

## Fear and Freedom Newsletter

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Hello, everyone, greetings from team Fear and freedom. This week we were working hard for preparing our game for the user testing on the Entertainment Technology Center's User Testing Day. We had 6 different teams from teenagers to adults that participated in our testing. We readily found User interactions that confused many of our testers. Also, it was our very first time testing out our main functionality implementation and it was very meaningful for us to see people playing the game and learn about North Korean people's lives.

Meanwhile to ensure the richness and authenticity of our experience, we were trying our best to find the most recent resources and stories from North Korea. There were many different documentaries that we could find from the Web like Secret State of North Korea (FRONTLINE, PBS, 2014) and North Korea Undercover documentary (National Geographic, 2013).

Also, we've been extracting information from a South Korean television talk shows called 'Now On My Way to Meet You' (Channel A) which has North Korean refugees as guests. These resources were very helpful in building up our game in a more authentic way since the references were from recent North Korean refugees. We also watched The Interview (Sony Pictures, 2015) together to see how mass media in the US depicts North Korea. It was interesting that the movie was mostly about mocking the North Korean government and their supreme leader with very little description about the people of North Korea. For us, this validated our focus on the daily life on an average North Korean, as that was something seldom explored in any media.

Next week, we are going to implement some new features related to game failure states that we discussed internally as a team. Thank you, and we hope to see you next week again!

