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Project Title

ReMYnder Binder

Abstract

Objectives/Goals

The integration of technology into the classroom is beginning to impact schools across the country. The load on a student's back is being significantly lightened by e-readers and computers allow for the rapid sharing and editing of documents. However, one area of the classroom process that received less re-invention than necessary is the assigning and management of homework. At some schools (mine, for example), each teacher has a class webpage to which they can upload assignments and relevant content as they see fit. To a teacher, the largest problem is that the process is unintuitive. There is no simple "Add Assignment" functionality, nor is there a simple way to easily upload a document linked to the assignment. For a student, the largest problem is fragmentation. With a physical assignment book, a student can see all of their assignments at once and prioritize. On these websites, however, a student must load several teacher's pages to view all of their assignments. Thus, the goal of ReMYnder Binder is to create a homework program that both students and teachers will find easy to use.

Methods/Materials

ReMYnder Binder's creation required few materials. To build the product, I used XAMPP as a package for both hosting my own Apache server (for testing PHP) and using mySQL (server-side data organization), Notepad ++ to write HTML, PHP, Javascript, and AJAX, and tested my work on the Chrome browser. The work was conducted on a laptop running Windows XP. There was little rigid schedule for production of ReMYnder Binder. I mainly simply sat for long periods of time and wrote code. I also learned AJAX from a book specifically for the project.

Results

I believe I have created a simple, intuitive portal for students to easily view upcoming assignments, as well as a simple method for teachers to upload new assignments that will be automatically pushed to their students. I am in the process of adding new features, so I hope the product will soon have even greater functionality for both both teacher and student organization.

Conclusions/Discussion

ReMYnder Binder is still in pre-alpha. While the service is not yet finished, I believe I have already created a useful product that allows for the painless and unified assignment and checking of homework and look forward to building upon my current foundation to build an even better product.

Summary Statement

The goal of ReMYnder Binder is to create a simple, unified interface for students to check their homework on.

Help Received

None