

h4ckademic progress report

Jun 1 - Sep 1

Phase 3 of the h4ckademic project was focused on testing app data with new, incoming summer students and continuing to experiment with the infogr.am prototype.

1. Infogr.am is a free interactive virtualization tool that I am utilizing as a prototype to share h4ckademic data with students. Using infogr.am I was able to port the app use information I had gathered from students in phase 2 and create an interactive visualization tool that allows students to toggle back and forth among 3 categories of apps – collect, create, consume – based on their interest. I have embedded the [link](#) to this tool on our digital course content knowledge center, which is broadcast to every GSE course iSite.
2. The h4ckademic Infogr.am tool was first shared with GSE Summer students – unfortunately we had a very small pool this year – 25 – with only a handful of students visiting the tool. More recently (last week), entering GSE master’s students have been directed to utilize the tool on the knowledge center iSite to supplement their exploration of apps to use to manage their electronic course content. As well, the tool was highlighted in student orientation sessions (with approximately 200 students in attendance).

In terms of the use case for this tool, I am not confident that further assistance in helping students with their mobile device and apps is as critical a need as it was last year. The moment may have passed since tablet ownership and app use is even more commonplace this year. As well, before students look to a University for app recommendations they are likely looking to dozens of areas on the web. That being said, I will know more once I have more feedback from this incoming group of students.

Next Steps

1. Survey new GSE students to confirm use of tool and any new apps.
2. Survey GSE faculty/staff; abcd-lib; abcd-mobile; abcd-edutech to see how their mobile tablet/app use compares to student mobile tablet/app use

Financial Update

I am investigating the journaling failure of two non-comp expenses (\$336.90, \$342.00) from phase two.

No additional funds spent this quarter, no additional funds were required. Infogr.am is a free tool I found for prototype work and testing.

I do not anticipate this work requiring further funding or going beyond the infogr.am prototype since the demand does not appear to be as great as was last year.