Feedback from Individual members of the Talis Developer Team

Dan Matthew - UX Developer

What was your overall impression of the project as a whole (Klipper and App), is it useful?

For the timeframe, a very comprehensive single-page app. Yes, I believe it would be: I remember my time at university and having a centralised collaborative tool for students would have been incredibly useful - particularly if the educational facility purchases licenses for its staff and students. While Evernote is the incumbent, it locks away some of its more useful features behind a paid subscription.

In your opinion where do the project's weakness lie?

I believe it has quite a steep learning curve right now, but as the interface receives more attention - maybe by includingfeedback from user research (A/B testing of different designs?) - it will become more intuitive. For instance, I think the controls to add groups and users inline would benefit from being moved out of the group selector and into their own area of the screen.

How could the Kahoots App be improved?

I guess these follow on from above:

- A little loving for the user interface: add highlights and iconography to help a user keep track of their location within the app. When a new image or comment is loaded it could be animated to make the transition more pleasing on the eye.
- While working on the design, it would be cool if it worked on mobile too. You might not be able to add new clips, but you could read and write comments.
- What about using OCR technology to find the text within an image and index it? That way you could search for data within a clipping. Users could also add tags to help label content that they have added and then search for it at a later date.
- Each clip could have a permalink associated with it that could be shared with others - this would allow the other person to view the clip and all comments associated with it at a certain point in time.

How could the Chrome Extension Klipper be improved?

- Fewer timeouts :p
- A representation of the clip before you choose to publish or discard
- The ability to add some data to it before its sent to the app
- The ability to refine your selection before publishing
- What if you could just select some text and that was then rendered into a clip - have you seen something called OneShot (http://oneshot.link/)? It turns a selection into a pre-rendered image which you can then share on Twitter. If yours allowed that text to be selected again once inside the app...

Roman Goj - Developer

What was your overall impression of the project as a whole (Klipper and App), is it useful?

Yes, it was useful, I use Evernote's web clipper a lot, so I think this kind of functionality is very, very useful. Adapting it to an academic setting, incorporating discussions between students sounds great.

In your opinion where do the project's weakness lie?

The basic architecture seems really solid and seems well designed to be a great base to add features (see below) to depending on user feedback!

How could the Kahoots App be improved?
Perhaps being able to comment on specific bits of the clips would be useful, not just the clip as a whole. Maybe integration with existing social services and the discussions going on there would be a good idea too.

How could the Chrome Extension Klipper be improved?
It would be good to to be able to see comments from fellow students directly in the klipper, i.e. if a resource was clipped by others already, it would be good to see that and if the resource has been commented on by others already, seeing that directly in the klipper would be awesome!

Ben Paddock - Developer
What was your overall impression of the project as a whole (Klipper and App), is it useful?
I think it is a very useful alternative to bookmarking, in particular - you can store the current state of the page you were on, even if it changes.

In your opinion where do the project's weakness lie?
I wonder how it could handle being offline. What would happen if a user was to clip a page whilst on a train and the signal was dropped?

How could the Kahoots App be improved?
Extraction of text for from each clip would be a great improvement. It would provide some context around notes that you can take with each clip.
Have the ability to invite non-Kahoots users to join in a group (and thus become a Kahoots user as a result).
Other browser type extensions would be useful for those who do not use Chrome.

How could the Chrome Extension Klipper be improved?
As mentioned before - have offline support.

Russell Hill - Senior Mobile Developer
What was your overall impression of the project as a whole (Klipper and App), is it useful?
Definitely think this was a useful tool - and the integration with the browser in terms of the Klipper tool meant it was convenient to use.

In your opinion where do the project's weakness lie?
Reliance on browser plugins and the availability of just one plugin - for Chrome - might limit the audience for this, but I can understand why it needed to be written this way, and why you started with Chrome.

How could the Kahoots App be improved?
Some layout and UI improvements wouldn't go amiss - a bit of design love needed!

How could the Chrome Extension Klipper be improved?
As you mentioned already, I think it'd be great to try and grab the text from the page at the time you clip the region. Adding in the ability to OCR clipped images could be useful too.