Reflections on the Development of FitHub

The development of FitHub presented a valuable learning experience, with several challenges:

Challenges

1. Integration of Multiple Features:

 Combining role-based user management, progress tracking, and real-time updates required seamless coordination between components.

2. Database Complexity:

 Designing a relational schema that supported many-to-many relationships, such as in plans and exercises, was challenging.

3. Real-Time Notifications:

 Implementing the Observer pattern for notifications and ensuring timely delivery posed integration difficulties.

4. Security Measures:

 Balancing secure authentication (OAuth and password login) with simplicity required careful design.

5. **Testing**:

Manual testing led to delays in identifying and resolving cases.

Improvements

1. Comprehensive Planning:

 Create detailed project plans with realistic timelines and phased feature implementation.

2. Enhanced Modularity:

 Adopt more design patterns and adhere to SOLID principles to improve maintainability.

3. Automated Testing:

 Implement unit and integration tests using frameworks like pytest to reduce manual errors.

4. Detailed Documentation:

 Maintain API specs, database schemas, and workflows to streamline development and debugging.

5. Simplified Scope:

 Focus on delivering a functional MVP (Minimum Viable Product) within the semester timeline, adding additional features only if time permits.

6. Presentation Practice:

 Allocate time to prepare a clear and engaging presentation of the project for evaluation, including live demonstrations of core features.

7. Learning New Tools:

 Leverage the project to explore and learn new technologies or frameworks relevant to the course objectives, enhancing the learning experience.