



Drafting an emerging picture

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Instructions:

Using your researched information fill out the flowing comparing the current state of the art with what you think new (software) innovations could bring to the community

Covering the orientations

Compare the left-hand column of the document "Technology configuration inventory" table with the right-hand column of the document "Community characteristics & orientation" table. What do you notice about the match (or mismatch) between your dominant community orientations and the current configuration of tools?

How well does the technology inventory cover the orientations? What themes emerged from both the community orientations and the technology configuration from your colleagues' notes

From my findings last time I decide to focus on the following orientations as I feel it is the most receptive and most used in the gay community

Open-ended conversation

As I stated in an earlier document that this Orientation exists in single stream forum posts. These forum platforms aim to create a safe space for their members to feel welcome to share their concerns. It allows users to discuss and relate to topics unique to their own situation. Some of the more popular threads are casual conversational threads. This leads me to believe that these platforms are also used to have conversations with others in a safe space. I do have to note that there is no good verification for its users besides being self-proclaimed.

Content

This is in the form of social media posts and other informal shared media. To add from my findings from previous documents I will also include LGBTQ+ streaming services. The most acclaimed content types are media. A theme I have noticed is that majority of the media is in the perspective of Caucasian men. This will help me pick out the narratives to include in my app to include stories from gay people of colour. A lot of these media seems to include topics of sex. As sexual health should be a priority for gay men; majority of the content is oversaturated with it.

Relationships

This orientation is exercised by the use of Tinder, Scruff, Growlr, Misterb&b, and forums. These platforms allow to connect with individuals to share personal stories and to learn from each other. Some of these platforms achieve this better than others. Dating apps match users with compatible sexual orientations, this system is dependent on a mutual agreement. Misterb&b allows users to personally connect with others to provide a safe space for travelers and share safe attractions. Forums allow users to directly message and create a one-to-one channel with one another. This trend of creating a safe space for gay men exist in these platforms in a scaled





	•	ile this orientation is valued by the community, some ed by their users creating a toxic view on them.	
☐ Are you almost there? ☐ Are there big gaps?	The technology to support their preferred orientations is available. The main problems that occur is the marketing of these technologies. If a platform is not specifically creating a safe space it is heavily sold to the community with the notion of sexual activities. Another aspect that is inhibiting these platforms is the misuse from its users.		
What is the range of skills? If their interests and/or skills are diverse, could it cause conflict or distraction?	The gay community have a wide set of skills especially when it comes to technology. Most of the misuse from the platforms stated above is from the community exploiting features in the technologies.		
Achieving integration			
Look at all the pieces of your con	figuration		
What level of integration and interoperability has been achieved?	The technologies I have outlined have minimum interoperability. Interoperability exists in these platforms in the form of linking content to different social medias or websites.		
	Specific platforms like dating apps platforms have integrated systems to share personal info about users through snippets of activity in their social media profiles. This feels adequate as it helps to provide another layer of verification for user.		
Where are there big gaps	I feel that there are no major gaps on integration and the community's use of orientations. The integrations are sufficient with the respective platform.		
Balancing the polarities (Current	state)		
How is the configuration balance	d with respect to each pol	arity?	
 Synchronous >>>>>> Live streams via social media platforms like Twitch and Tik Tok Calls and video calls (Zoom, Facetime, Messaging platforms) 		< < < < < < < < < < < < < < < Asynchro Forums Instant messaging Websites	onous
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How well does this balance fit your community?

At the current state the community leans towards asynchronous participation which is to be expected as this community aims for connection. There maybe should be more support for Reification.

Solution seeking

In the new configuration, do you want your choice of tools to affect the polarities of your community in ways that differ from the current configuration? Which way?

*Unless stated otherwise the recommendations below are additions to the configuration above

Synchronous >>>>>> No new tools – Current technologies are sufficient	<<<<<< Asynchronous No new tools – Current technologies are sufficient
Participation >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>	Ritual notification Journaling - A journal system that reminds user reflect and when making a new entry user is presented with snippets of past entries.
Group >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>	<><<<< r/>Interactive experience – to enrapture the audience to the story

MVP notes

MVP 1 – User access to stories

MVP 2 – Give the user ability to re – access stories in an audio form (like a podcast)

MVP 3 – Give the user to submit their own stories in a text form

MVP 3.5 – User can view other user submitted stories