

LOVE WILL GUIDE YOU

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PROBLEM STATEMENT

One of my friend always feel
shy and embarrassed to
express his love to the girl he
loves !!! **ALWAYS** !!!

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- Some shy people always feel embarrassed and shy to express themselves directly, especially to the people they like, it is very hard to express their real feelings and emotions directly by mouth. Sometimes men always feel embarrassed to say sorry, or express the real love and feeling to the people they love. I want to help this kind of shy people to express their real emotions to the people they like. So I was wondering that whether the shy people can express themselves in some efficient, interactive, interesting and cute ways.

PRECEDENTS

I. Interactive Instrument

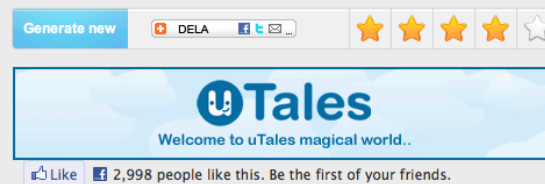


It use Max/Msp/Jitter to generate sound and melodies, and use 'box2d' library to make 'boxes' moving on the screen, use Kinect to detect the body gestures. So when we touch the boxes on the screen, they will make sound and melodies, and we could affect their movements, just like we are hitting some boxes in reality.

[watch it](#)

2. Pick Up Lines Generator

"When God made you, he was showing off."



This is a website that could generate some texts randomly. When you click the 'Generate new' button, it will generate a random text for you.

It inspired me that we might use texts to express ourselves, this Pick Up Lines Generator creates random texts, we could make custom designed texts, to put it in something, and send it as a gift to the people they love.

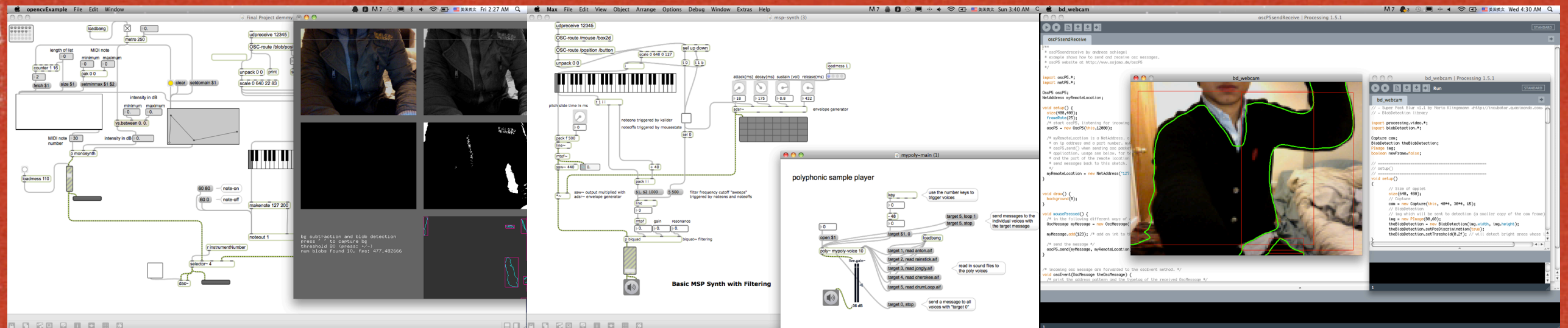
RESEARCH

I did some research of the preference and custom of the shy people. In humans, shyness (also called diffidence) is a social psychology term used to describe the feeling of apprehension, lack of comfort, or awkwardness experienced when a person is in proximity to, approaching, or being approached by other people, especially in new situations or with unfamiliar people. In addition, shyness may manifest when one is in the company of certain people and completely disappear when with others— **one may be outgoing with friends and family, but experience love-shyness toward the girl or boy they love. That means, the shy people is not always shy or feel embarrassed, they feel shy and embarrassed only when they approach to someone, or express themselves directly by mouth.** They feel comfortable when they surf on Internet and with friends and family. As a result, it is possible and comfortable for them to express themselves through a webcam based application, if they could only see themselves on the screen.

That is, if we can design an interesting way for them to express themselves efficiently and will not let them speak directly to the people who might make them feel embarrassed or shy, they will feel comfortable to do this.

On the other hand, I did some research from some girls, especially, I asked one of the friend of that girl my friends loves, about that girl's personality, preference, interests. The most important information I got is, that girl, and most of the girls I asked think that if a real shy guy express himself in an interesting and cute way, it might have a great and positive effect.

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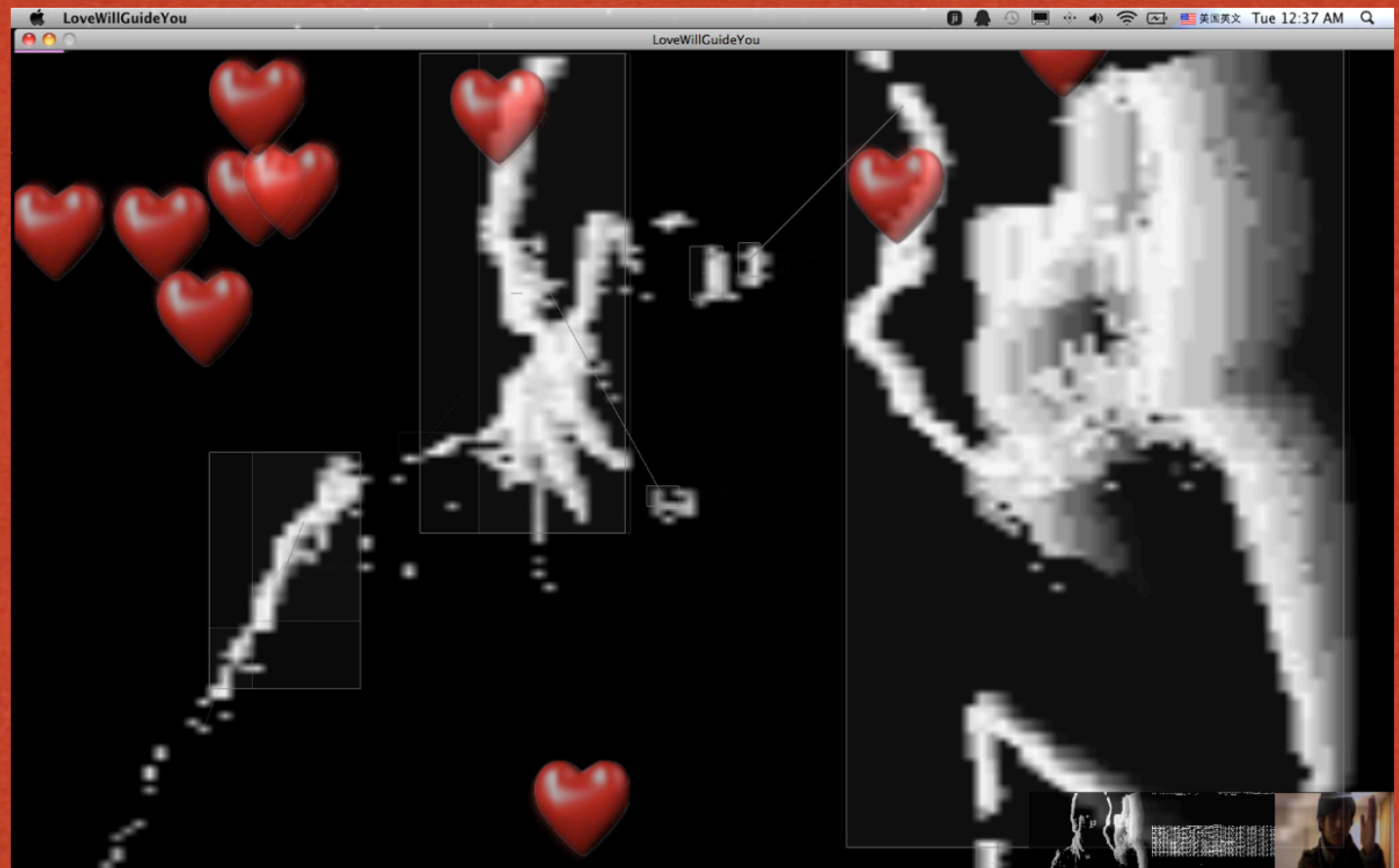
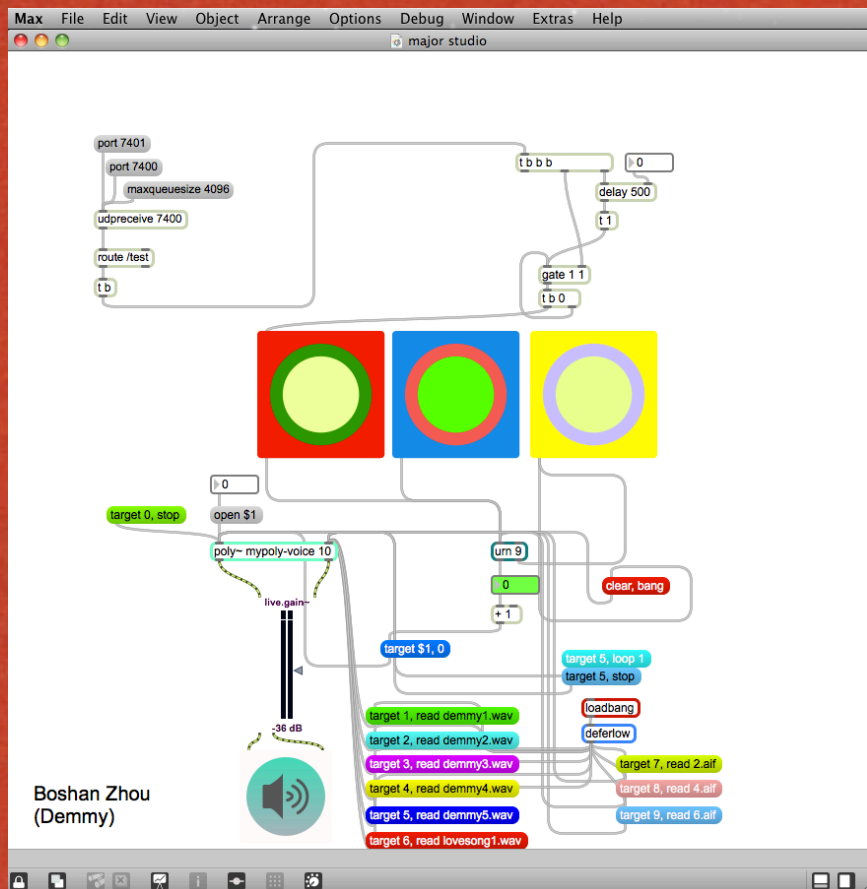
My initial idea is to make an interactive instrument that we could use our body gestures to play different notes. When our body move to different directions, it will play different notes. That is use music to express the emotion.

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At this stage, I can use body gestures to play different notes generated in Max/Msp/Jitter. However, it is very difficult to control the notes, and it just make some sound, nothing special about expressing emotion.

NEED TO THINK ABOUT IT MORE !!!

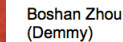
Top Secret



PROGRESS

Also, I came up with a new idea for the people who prefer to use texts to express themselves. That is to make a custom designed texts based Magic 8 Ball, and they can design their own texts, put them in the Magic 8 Ball, and send it as a gift to the girl or boy they love. I made the official website of this project, it should includes the webcam based interactive application and the Magic 8 Ball plan, it offers different plans and ways for people to choose which way they want to use.

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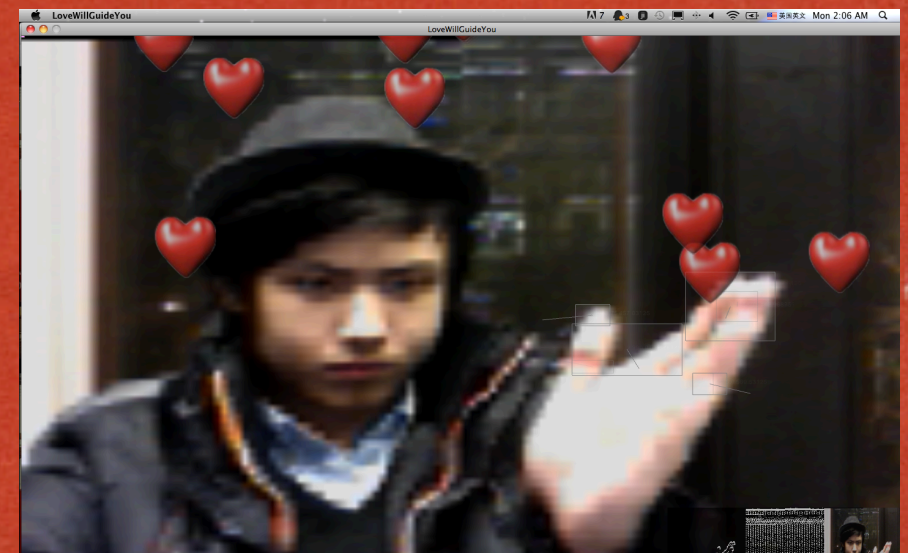
You can choose 3 different ways (at the left side) to express your love to your Mr.Right or Miss Right.

Let love guide you !!!



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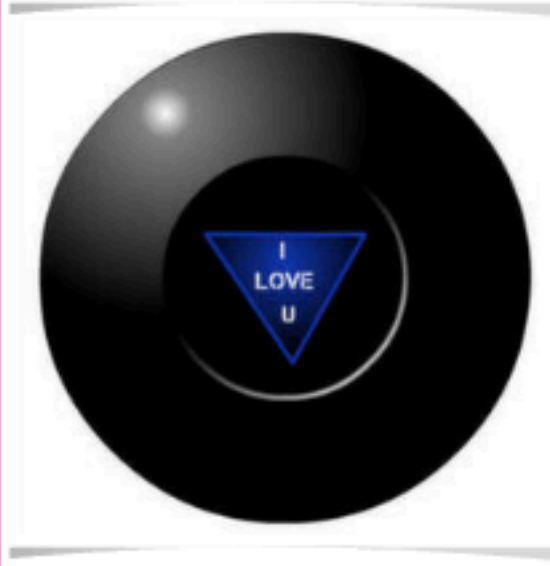
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GIFT

SEND HER / HIM A SUPRISING GIFT

VERY SPECIAL Magic 8 Ball !!!

Hey, Magic 8 Ball is pretty common in life. There is nothing special with a Magic 8 Ball. BUT, that is the **KEY POINT**. Imagine that, when you send a Magic 8 Ball as a gift, she / he must think it is just a very simple and common Magic 8 Ball as usual. BUT, when she / he open it, she / he will find that the text in this Magic 8 Ball is **NOT** simple and common. It is designed by **YOU !!**
YES ! Our Special Magic 8 Ball is custom designed. You can set any texts which you want to tell the girl / boy, in this Magic 8 Ball, and when they open it and find the special texts you set for them, good luck to you!!



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This is a webcam based interactive application designed by Demmy(Boshan Zhou), you can touch and affect the movement of the 'hearts' on the screen, and when you touch them, it will generate different voices to express your love, such as 'I love you', 'I miss you' etc. It's just like you use your 'heart', instead of your mouth, to express your love, in an interactive and cute way.

EXAMPLE VIDEO :



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LOVE EMAIL

The last way is the most direct and convinet way. That is---

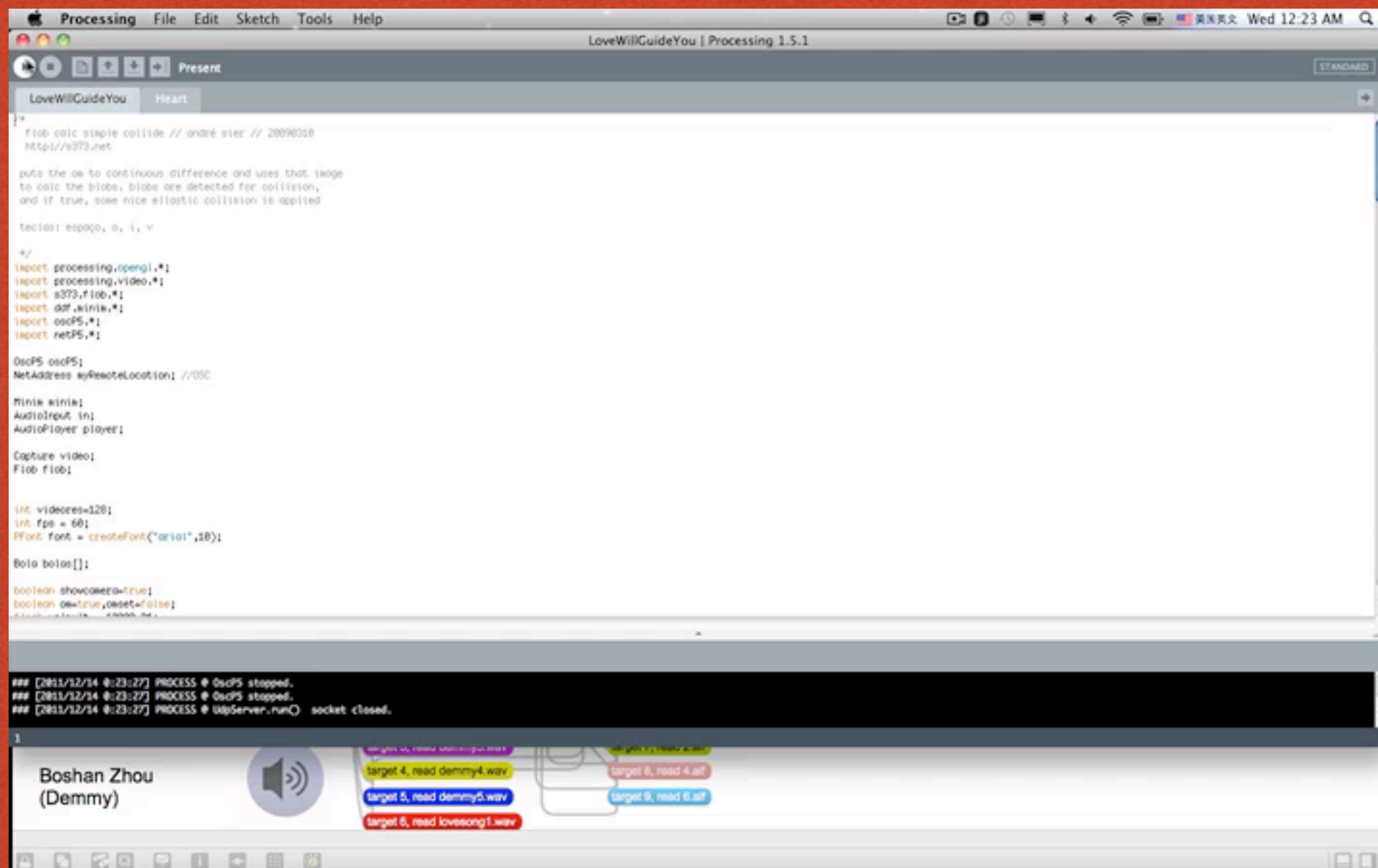
Write your own love letter directly !!

Send her / him an email , write all your real emotion in that email and click the 'SEND' button!!!

All you need is as belows---



USER REACTIONS



CONCLUSIONS FROM USER FEEDBACK

Most of the users who tested this project, most like the webcam based Interactive application. They think it is funny and interesting. Even though they are shy people, but they feel comfortable to use this interactive application, since they just see themselves in the screen and all they have to do is to wave their hands or bodies to touch the hearts on the screen. They think it is easy to do, and straight forward to express the emotion.

Some of the users like the Magic 8 Ball idea. They prefer to use texts which they really want to tell the girl or boy, to express their emotions. Because they think they have a lot of words want to tell her or him, rather than the simple sentence such as 'I love you', 'I miss you'. They agree with that if the girl or boy see the custom designed texts based Magic 8 Ball, she / he might feel surprised. They want to write their own texts by themselves, and put them in the Magic 8 Ball.

Most of the users think it is good to combine all this solutions together, that is, record the interactive video and then send the email, also, send the Magic 8 Ball as a gift.

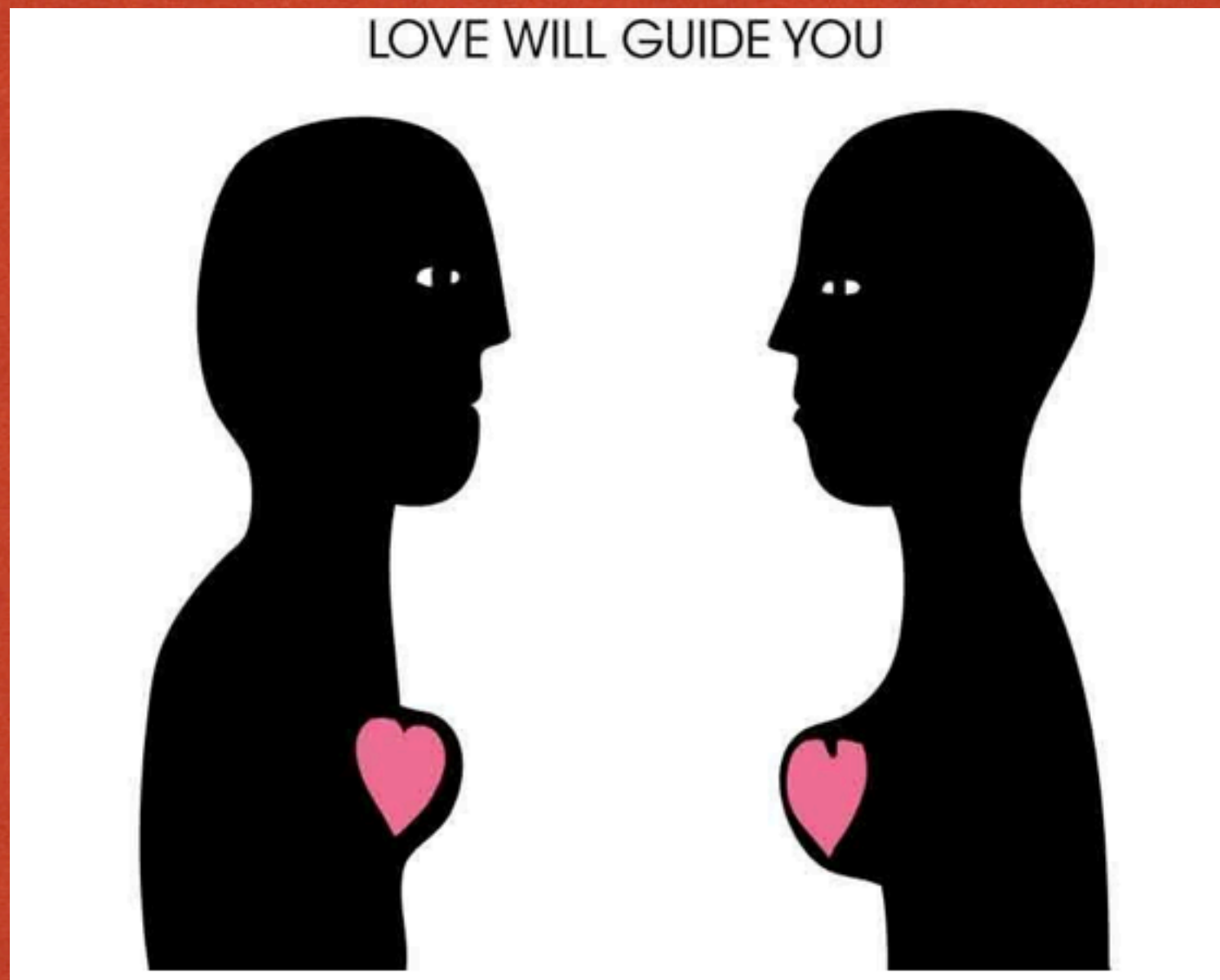
FUTURE DIRECTIONS

- There are many types of shy people, different types of them might have different preferences of how to express themselves, I have to consider different kinds of shy people's custom and make more ways of expression, to give them more choices to choose which pattern is most suit and comfortable for them.
- Maybe I can extend this idea to a more widely used field, that is not only express love to the girl or boy they love, but also it could be a tool to express to anyone, such as Parents, friends, teachers, etc.
- This project now is just help shy people to express themselves in another way, but it might not change their shy personality. I have to think more about this, that is, how to use this kind of expression to improve shy people's confidence, and make them feel confident and comfortable to speak to people and express themselves directly, and they become not shy anymore.

CONCLUSION

This project is aimed to make some interesting, cute, straight forward and interactive ways to help shy people express their real emotions to the people they love. I made a webcam based interactive application, shy people who tested this application feel comfortable to use it, and think it is interesting. Also, some people want to express themselves by the specific texts they write. So I came up with the custom designed texts based Magic 8 Ball plan. That is let the people write their own texts, which they want to tell the one they love, and put the texts in the Magic 8 Ball, then send it as a gift to the people they love. I made a official website for this project, which includes the introduction of the custom designed texts based Magic 8 Ball plan and the example video of the interactive application. Some shy people tested this project and feel comfortable to use the interactive application and the custom designed texts based Magic 8 Ball. The future direction of this project is to think about how to help shy people to become more confident and comfortable to express themselves directly, to help them become not shy anymore.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS



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THANK YOU !!

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