

UPRM Looking for Group

1. Identify a Problem

Many of the classes at UPRM have some form of group work as part of the course. Most professors allow students to form their own groups, which is great when you already know a group of students that you can work with, but it can be quite stressful when you don't know anyone in the class.

2. Set the Target

We need a platform where students can connect with other students taking the same classes, so that they can then form groups for their assignments and studying.

3. Analyze the Causes

- There are no dedicated online platforms designed specifically for students to form groups
- Due to the covid-19 pandemic students are taking a lot of their classes online, eliminating most of the social interactions that happen between students in in-person classes

4. Propose & Implement Countermeasures

We propose the creation of a website that allows students to create posts where they announce that they're looking for a group, and where other students can search by course code and find posts that other students have made for that course. Students would make a post with their course code, course section, the project/assignment, how many people they're looking for, and some contact information; then other students can search for groups by using the course codes. This could be used for students looking to form a group for a project/assignment, students looking for lab partners, students looking to form study groups, etc.

5. Check & Evaluate

Questions to address:

- Is the website easy and convenient to use?
- Can you effectively find students that are taking the same classes as you?

6. Act & Standardize

Questions to address:

- What does the website traffic look like throughout the semester (e.g. most of the traffic at the beginning or end of the semester)?
- Has the user base provided any feedback or features that they'd like to be implemented?