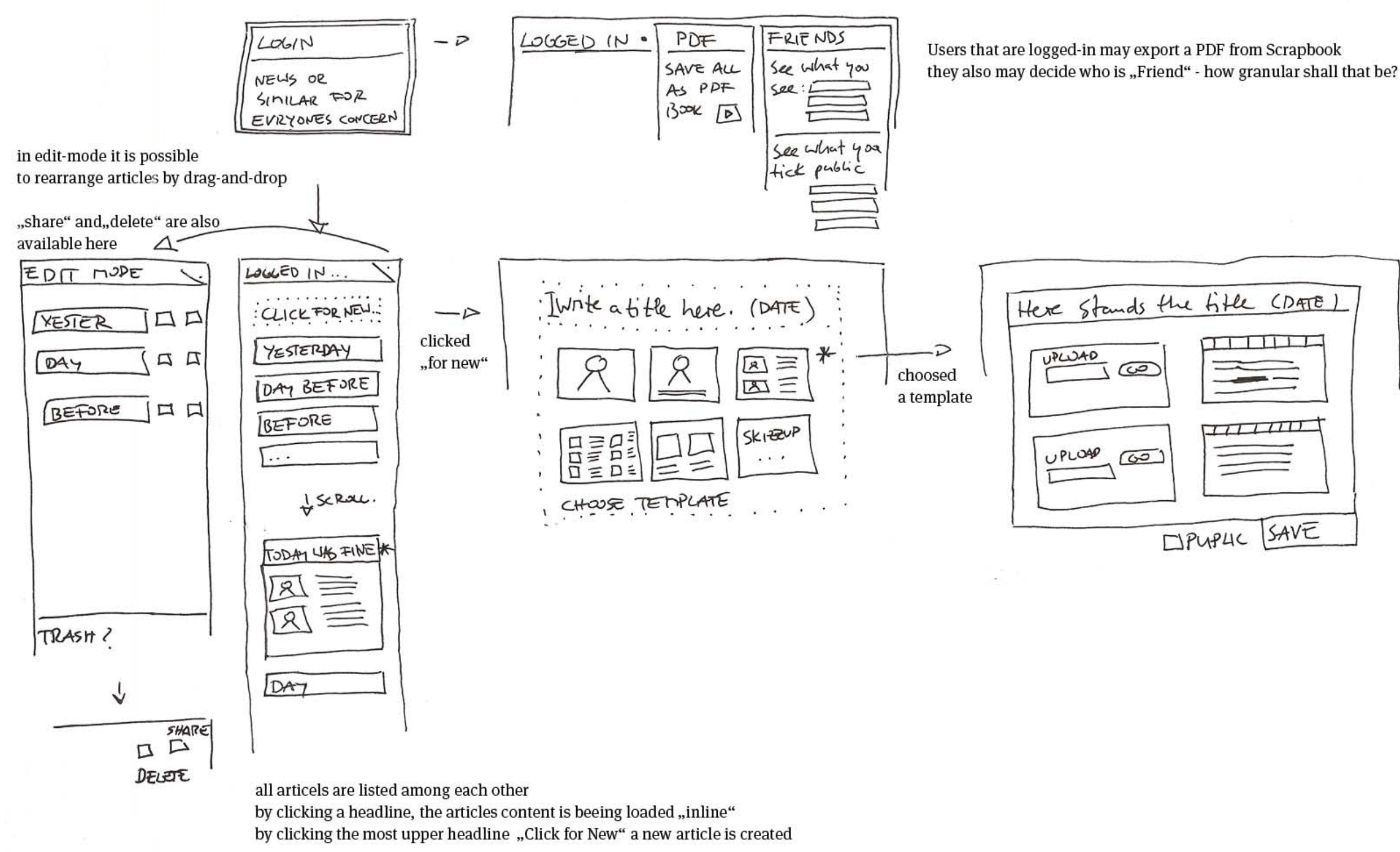


01 · First Sketches · the foundation of our idea



Digital Scrapbook

collecting, sharing & preserving memory

I live and learn.
Anne (Day Hospice Patient, Highland Hospice, Inverness)

The Idea

The idea for a digital scrapbook originated from working with individuals being cared for by the Highland Hospice in Inverness.

There was a demand for an easy-to-use digital environment which allows patients to preserve personal history in the form of photographs and text. Research via the internet found many potential applications, but in one way or another they didn't fit the needs of a Hospice and those for whom it cares. So we started from scratch ...

Collecting

We all collect something: photos, things, books, memories. Maybe we all wish at some point to bring all this into some form of order. This often applies to patients diagnosed with a life threatening illness. The idea of the digital scrapbook is to enable patients to put all the memorabilia together, to bring them into an order and a dramaturgy. The digital scrapbook helps to find memories again, to reflect on them and to share them with friends and family. It can also be used as a diary to reflect daily experience. There is a creative element in re-arranging family photos and souvenirs. It starts with adding comments to them or with displaying surprising or funny combinations or juxtapositions – having new thoughts about old memories. The digital scrapbook is an invitation to create new images, texts – and new chapters.

Connecting at home

For patients living at home the use of digital technology means that specialists within the hospice can advise and help the building of the scrapbook via a secure internet link. If the individual is not comfortable using the technology such a project perhaps gives an oft-needed helping role to younger members of the family.

Creative Process

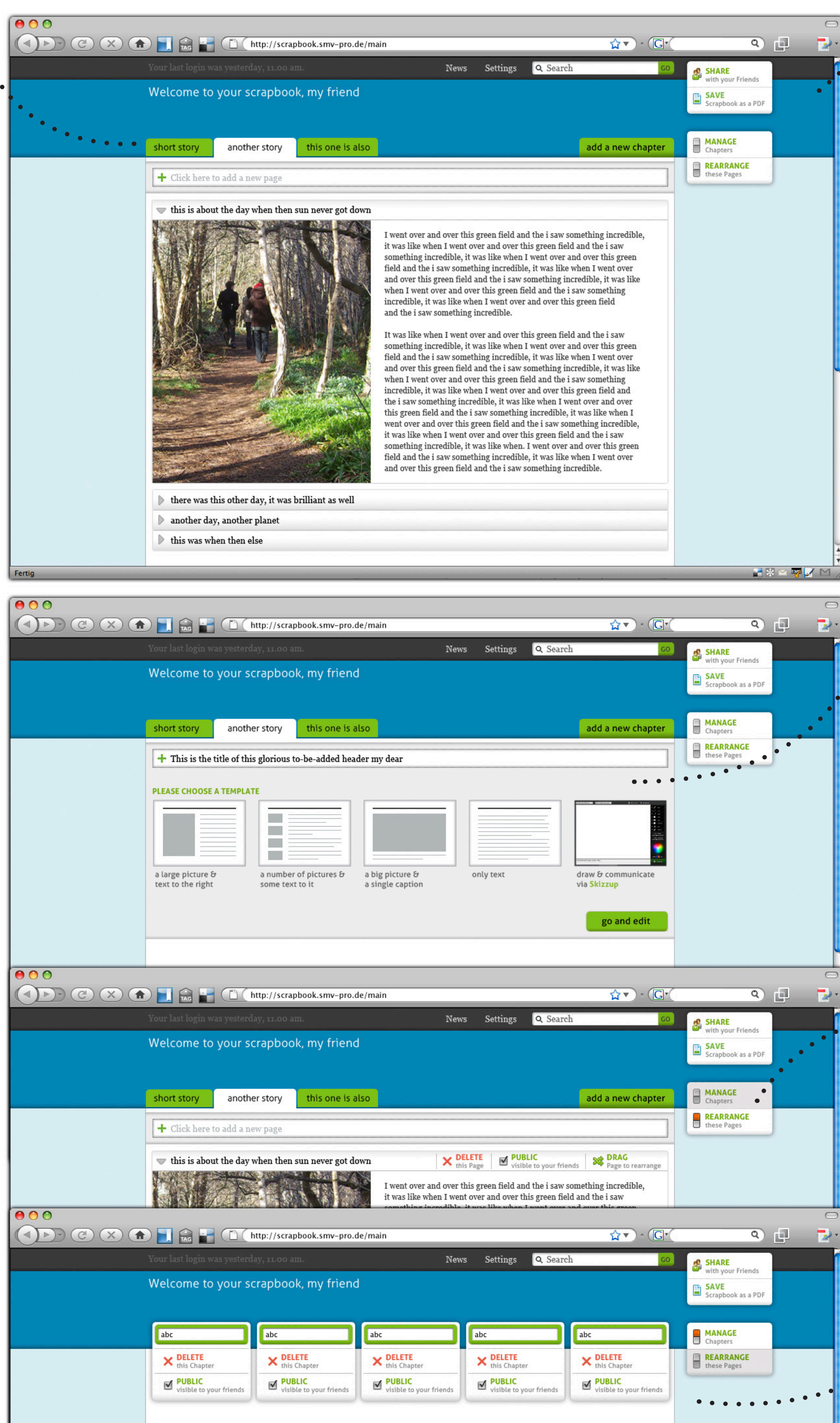
Patients facing death often find themselves trapped, not being able to look forward anymore. The experience of a progressing illness seems to underpin a linear concept of time with a terminal end. But creative experience in general opens a new „looking forward to“, like little time capsules within this linear process with time to create, learn and experience something new. The digital scrapbook hopes to help to create these productive time capsules.

Experience has shown the value of creating „Memory Boxes“ for loved ones left behind after death. The digital scrapbook allows for a different form of memory box with the flexibility to allow photographs, video clips, text and soon audio files to be collected and creatively ordered and displayed.

02 · Work In Progress

Memories can be saved in the Scrapbook. A users Scrapbook consists of chapters, which contain pages. There are design templates for the single chapters, which can be chosen by the user.

Users can share their memories with their friends and families via the internet. Furthermore they may save a PDF of their memories.

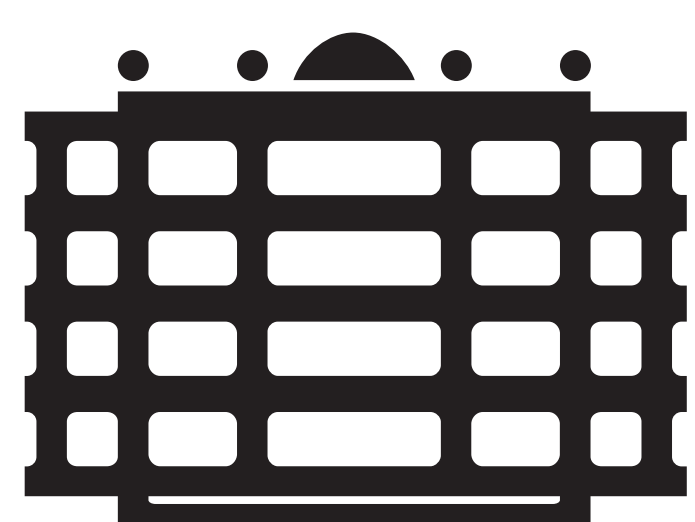


Currently four templates for single pages, being optimized for PDF-export and printing. Inclusion of Video & Audio is thinkable as well, but renders the current idea more digital than ideal.

Inline management of single chapters and pages. They may be rearranged, hidden or reedited.

03 · Public Prototype

is accessible via: <http://scrapbook.smv-pro.de/main>
Comments and Suggestions are very welcome.



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