

Appendix

Client Consultation

Discussion #1 Transcript - 22 Oct 2023

K: Hi, thanks for meeting with me to discuss this project.

Me: Let's get right into it: could you explain your problem?

K: Okay. So I've recently seen a dip in my grades because I've been so overwhelmed with school, the tutoring gig, and other stuff going on that I've started to lose focus and procrastinate. Lately I just haven't been able to keep myself disciplined and I need someone to keep me in check.

Me: I could definitely devise a plan to make a product to stick by you when you're studying and alert you. You mentioned that discipline was a problem. Have you heard of the Pomodoro method?

K: I think I know the name. Remind me what it's about again.

Me: It's a study method where you study in intervals for study time and breaks. It keeps you focused for shorter bursts of time rather than trying to stay motivated for long periods. You'll feel more refreshed because of the short but frequent breaks, and the total net study time you end up with makes you more productive.

K: I get it, but I already told you that I have a problem with discipline.

Me: That's where my product will come in. Didn't you say you needed someone to keep you in check? The product will act as a supervisor, reminding you to take a break or go back to studying when you've reached your time quota.

K: Sounds interesting. Can I make some suggestions though?

Me: Go ahead. It's your product, man.

K: Yeah. So I think the idea is pretty solid. I was thinking though, what if something comes up that I can't ignore? Like an interruption.

Me: That's a good point! I could implement a pause button to override the timer in case something like that comes up. I'll add that to the success criteria.

K: Sounds good.

Me: Great. I'll come back to you when I've created a pitch.

K: Thanks.

Discussion #2 Transcript - 31 Oct 2023 - (Official Pitch to Client)

K: Happy Halloween!

Me: Happy Halloween! Let's get right into it. I want to show you an amazing product I've got planned for you.

K: Let's hear it.

Me: Okay, so I'm planning on creating a product through Java because It lets me use Java Swing, a set of tools where I can create a GUI for you to display the program.

K: Okay.

Me: The program sets a 25-minute timer for you to study, and then a 5-minute timer for you to rest.

K: Mhm.

Me: The stats panel will display the duration of time studied and the duration of time rested, like we spoke about previously.

K: Great.

Me: Do you have any questions?

K: Did you plan the override like I suggested?

Me: Yes. The product will pause and play when you click the respective buttons.

K: Awesome. I approve; I'm excited to see where you take this.

Discussion #3 Transcript - 5 Jan 2024 - (Beta test feedback)

K: Hey. I just wanna quickly discuss some possible improvements.

Me: Go ahead.

K: There's an issue with the total duration timers where they don't properly update live along with the main timer. That needs fixing.

Me: Got it.

K: ...And I'd also like to see some way to change the study duration and break duration freely?

I've found that sometimes I don't have enough time to study a full 30 minute cycle and might have to scale down the intervals.

Me: Good point. That would be a useful feature. I'll add it to the success criteria.

K: Great. Otherwise, I'm happy.

Me: Glad to hear it.

Discussion #4 Transcript - 16 - (Final Product presentation)

Me: Here you go. The final product with the revisions you provided me.

K: Thanks. It works great!

Me: Any possible future improvements?

K: Function-wise, I think it's satisfactory. If anything, I'd probably want some aesthetic changes.

Me: Mhm.

K: One issue is that you have to close the app and run it again to change the Study time or Break time. Maybe you could make that changeable during the program's running?

Me: That's a good observation.

K: Otherwise, I'm satisfied. Thanks.