

# Tintash

PROJECT CASE STUDY

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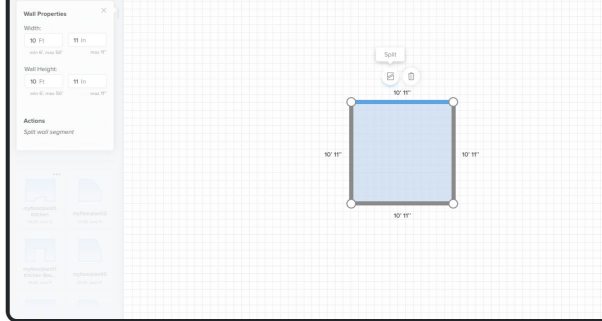
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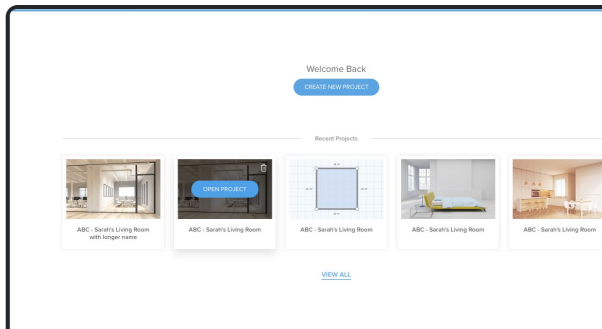
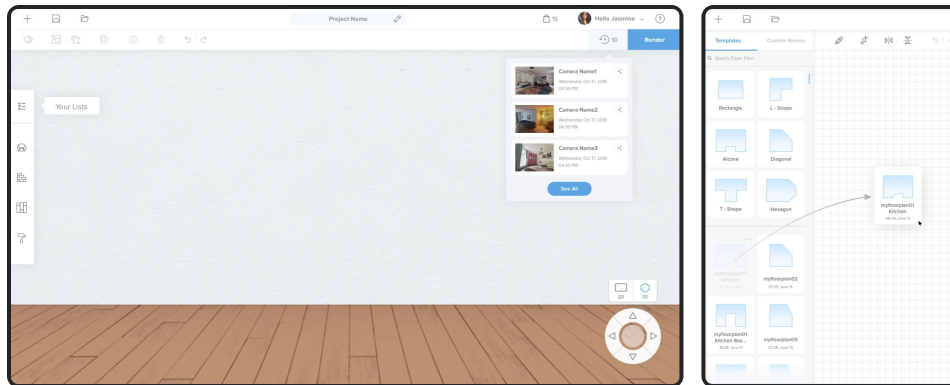
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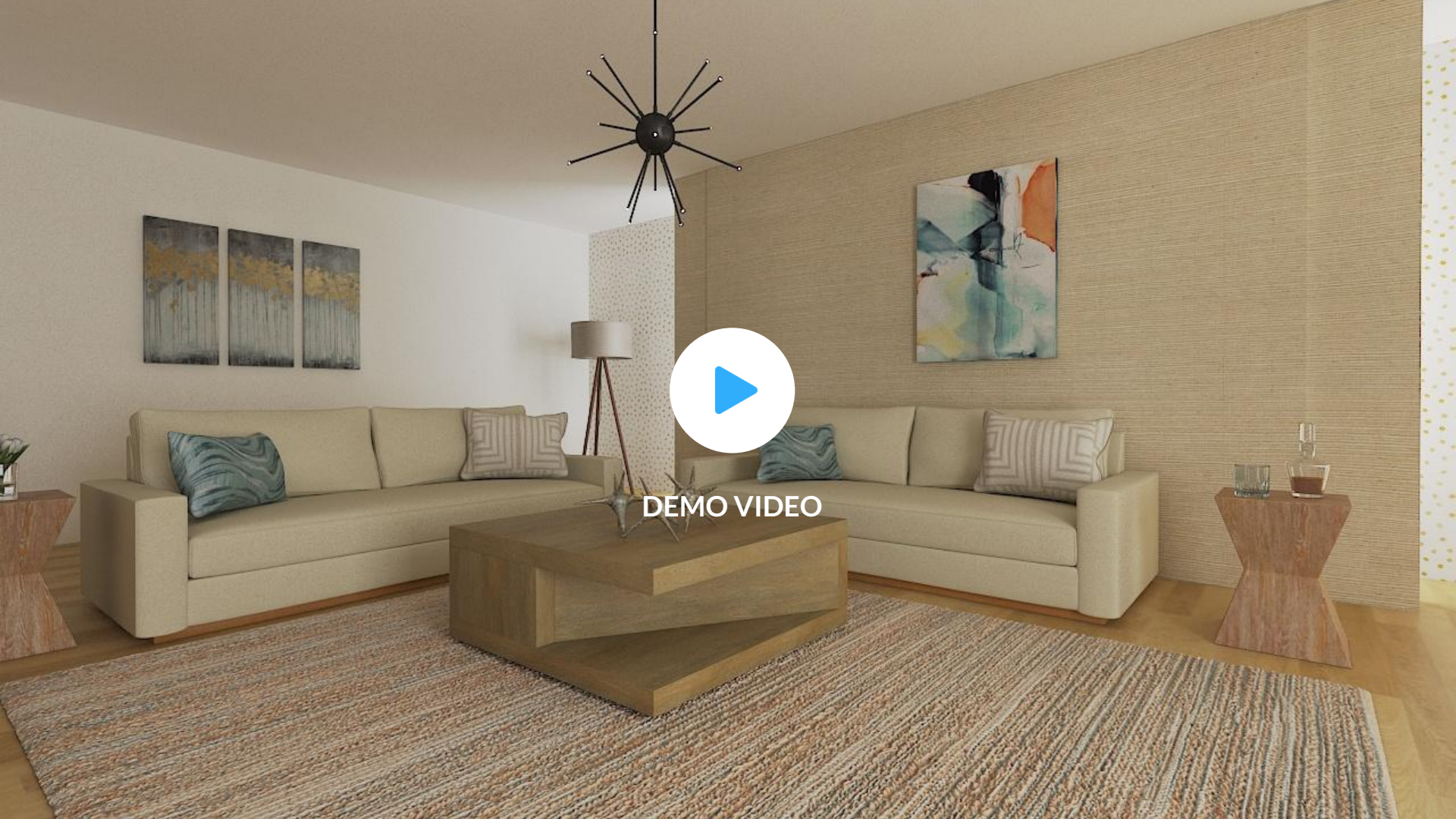


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DEMO VIDEO

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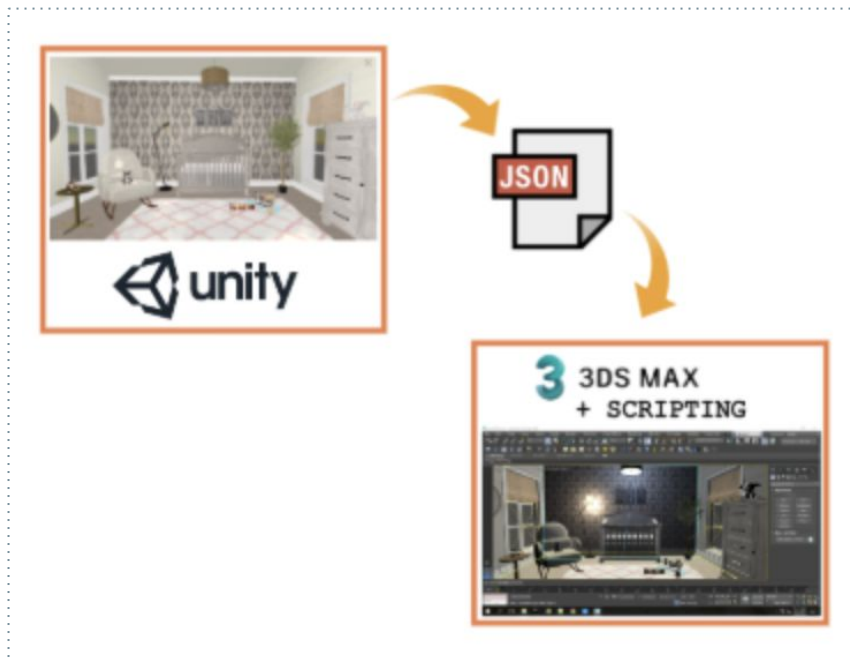
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# THE CHALLENGES

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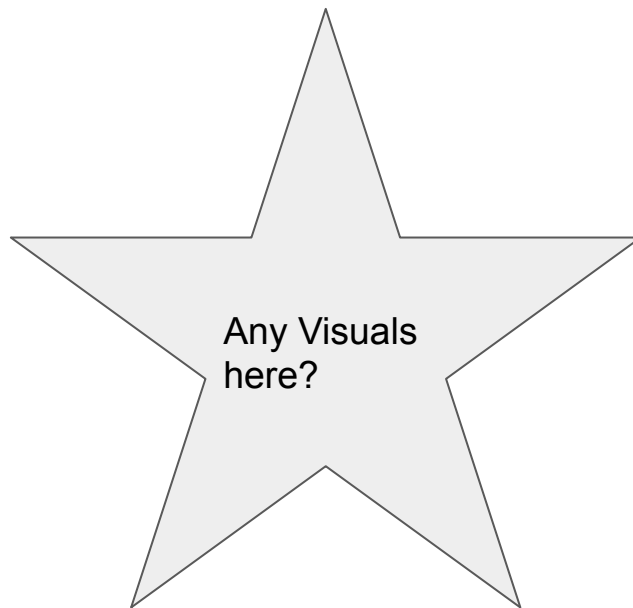
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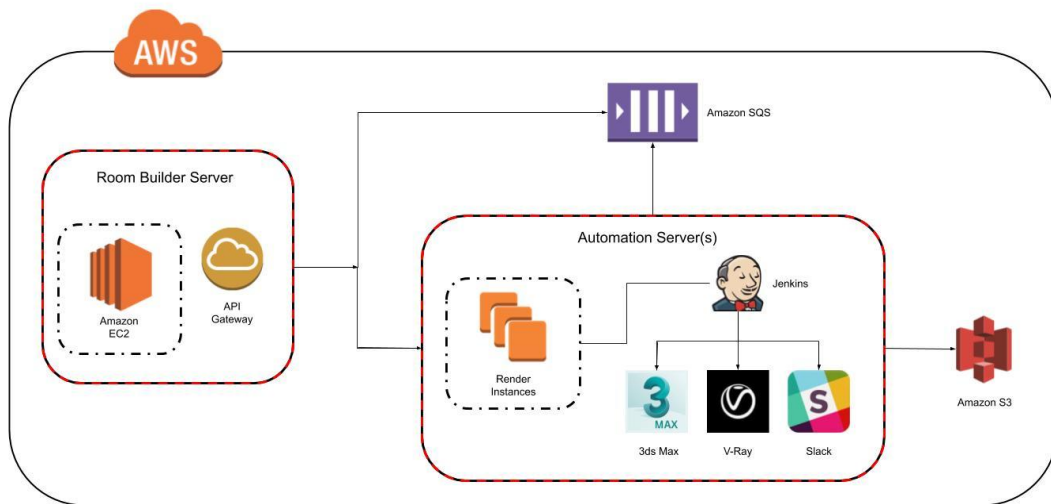
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## THE CHALLENGES

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Render generation automation using Jenkins

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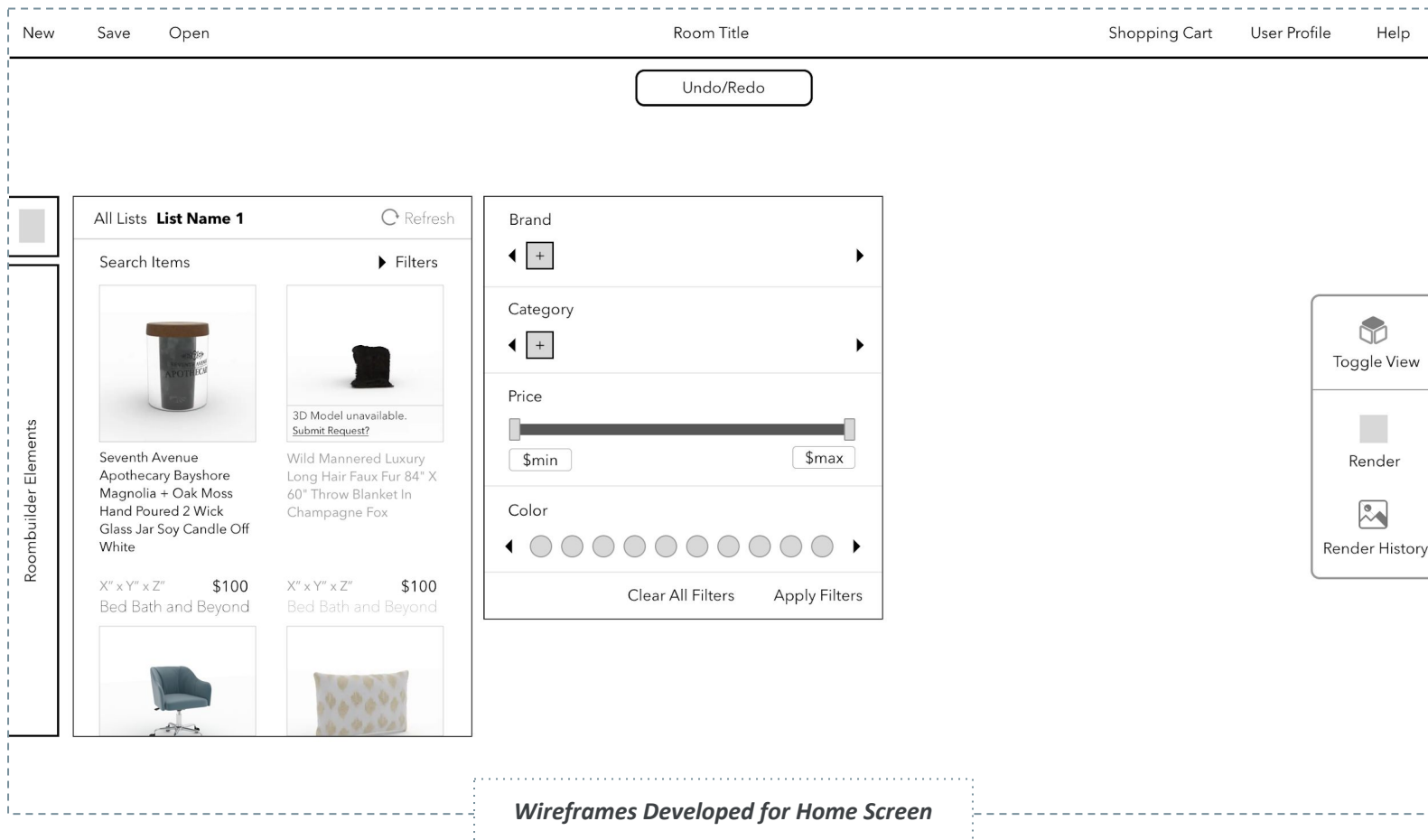
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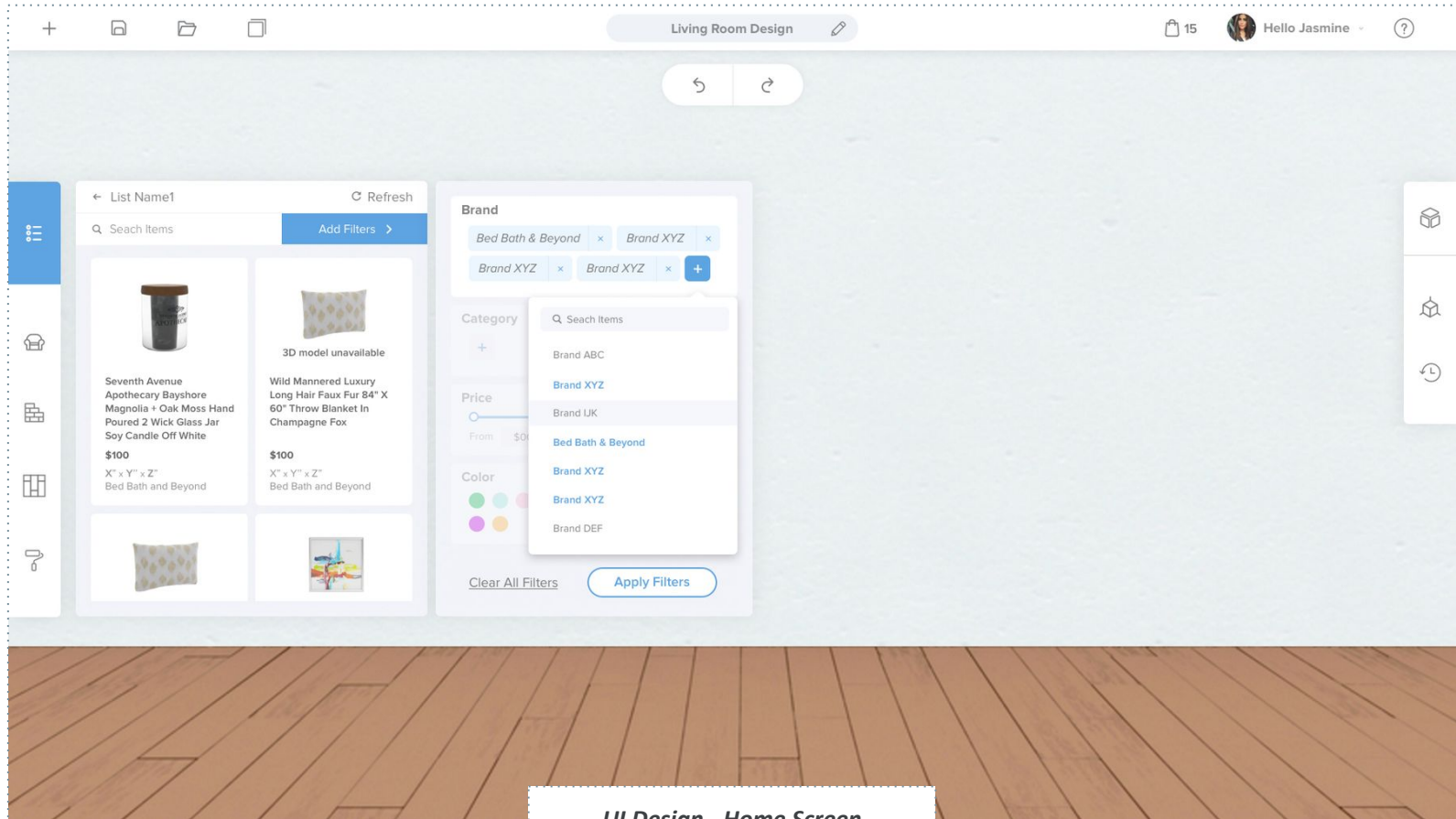
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UI Design - Home Screen

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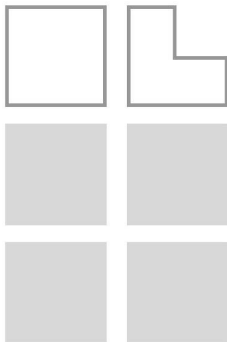
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Draw your own walls



Choose from

- **Templates** - Custom Rooms



My Floor Plans

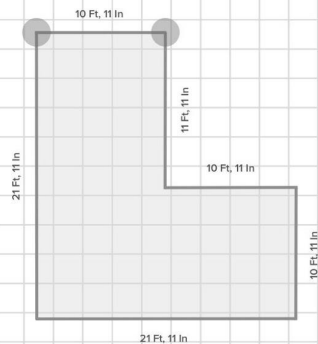
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Floor Plan Name 

Grid On/Off Preview my Room



*Wireframes Developed for Floor Plan Screen*



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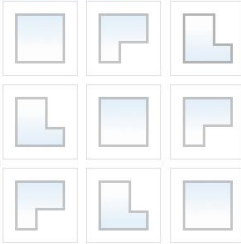
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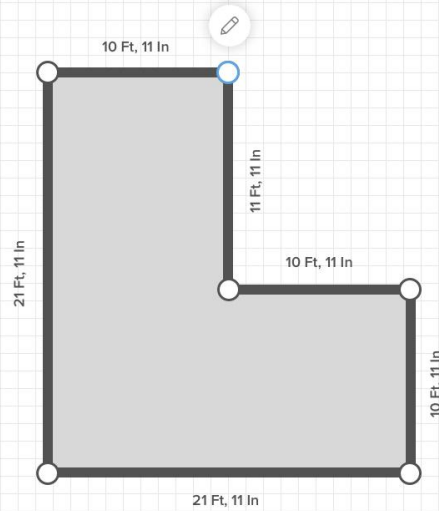
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UI Design - Floor Plan Screen

# PROCESS

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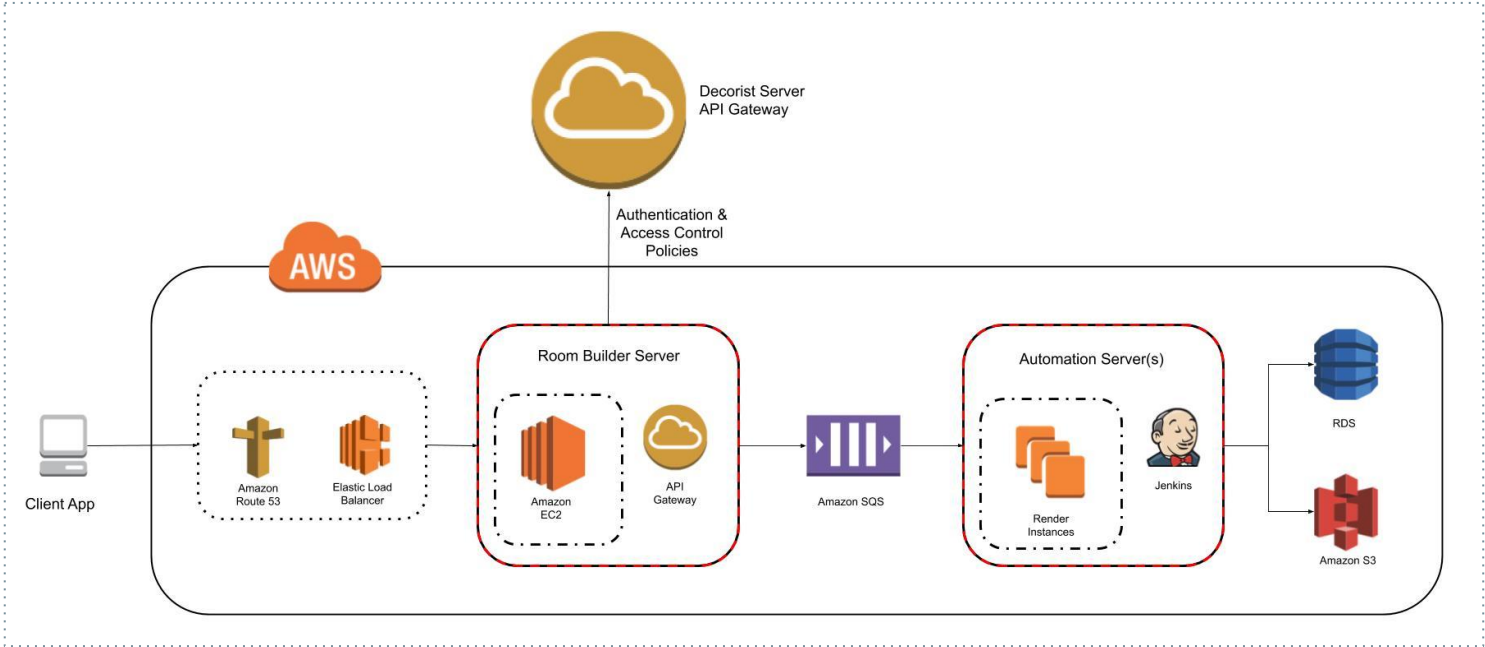
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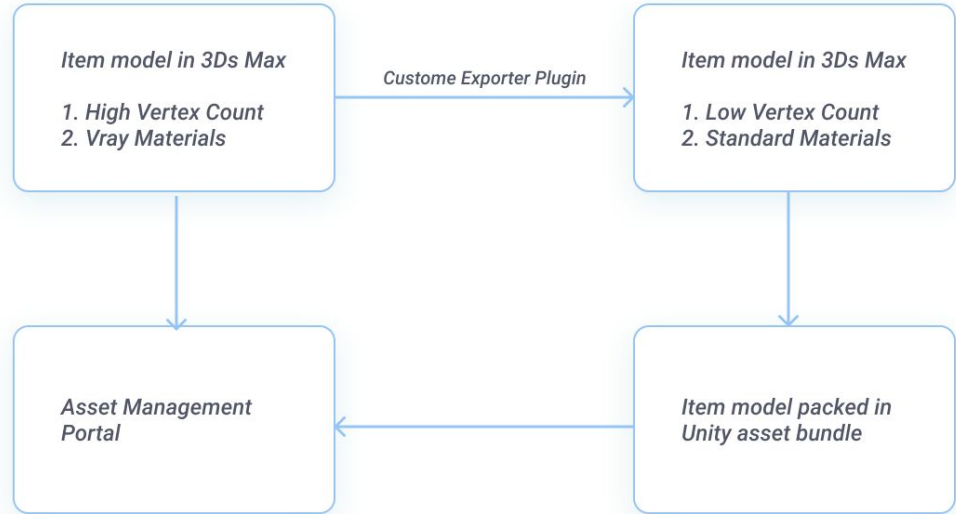




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*Asset Workflow*

# PROCESS

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**RB Automation Backend** APP 1:54 AM

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Please refer your email for details.Job submitted by aneeq.skype73@gmail.com

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Sender

aneeq.skype73@gmail.com

Cameras

1: Camera1: 1920x1080

Room

Project Name: RB Living Room

Room Type: template

Total Item: 20

Dimensions: L = 4.14959m x W = 5.37233m x H = 2.76m

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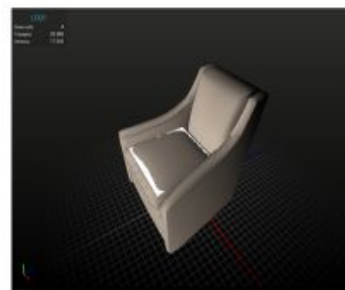
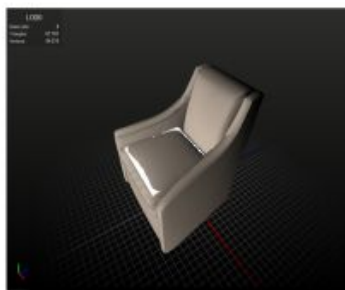
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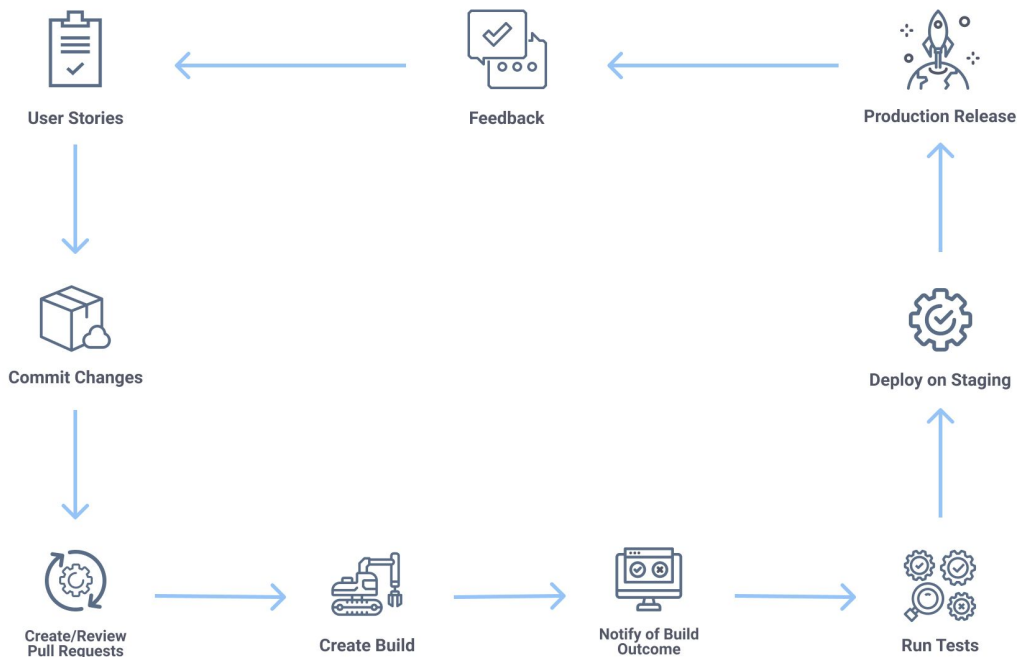


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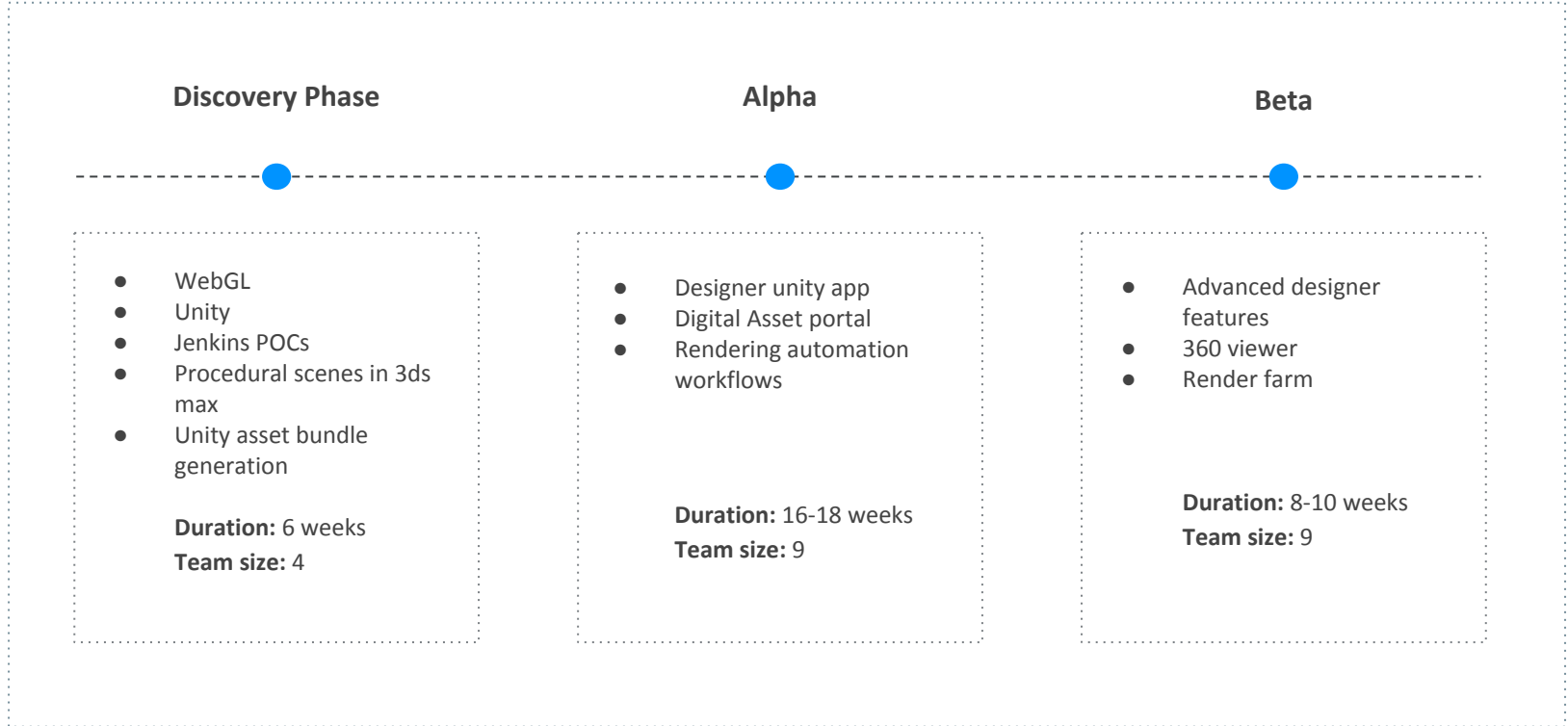
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# THE RESULTS

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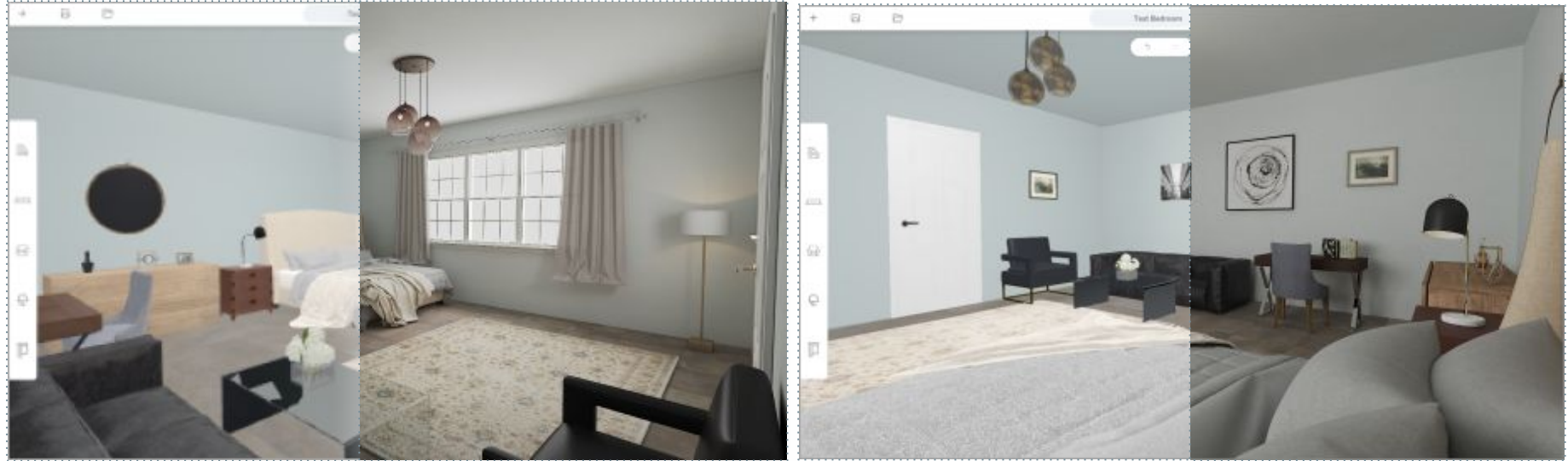
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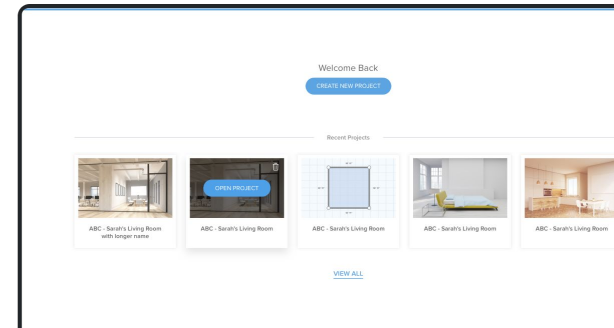
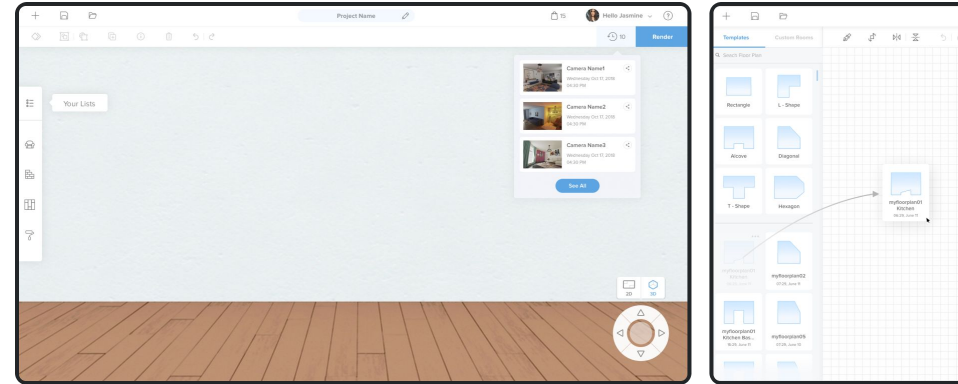
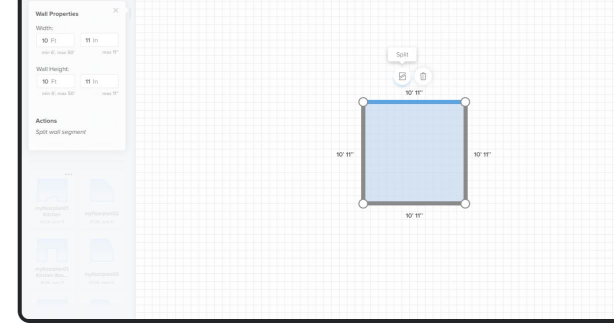
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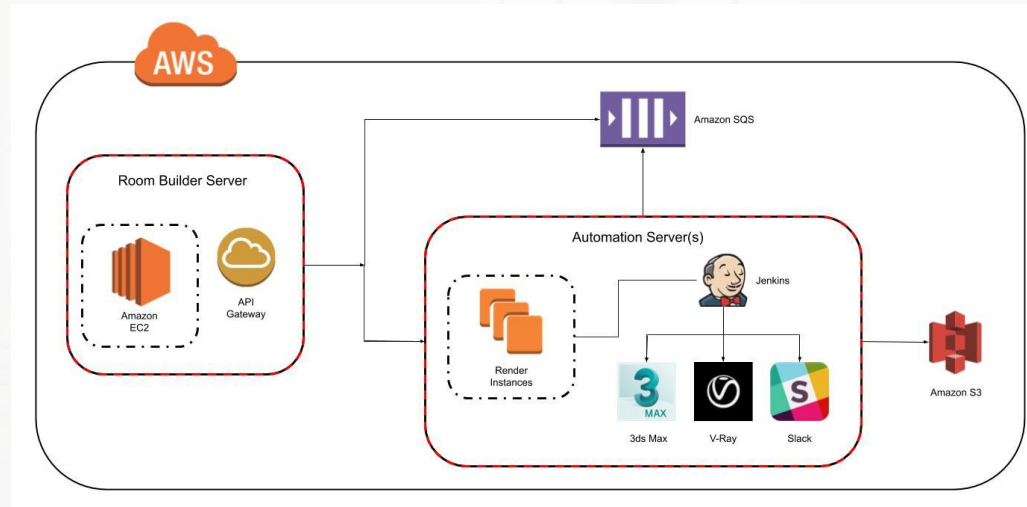
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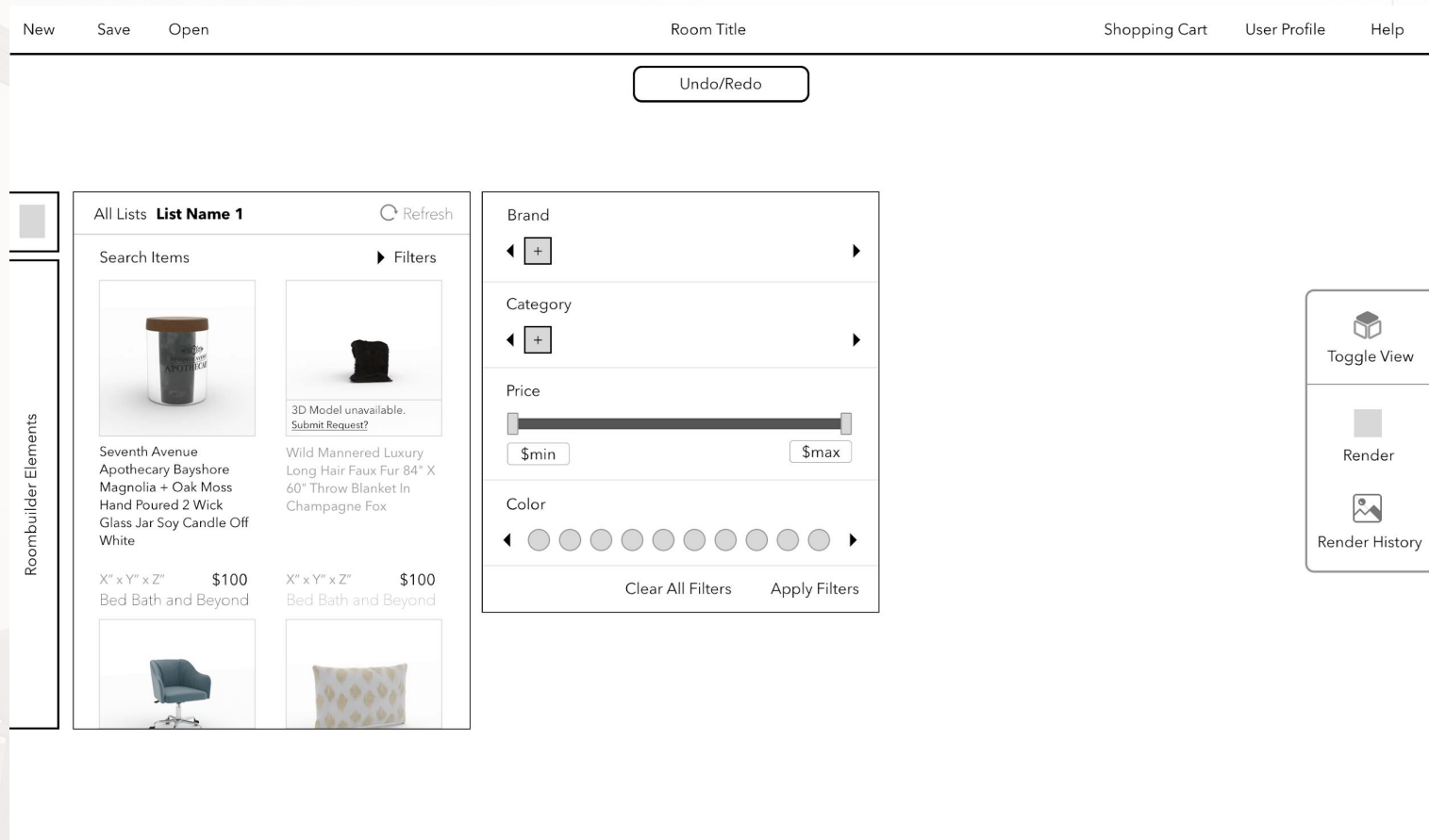
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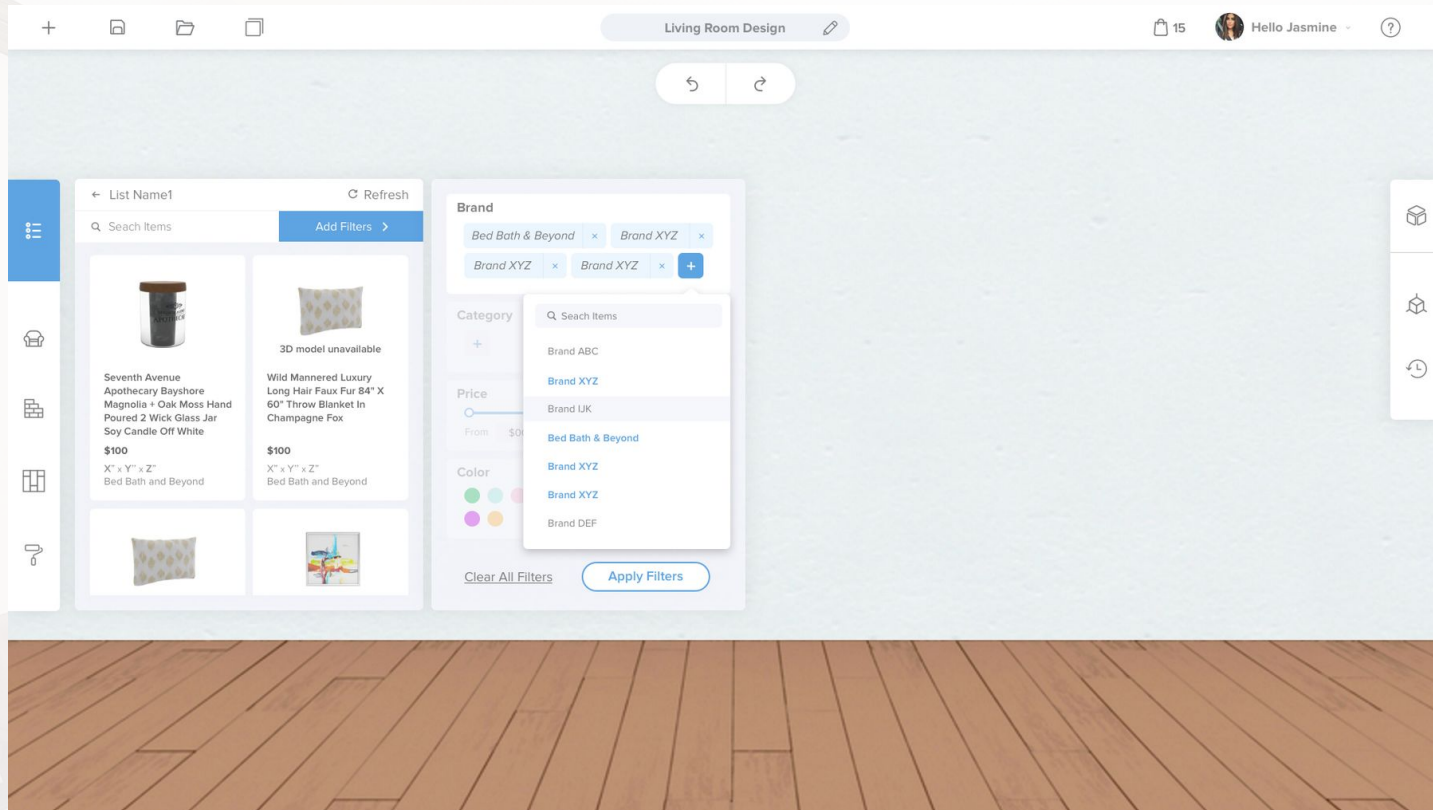
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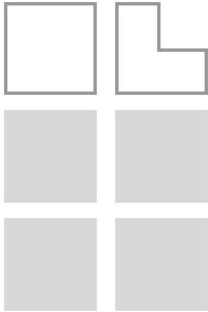


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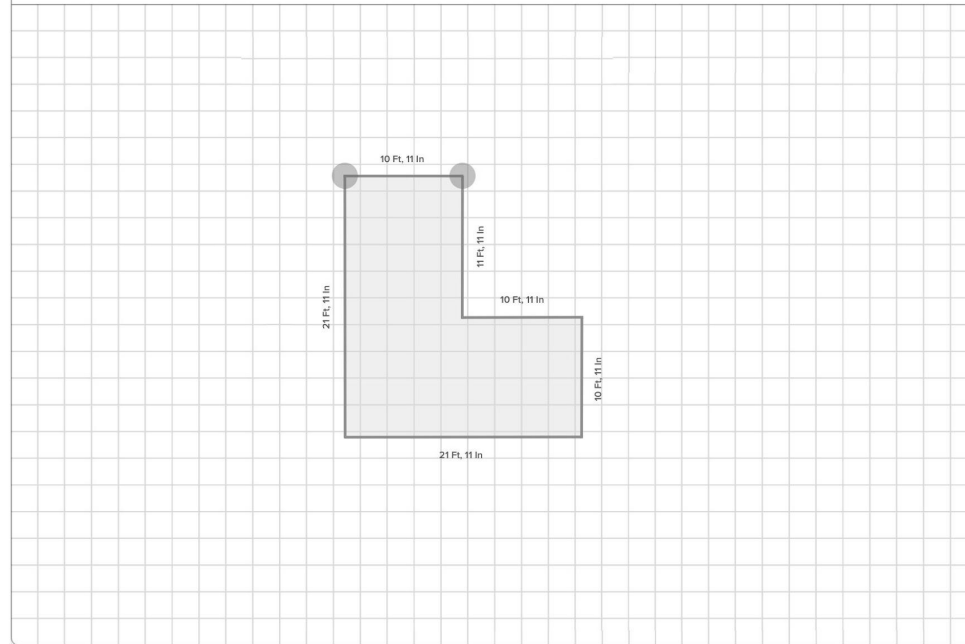
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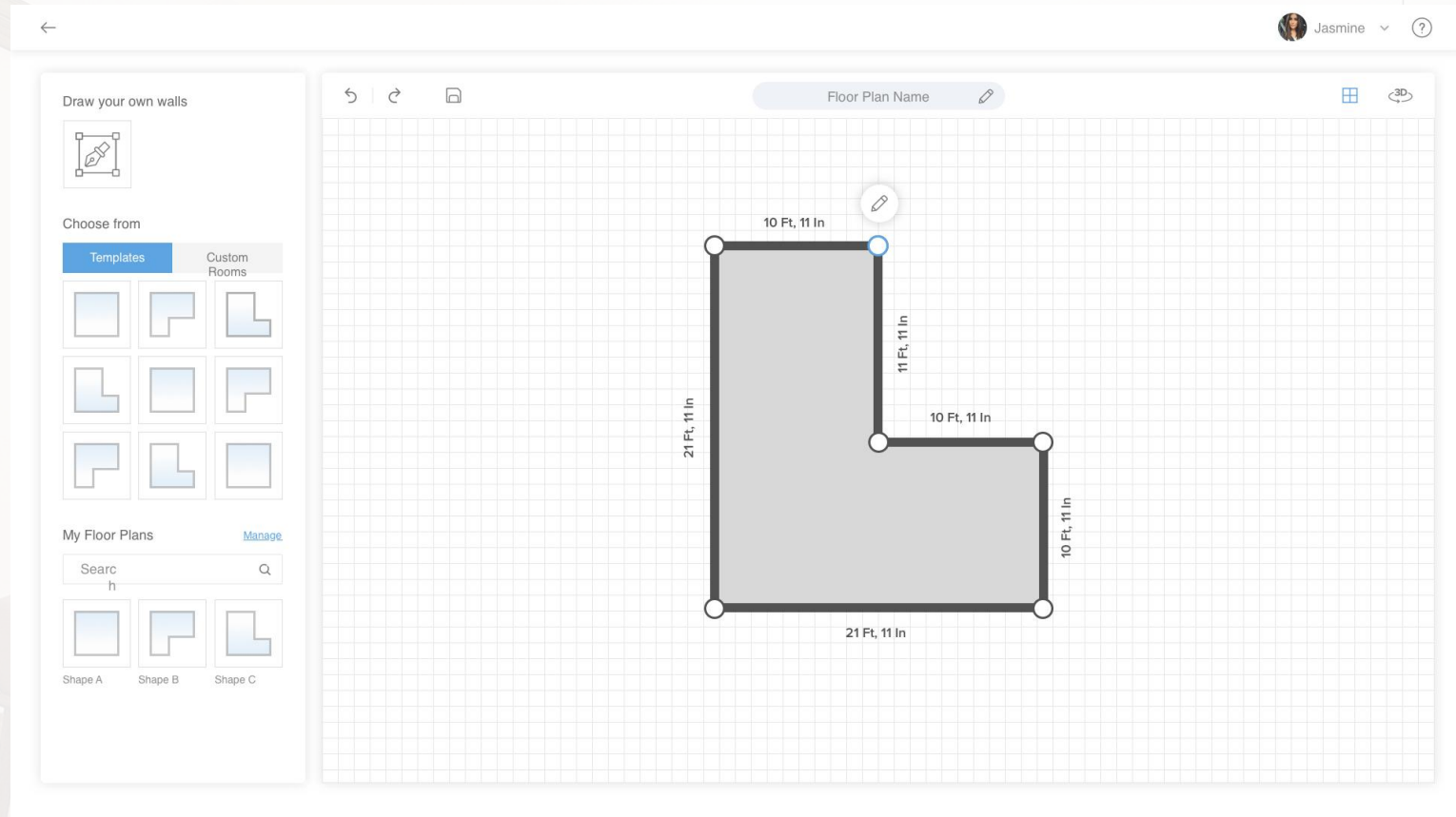
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UI Design - Floor Plan Screen



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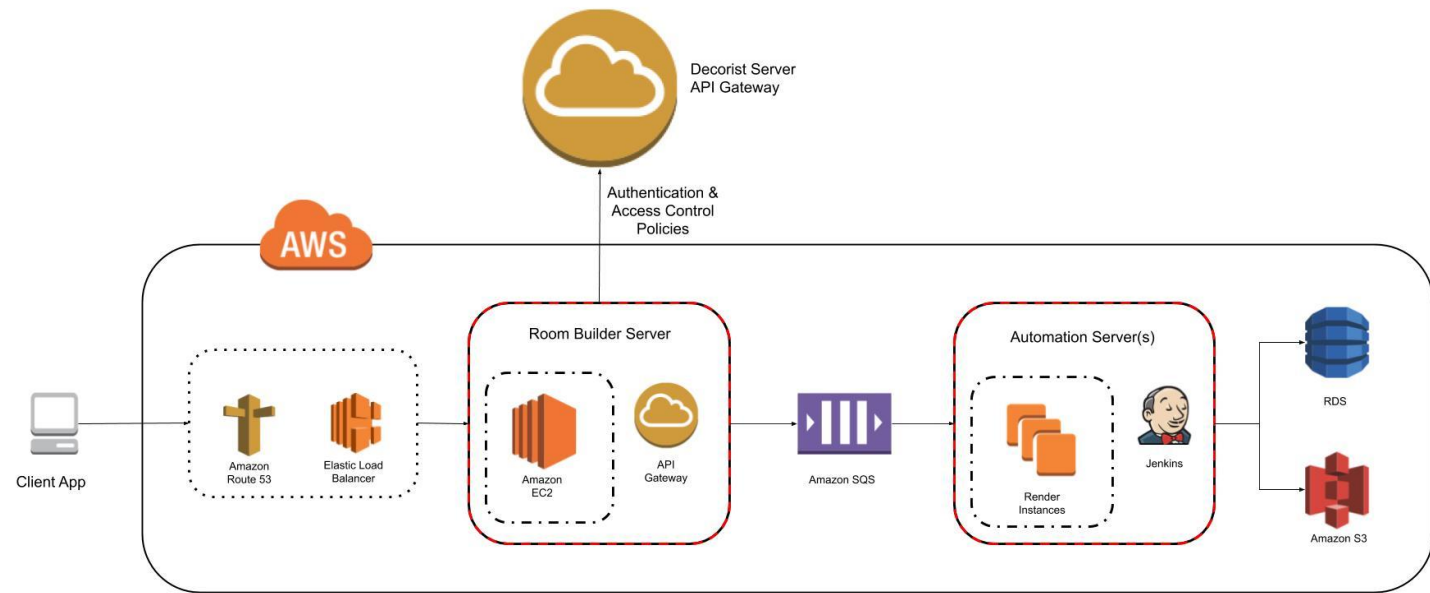
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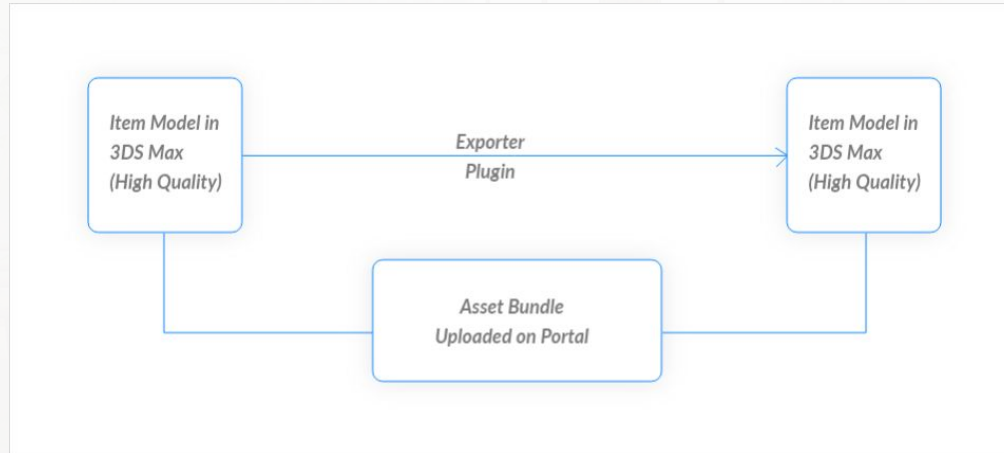


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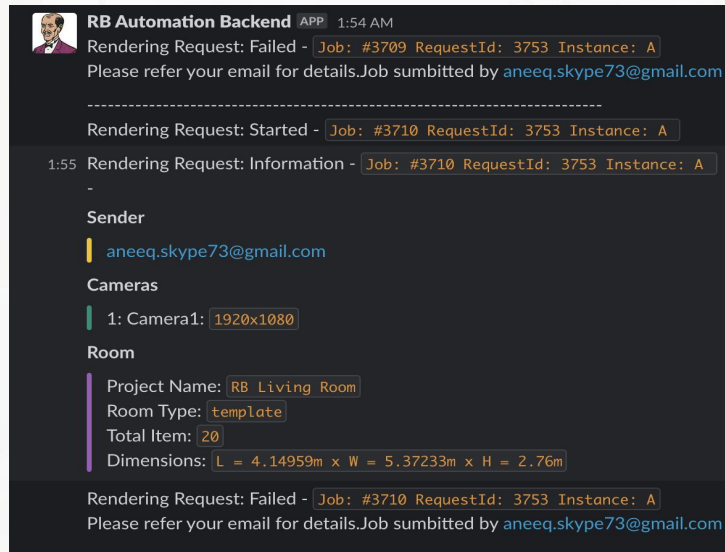


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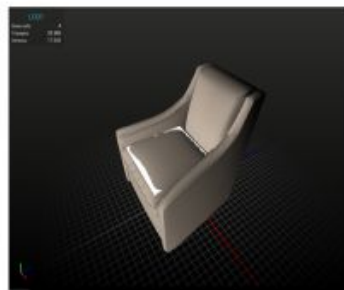
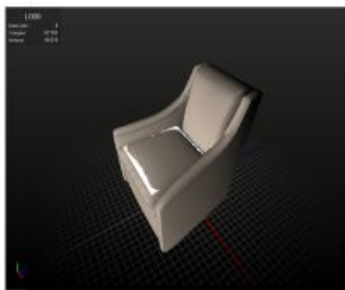
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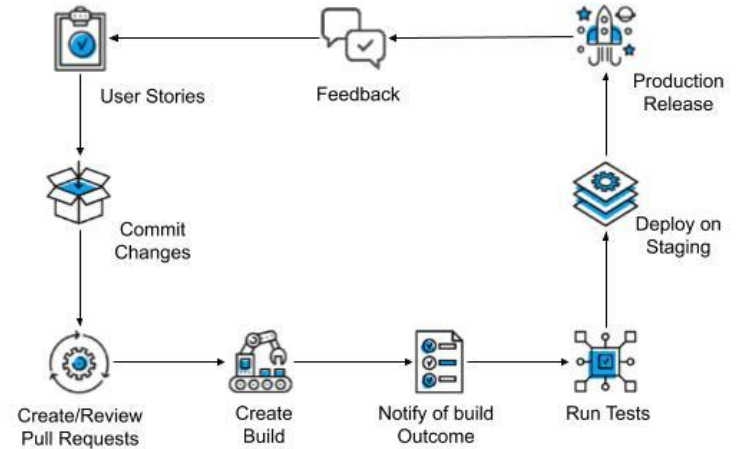


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## Project Timeline

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### Discovery Phase

- WebG
- Unity
- Jenkins POCs
- Procedural scenes in 3ds max
- Unity asset bundle generation

Duration : (6 weeks).

Team size: 4.

### Alpha

- Designer unity app
- Digital Asset portal
- Rendering automation workflows

Duration : (16-18 weeks).

Team size: 9.

### Beta

- Advanced designer features
- 360 viewer
- Render farm

Duration : (8-10 weeks).

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## THE RESULTS

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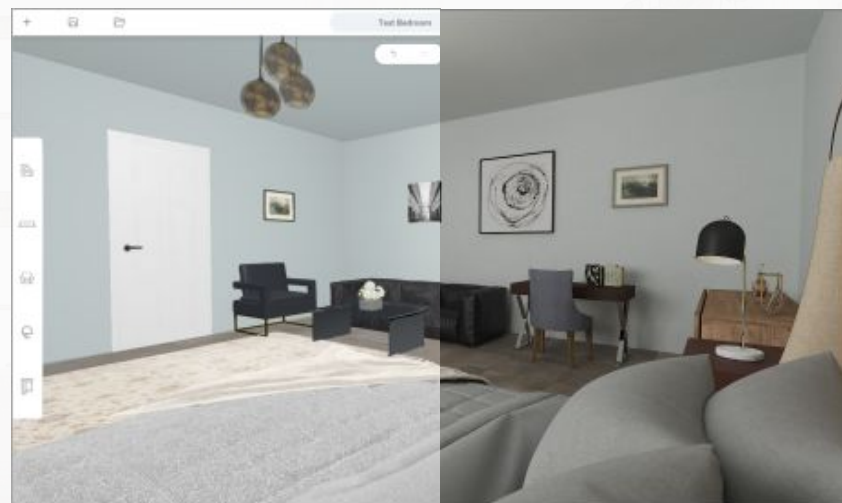
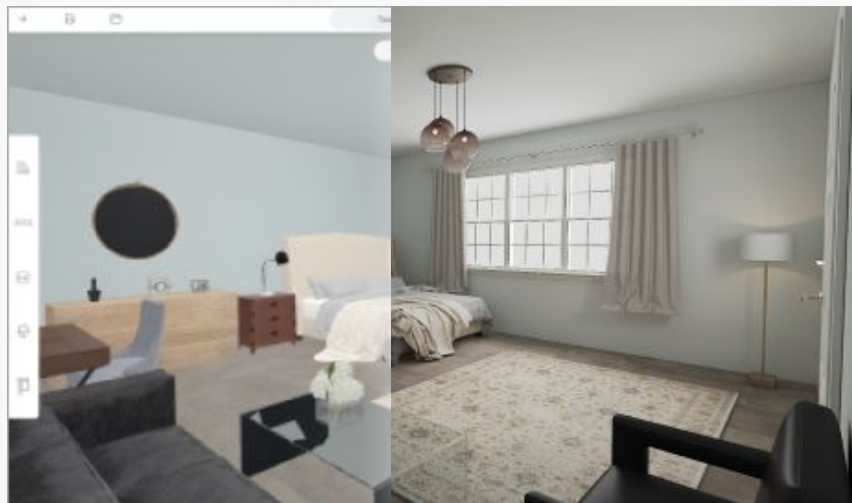
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