



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

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