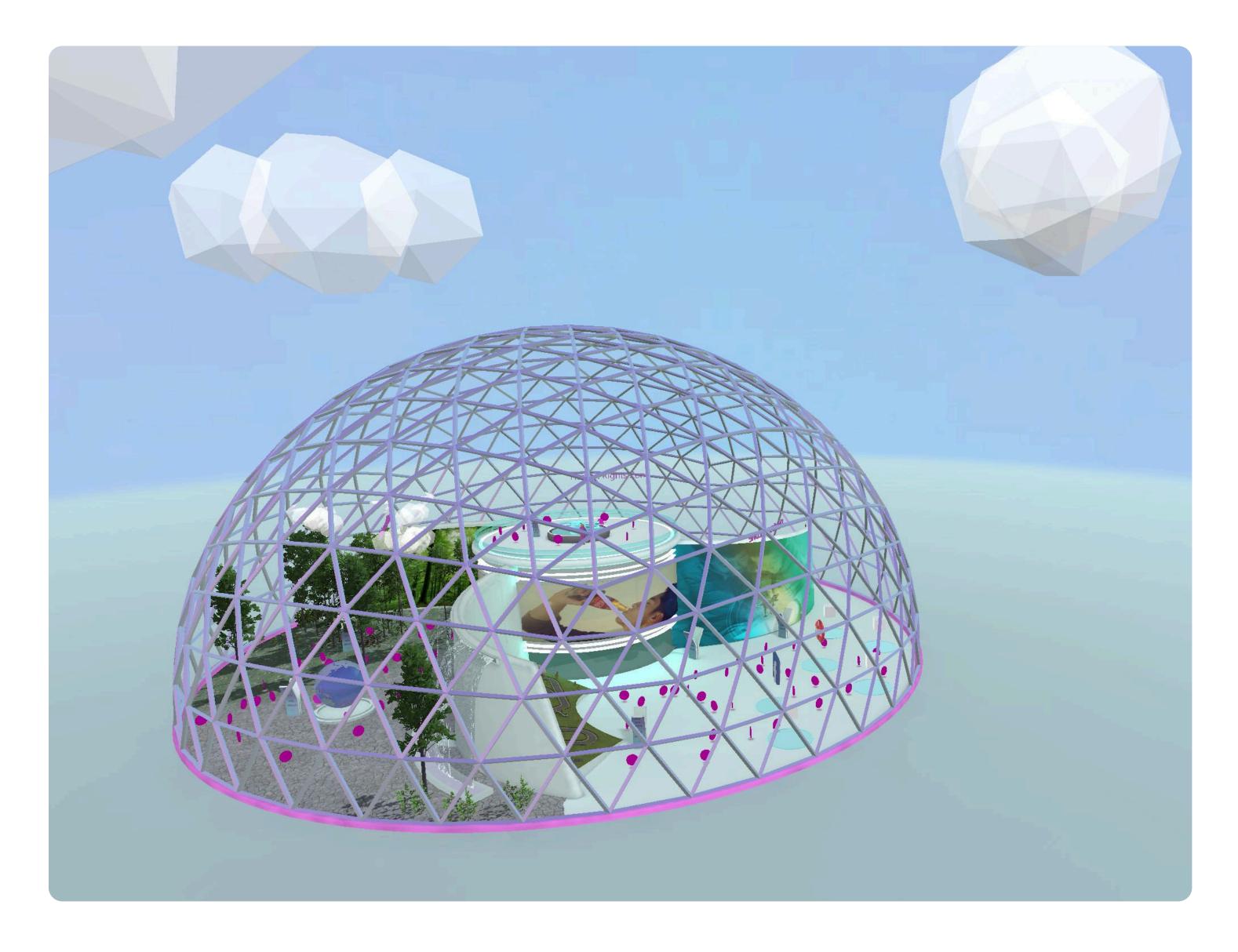
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# Creating Accenture's Virtual XR Global Summit

Spanning 3 days across 4 continents, Accenture's Global Virtual Supplier and Sustainability Summit 2020 created opportunities for 800+ attendees of corporations and diverse suppliers to meet and engage in an innovative and virtual environment.



#### **My Responsibilities**

Responsible for leading design and strategy, through discovery and ideation, prototyping and production. I directed a team of engineers and designers to deliver a fully immersive experience across desktop, mobile, and virtual reality.

Discovery + Strategy	Design	Production	Delivery
Research	Mockups	Virtual Environments	Demos
Ideation	Design Systems	Servers	Events
Prototyping	Prototyping	App Builds	Updates
	User Testing	Websites	

#### Challenge

In 2020, "Zoom Fatigue" became the overall sentiment when attending virtual events. Most platforms are impersonal since the software curates who you talk to. People desire real connection with people.

#### How might we

Recreate the spontaneity of human interaction through virtual avatars, live programing, and text / video chat within a bespoke extended reality environment

#### **Features**

**Guided Installation** 

Text Chat, 1-1 Video Chat, Q&A, Moderator Portal, Live Chat Support

Live Media Streaming

Registration, Landing Sites, Notifications

**Knowledge Base Chatbot** 

Interactive Objects with Localized

Playback across Native, AR + VR Modes





#### **Platforms**

Continuity was paramount to ensure a intuitive and seamless user experiences across devices

## Desktop

macOS + windowsOS

## Mobile

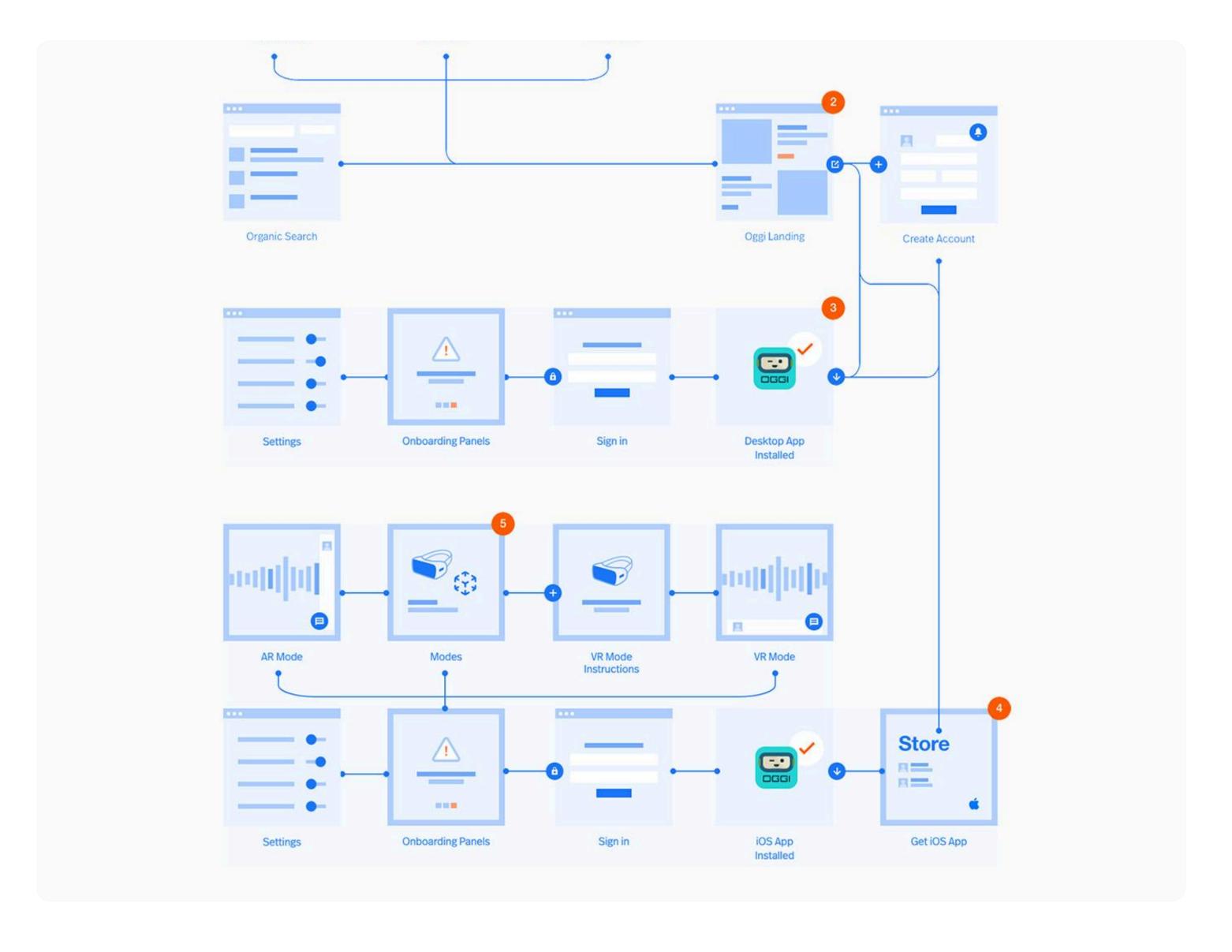
iOS supported Native, AR + VR

### Browser

Chrome, Safari and Firefox supported via Furioos

#### **User Journey**

I mapped several different user journeys from discovery to installation to sign-in.

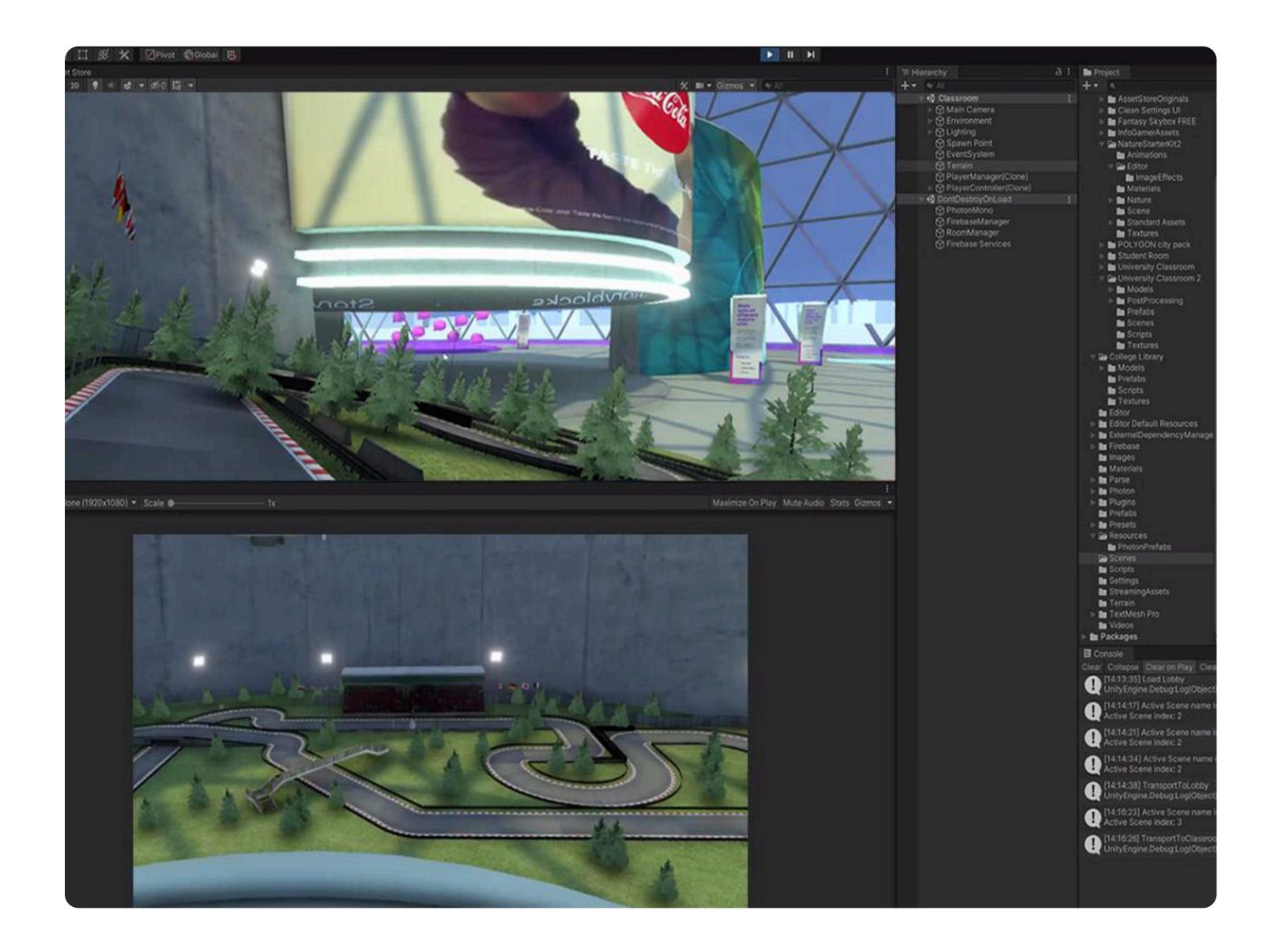


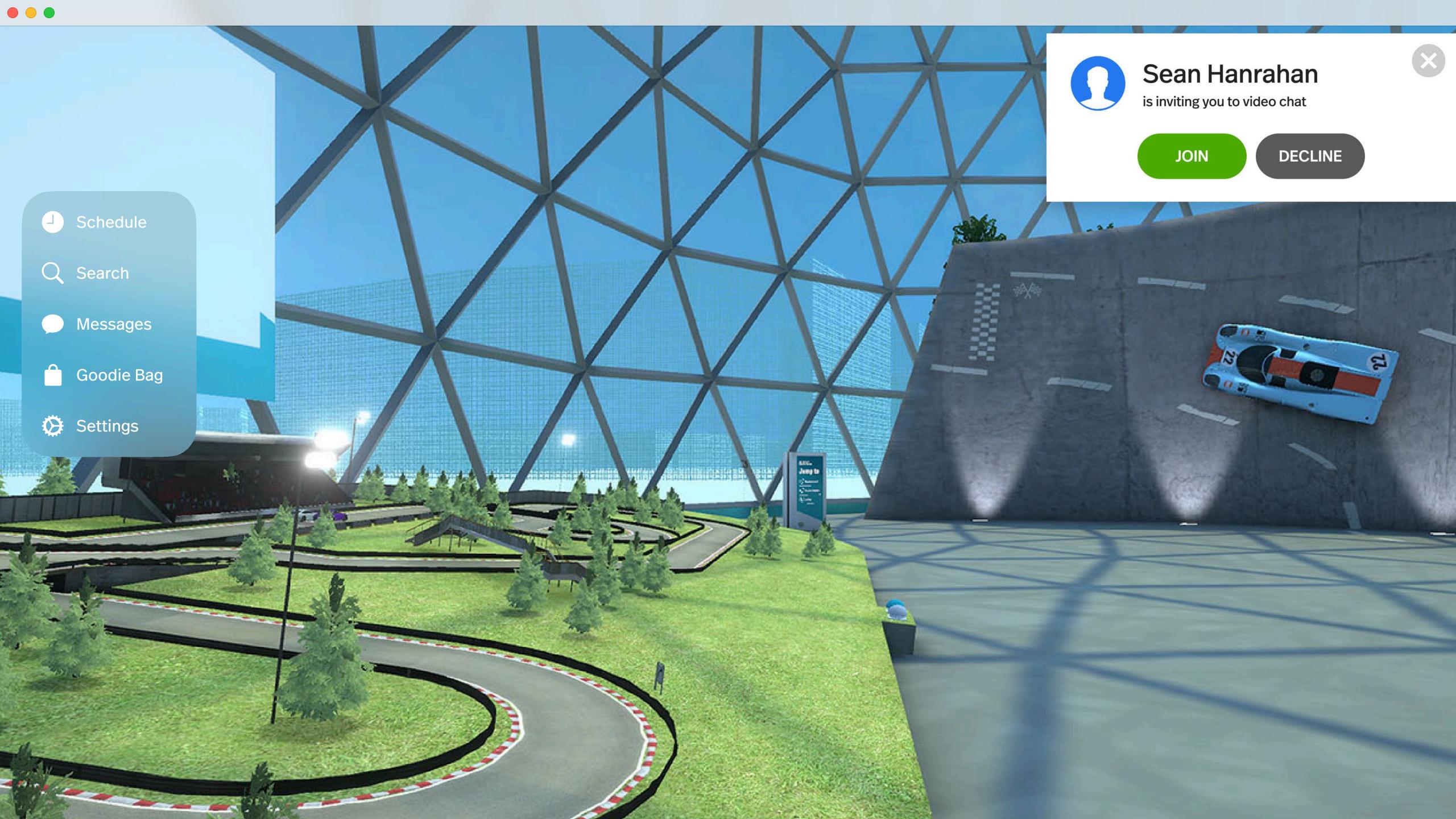
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#### **Environment Design in Unity**

The environment was separated into 5 areas, the first being the Lobby (orientation), then to the Atrium to port to different sections based on themes or event programming.





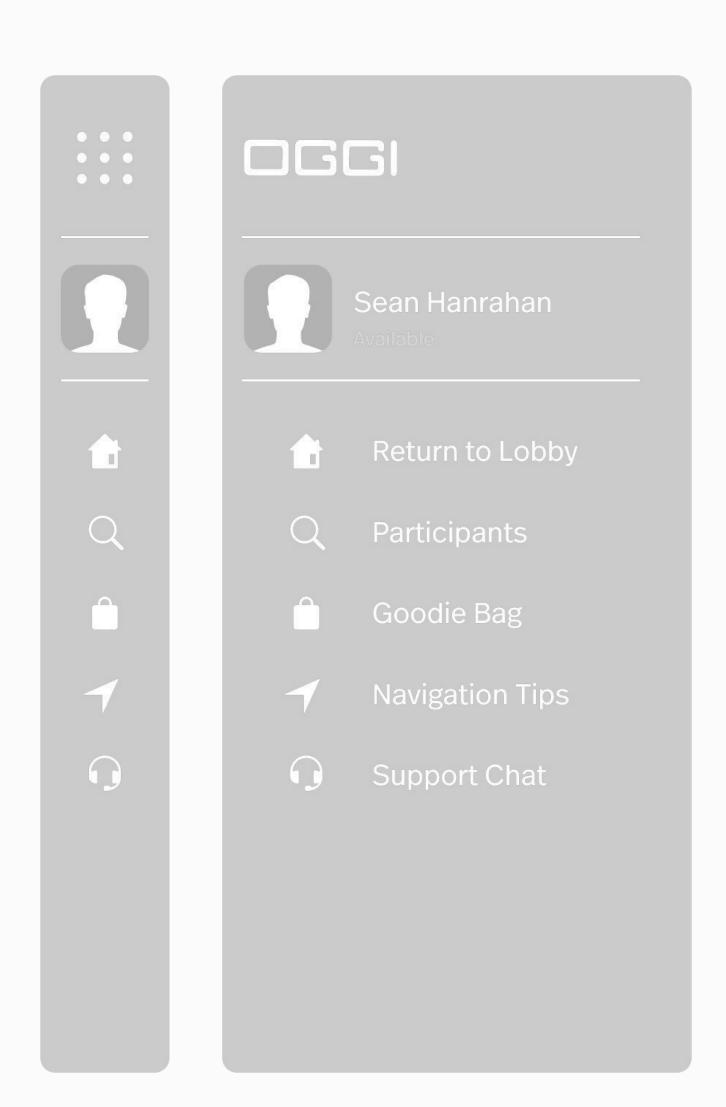
#### **Avatars + UI Controls**

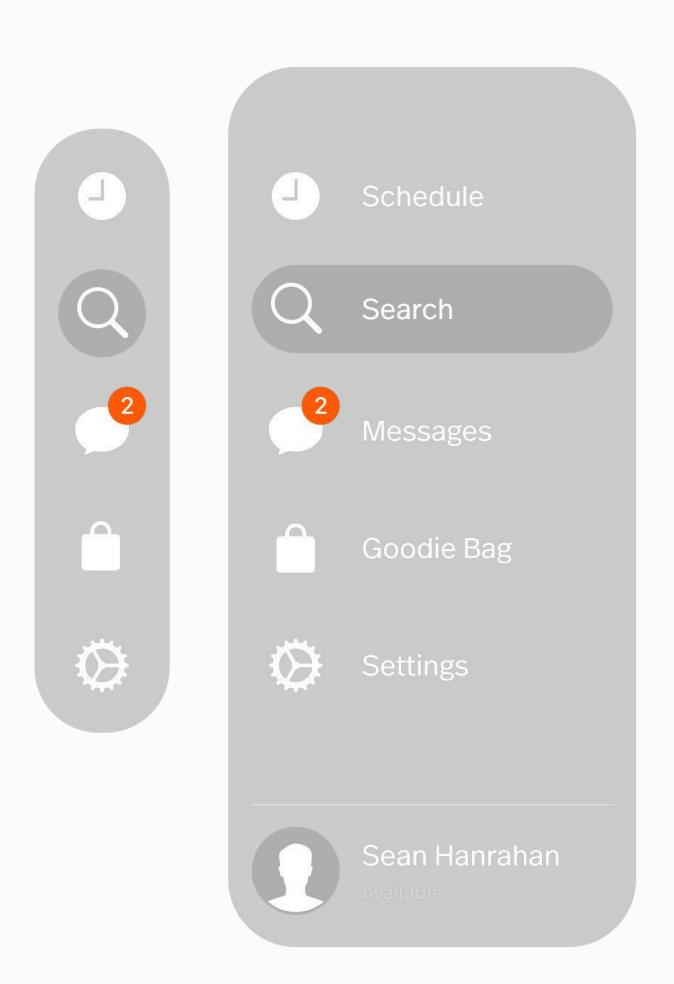
To recreate the spontaneity of human conversations through virtual avatars, text and video chat were core prominent features. A collapsible menu provided navigation controls while the avatar panel displayed information and initiated actions between users

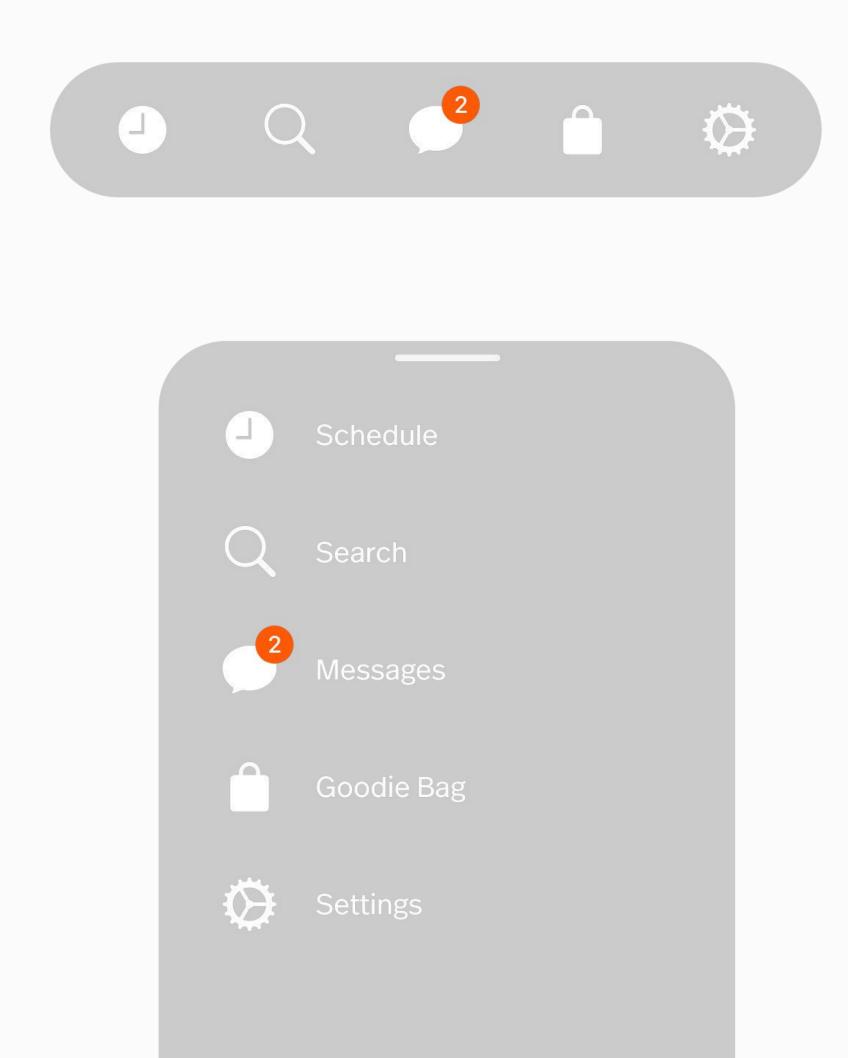




#### **Navigation Iterations**



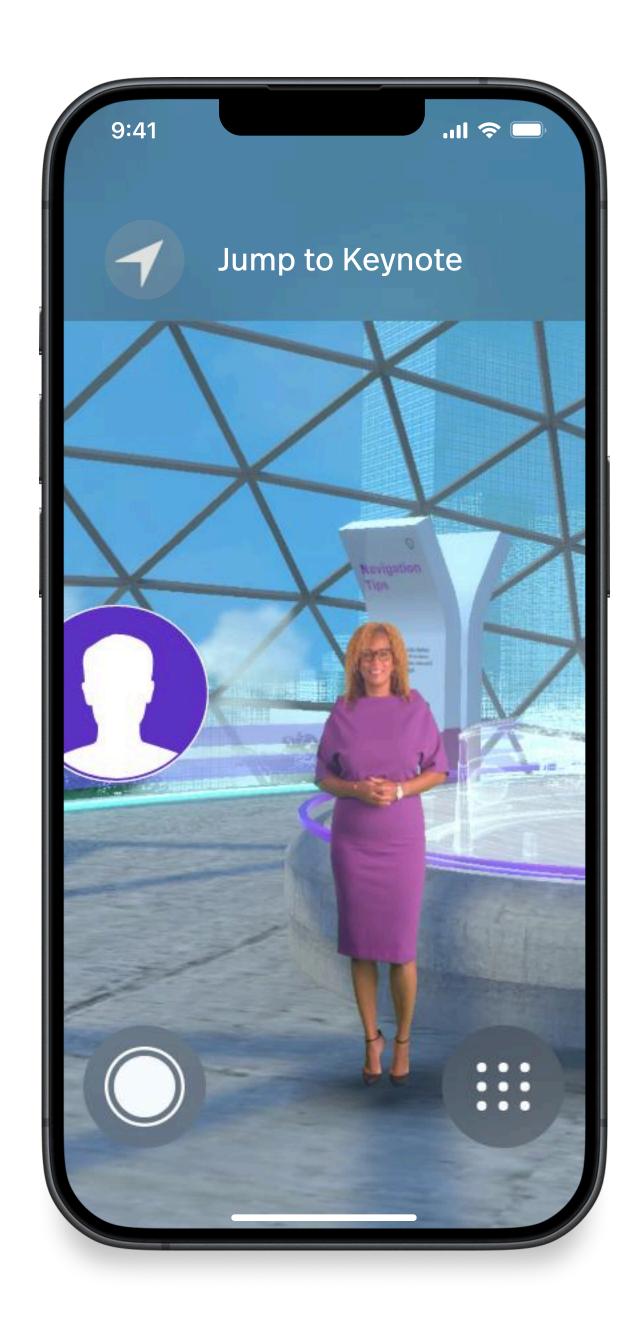




#### **Mobile UI**

To maintain a simple and intuitive UI across devices, I organized the global mobile menu within a single button. The primary advance button was positioned left. Clickable navigation shortcuts and announcements were displayed top with a full-width semiopaque background.

**Advance + Menu Buttons** 

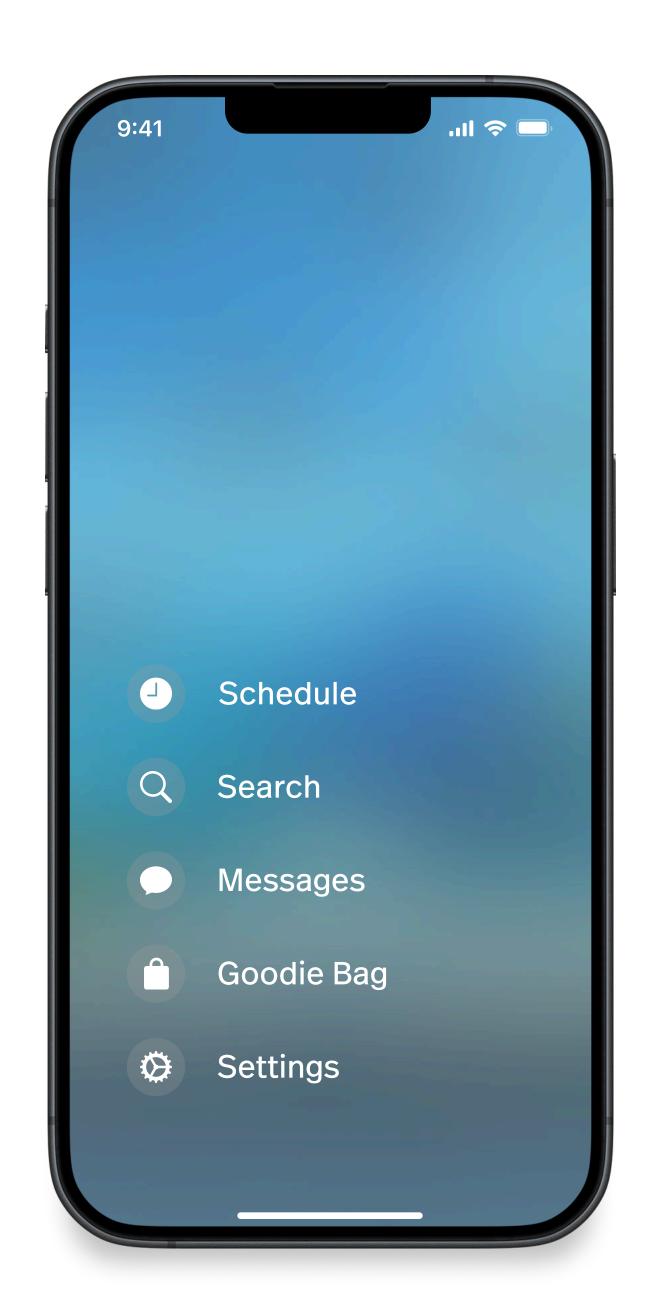


#### **Wayfinding Shortcuts**

#### **Mobile Navigation**

Balancing visibility, context and distraction-free navigation. I opted against an earlier iteration that allowed users to see a partial menu with content in the background. Instead, the menu would inherit the background color, blur and highlight nav icons for easy legibility.

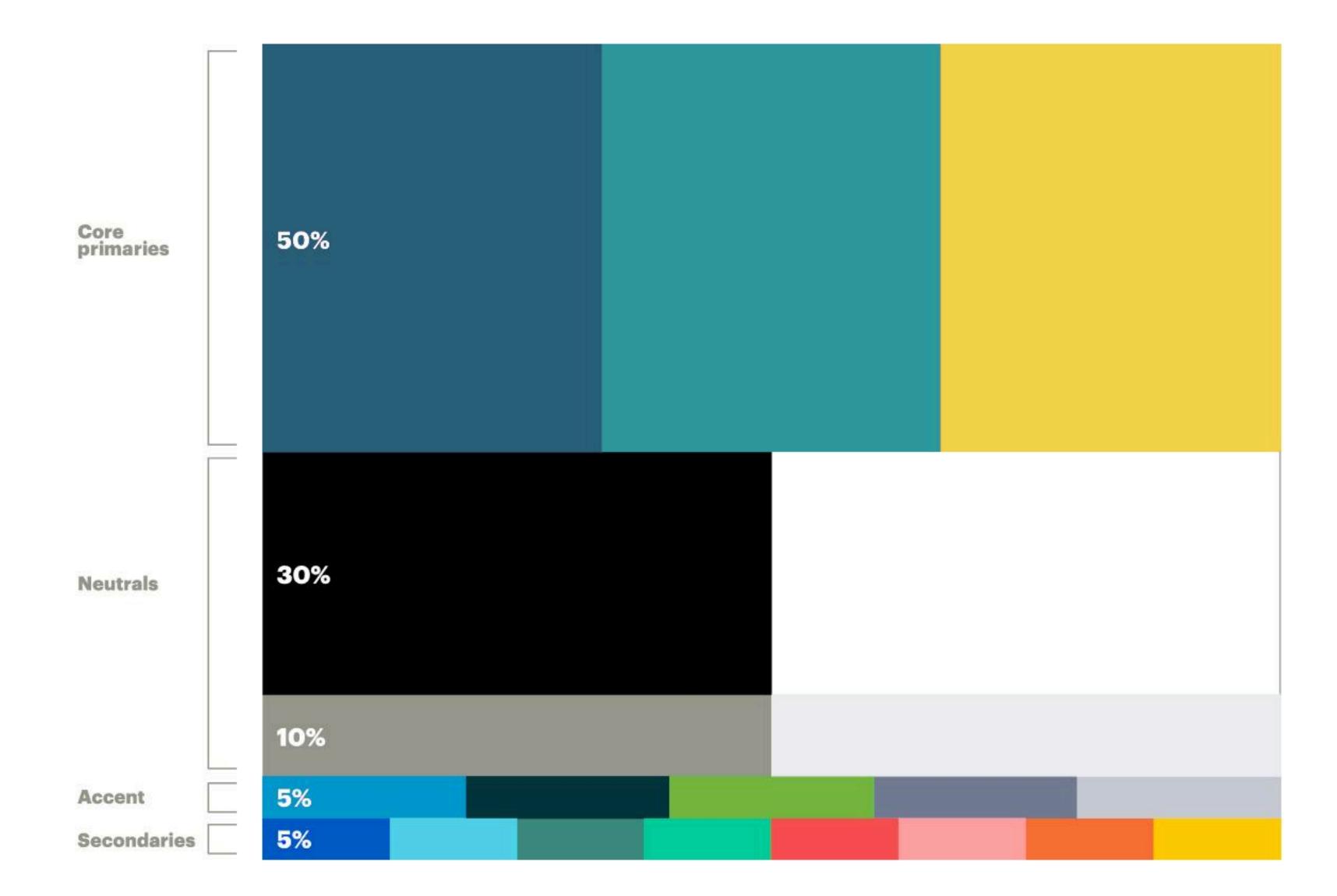
**Core Navigation** 



#### Fullscreen scrim

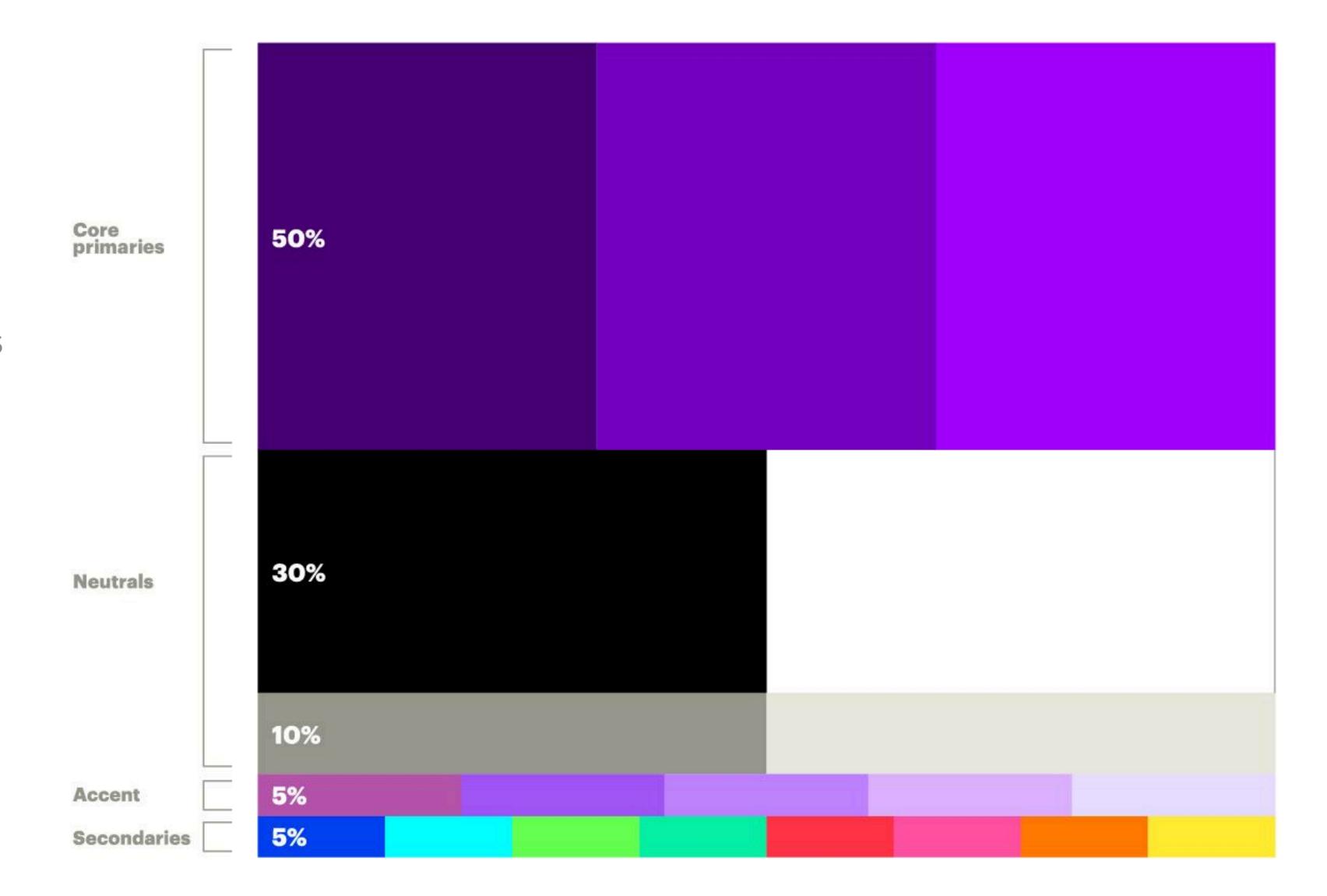
#### **Oggi Color System**

Oggi provided a default brand system and extended customization services to clients to inherit brand guidelines



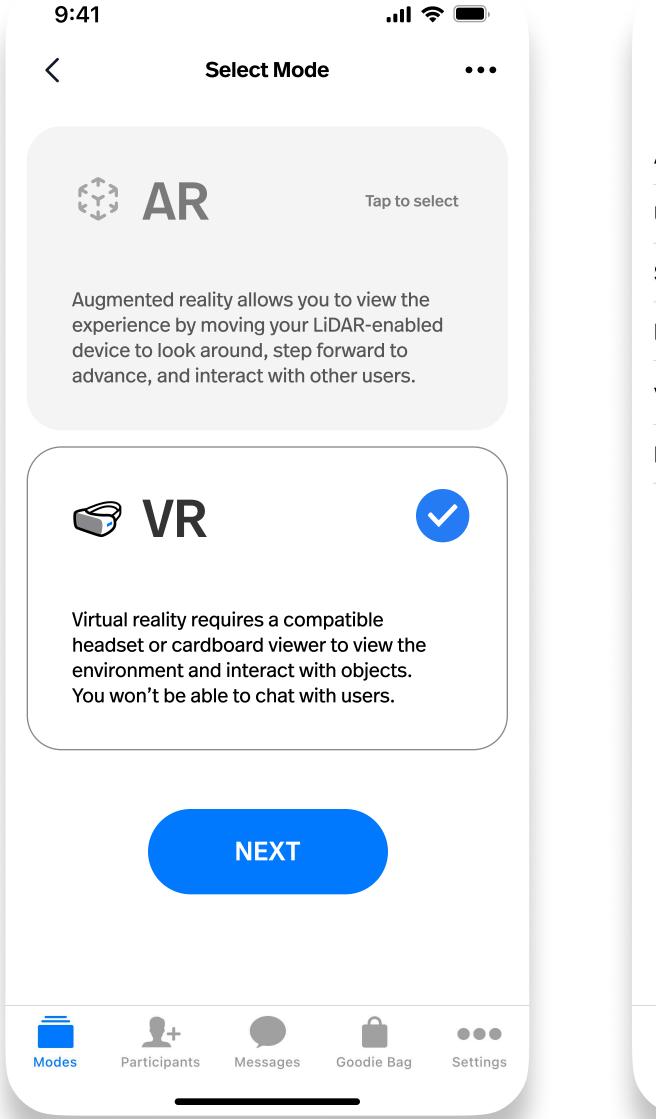
#### **Client Color System**

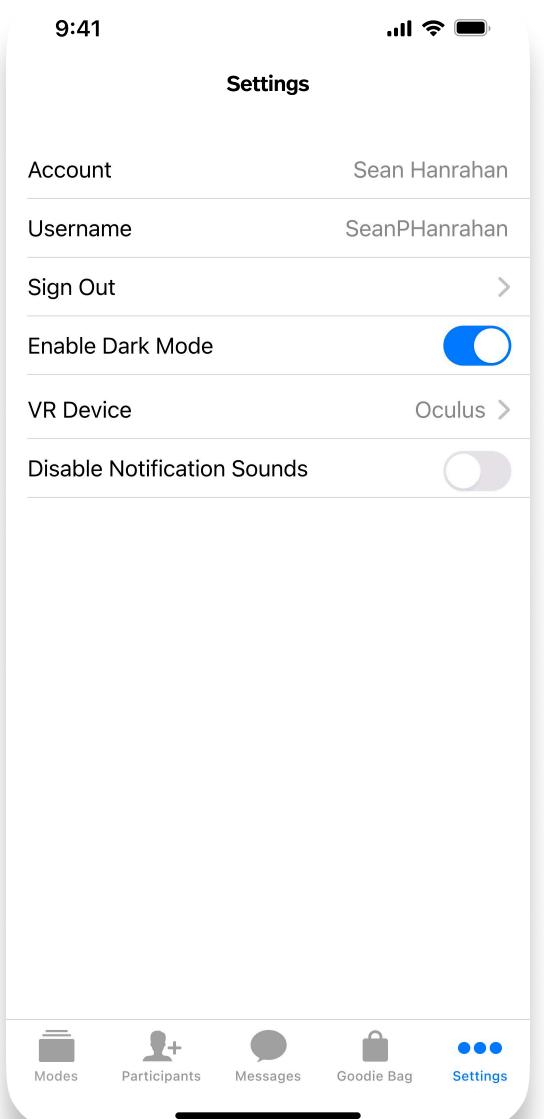
Accenture's existing brand guidelines required shifting all colors, styles and placement from Oggi's brand system. This was a custom service provided to clients to brand each experience



#### **Mode Selection**

Depending on hardware specs, users could switch between modes using the same app





## User testing highlighted many barriers to entry. We needed to improve onboarding, support and the setup + installation process

In-App Onboarding

Better User Support

**Installation Guides** 

**Embedded Human** 

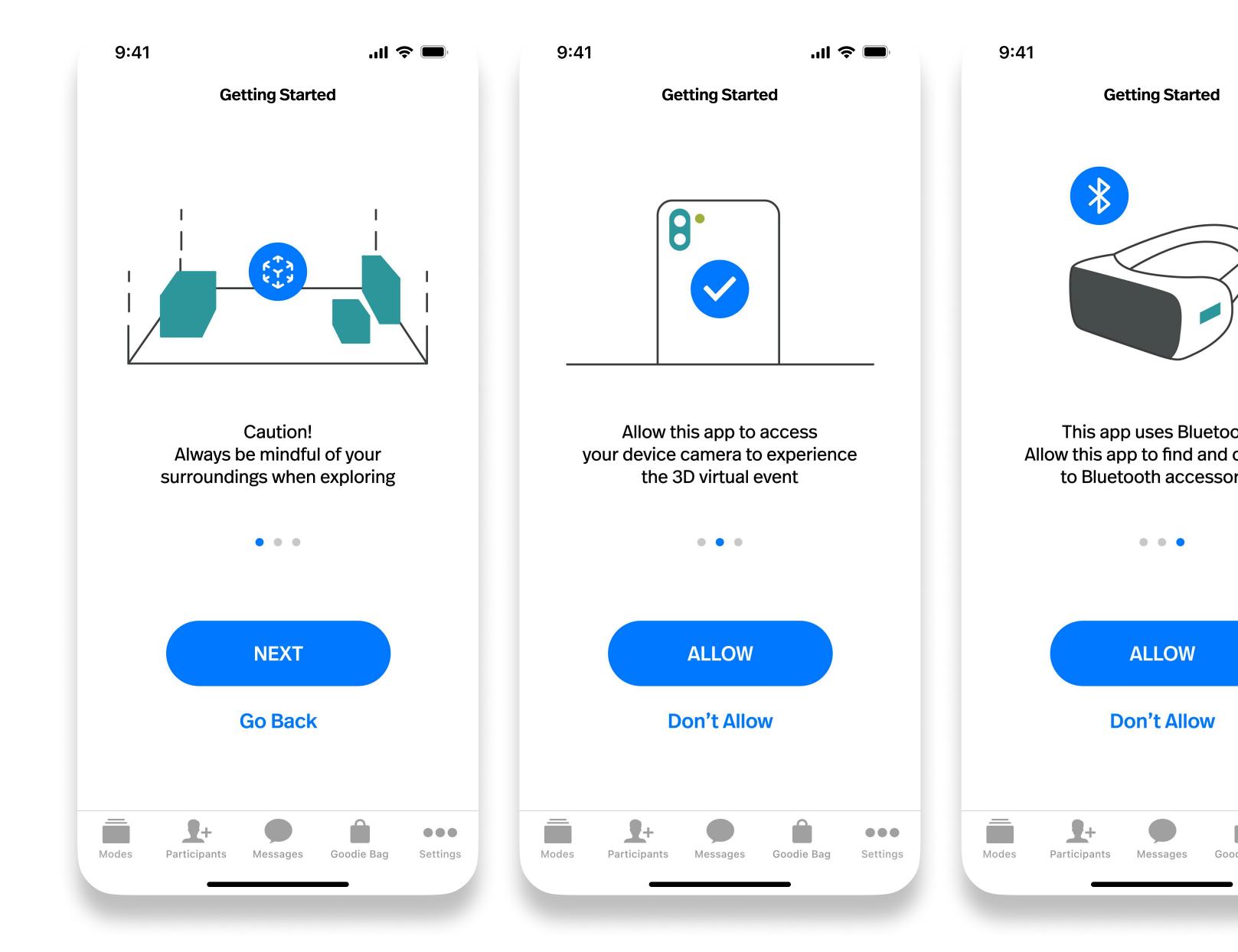
#### **Installation + Onboarding**

Our users were from all backgrounds, living in countries around the world and having little to no IT support as everyone worked from home or remotely.



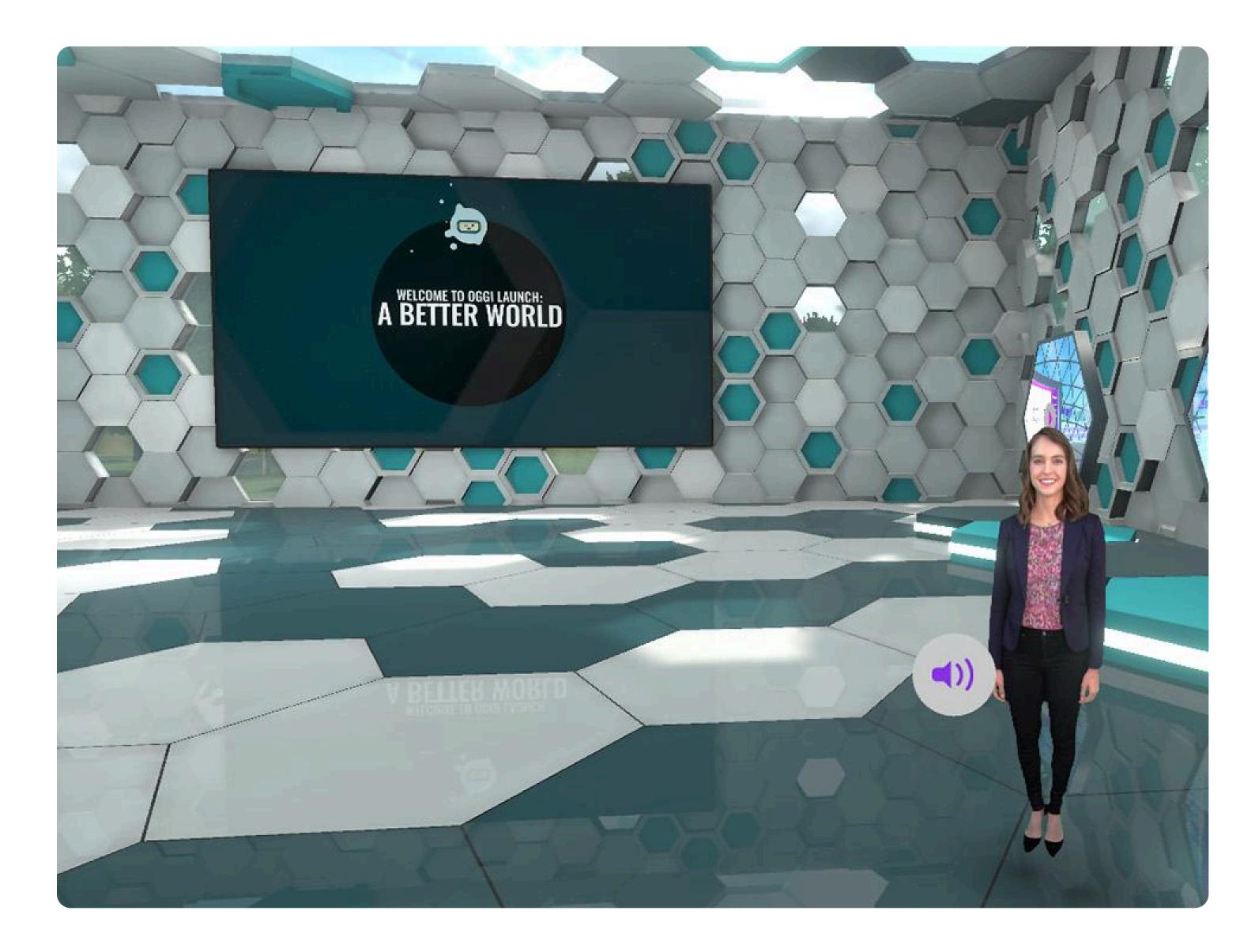
#### **VR Onboarding**

Most of our users had never experienced virtual reality before, and many were installing and running our apps without any IT support



#### **Humanoid to Human**

To respond to the challenges of onboarding, I setup a greenscreen studio in my apartment and pleaded with my wife, an actress, to record a full body video that would be stitched into the lobby. Upon entering the virtual space, attendees were greeted by the virtual humanoid recording and provided context for navigation.



#### **Success Metrics**

The 3-day Accenture event was a success for the team and attendees and staff around the world

92%

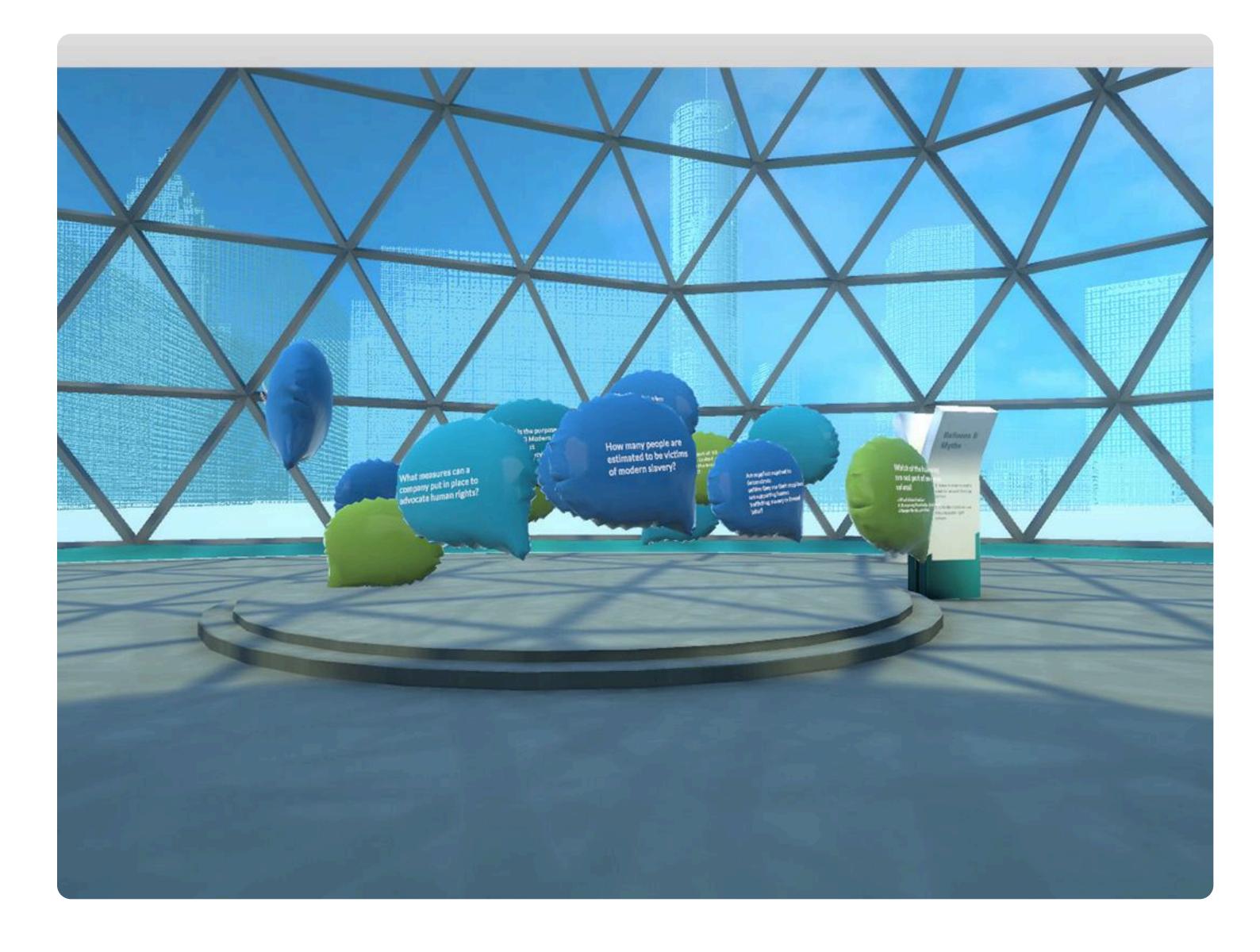
of invitees installed the app successfully and joined

863

total users 483 iOS users, 103 android users, 277 desktop users 01:06

1 hour 6 min average session duration

The success of this project led Accenture to build it's own virtual experiences. Today, the Oggi platform is being retooled to target prospective and current university and college audiences post-pandemic. Tour your college from home, why not?



#### Thank you!

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