

Focus Group

Advisely, An Education Support Application

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Feedback

- Database designed independently?
 - Gets courses from UMaine database
 - Or scrape website
 - As complete as possible
 - All other systems developed by team
- UMaine doesn't have difficulty of course
 - Provided upon completion of course
- Why do I need this?
 - Find it difficult to make coherent schedule
 - Prereqs
 - Hard to manage process on own
 - MaineStreet sucks
 - Advisors not perfect
 - Advisely make process much easier
- Basically making digital advisor?
 - Yeah, basically
- How to get grad requirements?
 - From UMaine database
 - Or scrape
- Long-term planning: Classes need aren't always offered; inconsistencies; not always known by people; if taken straight from MaineStreet, long-term plan might not work?
 - No real solution
 - Impossible to determine if course is available until at most 6 months ahead of time
 - Maybe no possible way to fix
 - Schedule not locked in permanently, however
- Have you thought about convenient UI?
 - Currently in process
 - Open to suggestions
- Is account going to be tied to umaine.edu?
 - FireBase has internal authorization
 - Restrict account creation to @maine.edu

- Not stored on our end, ergo no risk
 - Maybe use UID single-sign on?
 - Disclaimer
- Who is going to maintain it? If freshman graduates, and we're not here?
 - Us 6 person team
 - Tackle at end of semester
- Monetization?
 - No plans as of yet
 - If success, talk to administration
- Why would UMaine want system that replaces advisors?
 - It augments, not replaces
 - Advisors not always correct
 - Advisely should be
- Do you intend it to have a admin or advisor view?
 - Advisely is only way to organize classes, not actually sign up
 - If need advisor needs help, walk to advisor
 - PDF exportable
- Templates. Are there templates for degrees?
 - Yes
- Will it keep track of courses already taken?
 - Yes
 - Metrics of course completion and courses close to completing minor and other degrees
- So Advisely needs data from secure MaineStreet account?
 - No, need to manually enter data
 - Only need to do once
- Implement social feature, add friends, see courses they have taken or interested in
 - Yes, good feature request
- MaineStreet sucks
 - YES, IT DOES
- What about textbook information?
 - Good feature request
 - Easily implemented!