

Hack some Thorns



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IDEA TITLE

FocusFlow – Frictionless Productivity OS for Students

- **Proposed Solution:**

- A browser-based mini operating system that merges task planning, note-taking, PDF summarisation and distraction-reducing features into one seamless interface.
- Removes friction from student workflows by integrating all tools in a single dashboard, requiring no logins or installations.

- **Innovation and Uniqueness:**

- Focus Mode with simplified UI and tab-switch recovery.
- Micro-Coach AI nudges users when idle or distracted.
- Drag-drop planner with priority tags, a GitHub-style heatmap, and motivational bars.
- Smart rescheduling of forgotten tasks with alert cards.

TECHNICAL APPROACH

- Frontend Technologies: HTML (structure), CSS (styling), JavaScript (interactivity)
- PDF Handling: pdf.js library for parsing and summarization
- Data Storage: Uses browser localStorage for offline data persistence
- Notifications: Built-in SpeechSynthesis API for audio alerts and nudges
- Offline First: Works without an internet connection; no signup required
- Behavioral Learning: Adapts to student behavior (e.g., tab switching)

FEASIBILITY AND VIABILITY

- Feasibility :
 - Uses simple and lightweight tech stack—fully browser-based.
 - Offline-first approach ensures accessibility even without internet.
 - Requires no backend or database; minimal deployment cost.
- Challenges and Risks:
 - Limited to browser capabilities (e.g., file size limits).
 - May need optimization for large PDF processing.
- Mitigation Strategies:
 - Optimize summarization logic for speed.
 - Progressive Web App (PWA) version planned for better performance.
 - Limit file size and provide instant feedback to the user.

Impact and Benefits

- Target Audience:

- High school and college students.
- Students with ADHD or time management challenges.
- Learners managing handwritten notes or digital PDFs.

- Benefits:

- Saves 50%+ time spent on planning and switching tools.
- Boosts consistency in task completion and revision.
- Reduces academic stress with auto-generated weekly journals.
- Encourages habit-building and focus awareness.

- Future Enhancements:

- Smart AI for task prioritization
- Calendar sync with LMS and Google Calendar
- Mood-based UI (dynamic themes)
- Progressive Web App (PWA) version for enhanced offline use