Individual reflections for SEP Group:

I started working on this project, feeling that understanding someone else’s code it could be the hardest thing for me, as I didn’t have any prior experience in programming. I felt that it would be difficult to reach my colleagues’ programming level, but I was very motivated to work hard, to support the team and throughout the project I felt very responsible for every task I needed to perform.

For me working in a team with multicultural members didn’t seem hard in thebeginning, as I have big experience, from work and from my previous higher education, to work in diverse teams, to accomplish different goals with specific deadlines. So, I started, the project feeling confident in my ability to work in a multicultural environment. But things, started to change during the project. In my opinion there were some communication problems in the team. During our project meetings, some of the matters were discussed in Slovak, English being used only at my pressing request or when something regarding my tasks was discussed. This made me feel that I am losing essential parts of the project development. All things considered it was impossible for me to be 100% involved in this project as I intended at the beginning.

We started the project making the requirements, use case description, and activity diagrams, which were mandatory for our hands in. In the beginning, they weren’t so well structured, because we needed a better overview of what should the system include. Also, being a person who processes information actively, I understood information better after every matter was discussed, ideas were written down, and after I started to apply them. As a global learner, I needed the big picture before I could master details. Each time before I began a new section of the project, I had to skim through the entire interview to get a better overview. I also preferred information being presented visual and as **a visual learner**, I concentrate more on graphical information. That’s why, together with Martin we drew on paper the GUI interface and that helped a lot to understand better what the system must consists of. I accepted when Martin suggested building the GUI in JavaFX, instead of Java swing, because we could have certain guidance from him, and could make our job easier. I continued with some parts of functionality of GUI, coordinated by Martin, who is an experienced programmer, good to work with and to learn from. I consider that our group was leaded by him with a good structure and specific tasks and deadlines. He was a great help in debugging, as well, when we had troubles.

In addition, during the project, I perceived information relying too much on sensing, tending to prefer what is familiar, and concentrate on facts I knew instead of being all the time innovative. **Being a sensory learner, i**f some parts of the project seemed difficult to accomplish, I tried to follow a safe (known) and fast path. One example could be the part of the project where I preferred to implement lists instead of tables, to display data on the screen view because it was much easier.

Moreover, during the project, I experienced some problems with GIT hub, our tool for merging and combining codes. Because of that, sometimes during weekends I’ve got stuck, having merging conflicts, and not being able to synchronise my work with the main project.

We didn’t spend a lot of time together doing the project because some needed a shorter period of time to work on the same amount than others, on the other hand, some are B person, others A person – me for example. As seen on Git punch card, the hours that were spent on the project differed a lot from A to B person, working hours started from 10 am, and lasted until 3 am in the morning. And I had to respect that each person is productive in different moments of the day. I am aware that if we could spend more time together, doing the project, and if during the meetings, only English would be spoken, it would be a great advantage for me. And I think this thing can be improved on the next semester project.