

Study Management System Vision Statement

The Study Management System (SMS) will be used to aid students in studying and completing tasks associated with their studies. Students will be able to ease their studies in a number of ways. The system will also include feedback which is unique to each student in the form of a recurring (daily, weekly, monthly, yearly) score.

The product is intended for students, however it can be used by anyone that is looking to study or boost their productivity in life. Many students set due dates for themselves, however they find that they are unable to hold themselves to it. This can be due to a multitude of reasons, but lack of experience and discipline tends to be the significant contributing factor. This product will allow students to address their need for a tool that allows them to build discipline, hold themselves accountable, improve time management, and increase focus/reduce procrastination. Long term use will also inevitably allow the student to become better approximators of the length of time needed for certain tasks, which in turn boosts productivity and self-confidence significantly.

The attributes that are critical for the success of this system and to accomplish the needs of students mentioned previously are the visualization of tasks, prioritization of tasks, scientifically proven methods to boost productivity, reminders such as soft and hard due dates, and a feedback system.

A unique selling point and critical feature which will make the experience engaging and fun, is the addition of the feedback attribute. This feedback attribute will give students a score on how they kept up with their tasks in order to allow the student to be introspective about their time usage, and the goals that they set for themselves. The addition of a feedback score also provides a quantitative way for students to measure their productivity rather than guessing as some days/weeks are more hectic than usual.

In comparison to other study management systems like Forest or Focus-To-Do, our study management system combines all aspects of scientifically proven ways to increase productivity into one with the addition of the unique feedback system which no other products seem to have. The concept of forest is that you plant a “seed” and as you continue to study, the seed will grow, however when you stop the seed will stop growing as well. This is bordering on the concept of feedback however this is not quantitative feedback. It is also not quite as effective as well as it may promote the amount of study sessions but not the quality. Focus-To-Do uses only 1 technique to boost productivity, and is essentially just a timer.

Our metric for success will simply be the feedback of users (primarily students) and the users' grades in comparison to their peers (course average) whilst taking into account their general disparity by the user adding in what their grades in the past may have been relative to their peers. A statistical analysis that indicates improvement of grades relative to their peers from active users will suffice.