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I have to say this year is going to be very challenging for me as I just moved in a new place and still dealing with setting things around, a new Job to be stated in October and that it will involve more time and commitment from my side on learning new things as they are required so I can perform my duties. I look forward to this year classes and from the look of it, I will have to be putting an extra effort in here too, because the new way of delivering the classes online is not the same when you are in college and getting to interact and asking for help when stuck with a problem.  For my Final Project, I have decided on creating an E-Commerce Web Application that will promote the local farmers and producers of goods and produces to be sold and trade on it.  This is my Reflection Journal and I intend to make a new entry in it every week, updating the progress made on my project with all the possible interesting findings, in this way I will keep my focus on finishing it on time. Semester OneWeek 1: 28th September / 04th October My final year in college has started and I got more details on how the course will be delivered and some dates to keep in mind for deliverables.  On my first class on Software Project, I was advised to look for an idea so I can start my Project and I got the date to submit our Project Pitch Video too.  This week I looked at my current living situation and I soon realized that as I recently just moved home it is a bit difficult for me now to access some areas of the city that I was fun of them before. The main cause of this matter is the result of new restrictions to come in the nearest future from the authorities that are put in place to help to stop spreading the Virus Covid\_19.  One of these places is my local Farmers Market with my favourite artisan food, cheeses, meats, organic vegetable and fruits. As I wanted to be able to continue to have them even when restrictions will restart again, I began looking online to see where I can purchase them online and having them delivered to my new address from the Farmers Market. Market Research The only information available online about my favourite Farmers Market was on Visitdublin.com web site, but only with the location on Google Maps and day of the week and time that is held on. Future research was done online on a few other web sites like <https://www.ireland.com/what-is-available/food-and-drink/farmers-markets/>, <https://www.ireland.com/what-is-available/food-and-drink/farmers-markets/destinations/republic-of-ireland/dublin/dublin-city/>. Idea I soon realized that this a great opportunity to create an E-Commerce Web Application where I can bring together the local Farmers, Producers and Costumers to trade again even in these strange times that we all are living in, but this time, safely within reach of a click on the App and within the Government guidance of respecting Social Distancing Measures. Week 2: 05th October / 11th October At the end of the second week on Saturday, I received more information about the project deliverables and requirements. A piece of major information that I got from the lecturer online was that if the Project that we have chosen to work on is not going to be approved by the program comity after we submit our Pitch Video, we will be giving a list from where we can choose from a new project already approved by them.  As today is Sunday and I have few free moments, I started to work on a short document, where I will present and argue why my project is worth to be approved by the program comity. I put everything in writing as this helps me to visualize and assess my idea better, with few bullet points where they will be expanded upon next week.   Week 3: 12th October / 18th October On Sunday the 18th of October is the due day for the Video Pitch where I can present and hope for approval of my Final Project.  Today is Wednesday and I added more information to my text document containing my small presentation, I see that is getting shape and hopefully, by Friday evening I will be ready and I will be able to start recording the video using Microsoft Streams. I choose Microsoft Streams because I don’t have any experience with any editing software yet now and by the look of it form an introduction on how to use Stream is easy and not time-consuming.  Today is Friday and the Project Video Pitch was recorded as planned in the morning and I decided to postpone the upload of the video for Sunday morning, in this way I will have the chance to rework it or to improve it if needed, or if new information is given to us at Saturday’s class.  The big day for Video Pitch submission has arrived, I submitted the video 9 hours before the deadline and now I only have to wait for the approval. Week 4: 19th October / 25th OctoberVision Mission Statement While waiting for the confirmation of approval for my E-Commerce project, I went and started to write the Vision Mission Statement for the company. This idea I got it from the Strategic Management Module presented to us this semester and the result sounds like this “Our company mission is to reconnect the local community by offering them the best E-Commerce Online Platform to make their trading easier, by getting together the local producers, farmers and customers. We are promising that we will facilitate with our resources all the transactions and we will be available 24/7 at our customers' disposal.” Week 5: 26th October / 1st November Earlier this week on Tuesday I received an email from one of the lecturers for the Software Project class, announcing us that the reviews for our Video Pitch are still going on but at this stage, we have a supervisor assign to us. In conclusion, I can contact my supervisor and request a meeting once my Video Pitch review has been approved.  At the end of this week on Sunday, I have to submit on the Reflecting Journal for this month. As I started a new job last week I have to be honest that I got we bit behind with college work and now I feel the pressure to have it all ready for submunition on time and have a good quality of work too, and I will do my best if I keep a tight time table.  The plan for next week is to finish a few more continues assignments, as many deadlines for them are approaching fast. I don’t want to repeat this year if I fail it because is not an option for me, considering this situation that we are in, is not too pleasant at all, is very hard to describe it. |