Personal Development Report

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## Introduction

This Personal Development Report (PDR) serves as an updated reflection on my personal and academic growth since week 10. By analyzing my actions, feedback, and insights, I aim to evaluate my progress and set actionable goals for future improvement. This document focuses on my experiences, particularly with my personal project and team project, and how they have contributed to achieving the course’s learning objectives.

## Learning Objectives

For each learning objective (LO3, LO6, LO7), I’ve provided my understanding of the objective, an evaluation of my progress, and a reflection on the learning process. This section also includes feedback I received from peers and instructors, as well as my thoughts on it.

### Learning Objective 3: Professional Standard

**Description (What I Understood)**This objective is about working in a way that meets professional expectations, whether individually or as part of a team. It involves planning carefully, adapting to feedback, and making decisions that are thoughtful, ethical, and sustainable.

**Process**For my personal project, I worked step by step, focusing on building features and ensuring they fit well together. I regularly reviewed my work, asked for feedback, and improved based on it. In the team project, we held regular meetings and followed an organized workflow to stay on track despite working online with the other team members from Austria.

**Self-Evaluation**I believe I have reached a solid level for this objective because of consistent feedback application and project adaptability. For example, after receiving feedback to improve the deployment process in my personal project, I implemented Docker containers for easier scalability. In the team project, I actively contributed to ensuring that all members’ inputs were considered during decision-making.

**Personal Reflection**The feedback highlighted the importance of detailed planning and proactive problem-solving. I appreciated the constructive suggestions, which motivated me to refine my deployment strategy and test processes earlier. This experience emphasized the value of professional feedback in improving outcomes.

### Learning Objective 6: Analyzing Business Processes

**Description (What I Understood)**

This objective is about understanding how things work in a business and figuring out how software can help make those processes better. It also means paying attention to what different people involved in the business need.

**Process**  
For my personal project, I spent time thinking about how the system would work for different types of users, like trainees, trainers and admins, and made sure the design and functionalities matched their needs. In the team project, we talked with each other to clarify what we were trying to achieve and used diagrams to make sure we all understood the plan.

**Self-Evaluation**I’ve improved significantly in understanding and aligning software design with business needs. The iterative refinement of C4 diagrams helped clarify complex workflows, and stakeholder discussions ensured alignment with expectations. However, there is still room for improvement in making diagrams more accessible to non-technical audiences.

**Personal Reflection**The feedback was invaluable in emphasizing the importance of effective communication and clear visualizations. I used the suggestions to revise diagrams and include more comprehensive explanations. This experience reinforced the importance of bridging technical concepts with stakeholder understanding.

### Learning Objective 7: Personal Leadership

**Description (What I Understood)**  
This objective is about being aware of my own strengths and weaknesses, setting goals to improve, and working on those goals with the help of feedback from others.

**Process**  
In my personal project, I set goals for myself, like finishing specific features by certain dates, and kept track of how I was doing. I asked for feedback when I got stuck and adjusted my plans when needed. In the team project, I focused on making sure to share my ideas and opinions with the team.

**Self-Evaluation**I’ve grown in my ability to lead myself and collaborate with others. Feedback from sprint reviews and discussions helped me identify areas where I could improve, such as time management. The progress I made in improving my communication skills also positively impacted my teamwork.

**Personal Reflection**The feedback helped me realize the importance of structured communication and proactive planning. I worked on implementing better time management strategies and encouraged my team to adopt a clearer meeting agenda. This objective has motivated me to continuously seek growth in both personal and professional areas.

## Retrospect

Overall, I feel that this course has been challenging but rewarding. It pushed me out of my comfort zone and made me look at things in new ways. My role in the course was to stay engaged, work with my classmates, and keep up with the projects and assignments. What I would try to do better is trying to manage my time better, especially on big projects, so I don’t feel as rushed near deadlines. This experience has given me a clearer understanding of my strengths, like being able to adapt quickly, and has also shown me areas where I need to improve, like time management

#### What Worked Well?

* Collaborating with classmates and external teammates provided diverse perspectives.
* Iterative reviews ensured continuous improvement and alignment with goals.
* Taking time to reflect on what was working and what needed to change.

#### What Could Be Improved?

* Managing time and workload during high-pressure periods.
* Creating more engaging and user-friendly interfaces in personal projects.
* Thinking more about long-term challenges early in the process.

#### What Didn’t Work?

* Relying too much on figuring things out alone without asking for advice sooner.
* Testing new ideas or changes at the last minute.

#### Future Improvements

* Create a detailed timeline for tasks with clear deadlines.
* Ask for help earlier when I’m stuck or unsure.
* Review plans regularly to anticipate and prevent potential problems.

## Learning Points / Lessons Learned

In conclusion, my key learning points from this semester include the importance of effective communication, the value of collaboration, and the need for time management. I’ve learned that asking for feedback not only enhances my work but also strengthens my relationships with classmates. This course has taught me to be more proactive in my learning and to seek help when needed, rather than trying to figure everything out on my own. These insights will guide me as I progress in my studies and future career, helping me to become a more effective team member and a more organized individual.