

Review

The Project as a Whole

Introduction

This project was to plan the Dance clock marathon, a charity dance marathon. The marathon was raise money for five different charities. The target audience was for students and pupils, and people wishing to sponsor the dancers; it was also aimed at people who like dancing. I made a plan during this project which I found quite useful, as it let me know what exactly I was to do in the project. Unfortunately I spent more time on each section that I would have liked. This was probable because I didn't check the times on my plan as much as I should have. In this project, my test buddy was Katy Ellis. I think I chose the right test buddy and we worked well together and she gave me some honest feedback. Some other test users were Holly Rush and Rebecca Hall. Throughout Katy was much more honest with me about my work! Not much went wrong with the project, with the exception of the computers occasionally crashing, and the fact that I spent too long on certain sections. If it had more time I would edit my Danceometer and my Music Database, as well as make some changes to my Invitation. I think if I did the project again I would keep to my times accurately, and also I would do all of my work in full detail.

Individual Sections

Planning

In the planning section, I thought it was good getting everything organised and helped me understand what things I needed to complete for this task. All the sub tasks help me to see what exactly I need to be doing and how long it will take me to complete the task. I found it annoying having to copy all the things I needed to do from the website into my project plan.

Database

I enjoyed making the database and I liked organising all the songs in a table. I didn't understand all the processes of putting the data into a table but I got there in the end.

My test buddy, saw my database structure and saw it was correct, and then I imported the songs.

None of the songs that I imported were rejected and then I created the table. If I was to create another Danceometer again I would read through the Dida website more carefully so I don't have to delete my recorded change some validation rule and the re-import the records. This was quite annoying.

Danceometer

In the Danceometer section, we had to create a Danceometer (I always thought of it as an online form) for students to fill in, so when they submit their results a personalised play list for them to dance to. Katy Ellis said to me 'I like the colours you have used.' Jess Preece said 'It's a bit red!'

Invitation

In this section I had to create an invitation to persuade students to take part in the Danceometer. I enjoyed this part as it was quite easy, and there was nothing complicated about it. Katy said that my text was too small, so I have changed

this as now looking back I do think that my text was too small. I do think I might change the font type as it can be difficult to read.

Make A Catch

This section of the project was to create a presentation to advertise the Dance O'clock Marathon event. I enjoyed this section as it was easy, and there was nothing complicated about it. I did like getting the primary images as we had a laugh taking the pictures. Katy Ellis liked my colour schemes but thought that I had too many images on my presentation. I didn't change this as another test user thought it looked ok. I think I could change my colour schemes more as they didn't really fit in but red was included which is my main colour. I do need to add some timings to make my presentation easier for me so I don't need to click the mouse for each slide.

PlayList

This section of the project was to create two playlists, one for myself and one for my test buddy. I have enjoyed this section as it was a chance for me to show more creativity. However, I did sometimes find it slightly boring, this involved things that we had already covered in Microsoft Word. I also got bored when we had to repeat the play list but changing it slightly by changing the name and the songs. The feedback comments are all in my project log but an example of some are: *It's good! The colours are good and they work well together. You could make your play list more colourful; maybe add a different text colour, brighter colours. You have a sensible heading, the name of dancer the chosen charity and time slot is clearly wrote, you have an appropriate you have one suitable image which could be a little bigger but it does fit in with the theme. You have a good use of space and your text is aligned.* I think for this section I have worked very well having completed the work in a faster time than I expected. I found it very easy when working with Microsoft Word I think that's how I finished so fast. To improve my play list I would change font sizes, although I don't think I will do so now. On the whole however, I am quite pleased with my play lists.

Sponsor Form

this section of the project was to create a sponsor form to be used by participants in taking part in the Dance O'clock Marathon to keep track of what money was owed by whom. I created the sponsor form for my test buddy. I enjoyed this part of the project as it was the more creative section it was also quite simple, and only took one day to finish. However like the other sections of the project, this section can get slightly boring at times as we were using programs which I had already used and this got boring as the teacher had to go through what we had to do, but I already knew. I.e. Microsoft Word. My test buddy made comments on my sponsor form she said she liked it because it was colourful and the images suited my target audience. To improve I would add an eye-catching picture to make it more colourful.

E-portfolio

The e-portfolio was created to display all of my work created in the project. It was created on Dreamweaver and is a webpage. The website features a banner, created in Firework, and hyperlinks to pages on the webpage's. Each page has more hyperlinks to PDF or documents of the work I created in this project. Also each page has a commentary on that section of the project I also used a style sheet in my e-portfolio. The style sheet was used to make sure that every page looked consistent and was the same. If I had time I would improve it by spending more time on the banner and I would also make some changes to my commentaries.

