

Notion

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Introduction

Notion is a productivity platform that is designed to be shaped around each individual project, idea, and team. It is extremely vast and versatile.

My Use of Notion

I used Notion very similarly to how I used Trello. I imported my pre-existing Trello board into Notion so I could focus on developing my game rather than wasting time trying to get my Notion Workspace looking nice.

In general, I used it the same way I would a Trello board, because of this I do believe that I did not use Notion to its full potential. The only exception to this is when I used Notion to take notes. I have two heading for my notes: Personal Critiques; and Play tester Critiques. The 'play tester' in this scenario being my brother. I used this to write down the problems that I noticed aka. known bugs or deficiencies with the game, and then problems an outsider noticed as I had become too used to working around the 'quirks' in my game. In one such instance I had accidentally left a block of text and a button in one scene which was useful in the first sprint but entirely redundant in the second sprint.

Without this notes section, I would have been working entirely with my memory as many of these problems were something related to a section already in my Trello Board or were too complicated to directly implement into the board. In general, it helped me to organise my thoughts better and helped me to prioritise tasks to get sprint 2 finished.

Advantages

Notion helped me to put more detail into what I needed to do without cluttering my sprint board. It also helped me keep my thoughts, notes and boards in the one location. It made it very easy to switch between pages and views. Generally, Notion is a better platform to work with as it is more detailed while staying user-friendly.

Disadvantages

As I did not start out this project on Notion, I had to not only learn a new platform but also had to figure out a way to transfer my pre-existing board to Notion. I found that learning a new platform in the middle of the project greatly stunted my workflow and hindered my motivation to do this project.

Conclusion

Notion is a good platform that is very versatile while staying user-friendly. It is extremely cross-compatible with most productivity platforms making it, in my opinion. The best productivity platform I have used. However, changing platforms in the middle of the project was not a good idea. Regardless of how good a platform Notion is, changing platforms significantly reduces productivity as now the user must take time to learn an additional platform on top of transferring all data across the platforms. As Notion is such a large platform, it takes more time to learn than other platforms and to really reap the benefits of said platform, one must take significant time to learn the nuances of it.