**S4203822 Reflective Statement**

Throughout the dissertation module, I have developed both soft and technical skills that will contribute to my future professional success. These skills, along with technical knowledge gathered from other units, have helped me to become a more well-rounded developer.

My research skills have progressed significantly since undertaking the literature review of my dissertation, teaching me how to critically analyse and select sources. Learning to discern the most relevant sources has been an invaluable skill which has carried over to my other modules, allowing me to craft more well-informed arguments. This has enhanced my ability to conduct thorough research.

In addition to advancing my research ability, the dissertation module provided me the opportunity to work on my presentation skills. I showcased my dissertation at a poster event, where I had the opportunity to presented my ideas to an audience. Additionally, I will be presenting my work at my dissertation viva. This will be useful for my future career, allowing me to more effectively communicate my ideas to colleagues.

I have developed my problem solving skills at multiple points during my research, when facing issues narrowing down my concept and methodology. During the Christmas break, a paper was published that contained a near identical methodology to what I was planning, leading to me having to re-format my idea and come up with a solution that was still unique. This has taught me to think and adapt quickly to new information.

In summary, the dissertation module has helped me to improve my research, presentation, and problem solving skills.