

Justification Essay

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The final stroke, last hurdle and final deliverable. An essay in which I give all readers a small insight in my head (only thing concerning the (P)IM, or else you will go mental ;)).

When starting on (P)IM I wasn't sure if I would enjoy this course. Later on I realized that just because the freedom I began to like the course. When deliverables had to be delivered, that freedom had also an turning point. I did everything at the last moment, and sometimes underestimated the amount of work that had to be done (later more about it).

My concept of making an interactive map of Amsterdam with a few spots was born as a great idea. Filming everywhere when you were having fun with friends, let others (virtually) join you through Facebook™ and share everything, just like in the “real” world. So I started making my site in a Facebook-layout, and looking for way to implement Facebook into XIMPEL. The first one went well (as you might have seen), the latter one didn't went that well. Due to my inexperiencedness (is that a word) with Adobe Flash Builer and ActionScript, I couldn't get the Facebook Graph API working in my app.

I went on with finding assets, and despite what I thought. Not much suitable materials where to be found on the net. Because a lack of time, I wasn't abled to visit every location with friends and film it myself. Only Paradiso and Uilenstede consisted of own material. Though Uilenstede could have been filmed a little more instead of using pictures. Paradiso was, as always, an epic party from which I got about 120 pictures and videos with a total size of 1.5 GB. All filmed by me and my friends (although some materials are left outside the app because of some privacy) on the iPhone 4. The selection that is placed, can be found in my application.

And now the justification part, tough it wasn't the project I had foreseen. I think that it is pretty decent work done. The cooperation between me and myself was epic, we procrastinated at the same time and had globally the same ideas. My opinion is that the video could have been much better, if I started filming earlier and visited all the places myself. The fact that I had a sleep deprivation-problem and I didn't had power when I planned on finishing it all, didn't make it easier on me. Next time, I would probably find a team member, because it is doable alone, but with a team of two everything can be done better.

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