Affinity Diagram

Function (How it Works)

How it works:
1. download app
2. make an account
3. use a code or link to join a class/project

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Students with accounts can filter the post to post for their specific class then access the posted assignments. From there students can have discussions.

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How to post a question- enter the tab of the assignment you want to ask a question about. Fill out the topic section that gives a brief 1–2-word explanation of what you're asking about (i.e. Due Date, Question 2, etc.) Then in the body of the text you can ask your question in depth.

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Organization

Organization- There will also be a seperate tab for answered and unanswered questions. This way unanswered questions won't be lost.

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Organization- each question will have a line that says how many answers and follow-up questions there are.

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the highest answer gets pinned

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Organization- Separate questions and corresponding answers. Chats tend to get jumbled with multiple people asking different questions, answer and questions get lost, questions get repeated, etc.

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separate question by subject

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Organization- Within each class there is a general tab for questions about the course, schedule, syllabus, professor, etc. There are also tabs created for each corresponding assignment. Within each assignment tab there is a questions tab where students can ask questions and previous questions are listed. Similarly to the FAQ section of a website, under the question will be an expandable list of all answers to the question.

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Possible Issues and Solutions

spamming a question doesn't get your question answered faster
if there is a question that is answered like the one being asked the solution pops up if not the question gets asked one (maybe up to 3 times) in order to ease functionality of the site

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censor foul words and questions anonymous or not
email and username is attached to everything

Possible issues of academic misconduct. Sharing/sending answers in chats

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Safety/Academic integrity- all users must agree to follow the community guidelines that prohibits cheating, inappropriate messages, etc.

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Students could potentially be embarrassed about asking a question. To solve this problem, a button can allow for anonymous question asking.

Thomas Dunn

For academic integrity, could question askers be able to send photos but not answerers?

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possible issue- does an app like this already exist?

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There is a possibility that students could spread misinformation.

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There could be paid moderators who check for inappropriate or false solutions.

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Features

Feature- professors or TAs can have access to the chat to monitor student interactions

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Maybe have an incentive for students to help. Students can rate other students answer based off of how helpful it is. Some sort of reward like "bronze, silver, gold status" would be given based on how highly answers are voted and on how many answers are posted.

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If you know you work well with one person more than another you can add them as a "friend" so you can quick access those who will help

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When we were younger our education sites had a animal of the sorts to take care of would student benefit or have more incentive this there was a "prize" of the sorts

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Live chat feature while brainstorming there will be a section on only for your specific class but the subject where all students can brainstorm and help eachother out

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Feature- students should be able to react to questions and answers. This allows good answers to be "thumbed up" or studnets to exclaim unanswered questions to show if multiple people are confused about the same thing and possibly have to ask a teacher to cover it in class.

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Feature- follow-up questions. Students can attach follow-up questions to answers. This will notify the person who posted the answer and appear as an expandable element under the answer.

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Exposure

To spread the application, we can go to different universities around the nation and present the app to them.

Thomas Dunn

Though people don't read them much the school paper/magazine. not only that but word of mouth. Teachers can also post it in blackboard.

Thomas Dunn

A social media account, such as an Instagram account, could be ran in order to show the benefits of the application. We can interact with users by posting "Student of the Week/Month", where we feature the student who has answered the most questions in a set amount of time.

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A test could be run while the app is in beta with one specific school who agrees to participate. Then we could present those statistics and show the success to news stations and other schools.

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cost- does this app cost money to run? should users have to buy the app or a subscription?

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cost- what is the cost of advertising our app?

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What platform would the app run on? If the platform costs money. where would the start-up funding come from?

Thomas Dunn

add ons? to personalize like pfp

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pay professors from other/higher to answer a question our school doesn't have the ability to answer

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Should students who have completed the class be hired on to moderate questions being asked and solutions being posted?

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