I have worked with Andreea, Karolina and Martin since the beginning of the semester. We have got used to working together, at least in my opinion. We have found out how to work together and communicate. That was one of the reasons why I chose them for semester project too. In next few paragraphs I will write my thoughts about the project, working in team, solving difficult tasks ect.

This was the first time I’ve been working on this kind of project. Even though I learned how to work in team at high school, I found out that it’s still not that easy. We’ve been meeting every two days in a week and I quickly realized that it’s quite hard to split work between four people and keep track of what are they working on at the same time. At the beginning we didn’t have much to do so we split roles. Karolina was working on the documentation, Martin was designing GUI and me with Andreea were working on all classes in model. But after project moved to later phases, it got a bit chaotic. Sometimes one member didn’t know what to do until next meeting or two members worked on the same thing. That was when I realized that communication in the team is not as easy as it seems.

During the whole project we encountered experience problems several times. Me and Martin have some programming experiences, but girls don’t. It was not that easy thinking together about the whole project. We had a plan right after being introduced to the task and we didn’t think its hard, at least it didn’t seem to be. I admit our first plans and vision have been quite more than required and we quickly let of them when we saw the look at the girls faces or realized how much of a work it would be. We learned that we have to explain our thoughts and sometimes we had to find good arguments to prove us right. We discussed and decided to use JavaFX GUI, because it was easier to make and looked much nicer. At the beginning I was scared that girls would find it hard to understand, but I was wrong. They caught up very fast and started working with it without any major problems. In the end I didn’t notice any problems and differences as I thought about first.

The coding wasn’t hard for me. As I mentioned I have programmed before so I can think in a programmer way. I did what I was told to do and had no problems. If I encountered something I did not know I just opened google and voila. But after we made model and started on doing methods I quickly learned that having something around 15 classes in head and thinking about dataflow between the in the same time isn’t that easy.

Next the language made some issues too. Before we decided to work together we made rule to talk only in English. But since we are two Slovaks and one Czech in the group, sometimes we slipped away. Never on important things though. But I found it much easier to brainstorm with Martin in Slovak and after that to conclude out mishmash in English to the rest of the group. I guess have to work on controlling that, because even though it’s easier way I still find it mean to others.

The last thing I felt was difference in dedication to work. There were days when one of the group members wasn’t having a “productive day”, often me. Our schedule was meeting at school every Monday, Wednesday and Friday and I am that kind of person that wakes up feeling very productive at home and not at school someday or feeling tired at home but full of energy outside the other day. And that had sometimes conflicts with our schedule. I never saw that as a problem but this project showed me that I should really learn how to control that part of me.

In conclusion, this project showed me my weak sides in teamwork and communication on which I have to work. Also I learned doing this just from the interview. It is a great way to learn since I had free hand, and was forced to learn new stuff if I wanted to use it.