Unit 11 Reflection

Description

This was the eleventh unit of the Software Engineering Project Management module. This unit focused predicting the future trends in software engineering, computer science, project management and IT that we could expect over the next decade. The goals of this unit were achieved through a lecture cast on the future trends, as well as a PowerPoint presentation on what I believe will be the most influential technology over the next 5 to 10 years, the second assignment and the reading for this unit of the module.

Feelings

I felt as though the assignment for this unit was excessive as a presentation alone would have been enough, I didn't really see the point in having us record the presentation and upload it to the learning platform as the recording of the presentation alone took me around 2 weeks due to having to edit and re-record it several times due to my normal talking speed being considered by many as too fast.

Whilst I got a distinction in the assignment, I did need to use most of the extra week I am entitled to as part of my reasonable adjustment plan as I was ill for over a week limiting the amount of time I was able to spend on the assignment.

I was surprised by how quickly I received feedback from the assignment as I received it the same day, I submitted the assignment whereas others who submitted it a week prior received their marks after me. This was unexpected as I would have expected it to have been marked based on the order it was submitted.

As I am supposed to have different assessments when a presentation is required as stated in my reasonable adjustment plan, I was not pleased when I had to give do a presentation as due to my anxiety disorder presentations are extremely difficult and have to do 2 of them which is not ideal. This is the second module where this has been the case so I would question the point of having a reasonable adjustment plan when it seems like it is not always followed.

Evaluation

During this unit I gained insights for other professionals into what they believe will be the most significant technological developments over the next decade. As I expect to still be working in the next decade this will provide me with a good starting point for my continued professional developments as it will make me more prepared for the future.

Analysis

The main deliverable for this unit was the assignment which I received an ok grade in as I got a distinction. The formative activity again seemed like a mini assignment as it required a lot of research for a 5-minute presentation on the future trends. I would have preferred this to be assigned over 2 weeks instead of one so the presentation can be improved upon.

Conclusion

This unit focused on how the computing industry could change over the next decade.

Action plan

As AI is becoming more and more relevant I will complete an online course on Pluralsight on AI as I haven't done any courses related to AI up to this point in my career as during my undergraduate course everyone I knew who took the optional AI module hated it as they complained about it a lot due to the amount of information they were expected to learn.

References

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