

Mentor Check-In #2

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Summary of Discussions

- Spam prevention
 - Limiting the # of times a user can mail a template (ie. 5 times)
 - Users can technically still get around template usage limitations by just creating duplicates
 - Since templates can be used while not signed in, usage numbers can't be linked to user accounts
 - The number limitation is arbitrary, and can be frustrating/preventative of actual users from using templates they want
 - Solution → do not limit users from using a template multiple times, but instead keep track of the number of times a template is mailed/filterbusted, and flag in admin as a precautionary tactic
- Limit on Recipient Bundle Size
 - Limit the TOTAL number of recipients
 - Limit the # of recipients per group
 - Prevent mass emailing thousands of recipients
 - Limit number → 20

Advice from Mentor

- We need to explicitly talk about prevention tactics and addressing concerns in our ethical dilemma presentation/defense so people know that you've thought about it, or else they'll keep bringing it up
- MVP Feedback
 - Search bar generalization
 - Somewhat of a priority, but low, given everything else we need to do
 - See if it's simple/easy to do in 30min - 1hr
 - Method: Combining search tags:
 - All → combining tag, location, author
 - typeahead unable to look specifically for content / title
 - If this website goes public, how will people be credited?
 - Website can go public tomorrow in terms of design, number of features, and level of need
 - Maybe add a copyright note in the footer?
 - Starts getting hazy when the # of iterations / # of people working on the project increases
 - Is e-Template the intellectual property and copyright of MIT, or of the developers themselves?

New Decisions

- Interesting part: FilterBuster
 - Brainstorming:
 - If in a matter of week, user uses FilterBuster # of times and admin will get a notification, user will not be notified or prevented
 - # is arbitrary (maybe 10?), make it precautionary

- Question: Why is FilterBuster an ethical dilemma but sending email templates to multiple people is not?
 - if people wanted to spam, they wouldn't use our app
 - Content is important, can't flag content, so people can create emails not related to social justice
 - Can get behind a lot of different filtering systems
- New Ideas:
 - Make FilterBuster automatically unchecked
 - Keep track of # of filterbusted templates, not *people*, because templates can be used/mailed without signing in
 - Redirection for open in mail
 - To prevent keep from pressing open in mail multiple times
 - Make it difficult for bad actors, if people cared enough they will learn

Changes to Plan & Milestones

- To Dos for Final Project:
 - Contacts / recipient bundles
 - Comments
 - Insights
 - Smarter location filtering
 - ADD: Search bar search expansion
 - Important because most users expect this, so will be confused if it doesn't work like other search engines