

NUSMentors Pitch

When I first joined NUS as a computer science student, I was keen to find like-minded seniors with experience in game development industries so that I could learn from them and eventually get some help regarding career development in the game development industry.

To help me in this goal, I joined the NUS game development group, however, it was simply an interest group filled with like-minded students, like me without any industry experience.

Similarly, when I asked some seniors who had some experience in the game development industry, they were keen on finding juniors who were interested in game development but couldn't find any. Both parties are willing to connect, teach and learn from one another regarding similar careers.

This is where our application NUSMentors comes in, career-minded students looking for seniors to learn about the industry as well as get help on things such as interviews and resumes. Seniors who have experience will have much to share about their experiences in internships and how to apply for such careers.

NUSMentors is built with an emphasis on two fundamental design principles. Firstly, keep it simple. Users should be able to log in and do exactly what they want. For students, they should be able to submit a request for mentorship. For mentors, they should be able to browse the list of mentorship requests. Nothing more complicated than that.

Secondly, "Pull, don't push". Mentors should not receive any type of notification when students request for mentorship. Instead, mentors should be pulling from the list of available mentorships and accepting mentees when they want to. This way, mentors will not be annoyed by an endless stream of notifications and instead provide high-quality mentorships because they are themselves actively seeking out mentees to help.

With these fundamental principles in mind, we built NUSMentors. With NUSMentors, students can find a mentor and obtain quality career advice, mentors can connect with juniors in a meaningful way. Best of all, all of this can be done in a delightful and easy-to-use mobile cloud application. It is so easy to start using NUSMentors. : No one likes having to jump through the hoop of installing a native application from the App Store before being able to try it. Since NUSMentors is a mobile web application, users can get started immediately!

With NUSMentor, students can submit and track their mentorship requests from anywhere. Likewise, mentors can browse mentorship requests and accept them from anywhere. The user can get what they want regardless of device or platform. By removing these restrictions, NUSMentors allows the user to find a mentorship as quickly as possible.

After receiving the contact details of the mentee via the application, a mentor can view the contact details on the move. Even when the internet connection is poor or non-existent, the mentor can still view the contact details because NUSMentors is a mobile cloud application. The mentee can do the same using the contact details of the mentor!

We believe with NUSMentors, we can build a strong network of mentors and mentees. This could have potential positive benefits such as a friendlier and more helpful community in real life.