

Reflection

Method: Gibbs reflective cycle.

Why: To learn from the experience.

How: By analyzing certain situation.

Stage 1: Description

During my graduation internship, I was assigned the task of creating a self-service interface for settings management. As a UX/UI designer and front-end developer, my responsibilities included conducting research with a Human-Centric approach, developing a prototype, testing it, and implementing the core functionality.

Stage 2: Feelings

I felt excited about the project, as it provided an opportunity to combine my interests in functional programming and research using the design thinking methodology. However, as I delved into the research phase and faced the extensive code base and React files during development, I began to feel overwhelmed. The stress heightened when I encountered persistent issues in the code.

Stage 3: Evaluation

Reflecting on the experience, I realize that I spent too much time trying to resolve minor issues on my own instead of seeking assistance from my supervisor. This approach prolonged the development of the core functionality, impacting the overall progress of the project.

Stage 4: Analysis

Analyzing the situation, I understand that my reluctance to ask for help hindered the project's efficiency. I should have recognized the benefit of seeking guidance, especially when dealing with a complex code base. More frequent meetings focused on debugging could have significantly improved the development process.

Stage 5: Conclusion

Despite the challenges, I successfully created a prototype, conducted tests, incorporated feedback, and implemented the core functionality. However, I acknowledge the critical role debugging plays in the development process, and my hesitation to seek help slowed down the project.

Stage 6: Action Plan

To enhance future experiences, I will proactively propose regular debugging meetings with my supervisor to address code-related challenges promptly. This proactive approach aims to minimize the time spent on solving individual problems and improve the overall development timeline. Additionally, I will work on improving my communication skills, ensuring I ask more questions and leverage the knowledge of experienced team members for continuous learning.