

Personal summary of participation on the team project

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1. Doing a personality test

What was or still is your feeling about the task? (submission, meaning, conduction, results) What is worth of appreciation? What was annoying?

I have done personality test several times recently, mostly at job interviews, so there was nothing new for me and my feelings about it were neutral.

What have you learnt on it? What was new for you? Was there anything that has caused an aha-effect to you? What?

I am quite familiar with the given test; I have even tested and made some research about it last year, so there was no aha-effect for me. It was interesting to observe results of our group, but considering the IT background of those people, it did not surprise me at all.

Have you found the task useless? Why?

I believe this task makes sense for anyone who does not know about personality types. The results are really interesting the first time you take the test, at least they were interesting for me. It helps you realize why you act like you do in some situations and also helps you to understand other people with different personality types.

Do you see any improvements that can be done by submitting the task?

It might be interesting explain the types first and let people guess what type they are before they actually take the test. But it is just suggestion and there is nothing wrong about how it was done.

2. Finding area of being useful

What was or still is your feeling about the task? (submission, meaning, conduction, results) What is worth of appreciation? What was annoying?

I know where my strengths are and I believe I used most of them during the project. To be more specific I think I can organize things and meet the deadlines as well as analyze issues and structure the processes.

What have you learnt on it? What was new for you? Was there anything that has caused an aha-effect to you? What?

I have reassured myself in my opinion that working with people is the most difficult work. You can never rely on anyone besides yourself. I have worked in several teams and groups so far, so it was not new, it just confirmed my experience.

Have you found the task useless? Why?

Yes. It was the first time we talked about responsibilities and strengths in our group. However it has shown up that things have to be done and organized differently during the semester. It was useful to see the difference between what we claimed at the beginning and what we ended up doing.

Do you see any improvements that can be done by submitting the task?

This is really difficult with so many people of the same personality characteristic since they can be typically useful in the same area. It might be interesting to assign a role to each person and let them do some role-playing.

3. Describing area by the means of BMC

What was or still is your feeling about the task? (submission, meaning, conduction, results) What is worth of appreciation? What was annoying?

The structure of BMC was quite new to me, but completely logical. It makes sense to describe business in a structured way and this one worked fine. It was annoying that we had to change it several times as we were getting deeper into the problem. I like to make things and have them done and hate improving and rewriting them.

What have you learnt on it? What was new for you? Was there anything that has caused an aha-effect to you? What?

The BMC structure was new to me. I have learnt it is difficult to keep the document up to date and consistent; it happens quite often that you change a part of it but you forget to project the changes into all relevant parts.

Have you found the task useless? Why?

No, it helped me to realize some facts that I have anticipated or supposed but I have never verbalized or used them.

Do you see any improvements that can be done by submitting the task?

No.

4. Doing a financial analysis

What was or still is your feeling about the task? (submission, meaning, conduction, results) What is worth of appreciation? What was annoying?

It was annoying to look up the numbers (the actual costs of room rental, hardware purchase...) and I think we ended up with rough estimations.

What have you learnt on it? What was new for you? Was there anything that has caused an aha-effect to you? What?

I have learnt a little bit about proposing a financial analysis. Again, it has just confirmed my ideas about how this process should look like. I have learnt I never want to do financial analysis.

Have you found the task useless? Why?

It helped me to realize how many different aspects you have to take into account and how difficult it is to estimate whether to start a business.

Do you see any improvements that can be done by submitting the task?

No.

A. What else have you learnt regardless of the task but relating to the PV251 course?

The course was more of a summary for me, because I have taken many similar courses before (Project Management, Managing in Reality, ITIL Management). I think that many courses in SSME are redundant; they teach us the same things only using a slightly different terminology or focusing on slightly different areas.

B. How did you feel to be assigned to the team of people you did not know?

I knew a lot of people in the class and I hoped to have at least one known person in my group, but it did not happen. We have some difficulties meeting together and the communication was not exactly what I am used to, so I did not like it at all. But there is a lesson taken from this and I have now motivation to work in teams I create or help to create instead of working in teams I am just assigned to.

C. What are your main contributions to the team work? Were you in creative part of the team, or executive, organizing?

I am not a creative person (none of our group actually was). I believe I was mostly the organizing person; I tried to keep the communication going and sometimes forced people to do their part. I was the initiator of most of the tasks; I made a sketch or part of the project and subsequently I asked others to finish the work based on my proposal.

D. Was it easy for you to write down this summarization?

Yes, I only have little troubles with the sub-questions that overlap and I sometimes had the feeling I write down the same thing twice.