

Senpai

A Pedagogy Social Network



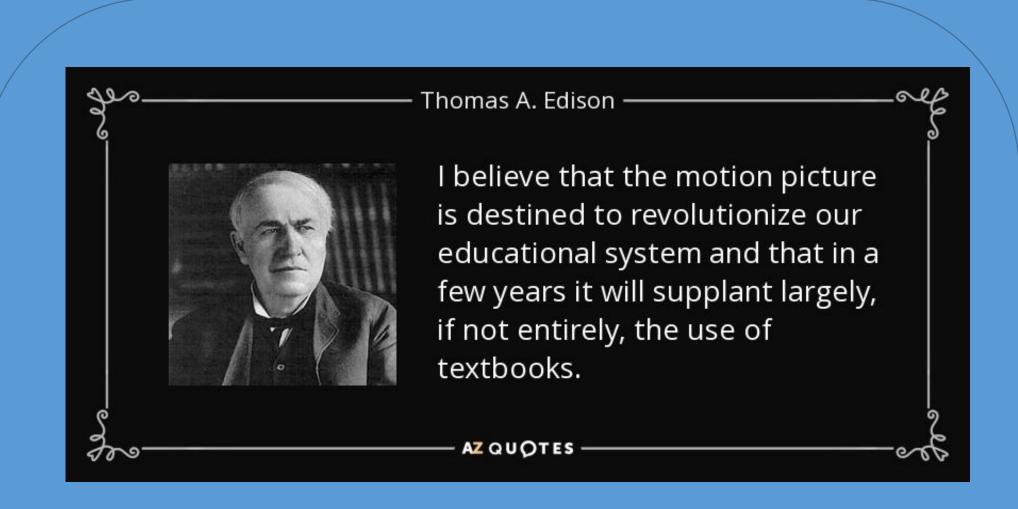
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- In Japan, **senpai** (先輩) is an upperclassman or upperclasswoman, someone of a higher age, or senior.
- The mentor system is found at all levels of education and is an essential element of Japanese seniority-based status relationships, similar to the way that family and other relationships are decided based on age.
- The senpai is roughly equivalent to the Western concept of a mentor.
- "Senpai" is a software service which aims to assist educators and learners to fulfill each others duties in this era of evolving roles of educators as well as learners.
- In the past few years, a lot of areas of human life have been revolutionized but education is not one.
- Predominantly, students globally are taught in groups by a single teachers at a pace which is fit for few students, too slow for some and too fast for the rest.

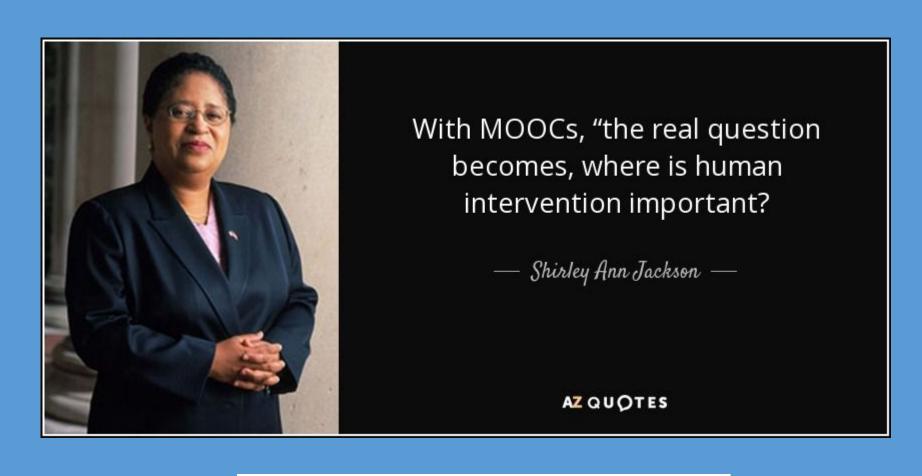
That is not what a revolution looks like!

- In early days lectures were the sole and most important source of study material for students.
- Teachers would spew out facts in a limited amount of time and students were supposed to get that.
- However, this all changed after the advent of the Internet.
- Students got access to a sea of information, which they could skim through in a matter of a few clicks.
- Does this mean that the role of teacher is obsolete?
- Can we really now do away with the expensive and meddlesome teacher?
- Has the Internet really achieved what we have been trying to do for over a century?
- Educational Researchers have argued and they still continue to argue whether or not this can be called a revolution or not, but one thing is clear.
- ✓ The role of the teacher in the classroom has changed. It is no longer to dump data and information to their students in confines of 6 walls, in a choreographed time table.
- ✓ It has now evolved to inspire student to learn a particular subject and motivate them to excel in the field.
- ✓ The teacher is now required to <u>excite the</u> students to engage in the subject and challenge themselves and their fellow classmates and elevate the learning process from just a process of transmitting information from their heads' to their students'.
- ✓ They need to make the process of learning a social one rather than a studious and laborious one.
- What really matters what goes inside the learner's head and making a learner think is best achieved in a social environment with other learners and a caring teachers.

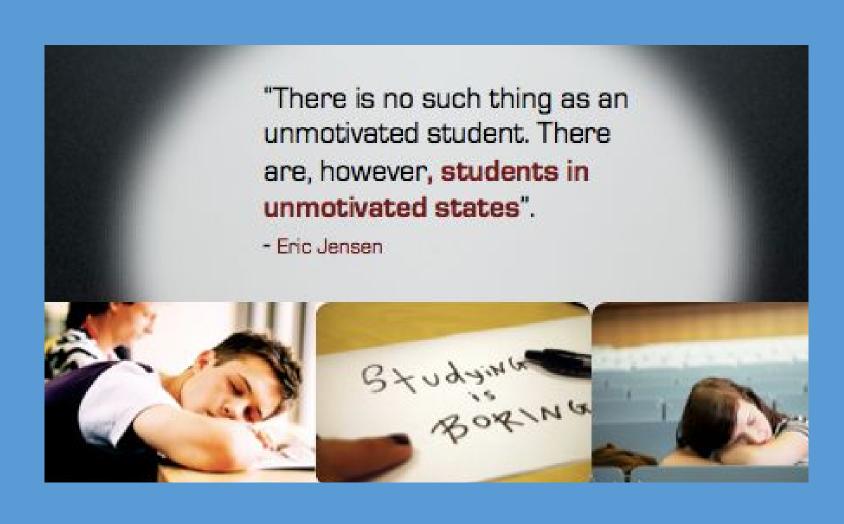


The use of videodiscs in classroom instruction is increasing every year and promises to revolutionize what will happen in classroom of tomorrow

-Semrau and Boyer



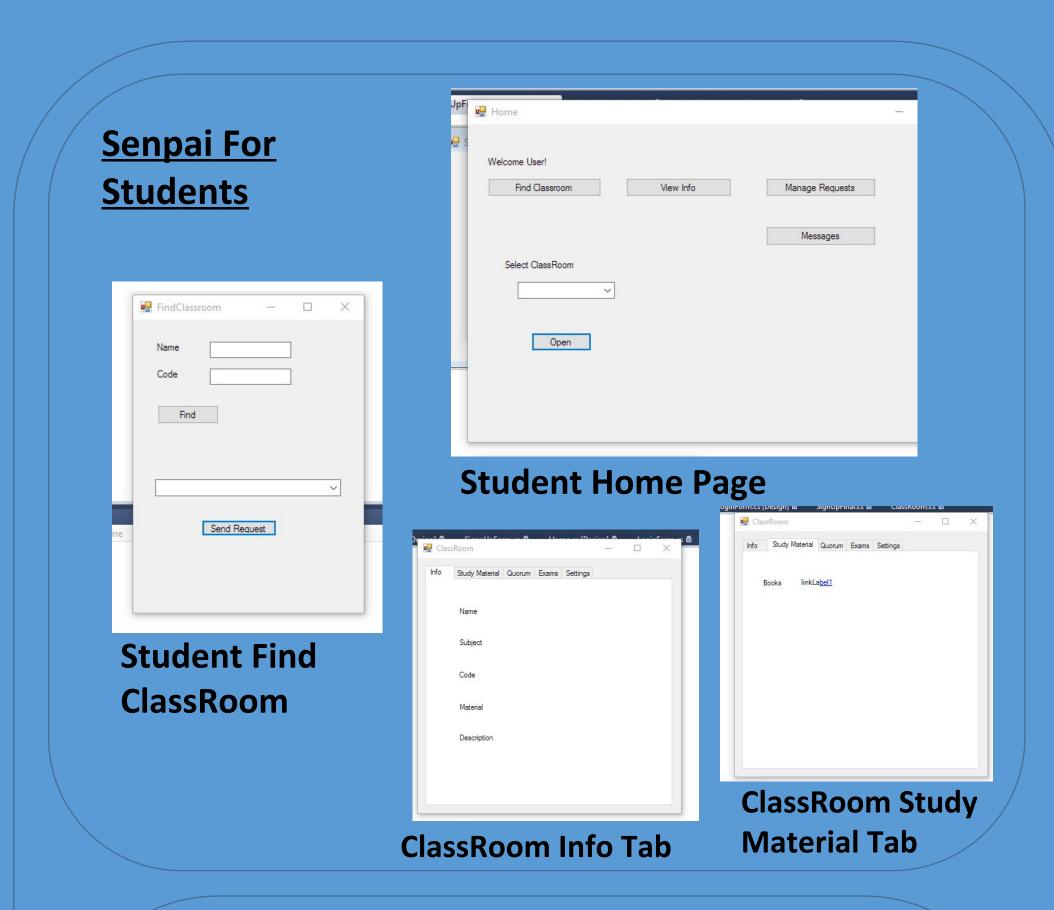




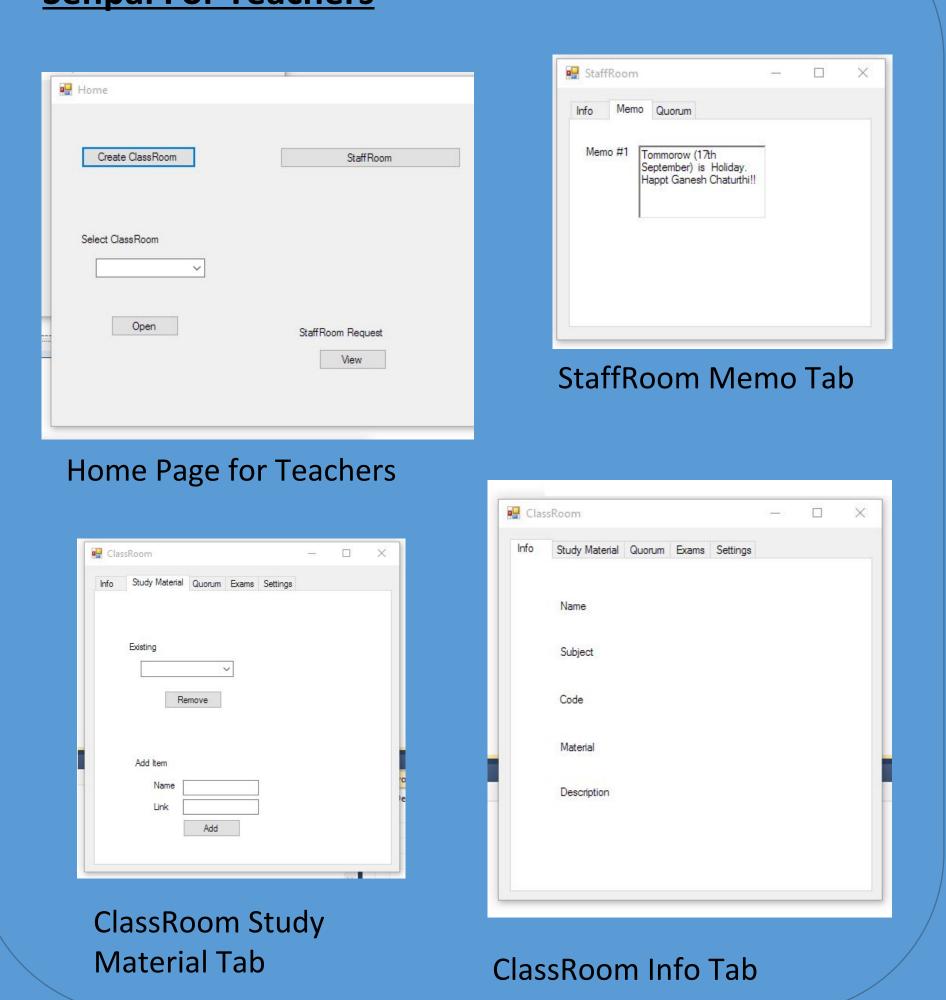


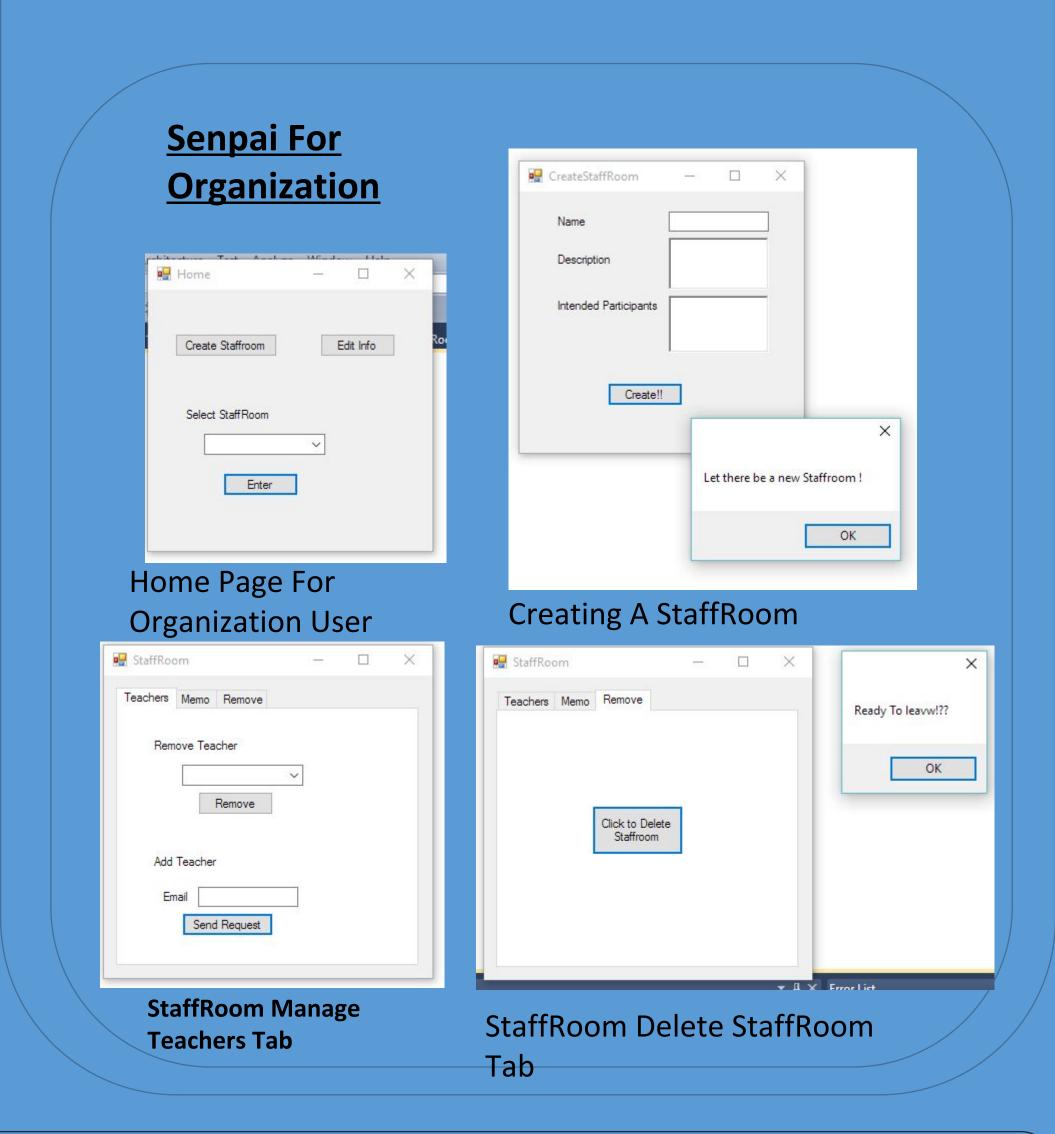
-Bill Gates











Evolving the Classroom of today!

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