

Mini Project 1 Reflection – Johnathan Lavoie

Overall throughout the course of this project I have learned that further analysis of the grading rubric is essential to getting higher grades in the future. Throughout the project we were confident that we were meeting all the requirements for the project only to find out yesterday that we had missed several key components on the rubric.

The beginning of our project started with our sights set high, perhaps even too high. When we realized how little time we would have to actually program our project we quickly realized we needed to cut back. Our over-estimation during the first week led to us spending unnecessary time during the second week rescaling our plans to fit within our allotted time. I believe the wasted time during the second week is what cut into our mark for the second week as we ended up falling behind the intended pace of the project. To remedy this in the future it is important to properly read through the assignment instructions and clearly understand the pacing of the project in question.

For the second part of the project like mentioned earlier our blunder in the first week played more than a little part in our lower grade. However, it is not completely correct to say that was the only factor in our grade, we are also responsible for not reading the rubric in its entirety, due to that we were under the impression that testing was to be done in the third week. Not noticing this key detail on the rubric led to us missing an entire part of the week two submission and had a massive impact on our mark. Realizing our mistake in week three we quickly attempted to make up for our mistake but it was too late to make up for the lost marks prior.

For the third and final week of the project we made quick work to try and make amends and clean up our final submission. We made haste to add some of the optional features to our project in order to potentially recover our mark. Unfortunately, at least for this project, hindsight won't be able to make up for our mistakes in the first two weeks. We can only hope that in the future we look back on this project in order to avoid making the same mistakes that we have this time.

In short, we made many mistakes early on in this project which is partly to be expected due to it being the first one. We tried to make up for these errors as quickly as possible but unfortunately fell behind the pace of the project because of this. In the future it is essential that we look back on the shortcomings and avoid them in the following weeks to come. Once a mistake is made, it is often quite hard to get back on your feet, so avoid making mistakes in the first place .