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COMP150 - CPD Report

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1 Introduction

It is unclear to me at this point which pathway i want my career to take, however i do know i want it to be in the games industry. From my weekly journal that has spanned the past eleven weeks I have identified five key skills that i have struggled with. These skills are as follows: Engaging in group problem solving, Understanding and considering the ideas of my peers, Prioritising tasks, engaging the audience and assertiveness in a team situation.

2 Engaging in group problem solving

To be part of any game development team i will need to be able to collectively problem solve. Throughout this semester I have had many opportunities to partake in a combined effort to fix a certain bug or help implement a certain feature. Upon reflection I noticed my natural response is to go off to one side load up my own version of the problem and try and solve it individually. This may have hindered my learning as I miss out on knowledge others in my team possess that i do not. In addition trying to solve a problem that others in the team are better qualified for will result in a waste of time and

resources. In future I will lead group problem solving activities. By taking notes during these activities, I can record the quantity and contents of the group problem solving for later reference. Engaging in this will help me develop a larger range of skills that will allow me to work more effectively in the games industry. I hope to achieve this action by the end of the next semester.

Write about 200 words about. Remember, this should be reflective and personal to you. Justify the relevance and importance of each of these skills with insight into your personal goals and personal circumstances. Assess your application of the skill throughout the semester and critically reflect on upon their impact it has had on your work and the challenges/obstacles. Acknowledge difficulties. Then, suggest how to overcome the challenge/obstacle in relation to a SMART action. When planning such actions, do not be too general. Consider SMART actions: specific; measurable; achievable; relevant; and time-bound. Ensure that your proposed action for future development meets all five of these criteria.

3 Understanding and considering the ideas of my peers.

In the games industry I will have to work on games whose concept does not belong to me. The ability to understand and show consideration for the thoughts and ideas of my peers, is important to make sure there is no conflict between the ideas of the team and myself. During pair programming exercises this semester I found myself disregarding the ideas of my partner in favour of my own. The reason for my disregard being my inability to immediately understand my peer. In a professional environment not being able to understand a colleague, could result in bad working practice (hard to maintain code etc.). Capture the ideas of other group members by writing them down and create sufficient space to consider them. By ticking off the ideas after consideration I can measure my progress through all the ideas suggested by my peers. Showing the ability to understand colleagues' ideas will increase my employability. Also considering both the creative ideas

and the technical details will help me develop both my technical and creative skills. I aim to complete this action by the end of my time at university.

4 Prioritising tasks

5 Fourth Key Skill

Write about 200 words. As above.

6 Fifth Key Skill

Write about 200 words. As above.

7 Conclusion

Write your conclusion here. Though the conclusion should be brief, no more than 100 words, it should do more than merely summarise the report. Focus on the five SMART actions that you intend to take in order to overcome any challenges and/or obstacles. Contextualise how this will help you towards your intended career goal and how this may improve your project for the next semester.