Community Development for Old People
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ABSTRACT
As society advances, new communication technologies are being released and are generally being aimed at the younger audiences and not taking into consideration the potential elderly users. This is causing the older generation to be confused as they are left without knowledge of what is available and how they can use these available technologies. A solution has been created to solve this problem. VillAge is an internet forum that raises awareness of available technologies and provides informative guides with content at a level of understanding that even those with minimal computer knowledge will be able to understand and use. As this is a user centered project, regular communication with users has been completed through questionnaires and focus groups to ensure that the requirements have been generated, discussed and then met through the development and adaptation of the online forum VillAge.

Figure 1. Setup for focus group sessions