

# BA Digital Media Design

## INDEPENDENT PROJECT

### Self-Determined Learning Plan

Phase 1: What is my learning goal?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To be able to utilise 3d modelling skills in combination with what I have learned in order to create a 3d based interactive experience.</li> <li>- To be able to convey my message through storytelling or interactive experience.</li> </ul>	
What do I want to learn?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Modelling skills in Spline 3D</li> <li>- Animation and modelling skills especially for 3d characters</li> <li>- Learn more advanced coding on HTML to create an interactive 2d or 3d game-based experience website</li> </ul>
What do I know about it now?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Basic HTML for website and React Native for mobile app using gestures movement</li> <li>- 3d modelling for objects, basic animation principles and textures</li> <li>- Beginner-level coding skills on Unity to create a very simple game</li> <li>- DMD skills such as UI/UX design, motion graphics, video and sound making etc</li> </ul>
What needs to change to learn what I do not know?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Strengthen self-motivation and not get frustrated by seeing others perform better.</li> <li>- The tendency to strive for perfection needs to be adjusted, spending too much time dwelling on the same problem can sometimes hinder overall progress.</li> <li>- Explore more useful tutorials and case studies and don't limit myself to familiar styles.</li> </ul>
What can I do to make this happen?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Organise a schedule for 3d characters and start learning by animating simple rigging.</li> <li>- Organise a schedule for Spline 3D learning as it can directly be imported into HTML by just copying the code.</li> <li>- Do more research and case studies on how games can be implemented into a website while making users gain something.</li> <li>- Seek advice from peers and lecturers when facing difficulties in coding after many trials and errors.</li> <li>- Share my work with peers to receive constructive feedback, this may help in identifying areas for improvement.</li> </ul>

Phase 2: What is my action plan?	
What can I do to learn what I do not know?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Retrieve case studies from reliable platforms and analyse how responsive design is employed in creating interactive educational mini-games.</li> <li>- Conduct technical research on integrating a 3D world into a website.</li> <li>- Searching for modelling and animation tutorials on YouTube or other websites and then practising them.</li> <li>- Seeking assistance or consulting with lecturers and peers who are expertise in the field if I'm unable to solve problems despite numerous attempts.</li> </ul>
What could keep me from taking action?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- My current coding skill especially in Unity and React Native might pose difficulties for me in comprehending and coding without tutorials or seeking guidance from lecturers.</li> <li>- Only attempted simple character modelling, might encounter difficulties in modelling more complex characters, also achieving smooth character movement could be harder than anticipated.</li> <li>- Will feel very panicked and anxious if I fail to meet my own expectations.</li> <li>- Lacking courage to start up a work due to a fear of imperfection.</li> </ul>
What can I do to remove these barriers?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conduct technical research to thoroughly understand the code.</li> <li>- Seeking assistance from lecturers or experts in those subjects.</li> <li>- If encountering an unsolvable issue, seeking help from Ter Yi as he excels in HTML.</li> <li>- Always complete tasks ahead of time and prevent finishing it in the last minutes, allocate time for user testing and trials to avoid not having enough time for revisions.</li> <li>- Try to embrace imperfection as part of learning.</li> </ul>
When will I take action?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Using the Gantt chart to plan out my learning schedule for 18 weeks to meet my learning goals.</li> <li>- Week 1-3: Research &amp; Interview, finding problem statement, refining learning plan and project management chart, case Studies</li> <li>- Week 4-8: Case studies, continue interview (if something miss out), technical research, 3D character modelling and animation learning, content Planning</li> <li>- Week 9-11: 3D modelling &amp; 2D assets, technical coding on game part, coding on layout</li> <li>- Week 12-14: Animation between screens, troubleshooting</li> <li>- Week 15: User Test</li> <li>- Week 16-17: Troubleshooting and final touch</li> <li>- Week 18: Submission</li> </ul>
Phase 3: What have I learned?	
What actions have I taken?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I tested out different methods when things didn't work and not limiting myself to just one.</li> <li>- I sought help and advice from my lecturer when I still faced the same issue after many attempts at trial and error.</li> </ul>
What barriers have been removed?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Initially, my plan was to create a highly interactive 3D village with various objects that users could interact with in each area, along</li> </ul>

	with dynamic character animations. However, due to constraints such as time, cost, and skills, I have scaled back to focus solely on books as the main form of interaction.
What has changed about what I don't know?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Before this, I didn't really know how Spline worked although I had heard about it before, but now I understand its limitations and the differences between it, Blender, and C4D.</li> <li>- Before this, I had limited knowledge about JavaScript, although I had used it in my previous semesters, but now I have a better understanding of the language.</li> <li>- I learned to seek help from others because I usually prefer to solve problems alone rather than talking to people, even though I have tried and failed many times on the same issue, which ended up wasting a lot of time.</li> </ul>
Do I know what I want to know?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yes, I improved my coding skills and integrated my current knowledge with what I learned in previous semesters to create an interactive web experience.</li> </ul>

Submit Phase 1 & 2 on Week 7  
Submit Phase 3 on Week 18