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## AMSTERDAM SCAN CAR

# FEATURE REPORT



#### **TEAM SPOT**

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# INTRODUCTION

Who are we?



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## THE DESIGNBRIEF

What was our objective?



[...] Design a number of **prototype solutions** or accompanying **guidelines** for the live communication of what a scan car does and how that relates to human values. [...]

[...] Ideally, a selection of your prototypes or guidelines will be used for further experimental research in the scan car pilot in Amsterdam during 2023-2024.

# DESIGN CHALLENGE

What was our goal?



How can we make Amsterdam citizens notice and understand the function of a passing scan car by its communication?

# Our goal was to find different ways of communication through car features

How can a citizen understad the actions of a passing scan car when they only have a few seconds to observe it?

And what ways of communication would citizens like to see on the scan car. Text? LED-screens? Light? Sound?

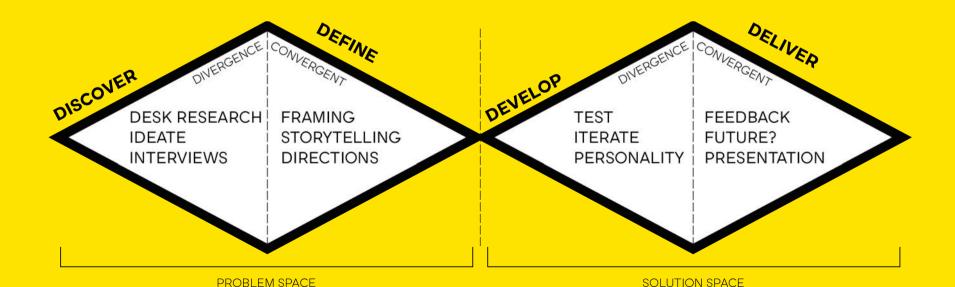
# BRAINSTORM

Creating our first ideas



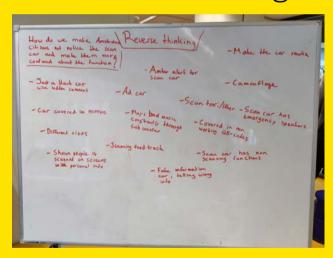
# The designbrief asked us to start with brainstorming and figure out which direction to take.

We used the Double Diamond method by the UK Design Council (2005)



### Our brainstorming was based on 3 tools:

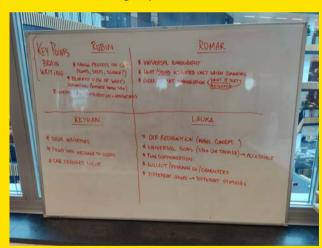
#### Reverse thinking



#### Brainwriting



#### Key points



### 3 concepts came out of brainstorming

#### Scan car Sound language

- a. Expressing what it is doing but with sound instead of visuals
- b. Current status (Indicators?) On / Off / Stand-by

#### Universal Iconography on scan car

- a. One language for all the cars, showing different functions
- b. Accessible for everyone

#### **Characterizing the scan car**

- a. Making it feel more human
- b. Gamification? Collectible (Pokemon Go)?

Before diving into creation, we needed people's input about the scan car itself. **Would these concepts make sense?** 



# STREET INTERVIEWS

Talking to real Amsterdammers



Do people have an **opinion** on Amsterdam scan cars?

Do they have an **understanding** of its function?

### WE SPOKE TO

18 PEOPLE of which
16 AMSTERDAMMERS

Oosterpark Amsterdam





#### We asked them:

# Have you seen this car drive around Amsterdam?



### Follow-up questions

Can you tell what the car is **doing**?

Do you have any **opinion** on this car? Do you **care** or not?

Do you think this car impacts your **privacy** in any way?

#### **General** info

Location: Oosterpark Amsterdam

Sample size: 18 people

Age range: 19-82

Average age: 34

#### **Awareness**

13 out of 18 (72%)

have seen the scan car drive through Amsterdam

### **Understanding**

12 out of 18 (66%)

think they know what the scan car is doing

### **Actual understanding**

9 out of 18 (50%)

actually know what the scan car is doing

#### Interest

4 out of 18 (22%)

care what the scan car is doing

### Privacy

4 out of 18 (22%)

have **privacy concerns** regarding the scan car

#### Concern

2 out of 18 (11%)

have a negative opinion on the scan car driving through Amsterdam

#### Quotes

"The scan car makes sure that people who park illegal get a fine, which is fair to the people who do abide the rules."

"I feel like it is a bit of a **balance** between freedom and security."

"It looks like some sort of authority going around the city like handhaving."

#### Quotes

"I block my license plate with leafs because the scan car won't take any action about incorrect number plates."

"The scan car is the **least of my concerns**, the cameras on my phone are on 24/7."

"I thought the car was a **Google Maps Car** and it was **scanning everything** around."

#### Conclusion

Our research indicates that most people recognize the Amsterdam scan car, but only half of those actually know what it does.

Besides understanding how Amsterdammers perceive the scan car, we also gathered more **in-depth feedback** on our ideas to work on communication.



# ACADEMIC RESEARCH

In depth validation



Why is the general public concerned about their privacy but doing little or nothing in order to protect it?

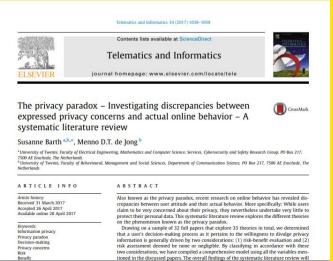
### **Privacy Paradox**

Difference on people's intent to protect their privacy and the actions taken to ensure it

Possible causes: apathy, lack of control, behavioural change, heuristics, manipulation, framing, etc

Sources: Barnes (2006); Barth & de Jong (2017); Hargittai & Marwick (2016)





International Journal of Communication 10(2016), 3737-3757 1932-8036/20160005 "What Can I Really Do?" **Explaining the Privacy Paradox with Online Apathy** ESZTER HARGITTAI<sup>1</sup> Northwestern University, Illinois, USA ALICE MARWICK Fordham University, New York, USA Based on focus group interviews, we considered how young adults' attitudes about privacy can be reconciled with their online behavior. The "privacy paradox" suggests that young people claim to care about privacy while simultaneously providing a great deal of personal information through social media. Our interviews revealed that young adults do understand and care about the potential risks associated with disclosing information online and engage in at least some privacy-protective behaviors on social media. However, they feel that once information is shared, it is ultimately out of their control. They attribute this to the opaque practices of institutions, the technological affordances of social media, and the concept of networked privacy, which acknowledges that individuals exist in social contexts where others can and do violate their privacy. Keywords: focus groups, Internet skills, networked privacy, online apathy, privacy, privacy paradox, young adults

While many Americans claim to be concerned about privacy (Madden & Rainie, 2015), their

With that, our project shifted its focus from people's sense of privacy whenever a scan car drives by...

to reassuring its function is communicated in an understandable way.

After all, we do not fear what we know:)

### SCAN CAR PROTOTYPE

Testing our ideas and gathering insights



### To test our ideas we build a prototype













Our scan car model –





### Prototype with features





With the car model prototype and features we could test out our ideas for communication, and gather in-depth feedback from Amsterdam citizens.

# FIRST PROTOTYPE TEST

Testing with Amsterdammers



# WE SPOKE TO 9 PEOPLE

Jakoba Mulderhuis



### Testing at Jakoba Mulderhuis















#### General info

Location: Jakoba Mulderhuis Amsterdam

Sample size: 9 people

Age range: 20-69

Average age: 31

Amsterdam citizens: 3/9

# Test script

- 1. We asked people if they wanted to help us design a car.
- 2. We asked them if they have seen the scan car drive around Amsterdam, and if they know what it is doing.
- **3.** To gain insights on people's communication preferences, we introduced our car model prototype and asked them to think aloud while choosing magnetized features for on the car.
- **4.** We told participants about the possibility of future scan cars with additional functions, other then only scanning license plates.
- **5.** We asked them to redesign the car if they would like to based on this information.

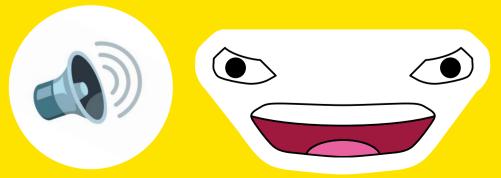
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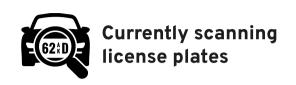






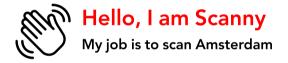








Currently scanning license plates





Amsterdam Scan car



Multi-Purpose Amsterdam Scan car



"Currently scanning license plates" + car icon

6 out of 9 (66%)

"Scan for more information" QR Code

4 out of 9 (44%)

"Scanning" LED bar

4 out of 9 (44%)

Camera status lights (on/off/standby)

3 out of 9 (33%)

"Currently scanning license plates" + camera emoji

2 out of 9 (22%)

"Hello, my name is Scanny"

2 out of 9 (22%)

1 out of 9 (11%)

**Anthropomorphic face** 

1 out of 9 (11%)

#### Quotes

"Emoji's doesn't fit to the branding of the municipality. Change smiley face, it should be more welcoming and pleasant."

"Change the text on the light indicator and watch out with green, orange, red lights, it could be a traffic hazard, but it is visually pleasant and instantly noticeable. I like it!"

"I am against undefined purpose with cameras unless well communicated. I am against generic surveillance vehicles, if it were a car just for trash, it would have another connotation."

"If the car would have more functions you should inform that it is still scanning license plates. But I would rather have more functions on a car than just one in a single vehicle."

# PROTOTYPE ITERATION

Applying our testing insights



# **Upgrading the features**

To make it look more professional we crafted the features out of foamboard instead of carboard.





# Upgraded communication features for a more professional look



#### A1 features kit

To enhance the interactivity and engagement of our prototype.

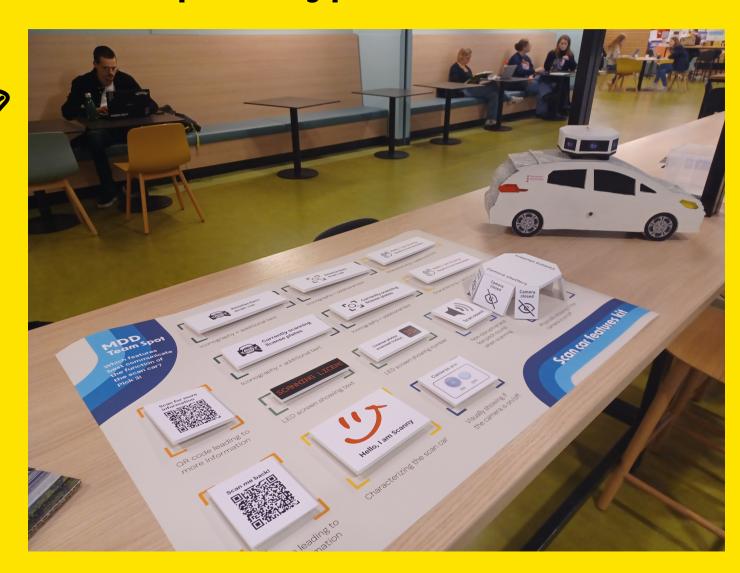




Providing explantions and an overview of the features.

## Second version of the prototype

The A1 features kit, with upgraded and newly added features, based on insights, creates a more user-friendly conversational tool.



# SECOND TEST

Validating our iteration



# WE SPOKE TO 4 PEOPLE

Wibauthuis 6



#### **General** info

Location: Wibauthuis Amsterdam

Sample size: 4 people

Age range: 21-36

Average age: 25

Amsterdam citizens: 4/4

# Test script

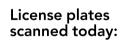
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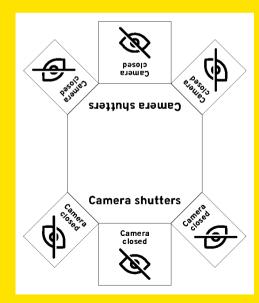
















Amsterdam Scan car

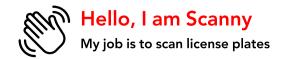


Currently scanning license plates



Amsterdam Scan car





#### Second test after features iteration











"Currently scanning license plates" + car icon

3 out of 4 (75%)

"Scan for more information" QR code

1 out of 4 (25%)

"Scan me back" QR code

1 out of 4 (25%)

"Scanning ..." LED bar

1 out of 4 (25%)

#### LED number counter

1 out of 4 (25%)

# **Light indicator**

1 out of 4 (25%)

"Hello, my name is Scanny, my job is to scan license plates""

2 out of 4 (50%)

Camera shutters

2 out of 4 (50%)

#### Quotes

"It tells "I am here for this, not to scan other things"

"Where is the limit of scanning versus privacy? But again, if it's focused on objects, not persons, there's a big difference"

"Camera shutters and light indicators add privacy and you feel like you are not being followed"

"I like the garbage [scanning] because sometimes you forget if you paid [parking ticket]"

"There's people who think it's AI scanning their faces"

"They shouldn't throw in functions to try it, unless they have a good reason to"

"It would be better for the Gemeente to have one general car than cars with different functions"

# INSIGHTS

Concluding our research

#### Outcome of the street interview

- A street interview was conducted with 18 individuals in Oosterpark Amsterdam.
- 16 out of 18 participants were Amsterdamers.
- 72% of participants were aware of the Amsterdam Scan Cars.
- 66% claimed to understand what the scan car is doing.
- 50% had a proper understanding of its purpose.
- Only 22% of participants showed any level of interest or concern about the scan car.
- Just 22% expressed privacy concerns regarding the scan car's potential impact on their privacy.
- Only 11% of the participants had a negative opinion about the scan car.

#### Outcome of the street interview

#### Conclusion

The interview revealed that while there is some awareness about the scan car driving through Amsterdam, there is a lack of understanding of its purpose and minimal interest or concern about its impact on privacy. However, very few individuals expressed negative opinions about the scan car.



### Outcome of the initial prototype test

- An initial prototype test was conducted at Jakoba Mulderhuis Amsterdam.
- Participants were provided with various features for the Amsterdam Scan Car and asked to indicate their preference.
- The sample size was 9 people, including 3 Amsterdam citizens, with an age range of 20-69 and an average age of 31.
- The feature that received the most interest from the participants was the Amsterdam Scan Car currently scanning license plates, with 6 out of 9 participants (66%) selecting the feature with a car icon to represent this functionality.
- The QR-code feature and the SCANNING LED-bar feature were chosen by 4 out of 9 participants (44%).
- Only 2 out of 9 participants (22%) selected the feature that indicated license plates were being scanned with a camera emoji.

# Outcome of the initial prototype test

- The participants demonstrated less interest in the branding or identity features of the Amsterdam Scan Car
- Only 1 out of 9 participants (11%) selected the "Amsterdam Scan Car" feature, while 2 out of 9 (22%) opted for a "Hello my name is Scanny" feature. Only 1 out of 9 participants (11%) selected a feature depicting a face
- The sample size of Amsterdam residents was relatively small, with only 3 out of 9 participants (33%) being Amsterdamers, so the results may not be fully representative of the preferences of Amsterdam residents.

## Outcome of the initial prototype test

#### **Conclusion:**

The prototype test results suggest that participants were more interested in the functional features of the Amsterdam Scan Car than in its branding or identity. However, further research with a larger and more diverse sample size, especially among Amsterdamers, is necessary to confirm these findings.



# Outcome of the advanced prototype test

- An advanced prototype test was conducted with 4 Amsterdamers to determine their preferences for features on an Amsterdam scan car.
- The sample size was small and limited in demographic representation (all participants were Amsterdam citizens aged 21-36).
- The car icon was the most preferred feature, with 75% of participants selecting it, indicating that people expect a scan car to be easily recognizable.
- The "Hello, I am Scanny" and camera shutter features were also well-received, with 50% of participants selecting each, suggesting that people may prefer a scan car that is transparent in its operations and appears friendly.
- The QR-code with scan for more information, LED-bar, LED-counter, and light indicator stickers were each selected by only one participant (25%), indicating that these features may not be as important to people.
- Only one participant selected the QR-code with scan for "scan me back" (25%), suggesting that this feature may not be relevant or useful.

## Outcome of the advanced prototype test

#### Conclusion

The results of the advanced prototype test provide insights into people's preferences for features on an Amsterdam scan car, but further research with larger and more diverse samples is necessary to confirm and generalize these findings.

The preferences of the Amsterdamers in the study suggest that people want a scan car that is easily recognizable and transparent in its operations.



# TESTING GUIDELINES

How to use our conversation tool

Our conversational tool is a tool that helps **engage participants** and **start discussion and dialogue**.

We advise using the tool on testing occasions such as interviews, test panels or focus groups.

- 1. Set a table with the A1 **features kit sheet** and organize the features according to their placement.
- 2. Start with a few base questions regarding the scan car on the streets, for example: have you seen this car? do you know what it is doing? do you have an opinion on it?
- 3. Ask the participant to **select three features** from the table to attach to the car, that communicate it's function (scanning plates) the best.
- 4. Ask the participant to **think out loud** while selecting features, about the features they choose but also those that weren't.

5. Run the same test for a second time, but stating that the scan car would also have different functions, for example, locating heavy objects along the canal or broken lamp posts on streets.

- 6. Ask the interviewee if they would **add, remove or change any features** on the scan car after its functions have been expanded.
- 7. Finish with more direct questions regarding the scan car performing multiple tasks and its communication, for example: does your opinion on the scan car change in any way? how would you know what functions it is performing, and at what time?
- 8. Gather insights on scan car features and its way of communicating functions by quantity (most chosen features), but more importantly by quality (opinions, views and feedback on the scan car).

#### SECOND PHASE OF TESTING

A second phase of the test can be performed after the participant is already familiar with our ideas for scan car communication.

Provide the A3 scan car canvas sheet showing a blank scan car.

Ask participants to design communication for the scan car, but this time without any limitations.

This is supposed to be a free-style activity, the participant can give their input in any way they want. Drawing, writing, talking, using sticky notes, etc.



# AFTERLIFE

Individual iterations after the main project



#### Keyhan's Afterlife:

## **SPOT Virtual Prototype Test**



The virtual prototype test website was created to simulate the physical prototype of the scan car and facilitate user interaction with its features. The primary objective of the website was to broaden participation in the test and ensure robust data collection for the research. Comprising several pages, each with a distinct purpose, the website effectively guided users through the test process.

### **Website Overview**

**Homepage/Introduction and Consent:** The homepage introduced the project and team, with an illustrated background of Amsterdam buildings. A loop animation of the scan car added dynamism. Users were prompted to provide consent for personal information collection.

**Features Showcase:** An animation showcased the options and encouraged users to proceed to the next page to customize their favorite scan car by choosing their preferred features.

**Customization Canvas:** Users interacted with the scan car model, selecting preferred features by hovering over and clicking on them. The spinning car animation dynamically updated with the chosen features.

**Feedback Form:** After customization, users filled out a form with personal details and explained the reasons for their feature choices using three text boxes.

**Contact Page:** This page provided contact information for the team and introduced project partners, promoting transparency and collaboration.

# **Key Findings and Future Prospects**

The SPOT virtual prototype test website proved to be a valuable tool for engaging a larger participant base and collecting valuable data for the scan car project. By replicating the physical prototype and allowing users to customize features, the website provided an immersive and interactive experience. Compliance with research ethics was ensured through a consent prompt and a data collection form. The userfriendly interface and visually appealing design enhanced the overall user experience, potentially increasing participant engagement and data reliability. The website's ability to replicate the physical prototype in a virtual environment holds promise for future iterations and improvements of the scan car project.



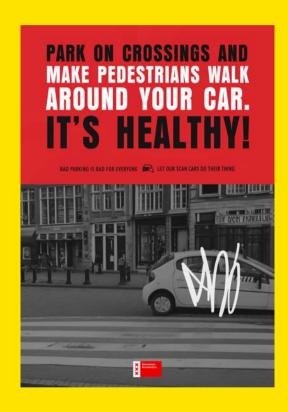
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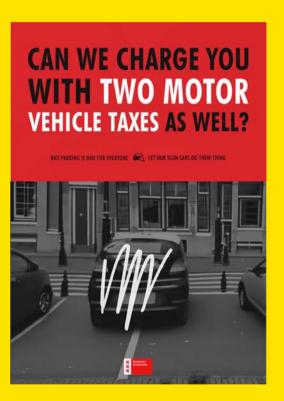
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#### Laura's Afterlife:

# **Guerrilla Marketing Campaign**







Assemble a guerrilla marketing campaign about the **disadvantages of bad parking**, related to the city itself and to **people's own interests**.

Reinforce that locating and fining wrongly parked cars is necessary (though not always nicely viewed) and citizens can benefit from it.

#### **Guerrilla Marketing**

"[...] aims to surprise your target audience by presenting a shocking and unconventional marketing tactic.

The objective is usually achieved by executing a planned strategy that upsets potential customers and, in a sense, forces them to pay attention to the message being conveyed to them."



"[...] an anonymous group of feminist, female artists devoted to fighting sexism and racism within the art world.

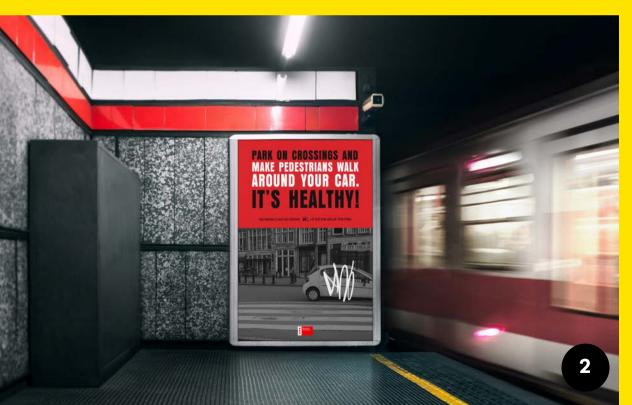
They also often use humor in their work to make their serious messages engaging. The Guerrilla Girls are known for their "guerrilla" tactics, hence their name, such as hanging up posters o staging surprise exhibitions."





#### SITUATIONS WITH BADLY PARKED CARS

- 1) Garage entrance
- 2) Sidewalk (constantly busy, various demographics)
- 3) Special needs spot
- 4) Private property
- 5) Two parking spaces (scarcity of parking in Amsterdam)
- 6) Bus stops
- 7) Fire hydrants
- 8) Bike lanes (constantly busy, various demographics)

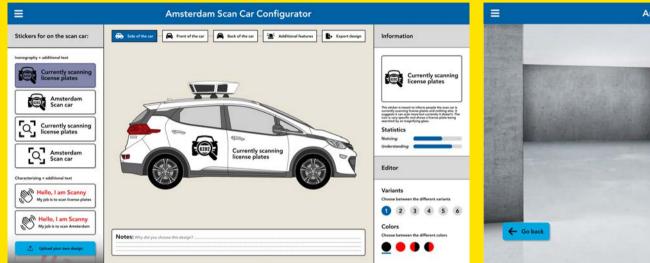






#### Robin's Afterlife:

# **Amsterdam Scan Car Configurator**





#### Introduction

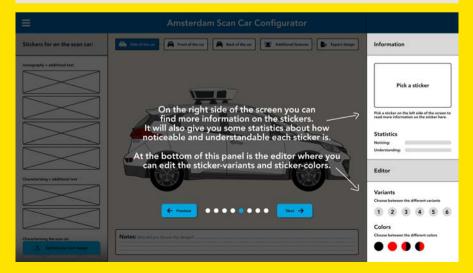
During the scan car project, we created a physical conversation tool for co-design. However, it is not able to visualize the actual look of the car. Our prototype offers a glimpse of how it could look, but I aimed to go further by developing an interactive Figma prototype with drag-and-drop functions for customization. It allows users to design the car, experiment with different features, and see everything instantly on a 3D car model. With this prototype I hope to inspire the Lectoraat on how to digitally co-design to gather more insights, and how to freely design the scan car on a website.

#### **Final result:**

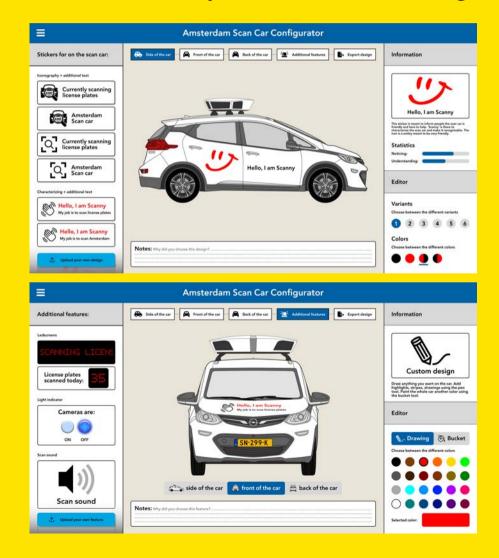
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I give an introduction to sketch the current problem and give a walkthrough for a better user experience:

Amsterdam Scan Car Configurator Welcome to the Amsterdam Scan Car Configurator! The only problem that currently exists is that the Before we dive deeper into designing your own scan car doesn't communicate what it is doing. scar car we should talk about why we are doing Some people even think the car is Handhaving because of the red stripes on the car. This gives of a In Amsterdam, scan cars like this one below drive negative view on the car while the car is there to through all neighborhoods and scan license plates of parked cars. help the citizens of Amsterdam. With all the new functionionalities the municipality wanting to add we should think about how the car But what if the same scan car could also be used for should communicate what it is doing to the citizens of Amsterdam. Try for yourself with the Amsterdam other purposes? The municipality wants to experiment with new functionalities to efficiently improve quality of life in Amsterdam. Scan Car Configurator!



Using steps you can design the front, side and back of the car. Add additional features or add your own custom design.



Review, share & export your design to get other people excited. Press the renderbutton to view the car from multiple angles and see how it would look like in real life.







#### **Prototype link**

If you want to have a look at the prototype, here is the link:

https://www.figma.com/proto/ urwMsspj1eCpIT3uWHf8QW/ Amsterdam-Scan-Car-Configurator? page-id=0%3A1&type=design&nodeid=29-30252&viewport=-4298%2C-114% 2C0.12&scaling=min-zoom&startingpoint-node-id=29%3A30252

If you want to have a look at video:



https://youtu.be/dX3OaRRp4HY

#### Romar's Afterlife:

## **Amsterdam Scan Car Editor**

#### **Digital conversation tool**

The main deliverable during project L was our conversational tool. This being a physical tool had the benefit of making a hands-on experience during testing or co-design sessions. But it also had drawbacks, I noticed that it was difficult to fully envision what features would actually look like on a real car in a real environment.

Within these drawbacks I saw an opportunity to create a digital prototype that can fulfill a different purpose with testing. To gather more in-depth feedback on the communication features in a realistic setting.



#### The digital tool

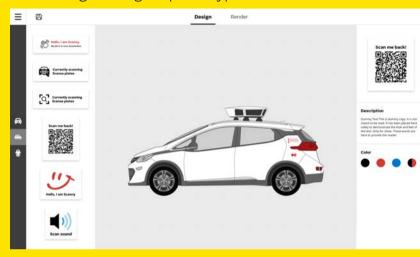
By creating a digital version of the conversational tool I could show the communication features in more detail and also visualise what these features would look like in a more realistic environment.

#### **Design process**

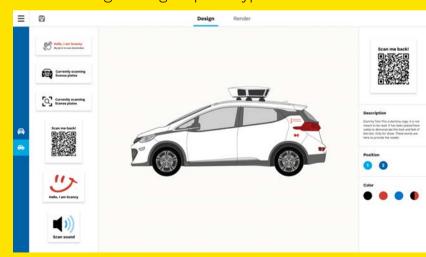
I started of collecting initial inspiration, where I looked at a lot of different configurators, for example interior builders. I started creating a base for my own design in Figma.

Afterwards I started creating a base for my own design in Figma. The initial idea I had was to use buttons to select a front, side and rear view of the car. You can then select a feature, which will appear on the car, and choose different colours.

#### First design of digital prototype



#### Second design of digital prototype

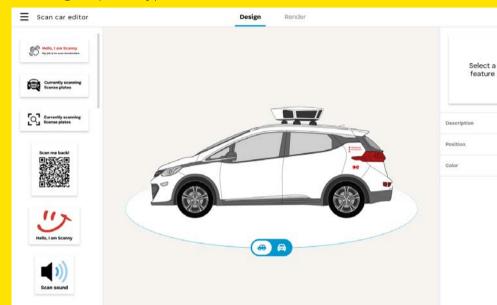


#### **Creating the final design**

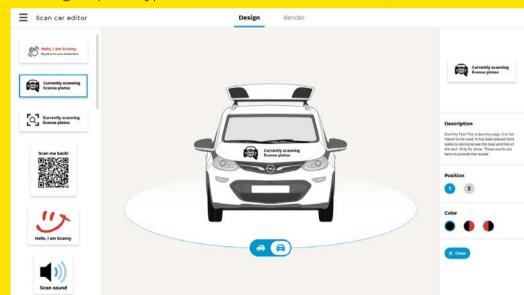
After creating my initial design and seeing how the features look on each side of the car, I ended up choosing to remove the rear view. To make the process of designing the scan car communication a bit more engaging, I added new functionalities.

The first one was being able to change the colours of the features. The second was an idea I got from interior builders. Being able to select different positions for the feature on the scan car. Allowing a bit more freedom in design.

#### Final digital prototype (side view, no feature selected)



#### Final digital prototype (front view, feature selected)



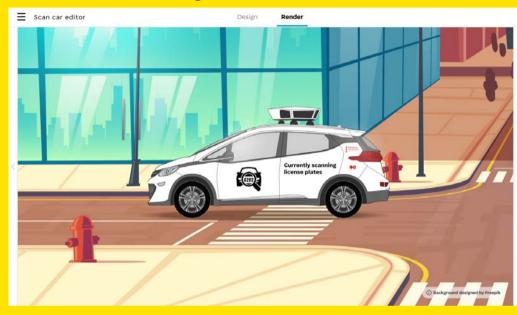
# Communication features in a more realistic environment

The main idea for creating this digital prototype was being able to view the communication more realistically on the car.

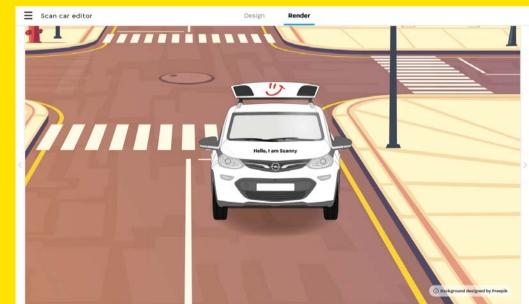
I ended up using a 2d vector design of a city, to create the environment that the scan car is placed in.

Using the render function in the digital prototype, you could view a chosen feature in a more realistic environment.

Render function inside digital tool (side view, feature selected)



Render function inside digital tool (front view, feature selected)





#### Youtube video

You can watch this video to see how the prototype works:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=8XL6tfSbuMs



#### Figma prototype

Or try out the prototype for yourself, with this Figma link:

https://www.figma.com/proto/ fX0mvGxcdLWOLoTpozQWDg/Scan-Car-Editor? page-id=0%3A1&type=design&nodeid=45-4&viewport=181%2C-748%2C0.09&scaling= min-zoom&starting-point-node-id=45%3A4

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