Responsive food truck ordering website -Erin's Fresh Tacos

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Project Overview: Introduction



Erin's Fresh Tacos is a responsive website for a food truck. I wanted to create a flexible web experience that would make it easy for the user to online order and include the convenience of choosing a time and food truck stop to pick up their order.

By focusing on making the ordering process better for users, doing so would make the user happy and increase engagement. It also addressed the business's interest in increasing the amount of orders they could take in, thus allowing users to schedule their order gives the stakeholder time to prep ingredients ahead of time so the food truck wouldn't be overwhelmed.



Project Overview

My role:

I lead the UX work and produced all major deliverables. If this was a real project I would also presenting the design to the client or handing the assets off to an engineering team.

Process:

I used the design thinking process in the development of this website: User Research, Define, Ideation, Prototype, Test, Implement

Responsibilities:

User research, UX design, wireframing, prototyping, visual Design, design system, product design, usability testing

Project Overview: Problems & Goals

Problems:

- Customers are not happy about having to wait in line for their order. Many of them would prefer to order online and schedule when to pick it.
- The owner of the business feels like there is a drop off of engagement with their ordering system just being on desktop.
- The owner frequently gets calls on where the food truck is and what are the stops at any given moment. Those several minute conversations add up throughout the day and leads to productivity loss.

Goals:

- Better serve customers by allowing them to have it scheduled for a particular place and time for pickup so they don't have to wait.
- Increase engagement with users with a online ordering system allow customers to easily order online using a responsive website so they can order with many different devices. This will allow the food truck to increase their sales by giving them the ability to take more orders.
- Decrease the amount the call the owner has to answer by allow customers to easily look up the live location of the food truck and future stops on the website.

User Research

- Summary
- User personas
- User experience map
- User flow

User research: summary

I did a competitor analysis, storyboards, user personas, user experience maps, and a user flow for my user research. I started my research with a competitor analysis and not only did I look at food truck websites but also national restaurant chains to see how they do the schedule and ordering process. After that I went into user personas and user experience maps to really get a handle on who would be using the website to order and how they would order.

I found that when I combined the insights gained from both the competitor research and user personas I realized that the user is someone who is busy and wants to get through the ordering process as quickly as possible on whatever device they had on hand at the moment. So I decided it would be beneficial to build a responsive website with a mobile first approach that gave users a flexible way to answer.

Later in the process I conducted a usability study with potential users. After receiving their feedback I changed my designs to reflect a better user experience.

User Persona: Shawnda Locke



Shawnda Locke

Age: 24 Lives: Phoenix, AZ Education: Bachelors Occupation: Marketing Hobbies: Video games "I don't having to wait in line for things I would rather spend that time with people and enjoying a good conversation"

Goals:

- Schedule when to pick up food at the food truck
- Easy way to track where a new taco food truck is going to be

Frustrations:

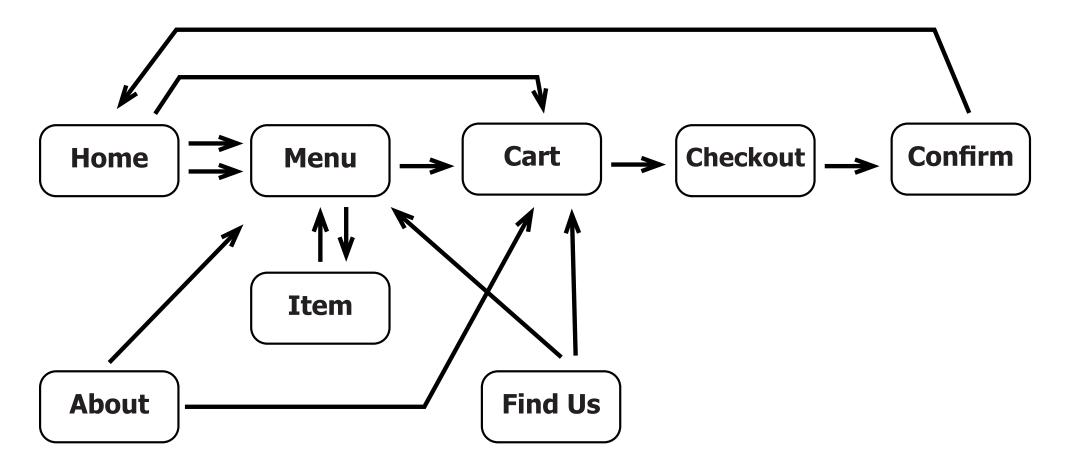
- Doesn't like spending her lunch break waiting in a line.
- Needs to know what the menu is going to before going
- Doesn't like it when the ordering process isn't smooth on mobile devices

Shawnda is a assistant marketing director at a large advertising agency. She a vegetarian and there are not a whole lot of options in her area besides a taco food truck. Instead of waiting in line for food she would rather spend it hanging out with her coworkers talking about video games.

User Experience Map: Shawnda Locke

| Action | Get To Home Page | Pick a menu item to add to cart | Cart | Checkout Process | Order Received |
|------------------------------|--|---|---|--|---|
| Task List | Click on Start Order from the menu | She sees the vegetarian taco she wants so she just clicks add to order from the menu page | • After reviewing his order he clicks on the checkout button | Puts in her personal information Adds her credit card to the order Inputs the place and time she wants to pick out her order After a final review she clicks on Place Order | Sees her order is paced and clicks off the pop up |
| Feeling Objective | • She knows exactly what she wants | • Likes that it is quick to go from the home page to the adding a item to her order | Ready to check out | • She like that this is a quick process because she has a busy life | Confident the order will be ready when she gets off of for lunch |
| Improvement Opportunities | Have the Start order button available from the home page | | | | Have it tell the user that they will be contacted by text message when it is completed |

User Flow: for checkout



The goal of this user flow is to get them to the menu to pick out their items or to the item page, to their cart, and then through the checkout process in the fewest pages possible. I put some redundancy in the flow by putting two buttons on the home page that link to the menu so users could start their order in several different ways, which was common in my competitor analysis.

Starting the design

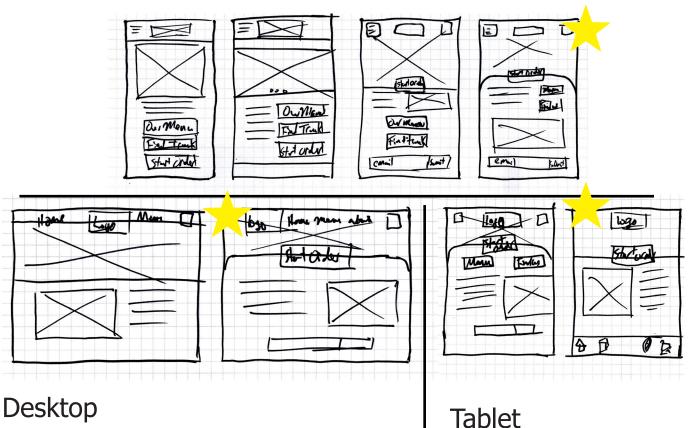
- Paper wireframes
- Digital wireframes
- Low fidelity prototype

Paper Wireframes

As I was creating the wireframes for this project I was focusing on a mobile first approach. My goal for the design was to create some redundancy with the buttons, so matter how users want to interact with the website it all leads them to ordering items.

Once I decided on a layout for mobile devices I carried that to the tablet and then the desktop design. When I was making the design for the tablet I liked how the Menu and Find Us buttons are so I carried that over to the mobile version for the digital wireframe.

Mobile

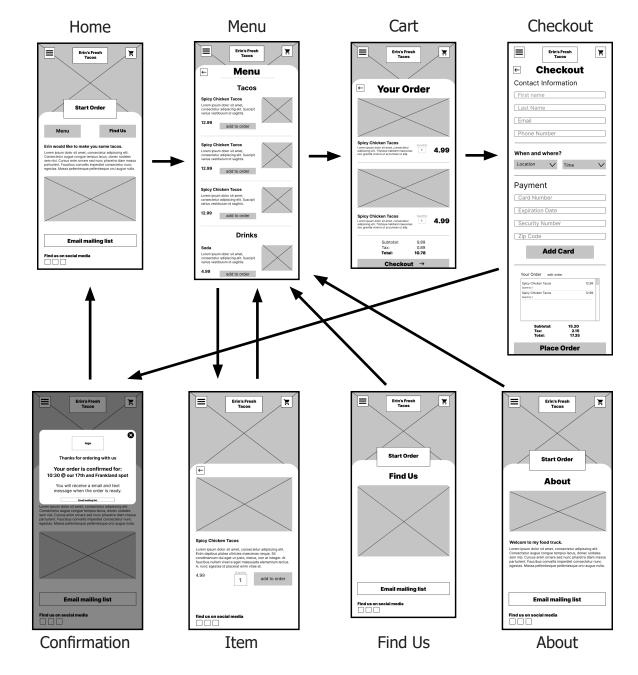


Digital wireframes: Mobile

My goal when transitioning from the paper to the digital was to put the focus on users to start their order. When creating the home, find us, and about pages it was important to create a hierarchy encouraging users to start their order as soon as possible.

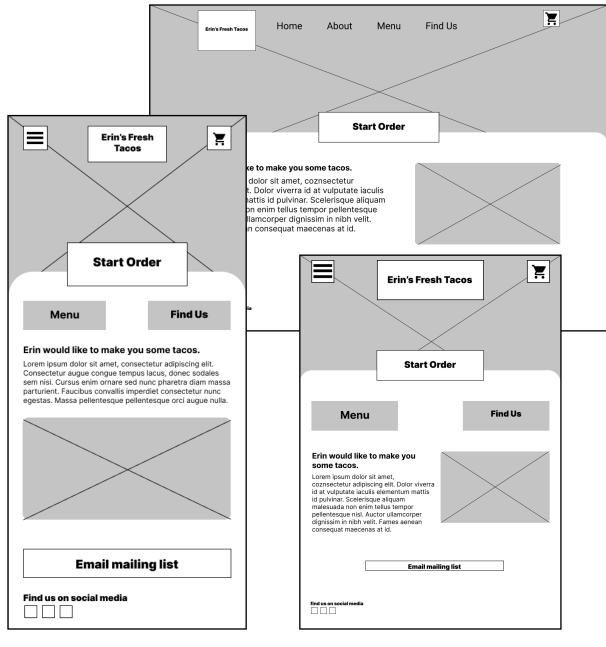
So I made sure that the Start Order stood out among the other elements on the page by making it bold and in the center

It was also important to create a flow that got users through the ordering process seamless with as few screens as possible.



Low fidelity prototype

I wanted to design a flow that would get the user through the ordering process as quickly and smoothly as possible. While also making sure there were several places for them to start their order on the home page. It was also important that the three different versions felt like they were the same website.



Usability study: Affinity diagram

Ordering

A: Though maybe there could be links to the food items on the home page to make it faster to order

> C: Liked how easy it was to add an item to the cart

B: Likes how you can add to the cart from the menu page as well as the item page **Scheduling Order**

A: Would like the first thing on the checkout page to be time and place

> C: When you schedule the order the time and place should show up below it

B: Didn't have problem scheduling their order

Finding The food truck location

A: Wants popups that tell the location and time of the truck

> C: Thinks the map could be more interactive

B: Thought a simple map would be enough

Usability study: findings

I did a usability study with potential users. Their ages ranged from 23-34 and included male and female participants. The tasks I had them perform are: going through the ordering process, scheduling their order, and finding the stops and times of the food truck.



Participants wanted the first thing on the checkout page to be where and when to schedule their order



Two of the participants wanted the map of the times and places of the food truck stops to be interactive



Participants liked how easy it was to add items right from the menu to the cart



One user suggested the ability to go right from the home screen to one of the food item page

Refining the design

- Design system
- High fidelity prototype

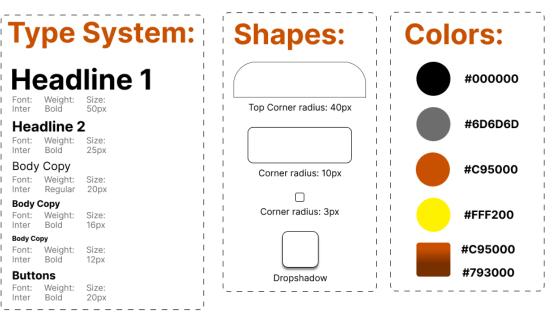
Design System

I wanted to implement a scalable and consistent design system that would allow the user to know they were at the taco truck website no matter what device they were on.

I achieved that by:

- Pulling the colors from the logo and use it throughout the rest of the website for a more cohesive branding.
- Making components and buttons as flexible as possible. Also by keeping the roundness of corners consistent.
- Using the Inter typeface I wanted to make sure the text was legible regardless of size.

Style Guide

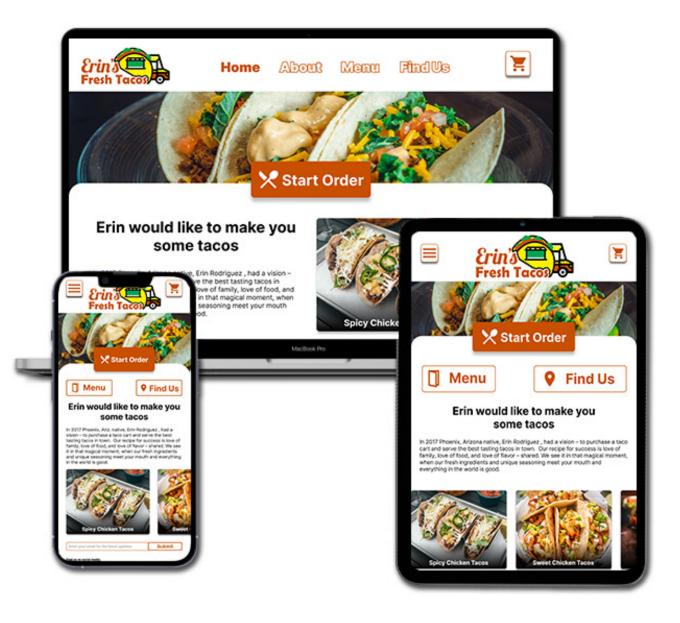


Components and buttons



High fidelity prototype

When making the highfidelity prototype I really wanted to incorporate all the feed back I got during the usability study. Since I am designing for a responsive design it's in this stage I want to make sure everything transitions nicely from one screen to the next.



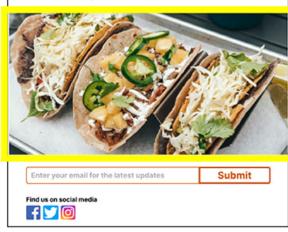
High fidelity prototype: Home screen

Some of the feedback I got from participants during the usability study was about allowing users to click on food items from the home screen. My goal was to enable to users to click on food items that take them to their pages but I didn't want the home screen to be too cluttered. I decided using a horizontal scroll for the food items so they wouldn't take up too much space from the original design but allow for users pick any good food they saw.

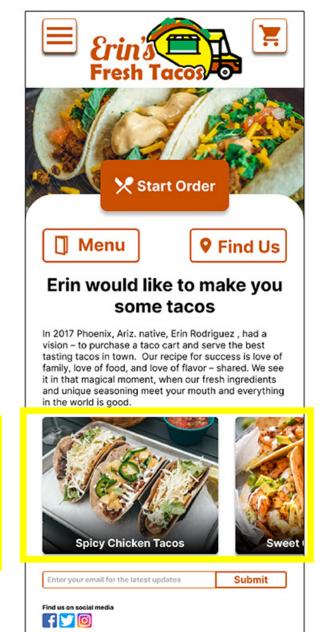
Erin would like to make you some tacos

Before

In 2017 Phoenix, Ariz. native, Erin Rodriguez , had a vision – to purchase a taco cart and serve the best tasting tacos in town. Our recipe for success is love of family, love of food, and love of flavor – shared. We see it in that magical moment, when our fresh ingredients and unique seasoning meet your mouth and everything in the world is good.



After



High fidelity prototype: Schedule order

I got a lot of great feedback for the usability study about how to schedule the user's order. The participants wanted the scheduling menu at the top of the checkout page so I moved it up and I also added the place and time so they know the time they scheduled. I made sure that was reflected in the tablet and desktop versions.

| Before | After | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| Erin's Fresh Tacos | Erin's Fresh Tacos ← Checkout | | |
| Contact Information | When and where? | | |
| First name Last Name Email Phone Number | Location Time 17th & Franklin anklan 25th & Roosevelt 10:30 Hudson St & 97th 12:30 Davis St & 105th 4:30 | | |
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| Place Order | | | |
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High fidelity prototype: Find us

During the usability study participants wanted a way to interact with the map. So I create a interactive map for users to click on the stops so they can see the times and locations of the food truck.



After



Second usability study: findings

After completing the changes to the prototype I conducted a second usability study. I tested participants with A/B testing to see how the changes I made affected the way they interacted with the design. I used the speed as a Key Performance Indicator on how effective the changes have been as well as their satisfaction with the overall changes.

Compared to the old prototype verses the new prototype participants were 20% faster getting through ordering process with the new design. They reported a higher satisfaction on using the website from the last iteration.

Moving Forward

- Takeaways and next steps
- Lets connect!

Takeaways and Next Steps

Deliverables:

- Engagement went up and customer drop off went down with customers using the website on mobile. Leading to an increase of 46% increase of online orders over a several month period.
- The owner was able to better meet demand at peak times better at locations as customers are now able to schedule their orders.
- The owner steadily received far less calls about their location as they informed customers they had a way to track the food truck's route on the website.

Next Steps:

I would do this moving forward:

- Do post-launch user testing and use something like Hotjar to see where I could further improve user flow by seeing how users interact with the product.
- Communicate with any stakeholders about making changes based on what their customers are staying about the website as well as the post-launch user testing.

What I learned:

I learned that when it comes to building an ordering flow it is good to create some redundancy on how users get to start their order so it gives them as many opportunities to start their purchase as they want. Also when having anything that has to be scheduled the menu for that needs to always be at the top of the design so users don't even have to think about finding it.