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Project Title: **Clique**

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Problem Overview

Staying connected and informed is more critical than ever for students. However, many students struggle with feelings of isolation and lack of support, which can impact their academic progress and overall school experience.

It is concerning that students may not have enough outlets to lean on with questions and concerns due to a lack of support system and acquaintances. This can lead to feelings of isolation and hinder academic progress. Building a supportive network and utilizing available resources can help address this issue and ensure that students have the necessary support to succeed academically.

Students having an unanswered question and are not updated on school festivities may lead to lack of information, confusion, disengagement, and a sense of disconnect from the school community. As students need to strive and find communication channels, such as regular newsletters, announcements, and online platforms, to keep students informed about important events and activities. Additionally, creating opportunities for students to ask questions and seek clarification can help address any uncertainties they may have.

Student involvement and general school satisfaction can be greatly increased in an atmosphere that values free communication. Students are more inclined to take initiative in their studies and engage in the school community when they feel heard and supported. This in turn promotes a positive campus environment where all students can succeed both academically and socially.

Solving the Problem

To tackle the aforementioned challenges, the team proposes the development of a comprehensive solution named "Clique". This platform serves as a bridge, connecting students from various programs within Mapua Malayan Colleges Mindanao. Through Clique, students will have the opportunity to build meaningful connections, access essential resources, and receive support to enhance their academic and social experiences. By leveraging technology to create a supportive, inclusive, and well-informed community, Clique empowers students to form a fulfilling college experience.

To ensure the platform meets students' needs, the team will survey 16 respondents, with 4 students from each major department: CCIS, CAS, CHS, and CEA. This ensures fair representation. The survey will ask about pre-planned features and their usefulness. Based on the feedback, the team will refine these features and create a prototype that aligns with student preferences, ensuring Clique effectively addresses the challenges faced by the MMCM student community.

The Application

Clique is an application being developed by Specs, an anonymous organization by first-year Bachelor of Science in Information Systems students. Recognizing the challenges students face with isolation and lack of support, Clique aims to bridge the communication gap and empower students to thrive academically and socially.

The Name "Clique"

The name Clique plays on the double meaning of the word. First, it evokes the idea of "clicking" – connecting with others and forming meaningful connections. Second, it references the concept of a clique, a group of people with shared interests. Clique aspires to foster both – helping students connect and build supportive communities within the larger school environment.

Key Features

- **Connect and Collaborate:** Clique provides a platform for students to connect with classmates, form study groups, and discuss course work. This fosters a sense of community and allows students to learn from each other.
- **Access Resources:** The app offers a curated list of resources, including contact information for teachers, tutors, and online learning platforms. Students can easily find the support they need to overcome academic hurdles.
- **Stay Informed:** Clique serves as a central hub for important announcements, school events, and deadlines. Students will receive timely updates, reducing confusion and fostering a sense of belonging within the school community.
- **Ask Questions:** Clique offers a safe space for students to ask questions anonymously or directly to classmates, teachers, or tutors. This promotes open communication and ensures no one is left behind.
- **Filter Function:** Clique offers a filter function wherein users can put related "tags" on their posts in order for other users to find similar questions. Other than that, the filter function also includes date filters wherein users can input a specific date for people to look for posts in that specific timeframe.

Overall Benefits

By addressing the issues of isolation and information gaps, Clique aims to create a more supportive and engaging learning environment for students. With easy access to resources, a collaborative network, and clear communication channels, Clique empowers students to succeed academically and feel connected to their school community.

Questions about Clique

Who are the potential users?

The potential users of the "Clique" platform are students from different colleges within Mapua Malayan Colleges Mindanao. Whether they are struggling with academic questions, seeking social connections, or wanting to stay informed on school activities, Clique provides a unified platform tailored to the needs of users.

What tasks do they seek to perform?

The website encourages students to interact with each other and engage in discourse through the Q&A forum and posts.

What functionality should any system provide to these users?

The website's main function is to provide a platform for students to input their queries, thoughts, and vents for other students to answer and support through the multitude of functions that Clique provides.

What constraints will be placed on your eventual design?

Although Clique does not require proof of enrollment to MMCM, our website is mainly intended for students from Mapua Malayan Colleges Mindanao. Outsiders can still access the website but they are encouraged to keep topics related to MMCM.

What criteria should be used to judge if your design is a success or not?

The team's program should be able to successfully pass the following criterias:

- The user should be able to navigate the website with ease and little to no struggle
- The user should be able to comfortably navigate the website without straining their eyes.
- The user finds it more convenient to use compared to other MMCM specific forums.

Approach

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