**--- Idea Space Meeting #1 ---**

3/12/2021

Attendees: *Alex, Luis, Mason, Max, Rahevin*

*Meeting began 6pm*

**Inaugral Meeting!!**

Yay.

**Platform to Organize Messaging/Chatting**

Discussed communication platform options for Idea Space communication. Decided to try out Signal.

Action item: Sign up for Signal. Send your info to Alex, who will then add everyone to our new Signal group

**Code Repository (Repo) Platform Preferences**

Speculative discussion about repo preferences options for a potential project. Mentioned Bitbucket, Github. Recommendation from Alex to use Keybase.

Action item: Look into Keybase as a file sharing / repo platform

**Project Ideas List**

*\* indicates detailed discussion notes, those note included at end of this document*

Malware/Spam Protection for Organizations (esp. Non-profits)\*

Web app for Making IT Tickets for Tech Support

Small Database Support for Non-profits (fundraising)

KeyBase Competitor

Remote Work Support Tools (similar to Bomgar)

PissTimer

Possibly Missed a Couple Others?

**Group Goals**

Max: So many software / coding products seem mediocre to downright awful. Surely society can do better. So, why not us be the ones to make better products?

Alex: Have a product to add to a professional portfolio

Rahevin: Potentially, eventually, multiple projects for more personal freedom (work on what you want, avoid disinterest/burnout/ect.)

Is a source of financial support

Get to work with people who aren’t intolerable and aren’t imbeciles

See if it’s possible to become a start-up success without moral compromise or full submission to the neo-liberal capitalism machine

**Initial Goals / Deliverables**

- Web-based platform (I missed the part of the meeting where this was discussed - is a project splash page? More?)

- Start with a ‘starter-sized’ product to feel things out. Possibly unpaid work to start with?

- Use starter project as a learning experience. Learn what the team dynamics look like. Learn estimates for budget / quote for future potential clients.

**Project Capacity**- What does capacity of individuals and overall team look for paid or unpaid Idea Space work? No firm answers yet, something to ponder moving into next steps

**Other Miscellany**

- Careful about legal protections from day 1. Ex - not using employer resources (including work time) for side project work

- Discussing software funding. Shared examples of known funders of software. Not always the mega-corp! Possibly look at grants. Still open-ended at this point

- Possibly become S-Corp or LCC sooner versus later (no rush though, and not always strictly necessary to get paid)

*Meeting adjourned 7:15-ish*

**Project Idea Detailed Discussions**

Malware/Spam Protection for Organizations (esp. Non-profits)

*Presented by Luis*

*Discussion*

Block spam, protect non-profit organizations, how to prevent malware in emails and help prevent attacks. (Alex -> how would this protect client confidentiality, what is the actually AI system, would have to hosted by the hostipal or by us -> Luis says yes, its inbound, it does reporting on links, has a lot more to it and what attachments are being sent to the organization.)

KeyBase Competitor

*Presented by Alex*

*Discussion*

A repo that is more user end friendly and better encryption. A great example of ‘could be done better”. Possibly not group comfort doing a serious deep dive into projects with a heavy security component.