# LEARNING DISABILITIES & TEACHING

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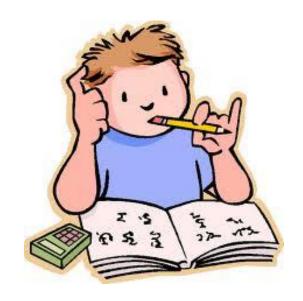
- This presentation will be split up into the following topics
- What is my project?
- Motivations
- Disabilities
- The Application
- Current and Future Progress

# My Project

Creating an VLE that can cater for students with learning disabilities.

Project is a web application

Using Agile development model



Deliver content tailored for different learning disabilities

# **Project Aims**

- To develop a system that can cater for different disabilities
- To develop an easy to use system that boasts a clear and easy to use user interface
- To develop a system where learning disabled students can interact with other students and teachers
- To provide the students with validation and acceptance of their work

## **Motivations**

- Everyone has the right to education
- Education should be delivered in appropriate ways
- Improving quality and delivery of education to learning disabled students

"At least 1.5 million people in the UK suffer from learning disabilities" – Public Health England

### **Motivations**

- Learning disabilities impact an individuals employment prospects
- From 2010/2011 only 6.6% of learning disabled adults in paid employment – Public Health England



Improve learning disabled students prospects

## Learning Disabilities

- How do disabilities effect students abilities?
- Dyslexia: Trouble digesting the syntax of a language
  - ADHD: Organization and attention issues
- Autism: Behavioral issues, language & communication skills
  - All: Short term memory issues

Learning disabled students are **NOT** unintelligent

Learning disabled posses an average IQ (90-109)

## Disabilities

Easy Read: Standardized format for UK public services Helps mitigate language processing and attention issues

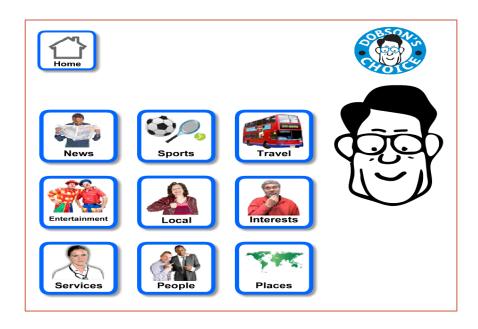
Dobson's Choice: Learning disability search engine

#### **Better records**



We now have a **Records Manager** who has already:

 Set up training for staff around keeping records



## Disabilities

Primary methods used to help counter effects of learning disabilities

- Bulleted text with images
- Use of digital media (Images, videos & audio)
- Communication and contact hours
- Feedback & IEP (Individual Education Plans)
- Easy Read techniques

## The Application

- How is the application being created?
  - Designed using Axure RP software

Created in Visual Studio 2015

- Using ASP.NET MVC5
- Programming Languages used?

CSS HTML C# JQUERY

## The Application

- What technical features will the application include?
- Log in and Register student and lecturer accounts
- Allow users to message each other
- Easy to follow and clear UI
- Lecturers can post content & students can view content
- Lecturer can post and grade assignments for students to take

# **Current Progress**

What has been created thus far?

#### **Concrete Features**

- Users can update all of their data
- User Accounts for Students and Lecturers
- Uploading of files to the system

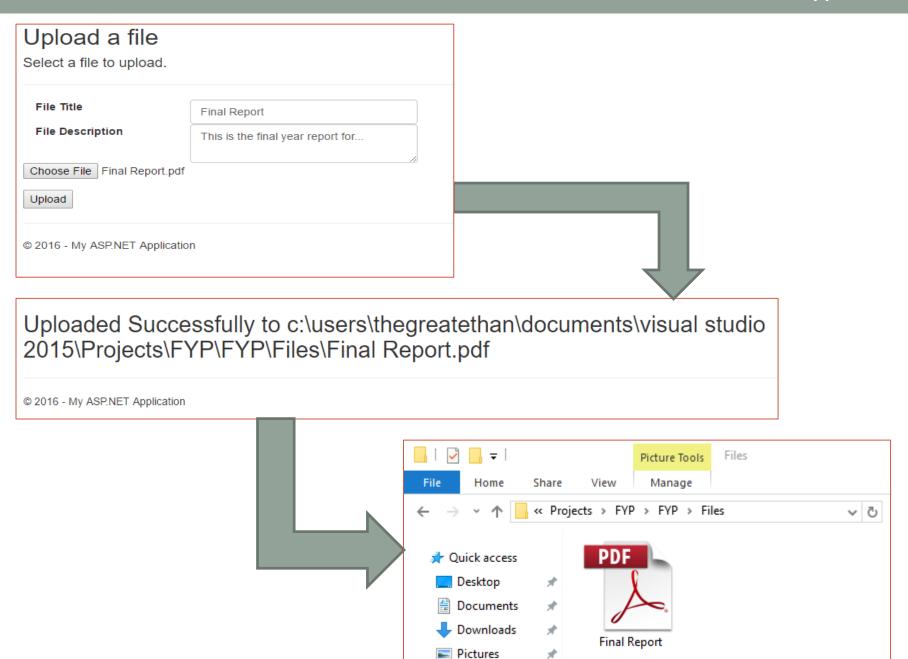


# **Objectives Progress**

Objectives are on track and running according to the schedule

Name	Begin date End date		
Initial Document	26/9/16	27/10/16	
First Iteration Development	27/10/16	28/11/16	
First Iteration Testing	24/11/16	28/11/16	
Gregynog presentation creation and practice	10/11/16	28/11/16	
Review of Gregynog feedback	30/11/16	2/12/16	
Review of current progress	12/12/16	12/12/16	
Second/Third Iteration Development	5/12/16	10/1/17	

"The first iteration is unlikely to contain many features, and its primary purpose is to serve as a body that can be built upon in further iterations"



Register.				
Create a new account.				
Username	JohnDoe123			
First Name	John			
Surname	Doe			
Disability	ADHD ▼			
Email	johndoe@example.com			
Account Type	Student ▼			
Gender	Male ▼			
Password	•••••			
Confirm password	•••••			
	Register			
© 2016 - My ASP.NET Applica	ation	Hello J	ohnDoe123!	Log off

# Future Progress

This semester and beyond

#### **Future Features**

- Messaging between users
- Text size and color change options
- Inclusion of video content

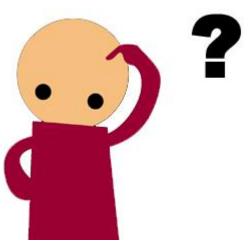


## Summary

- VLE for students with learning disabilities
- Dyslexia, ADHD and Autism
- Using Easy Read techniques
- Web Application
- Currently meeting objectives and schedule

# Thank you for your time and patience

# Any Questions?



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