***Assignment 4 – Individual Reflection***

Reflect on your experience working in your HVK team, and answer the following questions:

1. **What were the positive experiences working with your HVK team?**

Our team had a good dynamic – we were always positive and joking around. There’s a witty banter always going around which makes the work overall more enjoyable and less burdensome. Carlos and I had a running joke about adding images for the customers and pets, and whether we should do it or not. I’m glad that, as a team, we always got the work done and whenever we needed to meet outside of class to work, we did (through our Discord group chat). Nobody was ever absent, nor did anyone refuse to work. Everyone was keen to contribute to the project, so it went relatively smoothly.

1. **What were the negative experiences working with your HVK team?**

There were no genuinely negative experiences to speak of, only minor disagreements on the design of our pages. Although, we were always able to talk about it and come to a resolution. I have had very poor experiences in the past with teamwork. I once had a big project to work on in high school, where I was in a team with 8 other people. Only 1 other person worked with me on the project, and nobody shared the burden, which was incredibly difficult. The rest ignored our calls and left it up to us. I am glad that this time around, my HVK teammates were eager to do the work.

1. **How could the negative experiences have been prevented?**

I don’t believe the disagreements could have been avoided, as they’re not necessarily a bad thing. There needs to be differing opinions and perspectives in a team, from which we can glean an ideal outcome. However, with that team from my high school, I’m not sure what could have been done differently. Perhaps my classmate and I could have told our teacher about our situation in the hopes of receiving a fairer grade.

1. **Did each team member (including yourself) do an equal share of the work? If you have 75 marks to divide between your team members representing share of work completed, how would you divide the marks?**

I believe each did their part, yes. We all had something unique to contribute to the project that was indispensable. I often gave ideas for UX design (which controls would be most intuitive and improve the flow). Matteo had great ideas for UI design (making everything visually appealing, grouping fields, separating forms into pages, and consistency across pages). Carlos was always making sure we followed the marking scheme and narratives. He kept us in line when we had wild ideas that strayed from the client’s request (reducing the scope creep). He was also great at remembering elements we missed (details from the assignment instructions). Both Carlos and Matteo pay great attention to detail. I would say that we each deserve an equal share of marks (25-25-25).

1. **What will *you* do differently to improve working with this team next semester? What should *your team* do differently to improve working together next semester?**

What I will do differently next semester is make an effort to stay within the scope of the project. Matteo and I had lots of ideas that would improve the website’s look and feel, but both of us needed to avoid the temptation of scope creep. As a team, we worked well together. I feel that the best thing we could do is keep up what we have, without succumbing to complacency. As a team, we agreed to avoid settling for the bare minimum in our project and put in the appropriate amount of effort to make a desirable, viable product for HVK.