CovidHelpHub

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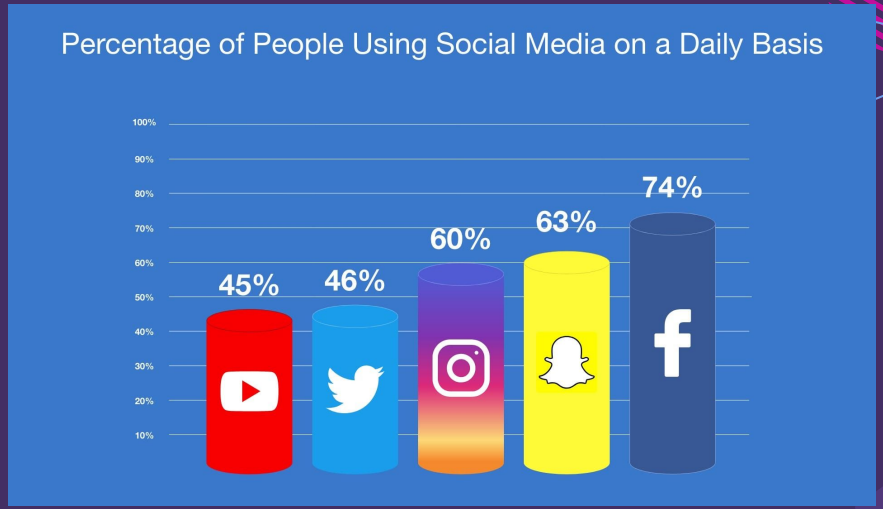
Preface

Welcome to the future of pandemic response.

CovidHelpHub is a Messenger bot ready to help you with all of your coronavirus needs.
The CovidHelpHub bot is our solution to end pandemics faster. We saw how there were many underprivileged people who did not have access to coronavirus testing, so we thought of a way to implement quick and accessible testing. If you are shown to have symptoms of coronavirus, we will direct you to go to the hospital in order to minimize others contracting it. We decided to expand our bot with features such as crowd control. You will be able to see real time statistics of places. Therefore, you can
plan how to go about your day with a lesser chance of contracting coronavirus. Our bot will also direct you to many helpful links, whether it be for donations or donations to help out your community.

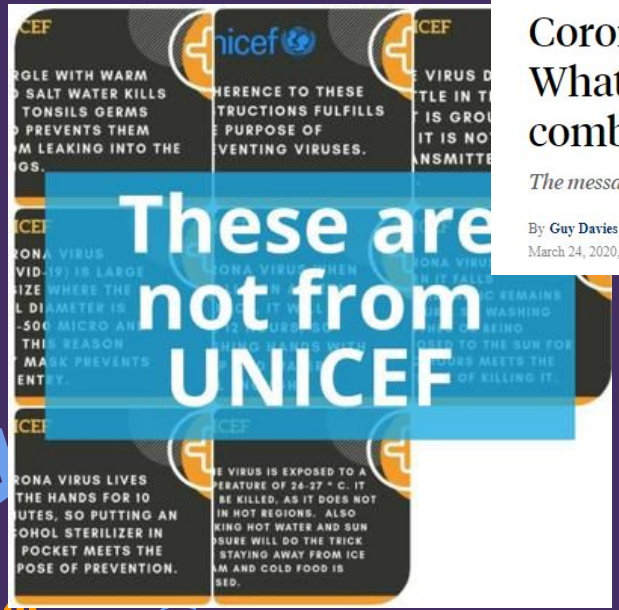
Motivation

- Social media is everywhere. It's unavoidable, it's powerful, and it's here to stay.
- Since 2004, social media has been growing exponentially and it hasn't even reached the peak of its popularity yet. There's no denying that social media platforms are now a major source of news and information.



That's why we decided to utilize facebook messenger - the app expected to grow to 2.4 billion users by 2021!

We want to stop the spread of misinformation!



Coronavirus misinformation on WhatsApp is going viral, despite steps to combat its spread

The messaging service boasts over 2 billion users worldwide.

By **Guy Davies**
March 24, 2020, 2:53 PM • 14 min read

Misinformation Spreads Faster Than Coronavirus: How A

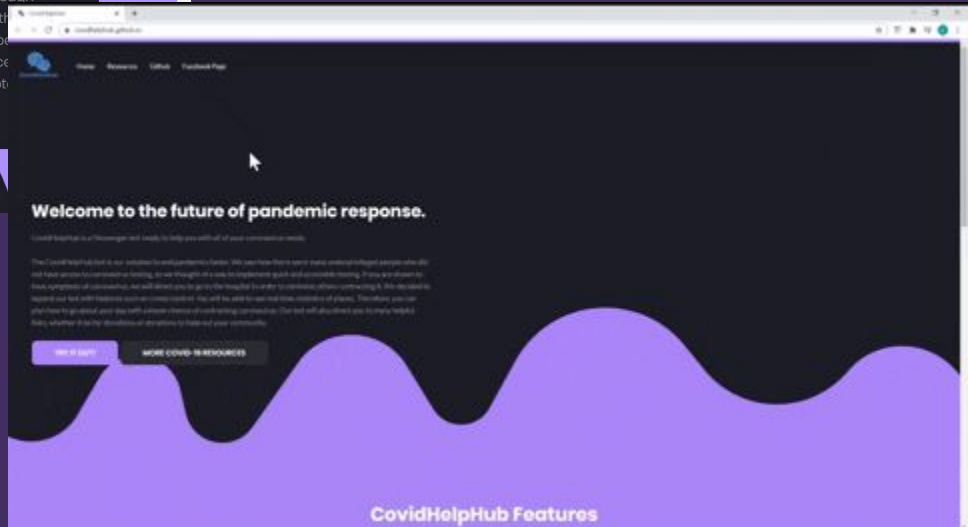
Tech Policy

Fake cures and other coronavirus conspiracy theories are flooding WhatsApp, leaving governments and users with a 'sense of panic'

The Facebook-owned messaging app — private in nature, and un-policed in key ways — has become a potential conduit for dangerous misinformation about the outbreak around the world

Check out Our Website

CovidHelpHub



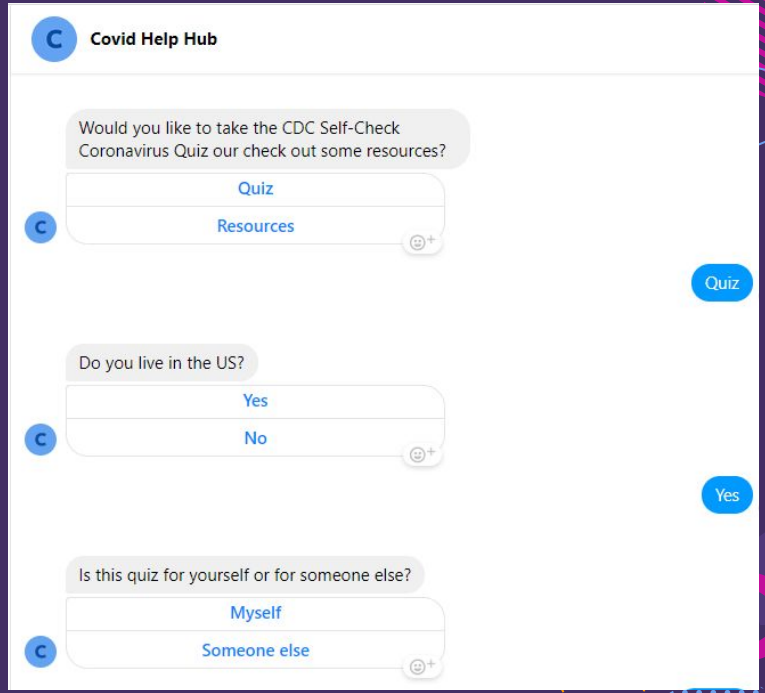
https://covidhelphub.github.io/

Check out our Chatbot

Our chatbot was designed to replicate the CDC's Self-Checker for Coronavirus symptoms without the burden of having to travel to the app store just to download another app or search the internet.

It's extremely convenient because it is on an app that is used by 1.3 billion people on the world already use!

All you have to do is search up "Covid Help Hub" and take the quiz free of charge! You can also find it linked on our website.



Our Takeaway

We learned about how the spread of misinformation can spread just as fast as the coronavirus itself. Through our research, we were able to understand how to figure out if a website is credible or not - which has bigger applications than simply using credible sources for a project. Getting important news from credible sources can almost be life or death, especially during tough times like now. However, we can continue to do our part to help our community realize what is and is not real.

Q & A

Any questions for us?

Thank you!

Thanks to all the judges, sponsors, and parents who organized this awesome event!

Good luck to all the teams!