





INITIAL BRIEF GUIDE

Design a product that is proactive towards solving current issues

Current Issues I'm interested in solving:

Transportation

- -Traffic congestion is a huge issue in Auckland
- -Potentially design high capacity, high speed transport
- -Electric future to reduce carbon emissions and pollution

Health Care:

- -Improve current prosthetics and medical disability equipment to reduce the stigma behind it
- -Vehicles that encourage people to exercise more as obesity is still an issue
- -Drugs

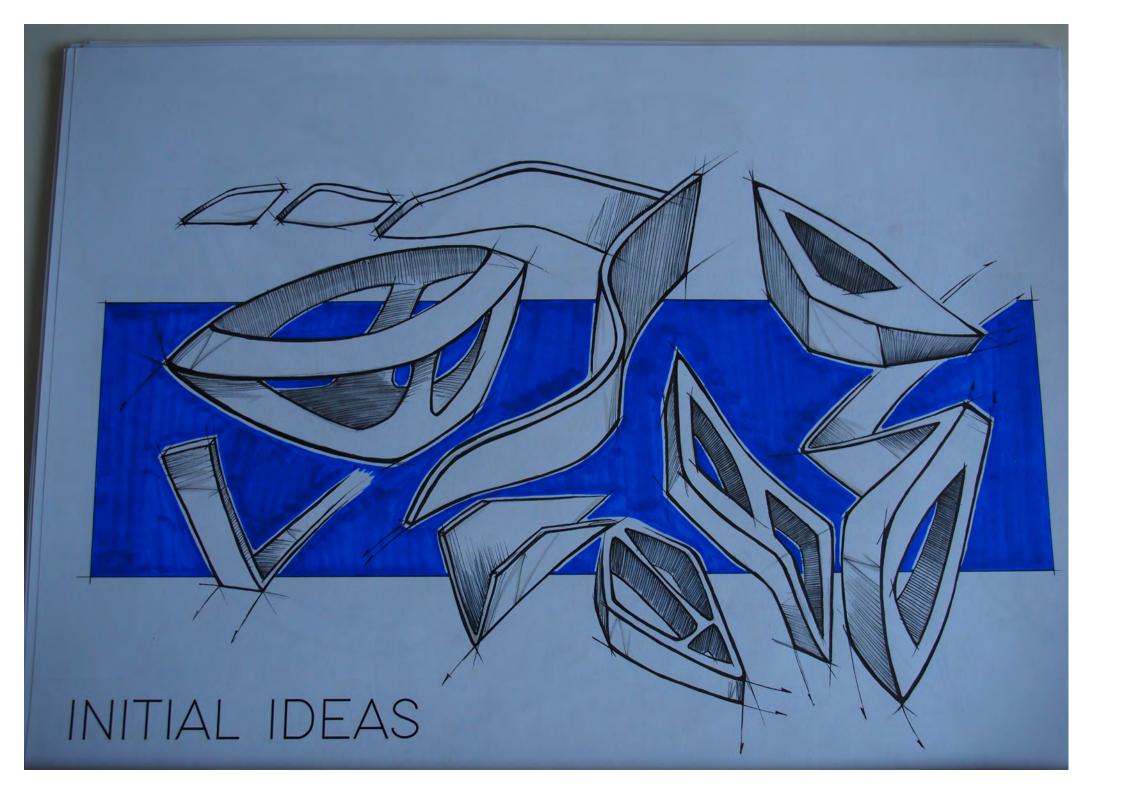
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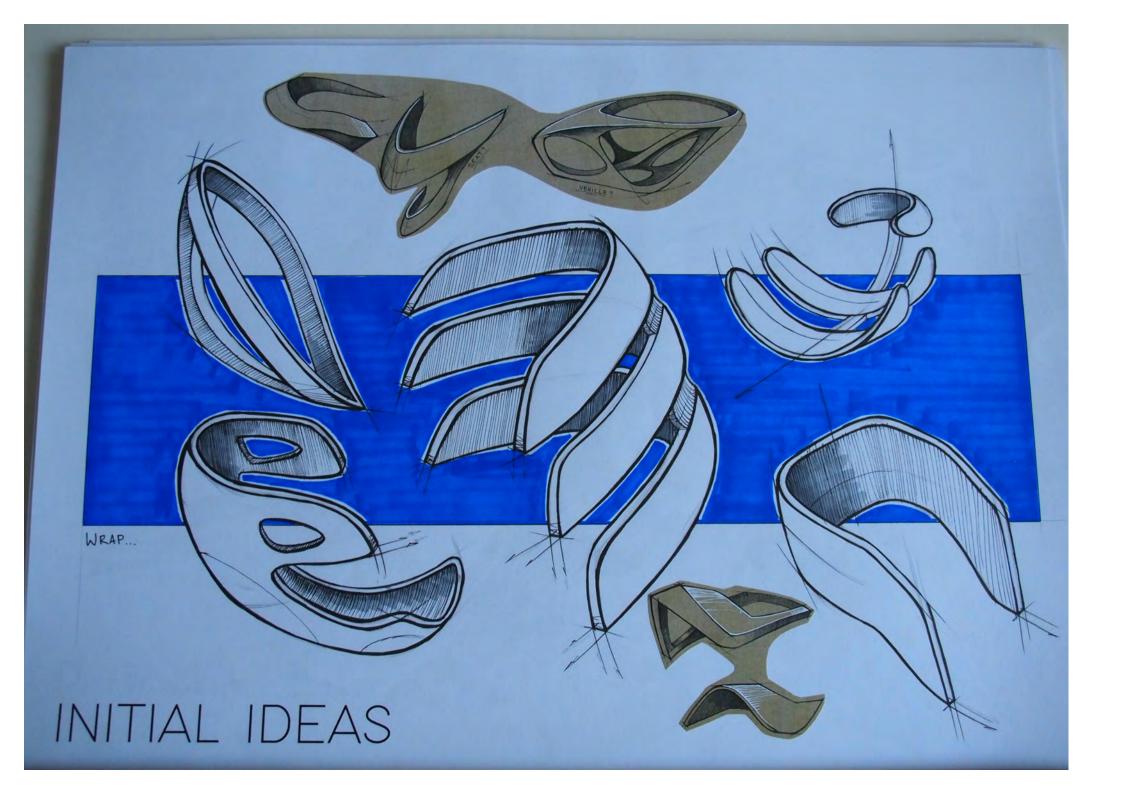
Design an electric vehicle that enhances peoples' way of life such as conveniance and health, while being environmentally friendly.

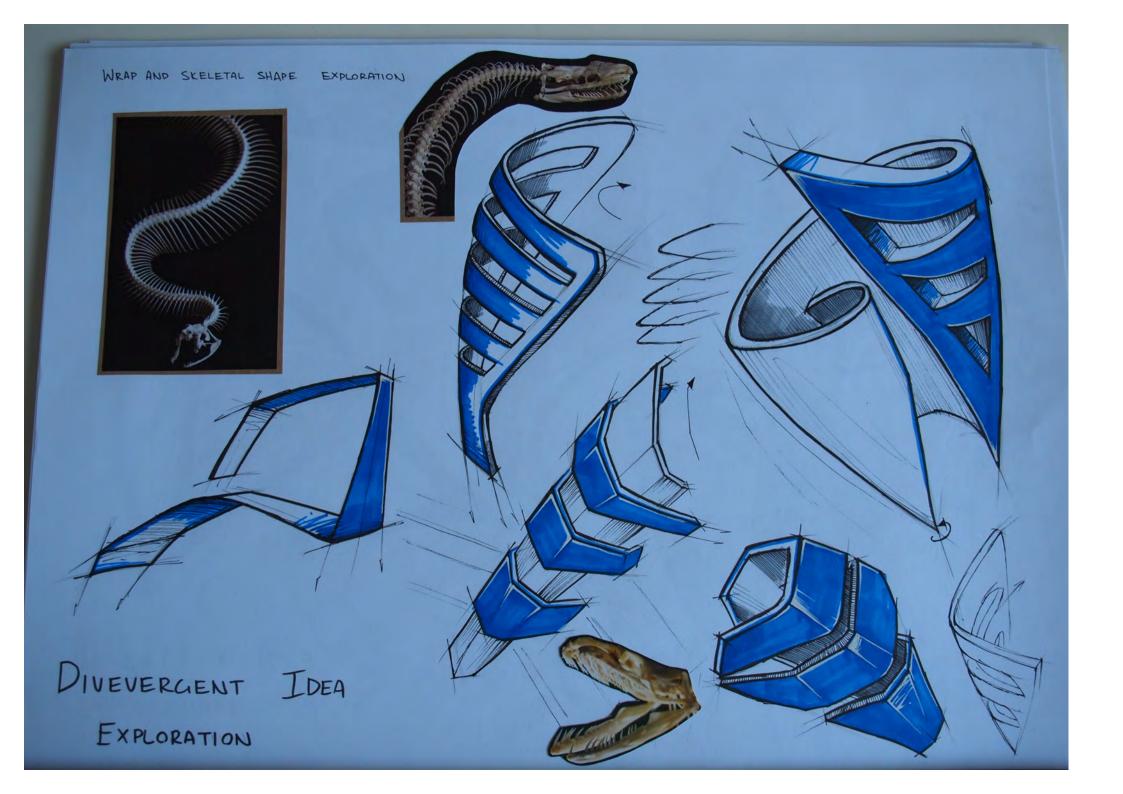
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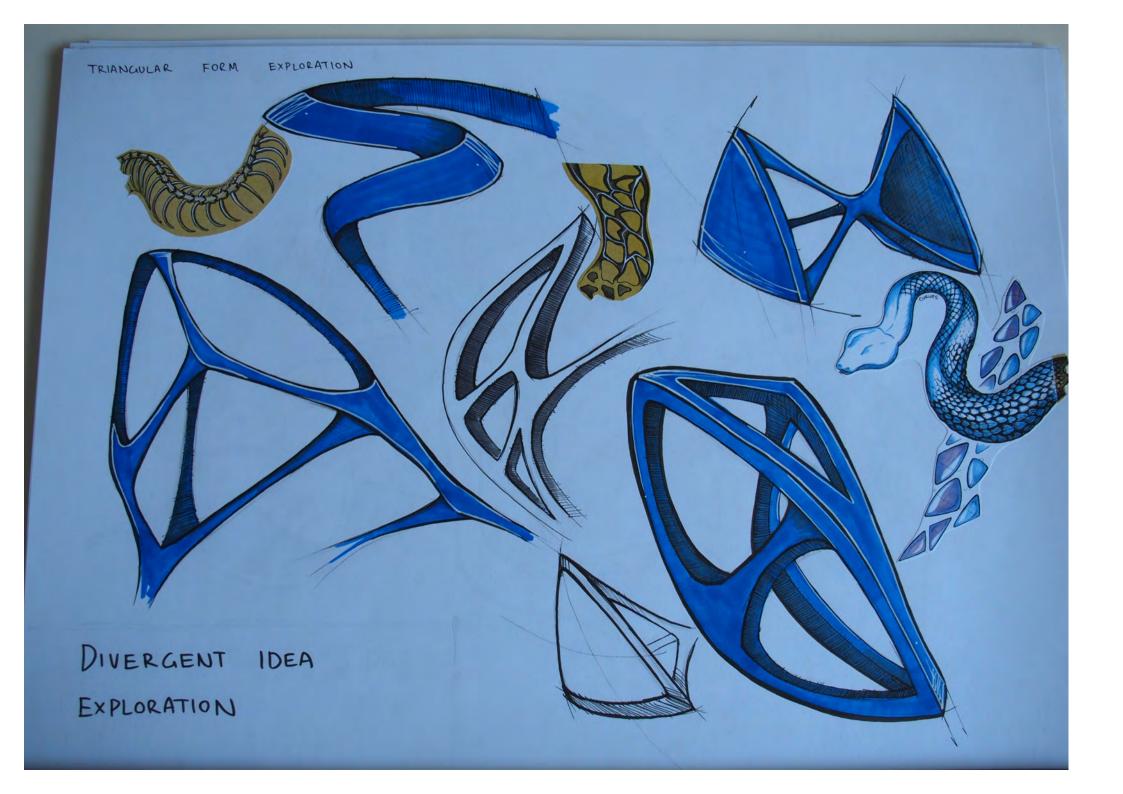
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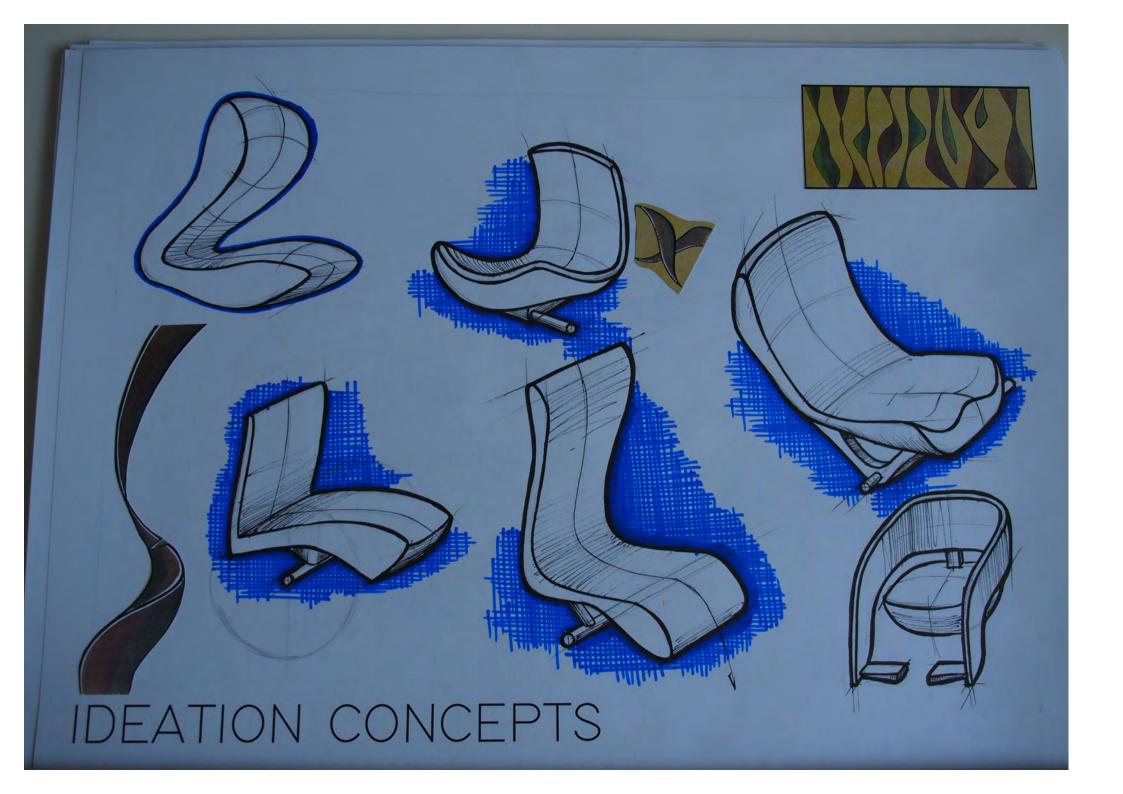


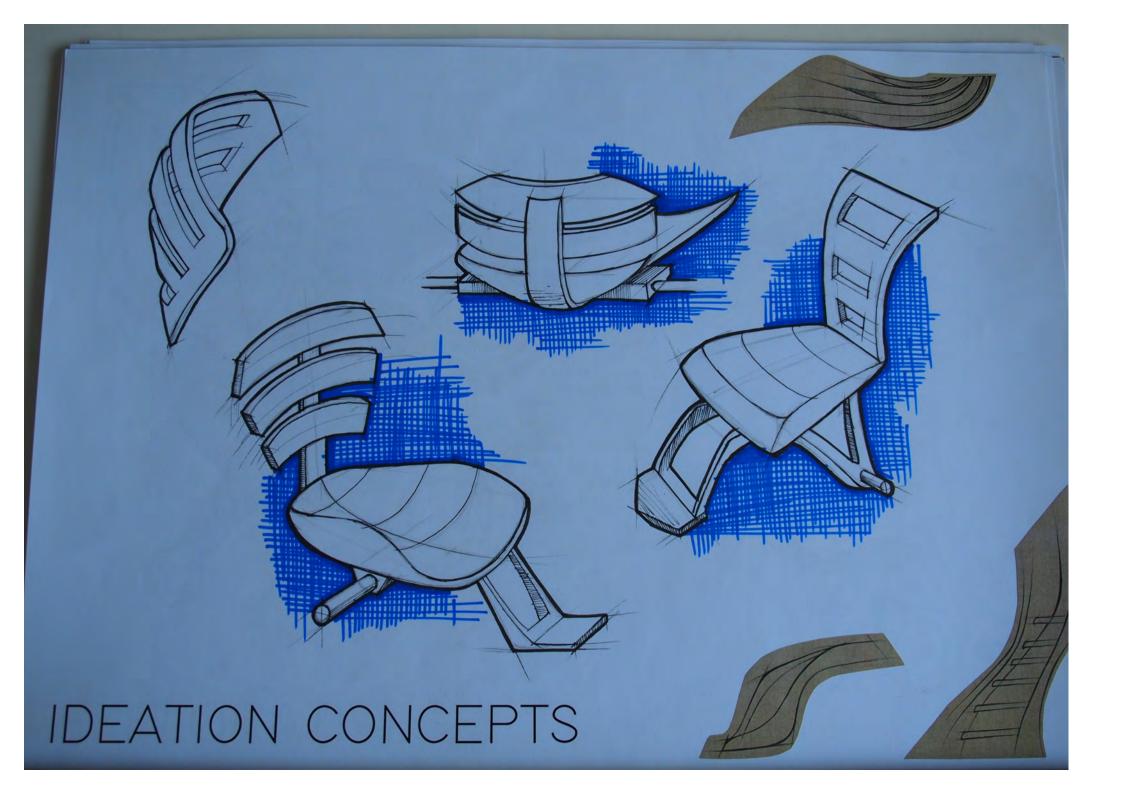


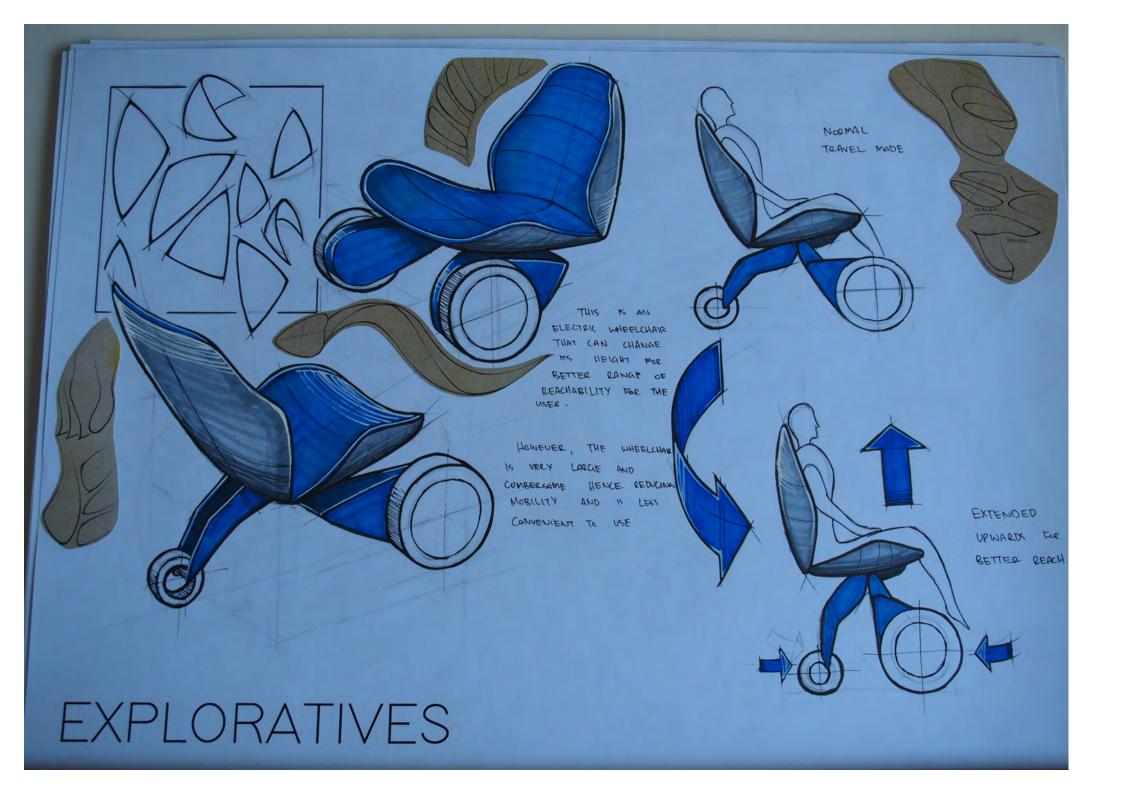


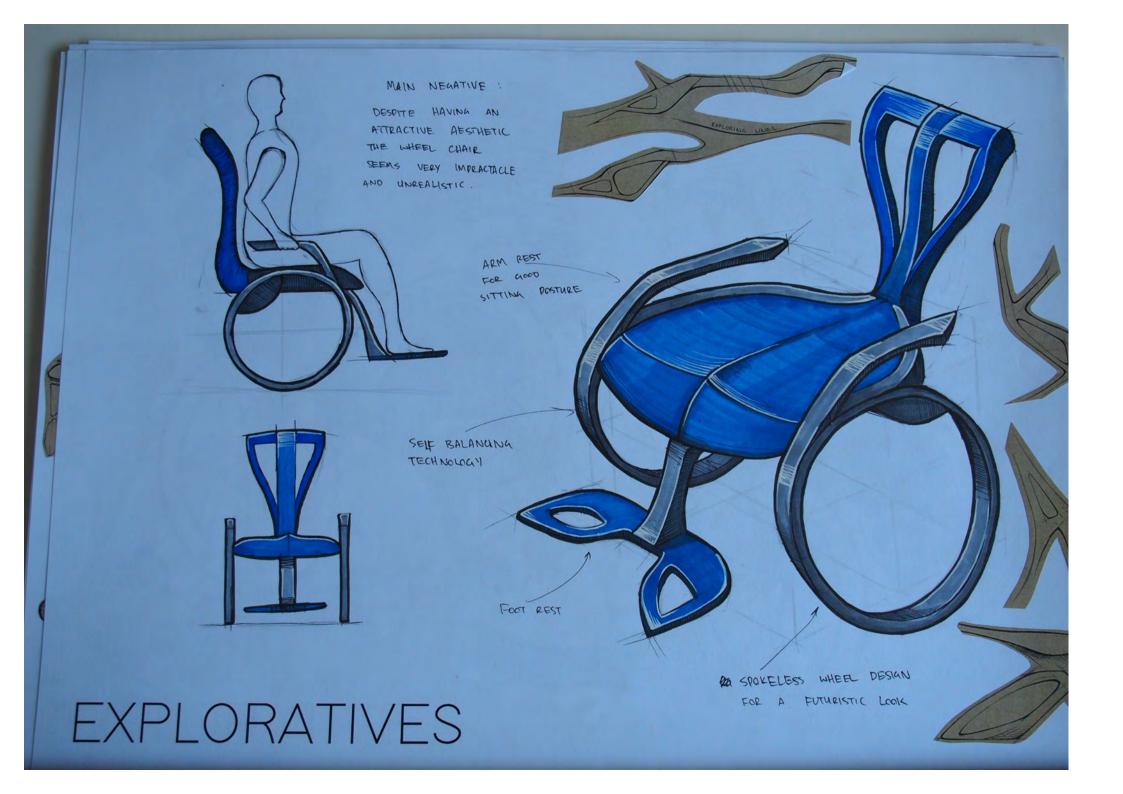














OPPORTUNITIES :

- | WILL NEED TO FURTHER DEVELOP THE COMPORT OF

 THIS WHEELCHAIR FOR A COMPORTABLE EXPERIENCE. -- ERCONOMICS DEVELOP
- · I WILL NEED TO DEVELOP THE AESTHETICS INTO A

 CLEANER MORE MODERN LOOK -> AESTHETIC DEVELOPMENT
- * I WILL ALSO CHANGE THE WHEELS INTO SOMETHING MORE DRACTICLE AND REALISTC, SO THAT THE WHEELCHAIR IS MORE DURABLE AND RELIABLE
- BATTERY AND ADDITIONAL COMPLEX ELECTRONICS MUST
 BE DEVELOPED AND EXPLORED

CONSTRAINTS :

- * THE DESIGN MUST STIL BE MODERN AND HAVE AN ATTRACTIVE AESTHETIC.
- · MUST STILL LINK BACK TO THE SNAKE DELGIN .
- * MUST BE COMFORTABLE WHILE BALANCING WITH
 THE ATTRACTIVE ABSTHETIC.

NOT ERGONOMIC AND UNCOMFORTABLE SHARP EDGES MORE ROBUST STRUCTURE FRAME NEEDED FOR DURABILITY SMALL AREA FOR FOOT REST NEED TO UNREALISTIC WHEEL IMPROVE THE DESIGN SEAT SHAPE FOR - NO GRIP FOR TRACTION BETTER FIT AND - WEAK WHEEL STRUCTU CUSHIONING. (NO SUPPORT)

CHOSEN CONCEPT

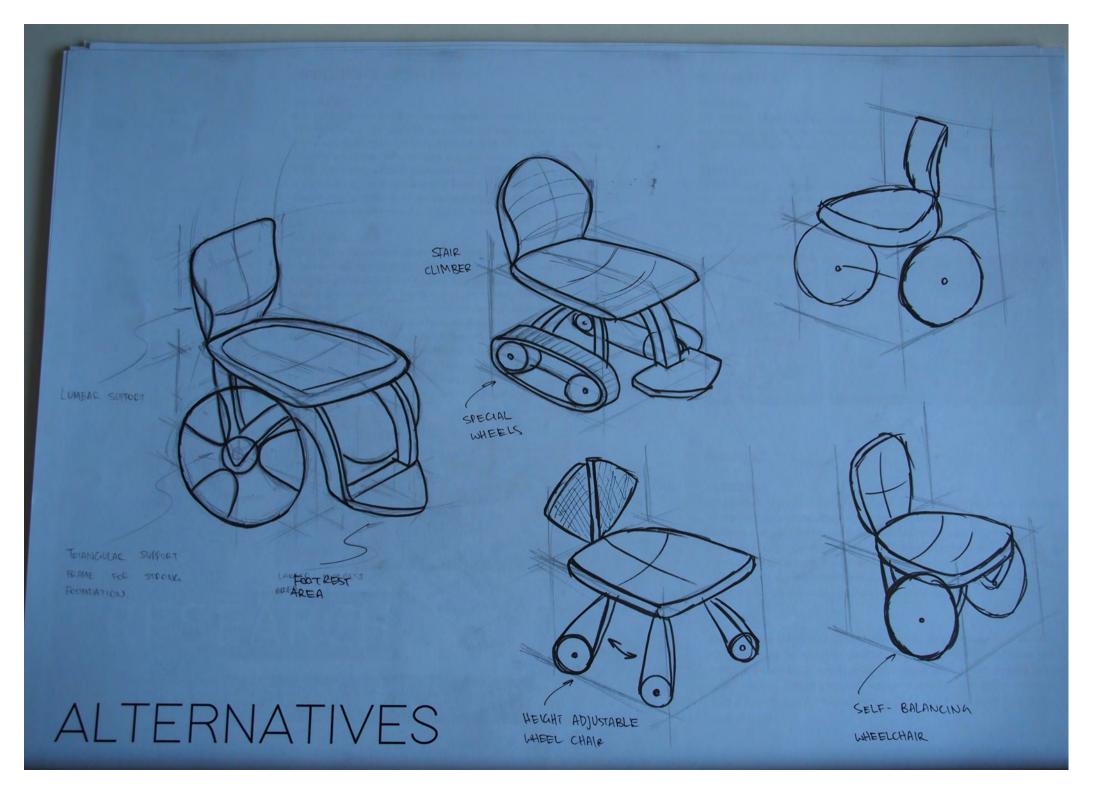
BRIEF & SPECIFICATIONS

After consideration of my current ideas, I have decided to design a wheelchair. Currently, wheelchairs are percieved to be unattractive while also being uncomfortable and inconvenient to use, fostering a stigma for wheelchair users. This gives potential for me to design a wheelchair that overcomes these issues, creating one that is aesthetically desirable whilst being functional and intuitive to use giving individuals with disabilities, whom already have a plethora of difficulties, confidence and ease of use.

To achieve this with my chosen wheelchair concept, numerous aspects must be carefully developed to fabricate a functional, ergonomic wheelchair for everyday use.

The wheelchair should:

- -Be durable and reliable
- -Have an attractive aesthetic
- -Be intuitive
- -Be comfortable
- -Be functional specifically for the urban environment
- -Be safe for the user and surroundings
- -Have a relatively low environmental impact constructed from sustainable materials



MOBILITY & OPERATION

PROBLEM:

It is rather combersome to constantly push and exert force to move the wheelchair, this leads to fatigue on the user's arms and palms while also making hands dirty from constant contact with the wheel which is unhygenic. Wheelchairs are also heavy, limiting portability while also being difficult to manoeuvre. With manual wheelchairs, it is difficult to move up an incline limiting its versatility in different places. Wheelchairs are also big and chunky which makes it diffcult to store and also fir into the daily environment.

SOLUTION:

These issues can be overcome by implementing electric motors for a hands-free, or power assisted operation. This reduces fatigue on arms, hands won't get dirty, while also allowing the user to move up inclines and travel at a faster speed. Portability can be improved by decreasing the wheelchair's weight through using strong lightweight materials. This is beneficial as it maximises the wheelchair's range as the electric motors use less energy to move a lighter weight. A focus on maximising the dimensions, keeping the wheelchair as compact as possible will lead to a more efficient design for daily use while still retaining useful features. This electric solution is more appropriate for living in the modern urban environment.



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ISSUES WITH WHEELCHAIRS

AESTHETICS

PROBLEM:

The majority of wheelchairs on the market currently, have unappealing, outdated, clinical designs which nobody finds desirable. This increases the stigma of using wheelchairs which is not healthy for the user's self-image.

SOLUTION:

Design a wheelchair with an attractive aesthetic that is graceful, refined and futuristic so that people will want to use and admire. Much like a sports car, I would like to increase the confidence of the individual when using the wheelchair.





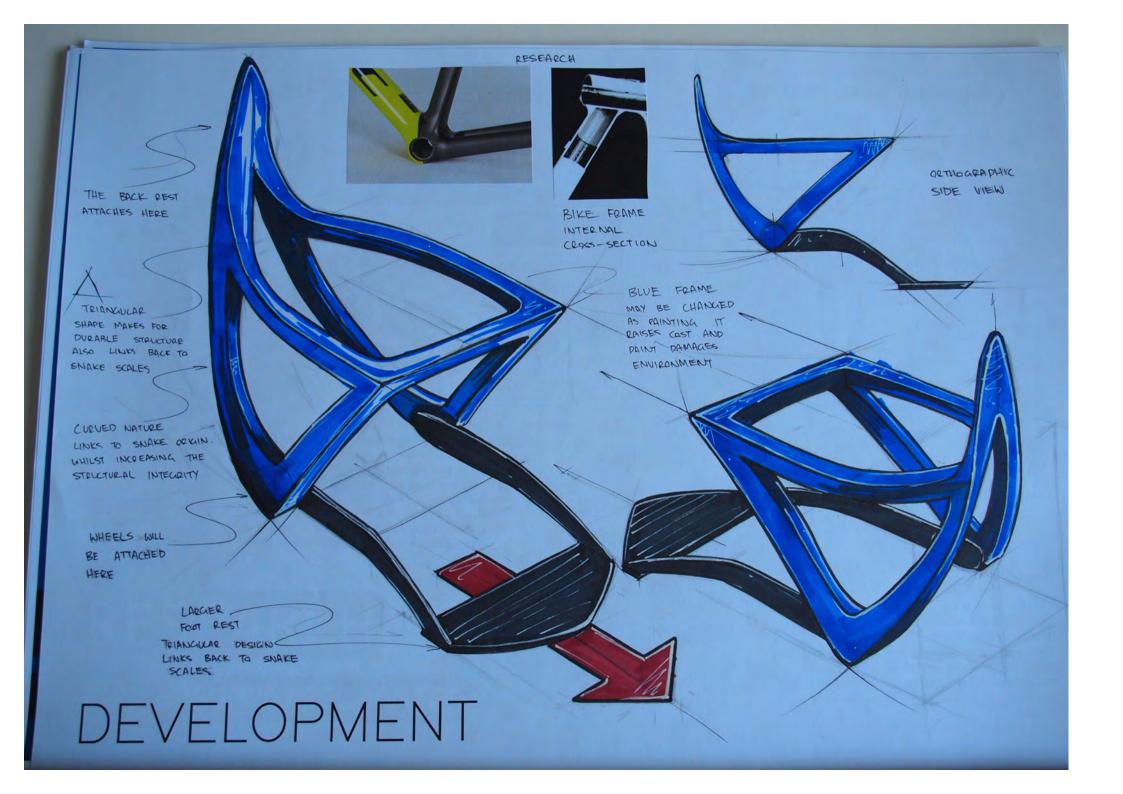
COMFORT

PROBLEM:

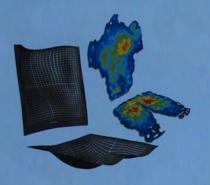
Wheelchair users commonly have back pains due to the poor ergonomics of the seat as it causes bad sitting posture leading to poor support that fatigues muscles causing pain. Another reason is there is an uneven pressure distribution of the individual's weight on the wheelchair seat, causing certain areas of the body such as the lower back and buttocks to be in pain due to higher pressure levels. The user's bottom becomes sweaty over an extended period of time sitting.

SOLUTION:

I will need to design my wheelchair seat so that it encourages correct sitting posture for good support hence more comfort. These issues can be also solved by selecting materials and a design that spreads body weight evenly onto the seat to reduce muscle fatigue, and a material that is breathable for better temperature regulation to reduce sweat and discomfort.



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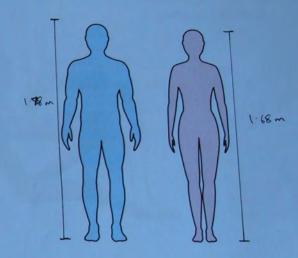


The above pressure distribution diagrams all show a similar reading where the buttock and the upper back regions have higher levels of pressure. This is not ideal as it causes greater fatigue on those areas of muscle, hence causing pain in the long term. Pressure needs to be spread out evenly by supporting a greater area, hence it is crucial to have good foot support to relieve buttock/thigh presusre, and supporting the lumbar region to reduce upper back pressure.

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HUMAN BODY ERGONOMICS

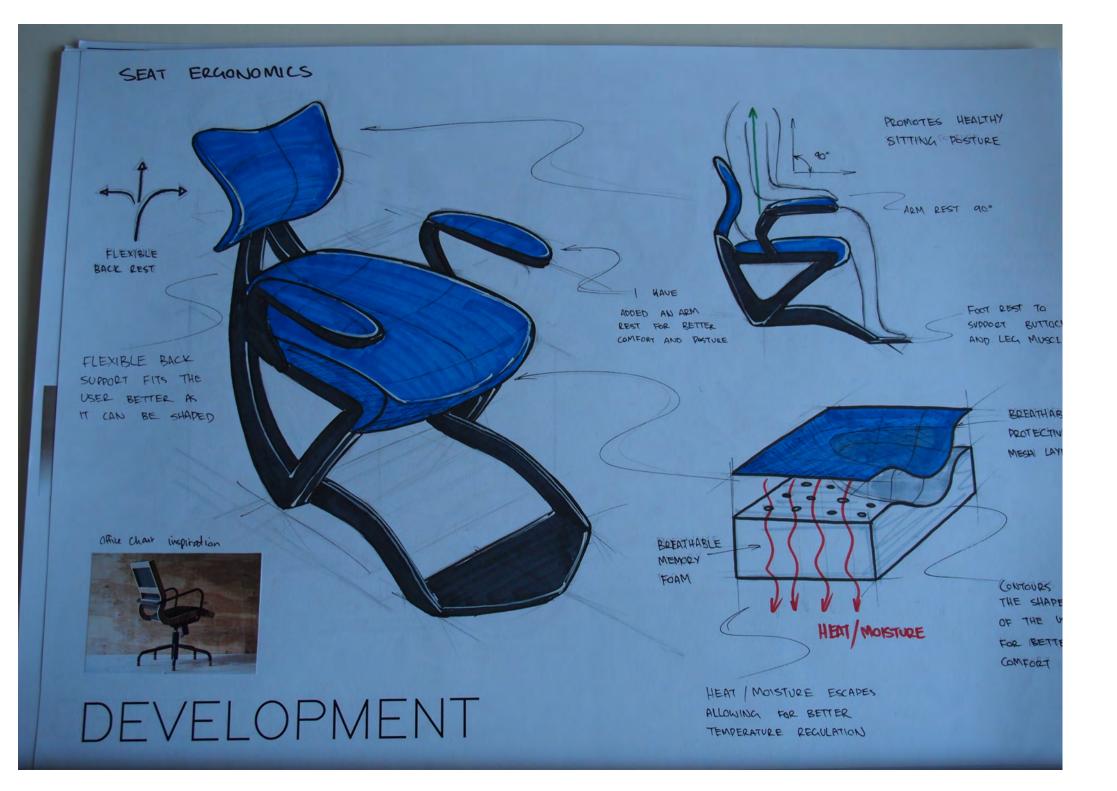
AVERAGE HUMAN DIMENSIONS

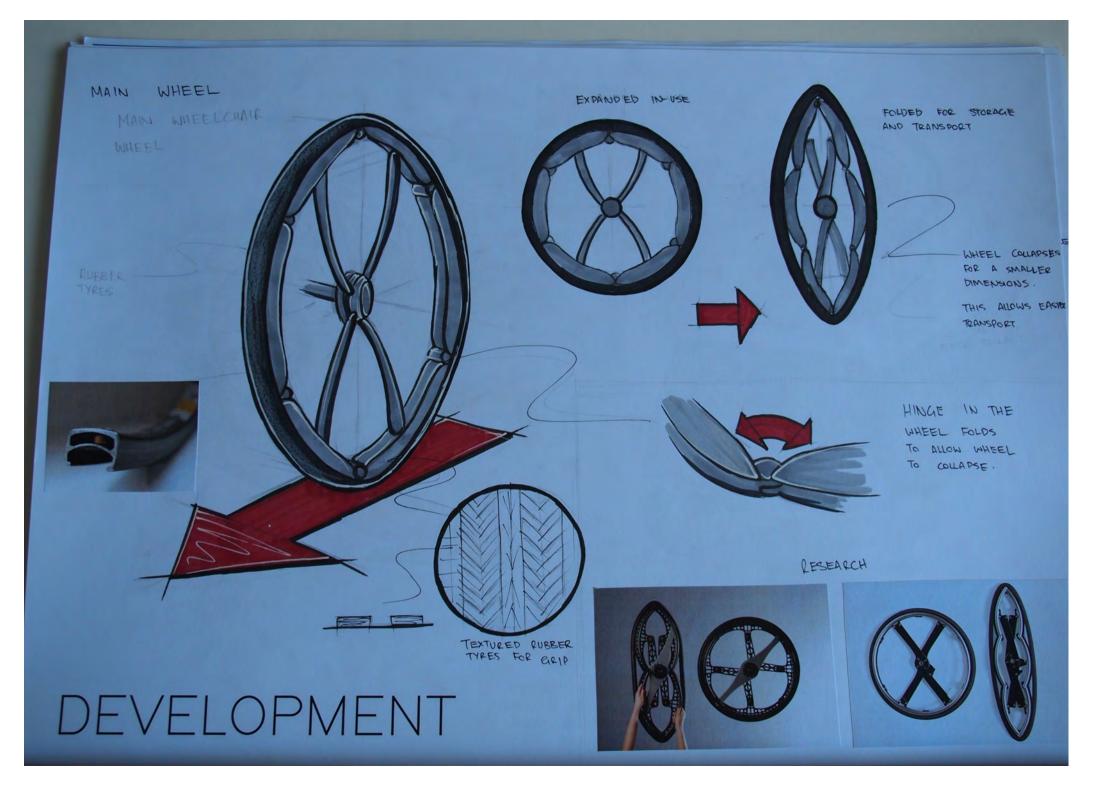


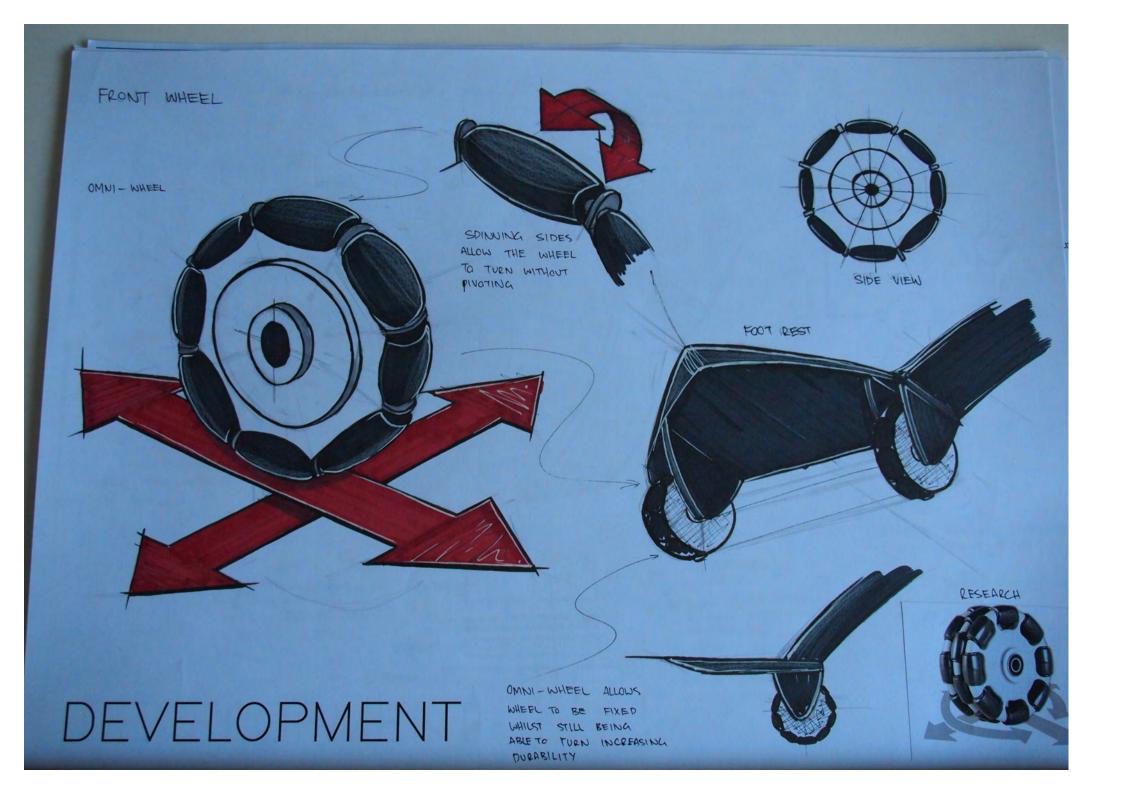


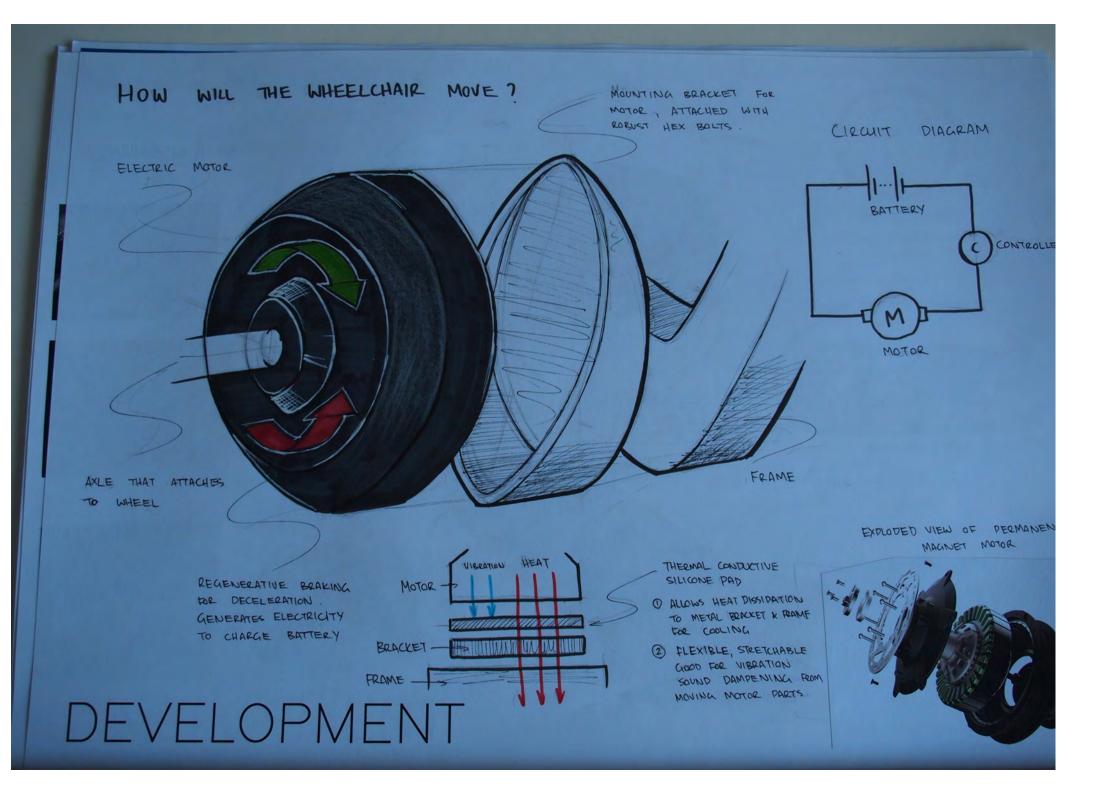


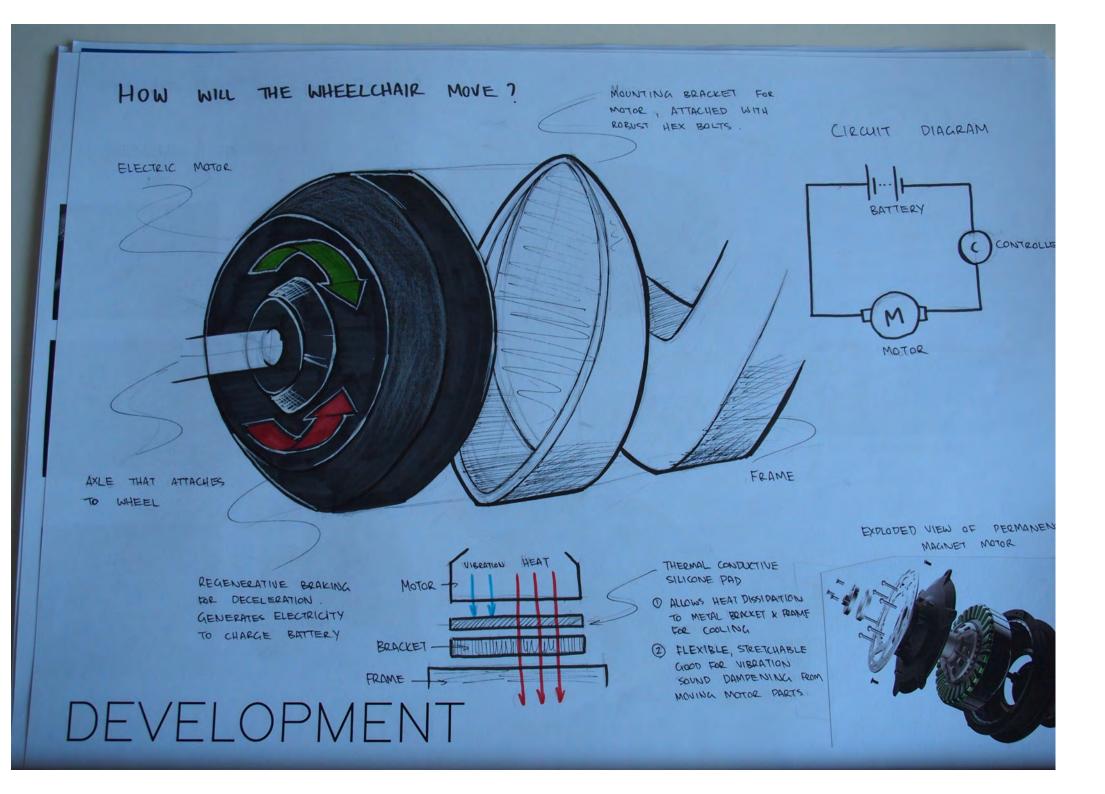
For maximum comfort, the individual should sit with correct posture to reduce back pain. For correct posture, the spine must remain neutral with correct support and the pelvis is perpendicular to the seat to reduce strain. My wheelchair seat must be shaped to encourage the user to naturally sit with correct posture.











HOW WILL IT BE CONTROLLED ?

RESEARCH / INSPIRATION

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CAR INFO-TAINMENT





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DEVELOPMENT



TEXTURED SIDES

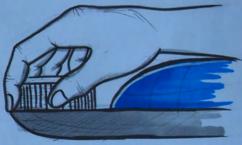


DIGITAL DISPLAY

SHOWS ELECTRONIC INFO. OF THE WHEELCHAIR:

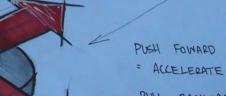
- BATTERY

- BLUETOOTH / GPS



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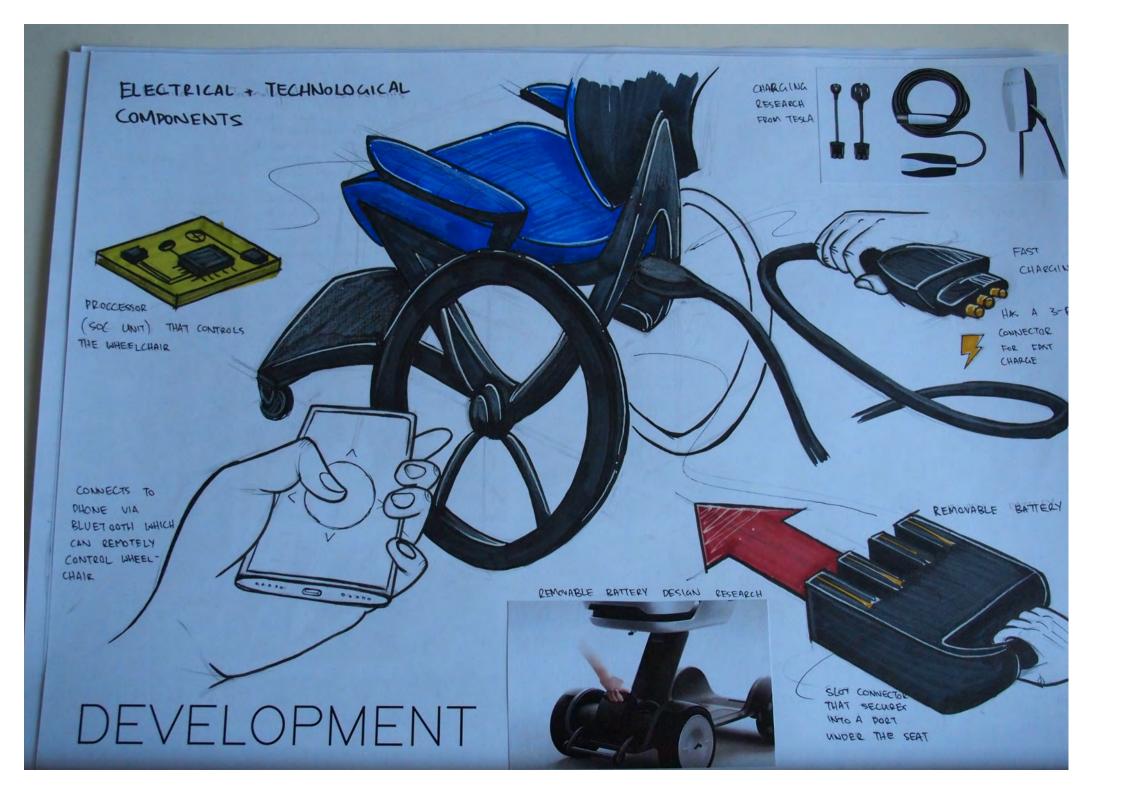


PULL BACKWARD

- DECELERATE

SIDE

= TURN LEFT OR RIGH



WHAT MAKES AN OFFICE CHAIR / CAR SEAT COMFORTABLE?

ADJUSTABILITY

The ability to adjust the different parts of the chair such as seat height, arm rest, head support allows the chair to fit the individual more precisely, hence offering better support.

SEAT DESIGN

A seat that has the appropriate dimensions, good lumbar support, good cushioning combine to fit the human body more ergonomically. It is essential that the seat encourages the user to sit with correct posture during extended periods of time to avoid back pain.

SEAT MATERIAL

A range of different seat materials are used in office chairs or car seats such as fabric, leather, mesh and plastic. Generally, a soft material that is breathable is ideal for a wheelchair as it regulates temperature better preventing the user's bottom from oversweating.





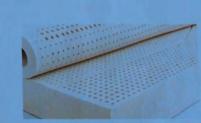








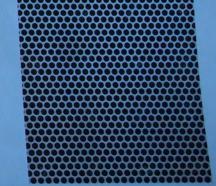


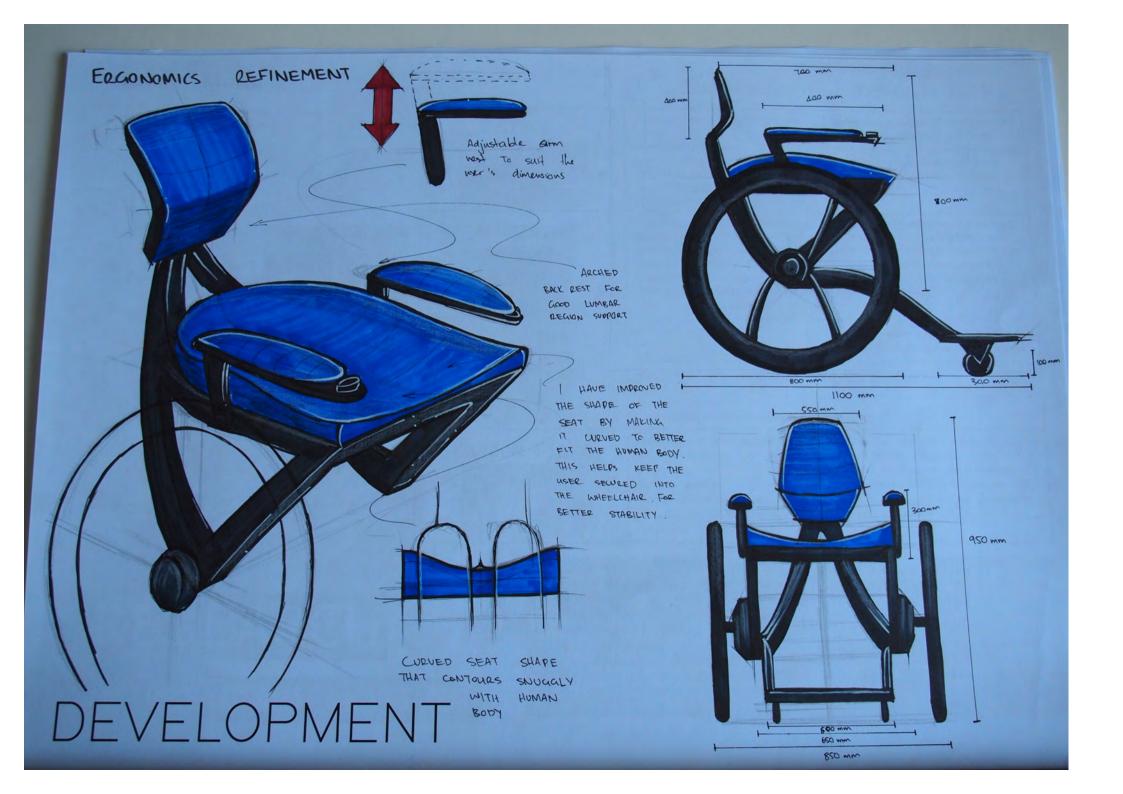




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SEAT MATERIALS & DESIGN

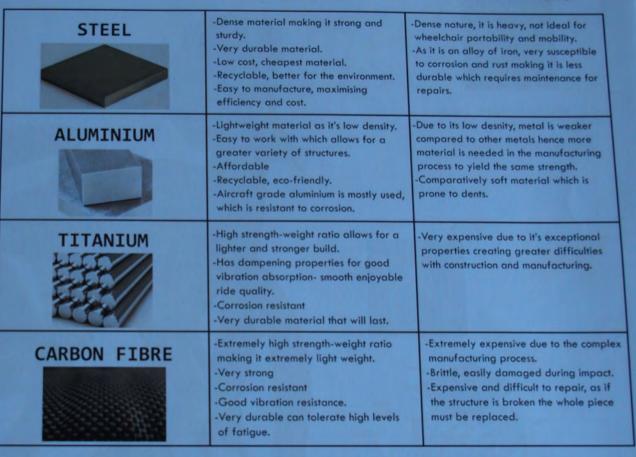




ADVANTAGES

DISADVANTAGES

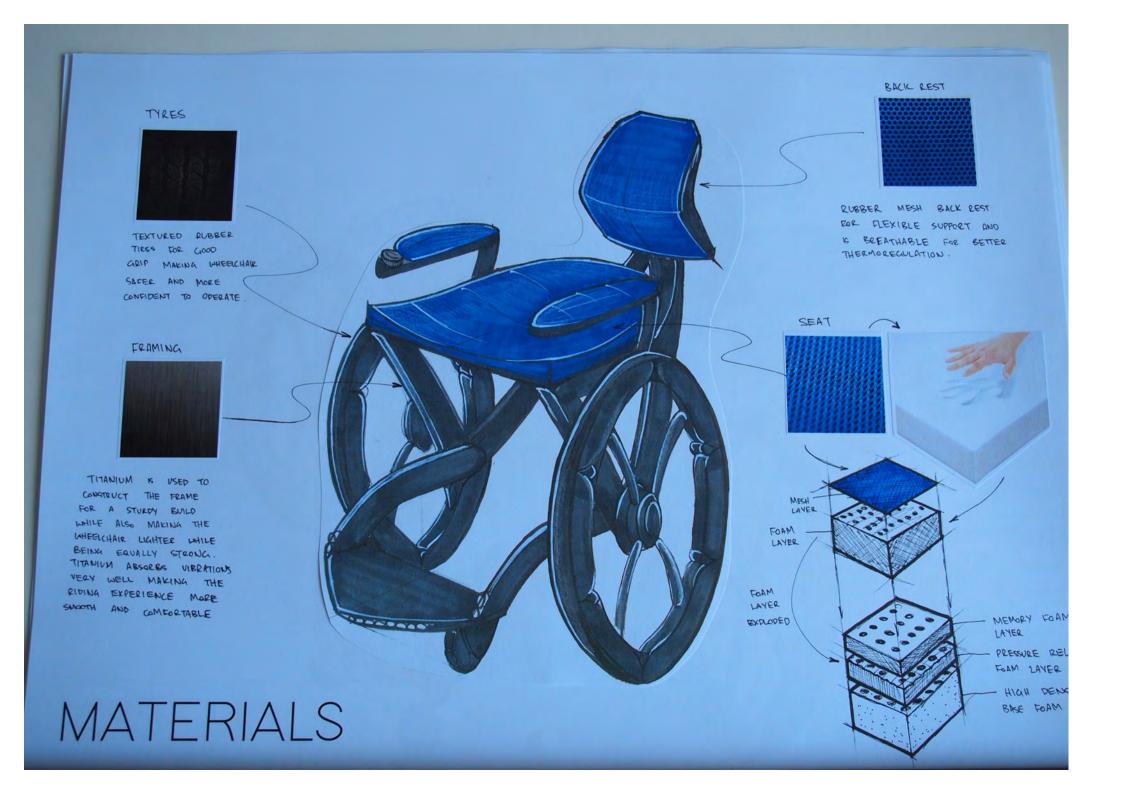
Commonly in industry, all of these materials are always alloyed with other metals, resulting in many variations of the material, enhancing its properties like strength, weight and reducing cost.

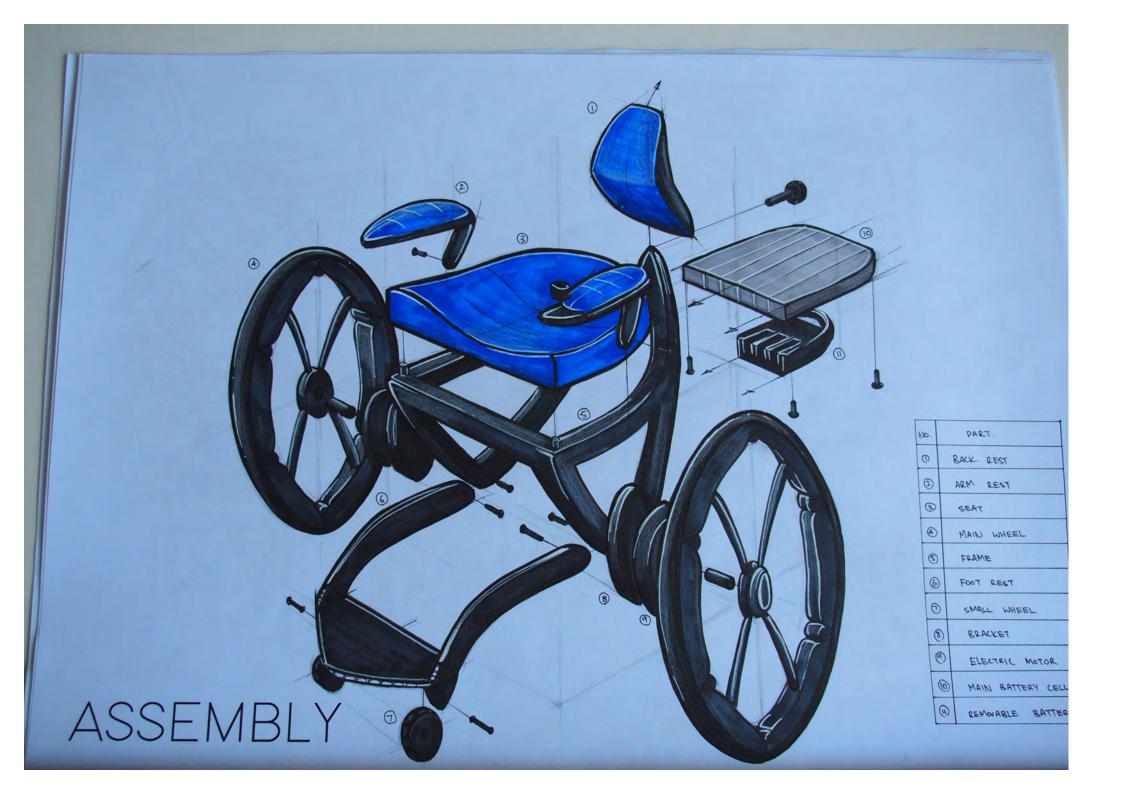


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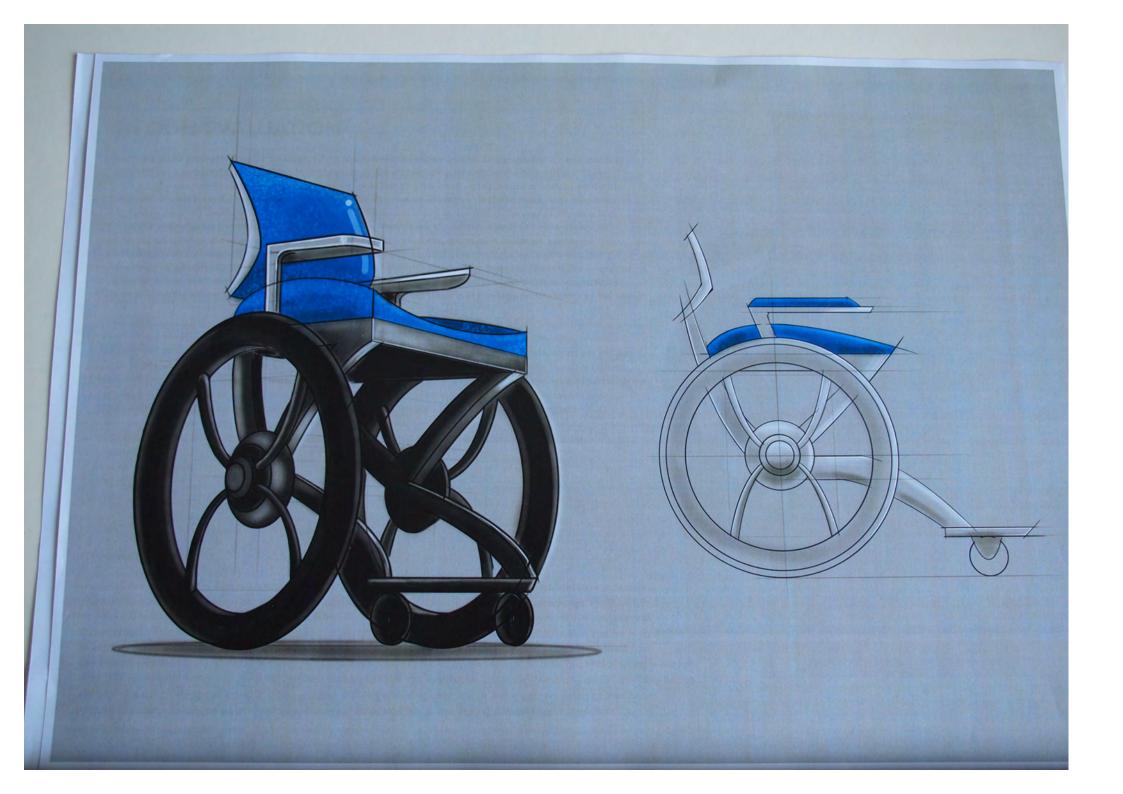
MATERIAL ALTERNATIVES

Comprehensively analysing and comparing these materials, I have concluded that it is advantageous to use a combination of these materials for the different parts of the wheelchair as each material has its benefits. Keeping costs to a minimum is ideal hence the expensive materials are only used on parts that absolutely require it. Keeping the wheelchair light weight is also a focus, which these materials will play a huge part in achieving, hence titanium and aluminium, cheaper than carbon fibre, will be mostly used. Many of these metals will be alloyed with other elements to enhance its properties and performance. I will be using titanium for the wheelchair frame as it strong and reduces vibration, while aluminium will be used for other parts such as arm rest and foot rest to keep cost low while keeping the wheelchair lightweight and strong.









DESIGN EVALUATION

My wheelchair is targeted to the average young adult. It has a modern minimalist design with an eye catching aesthetic with graceful curves and the blue elements of the wheelchair pop against the blacked out frame, giving the wheelchair a clean, stealthy, understated look. The original goal was to create a wheelchair that is different to what is on the current market, a wheelchair that has an attractive aesthetic along with advanced technology that will facilitate an incentive for people to use and enjoy, hence giving the user confidence and hopefully encouraging them to have a positive attitude towards their disabilities. I believe I have mostly achieved my goal as my wheelchair has an attractive modern aesthetic, along with numerous advanced technology such as Bluetooth connection to your smartphone for more information input while allowing the wheelchair to be controlled remotely from your phone. The electric motors allow the wheelchair to be operated with ease with a controller on the arm rest without physically pushing the wheel like conventional wheelchairs hence making my wheelchair good for everyday use while reducing stress and damage on the hands of the user.

In my ideation, I am glad I have thoroughly explored the forms, shapes and patterns of my origin idea of a snake which I have incorporated into my wheelchair design. The triangular scale shapes not only gives the wheelchair a sharp and modern design but also serves a functional purpose in making my frame very strong as the triangle shape is one of the sturdiest shapes for structural integrity, hence making my wheelchair more durable against accidents and everyday stress and tear. The curves of a snake also influenced my wheelchair design balancing the geometry of my wheelchair by creating flow in my wheelchair, fabricating a design that is streamline and asymmetrical to complement the geometric straight lines of the frame and many other components.

Looking at my Brief & Specifications I believe I have incorporated most of the specifications required. That includes:

Durable and reliable

Attractive aesthetic
Intuitive to use

Comfortable

Functional Safe

Low environmental impact

Further analysing whether I have satisfied my brief requirements, I would have liked to explore methods in reducing the environmental impact of my wheelchair towards the environment. I would liked to have developed more efficiency to save more energy along with exploring manufacturing methods and materials that reduce carbon emissions and use recycled material. This in turn would make my wheelchair more realistic in the real world, one that can be sustainable and have a positive impact not only to the user but also to the environment. Another aspect I would have liked to developed was the safety of my wheelchair, many safety features such as brake sensors, headlights, and braking were not throughly considered hence reducing the viability and logistics of my wheelchair in the real world. Overall I am very happy with my wheelchair design in the end. It has a clean, stealthy pleasing design with numerous technologies that help improve the user experience of a wheelchair making it more intuitive to use than a conventional wheelchair.

Assessment Schedule - 2019

Design and Visual Communication: Initiate design ideas through exploration (91627)

Achievement Criteria

Overall level of attainment for 91627	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
E	Initiate design ideas through exploration.	Initiate design ideas through insightful exploration.	Initiate design ideas through extensive exploration.

Evidence

Not Achieved	Achievement	Merit	Excellence
No source is material evident.	Use an experience(s) to generate starting ideas; using visual communication strategies to interrogate and regenerate ideas towards design ideas.	Use visual communication strategies to analyse and identify an emerging train of thought and re-interpret ideas to form design ideas.	Use visual communication strategies to challenge thinking and extend and transform ideas to form design ideas.
Source material is not interpreted using visual communication strategies or taken into alternatives and variations.	Inspirational sources (experiences) are present. These could include mood / inspiration boards, compilation of images, collage, designer studies, modelling, observational drawing, photographs, etc.		
Design ideas are not derived from the alternatives and variations.	From inspirational sources, visual communication strategies are used to experiment, play and manipulate shape (2D) and form (3D), exploring alternatives and variations to generate starting ideas		
	 Alternatives are distinct, different, contrasting or have divergent shapes / forms. 		
	Variations are adaptations, alterations and modified versions of a shape / form.		
	Alternatives and variations are visually interrogated and re-generated which lead towards design ideas.	Through the reinterpretation of <u>design</u> ideas an emergent train of thought is evident.	The train of thought of design thinking is further extended / transformed, which
	Interrogated and re-generated refer to the thinking and visual communication of shapes / forms that are re-examined / critiqued, selected, and re-drawn.	 Reinterpretation of design ideas is applying thinking and visual communication that is purposeful and meaningful in its connection to its context. 	challenges and / or moves beyond the predictable design idea. • Transform ideas means the design
	Design ideas must have identifiable functional and aesthetic qualities.	Emerging train of thought is where a theme is developing with a perspective (viewpoint) and direction (intention) in either a functional / aesthetic / contextual or thematic way.	idea has been seen in a new way.

Note: Visual communication strategies may include but are not limited to: abstraction, recombination, repetition, rotation, reflection, simplification, de-construction, truncation, exaggeration.

Excellence Exemplar 2019

Subject	Design and Visual Communication	Standard	91627	Overall grade	E	
	Annotation					
	Pages 1–9 contain the starting experience and explore forms and shapes from looking at snakes.					
	Pages 10–21 introduce an initial brief and continue to re-examine shapes and forms and re-generate these into an identifiable design idea.					
	Pages 22–41 shows a detailed brief and has a focused train of thought that has connection to context, human user, function, aesthetics.					
	The design thinking and contextual research is purposeful and meaningful in relation to the design idea. Re-interpretation and transformation of the idea occur in this section. This submission is an Excellence. The visual communication details the design thinking in a coherent manner. The final enpages make the idea understandable. It is useful to note that the end evaluation does not add anything to the submission and does not benefit the visual communication of the design idea. Large quantities of writing, in this case the evaluation, defeats what the intention of this external standard in about. The evaluation has come from the work being generated as part of the internal standards.				inal end the	