CON-NECTION PROJECT UPDATE PRESENTATION

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PROJECT RECAP

As the main character of the story you talk to and connect with other characters through an app called **CONNECTION**.

SYNOPSIS

CON-NECTION is a game in which the player can connect with characters in an inconsequential space, allowing them to experience social situations, without the real risk of losing friends, etc.

REASONING:

- □ The creation of this game is inspired by how the world revolves around **constantly being connected with people**.
- This sometimes leads to socially awkward and/or complex situations that are hard to navigate.
- □ Therefore, I made **CON-NECTION** as a way to **help the player** explore their own **boundaries** and **sense of self**.



IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THE CON-NECTION

MECHANICS

Player choices can permanently alter the story so they should answer honestly as each answer will help progress the story. Player responses should be unique to them.

PLAYER FEEDBACK

□ CONA [AI Assistant for CONNECTION] helps to elaborate and provides feedback on player choices (acts as a sort of event manager), however CONA won't directly say if the player is making a good or bad decision.

□ The player will choose if they want to **connect** with or fail to connect (**a.k.a a con-nection**) with the people they meet throughout the 5 days.

MY PROCESS

ART I WANT TO INCLUDE:

- □ App Icon
- 🖵 Calendar
- Character Icons or Portraits

PLAYER EXPERIENCE:

- I want players to play this game as faithful to themselves as possible.
- I don't want them to have an experience telling them what's good or bad, since in social situations there really is no barometer for that.

CHALLENGES

- Dialogue Option Variety
- Design for Pixel Art
- Authenticity

CURRENT RESEARCH

- □ Story Structure
- Design Solutions

TWINE LAYOUT

□ CON-NECTION spans over 5 days.

- INTRODUCTION

Hello [NAME HERE],

I have your agenda for today set and a recap of your mental status. Are you ready for your daily brief?

OPTION 1: Who are you? OPTION 2: Yes, I am ready for the brief.

RESPONSE 1: I am your personal assistant. My name is [ASSISTANT NAME HERE] RESPONSE 2: Things have been busy, life has been tough.

You wrote yesterday that you wanted to catch up with some old friends yesterday in your journal. Based on your device records, you have on your list to catch up with an old friend today. How hard can rekindling a friendship be?

OPTION 1: Pretty difficult. OPTION 2: ...

Well...what do I know? I am just your personal assistant. Let's begin your day.

Before you begin [NAME HERE], let's first do your assessment for the day? How are you feeling?

- JOYFUL
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- <u>HAPPY</u>
- NEUTRAL
- <u>SAD</u>

It seems that you have three messages. Which one would you like to see first?

Message 1 - [PERSON 1 NAME] Message 2 - [PERSON 2 NAME] Message 3 - [PERSON 3 NAME]

• DAY 1 -----

- PERSON 1 ROUTE

Hey, [NAME HERE] I was so happy to receive your message. We haven't spoken in so long! It's been two years! Crazy, right?

OPTION 1: So crazyl There's no way it's been two years! I've been good, how have you been? OPTION 2: WOWIIII Two years!!!!! I've been busy, looking to reconnect with people. How have you been? OPTION 3: Crazyl Doing well, reconnecting with people. How have you been?

RESPONSE 1: It has! Glad to hear you're doing well, I've been good too. Things have been busy. RESPONSE 2: Yes, two whole years! Unbelievable, so glad you reached out. I'm definitely up to reconnecting. I've been good. Busy, but good! RESPONSE 3: Vey, glad you're doing well I've been good. Have you been busy?

OPTION 1: Thanks, great to hear you're doing well tool What have you been up to? OPTION 2: Same herel Glad to hear you're doing good! Busy? Not surprising, what have you been up to? OPTION 3: That's nice to heart Yeah. I've been busy, what about you?



- PERSON 2 SIDE ROUTE

Hey [YOUR NAME HERE], I thought I saw you the other day at Sundown Cafel I would have come over to say hello but I saw you were with someone.

OPTION 1 Yeah, that was mel I didn't see you there. OPTION 2: Oh yeah, I didn't see you! You should've come over to say hil I was catching up with IPERSON 1]. OPTION 3: Yeah, I was there catching up with an old friend.

RESPONSE 1: ch, I see. Were you just three hanging out or? RESPONSE 2: No problem, next time I'll stop and say helio. Oh so you were catching up with [PERSON 1]? How have they been? RESPONSE 3: Oh I see, catching up with old friends is always nice. The person you were with looked like [PERSON 1] but inght be wrong?

OPTION 1: I was just catching up with an old friend. OPTION 2: [PERSON 1] is good, they were just telling me about stuff going on with them. OPTION 3: Yeah, it was [PERSON 1]. Why do you ask?

RESPONSE 1: Nice, who were you catching up with? RESPONSE 2: I heard some things about (PERSON 1) recently. Things like they've changed and cut off some people as of late. Do you know if it's true? RESPONSE 3: Just asking. I heard some things about them recently...

• DAY 3 _____

- PERSON 3 ROUTE

Hey [yourname], I just saw your message. Thanks for checking in.

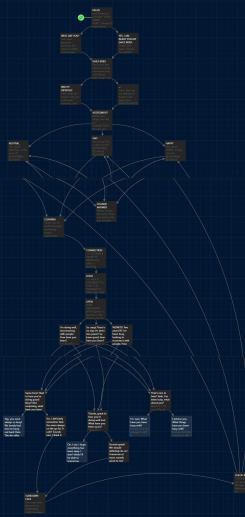
OPTION 1: Of course, how're you feeling? I'm so sorry that happened, I just found out that it was between you and [PERSON 1]. I hope you guys are okay now. OPTION 2: Yeah, sorry to hear that happened. Are you feeling better? Are you guys okay now? What happened?

OPTION 3; Hey, yeah I'm so sorry to hear that happened. I was shocked that [PERSON 1] could do something like that. I never would have expected that.

RESPONSE 1: Yeah, I'm feeling better and it's no big deal now. I cut them off, I just was asking about something that was going on with them and all the sudden they started lashing out.

RESPONSE 2: I'm feeling better, Don't know, I haven't spoken to them since, I sent them my medical bill, I think they paid. Honestly, I don't care. I was just trying to figure out why they weren't taiking to me or updating me about what was going on with them and they got mad. We're friends, we're supposed to share everything with each other, right? I uses: PTERSON II doesn't understand that.

RESPONSE 3: I'm not, they changed. We were close and then they just disappeared. I wanted to talk with them to figure out what was going on because I was hurt and things escalated.



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