

MVP Reflections - CoCompose

6.170 Final Project

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Peer review

What does Jessica think about...

Kim: It was great working with Kim on this project! She always got her work done on time and her enthusiasm really made working on this project with her a great experience for the whole team. She always had good input and ideas whenever our team was discussing design decisions for the project.

Lisandro: Lisandro was a great asset for our team. He always took the initiative in terms of tackling large portions of the project early on, which was great for motivating our team to really get the majority of our work done towards the beginning and not have to stress about meeting deadlines last minute.

Stuart: I spent most of the time on this project working with Stuart. We worked well together and were able to efficiently get a lot of work done as a team. He was also very helpful whenever I needed someone to look over my code if I was stuck on a bug and for being someone to bounce ideas off of as we worked on the project.

What does Kim think about...

Jessica: Working with Jessica over the course of this project was a great experience. She produced clean, working code by all of our internal deadlines and got started on non-MVP features before we'd even demoed our MVP. Although I didn't work with Jessica directly for most of the project, when we did meet she was always prepared and helpful with answering any questions.

Lisandro: Lisandro and I worked very closely on this project and he took a lot of initiative to get his features done well before our internal deadlines. Seeing all the work he'd accomplished inspired me to also be productive and get my work done in a timely manner. Lisandro definitely took the lead on this project in terms of vision, which allowed us to have a clear idea of what we wanted to make throughout the entire process.

Stuart: Stuart was a great team member too! He also took a lot of initiative in terms of getting the final code done in a timely manner. When we were in our final stretch of the project, Stuart made a comprehensive list of tasks that we still needed to do and suggested who was in the best position to accomplish each task, which allowed us to complete the final application in a relaxed, timely manner.

What does Lisandro think about...

Jessica: Jessica was a great team member. She was always took the initiative to looking for something to work to help us move forward in our project. She was very reliable, and was always willing to help. She worked closely with Stuart to flesh out a lot of the back end stuff, and it was always awesome code that they produced.

Kim: Kim was great to work with. We worked closely together throughout the project, and her enthusiasm made every coding session much more fun. Her eye for design

was invaluable when making user interface and styling decisions. She always accomplished all her tasks in a timely manner and was overall a great team member.

Stuart: Stuart was a great team member as well. He worked closely with Jessica, and they always produced great code. Stuart was very dedicated to the project, even working during Thanksgiving. It was always nice whenever I would “git pull” the next day and have new features implemented by Stuart. He was very accommodating with his schedule, even though he lives off campus.

What does Stuart think about...

Jessica: I worked with Jessica the most on the project and I think it went really well. A lot of the time we worked together, but she was also very reliable when she needed to get tasks done separately. Absolutely no complaints!

Kim: Kim was great! She was solid to work with and always on top of her stuff as well as being very enthusiastic about the project. I would rate her 10/10 and recommend her to anyone looking for a future team member for any project!

Lisandro: Lisandro was really invested in the project and it showed! He worked on it over Thanksgiving and contributed a lot to our code base. He also had great ideas about how to design the project. A real pleasure to work with!

Evaluation

Overall, our team did a good job of getting what we had planned done. This was due in large part to team members taking the initiative to start implementing large portions of our project far before internal deadlines. This resulted in other team members feeling pressure to perform and contribute in a timely manner as well. Though this was not how we had originally planned to get the project done, it resulted in our team achieving early deadlines and completing tasks ahead of schedule. A lot of our motivation to work on the app also came from our excitement and enthusiasm to work on the project and being able to see how excited our friends who beta-tested our app reacted to using it. Thus, deciding on an app that everyone in the group was excited about was probably our most positively influential decision for this project.

Lessons learned

We learned to make sure we had RESTful routes that made it clear how each request was supposed to function. We also learned that mocha documentation can be difficult to work with and understand as we spent quite a bit of time making sure our tests were actually functioning properly. We also learned the usefulness of adapting published CSS templates to use for our UI design rather than attempting to write our own CSS files from scratch. Overall, the most important thing we learned was the importance of picking a project well that we were all enthusiastic about.