

Perspectives

Look at things from different perspectives

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Autobiography

Hey Everyone, My Name is Nawaf, I'm 26 years old and I'm from Saudi Arabia. I got a bachelor degree in CS in 2010, and I'm looking forward to get my masters degree in WNM. I'm a sport guy, but I really hate baseball, because its for fat players. However, I love football, (not egg ball!!) but soccer as many people like to call it. I like programming, especially in C, Java, JavaScript or PHP. I like to facilitate tasks that we all dreamed to have. I never cared about the visual design of programs and applications, I just want them to work perfectly with no mistakes. In WNM department, I started to realize the importance of coloring and simplicity of the design to make the user enjoy applications and make it easy for a lot of people to use the application.

I really love reading books, I like Arabic novels for example. I like the beauty of using the splendid language to describe a compelling actions of the story. I read

books like "Stolen Lives: Twenty Years in a Desert Jail", which is a novel by Malika Oufkir. I also like "the sleepers' face" for abdullah thabt. There are a lot of Arabic books that needed to be also transferred into E-books to give all Arabic readers a chance to explore more about Arabic authors.

One of my goals is to enrich the Arabic content of the web and make a huge difference in the web development for Arabs generally and Saudis specifically. As Arabic programmers, we are expected to make our lives easier and reflect a good image about the technology in Saudi Arabia.

Portfolio

Abstract

Introducing Perspectives

Perspectives is a tablet application that gives users a chance to read articles of their favorite writers. These articles will be grabbed from different newspapers into one application to save time and encourage users to read.

Perspectives is targeting online newspapers and articles in Saudi Arabia. All writers in one application to save time and enjoy reading articles instead of encountering different unpleasant design style. In addition, This application will provide all official and available social networking account for the writers to follow their tweets or see their Facebook posts.

Why its called Perspectives? The majority of Saudis have the need to know about the latest events and crucial subjects that happened in Saudi, and hearing experts and famous figures opinions would aid to be engaged in that subject. Theses figures have different point of views to these subjects, whether they have look at them from religious point of view or not.

The Problem



The first problem that Saudis confronting is reading is reading in general. Arabs average reading both books and news is extremely low and continuing to decrease. We need to exceed these shameful numbers by providing effective ways to make Arabs read more.

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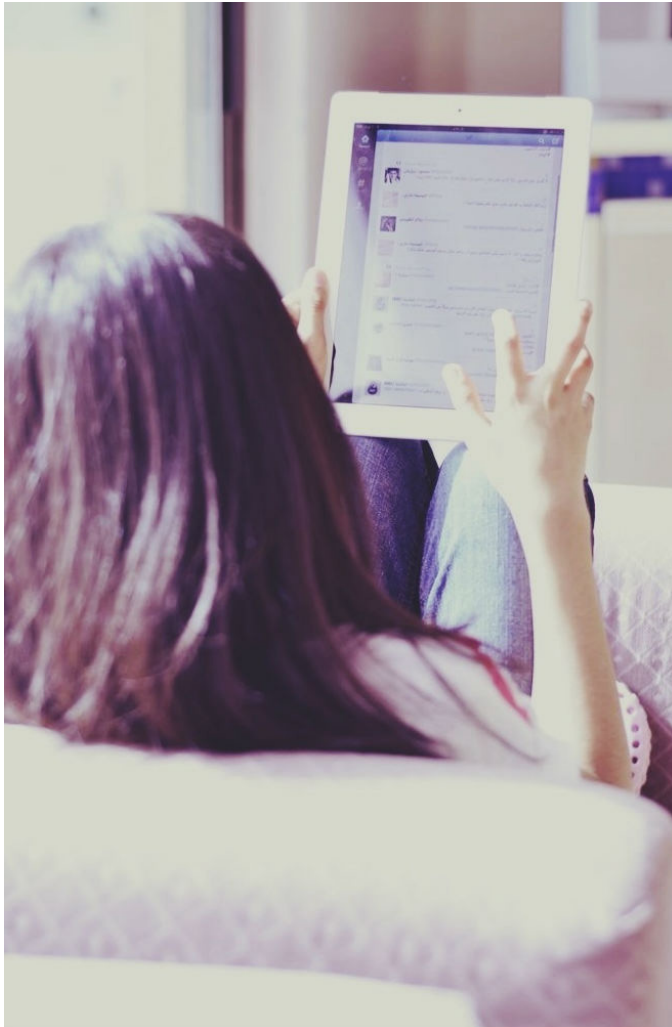
Technology and video games industry is extremely successful in Saudi Arabia, but it drives people away from reading.

The Problem



An application that present newspaper articles in a modern and stylish design. This application will help in spending free time in a beneficial behavior like reading.

The Solution: The Perspectives



Users still can enjoy of modern technology with updated feeds from news paper web-sites.

Statement of Interest

Why I chose this project? Well there are a couple of reasons that answers this question. First, Arabs average reading both books and news is extremely low and continuing to decrease due to video games and music industry. We need to exceed these shameful numbers by providing effective ways to make Arabs read more. Articles are mostly informative, valuable and short, comparing to books, but it will be a bridge to more reading and heading to read books.

Moreover, we have seen a numerous increment in middle east users in the last 10 years. 2,500% is the growth of the Arabic language on internet in the last ten years. Therefore, This application will target a multitude of users. In addition, browsing newspapers online is totally free, Therefore, combining the articles of these newspapers is only redistributing content in a more appealing design. As a Saudi, I believe that I'm responsible to

contribute a beneficial project to help the Arabic community to grow on the intellectual level.

This application is affecting millions of Arabic users generally who will enjoy reading articles and save time in browsing daily newspaper websites. Furthermore, It is going to be another step in revolutionary step in the improvement of Arabic content on the web. As Saudi, I believe that I'm responsible of improving my country's image in the technology field, and that's what is going to happen.

Influences

Thesis Proposal



Perspectives is a tablet application that gives a user a chance to read newspaper articles of their favorite writers. These articles will be grabbed from different newspapers websites into one application to save time and encourage people to read.

Basic Features

Read Article

A User can read articles online from latest articles updated articles. All article writers will be presented in the homepage as a grid to chose from and picking a specific article.

Add to Favorite

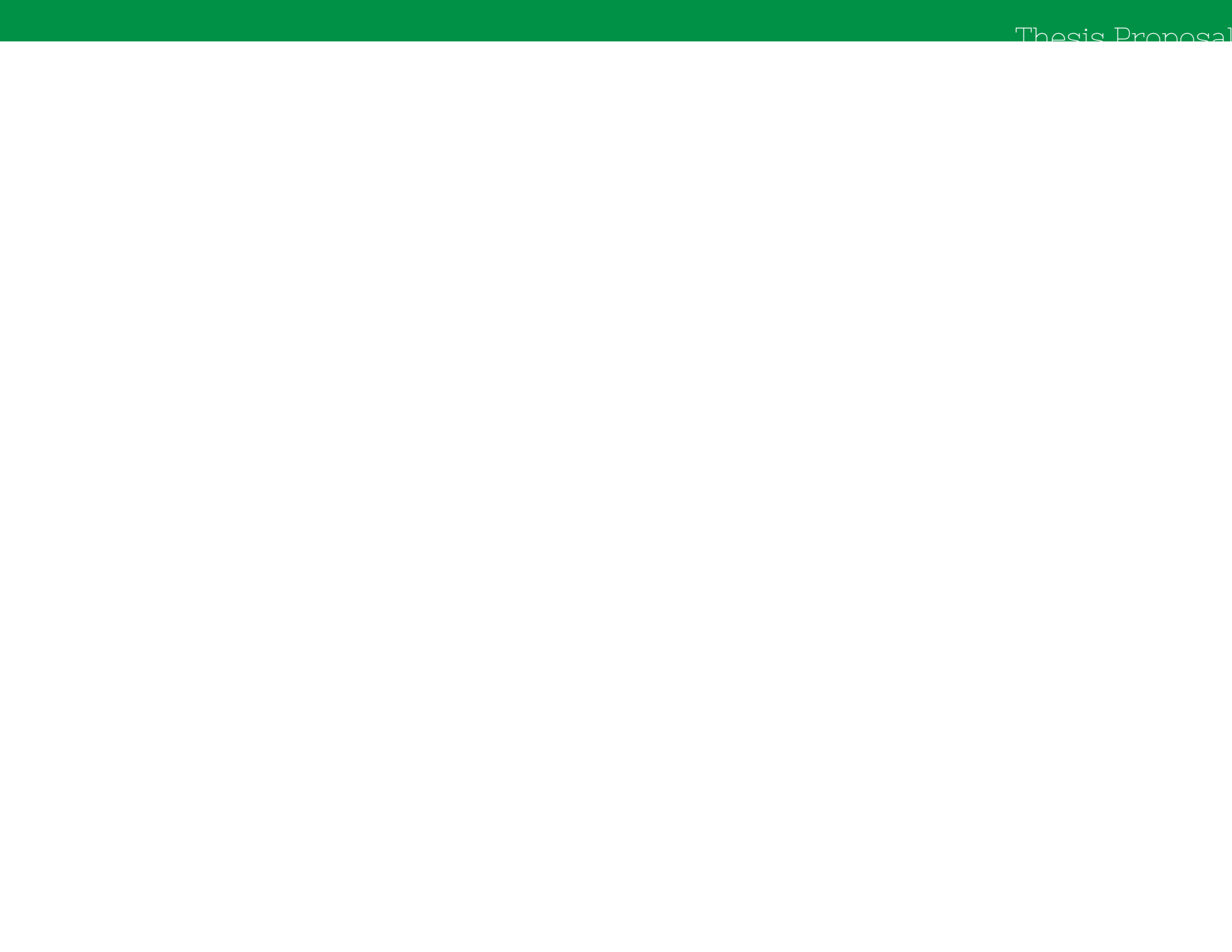
A User can add a specific writers to his/her favorite list, in order to get their latest articles. Clicking on a small icon in the writer page is all what the user need to add to favorite.

Read Later

Articles also can be saved for later. If the user found an extraordinary article but he/she can't read it at that moment, the article could be save for another time. The point of this application is to make reading a lot easier.

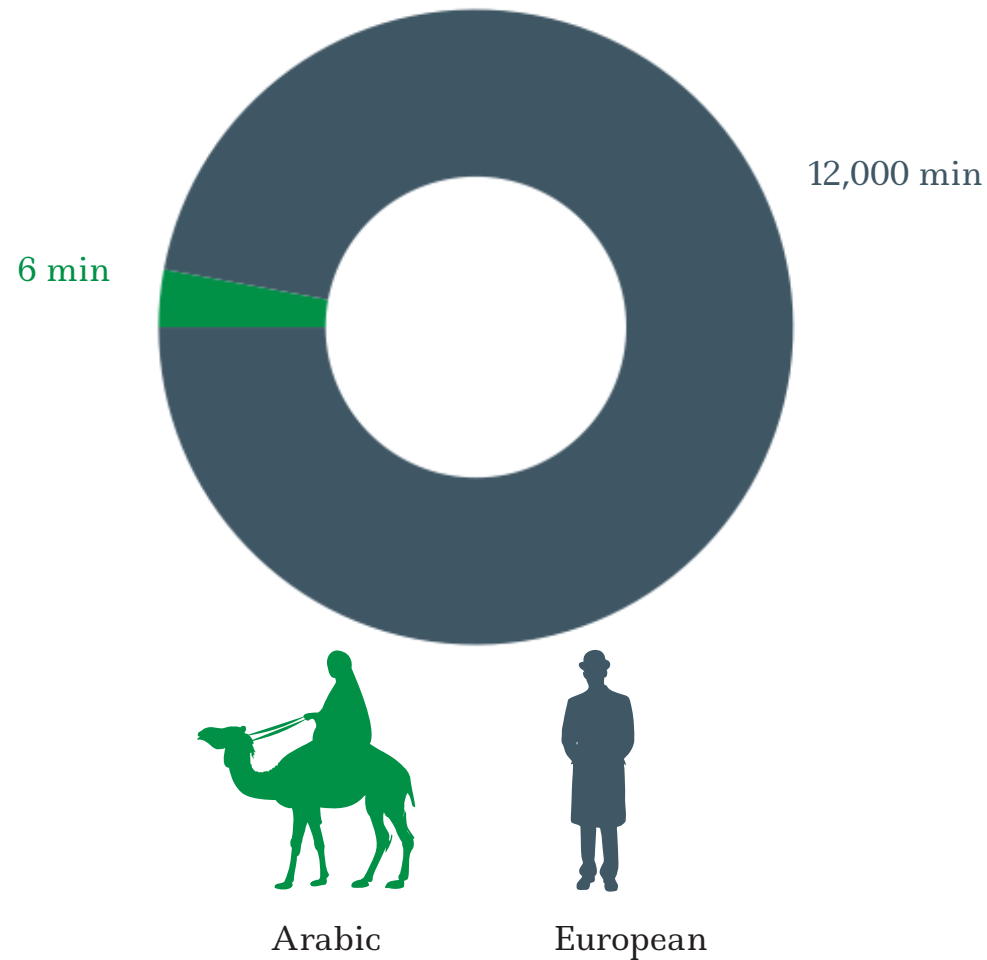
Share

Article also could be shared on social media websites in order to encourage other Arabic speakers to read. a small icon will be provided with every article.

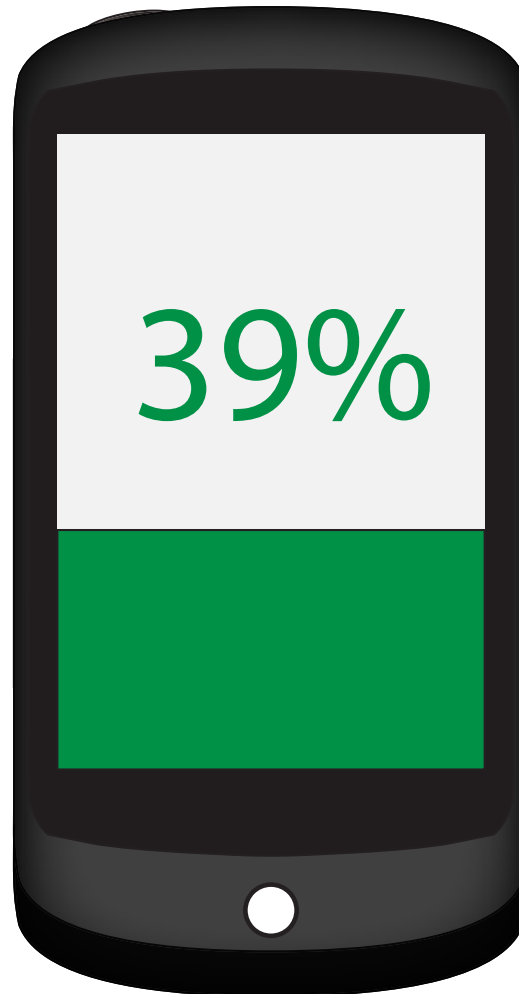


Research

Why reading? Time average comparison between Arabs and Europeans over a year



Why English? Arabs who use English when using their smartphones.



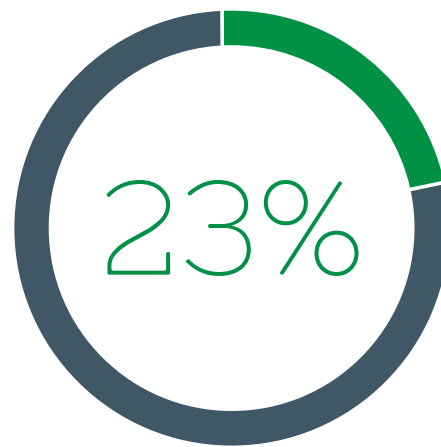
Why English? Growth of English in Saudi Arabia as a second language every year.



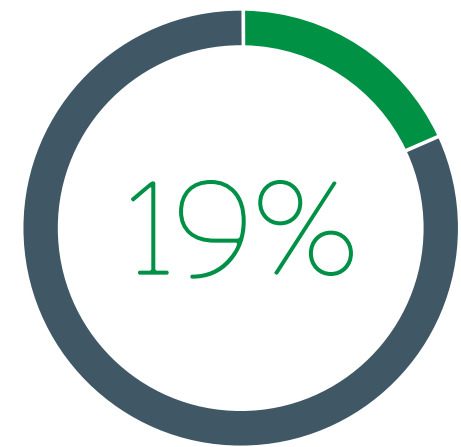
Why Articles? Saudis who read articles from “Alriyad” newspaper (example)



Users who visit articles on daily basis



Users who interact with articles whether commenting or liking



Users who tweeted their favorite articles

Usage of technology? Saudis who use smartphones.

60%



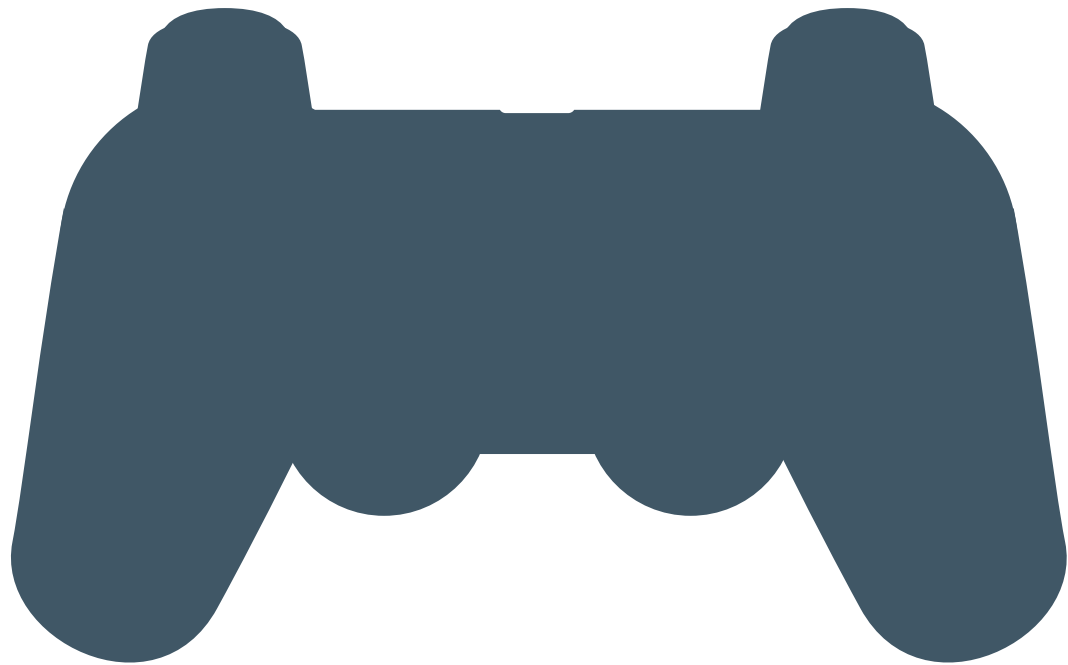
Usage of technology? Saudis who watch video on Youtube.

91%



Usage of technology? Saudis who have
video games at home

65%



Technical Specification

Visual Design

Proof of Concept

TimeLine

Bibliography

