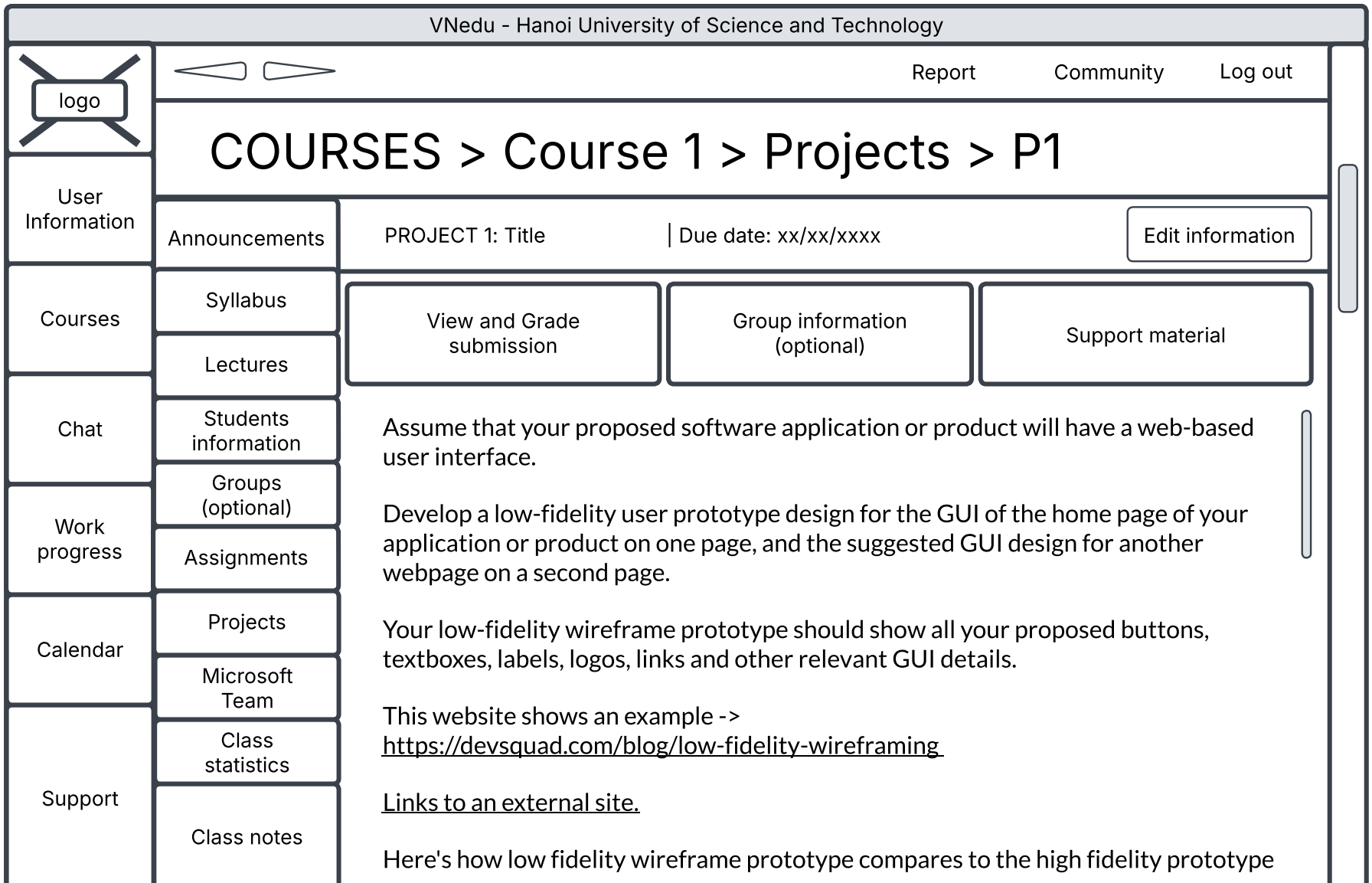A SPECIFIC FUNCTION