

# REFLECTION ON MY PDP

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I realized how much I had learned and changed in a year after reviewing my personal development plan at the end of the year. As a person, but especially as a designer, I've come a long way. I've met my goals and established new ones. My vision and personal identity have changed as well.

I enjoyed reading about my vision and personal identity and seeing how they have evolved. What is especially different now is that I have developed a more artistic vision. I now want to focus more on how I can create artistic products and embed hidden messages in them to make people think. Furthermore, the sustainability aspect remains unchanged, since it is very important to me. Another interesting thing I've observed is that my writing abilities have improved a bit. I used to write my vision and identity in roughly 600 words, but now I do it in 300. I've learned to write more specifically, writing only the most important details.

I nearly completed all of my goals. Communication and user research are two things I didn't fully grasp since I thought my communication was not optimal throughout the project. We also did not do any user research for this project. So I want to take this goal with me to year 2. Working in a group is something I've done multiple times in the last year, and while it wasn't always easy, I definitely accomplished this goal. I've learned to share my thoughts and to defer to others when they can accomplish something better than me. My final goal, completing a self-build circuit, was undoubtedly accomplished. I was able to create my self-watering plant thanks to the Creative Electronics course (Figure 1) and I am pleased with the result.

In conclusion, reviewing my PDP was very interesting. You can see how you've evolved as a person and designer. It's also an excellent way to see where you are today and whether you've met your goals.



*Figure 1. Self-Watering Plant*