

Collegiate Class Convenience

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Problem Statement:

Modern college students need a way to manage their course schedules and submit assignments for classes. Most students become overwhelmed by the amount of websites they have to check several times a day. Usually courseware publishers offer digital tools and texts specific to certain courses. Since it is very impractical to find one publisher for all course offerings, colleges around the world use a multitude of digital tools and texts. The University of South Carolina uses at least eight different digital learning platforms. This poses a significant problem for the vast majority of students. Assignments are often missed due to student's inability to manage all of the different learning platforms. Instructor's office hour schedules are lost in a whirlwind of documents along with the hours of supplemental instruction meetings. In addition, new health policies have changed the typical schedules of classes making it difficult to know where (physically) they need to be to attend class.

Who is experiencing the problem?

College students around the world with a multitude of classes, schedules, and ways to turn-in assignments. This includes men and women of all ages, races, national origins, and income levels.

What is the problem?

A majority of college students have six to eight locations where they deal with assignments. While scanning these resources to see "if" there is an assignment, even more time is needed to find what the actual assignment is. At that point the student sometimes can't tell if the assignment has been submitted or needs attention. Also, viewing their schedule can be problematic and overwhelming, rather than having it simplified to their understanding. This is a huge waste of time.

Where does the problem present itself?

This problem lasts from before school begins until the end of that semester, then begins again the next semester until the end of the academic year. All of this happens directly in front of laptops, tablets, cell-phones, and other mobile devices.

