**TOPIC PROPOSAL**

*Group 22*

The application our group wishes to design is a book reviewing website. We did some research by looking at existing websites such as “goodreads.com” and “libraryThing.com”. We felt we could design our own interface which would drastically improve the user’s experience.

These websites lacked design principles such as visibility e.g. it is difficult to check if there is an audible version, the user has to click a dropdown menu to check. Some web applications also fail to achieve consistent design standards such as the home page having no fixed navigation bar and content being too closely spaced. This results in the user having difficulty navigating through the website. With our web application “*Leabhar*”, which is derived from the Irish language, we feel that our application will improve the overall user experience.

**Features we wish to include to improve the user interface:**

* Search Functionality.
* Ability for users to read and write reviews.
* Availability on online stores.
* A description of each book.
* Filter search (genre, author, tags, quotes, audible).
* Search reviews/questions.
* Filter reviews (Top reviews, latest reviews).
* Add books to wish list/favourites.
* Recommended books.

**The methods we plan to use to gain an understanding of our users' requirements:**

* We plan to further research similar websites to distinguish what areas we think could be implemented or improved.
* Create and distribute polls/surveys to various social media channels and chats e.g. discord, telegram, and messenger, to gain an understanding of the user’s needs.
* We plan to gather further data for our book reviewing the website “*Leabhar*”. Such as book data, websites that sell books, etc.

**Precise role of each group member:**

* Chloe: Create a survey by thinking of questions that explore users’ interests and what people would like in the web application.
* Erika and Joanna: Spread the survey on various social media platforms, minimum of 30 people, to get a clear understanding of our potential users.
* Niall and Vincent: Gather data/research for the web application. Look at similar/relevant websites
* Whole group: Analyse and apply the survey results to the user interface and user experience.