# Future of Debate Me

## Promotion:

Promoting and marketing is very important for an app to succeed. A great suggestion from Arafeh was to get involved with the university elections. This was a great idea as it would allow us access to a large community. The idea we came up with was to hold debates using different parties and sharing this on “UQ Stalkerspace” on Facebook with thousands of students and potential users. This would bring forth a large consumer base.

## Rating Feature:

The main issue we had throughout the design process was relating to the rating system within the app. We came to the conclusion that a matching system based on the rating users give to each other would not be very feasible at the beginning stages of the apps deployment as the user base just wouldn’t be large enough to support the feature. So we decided to go with a favourites option where users can add their best “debate mates” to a favourites page and revisit these people for future debates.

For the future, as the user base grows, a rating system will be implemented where users will be able to rate other users based on the experience they had as well as how good the other user was at debating. This will enable future opportunities like matching people based off debating experience an expand the market for a larger user base. This rating system will closely resemble the Uber rating system, as drivers and passengers can decide whether they want to engage. This is due to a lot of feedback received during user tests.

## Improving in person debates:

The future plan for in person debates is quite exciting. We want to take on feedback and suggestions from tutors and user tests which included a feature for letting people join in on debates. The map within the app will show where debates at university are being taken place and this will allow users to view the topic being discussed and “request to join” if they want to. The users currently in the debate will receive a notification on their phone with another user requesting to join them and they will have the option to accept or deny the request. We believe this feature really targets the mobile aspect of this app as it is inclusive of people around you.

## Chat system update:

For the online debates we developed a chat system where users can engage in 3 round debates with the option to extend or end the debate. Within this chat system we want to develop a feature which will allow users to see what the user is typing as they are typing. This will keep users engaged while waiting for a response.

## Moving on from digital prototype to a functioning app:

Currently the app runs on marvel with an external link to a chat system. We would like to move on from the prototyping phase and into development phase which is where the real fun begins. This will allow for improvements as mentioned above without the restrictions presented by Marvel. For this stage, we would need to bring additional developers on board with coding experience as the group currently lacks the experience needed to develop complex features.

## Feedback system:

It is very important for us to hear from the users themselves. We have focused heavily on users rating each other that we haven’t put enough emphasis on users rating us. So we would like to develop a feedback system where users can rate their experience with the app using a 5-star rating. A long with this comment sections on the app store as well as google play will allow for suggestions the users can give to improve the app as well as raise their concerns.

## UI Upgrades:

Currently the UI is in its early stages and small issues will need to be addressed. This includes:

* Responsiveness of some buttons.
* The timer on the topic description page. Currently it counts down in intervals of 20 seconds.
* You can’t currently view the entire message as you are typing on some devices and the typing field is slightly compressed.