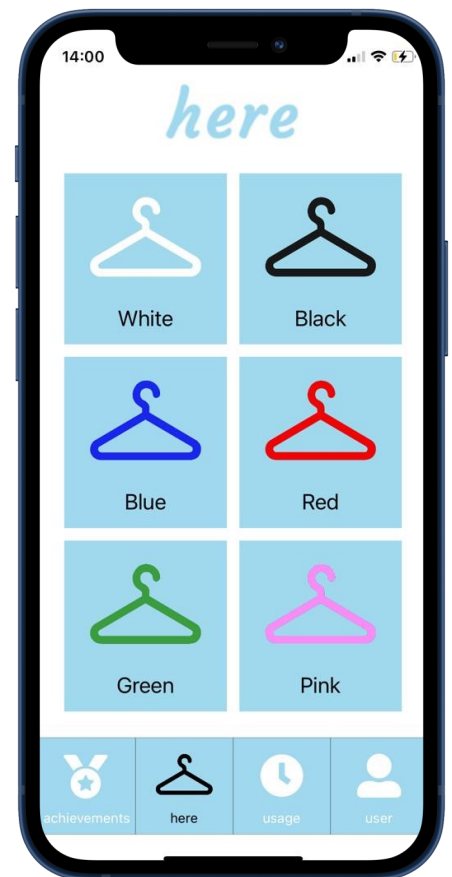
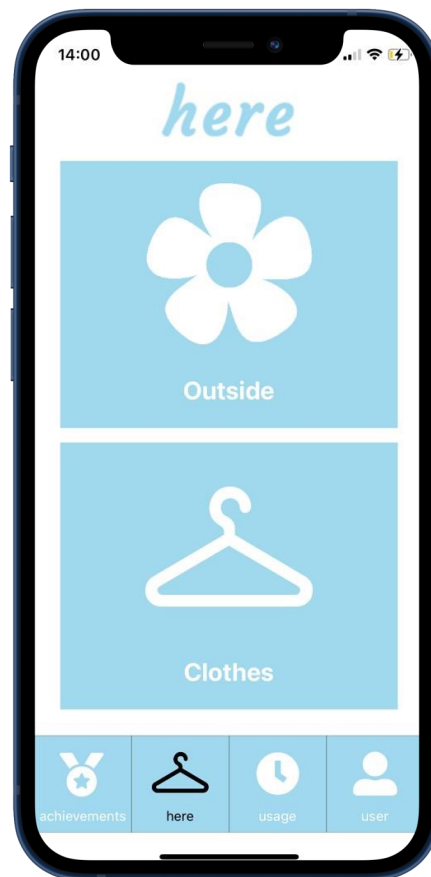
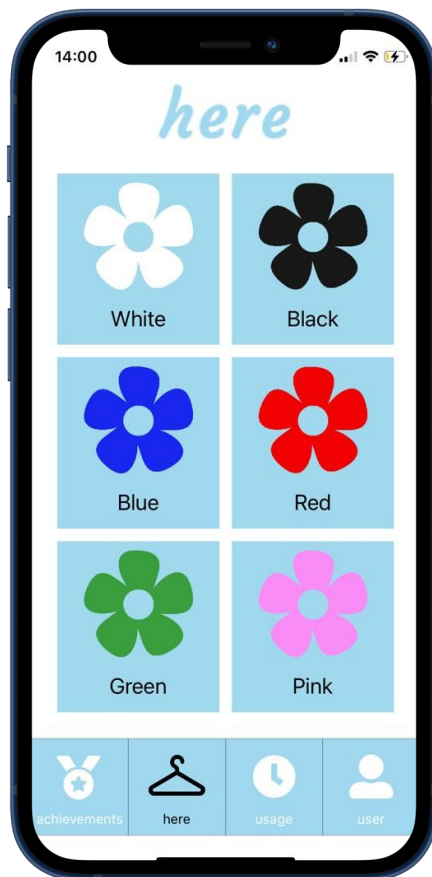




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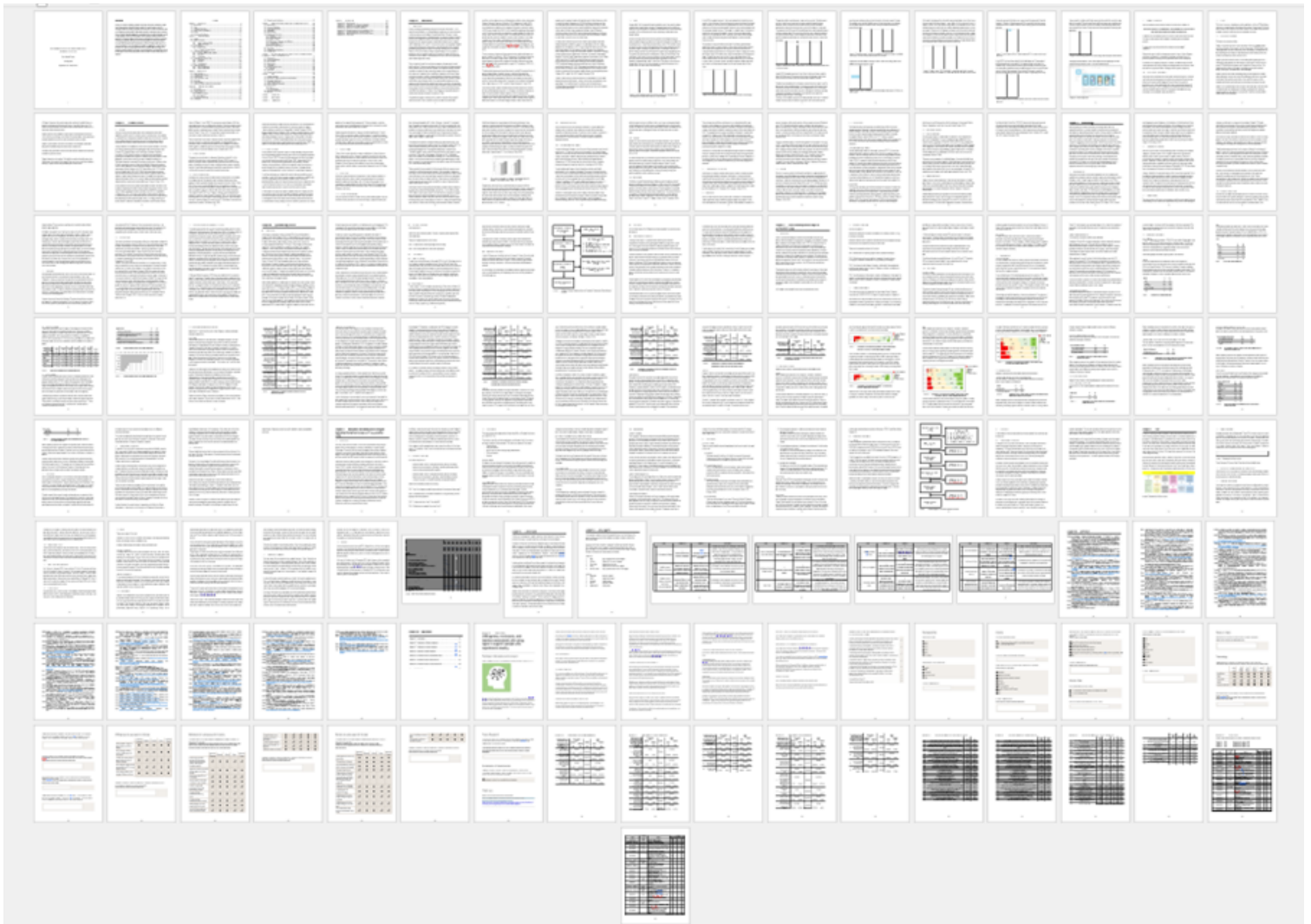
Towards the end of January I conducted the final interview for my 'Testing Here' study. This meant I had 12 interview transcripts to analyse.

I have spent some time going over each transcript, making sure it is an accurate representation of what was said, and removing any identifiable information.

The next step is to begin the analysis. This will involve re-reading each transcript multiple times and identifying themes. I will then review themes and group them into broader ideas. I will also revisit each transcript to look for any additional examples of the broader ideas.

Once I have completed this analysis I will be able to create personas which will then be used in my next study, a focus group.

I will be contacting PPI group members soon to invite them to take part in the focus group.



PROGRESSION

I have written before about the formal progression points during my PhD - I have previously passed Stage 0, 1 and 2. My next formal progression point will be when I 'transfer to write up' - this is when I will have finished all of my data collection and will just be focusing on writing my thesis. I am planning for this to happen in the middle of the year.

However, it is important to make sure that I am on track for these final few months of data collection. Therefore, I have been working on 'Stage 2.5'. This isn't a formal progression point, it is one that I want to add in. This means I have been busy getting my report together, putting together all the work I have done so far and writing about my plans going forward. It has been really helpful to have everything together in one document and to see how far I have come - it is really easy to forget all of the work I've already done when I'm constantly focusing on what I need to do next.

I have sent this report to my supervisor panel and I'm in the process of organising a date for all of us to meet so that I can give a short presentation of where I am, and we can discuss my next steps to make sure I can get everything done that I need to.

MARKING

Throughout January I have been involved in marking final exam papers for the first year programming module that I helped to teach last term. In total, I have marked 750 questions. So that marking didn't interfere with the work I needed to do for my PhD I got up at 6:30 two weekends in a row, went to my office, and spent the days marking. It is almost finished now which is a great feeling, but we still have some checking to do, making sure all of the grades are correct before we release them to the students. Although it was hard work I did enjoy helping with the marking side of things.

DOING WHAT I LOVE

January was a relatively quiet month - I was busy working so didn't have a lot of fun activities.

In early January I did go to see Moulin Rouge in the West End - this was my birthday present from my parents from back in October. I'm a huge fan of the film so was excited to see the show, and it didn't disappoint! The entire theatre is decorated with red drapes so you almost feel like you are in the Moulin Rouge rather than just watching the show. The show is filled with 75 catchy songs which I was singing for days! I'd love to see it again now that I know the songs and could sing along.

Also in January I got busy building Lego. For Christmas my best friend got me a Lego flower set so I had a weekend building those. I then ordered hundreds of extra bricks to make a Lego vase for them to stand in, and I think they look fantastic. I have them in my office so that I have some lovely flowers to look at but I don't have to remember to water them!

