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Individual statement

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Personal view of the team performance

In my honest opinion, our team performed extremely well in this unit, both as individuals and as a group. I came into the group late after issues with my last group, and the team was extremely accommodating, catching me up immediately and respecting my voice even though I was new and hadn't been with them last term. The strong communication held up throughout the 12-week course, with everyone sending updates in the group WhatsApp after each session of what we had to accomplish going into the next week. If someone had to miss a session, they almost always communicated, and I always had confidence that they would do their work outside of class. My personal attendance saw me only missing one class in the entire unit.

My primary contributions to the project were creating the base html and css for the home page and the details pages. I solidified the websites' basic structure, meaning I implemented the code from Pattern Library and edited it, added colours, text/fonts, and synchronised the images. I would make sure everything ran smoothly with the code from week to week, and eventually passed the structure on to my team so that they could fill in the code with their research for the detail's pages. Almost all this work is reflected in the final product. Overall, I would say I served as a leader and as the central hub for the project while everyone else worked on a specific category out of restaurants, cafes, and bars (though I did do a little bit of the work for cafes as well.) I collaborated with my group on changes we wanted to make from the original style guide and site plan, which I think resulted in a strong final product.

I wish we could have done a little bit more with the design. I feel as though a member of the team wanted a harsher and bolder design for the product, and while I would have liked the website to look a little bit more interesting, it was hard to strike that balance without it looking overwhelming. I hope that next time I code a website, my coding skills have improved to a point that I can make a vision like this come to life.

Critique of the web site

Overall, I think our team has successfully fulfilled the clients' wishes. Our site is something I think would genuinely be useful to students and is something I myself would have liked to have had access to when I studied my first year as an international student at MMU. We have worked to make our website usable on both Windows and Mac systems, have verified our colour contrast and font sizes for accessibility purposes, as well as flawlessly linked our pages so that they connect and lead into each other accurately. Though I do dream of a more aesthetic website, I still think our website looks fantastic as is and am pleased with the refined, clean, colourful and playful look.