

Working for Saber com Lógica Online Publishing

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Learning Report

Abstract—In the time I worked on this activity, of helping develop "Saber com Lógica"s website security, I learned about the interaction between a worker and it's employer as I contacted and was contacted by Eng. João Silva, and the relationship between colleagues when brainstorming and researching solutions for the problems encountered, in this I learned about work experiences, mistakes done by me, autonomy, communication and how they are important, all these topics are discussed in detail and how they affected me personally.

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1 INTRODUCTION

THIS report is intended to serve as a narration about my experiences working with a employer and colleagues. The reason I chose this activity was due to personal interest in web security and wordpress website development. After several discussions the decided approach was first to ensure a secure website and then add the needed features like content gating to paying users.

2 CHOOSING THE ACTIVITY AND MOTIVATION

This section has the purpose of explaining my motivation for choosing this activity and context, during the activity I have become well educated by overcoming obstacles throughout it.

2.1 Choosing activities

At the beginning of Independent Studies certain activities were listed and we had to choose, 3, all of my activities were related to web development, due to my interest in learning

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that area. Later Eng. João Silva from Saber com Lógica contacted me by email and phone due to not wanting people in the activity I registered for now, and asking if I wanted to join a two man team in another activity similar. This new activity was adding security to the website, providing content gating to certain locations on the website to paying users and adding a forum. I accepted this new activity due to my interest in security over the internet and the fact I am currently doing a major in computer security heavily influenced my decision to accept. One grave mistake that I did and learned was registering for the activity without previously researching about what I would do or even checking the content of the website and when Eng. João Silva called me to know my interest in the activity and if I wanted to change to the present activity my lack of contextual knowledge could be construed as a slight lack of enthusiasm.

2.2 Initial Reunion

Once I was accepted to the activity, the group, coaching team and Eng. João Silva scheduled an reunion to talk about our understanding of the websites objective, hosting a book about Computer workings, about what is needed to implement, the group plans to implementing and overall enthusiasm about the book, com-

	ACTIVITY					DOCUMENT						
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(1.0) Excelent												
(0.8) Very Good												
(0.6) Good												
(0.4) Fair												
(0.2) Weak												
	0.8	0.6	2.4	0.8	4.6	0.2	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.5	0.5	1.65

puters and website making. Not only this was my first experience in a formal reunion but the content discussed went beyond the scope of the activity, which opened my eyes for future reunions or job interviews.

2.3 Communication with the employer and colleagues

During the activity I contacted Eng. João Silva several time both by email or by phone. Sometimes due to doubts, asking for tips or asking for information needed to configure certain aspects for the website. Whenever the topic discussed was of importance I relayed this information to my other two colleagues this made me understand the importance of keeping everyone of the group on the same pace and set of mind in terms of objectives. This importance was again reinforced when we had to find a way to keep the local version of the website, where we worked, up to date with the Engineers base version and synchronizing the versions between the group itself. After some discussion with my colleagues, research and discussion with Eng. João Silva we found a solution, again showing me that communication with peers is very important and that I can still learn new things from both my peers and employer. Another important development was the method of communication, as was referred previously i was contacted several times by phone, since it was Eng. Silva preferred method of communication, and as a programmer, I am more comfortable talking by email which was a small discomfort that I needed to surpass.

2.4 Debating and researching

Unlike all school projects or personal projects, this was activity was for another person, this new sense of responsibility, this made me and my colleagues more apprehensive in which plugins to use for the website, this made research feel very important and before installing anything the need to talk to both my colleagues and employer increased tenfold. This made me feel more confident in that the plugins chosen where the correct ones. An interesting lesson that I learned not only in Independent Studies but in Computer and web security class

where, unlike classes that needed projects to be made from scratch, it was better to use plugins, extensions or code made from other people reduces the implementation time and increases security and functionality assurance, this made the activity easier to implement in terms of technicalities and reduced the time needed to work on it, although we still needed to do research and learn the tools before working on them.

2.5 Independent development

On the last weeks of development Eng. Silva stopped contacting me, and my colleagues were not able to get a response when asking about specifics in the configuration of the project, it was at this time that we understood that we needed to end with the best we could do, so took upon us to configure everything possible unless destructive measures or measures that need Eng. Silva private information. This only shown me again the importance of communication within the workforce, but this time it was when there was none, since this was a huge blow to us, making the team and myself slightly unsure on how to proceed at first and some configurations were not completed due to not knowing either if it was wanted or not, since we were never given any kind of requisites, and this was another big thing that slowed down development, without strict and defined requisites, trying to divide the job each of us needed to due was suddenly harder by tenfold comparing to school projects, this instantly made me think of how some professors always said that the client do not know what they want or at least do not know how to create a requisite list.

3 CONCLUSION

As a young student, I still need to learn a lot and gain a lot of experience, and this activity certainly helped understanding how the working world worked in practice which is far more important than just hearing the theory. On another note i feel that the activity was far lacking comparing to my expectations when I entered the class, personally I was expecting more of a

controlled behavior with a supervisor helping, this did not happen which could be seen as good for autonomy development but it simply felt unorganized like we were being thrown to the wolves, fortunately my belief is that even unfortunate events are learning experiences so I could still take a lot from it.

In this type of document (technical), the conclusion should start with a summary of the subject addressed and then should highlight the results.

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