Hi,

After 8 hours all I had was literally a simple "hello world" page working locally using XAMPP for the stack.

After 10 hours I still didn't have any confirmation that database was working and reachable. So I used google and found a site with an example php/mysql login page and after another hour using that as a basis was able to confirm a login and see a second page.

Site was:

<http://mrbool.com/how-to-create-a-login-page-with-php-and-mysql/28656>

The scope of the assignment was larger than I could complete in suggested 8 hours. Suffered from some self-inflicted "paralysis by analysis" in determining where application should be run. Debated between WAMP, LAMP, and XAMPP much longer than anticipated. Planned to go LAMP, but ran into domain issues and switched to XAMMP.

In the scope I've got a long way to go. Login page working and simple page list of messages. Don't have a high comfort factor in PHP and spent quite a bit of time on syntax. Not sure how to manage sessions. Disappointed I got stuck on basic things and wasn't able to get to the "real functionality" during the time.

If I had to do it over, I would have started with XAMMP right away. I would have signed up for hosting so LAMP would have been an option. I would have gone through the tutorial for PHP from the website you listed first before attempting any code. Would have been helpful to cover XAMPP in class in a lab.

I've crossed the 12 hour line so wrapping up and planning to submit.

Mike