Team Profile

Team Name: Group 6

Personal Information:

1. Name: Frederica Romijn Student Number: s3792022

Frederica is Australian, American and Dutch. She enjoys singing, listening to music, playing board games and reading Royal family history. Frederica has very little experience in IT but is very interested in the IT industry because of its importance in all other industries. She is also interested in IT as it is an industry that is constantly evolving and requires a great deal of problem solving.

1. Name: Dylan Yu Kang Meng Student Number: s3781274

Dylan is Australian and speaks English and Mandarin. He enjoys gaming, listening to music, World War II era warships, tanks and aircrafts. Dylan has been interested in IT from a young age, specifically computers. He has some experience writing code in Java.

1. Name: Meet Jinesh Thakker Student Number: s3792663

Meet is Indian and speaks English, Hindi and Gujarati. Meet loves sports but especially Cricket. Within the IT industry, Meet is interested in Cyber Security, Web Developing and Consulting. Meet’s interest in IT began when his parents purchased smart phones. He spent a lot of time playing with said phones. His father is a Mechanical Engineer, so his work was also a catalyst in Meet’s interest in the IT industry.

1. Name: Aakash Shahani Student Number: s3759927

Aakash is Indian and speaks English, Hindi, Gujarati and Sindhi. Aakash enjoys reading autobiographies and playing sport. His favourite sports are Cricket and Football. Aakash’s interest in the IT sector was sparked by the fact that over the last few decades, computerisation and digitalisation has increased exponentially. He is especially interested in the security of the enormous amount of data that is now online.

1. Name: Barry Greer Student Number: s3785172

Barry is an Australian resident but his heritage is New Zealander and Irish. Barry likes dogs and has a miniature Chihuahua named Princess. Barry was originally interested in Game Development within IT but that morphed into an interest in Software Development. From his VCE studies Barry has a Certificate 4 in Information Technology.

1. Name: Jordan Aguila Student Number: s3871006

Jordan is Chilean and Spanish. He likes music. Jordan plays the guitar and enjoys playing gigs. Jordan grew up surrounded by technology and therefore has long had an interest in IT. He studied IT in high school.

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As a big group, the results to the three tests (Myer-Briggs, learning style and a test of each person’s choice) varied wildly. Frederica is ESFJ, this means she is outgoing, practical, likes social harmony, organised and assertive. She was found to be 35% an auditory learner, 35% a visual learner and 30% a tactile learner. Frederica also took a creativity test which she got a 57.03/100. This means she falls below average. Dylan is INFP, this means he is quieter and prefers to work in small groups with people he is comfortable with. This result also suggests he holds his personal values highly when making judgments and likes to understand the reasoning behind things. Dylan is a visual learner. Dylan took an Openness to Problem Solving Test. His result was an openness to creativity of 88, a high result. Meet is ENTP, this means he is extraverted, intuitive, thinking and prospecting. Meet is also a visual learner. Meet took a Big Five Personality Test. His results were 81st percentile for extroversion, 62nd percentile for emotional stability, 45th percentile for agreeableness, 76th percentile for conscientiousness and 70th percentile for intellect/imagination. Aakash is ISFP, this means, he is introverted, observant, feeling and prospecting. Aakash is a visual and auditory learner. Aakash took a Big Five Personality Test too. His results were 74th percentile for extroversion, 34th percentile for emotional stability, 76th percentile for agreeableness, 62nd percentile for conscientiousness and 3rd percentile for intellect/imagination. Barry too is ISFP, this means, like Aakash, he is introverted, observant, feeling and prospecting. However, his results were very neutral and fell in the centre of the scales. Barry is an auditory learner. Barry also took a Big Five Personality test. His results were 6th percentile for extroversion, 36th percentile for natural reactions, 55th percentile for agreeableness, 65th percentile for conscientiousness and 1st percentile for openness to experience.

We are clearly all very different people which means we’ll all have to be very understanding that we all behave and learn in incredibly different manners. We will all need to be patient with each other. Our group balances well in terms of introverts vs extroverts which is positive. It should mean there isn’t turmoil in the group like there would be in a group full of extraverts and also that we do communicate which wouldn’t happen easily in a group full of introverts. We will all have to respect each other and the way we operate and find ways to cooperate despite our differences.

Ideal Jobs

Frederica’s ideal job would be Product Manager at Instagram. Dylan’s ideal job would be Mid-Weight Front-end Web Developer. Meet’s ideal job would be Security Engineer. Aakash’s ideal job would be IT Consultant/Help Desk Support. Barry’s ideal job would be Software Developer. Jordan’s ideal job would be Software Engineer. Each person in the group has interest in a very different career. This makes the group very rounded. Most of the desired jobs of our group involve having experience with programming. A big difference between each job is the people each person would be interacting with. Many of the jobs are relatively solitary and would only really require communication with clients and/or bosses who would outline their requirements for a product. Other jobs within the group would be group orientated and would involve strong communication skills as the position would have them interacting with many other people in different positions. Each career path is fairly different in terms of final result but the actual paths leading to the jobs are similar in terms of having a certain number of years’ experience with particular programs, software or hardware.

Interview

Rachel Ettridge

1. Please tell us about your IT work. What exactly do you do?

I am an Account Manager at Cyber Aware. We offer security awareness programmes to businesses. In my role I do a lot of marketing for the company. I am constantly liaising with clients and shopping around for new clients. I run all our social media platforms including; Facebook, Instagram and LinkdIn. I use these tools to find us new clients but also to educate the general public on cyber security. I write articles for our blog and social media sites that explain to people without an IT background, the importance of security online and how they can improve theirs.

Within my role I also help to edit and change our website when necessary. I read over the structure of our programmes too. My role is very focused on communicating IT language to people without that vocabulary.

1. Please tell us about the industry you work in.

The Cyber Security industry is still a small one but it is growing as people start to recognise it’s importance. It isn’t a particularly diverse industry, most positions are filled by men.

1. What other kinds of work do you have to do?

I also organise events and attend conferences regularly on behalf of my company. Recently I organised Melbourne Knowledge Week.

1. Who are all the different people you interact with in your work? Please tell us about them.

As I mentioned earlier, I work with a lot of men in my industry. These range from coders and programmers to business owners who don’t know the first thing about cyber security. I interact with a great many different people though because we are trying to educate the masses. This means I’m involved with people with very different levels of IT knowledge. This makes communication skills vital to my job.

1. What aspects of your work do you spend most time on? Please tell us about these.

I spend most of my time trying to make people aware of us as a company, what we do and the importance of cyber security in a world where everything is now digitalised and we put so much of our data online. It can be very challenging to educate people on such a new concept as cyber security. It helps that over the last couple of years there has been more in the press on the subject, like the Facebook data scandal. Still people are very trusting and naïve when it comes to their personal information and data online.

Reflection

This was our first time working as a group so it is understandable that it wasn’t the smoothest journey over the last few weeks. We were very good at dividing work up to get it done, however, it would’ve been very beneficial to have communicated more at the beginning of the assignment. We were very rarely all together to discuss things and complete tasks. At the beginning we were all very enthusiastic and were together more often. This meant we started the assignment with clarity and efficiency but we definitely lost momentum. I was surprised with such lack of communication that we were still able to complete the assignment at a high standard. I learnt that groups work well when you’re working with people who have different personalities to yourself. It isn’t necessary for everyone to have the same interests and values to work in a professional group. I am excited to see our group grow and work better together over the coming weeks as we learn more about each other and how each of us operate.