

Initial Ideas/Challenge

- Trigger Warning Extension that uses AI to find potentially triggering ideas (Trauma)
- Bot that helps people keep conversations flowing after stalling when meeting with people for the first time (Social Anxiety)
- Everyday notification system to send tips throughout the day in order to improve mental state (PTSD and maybe others as well)

Chosen Idea

We chose to create a system that would generate conversation topics if a conversation should stall or become awkward to address social anxiety. We imagined that this would occur when meeting someone for the first time with someone in person whether platonically or romantically, but could potentially be used for people who know each other already as well. The idea is that someone would pull out their phone and open the app/website for our software. Then they would ask the bot to generate conversation pieces such as _____ to give both people something to talk about and move past an awkward spot in a hangout.

Important considerations:

Accessibility: Intended to address social anxiety, but could apply to different topics such as isolation and stress in the sense that having social anxiety can lead to isolation and cause stress.

User Experience: UI would be a very simple style in order to facilitate people who are no tech savvy to use this software. Would have a chatbot style.

Innovation: This idea is innovative because chatbots usually exist to create a “fake” social interaction, but we are taking the approach to facilitating social interaction as opposed to simulating it.

Scalability: Could be made to be in other languages in order to expand to more countries.

AI Implementation:

Disability: Could potentially add text to speech capabilities in order to be available to blind people.

Competition: This product would be better than competitors like ChatGPT

