A3: User Interface Prototype

This user interfaces prototype (or horizontal prototype) has the following goals:

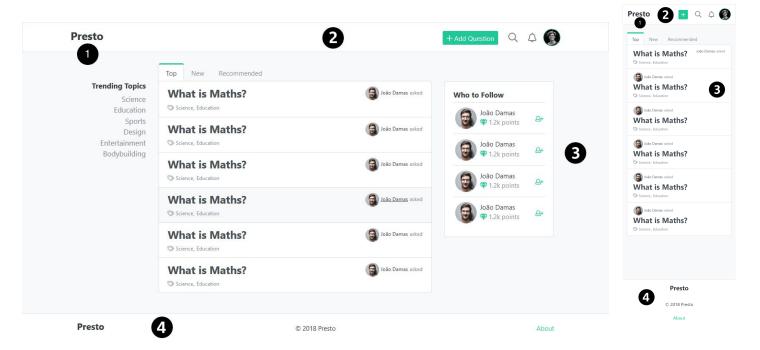
- 1. Help to identify and describe the user requirements, and raise new ones;
- 2. Preview and empirically test the user interface of the product to be developed;
- 3. Enable quick and multiple iterations on the design of the user interface.

First, there is a description of the general application interface and the common features of all pages. After that, an overview of the information system from the viewpoint of the users is provided, through a sitemap. Finally, using storyboards, there is an identification and description of the main interactions with the system.

The interfaces' descriptions are presented on the end of the document.

1.Interface and common features

Presto is a web application based on HTML5, JavaScript and CSS. The user interface was implemented using the Bootstrap framework(version 4.0). This framework simplifies the development of fluid layouts capable of adapting to various devices as the responsive part is already built in.



- 1. Logo
- 2. Navbar

- 3. Content
- 4. Footer

Figure 1: Interface's guidelines.

In general, the interface follows a minimalistic and content centered approach by reducing visual clutter as most as possible, while keeping a complete and intuitive experience. To accomplish this, it features some common elements, such as:

- Graphic and rich typography
- Card based layouts, based on either lists or grids
- Strategic use of non neutral color, mostly green, used to highlight interactable content
- A white based color scheme in order to improve readability
- Similar components across pages to provide a consistent user experience

2.Sitemap

A sitemap is a visual representation of the relationship between the different pages of a website that shows how all the information fits together. It gives the team an idea of how the website is going to be build by helping to clarify the information hierarchy. [Brown10]. Below is the sitemap for **Presto**.

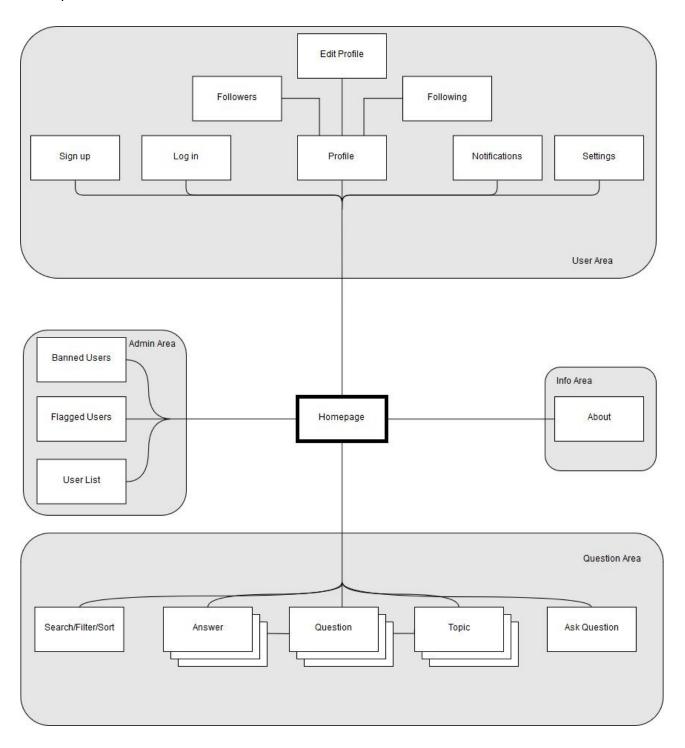


Figure 2: Presto's sitemap

3. Storyboards

Storyboards are presented to represent some of the main interactions with the system using a sequence of interfaces and explaining how navigation is done between them.

SB01: Sign up /Log in



Figure 3 - Wireflow for the sign-in and sign-up interaction.

SB02: Profile

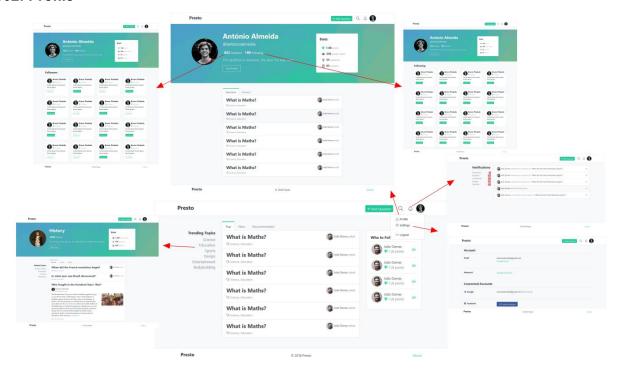


Figure 4: Wireflow centered on the member's options.

SB03: Question

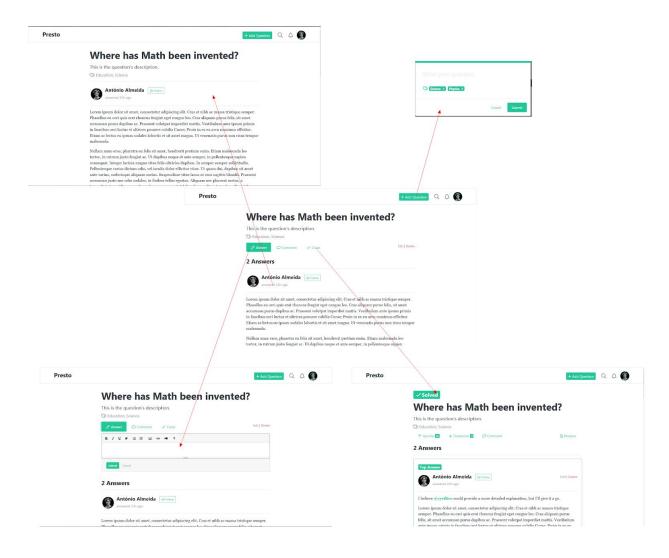


Figure 5: Wireflow centered on question's options.

SB04: Search bar

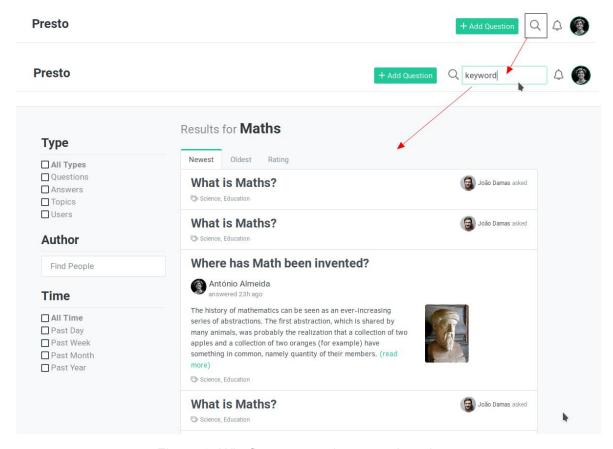


Figure 6: Wireflow centered on search options.

SB05: Admin

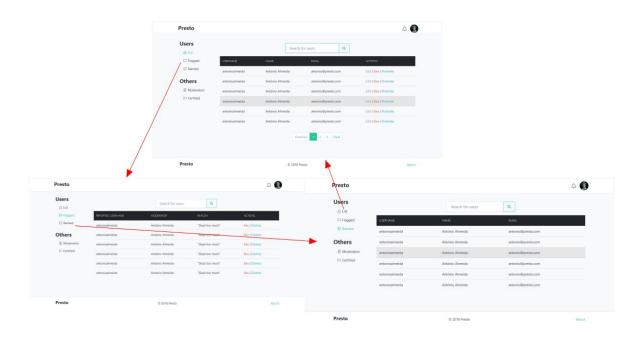


Figure 7: Wireflow centered on the admin's options.

4.Interfaces

The following interfaces describe the main content of the web pages and their relative priority, helping the team preview the features and behaviour of the final product's different screens.

UI01: Sign up

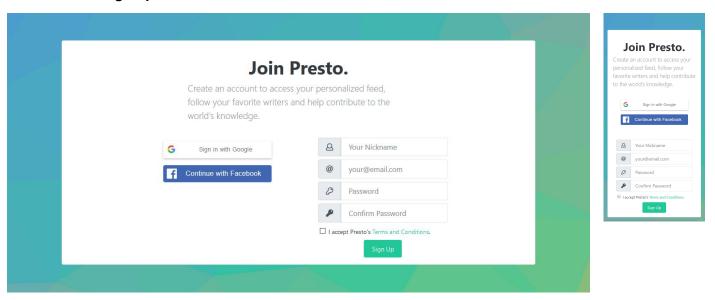


Figure 8: Sign up page, where users can register. Link: Sign Up

UI02: Log in

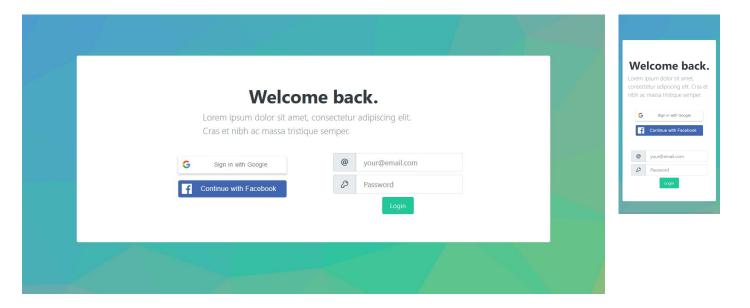


Figure 9: Log in page, where members can authenticate. Link: Log in

UI03: About

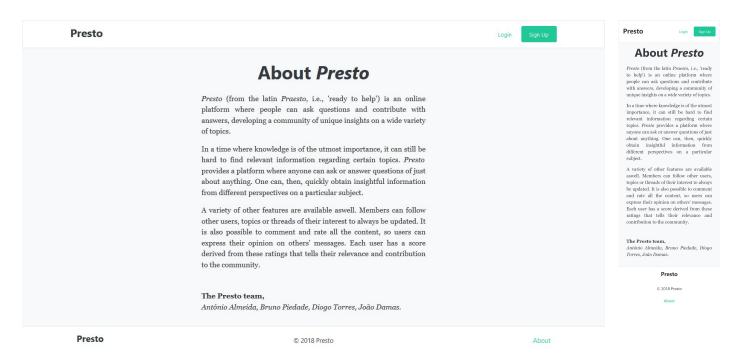


Figure 10: About page, where users can learn more about the project. Link: About

UI04: Admin

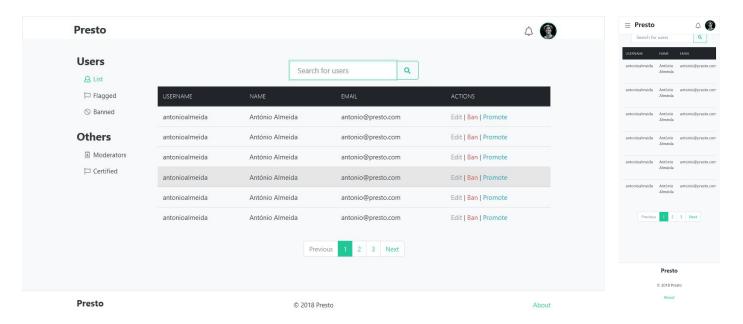


Figure 11: Administration page, where the admin can manage all the users. Link: Admin

UI05: Edit Profile

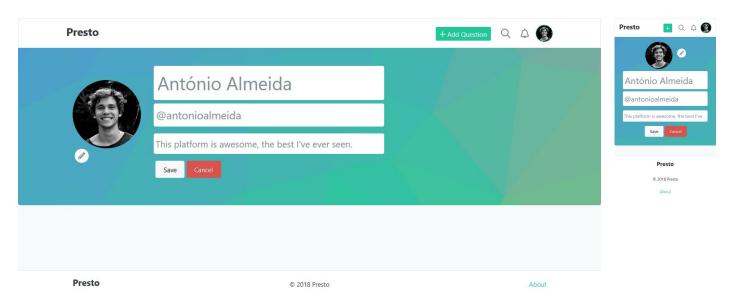


Figure 12: Edit Profile page, where members can update their account's information. Link: <u>Edit Profile</u>

UI06: Followers

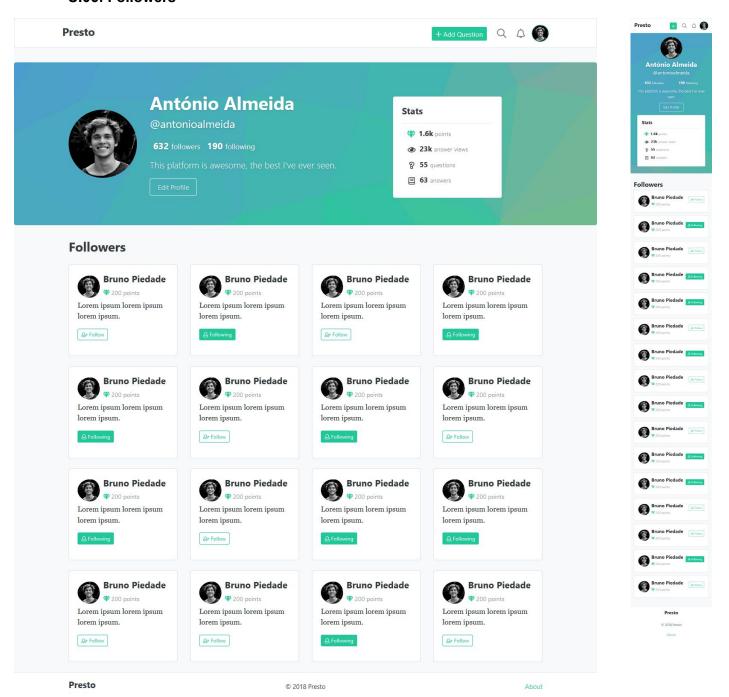


Figure 13: - Followers page, where members can check who follows them. Link: Followers

UI07: Following

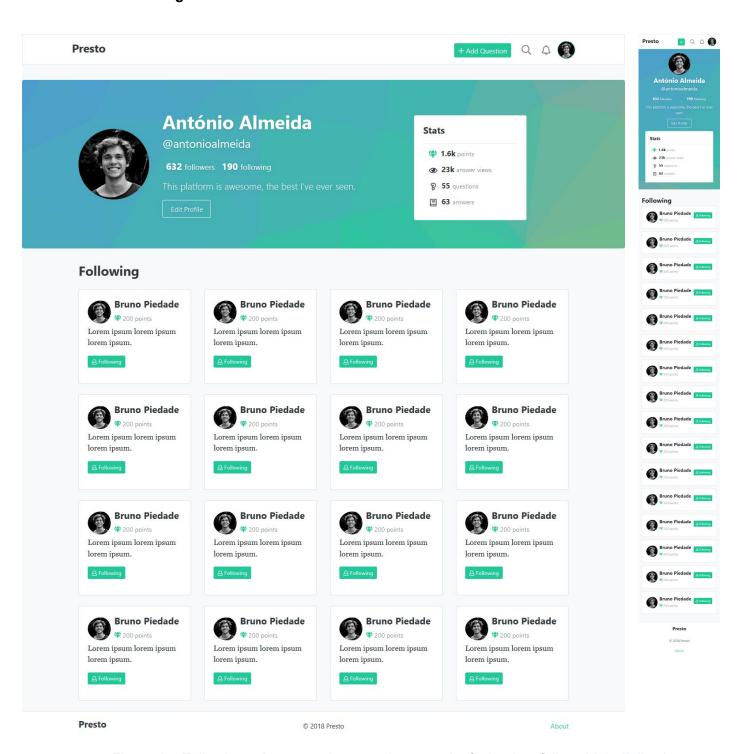


Figure 14: Following, where members can keep track of who they follow. Link: Following

UI08: Index

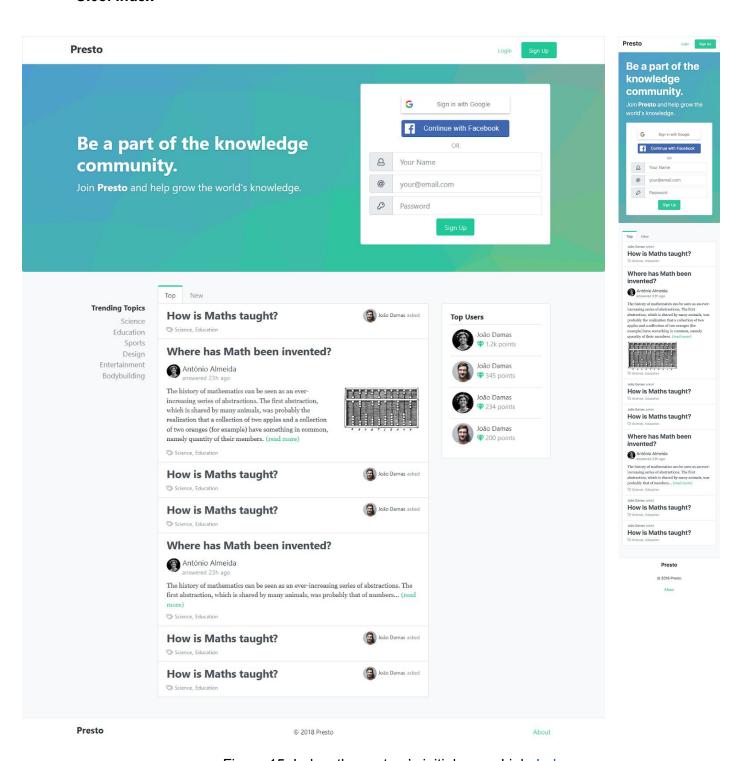


Figure 15: Index, the system's initial page. Link: Index

UI09: Logged Index

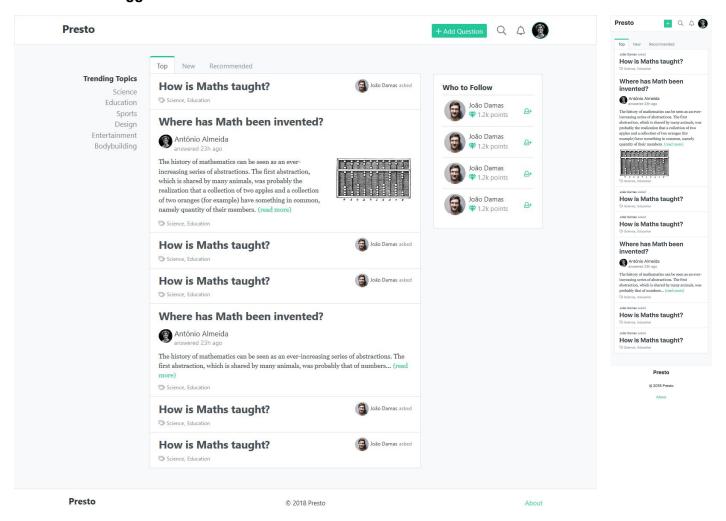


Figure 16: Index, the system's initial page (logged in version). Link: Index (logged in)

UI10: Notifications

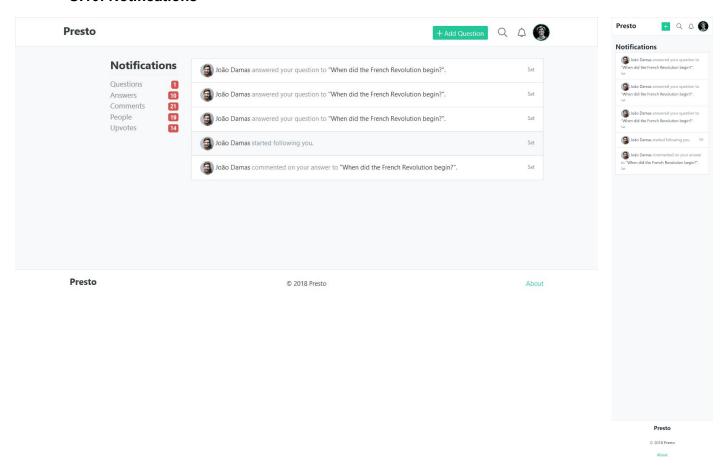


Figure 17: Notifications, where members can be warned about activity that interests them. Link: Notifications

UI11: Profile

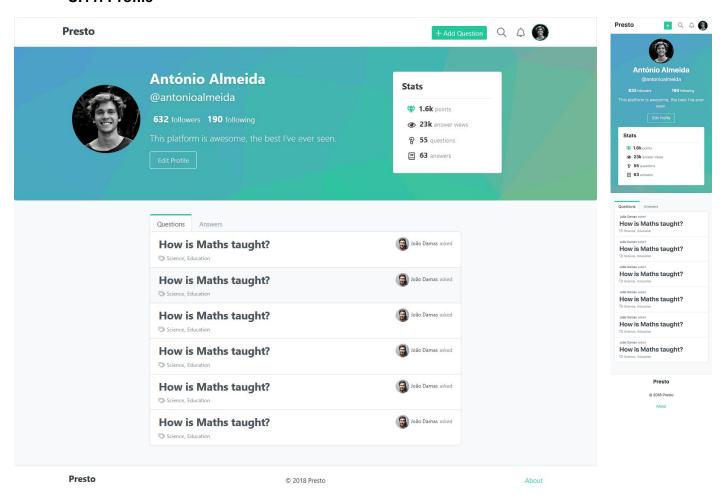


Figure 18: Profile, acting as a member's presentation page. Link: Profile

UI12: Profile Settings

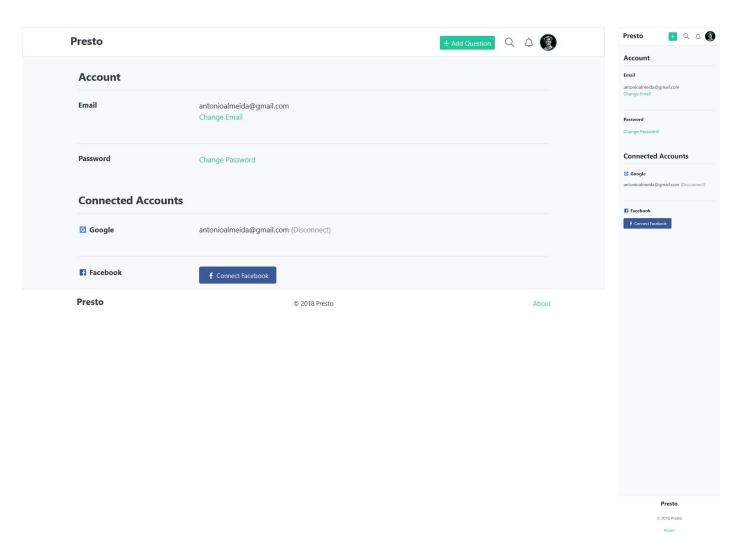


Figure 19: Settings, where members can update their account's details. Link: Settings

UI13: Question

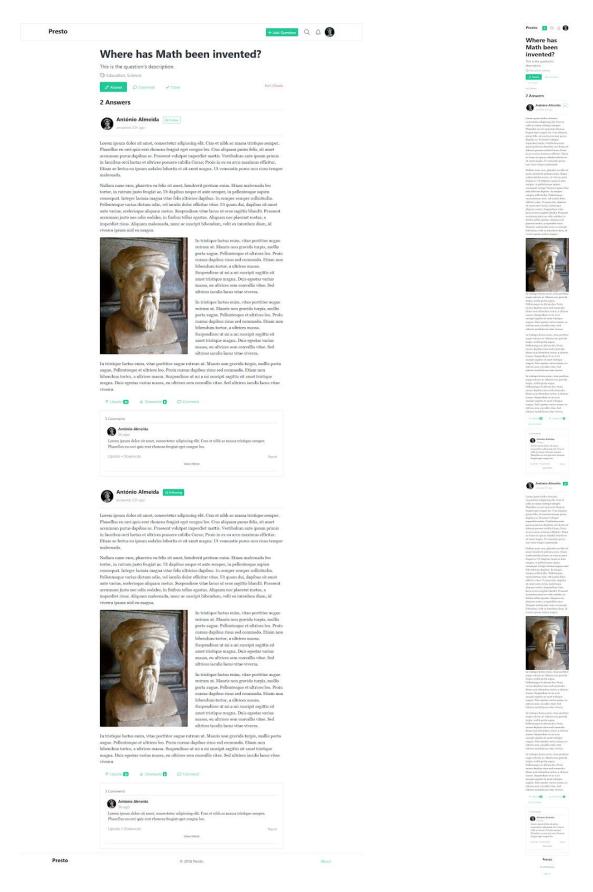


Figure 20: Question page, where anything can be asked (and answered). Link: Question

UI14: Search

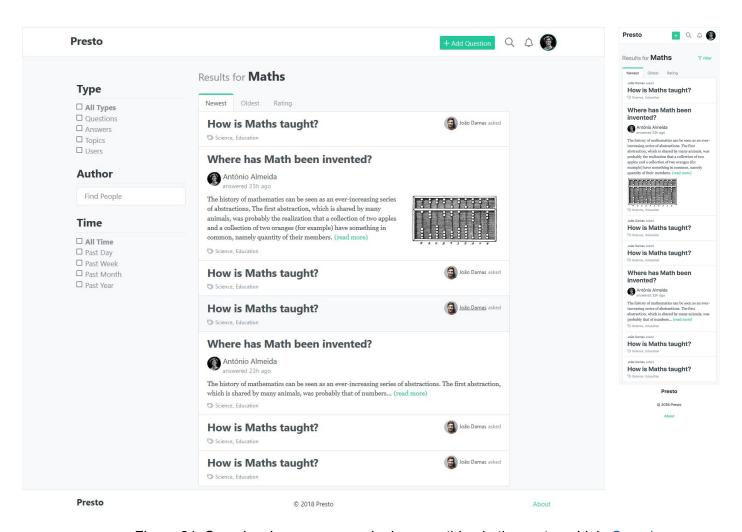


Figure 21: Search, where users can look up anything in the system. Link: Search

UI15: Solved Question

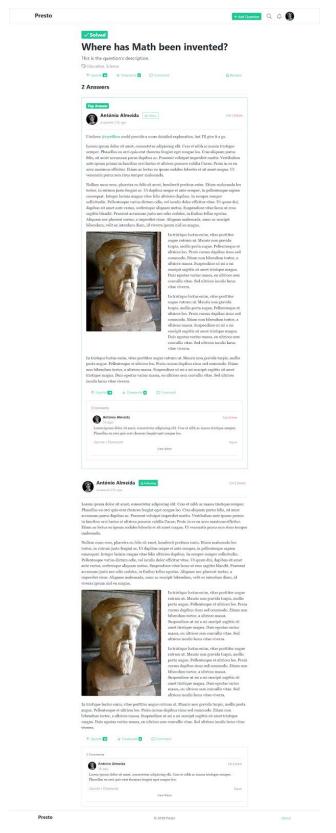


Figure 22: Solved question page. Link: Question (solved)

UI16: Answer

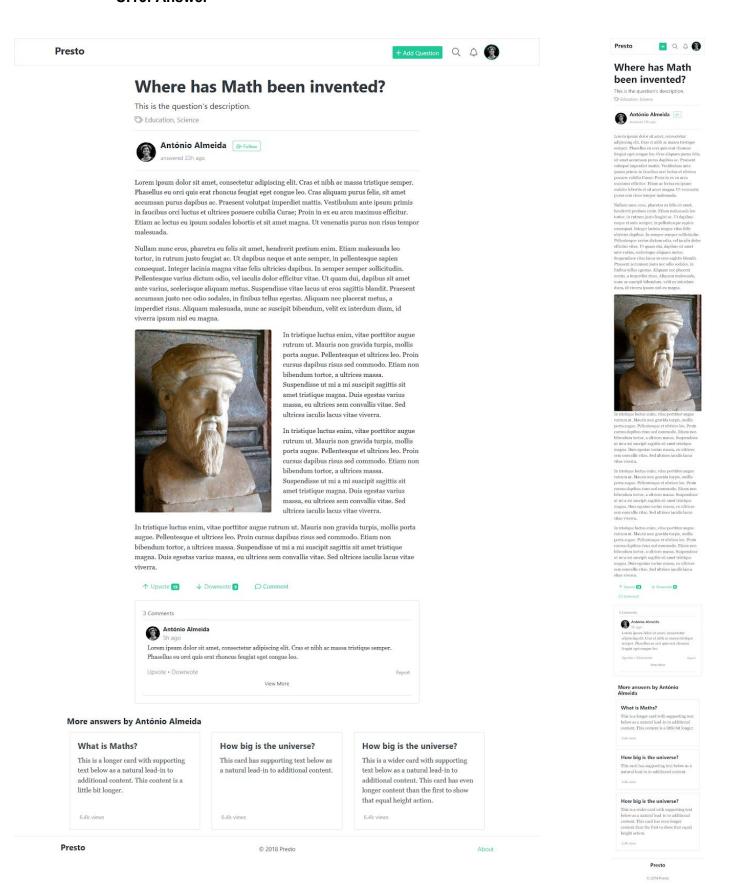


Figure 23: Answer page, where a specific answer to a question can be seen. Link: Answer

UI17: Topic

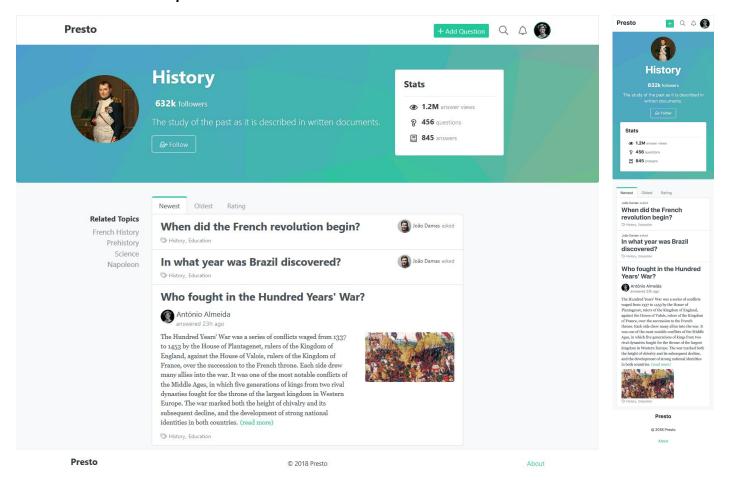


Figure 24: Topic page, where a specific category's history can be seen in detail. Link: Topic

404

The page you were looking for was not found.



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Figure 25: 404, the error page. Link: 404

Revision History

Changes made to the first submission:

- 1. Updated second paragraph on Point 1.
- 2. Significantly improved sitemap.
- 3. Applied suggested changes to the interface:
 - Simplified typography hierarchy on answer cards only applied on index page;
 - Switched form positions on Sign Up and Login pages to improve the pages' visual flow and clarify content priority;
 - Replaced 'close question' concept with 'solve question';
 - Made search bar always visible from medium screen and upwards to improve user experience;
 - Changed 'View More' button on comment sections to the bottom of the card, to improve user experience;

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