

Assessment 2 Reflection

This piece reflects on my thoughts and experiences during the completion of assessment 2. This assessment was to produce an executive summary for the business Pampered Pets. This would contain two sections:

- A quantitative risk analysis – This was to quantify the risk of utilising an international supply chain and setting up global warehouses. The report would also discuss mitigation strategies and give recommendations for the business going forwards.
- A business continuity / disaster recover strategy for the company in case of an event. The strategy had to meet certain criteria in terms of RTO and RPO and required recommendations on various practicalities of implementation.

Also required was a strong focus on compliance and meeting regulatory requirements.

In accordance with my module Personal Development Plan (PDP) primary goal of improving my time management, I implemented my main strategy of setting myself multiple deadlines for aspects of the project and a general timeline to follow.

Ultimately, I found the project difficult. More specifically the quantitative analysis portion. My general time management problems resurfaced, after diminishing in the previous project, and I spent a long time attempting to find very precise statistics to use in Monte Carlo simulations that I planned to run. As a result, I felt I neglected the other parts of the project, so they felt somewhat rushed and although a reasonable level generally, below the level I expect from myself.

I did find producing the project a valuable experience, it improved my knowledge on all the project areas, and I feel I could effectively plan a business continuity / disaster recovery strategy in a professional setting. Although the result was rushed in places, the general content and thought processes behind them were sound.

I would need more work on quantitative analysis before being comfortable performing it professionally. I didn't estimate the time of tasks well and initially questioned the nature of some ideas I had – were they intrinsically quantitative or qualitative? This question delayed my planning, again reducing my time.

I felt a big difference from assessment 1, where the clarity that came from having some background in the field made a big difference. This did aid my planning for future modules. My goals should be based around both long term, like imprinting more of my voice into group projects, and short term, more immediately related to the specific modules that I am involved in.