G52GRP 2016

Proforma for Individual report.

The main purpose of the individual report is to reflect on the quality of your own contribution and the experience you had in the team. You are going to be asked to note the achievements you have made against the requirements for the project which you had at the beginning. Give clear explanation of how you contributed.

In addition you are asked to do a peer review of your colleagues stating ways in which you believe they exceeded, met or failed to meet the expectations the group had of them.

Individual Project Report	<Student Name>	<email address>
Expected Submission Date	17 May 2017	
Project Title		
Sponsoring Company		
Contact Person		
Contact Email		
Project Supervisor		
Supervisor Email		
Date of Award of Project	2 October 2016	
Answer the following from your own perspective		
Why did the group decide to apply to do this project?		
We had all experienced working with web design and wanted to have more practice. We also had two members who wanted to do mobile device programming. We were also taken by the idea of doing something useful in our project. The idea of working with a charity for patients was an attractive one. **(max 100 words)**		
Do you think the original project description matched the project as it really happened?		
On the whole the project followed the pattern we expected but obviously there were changes. The sponsor did not really know what she wanted and changed her mind every time she saw some progress. This had the danger of allowing for scope creep so it was my job to make sure the sponsor knew this would change the expected finish date. **(max 100 words)**		
What role did you play and why?		
I was immediately selected as group leader. Albus had a lot of experience as leader of groups but wanted to spend time doing coding. I was experienced in coding web sites but no more than the rest. My programming scores were not the greatest in the group but I had worked with two of the others in previous projects and they thought I would be a good leader. I thought Severus would also want to be leader but he was happy to work with me. I also felt we really needed someone		

who was a people person and apart from Hermione none of the others were. She was keen for me to take the leadership role and then she was able to do the actual work with the parents.
(max 150 words)

What difficulties did you experience in doing this role?
Mostly the challenge was to coordinate the group who had different ideas of what was most important. Our client was also undecided about what the project could do. She was very busy but I was quite persistent and so managed to get meetings with her. We had regular meetings with her – once a week or every two weeks. At the end it was difficult as she was very busy. However, we managed to conjure up some times. Hermione and I worked together well in interviewing the parents. It would have been more difficult without her. Severus was sometimes difficult to work with and I had to develop an understanding of how best to deal with him to get the best results for the team. **(max 150 words)**

What was your general experience of working in a group?
It was a generally good experience. Some members tended to think the technical work was the most important as this was what they were good at. They did not understand that the project would not have worked without Hermione and me getting to talk to the parents and the project sponsor. They got annoyed that the sponsor was not always available when they needed them I had to explain the way this worked. On the whole I think we had a good time and learned a lot! **(max 150 words)**

If there were particular difficulties in working in this group what did you do to try and resolve these?
Servus wanted to get his own work done for other projects and would criticise others for not doing programming work. This was difficult from my perspective as I knew that the needs of the project were wider than his programming and he did not. As I said above I was able to work with him and get him to understand the work others were doing. The others got upset because he would often not come to meetings and that was difficult when we all needed to know where the project was getting to. **(max 150 words)**

What level of attendance did you have for meetings with the project sponsor and or supervisor?	**I attended All meetings**	**Tick**
	More than 2/3 of meetings	
	Less than ½ of meetings	
	Other	

Peer Review

Name	Evaluation (out of 5)	Performance description	
Hermione Granger	3	General Contribution to the project	She was great at communicating with the parents and helped a lot in deciding what the actual requirements were. She did not do much programming but was always keen to help.
	3	Attendance at meetings	Attended more than 2/3 of all meetings
	3	Creativity	She did not contribute a lot to the software development but had a really good contribution to the Open day stand.
	3	Work rate	She generally worked well and got things done when asked without a lot of prodding.
	4	How did they perform as a team member	Generally well. She really did not seem to get on well with Servus though I think in the end she saw he was a loyal and positive member of the team.
Ron Weasly	3	General Contribution to the project	I have to admit to bias here as Ron was my best friend even before we came to university. I think his performance was excellent. We had worked together on a number of previous projects so we communicated very well.
	3	Attendance at meetings	More than half but less than 2/3. He would often forget we were having meetings rather than deliberately not come.
	2	Creativity	Ron is more of a team worker than an ideas person. He always tried hard.
	4	Work rate	He worked really hard often staying up to the early hours to get work finished.
	4	How did they perform as a team member	Ron is very friendly and gets on and does things. He likes most people though he seemed a bit nervous of working with Servus.
Albus Dumbledore	5	General Contribution to the project	He was really good at the SQL programming and without him we would not have got finished. He really knows his languages and was able to back up Servus when he needed help.

	2	Attendance at meetings	Less than ½. Generally this was through forgetting and being too busy at work on the project as much as other things.
	4	Creativity	He is a brilliant ideas person and always has answer4s. He is a bit introverting and will not come out with his solution until he is fully sure whether it is right.
	4	Work rate	Despite not coming to meetings he was always ahead of the rest in being ready.
	4	How did they perform as a team member	He got on with everyone. He seemed to have a special belief in Servus and kept saying he would work out well in the end.
Rubeus Hagrid	4	General Contribution to the project	Rubius is a hard worker and always looked out for others. He seemed to have a level of experience beyond the rest of us in the work processes.
	4	Attendance at meetings	Attended all the meetings
	2	Creativity	Rubius is another team worker rather than generating ideas. He could always help everyone.
	5	Work rate	High. Sometimes tiring he has the energy of a giant.
	4	How did they perform as a team member	He was great at solving issues between team members. Especially when Servus was being criticised by others.
Servus Snape	4	General Contribution to the project	He tended to work on his own and come up with software faster than the rest of us were ready. He found that frustrating as he knew he could do most of the work quicker if he did it on his own. I did my best to help him to see the idea of the project was as much about team work as developing your own skills.
	2	Attendance at meetings	Less than half – usually because he believed he knew more than the rest of us but also he was trying to get ahead on his other work.
	4	Creativity	High. He really is a wizard of a programmer and we all could have learned a lot from him. Shame he was not as approachable as the others.
	4	Work rate	High. Despite not attending many meetings he always had the work

			done when it was needed and usually ahead of time.
	3	How did they perform as a team member	He did not seem a team player at all during most of the term but when it came to the Open day he came in to his own, making sure we were all ready to answer questions. As Albus said he did work out well in the end.

I really thought we had an excellent team and it is hard to rate everyone relative to our group as I think we were all better than others.