

Critique of Group – 2 (AIT Trip Advisor)

Basic Understanding about the Idea.

- Group 2 are developing a website that will guide students of AIT to go visit places near AIT. This web site will help students get the best possible route to any destination near AIT.
- This website particularly focuses on new students who doesn't know their way round and near AIT.
- Everyone can search for the destination but to add destination user must login.
- This website will show all the possible routes and the best routes with cost for any destination.

Is the proposed data model sufficient?

- They have only four model which are simple and up to the point. It simple and effective. They are using active admin for the admin part which seems very nice and it works very effectively.

Check that their auth+auth system is reasonable.

- There is no email validation when signing up. This means that anyone with any random email can sign up. And since it's a website that targets AIT students, it would be best if they use their AIT username or email. It is good that users can sign in with Facebook, Gmail and Twitter, but it would have been better if they had focused on sign by AIT account.

Look and feel.

- Theme changes from page to page. Any good website should have a consistent theme but they have different colors different pages. It would be better if they keep it constant. I understand that they are using active admin which has its own theme but still it's a part of the same website and should at least be similar.
- Their navigation is quite simple and easy but are these enough features. We will discuss about it more in *next* part.

Check that the user is able to do what he/she would like to do in the community.

- The main problem I see with this website is here. Is this website serving the community it trying to? Yes, but it has the potential to do much more.
- For example, I am new student in AIT and want to some shopping mall, now in this website, you have to know that Future Part is shopping mall and search for it but what if user don't know about future. Will it have better if there were categories like shopping mall or multiplexes or temples and so on.
- Most Thai name are difficult, so if the user an international student, they have difficulty with Thai names, so if they don't know that place how can they can't search about it. They would rather go to google or google maps and look for directions.

Other comments

- I would suggest that they should have added something like most visited places or most searched place so that users don't have to type every time to search for a place.
- The admin is done very well, lots of features as it should be.
- The home page links are not working but it will surely work in the future.

- Is it better than its alternative, not sure, we would rather go to google maps or some other site than visiting their website. Don't take it in a wrong way, but we didn't find anything new that we could not find in other websites. So they could add some feature like most visited places.
- No admin approval for posts. So any can post spam and will be visible in the website. It should be controlled. Yes, admin can remove posts but the approval system would be better in case the admin is busy.

Please take all the criticism in a positive way and don't be angry with us.

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