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Gacha, a Japanese capsule toy is a popular toy in most of the asia conturies. It is affordable, collectable, and fun. User will never know what figure he/she will get beforehand.

Have you ever imagine what if your toy collections starting interact with each other? In this project, gacha figures guide users to a Joyful creative story ideation process.

GACHA FIGURE ANALYSIS

GENRE	ANIMATION	PEOPLE	FICTION
	ARCHITECTURE	FOOD	FURNITURE
	INSTRUMENT	VEHICLE	MACHINE
	STATIONARY	GLASSES	ACCESSORY

AND MORE...



WHEN YOU'RE BEING CREATIVE, YOU CAN SEE THE HIDDEN PATTERNS, MAKE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THINGS THAT ARE NOT NORMALLY RELATED, AND COME UP WITH NEW IDEAS.

KYLIE ORA LOBELL



HAVE YOU EVER SEEN AN OTTER PLAYING TROMBONE?

DESIGN CONCEPT

Through the advantage of gacha, such as variety, having a person think divergently, get inspired for story ideation and enjoy the ideation process. Unlike the normal gacha, in this research, figures are embedded with rfid tag, which makes them capable to interact with.

By assigning actions to figures, selecting background music and recording narration for the story, smoothie users forms their fantasy world. The fantasy world will be displayed in form of holographic animation through a holographic gacha capsule and smartphone.



KEY REQUIREMENTS

VARIETY

PHYSICAL

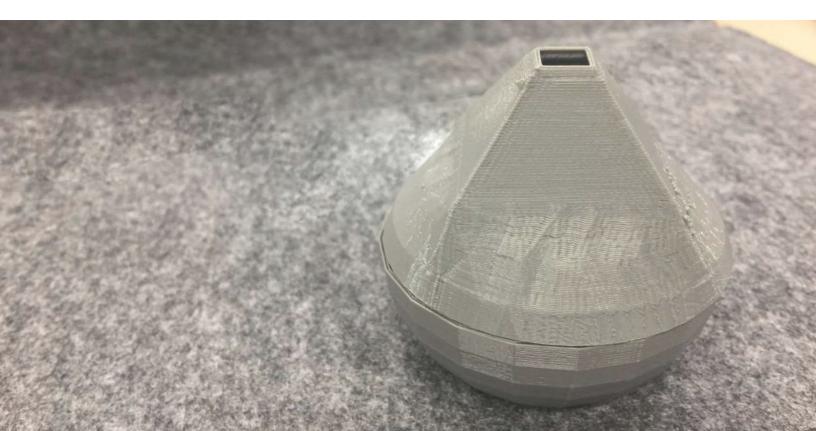
SMOOTHIE USERS CAN SET UP ACTION FOR EACH FIGURE AND LET THEM INTERACT THROUGH THE SMARTPHONE APP. MEANWHILE, THE ANIMATION MADE BY OTHER USERS WILL POP OUT AUTOMATICALLY TO INTERACT WITH SMOOTHIE USERS, CALLED SURPRISING INTERACTIONS IN THE SMARTPHONE APP.

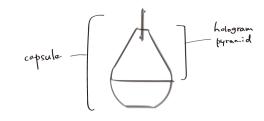
SMOOTHIE'S GACHA HAS WIDE VARIETY OF FIGURES. SMOOTHIE USERS CAN SEE VARIOUS ANIMATION CREATED BY OTHER USERS AS WELL THROUGH THE SMARTPHONE APP. THE VARIETY OF GACHA AND ANIMATION PROVIDES USER MORE IDEAS FOR STORY CREATION.

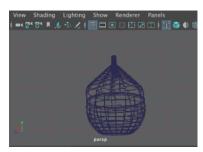
INTERACTIONS

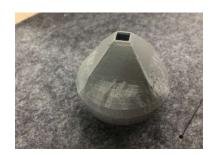
SMOOTHIE IMPLEMENTS WITH PHYSICAL GACHA FIGURES AND USING HOLO-GRAM TECHNOLOGY TO CREATE AN ILLUSION AS IF CHARACTERS LIVED PHYSICALLY IN THE SAME SPACE AS HUMAN DO, WHICH PROVIDES AN ENCHANTED USER EXPERIENCE.

DEVELOPMENT (HOLOGRAM CAPSULE)









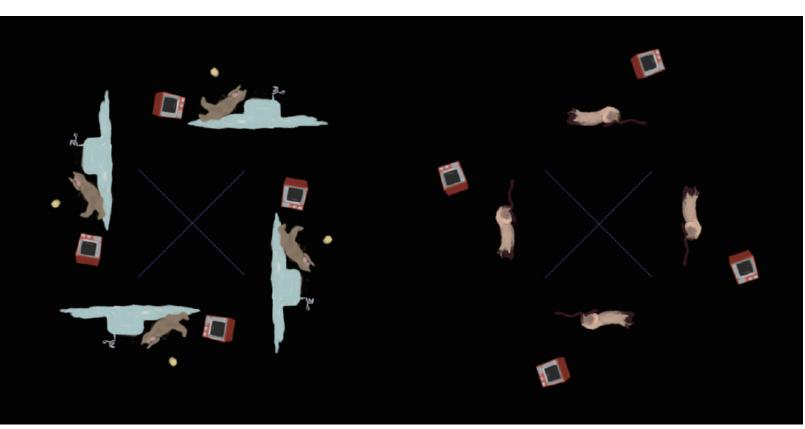
DEVELOPMENT (INTERACTIVE FIGURE)



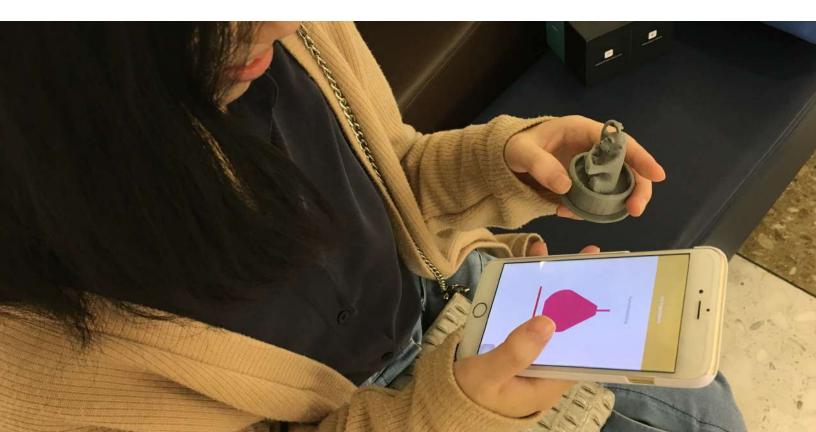








DEVELOPMENT (APP)











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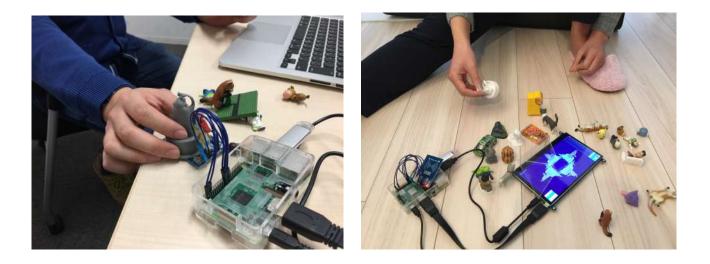




PROOF OF CONCEPT

Number of Participant: 18 Age: 25 – 45 Female: 15 Male: 3

	<u>I st Round</u> (without Smoothie)	<u>2nd Round</u> (with Smoothie)	
Mission	Creating story using first language		
Given Character	2 main characters (verbally)	2 main characters + various figures (physically)	
Duration	10 min		
Break Time	15 min		



Creating story WITH Smoothie made me come out WITH IDEAS that i have NEVER thought of BEFORE.

This type of **IDEATION PROCESS** is fun. **NO STRESS** at all.

I felt MORE SATISFIED with my story content by USING SMOOTHIE.

The idea of surprising interaction is very interesting. It strongly links Smoothie to GACHA'S SPIRIT, SURPRISE!

I want to **CONTINUE** doing it. **MAKING** more story.

By seeing how other people play with Gacha characters with specific actions gave me **MORE DIRECTIONS** in my creation.

