Project Skills deliverable 2

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1   The project and team

Our team is working for the Health Informatics context project. The company we are working for produces 3D VR environments in order to help people who have fear of heights, fear of flying or have trouble with social scenarios. A patient gets put into a virtual environment using a Virtual Reality Headset such as the Oculus Rift, and the therapist gets to control the environment.
Our part in this is to make the user able to see its own body within the virtual world. This means we keep track of the body using a Kinect, a Leap Motion and ManusVR gloves in order to correctly represent the users body and follow its movements.

The team consists of 5 people. We have known each other since the first year of this study and have done multiple projects together. Because of this we know each other pretty well and the group interaction goes relatively smooth. Tasks are divided equally and everyone pulls their own weight. Of course we do not always agree on everything, but conflicts get solved pretty quickly.

Within the team we vary a lot with distributing roles. We alternate between planning tasks, writing code, refactoring code, testing our system, organizing hardware and communicating with our client and other teams. Because of this I cannot really say I am performing a specific role within the team, because we alternate each day so we all do a bit of everything. We are able to do this because everyone in the team knows each other thus making communication a lot easier.

2   process loss

As each team, our team also suffered from process loss. I think our team suffered more from coordination losses than motivational losses. The reason we suffer little motivational losses is because the team is really excited about the product we are making. The group is in good spirits most of the time, and everyone seems to like the project we're working on. Also, everyone in the team is confident in his skill, and people rather work together than rely on others to do their work.
On the other hand, a lot more miscommunication has happened. People do miscommunicate with the result that sometimes two people work on the same functionality at once (duplication of effort) and sometimes we decided to do something else than we had planned beforehand, effectively making us having to re-do some work done before (ineffective planning).

3 The Social Value Evaluation test

The outcome of my SVO was as follows:
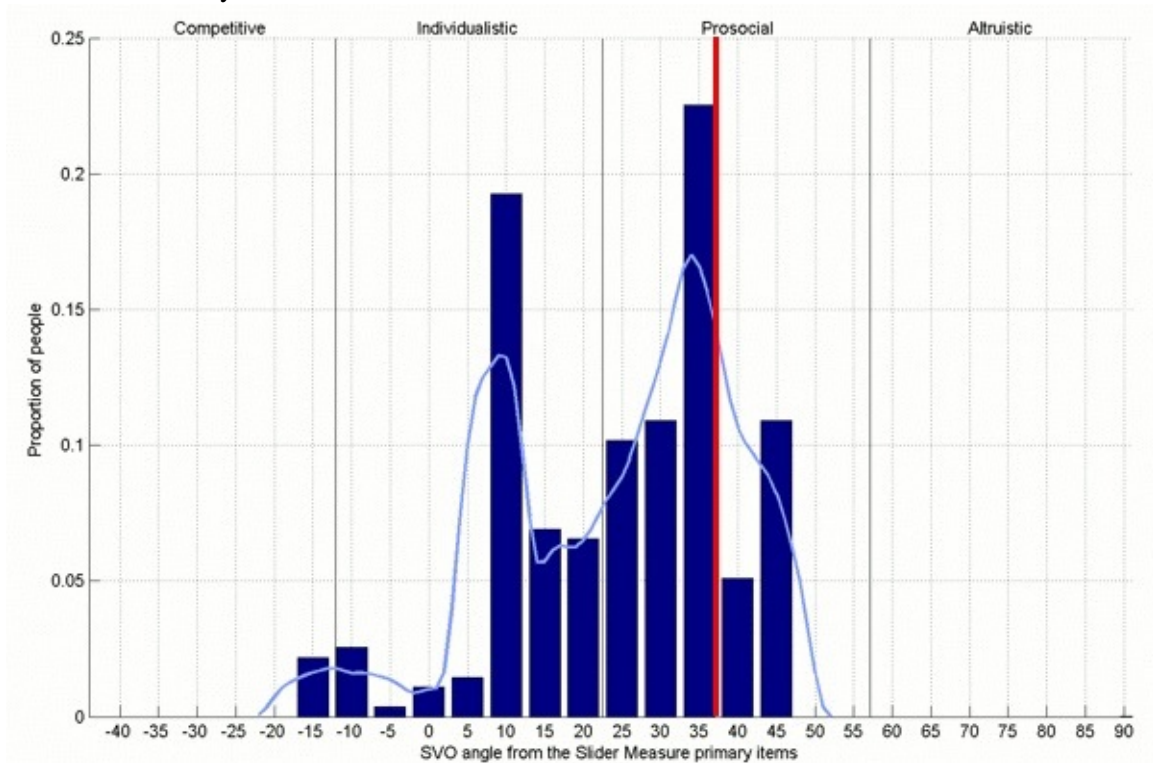
I am pleased with the results, pro social sounds like a good property to have within a team. I know for myself that I like to cooperate with others rather than to compete, which you can see back in my score.

4 Team SVO

Most of the results within our team were in the Prosocial region, which was to be expected. The team works together and everyone thinks of each other. No one in the team shows too much individualistic behaviour, neither does anyone think too much of others while forgetting themselves. This is why the result does not surprise me too much.