

## Group Project - CS22100 Self Review

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Role: QA Manager

For this assignment we were put into groups and assigned the task of creating an online game based around users owning monsters and being able to add friends in order to battle their monsters or breed with their monsters. During the assignment I was given the role of the QA manager. This role needed me to manage various people and ensure that the project met various standards that would need to be set in order to produce the best possible system.

### Positives

During this assignment I felt that I worked well within the group, there was no conflict within the group and as a whole we all got on well with each other. I felt that because of this it was fairly easy to manage people within the group which is something I felt I did well. I also feel that I distributed various tasks to members of the group fairly and efficiently by giving the most competent person in a given area the task that fits their skill set the best. This was something that I tried to do for every task to ensure that the best possible outcome was produced. I also feel that I was able to complete tasks that I had been given on time and to the best standard possible.

### Negatives

Although this whole assignment was mainly positive I have some negative points. When I first started as QA manager I did not have much knowledge about QA. This meant that I had to do a lot of research and ask questions so that I could fully understand what was needed of me for this task. I also feel that my lack of programming knowledge hindered me during this task as I did not fully understand the back end Java of the system that was developed this again meant that I had to ask a lot of questions and ask for explanations of that was going on.

### What I would have done differently

If I were to do this task again I would concentrate more on overall time management for the group. Although we met every deadline I still feel that we would have managed our time better and been more efficient. I also feel that I could have been a bit tougher and assertive as a manager, more demanding with deadlines etc. I also think that I could have spent more time planning and researching the standards and other plans that were set out in order to use our time as efficiently as possible. If I were to do this task again I would defiantly prefer to do a more hands on role as opposed to a more overseeing role that I had in this instance. Although I did work hard at this role and appreciate that experience that I have gained from it I feel that a hands on role is more enjoyable and rewarding.

### Summary

Overall I feel that I performed well in this task. I managed people well and completed task assigned to me on time. Although there were some areas that I struggled with during this project I feel that I overcame them. I think that I have learnt a lot from this assignment,

working with a medium sized team, managing people, time management for a project, working with new people. Although I would have preferred to have done a more hands on role I did enjoy my role as QA manager and worked hard to understand the role and also to produce the best result.