Personal Development Plan

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Where am I now?

Next semester will be my fourth semester. So far, I developed most of the competency areas equally, but I still think that I have to put some focus on some competency areas more into depth. I did not develop any competency area to depth level, but it is time to develop some of the competencies some more as they lack some level of depth that others have for me. The competency areas I am aiming at are **Descriptive and Mathematical Modeling**, **Integrating Technology** and **Designing Business Processes**. I also have a company in mind for my internship, which gives me the opportunity to find out more about designing in the automotive branch.

Where do I want to be?

My goal for next semester is to develop the aforementioned competency areas some more into depth. In preparation for my internship, I would like to keep developing my sketching skills. I also need to establish an internship for myself if I don't succeed in gaining the internship at the company I now already have in mind. That means next semester I would also have to go after that.

How am I going to achieve that?

The assignments I would like to do area "Creative Programming" (which is a double assignment in the first quartile) and "Modeling Complex Systems" or "Exploratory Sketching". These would suit my goal to develop some competency areas more in depth, or my goals for preparing for my internship. The projects I would like to choose from are "Play your way in the hospital", "Socializing Light" and "Music and Light - Improvising, Sharing, Experiencing". These incorporate some more Integrating Technology, and some of them also Designing Business Processes as well as Socio-cultural Awareness and User Focus and Perspective.

Goals

This section will be updated before next semester. Some assessment feedback as well as personal insights because of the assessment will be included into new goals.

Don't be too helpful to others

I noticed I am quite responsible, which is a pro. But besides, I also have the tendency to prioritize other people's requests above my own work. I am always pausing my work for other requests instead of letting the requests wait for another time. I would like to change that. I don't think it is really that bad, but it is delaying my own tasks. I could let people send me reminders via email, and if it is of real importance, I would still help them. If not, I don't have to take effort for them. Besides I could look into my planning (see the proactivity goal), to search for a "timeslot" where I have time to help them. Involving people in that would make them realize I am busy and I would need to take extra effort for them. This helps as well in becoming "less helpful".

Improve my sketching: in preparation for my internship

For my (potential) internship, it is good to make a portfolio. Improving my sketches is a major part of that. I am quite competent in sketching, but it is still not perfect. It would be an advantage if I could really show good-looking sketches in a portfolio for my internship. What's more, I need to apply more of an "automotive" style of sketching, which is more in context with the company I would like to do my internship at. Besides, I think I need an expert for sketching to monitor my sketching techniques, and give me tips on how to improve my sketching.