

The Collaboration Toolbox

collaboration is more than just working in a group



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What was the problem?

Students don't learn how to properly collaborate

We noticed that, even though collaboration is an important skill to have for later in life, students don't get taught how to collaborate.

Often what happens, is that you get thrown into a group. Everyone wants to be done as soon as possible, and parts of the assignments get divided. The result is often an incoherent assignment, without any real collaboration involved.

It leads to frustration, and to



This was our solution

Worksheets

Our solution is to make worksheets for different stages in a project (beginning, middle, end). There are questions about:

- Group skills and goals
- Personal skills and goals
- Assignment related questions

To make it easily available, we designed a website that allows you to make a quiz. This will tell you more about your style of collaboration and the points you could improve at.

Having the worksheets allows for reflection. We are also thinking about making it more playful, such as making it a game rather than a discussion

Take a look at our preliminary website!



These were the results

Student perspective

We have made a minimal viable product, but we haven't tested it out yet. Before we do so, we would like feedback from teachers.

- What do you need from us to stimulate your students working together effectively?
- Is it worksheets, is it a website to go to, does it need to be more playful (like a game)?

What are your lessons learnt?

Collaboration needs to be taught

Not only students, but also the teachers that we have spoken to, agree that we need to work more on collaboration. Especially since it is a skill that is often required in your career.

