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Individual reflection - week 10 - Introduction to IT

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Our project will be a website named Easy Cook, which centers around food saving and nutrition. Sometimes, we don't finish our meal, and the leftover food will be discarded. That is a waste. One of Easy Cook's main features is giving users the knowledge to turn that leftover food into another brand new dish for the next meal. This can be done with a variety of recipes that we have that target your specific leftover food. Another important feature of Easy Cook is calculating how much nutrition per dish will give us in one meal. This is important for any who are careful in their diet. Example users will be athletes, bodybuilders, patience, dieter. We also include some minors features such as a whole forum for people to discuss or publish articles about food and diet.

New things: Our project until this week is very much the same with some little changes. We decided to focus only on Vietnam Market at first. Our website, Easy Cook, will mainly focus on Vietnamese dishes, and all the recipes will be written by Vietnamese to make it easier to use for all Vietnamese people. We also want to give our users more information to help them acknowledge the food-waste problem and its consequences. Therefore, besides the news about food and diet, we will include some articles about that problem to help them deal with food more wisely.

This week, we had another extraordinary meeting on Thursday, where we discussed our project's prototype. We have discussed the layout of the prototype, divided each of the features and sub-features to be designed by those UX Designers, and create a workflow for our users when using our website. Meanwhile, the report is still in excellent progress since everyone is almost finishing their parts, we need one more meeting to review all of those parts to ensure everything meets the requirements of our team and if there is something go wrong, we can make some changes immediately to represent the most comprehensive report as we can.

The problem that we faced this week is that there are many things that we need to decide, but we have not much experience working on those things. Thus, we needed to spend plenty of time to make our final decision on the issues. However, we know that we had that problem because we are still new to everything. Therefore, we do not perceive it as an issue and think negatively about it but see it as an opportunity to learn more. We also utilize a chance of working as a team. If there is something that we do not understand it clearly or we do not know how to deal with something, we need to share with others to find a solution together.

If I could tell something to my past self, that would be not afraid to ask for help from other teammates. We are a team, so we have to believe in each other and discuss problems (if any) like a team to find the most feasible solution.

Individual reflection

1. What happened?

In this week, our team started to work on the designated parts of the project. More specific tasks were divided among the members in the weekly group meeting on thursday. On the meeting, we have discussed the layout of the prototype and divided the features and sub-features, which were designed by the UX designers, and create suitable use flows for the users. I personally think that we were doing fine, maybe a bit slow, but everyone seemed to be happy about the progress. I was also satisfied with the team working. Everything seemed to be in order. I was glad that small talks were more common between the members, we got along well. About the report, some of the individual parts were nearly completed during 1 week and the group-required parts were on great progress. One surprise was that one of our member had an accident (he stepped on a nail) and could not attend the group meeting, but he also communicated normally on Facebook messenger, which minimized the negative effects on the group's workflow.

2. Compared to past experiences.

Compared to my past experiences with group work, this is a major step up and I could not be more satisfied. Back then, my groups were nonchalant and inactive, with some members neglecting their designated parts. I then had to work on their parts also.