Hello from 2050,

We write to thank you.
Your ideas from 2021 have turned
into reality, and we are now living
our best lives.

-     An Earthling of 2050

Who did you imagine this writer to be?
What defines their "best lives"?

Paricha Duangtaweesub
(Bomb)

The objective of the Problem Lab is to encourage deep discussions about vulnerable groups through futures thinking to consider what preferable futures might look like and what we can do to get there.

By the end of Problem Labs, we hope that you will have...

.... Experimented with a new way of thinking

.... Attempted to make sense of future uncertainties

.... Deepened your sense of empathy for a vulnerable group

Our Approach: Strategic Foresight (lite*)

Futures thinking is a general term for a design process that explores future uncertainties.

Strategic foresight is one method that systematically uses present data to create multiple future scenarios** from which we can make decisions today.
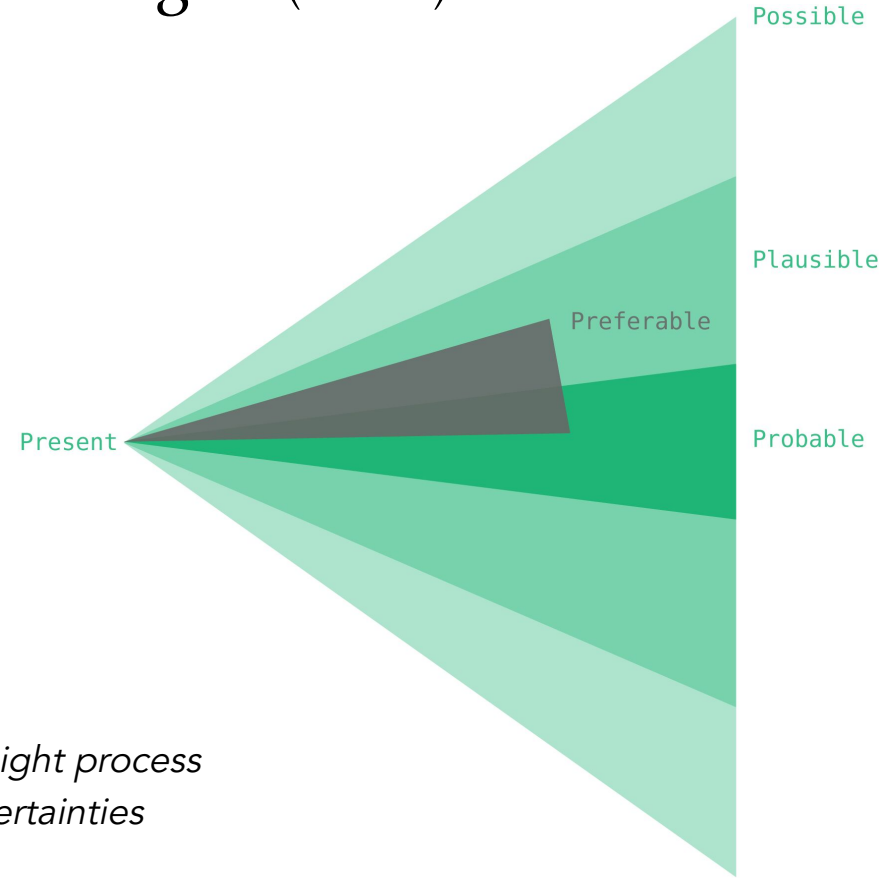
*This Lab is only a tasting menu of the strategic foresight process
**By design, the discussions we hold will involve uncertainties

Possible

Plausible

Preferable

Present

Probable

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Facilitators are here to help you put on your futures gloves!

The Vulnerable 2050

Day	Date	Theme
1	May 6	The Future & Us
2	May 12	Signals and Drivers
3	May 19	Scenarios
4	June 10	Speculation & Insights Sharing
5	June 11*	*International Forum*

Day 1
The Future & Us

Day 1's Agenda

18:50	Speaker: Dr. Ora-orn on Futures Thinking in Practice
19:35	Hopes and Fears in the Future of Xs
20:05	Define vulnerable group
20:15	Debrief + Next steps

Dr. Ora-orn Poocharoen

Current Positions:
- Director, School of Public Policy, Chiang Mai University
- UN Committee of Expert in Public Administration (CEPA) 2018 – 2021

Dr. Ora-orn's research expertise includes public administration theory, comparative public management, network management, human resource management, co-production and collaborative governance. She is currently working on the concept of Smart Sustainable Governance, where sustainability and justice is the focal point for governance outcomes. She also used to be an Adjunct Associate Professor at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS.

Q&A with Dr. Ora-orn

Please send your questions through Zoom chat
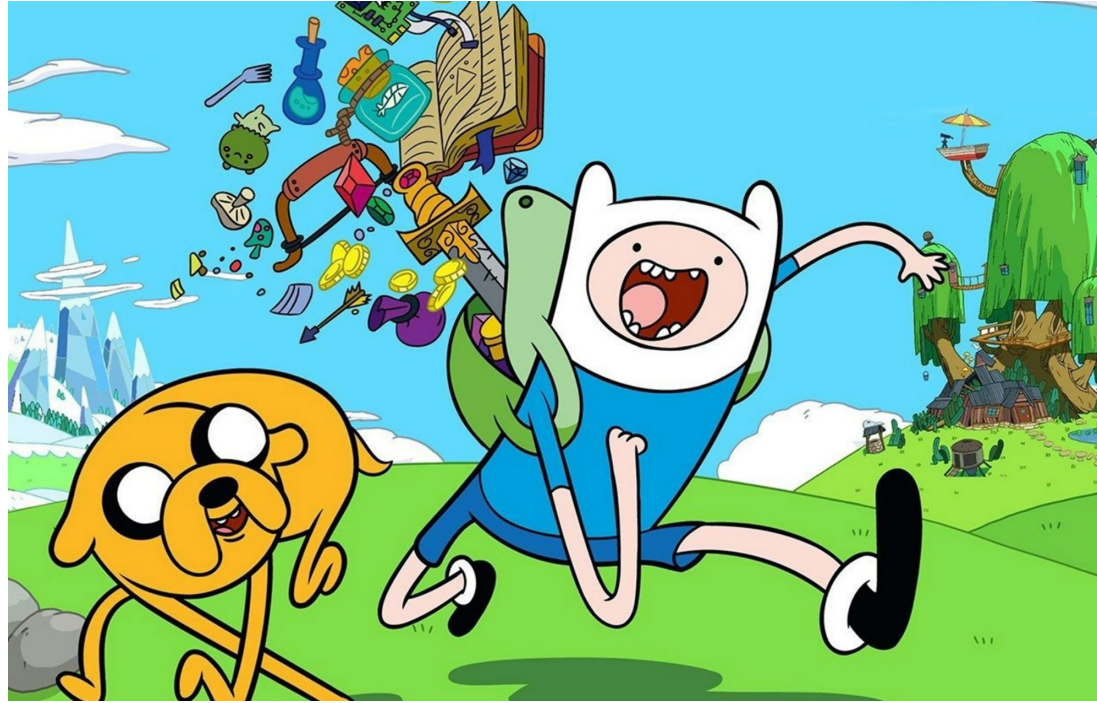
Adventure Time!

Let's go to Mural!

Check for the link to MURAL in the Zoom chat after the demonstration

Problem Lab Day 1 Exercise: Future of X

How to use MURAL

To zoom or pan, click on Zoom settings on the lower right corner
Select "Trackpad mode" or "Mouse mode"
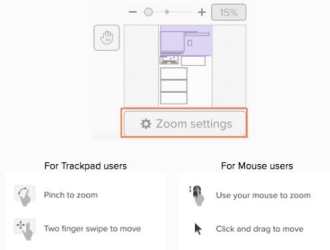
Zoom settings

For Trackpad users
Pinch to zoom
Two finger swipe to move

For Mouse users
Use your mouse to zoom
Click and drag to move

1. Flex your MURAL muscle

On a post-it below, answer the following question

What is the **first word that comes to mind** when you think of **"Future"**?
Then change the color of your post-it to one that matches your word

Example:
Peace

Future of X: Hopes & Fears

Examples of Hopes and Fears

Types of Hope

1. Innate hope
Hope from childhood

2. Forced hope
Hope that is expected by others

3. Borrowed hope
Hope to share with others in society

4. False hope
Hope that will not become true

5. If-this-then-maybe hope
Hope that might come true through dedication

Types of Fear

1. Physiological fear
Fear of physical harm

2. Safety Fear
Fear that makes you feel insecure

3. Ego death/esteem fear
Fear that causes a lack of confidence

4. Belonging Fear
Fear that makes you feel lonely / alienated

5. Loss of Autonomy
Fear that causes a loss of your sense of being /
cannot be resolved by yourself

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Peace	Fuzzy	Uncertainity	Unknown	Better	Hopeful	Youth		Injustice		Vaccination	Fast
Uncertain	technology	urgency		Robot	Challenging	Uncertain		Vuca	Certainty		
Time sensitive		Aging		Automation		Rough		Hope		Opportunities	
climate change	AI	free speech		UBI	healthy	democracy	sky			Big Gaps	Hope
insecurity		Migration		Individuality	Clean Energy	Urbanization	unpredictable		Digital		Equality
Wow	Uncertian		Peace	Borderless	Inequality	Collaboration	Emphasy				BIG DATA

2. Future of X: Hopes & Fears

a. What is your first impression when you think about each future topics below?

b. For each future, write down one-sentence answers to the questions in their corresponding post-its

What is **one specific scenario** in the future that you are hopeful about?
What is **one specific scenario** in the future that you are fearful about?

Please note that there is no right or wrong answer here, this is just an exercise to prep your mind into thinking about the future and to take a stance on it

Example: Future of Gaming

The influence of gaming on people and society in the future.

"I'm hopeful about this future because_____"	"I'm fearful about this future because_____"
Games can help educate and change people's behaviors to reduce sexual violence Games can be used as a tool to create solutions to pressing environmental issues	Games could injure or kill gamers in real life Games could promote acute social-withdrawal

1. Future of LGBT+ Rights

The modification of laws, policies, and societal treatment of the LGBT+ community in the future.

"I'm hopeful about this future because_____"

Individuality	acceptable	i might bring equality		Equal marriage	equal right		SOCIETY HAS SLOWLY BUT SURELY BECOME MORE OPEN-MINDED	
Infodemic	Connected	Empowerment	LOVE		Elevating gender equality	Active citizens		
equality of rights		Gender equality		Gender fluidity is more acceptable in many society	family	Freedom		Thailand is an open-minded in gender equality
becoming more vocal and visible in the society			Scary	equality		Gender equality is becoming more aware in society	Freedom of LOVE	
	Recognition of their rights			Hopeful to see people being able to express their true self whichcould lead to a happiness and more just society for all.	Equal rights	Everybody can be obediently	full of passion	
High degree of social awareness /acceptance		Greater diversity	openness to diversity				More acceptance of diversity in general	

"I'm fearful about this future because_____"

	extremism based on belief/religion		while we experiment it might lead to accidents			Gen Gap	THERE IS AS MUCH OPPOSITION AS THERE IS ACCEPTANCE	
Left behind	NATIONALISM	Hatred		More discrimination and exclusion due to social change		technology being mis-used to promote fake news	Hatred still exist	Not well understand
Religions	not being able to marriage	abuse of rights	o		More hate groups emerging.	Not understand		
Discrimnation		Isolation	Conflict among religious beliefs	n	Using heteronormative concept to solve LGBT+	Dscrimination		
Cyberbully is so easy and can be overwhelming		Difficulty for medical distinctions in hospital		gender violence still posts a major threat in many scoeity	One rule or policy can not be applied to all			
complicated		that makes decreasing ofpopulations	Hightened social injustice.					

2. Future of Charity

The attitudes towards donation, charity, or raising money for good causes in the future.

"I'm hopeful about this future because_____"

- every time there's a donation campaign to help certain vulnerable people/families, it's always getting more money than targeted
- the vulnerable group will be assured of support
- **We Care**
- No one left behind
- There is goodness in people's hearts and they will always care
- techology empowers
- Still embeded in people's minds
- Charity and giving is in the DNA on the new gen
- Innovations in technologies will also help
- reduce vulnerabilities
- make people helping each others with sincere intention
- The collaborative efforts around the World will reach out to inclusive all people
- Creating harmonious society
- Thai people are generous and always donate and participate in helping each other
- technology can facilitate the good wil of people
- Generous
- Since there will be more wealth, there will be more help
- Charitable giving will be strategically allocated to serve the long term needs of society
- helps vulnerable people
- Solidarity
- People will require higher accountability
- Give chance for people in needed
- Proactively built into the government's leveling up vision for future prosperity
- PEOPLE ARE MORE AWARE OF FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES NOT AS A POVERTY ISSUE
- People can help one another
- Helping people with more opportunities with society benefits
- Charity will become a way of life - a civic duty that most people view it community standard. We learn from all the hardships.
- Giving is sharing

"I'm fearful about this future because_____"

- Charity is only temporary relief and people might think it's good enough
- the govenrmnet might abdicate its responsibilities
- Nobody cares
- we are leaning towards more sustainable giving
- misuse
- EGO
- n
- people may rely on charity only
- misuse of peple
- austirity
- potential misuse e.g. money laundering
- Disruption by social change and socio-economic impact
- less opportunity for face to face interaction
- Blocking the truely sustainable solutions
- Cannot be guarantee
- Taking advantage of all the good people
- Survival mode - as more people struggle - self-interest takes precedence. Less inclined to help others.
- Transparency of the charity activities
- he
- Opportunity for corruption
- u
- Loosing trusts from people
- Corruption
- Giving becomes more nationalistic
- Sustain the feeling of non-entitlement
- sometimes people just want to show off
- Charity is a sign of having bad governance
- people will be more lazy
- Charity can not be sure to solve problems and may be misuse
- Deeper division if untargeted

3. Future of Privacy

The influence of privacy on mental health, sense of safety, and people in society in the future.

"I'm hopeful about this future because_____"

PDPA!	rspect for mentalissues				personal privacy obtains more support in society		Be guarded by Law
			Privacy will be more seriously considered in the society	Data will improve innovations	Data will be helped to improve the safety and happiness of the people	Connected	Technology solutions
	More tools to help protect privacy		technology can help strengthening protection of privacy	People are more aware of the issue hence voice out	Equal HR protection as recognised by UDHR		Data abused. Privacy made commercial to the extreme.
				help organizations increase trust	Safe and traceble all the use of privacy	people understand and accept more about privacy	Link between business tech & human rights
	Used for tech development		People is more aware of privacy now		everybody can concentrate on works		DUE TO CURRENT CONVERSATIONS THERE IS MORE AWARENESS AND OPTIONS
Taking more control of our own privacy and destiny - a safer online community for all.					Privacy will help me away from things I did not want to involve		people have better understanding about it

"I'm fearful about this future because_____"

Companies are trying to use our privacy for their benefits	abuse of those with mental issues			Digital and technology disruption and leads to peetration and no privacy at all	The new power dynamics		Profit making from data leaks
technology can be exploited to violate privacy	If the people in power and not kept up with the technological knowledge, they might make the wrong decision	fraud / misuse of confidential data on cyber	Businesses tend to monetize on people privacy	it will be increasingly difficult to ensure	A new lifestyle dilemma	we cannot recognize what other persons do	
technology becomes intrusive			privacy is no longer exist	Policies cannot keep up with the new technologies	A key to "anti-competition" practice	Two different internet world (china & non-china)	
		make everybody alone	Each country has its own policy when it comes to privacy	Impediment for adducing evidence to proof the guilt of the alleged offenders	No complete privacy		Social Media Pricacy and social bully
		INNOVATION USUALLY DOES NOT COME WITH COUNTERMEASURES		n	A too difficult topic for people to understand		More avatars' operations
it will be hard to protect our privacy in the digital world		convenience trades off privacy	May be AI can know more about me than myself				Vunerables get exposed to risks

How often corruptions pops up!

Fear and Hope

Not to see any answer related to religions on LGBT+

how to brainstorm on mural

Let's pause here. What do you see that surprises you?
Write on post-it notes in this area

This very new technology

Many answers focused on structural issues. (good surprise)

There's quite a convergence in the comments

CONFUSING

how politicians are parenial liars

3. Vote: Hopeful vs. Fearful

For the same Future of Xs, take 30 seconds to consider:
are you more hopeful or fearful about each future?

Indicate your stance by changing the gray-colored post-its to other colors in the corresponding areas for the three futures below

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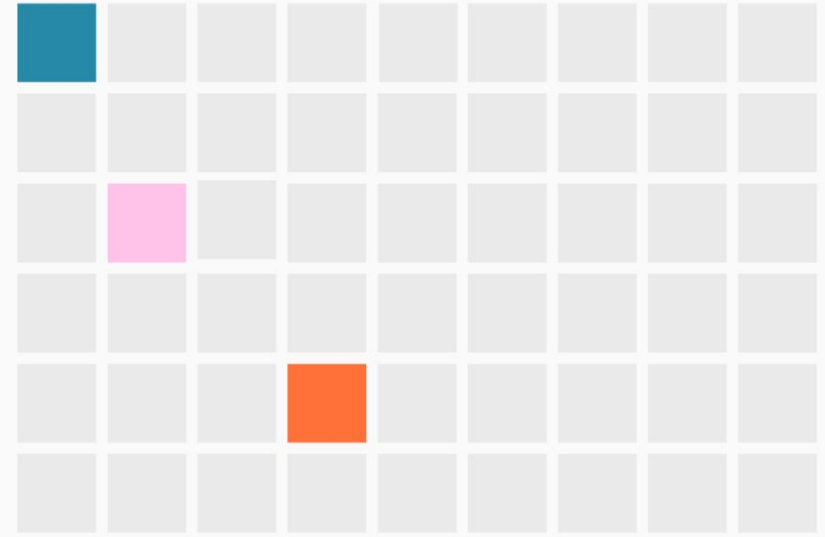
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I'm more fearful about this future

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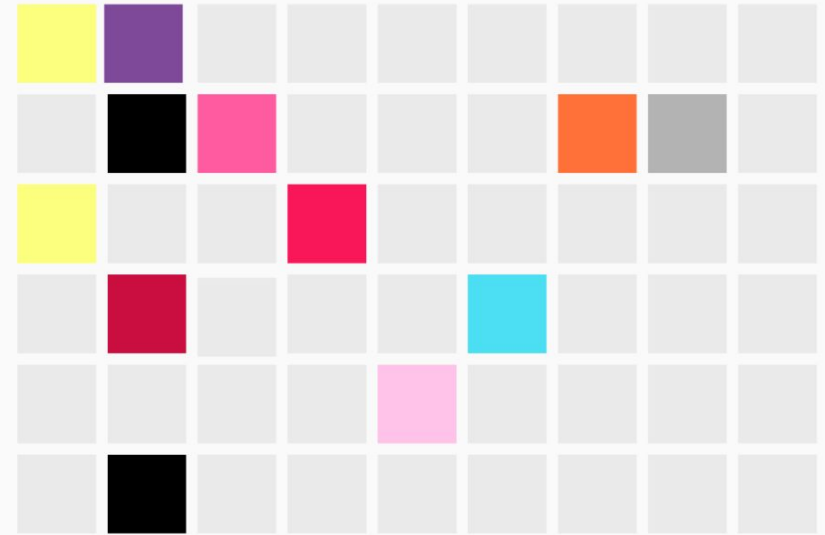
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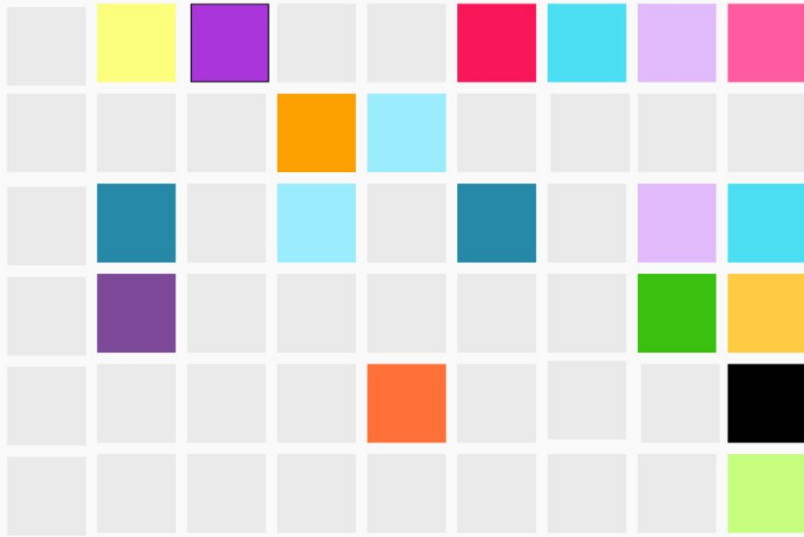
I'm more fearful about this future

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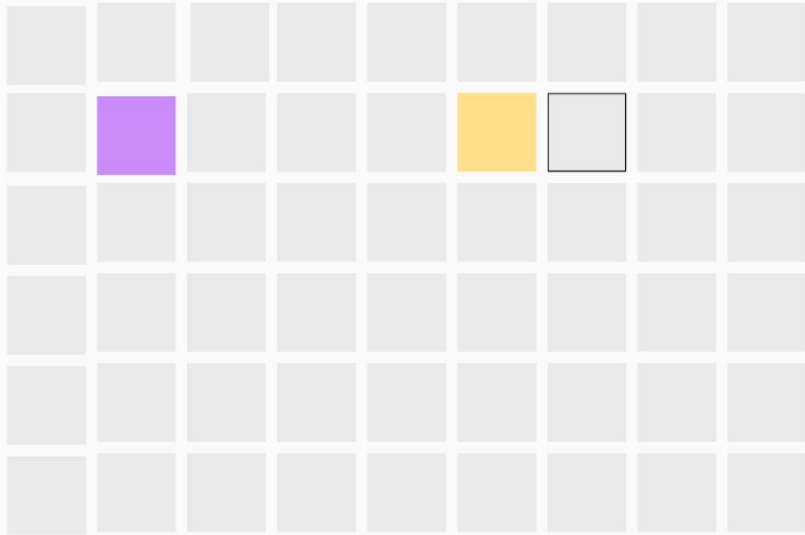
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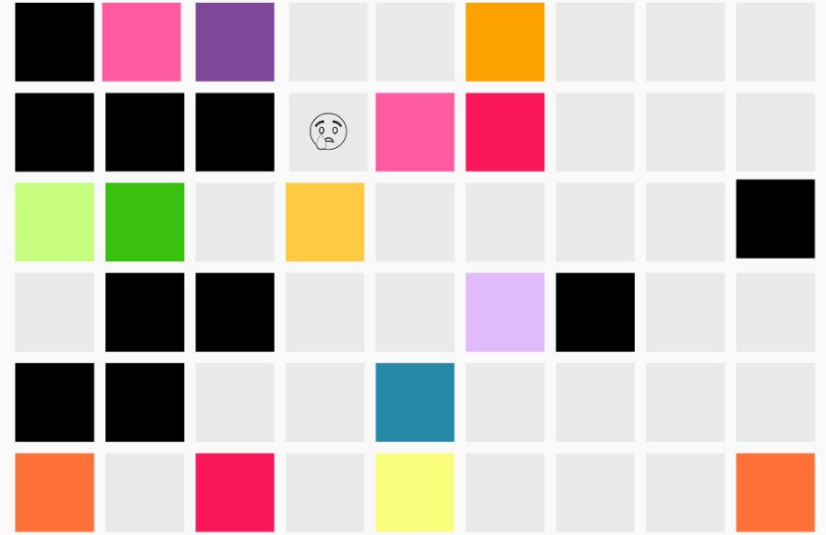
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or

I'm more fearful about this future

4. Take a moment to think about....

Who do you think is most vulnerable in these futures?

Close this tab and let's head back to Zoom

Keeping your hopes and fears in mind...

Reflect on a vulnerable group you care about under one of the topics we discussed.

The link will also be sent on Zoom chat!

FACILITATORS

Let's highlight a few tensions/interesting insights

Next Time

1. Meet your teammates!
2. Check your email!
3. Read the news!

OCULUS FOUNDER SUGGESTS
VIDEO GAMES THAT KILL YOU IN REAL LIFE

Day 2 sneak peek