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#### **Meet The Team**



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### ClassPulse Identified the Need for Actionable Feedback from Students to Professors with the Goal to Increase Effectiveness ...

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#### ClassPulse in a Nutshell





#### **ClassPulse Mission**

"A better way to get student feedback."

#### **ClassPulse Features**

- Performance Dashboard
- Instant Polls and Comments
- Instant Student Feedback
- Tracking Student Engagement
- Multiple Private Classrooms

#### ClassPulse USPs





### ... However, the Concrete Approach to Create Value With Your App is Ambiguous

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#### ClassPulse's Directions

#### B<sub>2</sub>C

- Describes a strategy where a company provides goods or services for consumers
- Selling and marketing to professors
- Key Users are Professors



Main Interest lies in receiving

Feedback and improving their own

Classrooms



#### **ClassPulse**



#### **Feedback**

Focusing on Feedback will lead to ClassPulse's B2C orientation



#### **Analytics**

Focusing on Analytics will lead to ClassPulse's B2B orientation

#### B<sub>2</sub>B

- Describes a strategy where a company that provides goods or services for companies
- Selling and Marketing to Universities
- Key Users are Universities



Main Interest lies in creating and having **Analytics** to track and compare all Classrooms



### A Profound Preparation for the B2C Market Sets the Basis to Enter the B2B Market

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#### The Future Way to Success

#### **ClassPulse**

Building foundation to enter B2C market with focus on Feedback

#### ding foundation to

B<sub>2</sub>C

Solidifying product and customer basis in order to enter B2B market

#### B<sub>2</sub>B

Final Stage is the B2B market with strong competitive advantage and clear future visions

#### Several Aspects of ClassPulse's Product and Factors Influencing it Need to be Considered to Enable the Implementation of the Approach





#### **Agenda**

#### 01 Markets

Analysis of potential customer segments, competitors and their business models



#### 02 Product

Key features ClassPulse needs to develop to take on their competitors

#### **04** KPIs and Recommendations

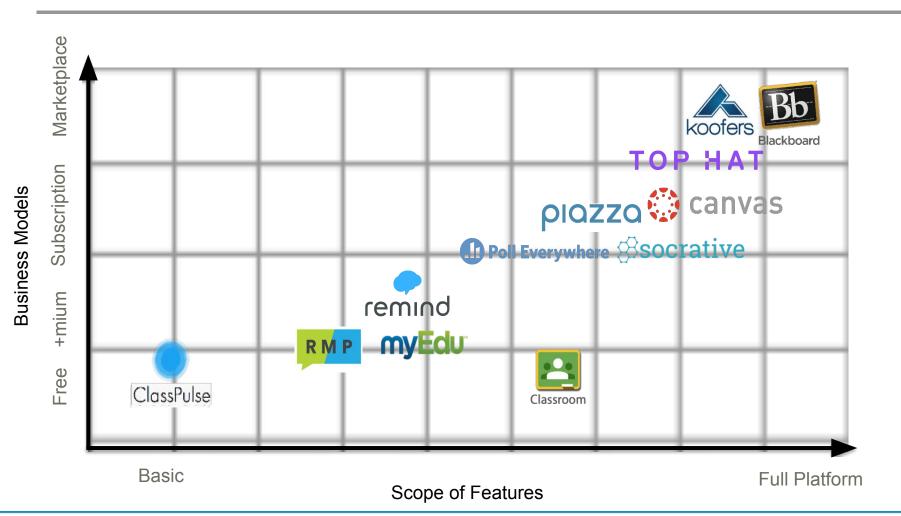
Next steps for ClassPulse and how their success should be tracked and main future recommdations

03 Strategy and Pricing Recommendations to best capture potential customers

### The Current Market Position of ClassPulse Needs to be Improved to Build Competitive Advantage

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#### **01** Markets | Competitor Landscape





# Higher Education Institutions Use as overall online, real-time feedback method to measure performance

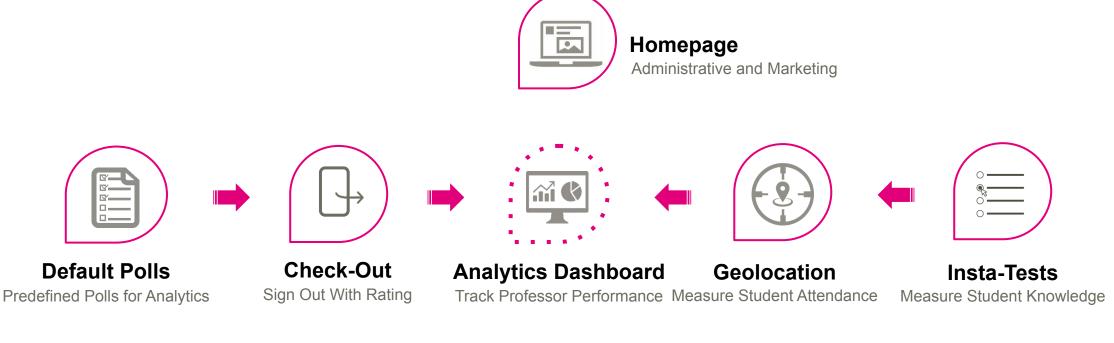


## Professors Use as online, real-time feedback method for individuals

### Targeted App Features Need to be Developed to Meet Market Needs and to Create Long-Term Value For ClassPulse Users

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#### **02** Product | Feature Suggestions







### These Top Three Features Should be Developed by ClassPulse First, as They Meet Customer Needs and Deliver Analytical Value



#### **02** Product | Mock-up Dashboard With Most Important Features





#### Geolocation

Measure student attendance through proximity tracking of logged-in devices



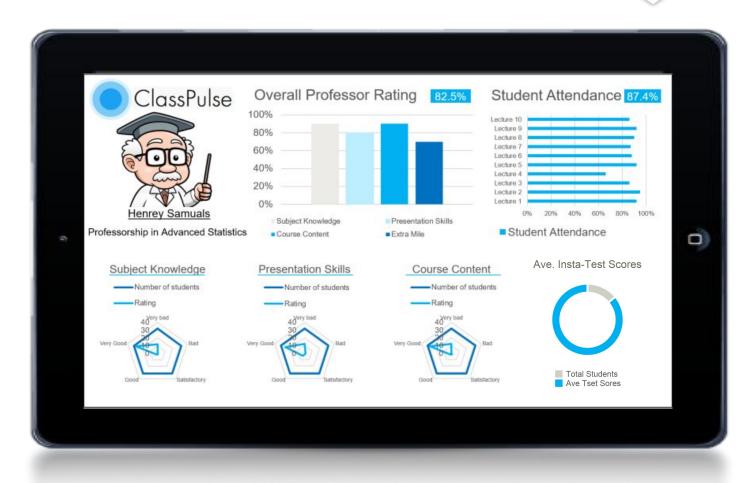
#### **Insta-Tests**

Short multiple-choice tests to measure student knowledge and performance



#### **Default Polls**

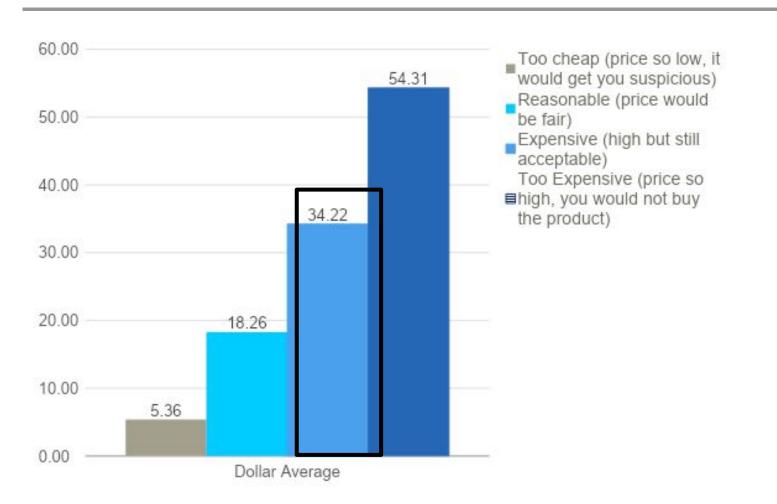
Predetermined questions to more accurately measure professor's performance



### At CBS, a Van Westendorp Analysis was Conducted and Identified Promising and Realistic Price Ranges for ClassPulse's B2C Pricing

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#### **03** Strategy and Pricing | Pricing Approach



- Value-Based pricing strategy to extract maximum willingness-to-pay
- No price-range suggested to achieve unbiased results
- 45 Professors and Lecturers answered the Survey
- Prices are per semester
- Results only for ClassPulse's present app
- Additional features create additional value

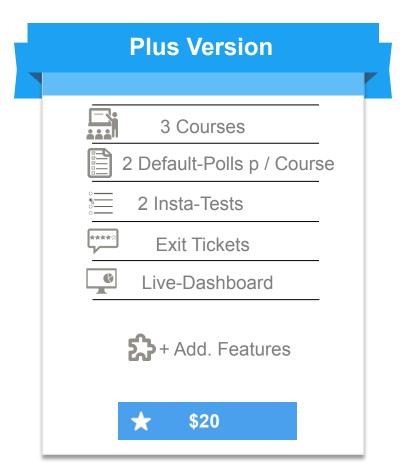
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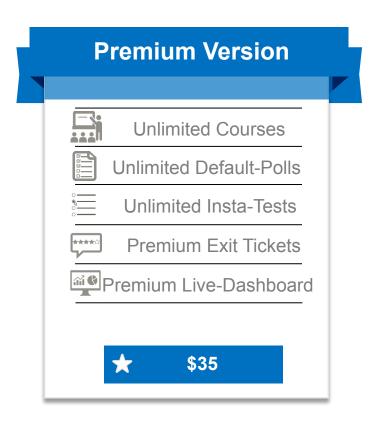
### In Order to Meet the Distinctive Needs of Professors, Three Different Pricing Strategies Should be Developed for the B2C Market



#### 03 Strategy and Pricing | Suggested B2C Pricing Bundles







### Based on the Van Westendorp Analysis, the Estimated Revenue Forecast Provides a Profitable Revenue Generation

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03 Strategy and Pricing | Revenue Forecast for B2C Approach

### Based on the Van Westendorp Analysis, the Estimated Revenue Forecast Provides a Profitable Revenue Generation

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#### 03 Strategy and Pricing | Revenue Forecast for B2C Approach

	A – Basic Version FREE	B – Plus Version 20\$	C – Premium Version 35\$	
Propensity to choose	68%	23%	9%	TOTAL
2018 Users	1,023	346	135	1,505
2018 Revenue	\$0	\$6,923	\$4,740	\$11,663
2019 Users	9,124	3,087	1,208	13,419
2019 Revenue	\$0	\$123,480	\$84,560	\$208,040
2020 Users	81,357	27,518	10,768	119,643
2020 Revenue	\$0	\$1,100,720	\$753,760	\$1,854,480

### Internal KPIs ClassPulse has to Implement to Measure the Development of its Application

#### 04 ClassPulse's KPIs | Key Performance Indicators



#### **Customer Acquisition Costs**

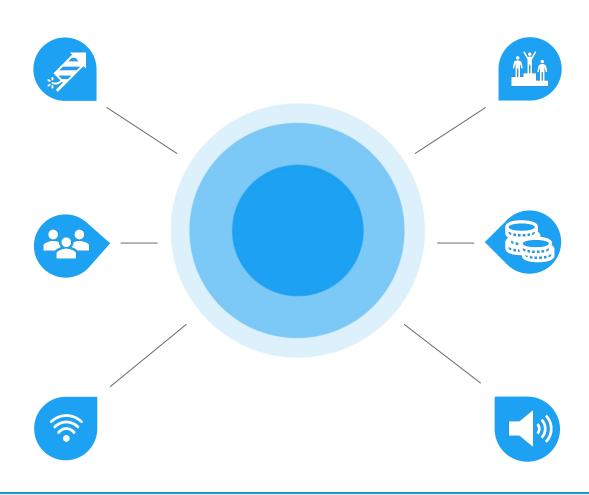
The customer acquisition costs (CAC) represent the costs to acquire a new customer

#### **Customer Loyalty**

Purchasing questions like, "How likely are you to (continue)(increase)(purchase different) products from X Company?" are the best indicators of growth through customer loyalty

#### Retention

"Retention is one of the biggest challenges of mobile apps today, as 65% of people stop using them three months after install" (Appboy)



#### **Active Users**

Monthly active users (MAU) or daily active users (DAU) are key users

#### **Average Revenue per User**

Average revenue per user (ARPU) indicates the value of an individual to your app business. As we propose 3 bundles, it needs to be tracked how many users buy which bundle

#### Acquisition

Looking at the long-term performance of the acquirer in comparison to a benchmark

### ClassPulse Needs to Accomplish Different Steps to Strengthen its B2C Market Position and to Minimize B2B Entry Barriers





#### **04** Recommendations | Next Steps

#### Reach \$208,040 Revenue

- Adapt to B2C Market
- Develop Analytical Part
- Further Develop Dashboard and Analytics
- Prepare ClassPulse to Enter B2B

#### Reach \$1,854,480 Revenue

- Position ClassPulse in B2B Market
- Add a new Revenue Stream through Higher Education Institutions
- Implement Additional Value Adding Features

#### **Long-Term Future**

- Evaluate Key Success Points
- Evaluate Feedback & Develop Future Scenarios
  - Entering New Markets
  - Joint Venturing
  - Sell Options



2023 - Reevaluation

03

2021 - B2B Market

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2019 - B2C & B2B Market



App

Grow Internally

Enter B2C Business

Reach \$11,663 Revenue

Develop Basic Features and

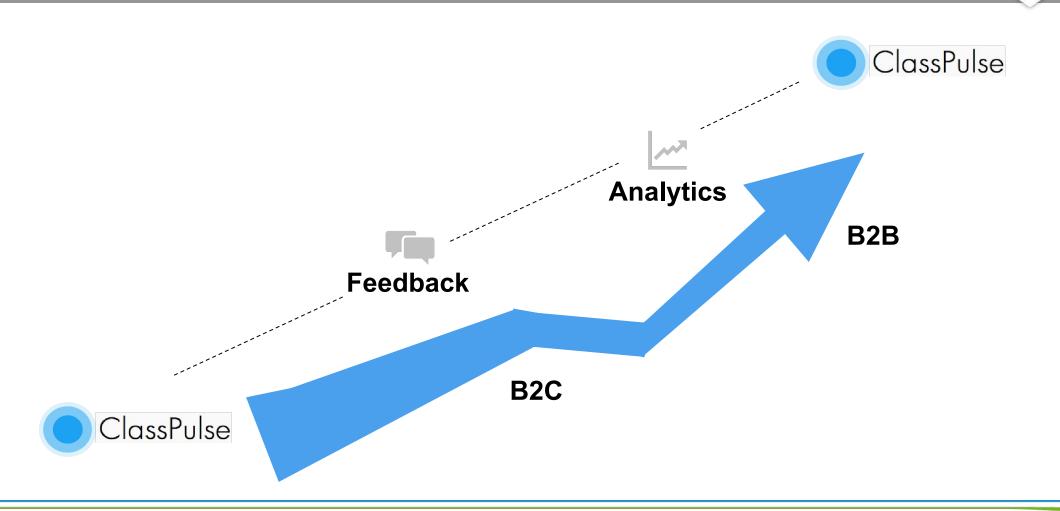
Understand Customer Needs

2018 - B2C Market

#### ClassPulse can Create Value Through Focusing on Key Feature Areas at the Right Moment Through the Right Strategy

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04 Recommendations | ClassPulse's Clear Direction





### THANK YOU

#### And a special thanks to:











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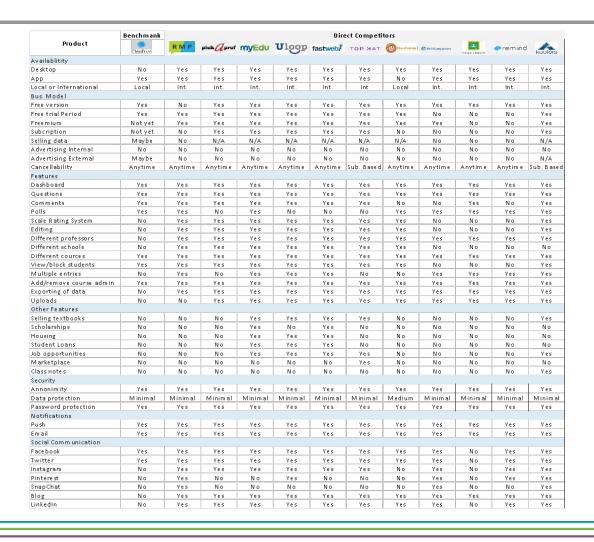
#### Back Up



### Market Competitors Have Implemented More Features Than ClassPulse

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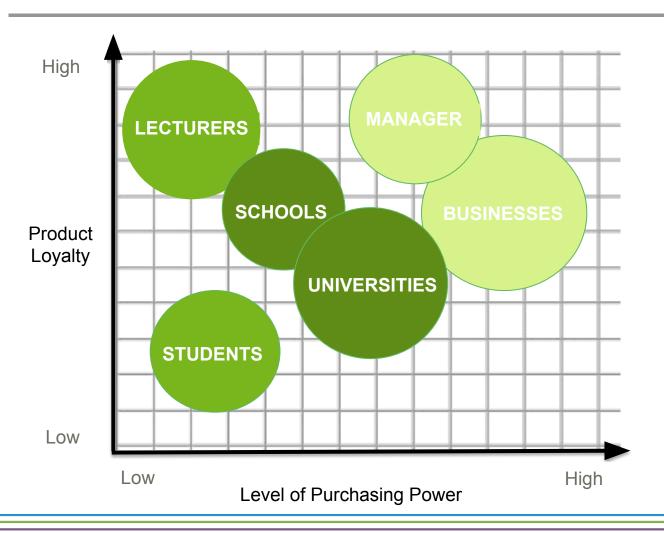
#### **External Analysis**



### The Most Influencial Stakeholder Can be Mapped through Showing Level of Purchasing Power & Product Loyalty



#### **Stakeholder Analysis**





#### **Lecturers / Students**

Lecturers And Students to Use ClassPulse as Online, Real-time Feedback Method



#### **Higher Education Institutions**

Schools and Universities to Use ClassPulse as Overall Online, Real-time Feedback Method



#### **Business World**

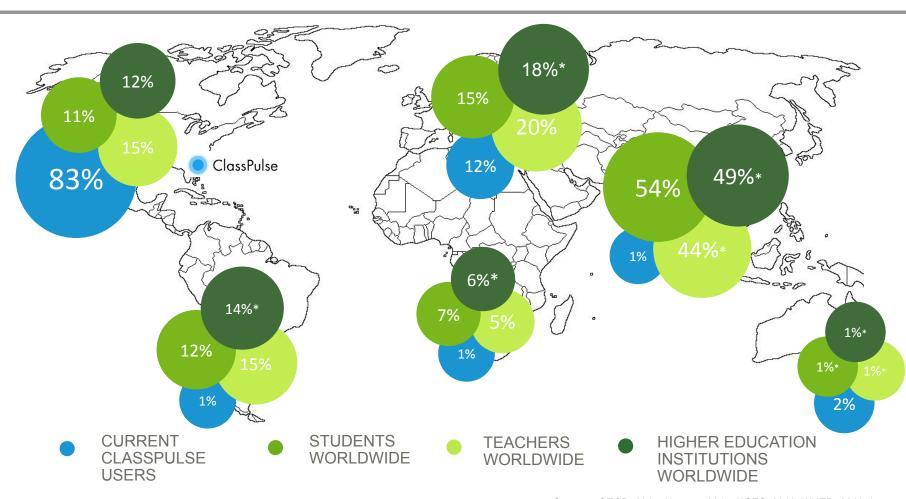
Companies And Managers to Use ClassPulse as Online, Real-time Performance Feedback for Employees

### The Most potential Educational Market are the Asian and the European Market

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#### **Global Education Market Analysis**



Sources: OECD, 2015; Unesco, 2015; NCES, 2018; WHED, 2018. \*own calculation based on existing data

### Analyzing Potential Customer Segments Around the World Shows the Availability of Promising Market Segments

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#### **External Analysis**

Regions	Current ClassPulse Users		Student Teacher Ratio	Students		Teachers		Higher Education Institutions		
North America		181	83%	15	20.950.202	11%	1.766.554	15%	7.142	12%
Europe		26	12%	15	29.626.760	15%	2.375.963	20%	9.853*	17%*
Australia		5	2%	14,3	2.206.834	1%	151.995*	1%*	683*	1%*
Asia		2	1%	21	106.438.610	54%	5.068.505*	43%*	28.388*	49%*
Africa		1	1%	27*	13.748.678	7%	598.336	5%	3.553*	6%*
South America		2	1%	13	25.311.825	13%	1.779.241	15%	7.911*	14%*
TOTAL		217	100		198.282.909		11.740.594		57.531	

Source: ClassPulse, 2018

Source: OECD, 2015

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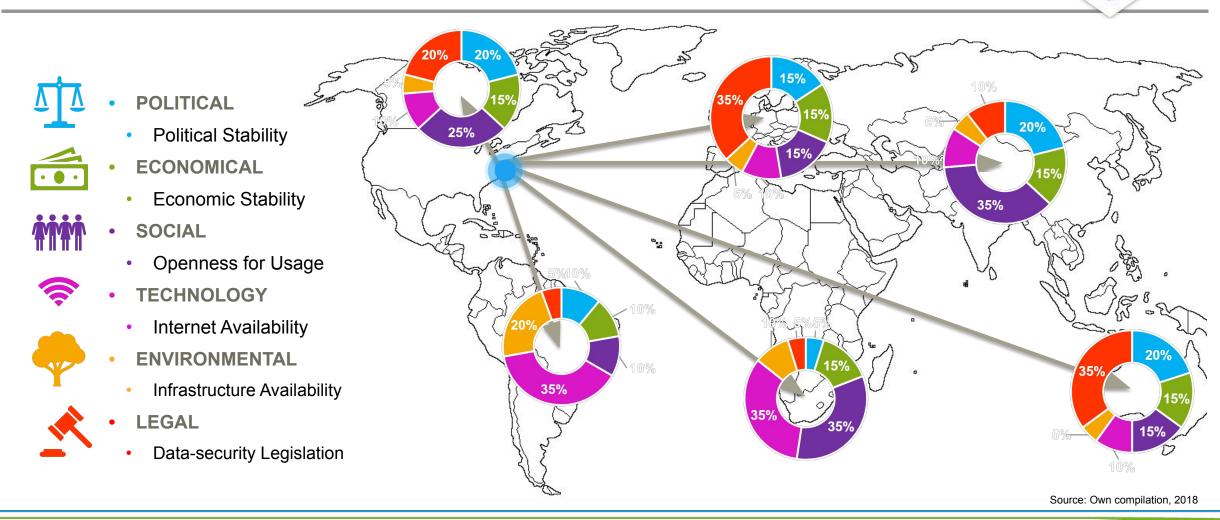
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### Especially Legal and Social Influences Could Hinder Expansion to Asia and Europe

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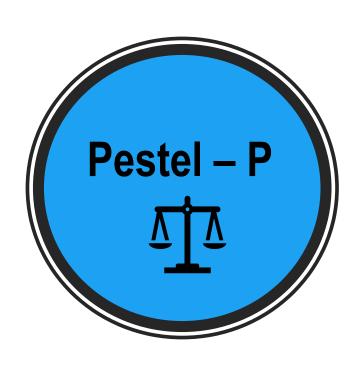
#### **PESTEL Framework Considerations for Internationalization**



### An Opportunity for ClassPulse Might be Political Stability of Developed Countries

**PESTEL – Politic** 





#### Political Stability of developed countries (opportunity)

- Relaxation of competition policies in industry as compared to heavy industries in EU and North American regions
- Reliable, faster and better internet usage for the national users

### An Opportunity for ClassPulse Might be Economic Stability of Most Developed Markets

#### **PESTEL – Economic**





#### Economic stability of most developed markets (opportunity)

- Off late spending has seen a downfall in US and rise in Asian markets due to economic growth; main reason being the credit crunch and tightening the housing loan
- Increase in potential customers for ClassPulse leading to the concept of globalization

### An Opportunity for ClassPulse Might be the Rising Openness to Use Digital Devices More Frequently

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**PESTEL – Social** 



- Increasing *openness to use digital devices more frequently* (opportunity)
  - Huge market available to exploit and establish
  - Increasing consumerism in developing countries

### An Opportunity for ClassPulse Might be the Rising IT Availibility in the World

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#### PESTEL- Technology



#### Increasing IT availability (opportunity)

- Innovation of latest technologies increased broadcasting, internet access at cheaper cost
- Increase in number of users of technical devices such as mobile, iPods,
   TV, led for increase in internet access for online usage
- Rich media applications are easily available to every target group

### An Opportunity for ClassPulse Might be the Increasing Infrastructure Availability

#### **PESTEL – Environmental**





#### Increasing infrastructure availability (opportunity)

Rise of infrastructure leads to less environmental impacts due to internet focus

### An Opportunity for ClassPulse Might be Increasing Data-Security Legislation

PESTEL – Legal





- Rising data-security legislation (opportunity)
  - Removes traditional legal methodologies and instate more secure and transparent legal environment

### Possible Product Improvement Areas for ClassPulse's Current Version

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#### **Product Improvement**

Existing Application ClassPulse – Product Improvements for ClassPulse Existing Product				
Application				
Delete comments	Delete comments if someone writes inappropriate comment. Teacher could block student but if anonymous post this is not possible			
Ease of Use				
Additional student notification	Notification when additional students join the class			
Course Code Sharing	Easy sharing of the course code for example via email or whatsapp			
Editing	Ability to edit message or poll after it being sent			
Instant actualization	No time gap between posting and seeing the post			
Push notification	Push notification (when student joins or writes comment) displayed on phone screen			
Polls				
Ease to submit Polls	Less klicks to submit Polls			
Multiple entries	Option to Reply to a poll more than once			
Precreating Polls	When poll is saved for later – notification "You have shared a poll with your students"; only little info for need to unhide - misleading			

### The Analysis of Existing Features Among Competitors Showed That There is a Variety of Features ClassPulse Should Implement





#### **Feature Analysis**

Feature Analysis – Additional Features ClassPulse Could Think of for B2C Market				
APIs - integration into system	An API to be able to "plug" ClassPulse easily into the school system or other systems			
Attendance	Professors can take the student's attendance via the App			
Class notes/ Academic Performance	Professors can submit and students can track their academic performance via the App			
Calendar	Just for specific dates for the course - could be synchronized or exported with microsoft office or other calendars			
Default Polls	Additional default polls to select from, e.g. with default answers as a/b/c; Agree/do not agree; standard default questions to "feed" information into the dash board			
Exit Tickets	When Students exit the room after class, they are asked for a quick "exit ticket" where they only have to do one or two clicks to submit for example if they understood everything			
Exporting of data	Possibility to export data from the application (not only the analytics but also for example a conducted poll)			
Geolocation	Could be used to track students' attendance but may also be used for other purposes			
Housing	Option to find accommodation (accommodation platform for Student living)			
Instant tests	Professor posts question, e.g. task for students to work on, then tick, correct answer; teacher gets direct feedback from student answers			
Job opportunities	Availability of Jobs (like or Career Service)			
Marketplace	Place to sell textbooks, notes etc. (internal eBay of sort)			
Scale Rating System	Could be used for the default polls or also for the exit tickets but should be included			
Selling textbooks	Textbooks sold online via the App which can be downloaded as pdf			
Student Loans	Option to apply for student loans (student financing platform)			
Uploads	Possibility to upload Microsoft office and pdf documents to share with students			

Feature Analysis – Additional Features for B2B Version					
Analytics of Professors and Students	Represents analytics dashboard planned by ClassPulse for the premium version and developed further by our recommendations				
API for school system	To "Plug" ClassPulse into a school's system				
Customized Design	If B2B, university could customize the design according to their CI				
Different schools	Option to add different educational institutes				
Internal Scholarships	Could be used as incentive for students to use the app - give out internal scholarships or other incentives - can be adapted and administered by university				
Personlized features	Depending on university's wishes, features can be customized				
Scholarships	Incentive for students to use app; cooperation with universities that give out scholarships; could be linked to student's grades				

### Even if Only 10% of All Customers Opt for the Plus and Premium ClassPulse Version, Revenue for 2020 Would Still be Promising

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#### **Worst Case – Revenue Forecast for B2C Approach**

	A – Basic Version FREE	B – Plus Version 20\$	C – Premium Version 35\$	
Propensity to choose	90%	7%	3%	TOTAL
2018 users	1,354	105	45	1,505
2018 revenue	\$0	\$2,100	\$1,575	\$3,675
2019 users	12,077	939	403	13,419
2019 revenue	\$0	\$37,560	\$28,210	\$65,770
2020 users	107,678	8,374	3,589	119,643
2020 revenue	0\$	\$334,960	\$251,230	\$586,190

- Since launch ClassPulse achieved to get around 350 downloads per month
- It can be expected to have a growth rate of 20% per month in 2018, 2019 and 2020

### If 15% of All Customers Opt for the Plus and Premium ClassPulse Version, Revenue for 2019 Would Already be Promising

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#### MID Case – Revenue Forecast B2C Approach

	A – Basic Version FREE	B – Plus Version 20\$	C – Premium Version 35\$	
Propensity to choose	85%	10%	5%	TOTAL
2018 users	1,279	151	75	1,505
2018 revenue	\$0	\$3,020	\$2,625	\$5,645
2019 users	11,406	1,342	671	13,419
2019 revenue	\$0	\$53,680	\$46,970	\$100,650
2020 users	101,696	11,964	5,981	119,643
2020 revenue	\$0	\$478,560	\$418,670	\$897,230

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