

Red Hats present:

Math Racer

The Pain Point

Practising mathematics just isn't fun, solving meaningless problem after problem for the sake of getting better at the problems, so we're adding a little motivation to an otherwise menial task.

How do we solve the issue?

We fix the issue by hiding the boring repetition of practising math behind a competitive atmosphere; it's no longer a case of completing a sheet of problems for homework, now you work towards being the best, the fastest. We achieved this using peer motivation; every set of problems is now a race against other players.

Target Audience: Primary school students

Scale: 100 concurrent users

Scope: National

Game name: James' Game
User1: james1
User1progress: 0
User2: Jemiah
User2progress: 1
5 * 7
Answer:
0
Submit
Leave Game

Fig 1. In game screenshot

Key features and why they make Math Racer better than the rest

A competitive environment

Math Racer offers peer to peer competition, all games consist of two or more players going head to head in real time. Competitors like http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/math.htm only let you compete against the clock. Offering player versus player interaction means that users are more engaged and more likely to play again.

Stat tracking

Math Racer keeps track of how well you've been doing and gives you access to useful metrics to see how you've been improving. Other sites such as http://www.math-play.com/ only offer a disjoint selection of flash games with no sense of progress or improvement. Tracking progress motivates users with the sense of accomplishment they can see for themselves that they are improving.

Open games:
Game: Race me at maths User1: Jemiah User2:
Join Game
Game: tonys game!!! User1: Tony Smith User2
Join Game
New Game Back

Fig 2. Lobby screenshot

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