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"A lot of indie developers who became 'Overnight Successes' were working at it for ten years."

- Dan Adelman



"We do not learn from experience
... we learn from reflecting on
experience"

- Dan Adelman

"Self-reflection is the school of wisdom"

- Balthasar Gracian

## Introduction

For this assessment you will write a 1500-word evaluation of your work on your game development so far. You can use this assessment to reflect on the development's progress so far, how it is going and your contribution to it, as well as to think forward to what you need to do to, revise, edit, or do differently, on the next game project in 3<sup>rd</sup> year. You will need to list a plan or set of actions that you could feed-forward into the 3<sup>rd</sup> year project.

This assessment allows you to reflect on your working processes and critically evaluate what you have learnt so far on the project.

Evaluations are an extremely important part of the learning process and should not be taken lightly. These key points should always be born in mind:

- You must critically appraise both your work and your approach to and understanding of that work.
- Do not write a narrative. Pick 3-5 points you consider to be important and explore these in depth critically and reflectively.
- As you work on your projects, make a note of interesting points that the evaluation may discuss.
- Include a plan or set of actions for your final project in **3**<sup>rd</sup> **year**. These should arise from your evaluation.

The assignment consists of the following parts:

#### Part A

Work with your team to develop your game during the first semester. As the project progresses, be sure to record your contributions and the impact that those contributions have had on the product you are making, your team and yourself. Use reflective practice to make sense of what has happened on the project and how you can develop your hard and soft skills for the future.

#### Part B

This is a single summative submission. To complete this part, submit your report it to learning space. Your submission will be assessed against the rubric at the end of this document.

You will receive formal feedback within 3 weeks

## **Additional Guidance**

Writing a reflective or evaluative report at the end of body of work can often

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become a fraught process as it can become difficult accurately remember what has happened, to whom and what outcomes occurred. Therefore, maintaining a private account of your project experiences will help you to remember what has happened.

It can be helpful to use models of reflective practice to help you frame your analysis and insights, Kolb, Argyris and Schon and Gibbs are three models that may prove helpful.

Do not just dwell in what has happened for your evaluation, use your experiences to help you plan for the future and how you can develop your professional practice for **3**<sup>rd</sup> **year**. SMART is a particularly useful framework for future-planning.

#### FAQ

- What is the deadline for this assignment?
   Falmouth University policy states that deadlines must only be specified on the MyFalmouth system.
- What should I do to seek help? You can email your tutor for informal clarifications.

# Marking Rubric

Learning Outcome Name	Learning Outcome Description	Criteria	Weighting	Clear Fail	Near Pass	3rd	2:2	2:1	1st	>1st
	graduation pathway, with reference to how you will overcome obstacles, and how you will build a personal brand that highlights your professional attributes.	How thoughtfully and perceptively has the student reflected on their contribution to the game development?	20%	No consideration	Very limited reflection on personal contribution	limited reflection across areas of importance or missing areas of true significance.	insightful analysis and reflection of involvement and performance over	performance over the semester Reflection tends to be		Reflection is extremely insightful and captures key involvement and performance issues over the semester
		How thoughtfully and perceptively has the student reflected on the progress of their game development across the module?	20%	No consideration	and/or no depth of consideration	development analysis with limited reflection across areas of importance or missing areas of true significance.	insightful analysis and reflection of game development over the semester Reflection tends to be	game development over the semester	analysis and reflection of game development over the semester Reflection is narrow and	Reflection is extremely insightful and captures key game development issues over the semester
		How much depth of analysis is demonstrated in the evaluation?	20%	No consideration		industry practice and academic references	Analysis is tending towards deep rather than broad and drawing from industry best-practice and suitable academic references	best-practice and suitable academic	insightful typically	Deep analysis that focuses on key industry arguments / best practice and has suitably reference key sources
		How well has the student used the evaluation to come up with a plan or set of actions for Semester Two to ensure		No plan		broad and ill-defined	with some structure, though aims and objectives are not necessarily achievable	plan that is shows signs of currently being undertaken.	plan that is shows signs of currently being undertaken.	Clear evidence that planning is part of a larger plan that has been in place for a large part of the semester already.
		completion of the game development?	40%		No real relationship between self- and game reflections, analysis and plans	suitable planning templat es & frameworks	frameworks	using SMART or other suitable planning templates & frameworks Fairly clear relationship	SMART or other suitable planning templates & frameworks	planning templates & frameworks
						between plans and work	Some relationship between plans and work for 3 <sup>rd</sup> year		•	Strong and existing relationship between plans and work for 3 <sup>rd</sup> year