parents' home last summer, as my dad was recently retired, after volunteering with North Korean refugees in Seoul. I began to envision how these two groups could meet each others' needs.

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These are just a few of the many stories I found about reciprocal relationships between retirees and refugees that are making headlines around the world.



CAROL BROOKS, AMERICAN, retiree

"Mentor Carol Brooks, 72, wears a charm bracelet engraved with the names of the many refugees she's helped in the past decade. "Some of them call me Mom," she says. ..."I have mentored people from Africa, China, Bosnia, too," Brooks says." Jennifer Ludden/NPR Image and quote source: https://www.npr.org/2011/01/17/132705619/retirees-lend-a-hand-to-refu-

WEDIG VON HEYDEN, GERMAN, retired lawyer

"Then I went to Caritas [Catholic aid organization-the ed.]—which was the group organizing these things at the time. They looked at me, thinking, 'Oh, he's an old man." Then they asked me whether I could imagine looking after a young Syrian. Now we've been together for two years," von Heyden says, looking at his Syrian-Kurdish protégé, Nidal Rashow." Manasi Gopalakrishnan/DW $\textbf{Image and quote source:} \ http://www.dw.com/en/german-volunteer-finds-his-calling-helping-refugees/a-19456138$





JAWAD SHALGHIN, SYRIAN, refugee & student in Germany

"Shalghin, who says he and Bauer [retiree] have taught each other a lot, says many new arrivals often find it easier to talk to older people. "They can understand us in a better way, they have patience. They can listen to us and wait until we get the right words and we have learned lots of cultural things from them: meals and songs." Sarah Marsh/The Guardian

Image and quote source: https://www.theguardian.com/society/2017/nov/15/miss-family-older-germans-taking-in-syrian-refugees

ROBERT TAYLOR, CANADIAN, retired professor & civil servant, chairs the Ottawa South Committee for Refugee Sponsorship

"I know some people who throw up their hands," he said, noting the millions fleeing Syria, let alone the tens of millions of refugees globally. But "we've got applications for a total of 20 refugees we're sponsoring now. That's 20 fewer that are out there." Justin Tang/The Globe and Mail

Image and quote source: https://beta.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/retirees-roll-up-their-sleeves-to-helprefugees/article32349457/?ref=http://www.theglobeandmail.com&



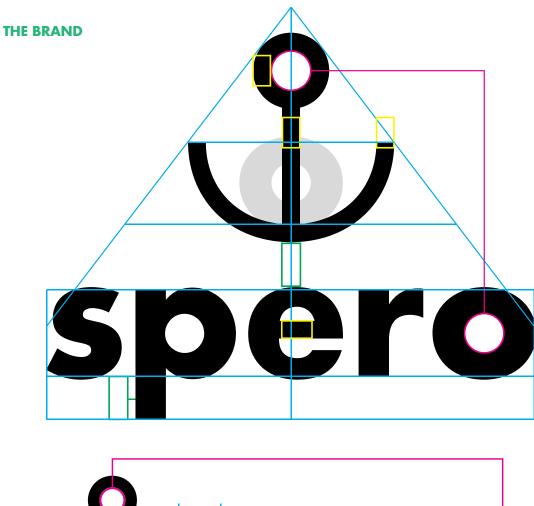


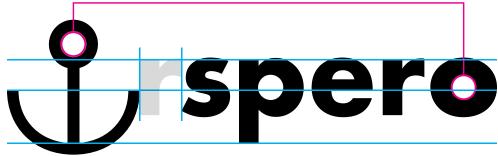


THE NAME

The name Spero means "I hope." It comes from the Latin phrase "dum spiro spero," which means "while I breathe, I hope." Spero translates similarly into some Romance languages (ie. espero, "I hope" in Spanish). I ran across this term in my word map while investigating the meaning of "indispensable," which I found in a quote by professor Friederike von Schwerin-High as she described three German novels that romanticize relationships of retirees and refugees as indispensable to one another.







THE LOGOMARK

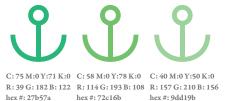
The logomark is an anchor that references the term "anchor" (n): "also referred to as a "U.S. tie," a family member or friend in the United States who can provide assistance to a refugee during resettlement" (Catholic Charities of TN). Anchors symbolize stability, strength, hope, and a safe end to a long journey—a meaning that resonates with both retirees and refugees as they socially reintegrate and integrate, respectively. Repetition of the anchor logomark forms a tessellation that references connectivity (p. 16).





THE LOGOTYPE

The logotype uses Futura Bold for its accessibility.



THE COLOR PALETTE

The color palette is bright green with contrasting accent colors throughout the app interface. Green is a safe color around the world. It represents growth, safety, nature, luck, and renewal.



AYAH REFUGEE

AGE 34 yrs.

FROM Syria (3 yrs. displaced)

STATUS refugee

GENDER female

CURRENT CITY Chicago, IL, USA (9 mos. resettled)

OCCUPATION baker; former bakery owner w/husband in Syria

INCOME \$22,500/yr.; \$45,000 combined with husband

FAMILY husband, 2 girls (9 & 12 yrs. old), & a cousin living in Chicago, 3 siblings & an aunt in Syria

FEELING lost, disconnected, brave, & hopeful

GOALS meet Americans & understand the culture

MOTIVATIONS better future for children, survival, & integration

INTERESTS flower arranging, cooking, & embroidery

LANGUAGE

PERSONAS

Arabic (native)

English (intermediate):

reading writing speaking listening

VALUES

- family
- safety
- cultural preservation
- independence

NEEDS

- social capital
- language practice
- friends

CONCERNS

- good health for herself & family members
- · fear that children will be bullied or rejected by American children
- financial stability

TECH

- Android smartphone
- Dell laptop
- in-home Wi-Fi

SKILLS

- accounting
- · management
- marketing
- baking

EDUCATION

Associate degree in Business Administration from Damascus University in Syria

TRANSPORTATION

- uses public transit
- comfortable walking

SOCIAL

- uses WeChat & Google Hangouts to keep in touch with family & friends
- member of Syrian Community Network on Facebook

ORGANIZATIONS

- Masjid Al-Faatir Mosque
- refugeeone.org

QUOTE

"We came to a country that is not our country, and everything changed on us: the system, the people the area, the city," she says in Arabic."

(source: https://www.npr.org/2017/01/04/508220451/ in-toledo-syrian-refugees-are-welcomed-amid-a-difficult immigration-climate)

LANGUAGE

English (native)



German (beginner):



CHRISTINA RETIREE

AGE 68 yrs.

GENDER female

FROM St. Paul. MN. USA

STATUS US citizen, daughter of German immigrants

CURRENT CITY Chicago, IL, USA (33 yrs.)

OCCUPATION 3 yrs. retired public school US History teacher

INCOME \$70,000 (pension)

FAMILY 1 yr. widowed, 3 out-of-town adult children,

5 grandchildren (2, 3, 6, 7, & 10), & a brother (72)

FEELING lonely, purposeless, reflective, & optimistic

GOAL create a purposeful post-retirement life; to matter **MOTIVATIONS** motivated by students & parents' immigration story

INTERESTS tennis, walking, flower arranging, & classical music

VALUES

security

- hospitality
- family
- privacy
- independence

NEEDS

- companionship
- to be needed (to matter)
- activities

CONCERNS

- using time wisely
- distance from family members

TECH

- iPhone
- iPad Air
- HP desktop computer
- in-home Wi-Fi

SKILLS

- teaching
- cooking
- piano

EDUCATION

B.A. in History from Winona State University in MN & Masters in Education from The Hamline School of Education

TRANSPORTATION

has a car

SOCIAL

- part of an intergenerational Bible study group at church
- uses Facebook & FaceTime to keep in touch with adult children and grandchildren

ORGANIZATIONS

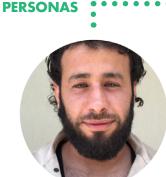
- St. James Lutheran Church
- AARP member

QUOTE

"I don't think I expected to be so close to them and care so much about them as I do. I thought this was going to be somewhat distant."

(source: https://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/25/world/ canada/syrian-refugees.html)





MOHAMMAD REFUGEE

AGE 29 yrs.

GENDER male

FROM Syria (1 yr. displaced)

STATUS asylum seeker

CURRENT CITY Hamburg, Germany (1 mo.)

OCCUPATION former architect in Syria; currently unable to

work in Germany while seeking asylum

INCOME volunteer at a B&B for meals & accommodation

FAMILY wife, 3 yr. old girl, 2 brothers & father in Syria, 1

cousin in Germany

FEELING anxious, vulnerable, insecure, displaced, & hopeful

GOALS attain refugee status in Germany; provide for family

MOTIVATIONS better future for family & survival

INTERESTS music, art, & soccer

LANGUAGE

Arabic (native)

German & English (beginner):

reading writing speaking =

VALUES

- safety
- family
- integrity
- honesty

NEEDS

- to understand Germany
- language practice
- social capital

CONCERNS

- getting refugee status for family
- not being able to earn money
- attaining stability
- facing prejudice
- learning codes in the German architectural world

TECH

- Android smartphone
- external hard drive

SKILLS

- project management
- drawing
- design

EDUCATION

B.A. in Architecture from the University of Aleppo

TRANSPORTATION

- uses public transit
- comfortable walking

SOCIAL

• uses WeChat in public Wi-Fi to communicate with friends & family in Syria

ORGANIZATIONS

• The Refugee Centre Hamburg (Flüchtlingszentrum)

QUOTE

"Older people can understand us in a better way, they have patience. We have learned lots of cultural things from themmeals and songs."

(source: https://www.theguardian.com/society/2017/nov/15/ miss-family-older-germans-taking-in-syrian-refugees

LANGUAGE

German (native) English (advanced):

reading writing

speaking listening •

VALUES

• family

• justice

privacy

NEEDS

financial stability

TECH

- Andriod smartphone
- in-home Wi-Fi

- friends
 - community

CONCERNS

- health
- social re-integration
- adult children finding partners

- Android tablet

SKILLS

- navigating bureaucracy
- communicating
- advocating

EDUCATION

Erste Juristische Prüfung at the Faculty of Law University (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

TRANSPORTATION

has a car

HENRYK RETIREE

AGE 65 yrs. **GENDER** male

FROM Szeroka, Poland

STATUS German citizen (immigrated for university)

CURRENT CITY Hamburg, Germany (20 yrs.)

OCCUPATION retired lawyer

INCOME €68,600 (pension, etc.)

FAMILY divorced, 2 adult children, a sister, & a mother

FEELING disconnected, relief, reflective, & relaxed

GOALS leave a legacy, self-improve, & keep active **MOTIVATIONS** motivated by justice & personal integration

INTERESTS golf, skiing, hiking, & reading

SOCIAL

- uses Facebook to network
- uses email to occasionally keep in touch with former colleagues

ORGANIZATIONS

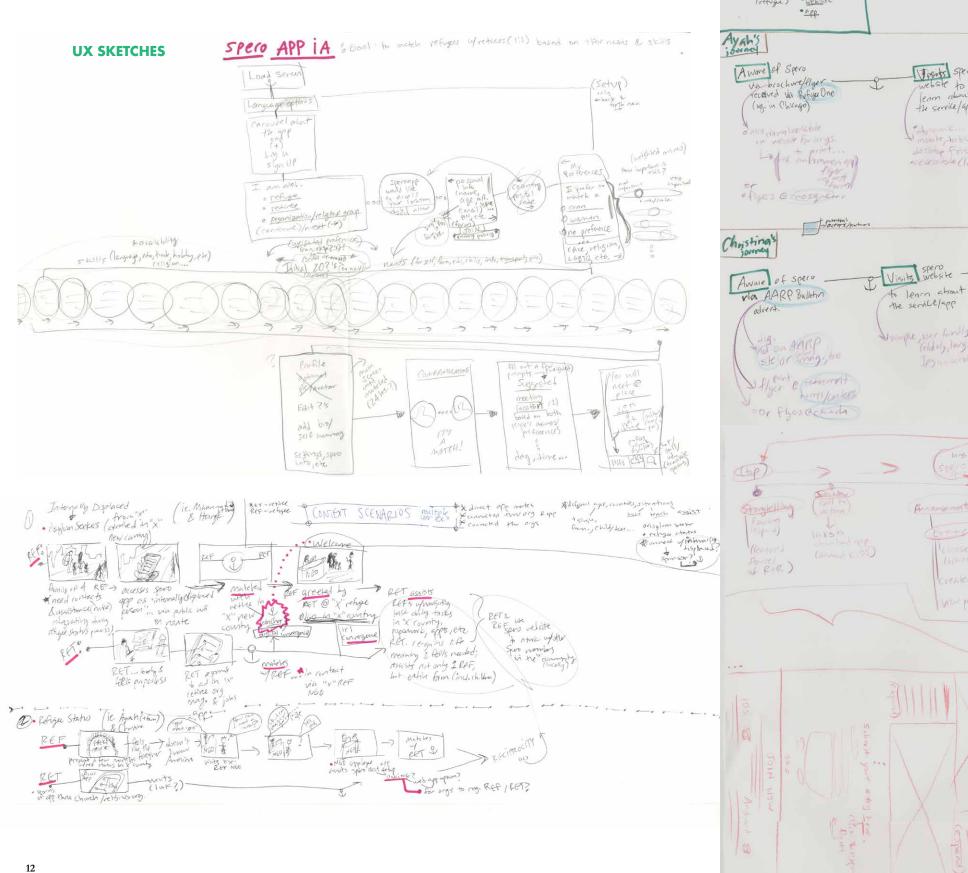
• BAGSO member (Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft der Senioren-Organisationen)

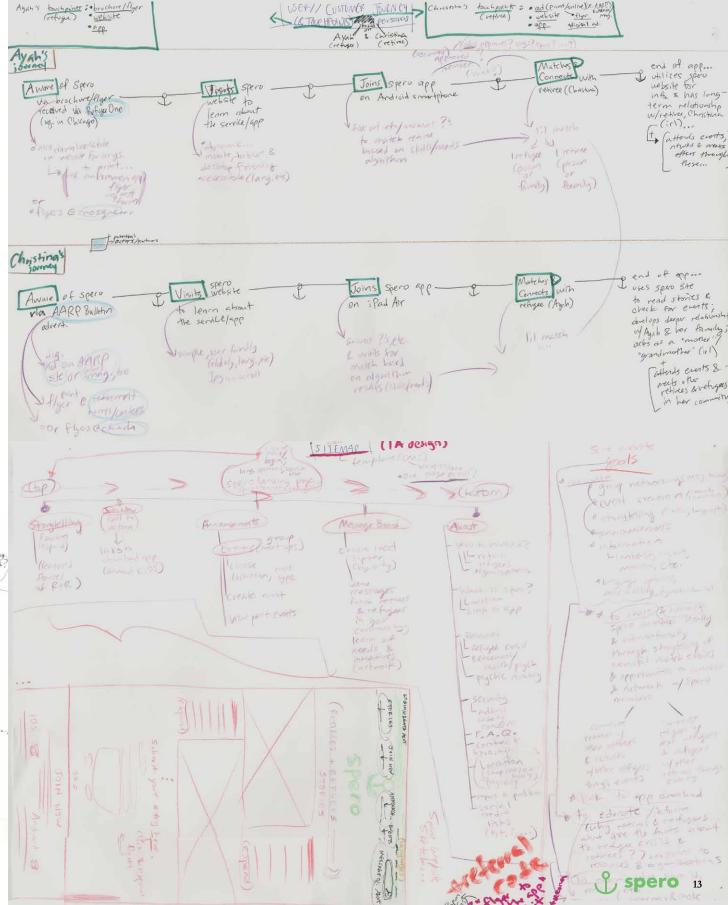
QUOTE

"Somebody like me has a lot of time. I live comfortably and it would be worthwhile doing something like that [volunteering]."

(SOURCE: http://www.dw.com/en/german-volunteer-finds-hiscalling-helping-refugees/a-19456138)











JOIN TODAY!

Spero: a welcoming community for retirees & refugees



Looking for a worthwhile way to spend your time while helping others?

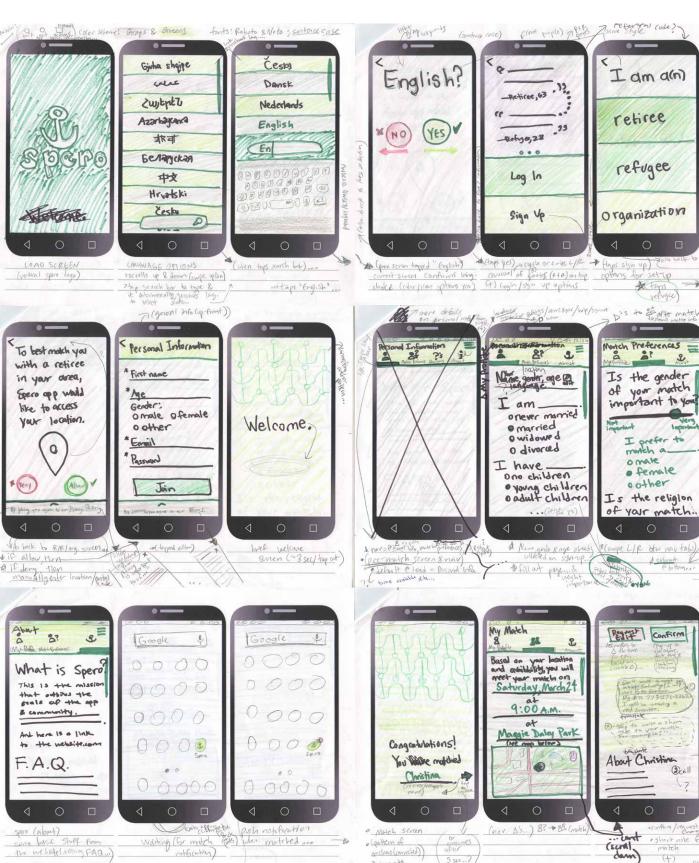
- Download the **Spero app** from the app store. \checkmark



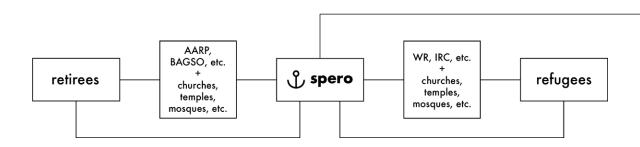
- Visit **sperocomm.org** for more information.
- Please call 1-800-000-0000 today to get your referral

"Since losing my husband last year and retiring from teaching a few years ago, I have a lot of time on my hands and live comfortably. My adult children live out of town, so it has been worthwhile for me to spend time with Ayah and her family."





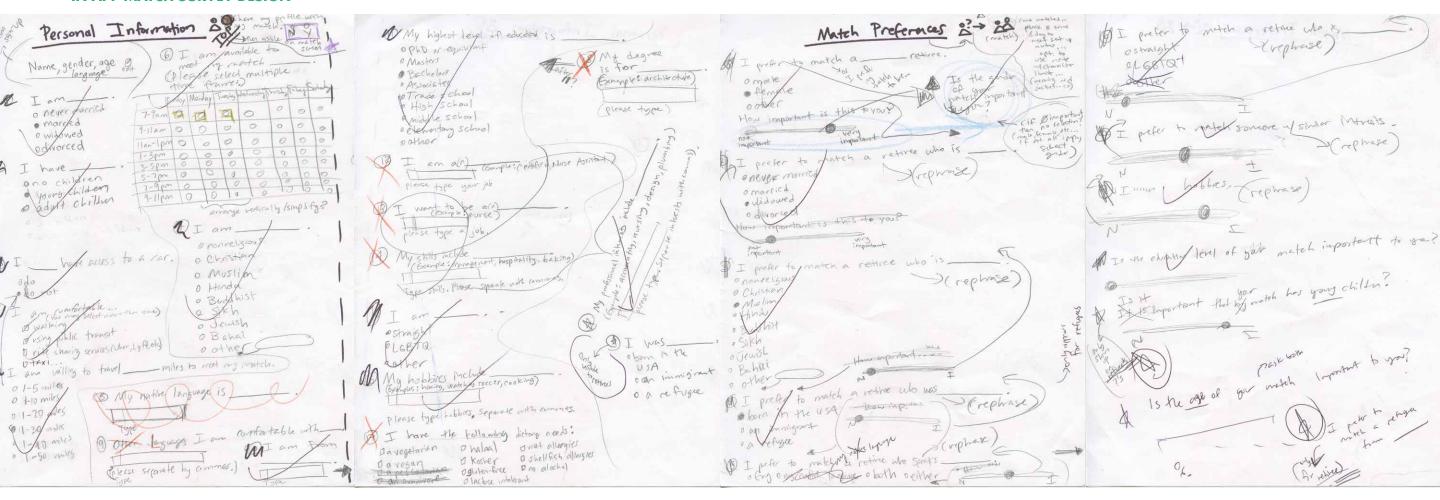
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SYSTEM OVERVIEW

Spero is a global platform that connects retirees and refugees locally based on their needs and skills. The movement employs actors from retiree, refugee, and religious organizational sectors. From the retiree sector, Spero requires participation from organizations like AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) and BAGSO (Germany's federal association of senior organizations). From the refugee aid sector, Spero requires participation from organizations like WR (World Relief) and the IRC (International Rescue Committee).

IN-APP MATCH SURVEY DESIGN



refugee, mobile Android

Retirees and refugees are matched based on their typeface used responses to these in-app surveys. The minimal require-Personal Information ments for matches to form are mutual availability and Roboto (material) location (specified while onboarding). However, if Ayah, 34, female users specify "very important" for a match preference, typeface used location: Chicago, IL. language: English then the match must meet those qualifications. SF Pro Display (San Francisco, iOS) 1 am never married married widowed divorced **Personal Information Match Preferences** have access to a car. I have Christina, 68, female How important is the gender of your do location: Chicago, IL Spero match? no children do not Match Preferences My highest level of education is: language: English young children adult children I can travel miles to How important is it that your match PhD or equivilant meet my match. I prefer to match a Iam has young children? Master's How important is the gender of I am comfortable with.. male your match? 1-5 How important is it that your Bachelor's female non-religious match be straight or LGBTQ+? 1-10 never married Associate's walking Christian ● 1-20 married Trade school Muslim public transit (bus/train) 1-30 How important is it that your match I prefer to match a widowed How important is the relationship High School Hindu taxis or ride sharing services 1-40 shares similar hobbies? divorced Buddhist Middle School status of your Spero match? 1-50 (Uber, Lyft, etc.) How important is it that your Sikh Elementary School match shares similar hobbies? Ihave Jewish other other I am comfortable with. I am available to meet a retiree Bahai match on the following days and prefer to match a refugee who is How important is it that your match Taoist no children walking How important is the relationship My hobbies are: times (Please select all your available other shares similar professional interests? status of your match? public transit (bus/train) young children How important is it that your days and times): never married taxis or ride sharing adult children match shares similar I am married services (Uber, Lyft, etc.) professional interests? Please type hobbies. Separate by I prefer to match a retiree who commas.(Example: hiking, watching heterosexual I am available to meet a retiree divorced How important is the education level LGBTQ+ match on the following days and soccer, cooking) of your match? non-religious times (Please select all your available How important is the religion of your I am from Syria days and times): How important is the education Christian My professional interests are: Spero match? widowed level of your match? Muslim divorced My highest level of education is: Hindu prefer to match a refugee who Buddhist Please type professional interests. PhD or equivilant How important is the religion of I prefer to match a retiree who Sikh How important is the nationality of PhD or equivilant (Example: accounting, nursing, your match? Master's Jewish vour match? plumbing) Bachelor's PhD or equivilant Bahai Bachelor's Associate's Master's Taoist Associate's Trade School have access to a car other High School Trade School How important is it that your Associate's How important is it that your match Middle School match be born in the USA? High School o do speak a certain language? Elementary School do not other Elementary School Middle School heterosexual other I can travel miles to meet up My hobbies are: LGBTQ+ with my match. How important is the age of your born in the USA May we share this information with I am from St. Paul, MN, USA Spero match? Please type hobbies. Separate by commas an immigrant How important is the age of English *(my selected language 1-5 your match? a refugee your match? (Example: hiking, watching soccer, cooking) 1-10 other Deny 1-20 My professional interests are: How important is it that your How important is it that your match **1**–30 Deny match speak a certain language? born in the USA be heterosexual or LGBTQ+? 1-40 an immigrant 1–50 Please type professional interests. Submit Submit (Example: accounting, nursing, plumbing) a refugee

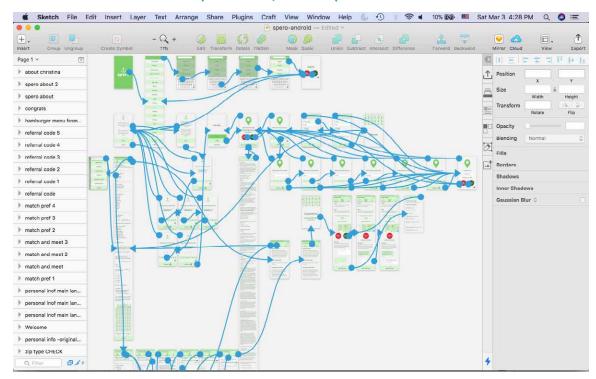
Full material and iOS app demos are on display at the exhibition and at:

http://christinasinger.com/portfolio/mfa

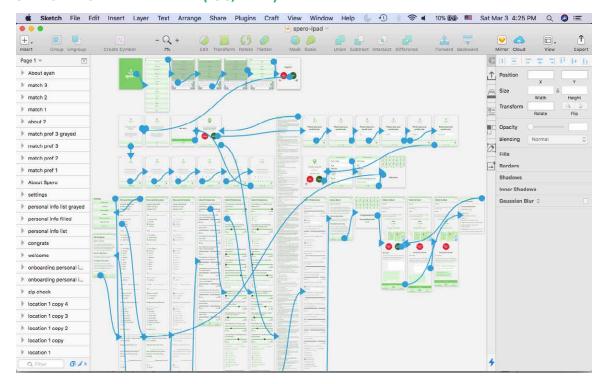
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SKETCH + CRAFT FILE VIEW (ANDROID, MOBILE)

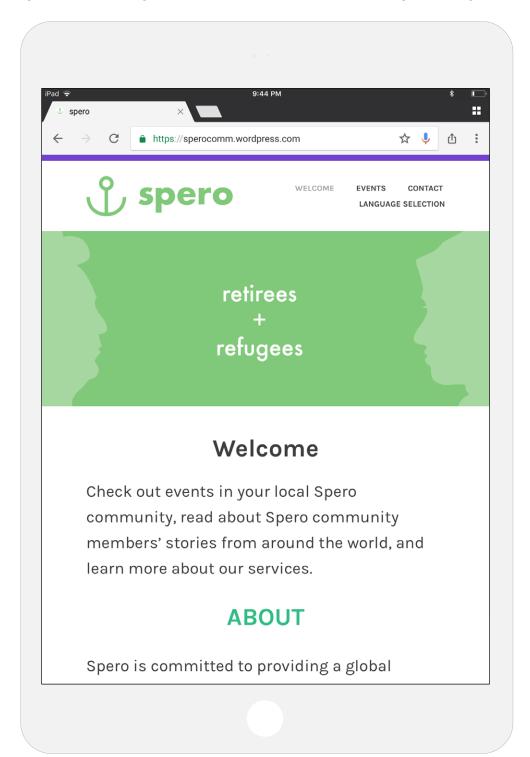


SKETCH + CRAFT FILE VIEW (iOS, iPAD)



WEBSITE MOCK-UP

www.sperocomm.wordpress.com (built with Karuna, a Wordpress template)







wall graphic mock-up

After several sketches and digital iterations of the wall graphic, and with the assistance of Arabic, Spanish, and Korean translators, this display serves as an introduction of Spero to the public and a call-to-action for potential users to join Spero. The display, with interfaces included, would be placed at retirement and refugee centers around the world. The wall graphic has one statistic to represent retirees and one to represent refugees, one quote from both people featured here (based on personas, p. 8–9), a description of Spero, and a quote from Mother Teresa that addresses "psychic numbing," as psychologist Paul Slovic describes in his research on why people can only respond to "the one" and not the masses.

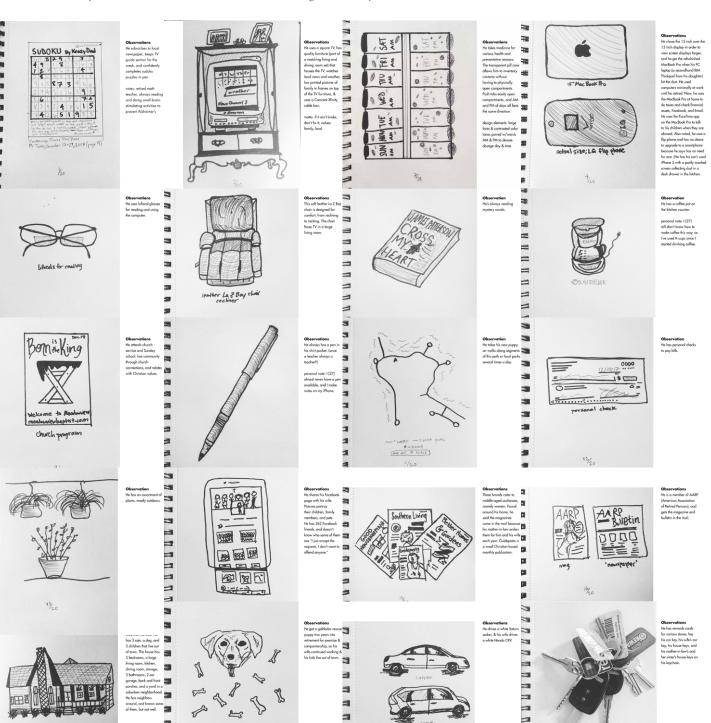


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VISUAL ETHNOGRAPHIC RESEARCH

Objects that we interact with can tell us a lot about our needs and values. For example, the International Rescue Committee gathered information on what refugees carry in their bags, from technology to toothpaste. Studying objects that users interact with allows designers to effectively design for them. I collected objects from a retiree's daily life and noted observations in the following visual diary.



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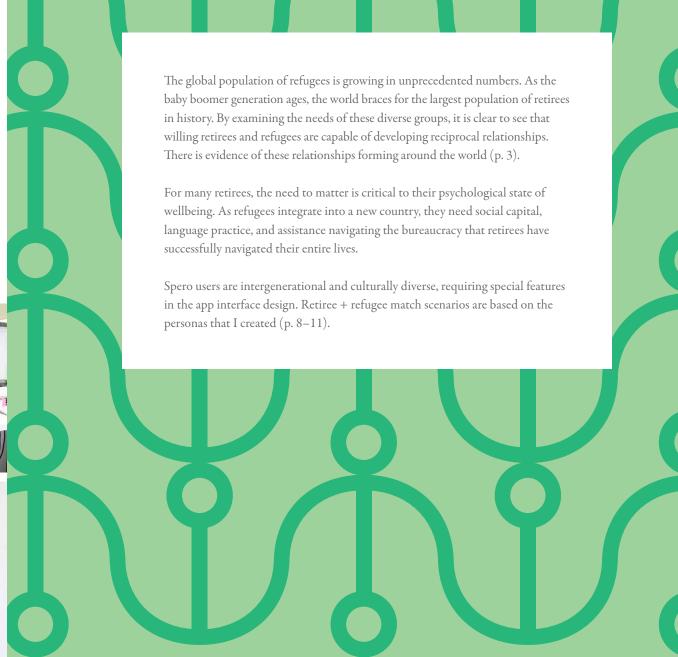
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MY STUDIO SPACE









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In honor of my deepest inspiration and those who launched the original Sanctuary Movement in the 1980's:

"When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God."

Leviticus 19:33–34 (ESV)