

Lessons Learned

1. Proper Communication levels
 - a. Team Level
 - i. The team will only ever work as good as their communication. We have experienced some issues with this and have seen the adverse effects it can hold. Seeing that first hand has helped us open up more as team members and on a more personal level as well.
 - b. Guide Level
 - i. The guide is here to help us. No matter what work is assigned for expected deliverables, or extras that the guide would like to see, they always have your back.
 - c. Customer Level
 - i. Keeping the customer appropriately engaged is key to having a smooth process. Nothing is worse than keeping them in the dark and raising many questions during a review. It is much better to find a good balance of letting them know what stage the project is at.
2. Use the Guide whenever possible
 - a. As stated, the guide is here to help. That means with each deliverable, each question, and even as a support.
3. Expect the Unexpected
 - a. Our design as undergone many iterations and changes. Usually nothing goes right the first time around, and having the risk assessment/proper planning helps mitigate problems.
4. Team Potential
 - a. Over the few rough patches in the weeks of MSD I, there were stormy clouds above the team's heads a few times. Comparing the first week of MSD I to now, we are much more developed as a team and individuals with strategies and knowledge we didn't have before.
5. The MSD Process
 - a. While tedious at times, the whole process is a small glimpse into the real world. Undertaking the MSD tasks is excellent experience for our future careers.