

Critical Evaluation of the Team and the Project

The team on the whole worked very well together, from communication when working on the documentation through to pair programming in the integration and testing week.

The attendance and communication of the team was very good concerning the weekly meeting with Nigel, each meeting I feel went very well and many points were always made. I believe we always came out of those meeting with ideas and plans for the meeting we set up generally on a Thursday the same week. The team in the weekly meeting worked very well and had many points and ideas from each individual, this made writing the documentation, assigning tasks to individuals and designing the project a lot easier. We did not have any one individual making it hard for the group if we ever had a conflict of ideas we managed to bring them both together in a very quick and concise manner. I do not believe the team could improve on how we worked in these meeting as attendance was good and so was the communication and we all did the work that was needed.

The Group in the Integration and testing week works fantastically with each other and individually where each person worked on the task given to them and if any help was needed any group member was willing to help.

Over all I think the team worked extremely hard and well together I believe we could of improved on certain aspects of attendance where we all turn up for a certain time, this would have helped with setting tasks early on and so we are all working from the word go.

The main recurring problem we had with the project was our database, the one we had originally had tried and tested we could not get working in the web application environment. We had to scrap the original database and create a new one that would work with the web application, this took the project back a day and meant we were always on the back foot. We could have stopped this by making sure the original database worked in the web application by doing more spike work and being a bit more diligent with testing the database. We would get it working on a computer then once synced with Github it would no longer work. We found the problem here was with our persistent.xml file which would change depending on the computer, we solved this in the week how ever we should of had this set up before the integration and testing week but we did not foresee the problem and this held us back again.

The top lesson learned was to communicate between everyone, to make sure that every one was working from the same page. To be able to gets everybody's opinion and times they are available to set up meetings, this I found rather hard as not everyone would check either their emails or Facebook. Was also the same when it came to handing out tasks, where each person would work on the tasks at different times and need questions answered but have to wait this made communication for some tasks very hard and would slow the task down considerable. The other lesson learned was to make sure everyone is doing the job and no more for example setting a task to make a function work on the project and they come back and it does even more, which is great but when other tasks still need to be done the extra work can wait till later and by the end we had run out of time for certain functionally that was in the design spec.