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# Management Overview

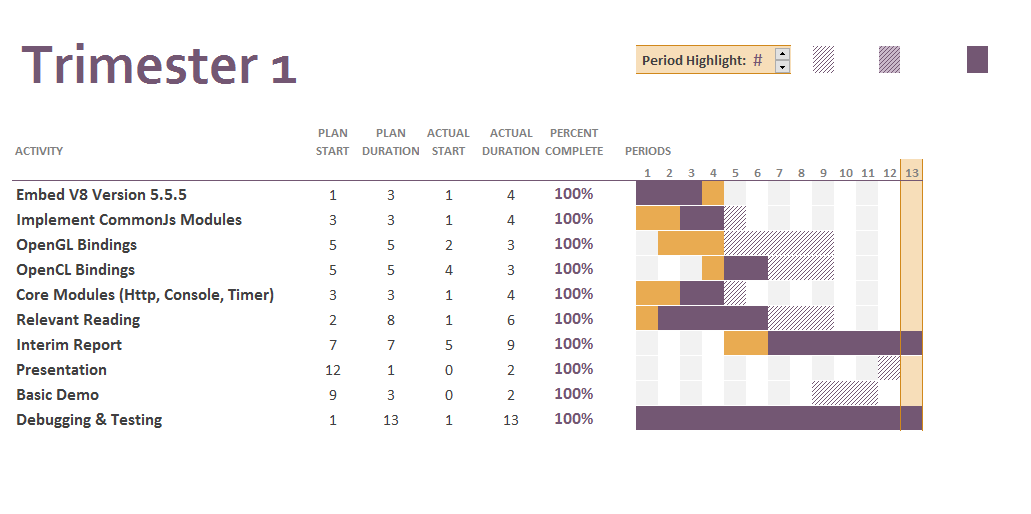
A lot of work went into managing the work in this module as there was a lot to do. To ensure a smooth head start to the work a lot of research happened before the start of the module. This ensured that the software development and the Interim report could be finished in Trimester 1. This allowed plenty of time to spend on the final honours report and presentation in Trimester 2.

## 1.1 Work Plan

The strategy was straight forward, complete as much work as possible before the start date to ensure plenty of time to spend on the academic writing and research end of the project. I for one saw the fact that the final honours report and development work was meant to be done in trimester two at least per the layout set out by various coordinators on the module. I took a different approach making the second trimester exclusively about the presentation of a completed project and final honours report. The basis for these two items was to be established in the first trimester with a working version of the platform

## 1.2 Gantt Charts

To help layout the tasks and work to be done in both trimesters a Gantt chart was created for each trimester. I am very fortunate to have followed these Gantt charts to the letter resulting in a project that was completed earlier than expected. When it came to creating, these Gantt charts a single task was broken down into sub tasks and then assigned to the Gantt Chart. Particularly in Trimester 1 you can see a lot of tasks were finished earlier than expected and that was thanks to a lot of development work being done before the module started.



## 1.3 Version Control

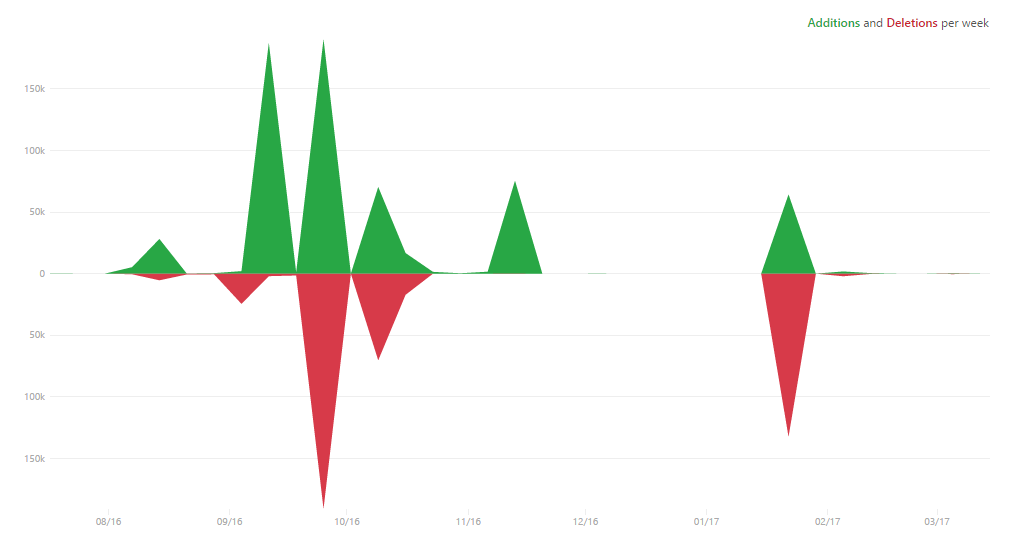
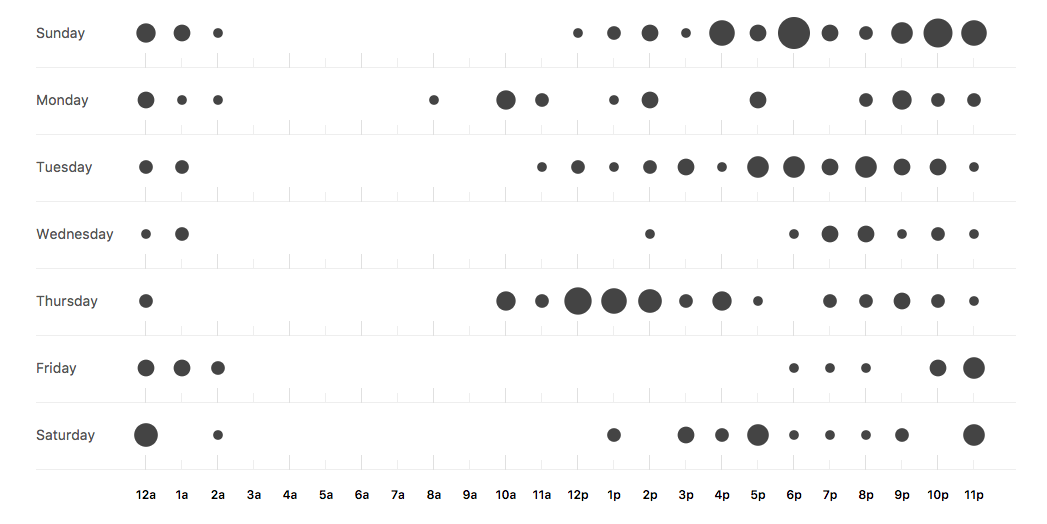
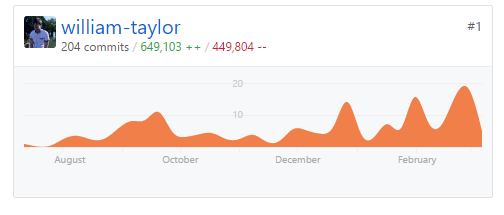
As this was a development based project rather than a normal research based project Git was used for version control was used to ensure there was good management of the source code. This not only allows me to manage code more easily but it allows easier troubleshooting and risk management as errors can be tied to an individual commit allowing bugs to be easily found and removed.

## 1.4 Online Repository

Using Git for version control was only one side of the coin. The entire modules source code as well as documents were hosted on GitHub an online git hosting system. GitHub tool not only allows easy tracking of issues through issue management but it gives a great graphical representation of the repository’s progress and workflow state. Below you can find a link to the repository online which is public to anyone who wishes to browse the source code. The graphs you see later in this report are from GitHub which generates graphs and statistics for the repository without any commands need. Also, if people wanted to add to the this honours project they could. They could fork the repository and make they own additions to the platform.

***Online Repository Link:*** <https://github.com/wt-student-projects/computing-honours-project>

## 1.5 Statistics

These statistics cover my time from when I started the repository and when I handed in my final draft to my supervisor. As is seen I did spend a lot of work on this project and you can see that there are spikes on the contribution graph the relay with the hand in dates for various submissions. You can also see the punch card which breaks down what days I did my work. It is also worth noting that the repository didn’t just house the code for the platform. It contained all documents for the project including the final honours report, project meetings etc. So, the statistics given is for the entire project not just the source code which is why contributions, additions and deletions are so high.

Work overview

Punch chart showing commits spread across time and day

Additions and deletions

# 2.0 Supervisor Meetings

## 2.1 Meeting 1

**COMPUTING HONOURS PROJECT (COMP10034)**

**PROGRESS AND MANAGEMENT MEETING AGENDA**

**Student:** William Taylor **Supervisor:** Paul Keir

**Meeting Number:** 1  **Date/Time:** 12:00 19/09/2016

**PROGRESS**

The following progress has been made and will be discussed with the supervisor.

* Submitted draft project specification.
* Bought new books on OpenGL& OpenCL.
* Acquired new hardware for my home PC.
* Got a HelloWorld demo setup for my idea.
* Made improvements to my project specification after consultation.

**AGENDA FOR FORMAL MEETING**

This is the structure for the formal meeting.

1. Final review of project specification
2. Reflection on early work
3. Idea generator for impactful demonstrations
4. Review on scope and on likelihood of a successful project which stands out.
5. Date of next formal meeting

### 2.1.2 Meeting Minutes

**COMPUTING HONOURS PROJECT (COMP10034)**

**MANAGEMENT MEETING MINUTES AND PLAN**

**Student:** William Taylor **Supervisor:** Paul Keir

**Meeting Number:** 1 **Date/Time:** 12:0019/09/2016

**MINUTES**

The following tasks and issues were discussed and specific actions agreed:

1. Summarised basic process
2. Discussed project ambitions
3. Discussed project potential
4. Demonstrated current work
5. Final review of project specification
6. Discussed project ideas

**PLAN**

The following tasks and timelines have been agreed both for the next month and beyond:

For the next month:

* Submit project specification
* Have basic OpenCL & OpenGL functions bound
* Figure out demonstration ideas.
* Figure out how to demonstrate the project through media e.g blogs.

## 2.2 Meeting 2

### 2.2.1 Meeting Agenda

**COMPUTING HONOURS PROJECT (COMP10034)**

**PROGRESS AND MANAGEMENT MEETING AGENDA**

**Student:** William Taylor **Supervisor:** Paul Keir

**Meeting Number**: 2  **Date/Time:** 12:00 26/09/2016

**PROGRESS**

The following progress has been made and will be discussed with the supervisor.

* Refactored solution
* Finalised project specification
* Better window support.
* Background thread system
* Dealt with race conditions
* Tweaked marking scheme

**AGENDA FOR FORMAL MEETING**

This is the structure for the formal meeting.

1. Final review of project specification.
2. Summarise project goals.
3. General points of view for a good project.

### 2.1.2 Meeting Minutes

**COMPUTING HONOURS PROJECT (COMP10034)**

**MANAGEMENT MEETING MINUTES AND PLAN**

**Student:** William Taylor **Supervisor:** Paul Keir

**Meeting Number:** 2  **Date/Time:** 12:0019/09/2016

**MINUTES**

The following tasks and issues were discussed and specific actions agreed:

1. Ways to maximise marks with the project
2. Project specification signed off and reviewed.
3. Weekly meetings agreed with an informal format

**PLAN**

The following tasks and timelines have been agreed both for the next month and beyond:

For the next month:

* Gantt chart made and uploaded to the GitHub repository
* Make more progress on OpenGL + OpenCL books
* Start interim report template
* Finish core features of the platform.

## 2.3 Meeting 3

### 2.3.1 Meeting Agenda

**COMPUTING HONOURS PROJECT (COMP10034)**

**PROGRESS AND MANAGEMENT MEETING AGENDA**

**Student:** William Taylor **Supervisor:** Paul Keir

**Meeting Number:** 3  **Date/Time:** 10:30 20/10/2016

**PROGRESS**

The following progress has been made and will be discussed with the supervisor.

* Working on debugging
* Working version of external libs
* Literature review
* Presentation plan

**AGENDA FOR FORMAL MEETING**

This is the structure for the formal meeting.

1. Finalise design for the literature review
2. Finalise design for the presentation
3. Final review points for December

### 2.3.2 Meeting Minutes

**COMPUTING HONOURS PROJECT (COMP10034)**

**MANAGEMENT MEETING MINUTES AND PLAN**

**Student:** William Taylor **Supervisor:** Paul Keir

**Meeting Number:** 3 **Date/Time:** 10:30 20/10/2016

**MINUTES**

The following tasks and issues were discussed and specific actions agreed:

1. Showed ability to load modules via npm
2. Discussed debug ability
3. Discussed the presentation plan
4. Discussed the plan for the interim report
5. Reviewed sources used for writing the interim report
6. Set out the tasks for next week

**PLAN**

The following tasks and timelines have been agreed both for the next month and beyond: For the following meeting, we wish to have done the following

* More bindings for OpenCL + OpenGL
* Additional user testing to make sure bugs are at an all-time low
* Build basic template for the presentation
* Build basic template for the interim report

## 2.4 Meeting 4

### 2.4.1 Meeting Agenda

**COMPUTING HONOURS PROJECT (COMP10034)**

**PROGRESS AND MANAGEMENT MEETING AGENDA**

**Student:** William Taylor **Supervisor:** Paul Keir

**Meeting Number**: 4  **Date/Time:** 12:00 31/10/2016

**PROGRESS**

The following progress has been made and will be discussed with the supervisor.

* Failed on debugging for now
* Got new OpenGL bindings
* Shader support
* OpenCL C bindings now available
* Basic OpenCL kernel program written

**AGENDA FOR FORMAL MEETING**

This is the structure for the formal meeting.

1. Discuss current progress of binding API’s
2. Look at additional topics for the literature review
3. Progress review for the trimester
4. Possible change to project specification

### 2.4.2 Meeting Minutes

**COMPUTING HONOURS PROJECT (COMP10034)**

**MANAGEMENT MEETING MINUTES AND PLAN**

**Student:** William Taylor  **Supervisor:** Paul Keir

**Meeting Number:** 4 **Date/Time:** 12:00 31/10/2016

**MINUTES**

The following tasks and issues were discussed and specific actions agreed:

1. Showed the new OpenGL demo
2. Showed the new OpenCL demo
3. Showed the usage of typed arrays
4. Talked about changing the specification
5. Talked about progress towards a good grade

**PLAN**

The following tasks and timelines have been agreed both for the next month and beyond: For the following meeting, we wish to have done the following

* To flesh out the demos for the honours presentation
* Start work on the interim report

## 2.5 Meeting 5

### 2.5.1 Meeting Agenda

**COMPUTING HONOURS PROJECT (COMP10034)**

**PROGRESS AND MANAGEMENT MEETING AGENDA**

**Student:** William Taylor **Supervisor:** Paul Keir

**Meeting Number:** 5  **Date/Time: 9**:00 13/11/2016

**PROGRESS**

The following progress has been made and will be discussed with the supervisor.

* Progressed with OpenCL bindings
* Progressed with OpenGL bindings
* New OpenCL program with blur effect
* New OpenCL program with grayscale effect
* New OpenGL program with 3D geometry
* New OpenGL program with textures
* New OpenGL program with matrix multiplication

**AGENDA FOR FORMAL MEETING**

This is the structure for the formal meeting.

1. Discuss current progress of binding API’s
2. Set out the final week’s work for this trimester
3. Should I feel confident
4. Last tips before starting presentation

### 2.5.2 Meeting Minutes

**COMPUTING HONOURS PROJECT (COMP10034)**

**MANAGEMENT MEETING MINUTES AND PLAN**

**Student:** William Taylor **Supervisor: Paul Keir**

**Meeting Number:** 5 **Date/Time: 9:00**

**MINUTES**

The following tasks and issues were discussed and specific actions agreed:

1. Pail was late so we had to delay the meeting by 15 minutes
2. Showed off the project
3. Showed off the demos
4. Talked about the possibility of publication of this report

**PLAN**

The following tasks and timelines have been agreed both for the next month and beyond:

* To start on the interim report
* presentation proper

## 2.6 Meeting 6

### 2.6.1 Meeting Agenda

**COMPUTING HONOURS PROJECT (COMP10034)**

**PROGRESS AND MANAGEMENT MEETING AGENDA**

**Student:** William Taylor **Supervisor:** Paul Keir

**Meeting Number:** 6  **Date/Time:** 9:00 28/11/2016

**PROGRESS**

* Personal review of initial chapter of literature review
* Summarise points for interim report
* Waiting for feedback

**AGENDA FOR FORMAL MEETING**

1. Set out the final work items to do for this semester
2. Enquire about any major issues if any
3. Ideas for a killer presentation

### 2.6.2 Meeting Minutes

**COMPUTING HONOURS PROJECT (COMP10034)**

**MANAGEMENT MEETING MINUTES AND PLAN**

**Student:** William Taylor **Supervisor:** Paul Keir

**Meeting Number:** 6 **Date/Time:** 9:00 28/11/2016

**MINUTES**

The following tasks and issues were discussed and specific actions agreed:

1. Interim report points were well raised and suggestions for expansion were mentioned
2. The presentation should be visual and follow the structure of the interim report
3. Make sure to use demonstrations during the presentation for maximum effect

**PLAN**

The following tasks and timelines have been agreed both for the next month and beyond:

* Will start of the presentation
* Wait for Paul’s feedback before working on major parts of the final honours report
* Will double check the demos are golden.
* Will make sure to be vocal and energetic during the demonstration.

## 2.7 Meeting 7

### 2.7.1 Meeting Agenda

### 2.7.2 Meeting Minutes

## 2.8 Meeting 8

TBD

### 2.8.1 Meeting Agenda

TBD

### 2.8.2 Meeting Minutes

TBD

# Conclusion

In short I feel this project was managed very well. Work was completed ahead of schedule at every turn which allowed plenty of time to work on fixes to any issues that came up when reviewing the items for submission. Thanks to version control I effectively tracked and managed my software source code much more effectively than I would have otherwise. I had a timeline for my work effectively set out in Gantt charts and in my own plan for the modules completion. I can’t see how it could have been managed better considering items were completed on time in line with the plan I set out.