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**COMP 361 - Reflections on Assignment #4**

I haven't received my marks from the last assignment, so I can't see how well I did. But I can see why this assignment is only worth ten percent of our mark, while the others were worth much more. This assignment was much easier than the first three. However, I still found some difficulties when completing Part A.

I found that designing the data access classes was much harder than I thought. This is because I didn't know what exactly was required in representing them. I ended up making a diagram just like the one in the textbook because that was the reference presented in the question. I feel that the language is a bit unclear here, and the expectations are unclear, much like I had issues with design class diagram portion of the previous assignment.

The thing I always do when questions are unclear to me like this is usually ask my tutor to clarify, and search the forums (as well as blogs in this case). Unfortunately, I didn't have time to wait for an email response, so I checked the forums and such for help. I didn't really get my question answered, but reading through the answers always gives me insights into other parts of the assignment that I hadn't thought of. I know this is assignment number four already, but I want to state clearly, that using the forums and blogs are probably the first step you should take when beginning your assignment. It will get your mind running.

Moving on, I found making the relational database schema to be quite easy for this assignment. I have done something similar in a previous course, so it felt natural to do. Everyone brings their own experience and skills to the table, so make sure you use what you can to do well not just on the assignments, but for the whole course. I'm still not sure if I did this part right though! I guess I will have to wait and see like always...

*Good luck on Assignment 4!*