

WHY GROUPMATES?

BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT END UP DOING THE WHOLE PROJECT YOURSELF



This is the kind of story that still happens everyday at any universities. People tend to think that if they don't do their assigned work, there are still 2 or 3 other teammates who can get it done. But the way it ends up is usually one person has to spend a lot of his/her time working it out. This results in an extremely frustrated experience for such people who unquestionably deserve better teammates. In a less severe situation, group members might find it difficult to communicate with each other, or some people are responsible yet still incapable of delivering their work.

The most fundamental goal of Groupmates is to solve this problem. Being embedded by the power of social network, Groupmates provides a platform for students to review on their teammates. The concept of review platform has been used widely for other areas such as F&B (Yelp) or entertainment (IMDB) and proved to be quite useful and successful. Even though there is still awareness about content verification or inappropriate use for personal purpose, we believe that Groupmates has a promisingly good chance to be an effective tool for students when looking for their teammates.

WORKING IN A GROUP IS THE BEST WAY TO LEARN FROM OTHERS

Good teammates not only improve your project quality but also give you an opportunity to learn from them. You would benefit from learning either technical skills such as a programming language, a new problem solving method or soft skills such as presentation skill or time management skill. But the problem is how do you know which one has good presentation skill so that you can ask him or her to be your teammate?

The answer to this question is Groupmates. The more specific reviews are, the more information it reveals about reviewees' abilities. You would roughly know who you want to team up with to get the most out of your projects.

CREATE A COMMUNITY TO MOTIVATE STUDENTS

When designing Groupmates as a Facebook application, we obviously want to expand it further more than just a review platform. That being said, when our user base and data grow big enough, we aim to create a vibrant community for students to connect to each other. Students will be motivated on doing well in their projects as well as writing precise and constructive reviews for others.

FUTURE FEATURE

Suggesting teammates would be a potential feature to have in the future, using machine learning. Other than that, Groupmates can include gamification features with ratings leaderboard and achievements.