

Project Altair Pre-Assignment Write-up

Libraries used:

None

My Reflection:

As a business student with absolute zero knowledge about what coding or PHP language is about, I took up this challenge. The task was admittedly daunting and honestly speaking, I am not sure if the assignment I submitted is gradable because I created the plugin from scratch using a YouTube tutorial, but hopefully it is not a complete disappointment. I definitely must say I did not regret doing this assignment because it really widened my horizon about what coding is and to personally go through what a coder does, partially.

From this experience, I learnt to be patient and to never give up. Initially, I had trouble understanding the structure of how a code looks like because I used a desktop notepad to view it so the lines were all clustered together. Then I realized that I had to download a 'Code Writer' desktop application. This then became easier to edit and add codes, and I eventually started coding using online tutorials.

The thought of giving up surfaced at one point in time because I was struggling with figuring out how to create a 'Announcements Management' link in the main dashboard as it was one of the tasks assigned. However, it did not stop me from researching further about the coding process for creating a dashboard widget because eventually, I found the content in which I understood and tested the coding. It worked because my main Dashboard appeared an 'Announcements Management' widget that linked to my list of announcements. At that moment, I was ecstatic because I know it took me 2 full days to figure out the process as most of the websites I sourced from seemed alien to me.

All in all, coding is not something that has ever crossed my mind but because I am about to start on my course in Management and Digital Innovation, I decided to give this project a shot.