Practera: An Online Platform to Support and Scaffold Experiential Learning

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'Virtual Internships': a model of experiential learning

The students are part of a consulting team working on the sponsor's brief.

The Sponsor is an industry professional who provides a Project Brief and provides feedback to the student team as they deliver on the project brief.

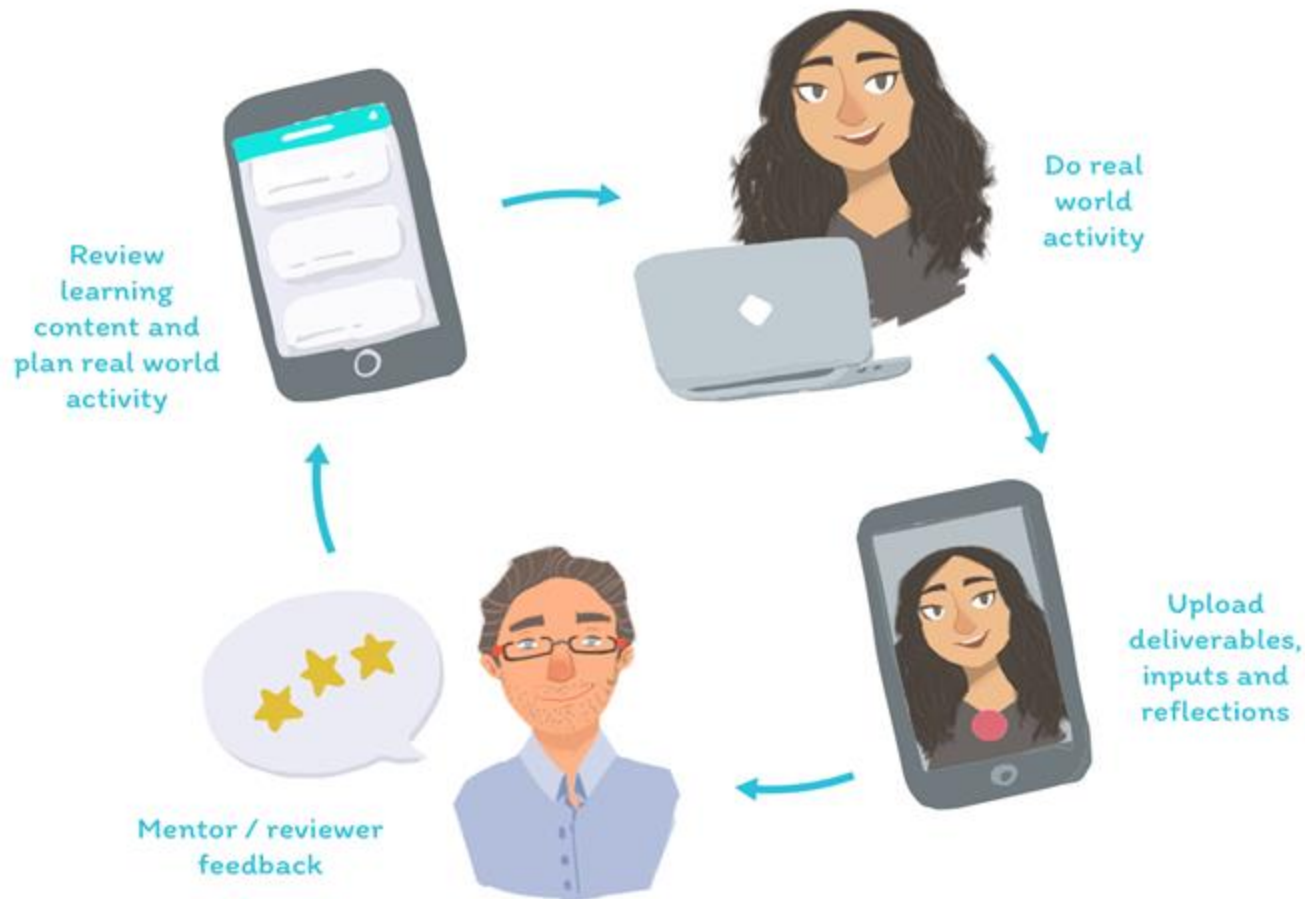Support student teams and sponsors to make sure everyone has a great experience!

Student Team

Faculty

Sponsor

Virtual Internships Supported by Practera

Review learning content and plan real world activity

Do real world activity

Upload deliverables, inputs and reflections

Mentor / reviewer feedback

Case Study: Opportunities for Scaffolding

- Student heterogeneity: technical skills, English, sponsor management

- English speaker with experience working with clients dominates student/sponsor interactions

- Differing student perspectives:
  - *Not everyone has the technical skills to pull their weight*
  - *We all contribute differently and learn from each other*

- Instructor aware of some issues, perhaps not all?

Customizable, Individualizable Learning Content

Activity 1: Research & Analysis ✏️ 🗑️

Now that your Project Plan is finalised and agreed, it is time for you and your team to get started! The first phase of completing a project is to conduct research. This step is all about understanding what is requested from your Project Brief and building a knowledge base that will allow you to complete the work it has asked your team to do. Below are some suggested tools and tasks that will help you conduct research and analysis.
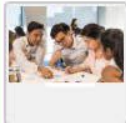
- Research & Analysis Task List
- Research Tools: SWOT Analysis
- Research Tools: User Personas
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Activity 2: Aggregate Findings ✏️ 🗑️

When you finish researching you will probably have LOTS of information. Now it's time to sift through that information, find interesting insights and see how you can use those to present a solution to deliver a project outcome.

- Aggregate Findings Task List
- What to put in your Project Report?
- How to Synthesize Research
- Synthesis Tool: Mind Mapping
- Synthesis Tools: Finding Themes
- March 10, DRAFT Project Report
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Activity 3: Mid Point Skill Development Plan Review ✏️ 🗑️

Now that you are mid-way through your project it is time to reflect on your skill development, re-assess your skills, assess your team's skills and update your skill development plan for the next phase.
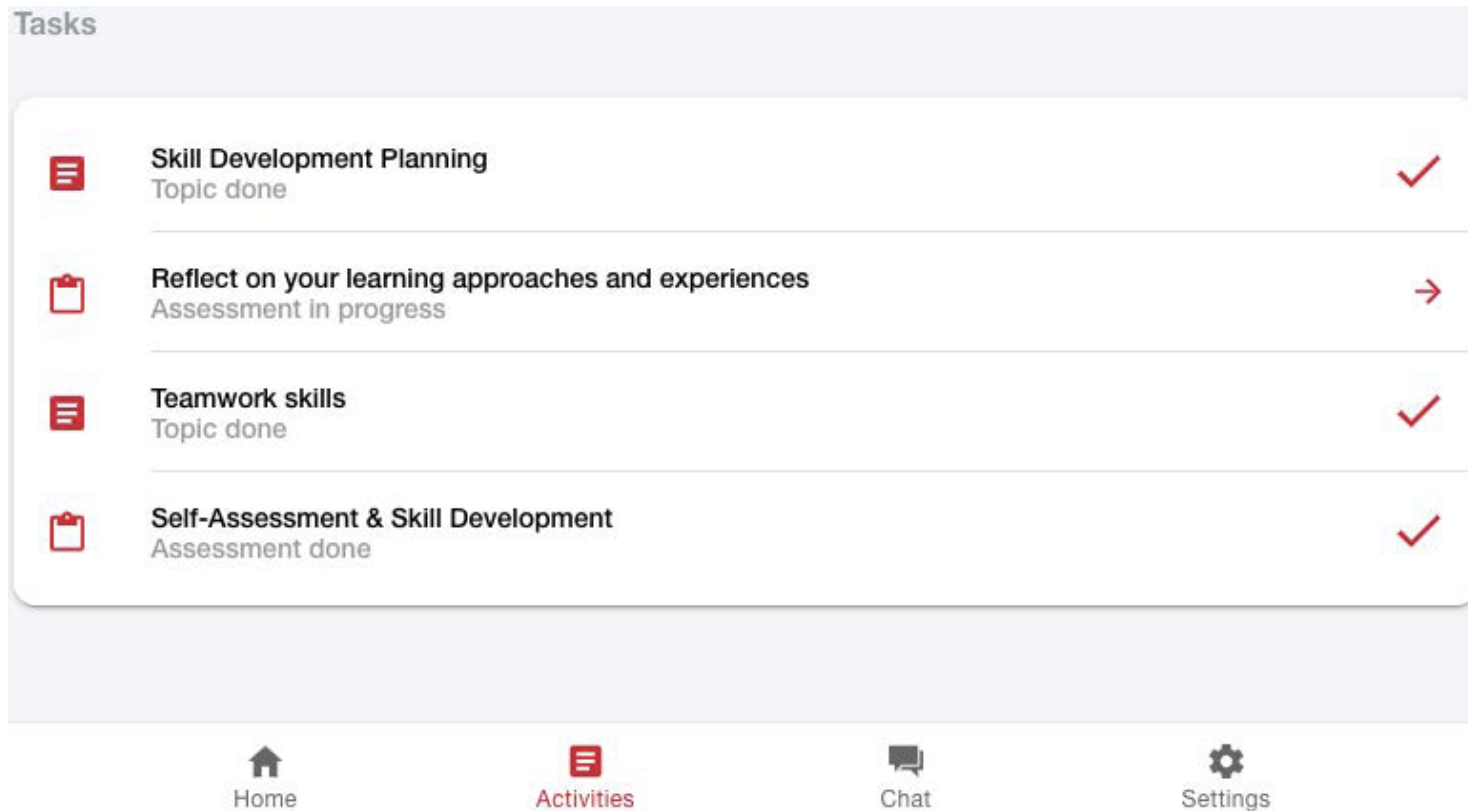
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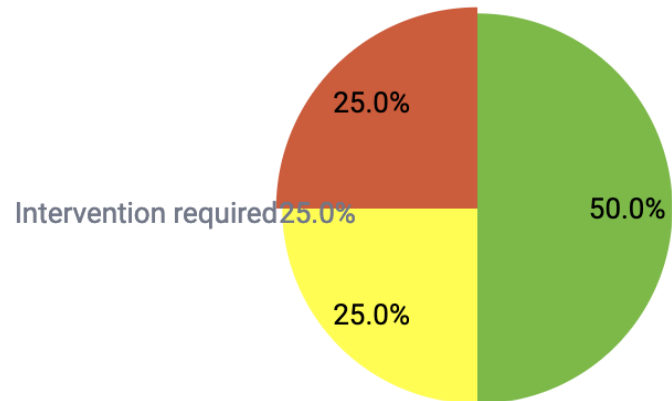- Self & Peer Assessment #1
- Feedback
- Development Plan #2
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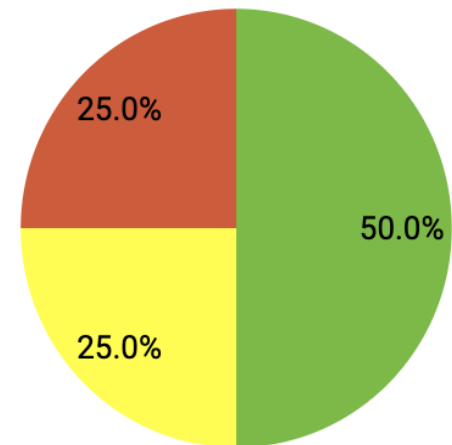# Peer & Self-Assessment and Reflection About Teamwork

Learning Analytics Keep Instructor Aware of Issues

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