

Project Concept -

After a number of ePortfolio meetings with college members a decision is made to develop & trial an electronic personal learning diary that could be used whilst on placements. Functionality to be influenced with continuing student feedback. Questionnaires along with the feedback are to be used to research any benefits for the students.

Orange Sponsorship - Negotiations with Orange lead to an agreed sponsorship.

Software Development Commences - Work starts on the v1.0 release of the tool.

Student Volunteers - The Student Union President engages with students for volunteers for the project.

Student Volunteers - Dates are chosen for the launch of myPad and from the volunteer students 30 confirm their attendance. The trial group is formed.

myPad Launch 2 -

The remaining students attend the same launch event run last month.

Requirements Gathered - For the next version (v1.1) the instant feedback from students was to attach pictures, videos and other files to their entries.

Student Volunteers - As not all students attend the launch sessions the trial group is reduced to 25.

Questionnaire - The first questionnaire is sent out to get students initial feedback from use so far.

Requirements Gathered - For the next version (v1.2) the feedback from students was that they wanted to search through their entries.

Software Development Commences - Work starts on the v1.2 release of the tool.

Task 2 - The students second task is set to listen to a podcast and make an entry in a structure they feel comfortable with. They are also asked to use a reflective model.

myPad v1.2 released - The next version of myPad is released with the ability to search entries.

Software Development Ends - Decision to not make anymore changes to the tool whilst students evaluate.

Final Questionnaire - Draft developed.

Task 3 - The final task is sent to students to submit an entry using any shared structure from the previous task.

Final Questionnaire - Received all back from 5th years along with mobile devices.

Final Project Report - Write up of project report.

May 2006

Jul 2006

Sep 2006

Nov 2006

Jan 2007

Mar 2007

May 2007

Jul 2007

Sep 2007

Jun 2006

Aug 2006

Oct 2006

Dec 2006

Feb 2007

Apr 2007

Jun 2007

Aug 2007

Requirements Gathered - Basic v1.0 release with create, edit and view entries, feedback and guidance on both a full browser & mobile device.

Research Meeting - Decisions made on hypothesis and research techniques.

Device Sponsorship - All mobile telecommunication companies are contacted for sponsorship deals.

myPad - The name myPad is decided for the tool.

myPad Launch 1 - Half the students attend a launch event where they are introduced to the concept of myPad, given and trained on the devices by an Orange Trainer and shown how to use v1.0 of myPad.

Software Development Commences - Work starts on the v1.1 release of the tool.

Project Update - Invited interested members of the college to a meeting to discuss the project so far and our aims for the future.

Orange Update - Meeting with Orange sponsors to discuss the project so far and our aims for the future.

myPad v1.1 released - The next version of myPad is released with the ability to attach files to entries.

Task 1 - The students first task is set to make an entry using the new attachment functionality.

Final Questionnaire - Sent to all 5th year students to complete.

Final Questionnaire - Sent to all 4th year students to complete.

Final Questionnaire - Receive back from 4th year students.

Data Analysis - Questionnaire data to be entered and analysed.