

Reflective Log

Description:

The assignment was released in the last week of October and gave me enough time to understand the concepts, tools and techniques involved in carrying out a wholesome report. Initially I was overwhelmed in the number of concepts involved from *R* to *Git*. Eventually, I could easily grasp the basic concepts like Introduction to *R*, *Rmarkdown*, and *ggplot* as I have learnt them in *Statistics Foundations* module in Block 1. I struggled in the core concepts such as *CRISP DM*, *project template*, *dyplr* and *Git*. I still remember going through all these concepts during practical's and asking doubts so that I could be clearer in what I perceive. Once the assignment was released, I never started it immediately. I know we had festivals and enrichment week but to my surprise they delayed my progress as I was procrastinating most of the time. The feeling that I have more time gave me confidence that I would be able to do it anyway.

Feelings:

I wasted almost 3 days in that week. Then I realised my mistake and started taking notes to understand the syntax in each tool. Although I understood all the underlying concepts theoretically, I faced real struggle while trying them in *R* studio. I felt nervous and anxious about my code as they were throwing errors. That is when the professor gave a live demo of setting up the project followed by a video tutorial. It was like a guiding light and I instantly setup my project template folder and started working on the assignment. Though I had more than a week to complete my assignment, I was still left behind in completing the deliverables. I rushed through in the last minute to complete my assignment.

Evaluation:

I should have started the assignment the day it got released rather than waiting till enrichment week. I thought I could do it anyway, but I should have been more proactive and early with my assignment. As the saying goes, "Early bird catches the worm" is something I should have followed. My basic understanding of the tools came in handy, and I was quick enough to complete the assignment than I imagined. My friends even motivated me during the festive season and helped me in cooking so that I could complete my assignment sooner.

Conclusions:

I have learnt the most important lesson of not procrastinating something even though I know what must be done. That was my biggest mistake as I took the situation too lightly because of my over confidence. I also felt lazy and demotivated during the break which delayed my whole process of completion. I should have been more organized from day 1 of the assignment release and gathering ideas required for the assignment. Last minute submissions would lead to unnecessary pressures. I knew all this, but I kept pushing till the due date. Doing things early would give sense of confidence and make you calmer as an individual. There are lot of health benefits associated in doing an action at calm and ease rather than last minute rush.

Actions:

I wish I could be more proactive and take actions from Day 1 of assignment release. I would jot down the key things required for the assignment which would give me an organized plan on how to proceed and complete my assignment. I would never procrastinate in the future as it leads to anxiety, nervousness, sleepless nights and so on. All these are unwanted pressures that I am bringing to my life which could have been easily avoided.