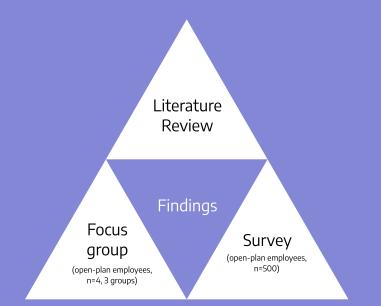


Introduction

Microsoft is on its journey to build a brand new modern campus that strives for better employee experience and collaboration.

The team joined in and conducted a thorough research study on the current existing gaps within the adopted open-plan workspace office layout to help advance the modern campus. Starting with literature review, we created a survey with our hypothesis about the existing gaps, collected 500 responses, performed analysis on the collected data, and last but not least, came up with a design idea we believe could improve the future working environment.

Methodology

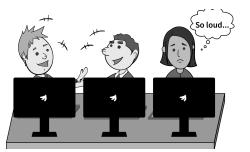


We followed the mixed-method research approach, qualitative guiding the quantitative study.

Key Findings

Net Promoter Score

- * The overall NPS for open-plan workspace is -30
- * Around **50%** of the respondents do not recommend open-plan workspace
- * Manger NPS v.s. Non-manager NPS = -8:-44
- * Millennials NPS v.s. Non-millennials NPS = 24 : -47



- * Around **50%** of the respondents are uncomfortable due to noise in the office
- * Non-managers and moderate collaborators have less access to amenities and private **spaces** than managers and high collaborators



- * Non-managers and moderate collaborators have lower levels of workspace personalization than managers and high collaborators
 - * **Code of conduct** improves collaboration.
 - * Open-plan workspace has a higher negative effect on non-managers' health than managers'.



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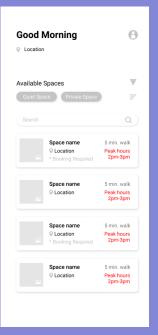
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The team participated in brainstorming activities to identify the painpoints in current working environment and came up with potential design solutions.

We ran an **Unmoderated Concept Testing** study to validate the concept of 5 design ideas and shortlisted one solution that best addresses the user's needs.

Design Prototype



The design idea we ultimately decided on is an **Real-Time Office Space** Lookup System that provides immediate environment conditions of the office's all private and quiet spaces so that workers can navigate through the office accurately based on their immediate needs.