Team Blogs

# Weeks 1-3

Our team name is Grade 7 (group 43) and we are in workshop 7. We have chosen to do the property management project as it seems to be the most structured of the four options.

Our team will have meetings every Wednesday on campus between 1pm and 4pm to plan the each sprint. Or sprints will run from Tuesday to Tuesday workshops to give us maximum time to work on components of our applications. We will also have skype meetings during the week to touch base and go over all aspects of the sprint.

Our team leader is Nor, who is one of our CS students and he has been instrumental so far in getting organised and setting up our meetings.

Nor is also our liaison with our client team (team 46). They are doing the textbook sharing project, which means that our role in their project will be quite an active one as this project has no specifications. As a result Nor has spent the past week in contact with their liaison putting together a list of features that we believe are necessary for the application. Although the work that our client team has completed has been of a high standard, it has been coming a bit later than we would like as we're keen to get started on things as soon as possible but this is a small complaint. Overall they have been great so far and have really helped us iron out what features we want.

For next week we plan on starting development with myself (Kirsten) starting the database, Harry working on the front end and Nor starting the back end. The IS team will complete the user stories and also start to compile a document of house entries to go into our database. Nor will also be going over our features in further detail with our client team via email.

# Weeks 4-5

Our team has made a great start to the development of the application but still needs to improve on the planning stage. Our chosen methods of communication (generally facebook chat, as well as in person meetings) have generally been effective but we need to keep in contact more often to maximise their effectiveness and our productivity.

Nor and our client team have been liaising throughout the week to select features we feel our essential for our applications. As a team we created user stories based around these features and have compiled a list of 13 major user stores which we will develop throughout the semester. We now realise that we need to further break up our user stories to be more specific so we can further plan out our releases. It is clear now that the main two users for our application will be the website owner David and potential clients as we felt that it was likely too complicated to add a third portal for other owners.

It was very difficult to prioritise tasks as none of our CS team has done web based programming before, so much of it was guess work but we are confident that we have the abilities needed to complete the tasks. Using planning poker we gave each user story a score based on the difficulty and time we think it will take to complete all features for each story.

Our release plan will be based on the user stories and the priority we gave each feature. We will create a product backlog of feature we need to complete with approximately how many hours each feature will take.

Our client has been great in helping us decide what features we need for our user stories as well as our assessment criteria.