Fragen

The famous saying goes: Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn. Learning is a two way process – it demands a flow of ideas from teacher to student and likewise from student to teacher. When this flow is impeded, the learning process becomes uninteresting and ineffective.

We know that students across all levels of education are willing to ask questions and hold discussions with their teachers and professors. In many universities, we have seen smaller class sizes and lower student-teacher ratio to enhance interactive learning.

But we have to acknowledge that resource constraints - be it time or the number of available teaching staff - becomes a huge barrier to optimal learning conditions. Even in world class universities , we still see lectures where the professor delivers his content for an hour or more, but only a handful of students will have asked questions at the end of the lecture. Online forums have sprung up in response to this problem, yet often fails to offer a dynamic platform of real-time question and answers during lectures.

In addition, we have students who thinks twice before asking questions due to fear of embarrassment. Nothing can be more nerve-wrecking for a shy introvert than to post his questions on a public university forum with his name printed in bold capital letters.

Now imagine a great cloud high above the classroom which captures all the questions and doubts arising in the students' mind, organizes them, have them answered and showcased in the most pleasant experience possible. Enter Fragen.

Fragen is a dazzling real-time knowledge sharing platform for students and teachers to interact in the most pleasant and efficient way. You don't have to look high above the clouds. Fragen offers a web-based platform linked to Facebook - a truly unique and intuitive way for students to have his questions organized and answered.

Let's see how Fragen works:

If a student has questions at any point during a lecture, he can open his laptop or smartphone, log on to Fragen using his Facebook account and post his question. If, for any reason he wishes to remain anonymous, switching to anonymity is as simple as a single click.

Other students who have a similar question can vote up that particular question. Powered by the realtime technology of Node.js and WebSockets, students can always be abreast of the latest content. He can also sort questions them by their popularity. This feature comes in handy when due to time constraints, the professor wishes to only answer the most popular questions.

Fragen (pronounced fʀaːgən) means 'to ask' in German. When it comes to asking questions, forums overcame the spatial barrier. Fragen goes one step further and overcame the barrier of time as well. The next time you find yourself with a question in the middle of a lecture and there is no one on your left or right, that question can no longer be lost. Ask on Fragen, and see it answer back.