

Documentation

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During product development, the documentation for the different parts for a product is important for the extensibility and usability of a project for other people. Through documentation, the project's inner workings are less cryptic, allowing for a larger scope for collaboration.

This past week I took the opportunity to create documentation for my project so that other software developers as well less technical people can better understand how my project works. Through creating this documentation, I have expanded my scope for collaboration with other developers to create a better project.

One of the largest challenges faced was deciding the medium of the documentation. With documentation there are many ways to go about it including popular documentation software like ReadTheDocs or more basic and accessible documentation like README.md. To overcome this, it was necessary use my evaluation skills and decide that according to the time left on the project and the need for accessibility for people like teachers, a README.md file would best serve my needs. This was an important decision because from this, I was able to make a tough decision through utilizing evaluation skills on using a README.md for the feasibility even though a ReadTheDocs might allow for more comprehensiveness.

Reflecting for the future, it is because I made this decision that I better know what it means to have a good balance in life. A ReadTheDocs would increase the time spent on this project, disturbing my work-life balance. Furthermore, it is because I know what it means to have life outside of work that I am able to be sympathetic towards other people and this will contribute to my leadership skills as I become an impactful leader trying to change the world through software. As trivial as this decision may seem, it was an important distinguishing factor that enabled me to grow personally and interpersonally.

