

CreateSafe

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PROGRESS

Following on the requirements we outlined on the previous report, we made some consistent progress on the research part of the project: we covered and explored the tools we judged essential for it. Moreover, we had a second meeting with our client where we got the chance to go over the project together once again, refine the requirements (keeping a realistic framework in mind) and started brainstorming.

After reviewing all the material and existing code for the project, we decided together with Gareth that redesigning the website from scratch would give us more room for change and improvement, in particular taking into account that the WordPress implementation is extremely disordered and difficult to modify. This however increases the workload and, hence, made us reconsider other requirements based on their priority (e.g. the mobile version of the website has been moved to a lower priority). Additionally, we discussed the user flow and features the website should or could have.

In order to outline the project timeframe and the time allocated for each task, we created a Gantt Chart that spans up to the end of the first term.

Among the problems encountered we had a misunderstanding with the client causing the meeting planned for the 23rd to be cancelled. We however took immediate action and managed to contact him via email and rearrange for another meeting on Tuesday. This caused only a minor delay on our progress.

TASKS COMPLETED

- Individually studied PHP: we started learning the basics and how to integrate it with MySQL.
- Reviewed the existing code and website: we reviewed the existing code and with the client we decided to start the developing of the website from scratch.
- Refined requirements: during the meeting with Gareth we clarified some requirements, we highlighted what we considered achievable and what needed more research (e.g. API development).
- Started working on the project website: the website structure has been put into place even though it still has to be populated with relevant content.
- Created a Gantt Chart to keep track of the progress.
- Held second meeting with the client: even though the meeting was cancelled, we managed to rearrange for another one so that we did not fall behind.

MEETINGS

- 20/10/15: reviewed the material sent us from Gareth and decided what to cover and ask during the next client meeting. Discussed the creation of a Gantt Chart to help us manage the project without falling behind. Discussion with the TA about the progress made so far.

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- 23/10/15: due to a misunderstanding with the client we were not able to hold the meeting as scheduled. We then discussed how to proceed from there and actions to take.
 - 27/10/15: meeting with the TA followed by the second meeting with the client (see first section).

PROBLEMS

After meeting with our client again, we resolved to design the website from scratch (i.e. the project is almost completely independent from the previous one). We will not use the WordPress implementation anymore and, as a consequence, we had to revise our project plan and requirements. This might prove to be challenging as it means that a new database implementation is needed as well as reimplementation of all the structure that we initially thought we could make use of. In order to make allowances for this we need to review our project agenda.

PLAN

By the time of the next report we plan to:

- Specify website flow and content for each page.
- Start creating some mockups for the website.
- Getting familiar with web-development techniques.
- Consistently update the project website.
- Schedule a new meeting with our client and keep him updated on the progress made.

PERSONAL SECTION

DANIELE MENARA

In the past two weeks I studied PHP and reviewed all the material that Gareth sent us. Meanwhile, I organized the meeting and had several email exchanges with Gareth. I also implemented the Gantt Chart and started working on the website for the project. During the meeting with our client I made it clear what I thought was feasible in terms of deliverables but, during the brainstorming we had, I also tried to input ideas and put into practice the design techniques we have learnt so far.

MINHO KIM

During the meeting last Tuesday (27th Oct) I made sure of what is required for the project and that my team and the client had built a good relationship. Moreover, I confirmed that the website would not be built on the previous project, done by another team last year. That means that we need to start designing the website from scratch. Also, considering the Drag&Drop uploading system, I will need to learn HTML5, CSS and JavaScript to manage the system.

In the next part of the project after the scenario week, I am going to develop a prototype for the website, corresponding our client's requirements.