CROWD SOURCING

CS 147

PROJECT TEAM









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NEEDFINDING METHODOLGY



STUDENT



Felix, Art and Literature double major at UC Santa Cruz

Skype Interview:

Questions:

- Describe to me your last lecture class?
- What happened before, during, and after?
- How did you feel about the class?
- Tell me a story about a particularly eventful lecture?
- Describe a recent reading you attended that you found interesting? What were you doing during the reading?

SPEAKER - EXTREME USER



Jerry Cain STANFORD Prof CS 110 - 210 Student

IN PERSON INTERVIEW

- How's 110 going? Are you teaching any other classes?
- How large is 110?
- How do you usually format your lectures?
 Why?
- Which topics do students have the most trouble with?
- And how do you make these topics easier to understand?
- Have you ever been surprised by which topics students found confusing?

EVENT MANAGEMENT- EXTREME



Robert Chun Former President– Stanford Speaker Bureau

PHONE INTERVIEW:

- Tell me about a time Q+A session had a negative effect on the talk?
- Tell me about a time Q+A session had a positive effect on the talk?
- What kinds of people ask the most questions? (i.e. Extreme Users)
- What are alternatives to 'floating mic' Q
 +A sessions?
- What is the best question you've ever asked

INTERVIEW RESULTS

Jeery Cain, Prof

- Student don't go to lecture even when They are not recorded
- Students don't normally raise hand when they don't understand ask when they almost get it
- SCPD/Grad students ask more questions because they pay themselves
- Students come a lot in office hour and learn better

Surprises:

- "Student don't try to learn in the moment"
- "looks at same 4-5 student's facial expressions to see if it makes sense"
- "lectures are like Broadway play with same 29 acts "
- "I am happier teaching a class of 50 students"



INTERVIEW RESULTS

Felix Student:

- Passive in Class (normal class size 60 -200)
- Sat with a friend to talk something witty
- For answering questions: teachers wouldn't guide to right answer, would move on to next person (different in smaller classes)
- Prefers asking questions in Office hours for class
- Ask question to a speaker after the talk and Q/A

Surprises:

"I only answered in art classes - knew that they were right" "Its necessary to move class along/individual attention less important"



INTERVIEW RESULTS

Robert, Event management

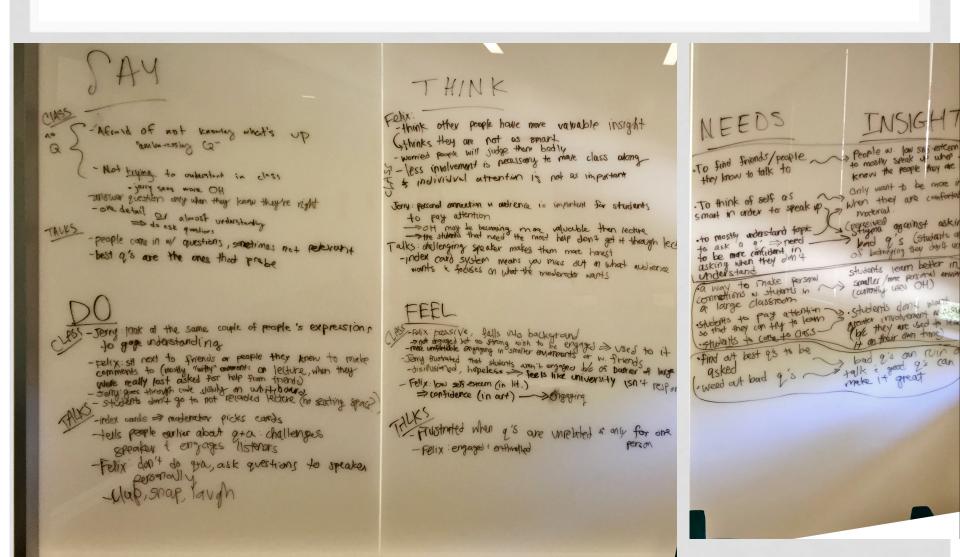
- Speakers not always good at talking about what audience wants to hear ... impossible to judge your audience ahead of time.
- Q/A engages audiences more and challenges speaker
 Downside of Q+A sessions- Sometimes questions are bad, off-topic
- Audience can soliloquy on their position rather than relating to speaker. Audience may try and ruin events

<u>Downside of Index Cards</u> – moderator decides questions and questions are not related to talk

Surprises:

 Generally older and male; in a room of Stanford students, frequently an older community member/prof will ask the questions. Mostly very confident people

EMPATHY MAP



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SAY

Class:

- Afraid of not knowing
- Not trying to understand in class
- Answer only when know answer
- Passive in large classes

Talk:

- People care about Q/A
- Sometimes its not relevant
- Best Q's are ones that probe on topic

<u>DO</u>

Class:

- Jerry looks at same people's facial exp.
- Code working on whiteboard
- Students don't go to lectures
- Felix sits next to friends in class

Talk:

- Felix- Clap, Snap and Laugh
- Ask q's after the talk in person
- Telling ppl about Q/A before talk
- Index Cards moderator picks cards

EMPATHY MAP

THINK

Class:

- Other people are smarter
- Worried ppl will judge badly
- Individual attention not necessary
- Personal connection with audience imp

Talk:

- Q/A challenges speakers -> interesting
- Index card system doesn't give best Q's

FEEL

Class:

- Felix- passive and lost
- More comfortable in small settings
- Jerry: frustrated with large class sizes
- Disillusioned and hopeless

Talk:

- Felix- engaged and interested
- Robert frustrated that some audience "hijack"
- Excited about new prospects

Needs

To ask questions even when not understanding

To large class more beneficial for students

To know the status of audience

To find a better way to filter best Questions

Insights

Perceived Stigma with asking in public needs to be eliminated

Efficient communication of student status and queries need

Crowd opinion can be a good indicator of the smart

Crowdsourcing of opinions better for overall audience

SUMMARY

Significant Needs exist to improve the overall Class experience

- Student
- Teacher
- Needs exist for better interaction and Q/A in large talks