Reflective Journal

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# My Achievements

The main achievement for this month was to outline and decide a project idea to use. This process involved creating a shortlist of seven different project ideas that I was interested in. I then conducted a brief feasibility study into each idea assessing if it was possible to create and if I could find a real life client for it. This feasibility study narrowed my project short list down to three ideas. I sent these ideas to my course coordinator who gave his feedback on my ideas. Based on this feedback I then choose my idea to implement. After choosing my idea, I documented it in a project proposal.

# My Reflection

Deciding on a project idea was a lot tougher than I expected. As this was my first time working on a medium to large scale project myself and a large percentage of our degree marks are allocated towards this project I found it quite pressurised to choose a project. I was torn between choosing an idea that I thought I would be able to implement within a year and an idea that would serve a useful and functional purpose. I am very happy however that I have now reached the stage where I have my project idea and can progress with the next stage in my project – the requirement specification. I think I am now in a great position to start the requirement analysis stage and then start creating the design documentation for my project.

# Intended Changes

Next month, I aim to complete my requirement specification and start coding my project prototype.