

Pitch Feedback and Other Things

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Pitch Feedback

- There is a feedback poll on Moodle
- So far only 20% of students responded
- These responses are helpful but
 - May be biased
 - Would be good if there were more
 - Have till 4:20 this afternoon to complete

Feedback content

- Thank you for the feedback
 - Even from the person who thinks I have ruined his/her entire degree
 - I will try and respond to all points in time
- A few major themes
 - Some of the Requests were uneven
 - Especially from the companies
 - Initial Response
 - This seems valid. Was always true.
 - I will try and get a better format out next time to try and make it more even
 - Other issues like this I will try and work at for next year

CVs and Pitch Feedback from us

- You have not had CV feedback yet
 - I have been trying to get internal supervisors sorted
 - All have access to your CVs and should give you feedback soon
- You have not had Pitch feedback yet
 - I have had other priorities but will get it to you as soon as I get time

Things I know I will change next year

- Restrict the number of people selecting a project
 - The big problem this year was having 5 projects most people put somewhere on their list
- Introduce three pitches per project
 - This should remove the need for pitching on projects you did not ask for

Misnomers

- Some misnomers are evident
 - Companies are not on the make
 - E.g. one of the companies has already spent over £10,000 on support for this project
 - Any IP you develop will belong to the University not the company
 - Unless you do this on your own time and out with your study
 - The cost of the year to the University is £3,000,000
 - A home/EU student's fees are less than 60% of the actual cost of education
 - If you and the company develop something financially viable the University will defend your rights in this
 - I have to provide NDAs and IP agreements with all the companies

One thing many of you have not done

- Contacted your supervisor
 - The local ones
 - If they were the ones you pitched to one of them wants to say
 - You have already failed your module because you have not got in touch!
 - I of course will not allow this but

**Contact your supervisor before the end
of today (4.30) or suffer the
consequences in a reduced grade**

Repository

- Assuming you have lessons in Software Maintenance about GIT
 - So what do I need you to do
- Make sure you have a release branch and a development branch
- Develop issues off the development branch
- Merge them into the development branch only when error free
- Commit frequently locally
- Push local changes regularly

Test

- Much of the code is open to test driven development
 - Using Eclipse or Visual Studio TDD is built in
 - Use it
 - User tests are harder to do but should be documented and formalised
- Run regression tests
 - No change should be committed that breaks a previously passing test

Work out your cycle

- You need to use an agile approach
 - Unless the company you are working with have a different approach
- Based on the Scrum example
 - Meet with you customer and learn
 - The project requirements
 - The project priorities
 - Set up a backlog
 - Make sure this is stored somewhere (e.g. Trello)
 - Set up a sprint (or whatever the equivalent in your methodology)
 - Decide what you will demo at the next sprint meeting
 - Allocate time sensibly

Meet regularly

- With your group – frequently, compare notes on progress
- With your company or internal customer
 - At least once every two weeks
 - If this fails because of the company your supervisor should be called in to the process
- With your internal supervisor
 - They should deal with your problems and keep an eye on you
- If your internal supervisor is your customer and you have problems with them make an appointment to see me.