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Introduction to IT
Individual Reflection - Week 8

- What happened: During the first week (week 6, right after the team was formed), my team was being a bit unresponsive and we did not do much except for getting along with other members. I particularly was somewhat worried about this relaxed approach our team was taking, therefore for week 7, I created a common GitHub repository (during the practical) and set up a work flow for the team, I also added some of my individual parts (most of them are from assignment 1) and started working on the IT technologies part (an essay), set up our Github page and use Google docs for the draft of our report and everyone else seemed to agree with this set up (details on the workflow below). Still in week 7, my teammates did not contribute much to the overall work, which made me anxious. However, in week 8, we had reached a mutual agreement to all meet up on Friday (Thursday 20th August). The meeting was a huge success as we managed to finish most of the group-required work and form concrete layout to most of the difficult parts in the assignment (we choose to do an interview as one of our members has a cousin who is working in the IT field, everyone chose their favorite IT technologies aspect, etc). I was pleased as most of the required work was done so efficiently. From then, we all have contributed to the GitHub repository and the drafts, our assignment is nearly done.
- Details on our workflow (I created): Most of the information in the report is written and stored in a Google docs link. The reason why I choose Google Docs is that the small details and polishing of the individuals information (personal profile, etc) are more suitable for Google Docs online (which can be accessed and changed freely without the worry of merge conflict of git). There are 3 drafts: 1 overall draft for choosing the parts and discussing team work, 1 report for the actual report and 1 draft for writing the report. GitHub is for the group website (html, css), readme for the workflow and individuals folder for individual reflection, IT technology essays, etc.
- Past experiences: As I mentioned above the irritation and worry that I had during the first 2 weeks, the reason is that I have done many group work (especially relating to IT students) and the most notable problem is that the students usually wait until the deadline to actually do something, thus the results were awful. I learned that I must do something before it is too late.
- Overall, the atmosphere in the group work is great and I am happy about the state of my group (it is better than my old groups at least). There are things that can be improved such as the enthusiasm of the team members, people should contribute more to the talking in group chat etc. These things, however, can be fixed with ease.