Personal Reflection
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In the beginning of the semester, I was not feeling that confident with my programming skills and leadership. I decided to really challenge myself and take the initiative to be the secretary of the group. This made me more responsible, and I learned how to act like a mediator, support and motivate the others from the group. As I was the one in charge of finalizing all of the documentation, this contributed a lot to my development, academic writing and analytical thinking.

I found this semester very interesting. I did not know that I was able to learn so many new things in just a couple of months. Making a website for a real client made me realise how many steps a developer must take in order to reach the desired destination – in our case, to make the final product. I improved a lot my research skills and learned how important users' feedback is. Although sometimes there were some setbacks and we had to act fast and smart, we managed to do everything on time and make the client happy.

For the design phases, Yoana and I helped each other and expanded our knowledge when it came to prototyping, designing, and brainstorming different ideas. It was my first time that I made an actual interactive prototype and logo. These things really contributed to my skills in AdobeXD and Illustrator.

When it comes to the coding part, I expanded my knowledge in JavaScript, HTML and CSS. I learned how to use flexbox, make an interactive design, use new CSS functions and measures (clamp, min-width, vh, vw), make a website responsive. Even though we had 3 weeks to fully redesign our website, change the concept and layout, we took this challenge and gave our best.

The most difficult thing for me this semester was the team work. I found it at times exhausting, but I tried to stay positive about it, because in the future I will work with a lot of different people, and I have to learn how to remain calm in certain situations. I felt like the leader of the group at times, which was a lot of weight on my shoulders, but surely helped me grow as a person. It was very beneficial when it comes to my soft skills such as leadership, adaptability, listening to others, time management and organization. I also improved my communication with others.

This semester surely made me more confident in the things I am creating. I was introduced to various methods that expanded my knowledge in a lot of aspects, and I am really looking forward to seeing what things we are going to do in the future.