

The Future Workplace - ATOS

In the period of the last two weeks we had one meeting with our client through Skype and we have also been in contact via email. Monday, 19th of October we had a meeting with Mike Smith through Skype. As we had some confusion about the project on beforehand, we tried to ask all our questions in order to understand the things we didn't understand. These questions included the scope of the project and what ATOS requirements were. He defined the requirements accurately, gave a brief overview of what he wanted in form of an application, what features the application should have, and what features could be added if we are able to make them. As a result of the meeting, we solved all the unclearness about the project and client needs.

As all the confusion was solved we continued as a team with a brainstorming about the name of our application, the features of it, which parts should be included and began to sketch a prototype of the user interface. We distributed the tasks for each team member and the tasks that should be completed as a whole team.

Tasks completed during these 2 weeks:

Collecting the list of requirements and user needs

Completed list of requirements with description and rationale

Creating an overview hypothesis of the project

Doing a complete research about remote-working, its productivity and the performance of workers

Creating the project website

Sketching the possible user interfaces and prototypes for the application

Started writing background and context about the project

Tasks yet to be completed during the next weeks:

Compare the results of the research done and come to a conclusion

Research about similar applications in the market and compare with them

Research platforms, hardware, programming languages and procedure to continue the project

Finishing the documentation on the website

Finishing the name, design, logo and sketching of the project

Deciding a proper prototype and user interface and start working on it

Tasks both team members contributed:

Identified the requirements by using MoSCoW style requirements list.

Did a research about remote working, its advantages and disadvantages, and statistics about the performance of employees in different companies.

Completed the table of user needs with description and rationale.

Drawing the sketches and deciding name, logo, the user interface.

On October 27th, we drew the sketches of the application with its features and name. However, we sent the requirements list with hierarchy and the name we can call the application to the client. In fact, in order to show our sketches, get a feedback, and discuss everything about the project thoroughly we will probably meet our client in the next following days.

The part Laman did was to start to write the background and the context of the project, start to do a research on the similar applications in the market, to complete the research about remote working, and to write the bi-weekly report.

Nathalie contributed with starting to build the website as she had knowledge in this from the object-oriented project last year. She has done research about remote working, found pros and cons as well as statistics, which are being compared to other numbers.