**CMPT276 Project Proposal - SUMMER 2020**

**Project Overview**

This application will allow users to **login** to their account and view the Simon Fraser University campus as a virtual map. Login **views** will differ for faculty and students. This uses the **Web API for Google Maps** for location and time updates. As a **real-time feature**, this application will use **Socket.io** to update requests made to professors or students for meetings and study groups in real time. This application enables quick meetups and easy navigation for users. The application is not just practical, but fun! There are minigames incorporated to help the user kill time while waiting between meetups (they can even battle their professors!).

**Our Team – backgrounds and experience**

**Celina Wright**: Celina as been programming for 6 years, much of it at Douglas College, and is now in her fourth year of studies at Simon Fraser University. Her strongest skill set is with Object Oriented Programming. She has plenty of experience with Java and C#, and a moderate amount of experience with web design. She also greatly enjoys working with databases and querying, has experience normalizing databases, and can work well with SQL, SQLite, MongoDB, and PostgreSQl. She will be focusing on application organization, implementation of navigation, and database usage.

**Josh Guo**: <writeup>

**Mandeepa Mashhura**: Mandeepa is a second year engineering student at Simon Fraser University, who is very passionate about the field. She has experience in programming languages like C++ and Python. She is very confident in her abilities to pick up and learn new technologies and languages if needed. She strives to be a great asset to our team. She will be focusing on the front end development and lifting the morale of the group.

**Parth Vakil**: <writeup>

**More About Our Application**

**Name:**

**What is the problem we are trying to solve?**

Interaction among faculty and students is a very important part of the learning and growing process at university. This application not only makes the process easier but encourages it in a fun and interactive way. Previous applications, like SFU Snap, attempted to solve the navigation problem for new students lost on a large campus but our application strives to include that feature and many more! This serves as both an **educational** and **entertaining** application for **students** and **faculty** alike at Simon Fraser University.

**What is the scope of the project?**

1. **Features**: we hope to include an interactive map as a big feature, to help students traverse the school with ease. Will also plan to incorporate features to enable interaction between faculty and students, and for students to interact with other students. Our third feature is a fun one: minigames among virtual versions of students and faculty, throughout the map.
   * Provide an interactive map that updates to user location so they can find other users and locations on the Simon Fraser University Campus.
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2. **Sample stories/scenarios:**
   * I am a new student to the school and would like to meet up with other students to study, but I don’t know my way around! I use this application to request a meetup with fellow classmates and the application helps me find my way to them.
   * I am a new student and I would like to meet people who share the same interests and hobbies as me outside of academics. So that during breaks or weekends we plan trips or socialize as a stress reliever. This application has done wonders for me in that aspect.
   * As a second year student I have used this application to get ratings of different professors and get to know course contents. This helped me decide which upper level courses I should take and where suitable for me.
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**Mockup UI – Views**

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**Meeting 1 Overview**

* Agreed on use of Google Maps API
  + Use it to find professors/TAs/tutors? *– needs more discussion*
  + Plan meetings with faculty/students within the app
* Is it practical to expect a multi-floor map of the school, by elevation? Or just locating users by GPS? *– needs additional research*
* Minigames: simple? Text based? How interactive?
  + Tic-tac-toe, maze, math problem, etc.
* Ideas for an additional feature: file sharing
  + Drag and drop file
  + Generates unique link that anyone can use to download the file
* Goals for iteration 1:
  + At least twice the user stories/scenarios
  + Implement user database
  + Completed login
  + More Socket.io research – for a better understanding of it’s uses
  + A full layout in code (minimum html) for each view and login
  + Add more types of users? TAs/Tutors?

**URLs**

**GitHub Repository:** *https://github.com/Guojiaxi/sfu-cmpt276proj.git*

**Heroku link:** *https://cmpt276proj-jlguo.herokuapp.com/*

**Heroku Git Link:** *https://git.heroku.com/cmpt276proj-jlguo.git*