

Review

The project as a whole

My test buddy's comments are in red.

My teacher's comments are in green.

Other people's comments are in blue.

Individual sections

Introduction

The target audience of my whole project was students; I wanted to persuade students to take part in a dance o clock event, which would raise money for a charity of their choice. I created sponsor forms which would enable them to record how much they raise; I created the entire database & much more, which all complete this project.

Planning

I think the planning section of me project is going to help me a lot. I thought it was a lot of work and took a lot of time to make the plan, but I will be able to refer to it afterwards which will help me a lot, and I will always know what to do next. To improve my plan I will right in what the teacher has said, and I could of wrote in more detail what I need to do throughout the project. This is one of the most important steps of this project so it took a while, but the information it provides is vital for me to continue and work in an organised way. My test buddy said "the plan is complete and will help you a lot through the project" I agree because I know my plan will help a lot through the project.

Database

The database was where we actually created all the records, we added 5 of our own tracks and then changed the validation rules in the design view of the database, and I also added a primary key to the Track ID. I thought this part of the project was probably the most difficult yet as you had to concentrate and listen all the time otherwise you wouldn't be up to date, and would fall behind quite quickly. The best part about doing the database was creating the form in the database. The thing I didn't really enjoy was doing the validation rules, because it was quite boring, but at least it is all done now. If I did the database again I would insert the validation rules before I added the tracks, because I had to delete all the tracks, insert the codes, then add the tracks again; to me this was a waste of time, and it could have been spent doing something else. My test buddy said "it's presented well, to improve you could make the text a bit bigger, as its quite hard to see." I do agree with what my test buddy has said, and I'm going to increase the text size.

Danceometer

The danceometer was what the students were going to fill in to get their specific play list to do with what sort of music they like and how fit they are. I enjoyed most things to do with creating the danceometer; I thought designing the page itself was the best part of doing the danceometer. The only thing I didn't really enjoy was adding all the codes to the page as it did get a bit confusing when I tried to catch up as I missed a lot of lessons last year. My test buddy said "it's presented well, it is easy to understand and it has images, which make it a lot more attractive to students." Then I asked another pupil in my class what they think of my finished danceometer and they said "it needs more colour" I do agree with them, because it might not appeal to all students, but it's colour co-ordinated and looks neat and tidy, and doesn't look scruffy and unorganised.

Invitation

The invitation is to persuade students to go to the dance o'clock event. I enjoyed designing the invitation overall but didn't really enjoy finding the images to go on the invitation, as it was quite hard because we had to include one primary image on our invitation. My test buddy said "it could have more colour" I agree with my test buddy because it does look a bit boring but I'm not going to change it because it will take up too much time, and I think with the invitation being colour co-ordinated I think it makes the invitation look more serious and tidy. Another pupil said "it's nicely laid out" I do think my work is laid out well, but I know it could be better.

Make a catch

The make a catch publication is a presentation, to persuade students to join the dance o'clock event. I enjoyed adding slide transitions and making the text fly in to the screen. I liked this because it made it a lot more interesting than it being boring without any movement in my slideshow. I didn't enjoy adding the logos to the pages because the colours of the logos don't co-ordinate with the master slide. My test buddy said: "good relevant pictures", "I don't like the red and black on the master slide", "I don't like the circles in the corner that are on the master slide", "I like the slide transitions" I agree with most of my test buddy's comments but I am not changing the colour or the circles in the master slide because I think they make it less boring and the colours have been carried through all my projects. My reviewer comments were: "it works well" and "it has interesting pictures and movement in the slideshow" I agree with my comments. Throughout make a catch I think I have done the timings on my pages well, because they're not on for too long, but they give you enough time to read the information on the page. I could improve the amount of information about the charities because it's very basic and doesn't explain the charities the best.

Play lists

The play list part of the project was where I created a play list for myself using my music database. I picked out the fitness level (high) and genre (dance) which would suit the types of songs I like. I then picked songs which added up

to no longer than 900 seconds. I then created a report for this then published the report into Microsoft word, and edited the report changing; the background, text size, font, colour, the positioning of things +added information such as my name, my charity choice + my time slot. I also did all this again when I created a play list for my test buddy. I enjoyed this part of the project because I didn't find it difficult + was ahead of the class with the amount of work I did, this also gave me extra time to update my project log, project plan and review. I particularly enjoyed changing the report, by editing the colour, and decoration of it. What I didn't enjoy as much was creating the play lists and creating the actual reports, this was because I didn't find it very interesting. The feedback I got throughout this part of the project was of members of my class and it was "I like your background, It makes all the other writing stand out and the pictures is colour related to your work" I agree with this comment apart from the picture bit, because the background is a brown and that doesn't go, but the main part of the picture goes well. Throughout this part of the project I think I have design the reports well, I think it's very clear, and well set out. Although I think I could have used a different picture because I have used the same picture in a lot of my other sections of the unit.

Form (Access)

The form which I made was done in Microsoft access was part of my database. I like this because once again it is colour co-ordinated with all my other work, I think my form I set out well and is very clear. To improve this I could have changed the fonts and made them more interesting so it appeals to my target audience better. Also I could have chose pictures which are clearer and not so blurry so that it is clearer and more suitable. The feedback I got for my form was "you could make the text bigger" I do agree with this but I'm not going to change it because it will take the attention off the information above.

E-portfolio

The e-portfolio is to collect all my work which I have complete and display it on a webpage, in which all my work can be accessed. I enjoyed this part of the project but what I found hard was catching up, because I did miss a full week of work so I had fell behind loads. I have caught up well, and I am now really happy with my e-portfolio. I think it is good for my target audience and I think the colours are suitable, as again this part of my project is in red, black & which. The features of my e-portfolio which make it suitable for my target audience is the fancy links which change the background colour when you click on them. I also think the images & the banner are very good for the target audience as It Is sensible choice of colours. If I had time I would improve this by adding more images and maybe adding extras which would make it more fun. The style sheet I created is to basically make the background colour, text colour etc... all stay consistent throughout the pages. I liked creating the style sheet because it cut out a lot of work, but I though the typing was a little boring.

Conclusion

I think I worked well throughout this project and I am happy with my work, I kept to most of my deadlines; but because of the number of absents I have had I found it quite difficult to catch up some times. The work which I have created in this project has helped me in other work in school, which involves computers and it has also helped me learn how to use all the programs well. I have benefited from this project by learning loads of new things, also it has helped me stick to deadlines and learn how important it is to make sure everything is finished before you move onto something else. If I did the project again I would give me more time to complete the e-portfolio, and make this more attractive by adding images etc. the comments I received throughout the project helped me a lot, this was because you have someone who can tell you how to improve & it does effect your work because you can make it better as you go along. The only big problems I had with the whole project was catching up and having to complete half the work at the end because I was absent when we did the work, other than that I think I have done well.