

## **Presentation Reflection**

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## Introduction

As a team, we prepared and delivered a well-researched presentation that examined a major video game product called Cyberpunk 2077 and the company that produced it, which was CD Projekt Red. This presentation was prepared over the course of about three months. We met almost every Friday to brainstorm ideas and divide the work accordingly. In our own time, we each worked on shared documents and used the comments feature to suggest changes in case we came across any useful information or ideas that could improve each other's work. We discussed everything on the social platform Discord and helped each other every step of the way. In the end, we were able to put together a presentation we were all proud of and practiced presenting a few times before the final delivery. Every individual contributed equally toward the successful completion of this project and we learned a lot in the process.

All the team members were asked to reflect on their roles in the group and interpret the events individually. Here are our replies:

*“I think everything came together really nicely! Our team met regularly and rarely ran into any issues, everyone was in agreement about the contents of our assignment and how our presentation would be researched, composed, and delivered. If there was ever a difference of opinions, the team would always put it up to the rest of the team to decide which was the best course of action. In my opinion, this helped strengthen our group's cohesion and trust in the work of our peers. During the delivery of our presentation, I think I performed well. Instead of having to worry about the performance of my groupmates, I was able to focus on my own delivery and do the best I could.” - Layla.*

*“Our team did a fantastic job on this presentation. All members of the group contributed to the creation of this presentation. Everyone did an excellent job with their research and if there were times when some of us were unclear about something and had concerns, we were able to just ask each other questions and offer feedback for clarification. To speak about my performance, I think it was good. I didn't rehearse too much for the delivery of the presentation since I knew that practicing my part every day would make me nervous. Considering that, we were able to simply practice a few times together as a team and it went great.” - Karan.*

*“During the entire preparation period, my team did a really good job in putting everything together. Personally, I don't play many video games, so, I couldn't give much insight into the topic initially but I tried my best to put forward my ideas for the presentation. My team was quite supportive and helped me find reliable website links to learn more. They were also quite forthcoming to inform me if I missed anything which I am really grateful for. I really liked the fact that every member had a say in all the decisions that were being made throughout the process. In the end, I was able to thoroughly research the parts of the presentation that were assigned to me and I felt like a valuable asset to my fellow team members by helping whenever I could.” - Gazal.*

*“Although time management was difficult between five people - when group meetings would occur, we made sure to use our time efficiently and effectively. Our meetings were focused on planning: making sure we were all in agreement around the content and timelines in which the presentation would be done. Our group made this system work very well, making sure everyone had a say in all the different aspects of the project. If there was ever any uncertainty among the group we would make sure to clarify everything to keep the group unified. This was especially important since this is a group endeavour, not five individuals working on separate parts of a project. I think my performance in the delivery went well, but if I was to do it again I would try to focus more on my tempo since I found myself speeding up at times when a more slow and measured delivery might have helped convey information more effectively. Overall I think our group worked well together over the course of this assignment, with our synergy and hard work being reflected in the final product.” - Tristan.*

*“Reflecting on the group work for this presentation, I am very content with the quality of work produced by my team and as a whole, we worked harmoniously despite a few time-management issues. I feel that personally, I have benefited significantly from this task as it has highlighted my strengths and weaknesses and has also prepared me to approach future group work. The team's division of tasks necessary for the successful completion of our project went well, as everyone agreed on what they would have to do. As a team, we also made sure to clarify whatever was not clear to anyone at any time. I feel like I underestimated the time that would be necessary for the preparation stage of the presentation. Therefore, I feel the immediate division and assignment of the work was a good decision that primarily led to the success of our group project. Overall everything went very smoothly.” - Bhavjot.*

## **Group Reflection**

Multiple factors influenced our preparation process and delivery of our presentation. One major factor we'll be discussing is understanding and valuing the different opinions, experiences and expertise of each person on the team. Time Zones and shifting schedules are two other major factors that influenced our presentation and its delivery. Due to differing commitments and time management strategies, it was hard to gather everyone in the team together at the same time every week. Despite this, we managed to overcome this issue even if it was one of the biggest challenges that our team faced.

Understanding and valuing the different skills and experiences of different people was a factor that our team unanimously agrees greatly influenced the success of our project. For starters, our progress rate was significantly slower at the beginning of our group project since we were wary of one another and didn't know how each other worked and communicated. It took all of us a good amount of time to get to know a little more about each other so that we could express our thoughts and ideas more freely. Dedicating time to learning the personal interests of team members also helped us understand each person's individual skillset and knowledge. This allowed us to allocate work based on who was best suited. An example of *how* we got to understand the different skills and experiences of each other is how we discussed class material at the start of meetings. Class content was a common topic that helped us ease into work and get to know each other and our ideas around communication and conflict management. This helped our team to feel organic and open when discussing differences in opinions instead of abrupt and forced. We tried to apply the topics we learned in class to the presentation to the best of our ability and as a team, we feel it worked.

Working with people from different backgrounds and daily habits was going to influence how we worked, that was always going to be true, but learning those factors and considering how they may influence our group dynamic proved invaluable. For example, if someone was most productive in the evening but that time turned out to be 3 in the morning for another group member, we would all make sure to compromise our schedules to make meeting time optimal for everyone. Getting to know these aspects about one another, our timezones and work habits, enabled us to work in a much more effective and understanding way. This is why time management was our greatest challenge as a team: Making time outside of our weekly meetings for practicing the delivery of our presentation as well as the contents of it was really hard, especially as schedules changed and life events of five different people had to be considered. A difference in time zones also made it hard for us to understand how the actual delivery of our project would sound. For example, our team had to regularly sub-in team members on the behalf of one another if one was unavailable that week for practice. In another example, the tonality of one's delivery might be affected if their local time was significantly later than others in the group. This would result in a quieter performance during some of the practice runs of our presentation.

Conclusively, our team feels our project was a success. The area where we could have improved would be assigning time limits or short-term due dates for tasks. That could have made our presentation process a bit more organized. Doing just that would have saved us more time for practicing the final delivery of our project as we got too comfortable researching and producing the content of our presentation. Researching topics and bouncing ideas off of each other at our

own pace was fun but a little bit messier than expected when we could have practiced our delivery for a bit longer. It was a great experience working on a project with a topic that all of us were quite interested in and our group will miss working with each other dearly.