



OUR FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH INTERNATIONAL TEAMWORK

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FEELINGS ABOUT OUR EXPERIENCE

During these two weeks, we have been working as a team with people from different places. It is always difficult to make work together when it is the first time that you get in contact. In addition, the fact that we were born in different countries with different cultures and also different languages, makes the communication sometimes a little bit complicated. Furthermore, for some of us this way of working in groups is uncommon in our home universities, because the way of working is more of an individual-based work, so we were focused on this type of thinking at the beginning.

The beginnings were strange, because language problems get bigger when you are not able to see the other person in real life. It is ironic to notice that sometimes technology as it's commonly said, "gets people closer", but at the same time distances us. That is something which has no better solution because of the pandemic.

Anyway, despite this, as the days went by, we started to get to know each other. People who at the beginning were complete strangers, started to be very familiar and common for each one of us. As it is normal, there were misunderstandings among us. Everybody does not have the same level of English or maybe some of our accents are difficult to understand if we are not used to them. It is also very nice to have people from different fields working on the project together, because we get a lot of different thoughts and points of view.

Despite these issues, we got a very nice atmosphere and good environment. We had time to work and time for having fun. We agree that this is one of the best things of these kinds of team projects.



DETAILS OF OUR PROJECT

For the solution of our project, we needed a user person in order to focus our effort on him/her. We thought that Harold was the perfect one. We feel motivated when and we work better if we are happy and with a good team aura. Also, we like to keep everyone excited, so the jokes are quite common. It made it more exciting when we saw that different groups with no interaction with us whatsoever made the same jokes in the presentations.

At the moment of thinking about what challenge should choose to fit our expectations, we had it clearly: Challenge 1 was our one. Helping elderly people to remember to take their medication can save many lives.

We came up with the idea of a dispenser connected to a voice assistant that will display the information on a digital screen. Thinking about the easiest way for an elderly person to interact with this kind of technology we thought that this was the best idea.

In a nutshell, we had an amazing experience, increasing our knowledge of some fields in which we are not specialized and sharing our cultures. We managed to put together a lot of work in the documentation and make a deliverable that we are proud of.