

Personal Reflection – Dean Heighway

In reflection of groups 37's work through this presentation I believe our assignment progressed extremely well with every member of the group being extremely pleased with the outcome of the website. I love how satisfying it was working as a team and how rewarding it felt just chipping away at different elements on the website, doing a bit of your work and refreshing the webpage to see that someone else has contributed something new as well. As far as what could be improved, it's hard to pinpoint anything but most likely it would be time management, with certain aspects of the website taking a lot longer to complete and with parts of the assignment relying on sections being done it would've been nice to get them done earlier on than what we did. For me one surprise about this assignment was again how satisfying it was watching the teamwork come together to build the website and watching it grow every day. I learned that working in a group is all about communication, if you are struggling it's important to ask for help don't suffer in silence.

Personal Reflection – Sean Heighway

I think from our first Microsoft teams meeting I knew that this group would be the best group I could have asked for as a group assignment team, we really ticked all the boxes with what you want from an organization and work split we had our jobs clearly and concisely delegated and met up several times a week to really make the whole process smooth and easy. Nelson took charge of the group and really helped make the process as easy as possible and ensured that anyone who needed help could get help from one another during the assignment and that was a great thing to have each other help with certain parts that we struggled with. Watching the website change and get updated with each group session we had on Microsoft teams was both rewarding and satisfying to see. I also found the topics that were covered during the assessment really interesting and learned a lot of new things on the topic and about the people I was working with and can say that it was nice to develop new friendships and a support system for the rest of our studies.

Personal Reflection – Keaton Ferber

I think our group worked very well together. We all were actively communicating and participation on the discord server. Everyone was eager to do their work and worked hard to get the assignment done. We all participated in all the group meetings. In the end we all contributed our relevant parts to the assignment. I think the outcome of what we produced in the assignment was very high quality. I think the biggest improvement we could have done was starting this assignment earlier. Starting as late as we did left less time than I normally prefer to have an assignment completed. Having the groups shuffle mid assignment is less than optimal and having what would become our full group at the start would have been better. The biggest surprise for me is how well we all got along as a group. We were mostly randomly assigned to this group, and we all worked well together. We had a lot of shared interest and hobbies and

having that common ground lead us to getting to know each other better. The dynamic of the group was closer to a group of mates than to a group of university students.

Most of my previous experiences in group work have been negative. So, I'm going to say the biggest surprise for me is that this project turned out very well and that I had a good group. Most of the time in group work you get people who are not interested in doing the work or don't participate at all.

Personal Reflection – Nelson Kun

My experience working with Keaton, Dean and Sean has been a memorable and favorable working experience. What worked well was how we understood each other's interest and goals relatively early and being open to communication on all channels. When there was moments of uncertainty, clarification was sought easy between them. The only improvement that can be made is the time management of everyone. With the original aim was to have as much of the assignment completed by Easter, it ended up being done on the last day, but realistically it cannot be helped given the nature of everyone's time schedules and I feel it was done to the best of everyone's ability. Everyone contributed to the level that was expected and it is really hard to focus on areas of improvement because there was too much accomplished. One thing I found surprising was being able to craft a meticulous website design that was clean and professional and working with CSS in a relatively effective manner. I have learned that there can be positive experiences working with groups at a tertiary level and I can wholly say with confidence that working with Keaton, Dean and Sean has been a pleasant surprise.

Group Reflection – Team 37

As a group we believe that we performed very well in assignment #2. The positives in this assignment far outweighed the negatives as far as working in a team went. The successful things in our group were plentiful, to name a few we meshed extremely well as a team, straight off the bat we were discussing how we were going to distribute the work together, bouncing ideas off each other and just general discussions of how we were going to tackle certain areas of the assignment. It was clear from the start that the four of us have a passion for IT and found conversation just flowed and covering the topics was very simple as everyone was enthusiastic to contribute. Nelson was amazing with organizing the structure of the website and we just all began to contribute information to the site from there.

As a group we discussed what we could improve on and found it quite difficult to pinpoint certain things as we believe we just gelled together as a team perfectly but having to isolate a thing for improvement we came to the conclusion that time management was probably our biggest issue and we discussed how we were going to improve on this going forward and decided that the best course of measure is a structured meeting at the start of the assignment to devote the time to organizing a timeline of what we would like to have done by what stage of the assignment. It was surprising how well we worked as a team given that we were four strangers randomly assigned to a group and given the history of group assignments its very rare

to get along with every person and have everyone want to work as hard to completion of this assignment as we did, we have made true friendships over the course of this assignment.

We learned a lot about groups over the course of this assignment, mostly how important cohesion is between team members, it is important to understand that different team members have different strengths and weaknesses, and we need to work together to bring the best out of each other. Another thing that we learned was the true value of communication, we worked well in that we let each other know what we needed when it came to getting help and we gave each other feedback on our contributions to improve it as a whole.

When working as a team, it is important to work to each other's strengths so on that note it is understood that our audit trail on GitHub isn't necessarily the fairest display of what work was done by who. Nelson is our website development expert in our group and as such he took lead on our website whilst a lot of the behind the scenes work on the content for the website was done amongst the group.