Personal Reflective Report – James Portch Jap55

The aim of this report is to outline my involvement in the group project and to give a detailed description of the tasks allocated to me, how I handled them as well as any issues that arose during the process of completion.

My role within the group jumped from being in the quality and assurance team, compiling and creating our first document “Project Plan” and server team creating the “Components Diagram for Server(RPSRsrv)” for our “Design Document”. I feel that the role for that I had for this document was fairly simple, just the fact about I carry out things is a disorganised mess and this could have gone a lot smoother than it did. I feel I was a lot better suited to doing tasks within the QA team.

I managed to turn up to almost all of the group meetings only missing approximately 2 or 3 of the extra meetings due to lectures and practical sessions. Although there were a large amount of us in the group I feel that I only saw certain people only once or twice throughout the process.

I think the group as whole started off quite weak and a bit unsure of how to approach the project, but I think in the end they managed to pull through and get the work done to an acceptably good standard.

Due to my lack of skills in certain areas of the project I believe I haven’t been able to do enough to actually help with the implementation side of the development and have most likely created more work for people as they were the only ones able to cope with the tasks.

During work week I had a severe inner ear infection which stopped me from being able to move as I would lose my balance, fall over, and feel sick. This lasted from the 23rd January – 29th January 2015. I did however attend work week for the first 2 days being allocated to go over the submitted documents, Project Plan, Test Specification, and Design Document with one of my colleges and amend them according to the given feedback of each one, as well as being allocated to add data recording data to the data base so that there would be something to view on the website. This involved adding reserves, users, and plant recordings.

With regards towards our group leader, I think he started off unsure of really what to do as he had the guts to volunteer as no one in the group really wanted to do the job. After a while of being in the position I believe he gained more confidence in the role. However allocated tasks in the meetings were at times unclear to people and what had to be done for them. In spite of this he has managed to keep people busy working on the project although he has done a lot of tasks that I think he didn’t expect he would have to do.

To conclude, the experience of the group project as a whole has been good and I have gained group working skills which is something that I have never done before. In my opinion I know I could have done more to help with tasks and have been more enthusiastic and involved to take on tasks when openly offered for anyone to take. Overall the experience has been good practice for entry into the real world.