## Samuel Mennen Group Reflection

## What went well?

I could not be prouder to be a part of this group! From the start everyone was eager to get on task and I feel we all got along well together. I initially had concerns about joining a team solely online and remote with issues such as limitations of technology, scheduling meetings and time zone differences. All my concerns were alleviated as everyone collaborated and made time to work effectively together. Our team has six members all with varied levels of knowledge and skills and we were able to find roles that suited our abilities and help out other team members where necessary.

## What could be improved?

In general, our team communicated quite clearly and there was little confusion over our direction. We had most of our tasks and planning done in the early stages of the assignment. We initially did not take into account time zones and daylight-saving time changes. This had the potential of causing scheduling issues with interstate team members however, the interstate team members were flexible, and we managed to quickly find a solution. Even though for this assignment the daylight-saving time change only caused a minor inconvenience for some in this instance, we should perhaps be more aware of such issues in future assignments.

## At least one thing that was surprising?

Everyone was extremely supportive of each other and helped out however they could. I initially thought that because we were all complete strangers at the start of the assignment that we would all be cold towards each other and just focus on the task. Everyone was sincere and genuine in helping each other. One particular occasion of note was when Adam offered his own time on top of the assignment to teach other team members about using Git and GitHub. When we all received our results for Assignment 1 everyone praised each other’s results, and everyone was genuinely happy with how we had performed.

## At least one thing that you have learned about groups.

Morale and a positive work environment matter a great deal. Because all team members responded positively to each other I feel everyone responded to tasks more willingly. I genuinely wanted to achieve the best results for my team and worked hard and I feel others did the same.