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Dear Team 36

In the most recent workshop, a presentation was held by your team in order to demonstrate the release of sprint 2. To assist with meeting our needs, further feedback will be constructed to evaluate the progression of the project. As clients, we hope that this letter will provide a guideline on how we believe the project is running and state potential areas that could be improved. To ensure relevant feedback is given, we will be addressing the main topics that were mentioned in the presentation.

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In regards to the presentation, it was clear that the team was very well prepared. This was seen through the demonstration of the new features to the website which were made in sprint 3. However, there was a failure to communicate what features they were attempting to display, causing confusion to the review team. In order to ensure that the clients definitely understand the situation, it is advised that the developers should improve upon organising how they explain their procedures. We hope that in the next presentation, we will be able to interact with the website and attempt to test out the features ourselves in order to see whether it can be approved as a functional product.

As clients, the expectations we have were not met within the current sprint. We believe that the current progress is rather dull, as it has been expressed that the developers are having some difficulties regarding the coding of the product. This consequently damaged the pace of the sprint plan, causing some user stories in sprint 3 to have met none of the acceptance criteria. This drawback was acknowledged and some user stories were overlooked for the time being. However, for the user stories that did pass, we were able to observe a fair amount of progression. One of the mentioned user stories were the idea of allowing users to access the website from other electronic devices. Although it is understood this user story is being developed to be accessible, we believe that this is geared more for the overall design. In order to reach a more approvable sprint, we would prefer the development and implementation of new features towards the product. This will help assist with improving the business value of the project, as it seems like it holds a basic amount of business value as it can successfully upload media at this stage. Concerning possible deviations, none were spotted throughout the presentation.

The presentation style that was given was the right level for us to understand, which was great. The current architecture is a 3 tier system, one team member said that the team was using a Model-view-controller architecture but switched to 3 tier. For our idea we believe a MVC is a better architecture to use. But for now stick with 3 tier as it is far too late to switch over. There was one technical difficulty that should've been addressed before the presentation, which was the azure server was down but your team did well by quickly setting up a local host.

The current feature of the thumbnail was displayed to have resized the original image, rather than creating an actual thumbnail. Although this is not an issue at this stage, for a media library that may ultimately hold a fair amount of media items, this may become a problem in the future. Once the media platform begins to hold a fair amount of data, the page may become slower to load as the size of the entire images must be loaded rather than a thumbnail. We believe that this is an underlying issue that must be tackled in order to present an acceptable media vault. Once this is resolved, it is clear that the media vault will be in positive shape in order to hold a fair amount of media and keep the website at a steady pace.

The presentation your team gave was quite clear and coherent, the only problem was the room that it was presented it was quite loud, a louder speaking voice would be best next time. The explanations that were given on the stories completed and not completed were clear and easy to understand.

To conclude, to ensure that preparation for the next presentation is improved, it would be advised that more prepared explanations should be set in order to keep the clients on track. In addition, we hope that the technical difficulties that were experienced are resolved to keep the progression of development on the good pace. This will ensure that the product will continue to develop in order to maintain a higher business value.

If there are any further questions or enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Team 32

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