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Assignment 12.3

Lessons Learned

Being in group 2 alongside Candice, Bryan, and Rajesh I have learned a couple of things, not only about myself but the kind of group environment I’d like to be a part of. One of the biggest complications that we ran into was the conflict in schedule. I can’t say for everyone else, but for me being a full-time worker and student, balancing the two was already hard enough. Now throw that in with 3 other members that varying schedules and in different time zones made it hard to meet and cooperate. Sure, varying time zones could be a challenge, but another problem is having members check their messages within a timely manner so that we can cooperate the work and get it done within a timely manner and then be able to figure out issues and get them right.

From my perspective, I could have and should have been able to invest more time into the group and made sure that it was my top priority for my work may only be a fraction of the total work but in turn I felt like I was holding the group back a bit. Sure, I took the initiative and brought everyone together, but as soon as I saw that people weren’t responding as eagerly as I had initiated, it made me a little less motivated to contribute much to the group. For milestone one and two I was full of energy and ready to work but it took a good 2-3 days for us to finally meet and get something down and that was just Candice, Bryan and myself. I had to coordinate with Rajesh at a different time because it took a long time to get a response from him. Then for milestones three and four, I was exhausted from work prepping for our Mother’s Day brunch event and thankfully Candice took the lead that week. With Candice at the helm, Bryan and I were able to finish up milestone 3 and 4. We had no idea what Rajesh was going to do/contribute to the group for he didn’t say anything.

Moving forward if and when I find myself in a group project scenario, I should give it my 100 percent effort. Regardless of what my other team members do. I know I could have done so much better and managed time better, that was I would have referred to the milestones and rubric more closely to ensure that all requirements are met. I claim to have great leadership skills, but oh, I have much to learn. On paper I know what I need to do, but now it's more of a matter of fact of executing and presenting myself in that manner. I need to be able to give every assignment, every topic my 100 percent regardless of how others perform. That way I wouldn’t become a hinderance to anyone. Which also applies to my fellow student's grades. No longer are the days where I do the bare minimum in order to get by. Watch me invest in myself and become a better human, student, employee out of it.