AVE340 REPORT

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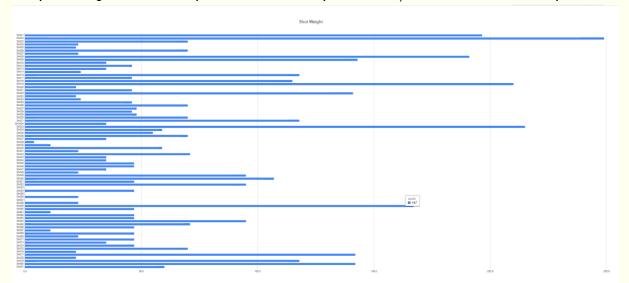
2020/2021



Although I was connected to several projects, my focus during the winter holiday was to produce for Poetry Garden. After developing a Risk Analysis, I decided to invest time into creating charts and tracking sheets that could help me have a general overlook of how the project was progressing. This involved a lot of formulas and complex calculations to evaluate how much work needed to be done and how much work I could realistically give people.

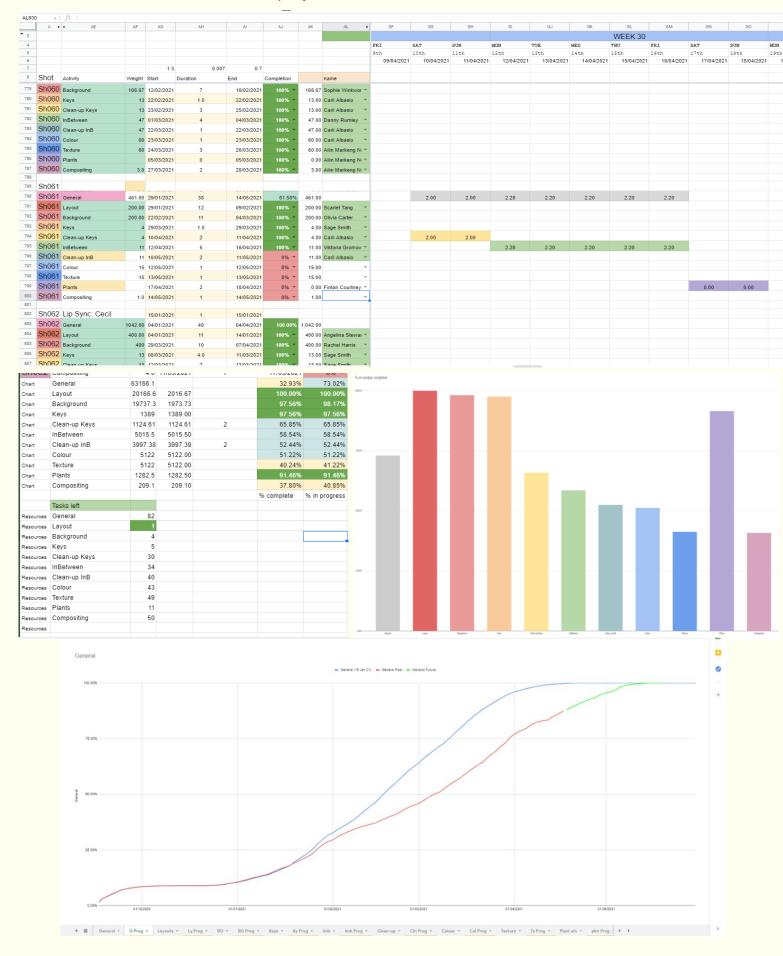
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					25fps = 15 drawings per second	d n° shots	n° char	n° average drawings	n° max frames	time count (s)	%
KEYS		People		Extra	Shots with Lip-sync	18	2	1,011	1,685	67.4	25.40%
tot Keys	1,404	Sage	Carli	Rachel	Shots with Bo	44	1	2,055	3,425	137	51.62%
keys per day	17.9	Hero	Cory		Shots with Cecil	46	1	2,106	3,510	140.4	52.90%
Key Framers	8	Viktoria	Chloe		Shots with Plant animation	22.1	0	1,283	2,138	84	31.65%
Key per day per	2.24		Rebecca		tot Characters animated	81	112	5,151	8,585	236.4	89.07%
IMB					no Characters	8	0	435	725	29	10.93%
tot imb	5,030			Chloe	tot with all characters			6,434	10,723	265.4	100.00%
imb per day	60.96	Viktoria	Hero	Carli	tot Compositing weight				213		
imbetweeners	10	Whitney	Rebecca	Sage							
imb per day per		Danny	Cory	Rachel	tot average drawing count	82		6,434			
CLEAN-COLOUP		Clean	Colour		tot frames	82		3,981	6,635		
tot cleans		Viktoria	Viktoria	Carli							
cleans per day	67.33		Scarlet	Chloe	media	82	1.6	78	81	3.24	
Cleaners		Scarlet	Emily		mode	82	1	60	50	2	
Cleans per day p		Sage	Becky		min	82	0	6	0	0	
Colour artist		Ivet	Ivet		max	82	6	315	375	15	
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		Charlotte	Cury								
		Whitney									
AFX PLANTS		vinitney								4	weeks
	5.454	A 111			A M*			26/04/2021		days	weeks
tot drawings	5,151				deadline						
plant per day		Grace			end target date			11/05/2021			
afx artist		Fintan			start activities			18/01/2021		113	16
plant per day pe		Sophie			today			10/05/2021		1	
TVPAINT PLANT											
tot plants drawin	1,283				seconds from start					2.3	16.6
plant per day	16.76				seconds from today					265.4	#DIV/0!
afx artist		Viktoria									
plants per day po	4.19	carli									
COMPOSITING					keys			18/01/2021	06/04/2021	78.5	
tot compoisting v	213	Sophie			clean			22/01/2021	07/04/2021	75.5	
compositing per	2.80	Ailin			imbetween			23/01/2021	15/04/2021	82.5	
afx artist	4	Grace			clean			31/01/2021	17/04/2021	76.5	
compositing per	0.70	Fintan			colour			02/02/2021	20/04/2021	77.5	
LAYOUTS					texturing			05/02/2021	22/04/2021	76	
tot drawings	82	Ida	Emily	Angel	plant animation			06/02/2021	24/04/2021	76.5	
layout per day		Rachel	Saphie		compositing			08/02/2021	25/04/2021	76	
layout artist	10	Fi	Anna	Olivia C	editing			10/02/2021	26/04/2021	75	
layout per day pe	er person	Ak	Scarlet								
BG					layouts			18/01/2021			
tot drawings	82	Ida	Emily								
layout per day		Olivia C	Sophie								
layout artist	7	Fi	Anna								
layout per day pe		Ak									
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tot drawings	5.151	Ailin									
tot drawings texture per day	0,151	Fintan									
afx artist											
		Grace									
	0										
texture per day p	0	Sophie									

I calculated the 'weight' of a particular shot by determining how many frames it would have, how many drawings would be required and how many characters/assets were involved. By determining



that for each second, a shot would contain roughly 15 drawings/25 fps in total, I was able to prioritize each individual shot, and see which one would need more time.

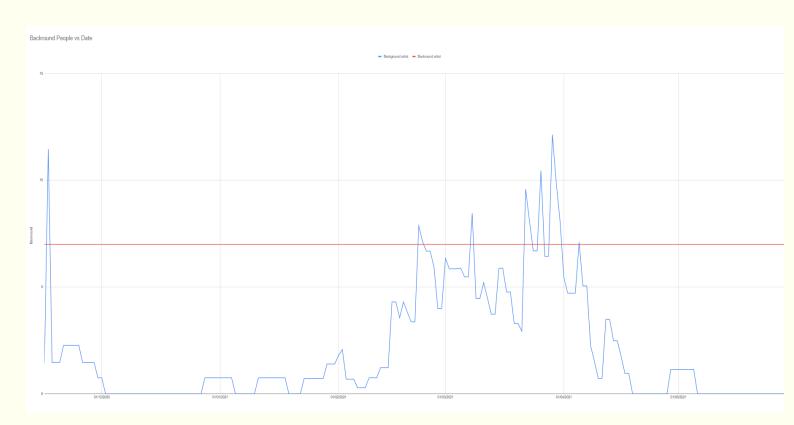
By adding a 'weight' on every task, I was able to create a Gannt chart for every shot that could devide the 'weight' according to the duration of the task, so that I could also have a visual way to track a shot's progression. In addition I could also calculate the progress of a shot and then add all of them to calculate the overall progress of the film.



Furthermore, I could also see the amount of work the individual crew member would have every week checking the amount of workload given to each individual,

AL	FJ	FK	FL.	FM	FN	FO	FP	FQ	FR	FS	FT	FU	FV	
	WEEK 26							WEEK 27						
	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	W
	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th	28th	29th	30th	3
	18/03/2021	19/03/2021	20/03/2021	21/03/2021	22/03/2021	23/03/2021	24/03/2021	25/03/2021	26/03/2021	27/03/2021	28/03/2021	29/03/2021	30/03/2021	F
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Anna Alsop	75.00%	75.00%	75.00%	75.00%	200.00%	125.00%	125.00%	125.00%	525.00%	125.00%	125.00%	172.50%	47.50%	
Ailin Markeng Norda					214.29%	214.29%	309.52%	309.52%	309.52%	329.67%	166.67%	51.28%	51.28%	,
AK Nix														
Carli Albasio	146.62%	146.62%	78.95%		300.00%	315.79%		292.98%	456.14%	35.09%		146.15%	160.30%	,
Fi Kelly	54.55%	54.55%	54.55%	54.55%	54.55%	54.55%	54.55%	54.55%	54.55%	54.55%	54.55%	54.55%	54.55%	,
Sage Smith	69.02%	69.02%	35.34%	35.34%	102.01%	102.01%	102.01%	63.16%	63.16%	63.16%	63.16%	1051.16%	48.00%	,
Grace Martin	35.71%	76.92%		47.62%	47.62%	47.62%	47.62%	47.62%	47.62%	76.92%			95.24%	,
Hero Rodrigues					36.92%	36.92%	36.92%	36.92%	36.92%					
Ida Karoliussen	125.00%	125.00%	125.00%	125.00%	125.00%				200.00%	200.00%	200.00%	314.29%	314.29%	,
Scarlet Tang	7.49%	7.49%	7.49%	7.49%	7.49%									
Viktoria Gromova											89.74%	543.59%	543.59%	,
Zayne Ellis														
lvi Ivanova														
Pyran Fisher														
Charlotte Adams-St														
Alice Stoll														
Elden Theaker														
Danny Rumley	26.92%	26.92%	26.92%	26.92%	26.92%	26.92%	26.92%					10.53%	10.53%	
Emily Duffy	161.62%	88.89%	88.89%	88.89%	275.90%	275.90%	187.01%	187.01%	187.01%	187.01%	187.01%	339.39%	339.39%	į
Rachel Harris	35.71%	35.71%	35.71%		177.78%	177.78%	177.78%	177.78%	177.78%	177.78%	177.78%	332.78%	332.78%	
Rebecca White	97.50%	97.50%	97.50%	97.50%	197.50%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%						
Blue Turner														
Angelina Steward														
Hayleigh Wallis														
Fintan Courtney-Lo	230.77%	230.77%	273.81%	273.81%	273.81%	273.81%	51.28%	51.28%	51.28%	71.43%	71.43%	71.43%	153.85%	,
Chloe Jeminson										100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	,
Olivia Carter	75.00%	75.00%	75.00%	75.00%	175.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	175.00%	75.00%	,
Sophie Winkworth	75.00%	75.00%	75.00%	75.00%	150.00%	75.00%	25.00%	25.00%				72.73%	72.73%	,
Cory Morgan														
Whitney Ekeolere														

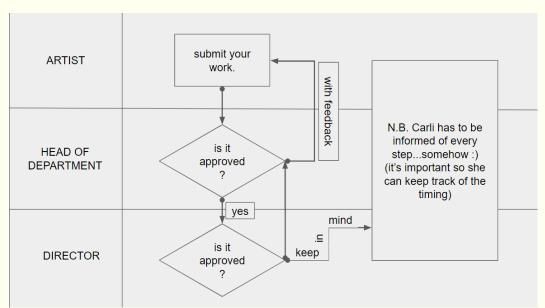
As well as seeing how many people a day could work on specific tasks (keying, layouts, clean-up etc.).



The graphic has helped me plan the slots progression in order to smooth the peaks under the available resource line.

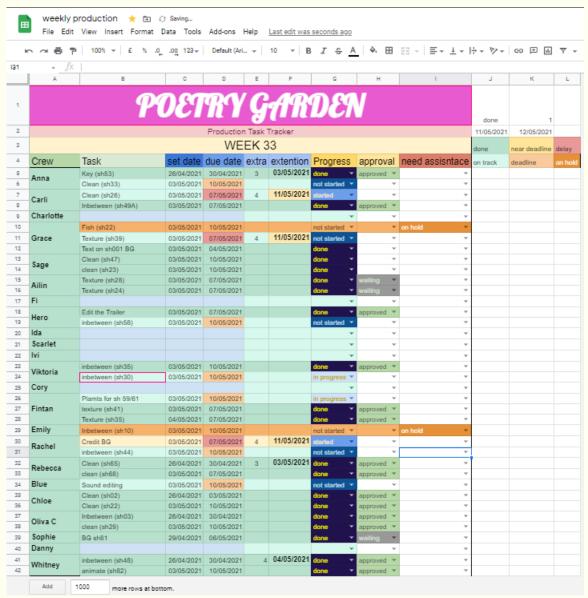
It has been important to focus on developing a good communication system between the team and the head of departments. It was challenging to communicate with people out of the studio, the heads of department would stay on an open call on teams, so that we could recreate a studio working environment. That way if there were any problems that came up, we could screenshare and talk real time instead of messaging. And if the crew needed feedback from multiple people at once it was easier than waiting for texts. The Heads of department and I would be there in the background with video off and on mute while we work.

On our first meeting after the holidays, I updated everyone on the new rules and guidelines on how we'd communicate, naming conventions, how to navigate the drive, find resources and tutorials, and understand the spreadsheets. I decided to write down rules and regulations on how to communicate and about missing deadlines, including a section with disruptive behaviour just in case it came to it. The Document's purpose was to explain the information to any new person that joined the team instead of giving them a tour and examining them the drive and how we communicated. It detailed who to ask specific questions to, when and how.



Another way that I could have everyone know exactly what to do that week was to look at the weekly production sheet. I had asked the team to update these sheets religiously so that I could know the exact progress that was made during the week. The weekly production sheet proved to be very useful for anyone could see:

- Who needed to do certain tasks
- What jobs had been moved to the next week
- Any extensions
- Missed deadlines
- If the date was nearing the deadline
- If they had started work or not
- If the work was being adjusted according to feedback
- If it was waiting for the lead's approval

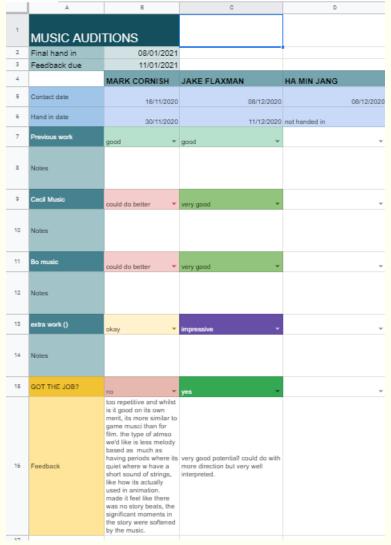


Although this sheet helped, I was still overwhelmed by the amount of people I had to track down to ask if they had finished and their missed deadlines, so I had my second-year co-producer handle it, as it proved to be more time consuming than I previously thought. It was often hard to keep track of missing deadlines, or missing assignments that had been overlooked. We got better at it as we went on but it was a challenge to keep everyone in check. Co-producer, Producer, Director and Head of Department all updated on what was happening for a certain shot in our group chat. Constant communication during production was very important to me and I consistently pressed it.

Very early on into the second term I organized a second recording session with the voice actor to record more filler lines. Since the studios were closed, we had to do these retakes via Teams Meeting with the voice actor's own equipment and software, making sure we had multiple mic tests and software test. We did one long take to make it easier since we couldn't edit it and choose it ourselves in the moment. The director time stamped what parts were to be used and then passed it to our sound editor, who would add them in the animatic for the rough-cut screening to give the story a bit more clarity.

Music was also a factor I wanted to take on as soon as possible. I had sent out an audition/brief before first term ended. Had a network with AMATA students and pitched it. Sent out auditions to

get a musician via email two replied, and while the first was not what we were looking for so we waited for the second audition, who ended up getting the job. Some notes that the director wanted to push were: how the music



needed to accompany and support the visuals, follow the action, consider the emotion behind the scene and who is the dominant character in the scene.

He would work on different track pieces for different moments of the film instead of working all at the end. By the end we'd have all the tracks and pieces to just add in with the sound compositing. This will mean that in the end the musician had to go through the final edit of the animation and create tiny bits of music to tidy up specific edits or transitions, which luckily didn't need to happen. We also had a lengthy discussion about the instruments we'd use for which character.

- Track for Bo
- Track for Cecil
- •Theme for skater girl (main theme)
- •Track for poems
- The chase scene (the theme of contrast)
- (Greenhouse entrance)
- Emotional scene at the end
- The very end of the animation (the skater girl theme but altered)
- Credits

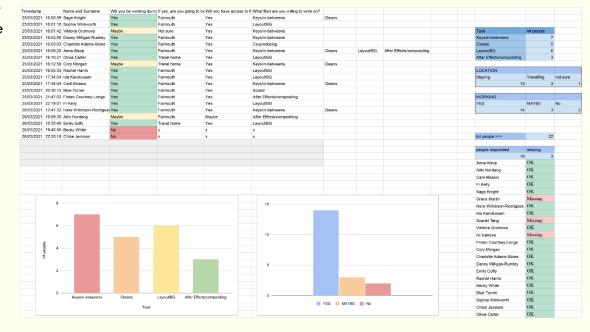
With the directors' notes of the script and details

of what she wanted; the musician was able to produce the first few tracks for the film. I would request an update from him every two weeks to see how it was progressing, if there were to make any major changes.

I started giving work to people as soon as I could. The plan was to finish the layouts as soon as

possible, so I put all the workforce on layouts since the beginning, since the animation couldn't start without them.

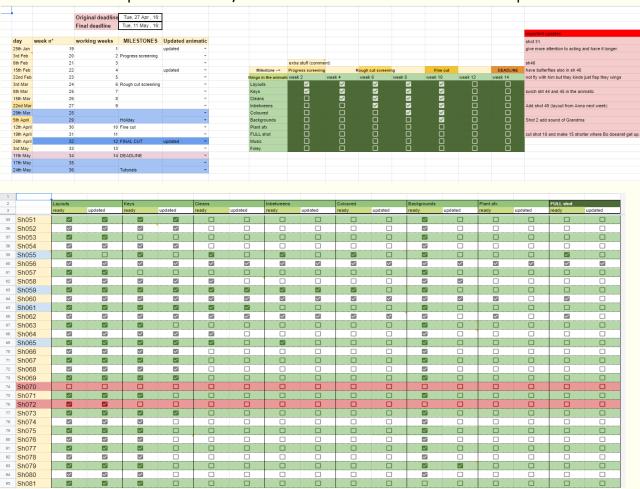
Although I tried to give people two shots at the time once we were in the



middle of production, I was often asked to only have one instead of two. This made it very hard to move forward to clean-ups and in-betweens since I wasn't able to give more than one shot per person per week. After a certain point, as production was going slower than anticipated, I decided to step in and start being directly involved in the production process as well as producing for this project. I familiarized myself with the models and the style and started cleaning up, keying and inbetweening, as well as colouring. Even during easter break I wanted to get as much done as possible, so I asked who was willing to work on the project during this time to organize the workflow according to how many people I had. I will also do this after deadlines as I plan to continue the project as long as we have access to the studio. I know I will find interest as interest as we all want to see project completed.

Although the director offered to be the editor, I insisted it being someone else, as I had already put her as layout artist and she already had so much on her plate. The animatic was to be updated every two weeks to, so that we could see if there any major visual problems with the film. The more content was produced, the more the film would start looking like its final product.

I created a simple tracking chart for our editor to use, and keep track of what had been completed and what had updated in the animatic itself. As we progressed, we'd come up with better ways to communicate and update the editor, so it would be clear what to include in the updated animatic.



We decided to start a trailer for the film, which means having a new animatic with shots from the actual film. We included shots that were already completed, were almost done and the most impressive shots keeping in mind the story we wanted to tell. This meant that I prioritized certain shots when giving out work. We also contacted a Graphic designer, who helped us create a font that could go well with the theme of the film. We'd use this font in the trailer as well as the credits after the official completed film.