**The ‘What’, ‘Why’, and ‘How’**

**What is EduPapers?**

EduPapers is an open-source web application designed to provide students from primary, secondary, and tertiary institutions with free access to a wealth of educational resources. The platform offers a diverse collection of past exam papers, quizzes, notes, and other learning materials, all easily accessible through a web browser. EduPapers aims to support students by making high-quality study aids freely available at their disposal.

**Why EduPapers?**

EduPapers was created to address the gap in free educational resources available online. Unlike other services that require a subscription or payment, EduPapers provides students with access to high-quality study materials at no cost. The platform encourages collaboration by allowing students to upload and share their own content.

**How does EduPapers work?**

EduPapers allows users to access a wide range of resources for free and without requiring registration. However, to engage more deeply with the platform—*such as commenting on, rating, or publishing resources*—users need to log in. This ensures that while the content remains accessible to all, community interactions and contributions are managed effectively.

**How can I contribute?**

There are several ways to get involved with EduPapers and contribute to its growth and success:

* **Volunteer your skills:** If you have expertise in backend or frontend development, UI design, or graphic design, your skills are valuable to us. Help us enhance the platform and create engaging visual content, including logos and posters.
* **Resource publisher:** Share your knowledge by volunteering as a resource publisher. Upload study materials, past papers, quizzes, and notes to help other students.
* **Support hosting and domain:** Facilitate the hosting of servers and domain management to ensure EduPapers remains accessible and reliable.
* **As an individual or a brand:** Contributions are welcome from both individuals and brands. Everyone can play a part in making EduPapers a thriving educational resource.

To show our appreciation, we will feature all contributors on a dedicated recognition wall on our website.

**How are decisions made?**

EduPapers follows a collaborative decision-making process to ensure that all contributors have a voice in the project. Here’s how it works:

* **Open Discussions:** Major decisions and changes are discussed openly among the community through our slack channel. This ensures transparency and allows for diverse input.
* **Consensus-Based Approach:** Whenever possible, decisions are made by consensus, with contributors working together to reach an agreement.
* **Core Team:** A core team of maintainers is responsible for overseeing the project, making final decisions when consensus cannot be reached, and ensuring the project stays aligned with its goals and values.
* **Contributor Feedback:** Regular feedback from contributors is encouraged and valued, helping to shape the direction and priorities of EduPapers.

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**Code of Conduct**

To ensure a welcoming and inclusive environment for all contributors, EduPapers adheres to the following code of conduct:

* **Be Respectful:** Treat everyone with respect and consideration. Communicate openly and respectfully.
* **Be Collaborative:** Work together to build a positive and productive community. Offer constructive feedback and be open to feedback on your contributions.
* **Be Responsible:** Ensure all contributions are made in good faith and are free of malicious intent. Contributions that include harmful elements such as viruses or pose risks to the project or its users will result in immediate termination of involvement.

If you encounter any behavior that violates this code of conduct, please report it to the project maintainers.

**Withdrawal and Termination**

Contributors may withdraw from the project at any time by notifying the project maintainers. If a contributor violates the code of conduct or fails to adhere to the project’s guidelines, the project maintainers reserve the right to terminate their involvement.

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