

PERSONAL PORTFOLIO

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Introduction

The personal portfolio consists of all the key steps which I had undertaken while designing the website. It is important for me to mention that I am not comfortable with coding; hence, I had chosen the website designing function. The portfolio highlights the different skills which have been used to make the project a successful one. On the other hand, certain areas of improvement have also been mentioned for the developers. In overall context, the portfolio provides a complete picture of how website designing process should be and the key IT applications that need to be taken into account.

Learning Objectives

The main learning objectives were as follows.

- Evaluating various artefacts specific to release one and release two
- Exploring knowledge about professional IT practices and it's need in project development
- Understanding the contribution of each stated artefacts towards the project
- Describing the core web tools required for designing purpose

Purpose

The main purpose of this report is to highlight the key skills acquired during project development process and to simultaneously portray the capabilities used for efficiently developing the music school website.

Personal Portfolio

Release One

There are some old units which I have gone through while designing the website, such as the units on Web Design and Development, along with Project Management. It has been possible for me to apply the concepts of CSS and HTML due to the mentioned units. The Project Management unit enabled me to gain knowledge on how projects can be successfully completed based on the Agile approach. On the basis of this unit, it has been easier for me to understand the overall Agile journey and the mechanism of real-world transition.

Throughout the releases my main area of concern has been active participation in the front-end designing, i.e. CSS and HTML. During the release one, I used to develop branches for the pages in GitHub. Initially I did not have any such knowledge about this application tool. However, I was highly determined to complete the front-end stuff efficiently so as to ensure that my team members do not suffer because of me. On the contrary, in release two, it was decided that assigned individuals would firstly complete the back-end; hence, the remaining branches have been completed by respective team members.

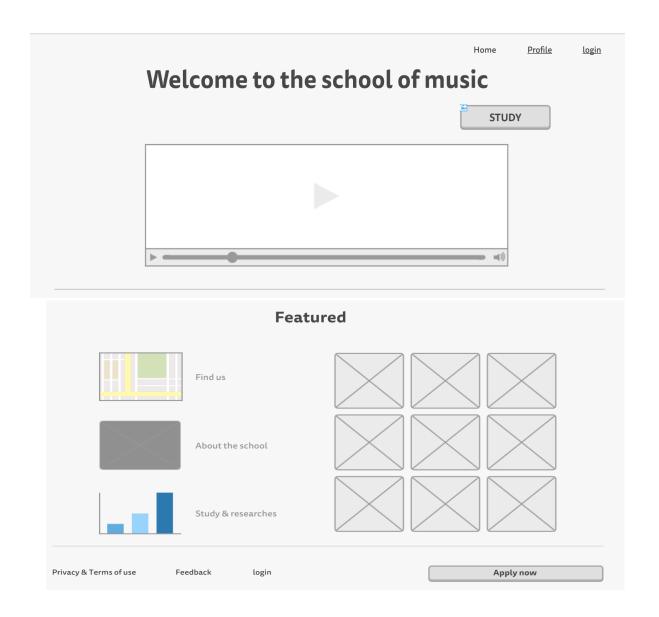
ArtefactsSome of the artefacts for both the releases have been described below.

Artefact 1:

Task	Description	Benefit to Project
To conduct feature research	The concept encompasses closely scrutinizing other similar websites in order to identify certain common features which can be easily adopted. This includes going through all well-known music school websites which are designed for educational purpose.	It is easier to access customers through such websites for gathering desirable information regarding client requirements.

Artefact 2:

Task	Description	Benefit to Project
To understand the concept	It basically consists of	To get a start or ideas on the
of "low prototype"	diverse themes to determine	website design which will benefit
	how website designs can be	any changes required along the
	approached. There are	way before digitizing the website.
	numerous distinct designs	
	contained within these	
	prototypes which can be	
	aligned with project	
	requirements.	



Artefact 3.1:

Task	Description	Benefit to Project
Website pages and design –	This page shows the details	A vital page for the project as
'Teacher Registration	that needs to be filled in by	following the music school
(AALV-27)'	teachers who intended to	system. All registrations are to be
	register in the music school.	recorded and stored.



Teacher Registration

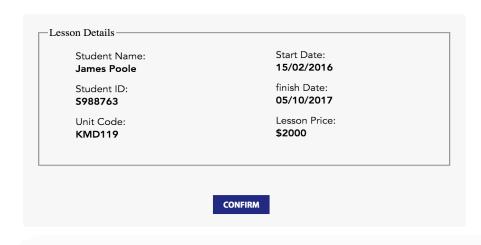


The above shown page is basically an interface through which basic details about the teacher can be obtained and later stored in the database.

Artefact 3.2:

Task	Description	Benefit to Project
Website pages and design –	On the basis of this form, it	This is an important page since it
'Student Lesson Application	is easier to understand	shall help in reducing redundancy
(AALV-11)' was the second	whether a student confirms	within the system.
page which I designed.	to the scheduled lesson or	
	not.	

Lesson Confirmation:



Artefact 3.3:

Task	Description	Benefit to Project
Website pages and design –	I had conducted a lot of	This is to produce a professional
Synchronisation of web	research while designing	and appealing user interface
application tools with the	'Student Get Lesson Info	design by using a proper colour
project theme	(AALV-58)' in order to	palette.
	identify which colour	
	combinations would be most	
	soothing for students.	

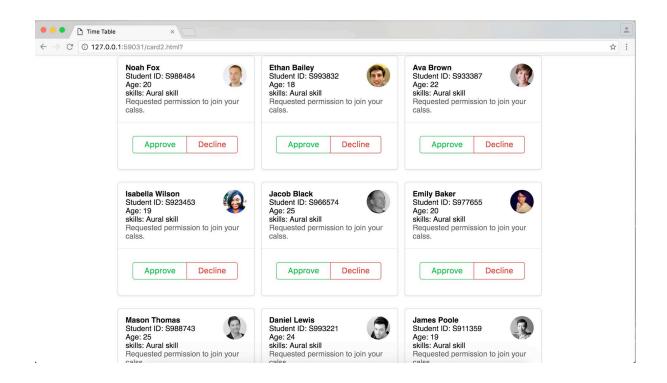
Calss TimeTable:



The main function of this page is to provide a complete class timetable. There are different colours used for the design so that class timings are noticeable.

Artefact 3.4:

Task	Description	Benefit to Project
Website pages and design –	This is another page which	This is to simplify the system on
'Teacher Accept Student	was created to provide a	the assigning between teachers
(AALV-61)'	realistic view regarding	and students.
	which students' request was	
	accepted by teacher.	
	However, it was a tedious	
	job.	



Artefact 3.5:

Task	Description	Benefit to Project
Website pages and design –	The main function of this	This task is beneficial as it
Another interesting page	page was to highlight names	categorized the timeframe for
which I designed was 'Hired	of those students who are	returning their instruments so
Instruments'.	close to returning their	there will be no missed out due
	instruments. There were	dates.
	three colours used, such as	
	red, orange and green where	
	red denoted a student is	
	nearby to the close date,	
	orange meant there is a	
	time-frame of 2 months and	
	green signified more than	
	2months time-period.	

Hired Instrument:

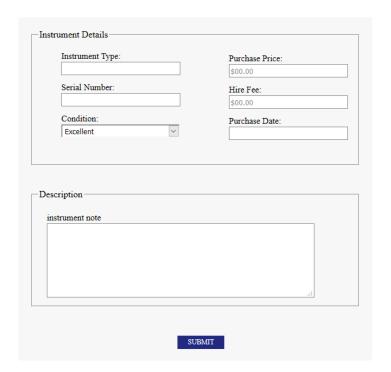
Search for names			
Student Name	Student ID	Type of instrument	Due Date
Noah Fox	S988484	Xylophone	10/11/2016
Ethan Bailey	S993832	Triangle	27/11/2016
Ava Brown	S933387	Vibraphone	15/9/2016
Jacob Black	S966574	Marimba	8/10/2016
Daniel Lewis	S993221	Drum	11/11/2016

I even realised that there is a need to design another page where students can further apply for new instruments.

Artefact 3.6:

Task	Description	Benefit to Project
Website pages and design –	The page has been designed	This simple page benefits for
'Add New Instruments	in a manner that hire fee,	students on intending to apply for
(AALV-37)'.	purchase price along with	new instruments.
	the date can be summed up	
	in one single dialogue box.	

Add New Instrument

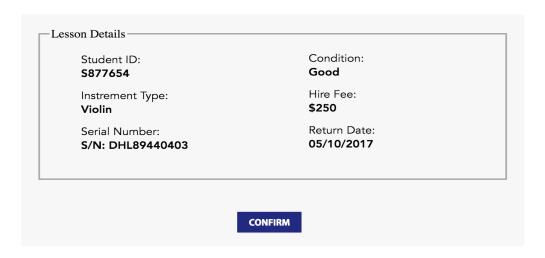


A confirmation page was separately designed for hired instruments (Hire Instruments (AALV-14)) as shown in the below given figure.

Artefact 3.7:

Task	Description	Benefit to Project
Website pages and design –	This page serves the	I strongly believe that this page
'Hire Instruments (AALV-	function of a confirmation	needs to be included for
14)'.	receipt in case of new	enhancing reliability of the web
	instruments being hired by	page.
	students.	

Hire Instrument Confirmation:



In release one, we attempted for sorting teachers as per student requirements through designing 'Request Specific Teacher (AALV-12)' page.

Artefact 3.8:

Task	Description	Benefit to Project
Website pages and design –	A filter has been used in this	Search feature is added as it is
'Request Specific Teacher	particular page in order to	one of the simple and crucial
(AALV-12)'.	sort names as per the entered	features needed in every website
	initials. Based on Java	page for user's simplicity.
	Script, this page will only	
	show results of the name	
	entered.	

Search for names			
Teacher Name	Teacher ID	Unit Code	Request
Lucas Torres	T987654	KMB119	Submit
Emma Cooper	T998376	KMB215	Submit
Oliver Bell	T987657	KMB215	Submit
Lily Hughes	T987464	KMB250	Submit
Jack Morgan	T987445	KMB136	Submit
Mathew Myers	T977654	KMB136	Submit
Wyatt Perry	T988776	KMB237	Submit
Ryan Kim	T976522	KMB237	Submit
Davied Ford	T966553	KMB237	Submit

Artefact 3.9:

Task	Description	Benefit to Project
Aligning pages based on	I learned about alignment of	Creating good alignment between
user needs.	pages to make it easier for	every element in the design
	users to swiftly move	actually has made the website
	between pages.	visually more appealing and
		easier for user to scan over the
		pages.

Artefact 4:

Task	Description	Benefit to Project
Contribute on user stories	I've contributed user stories	This method is a way to help
using the MoSCoW	into priority order using	teams quickly understand the
approach.	MoSCoW approach.	customer's view of what is
		essential or prioritized and what
		is not.

Artefact 5:

Task	Description	Benefit to Project
PowerPoint slides	PowerPoint Presentation -	Contributed on presentation
	Release 1 presentation to	slides by adding all the artefacts
	present our deliverables	I've done during release 1 and
	and website within release	also presented it to the tutor and
	1 timeframe.	client team.

Release Two

Artefacts

In release two, the first page designed was 'enable teacher account' (AALV-12).

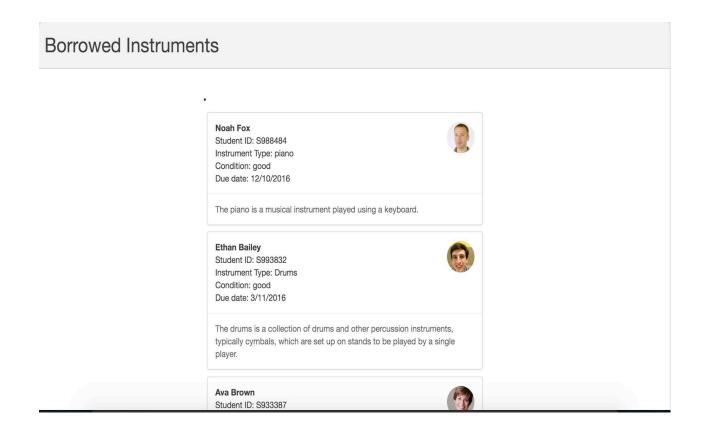
Artefact 1.1:

Task	Description	Benefit to Project
Website pages and design –	A simple standardised	This segment is for the use of
'Enable teacher account'	design approach has been	internal users to manage
(AALV-12).	used in order to help	teachers' accounts.
	managers to deactivate	
	account of teacher.	

Search for names				
Teacher Name	Teacher ID	Unit Code	DOB	Deactivation
Lucas Torres	T987654	KMB119	12/2/1992	Deactivat
Emma Cooper	T998376	KMB215	19/12/1991	Deactivat
Oliver Bell	T987657	KMB215	14/9/1988	Deactivat
Lily Hughes	T987464	KMB250	4/6/1985	Deactivat
Jack Morgan	T987445	KMB136	12/2/1990	Deactivat
Mathew Myers	T977654	KMB136	12/2/1989	Deactivat
Wyatt Perry	T988776	KMB237	12/2/1992	Deactivat
Ryan Kim	T976522	KMB237	16/7/1987	Deactivat
Davied Ford	T966553	KMB237	1/10/1994	Deactivat

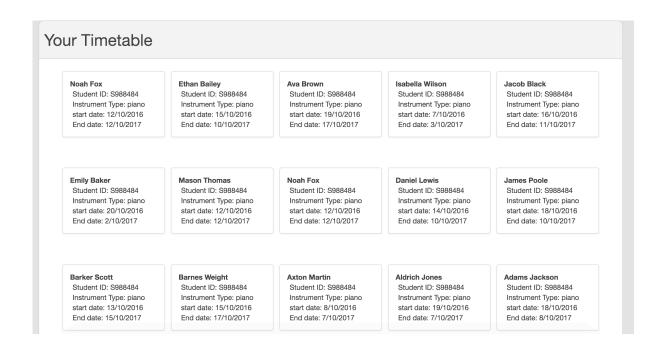
Artefact 1.2:

Task	Description	Benefit to Project
Website pages and design –	Page is related to the	This page is important as it
Borrowed Instruments.	development of instrument	summarized the information
	information where the main	integrated between students and
	function is to provide	their hired gadgets.
	detailed information about	
	students and hired gadgets.	



Artefact 1.2:

Task	Description	Benefit to Project
Website pages and design –	In professional IT practices,	my team wanted me to make
Retaining the main theme	one needs to possess skills	changes in the Time Table
while redesigning	of further modification. I	designed during release one.
	used the card style design in	
	the page in order to show the	
	lessons booked, as requested	
	by my team members.	



Artefact 2:

Task	Description	Benefit to Project
Lead time reduction	During the project, I paid	I managed to prioritize the tasks
	strong attention on lead time	on my list and figure out what is
	reduction so that no time is	actually most important, as well
	wasted on information	as most urgent tasks.
	dissemination or	
	accumulation.	

Artefact 3:

Task	Description	Benefit to Project
Formatting and styling of	The Web Development unit	This tasks has produced one of
web pages	influenced me to reflect	the most significant outputs as
	upon various formatting	the formatting and styling the
	styles. There are numerous	web pages are the interfaces that
	creative styles which I	will be provided to the users.
	applied on these web pages	
	to make them look	
	attractive.	

Artefact 4:

Task	Description	Benefit to Project
I even actively participated	This is created as a button to	This benefits the group where I
in the back-end stuff	deactivate teachers' accounts	volunteered to help one of my
(Deactivate Teacher).	so that it will be easily	group mates on a small portion
	managed by the managers.	on the back end section to
		produce a more effective
		product.

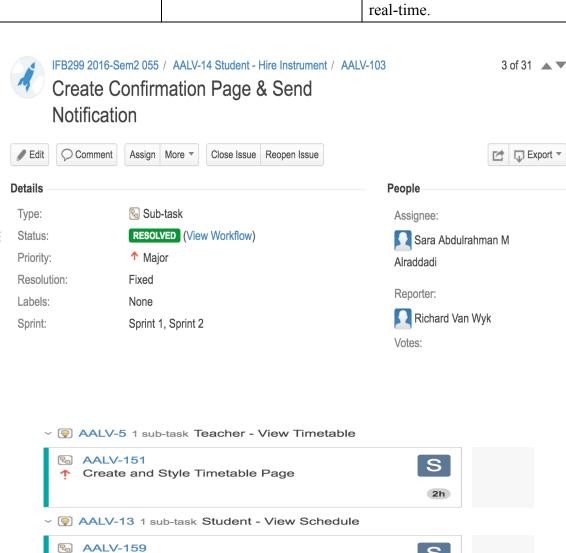
I personally wanted to be involved in the coding part so as to gain knowledge for future purpose. I came to know about a new programming language, i.e. node.js and even gained knowledge about GitHub.

Artefact 5:

Task	Description	Benefit to Project
Based on my acquired	I was even able to provide	Feedbacks is one of the
knowledge.	suggestion to my developer	important factors when
	team. Firstly, strong	undertaking any projects. It is
	encryption needs to be done	for further enhancements so as it
	so that students are not able	will be effective enough for
	to access the main database.	usage in real life.
	Secondly, developers should	
	also focus on synchronising	
	the current page details with	
	a back-up database.	

Artefact 6:

Task	Description	Benefit to Project
Keeping track and manage	This is where user stories,	This will benefit the team when
the project using JIRA.	issues, sprint plans and	delivering tasks and allow team
	distributed tasks are	a full visibility on the project
	managed.	and task which can produce a
		more efficient output based on
		real-time.



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Create and Style Schedule Page

Create and Style Edit Details Page

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Conclusion

To conclude, this unit has been quite challenging propositions where knowledge, skills, tools and techniques can be broaden in order to meet the requirements of the client team. To summarize my tasks and how it has benefits the project, I've contributed designs for the web pages where it started off with low prototypes to digitized pages. On top of that, I've also participated in presenting the slides and giving out feedbacks, which can boost up my confidence level in public speaking. I've also exposed myself with new tools such as JIRA and Github. These tools have been useful when managing the project and will be advantageous for future use as well.