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As a first-semester student studying for a Bachelor of Information Technology at RMIT, I mainly focus on projects when the end of the semester comes. However, when I have free time, photography is an enjoyable and rewarding hobby for me. I love capturing special moments and telling stories through my images, and it is a great way to explore and appreciate the beauty of the world around me. Even though I only had minimal prior knowledge of IT, specifically web development in this project, I believe that RMIT will provide me with enecessary knowledge and skillsets for my future job. To further strengthen my knowledge, particularly in front-end development, I took a great deal of effort into adhering to the proposal's learning plan. In the future, I hope to work on more realistic projects that will allow me to gain more hands-on experience and dig deeper into different fields in IT.

Career plan

I am very excited to pursue a career as a web developer. I am confident that, by leveraging my knowledge of programming languages, databases, and software development life cycles, I will be able to create high-quality websites and web applications. When that time comes, I will have enough required skills and ambition to become a successful web developer. I have already taken steps toward my education by completing introductory coding courses and I am looking forward to continuing my learning by specializing in web development. I am also eager to stay up to date with the most recent technology and trends in the web development industry.

Reflection

Through this long-term project from the proposal to the assignment's final stage, I gained more knowledge of web programming languages and supportive frameworks such as Reactjs, Nodejs, and Tailwind CSS. The chosen topic was a dating service, which brought me lots of interesting insights. After focusing on the service's young users, UI/UX designer team initially identified the site's design as youthful, with bright colors of passionate love, and, most importantly, user-friendly. I am pleased with the outcome of both simple yet appealing dating web prototype and the successfully launched report web.

If this project had no deadline, we would want to modify flaws to improve the user experience. For example, the dating web prototype should be responsive on different-sized devices, and the report web should contain multiple web pages linked to the homepage when clicking on a button.

The most unexpected thing was that I couldn't install npm to begin developing any website elements when there wasn't much time left. Although, I firstly thought things would be easy after glancing at the installation instructions of a single command.

From this group project, I also learned the process of developing the matchmaking algorithm using machine learning, how to enhance my coding, writing, and communication abilities through teammate advice.