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Further Development Statement

In summary, if we had another year, our group would work to get a budget approved before beginning the capstone project. We feel as if this was the main concern within our project throughout the course of the year. We had a design created, set implementation plans, and even UITS aligned with what we were going to do. However, we were unable to implement our project due of the budget not being approved in time. Therefore, we feel as if our project would’ve been more successful had we approved a budget beforehand. With this being said, we do not feel as if our project was a “failure” because we learned a lot about the real-world application process of technological systems.

It was preached to our capstone group several times by both the Dean of Natural Science and Dr. Finkbine that this is how the real world goes. You don’t always get your budget approved in the time frame you hoped and according to research, about 25 percent of technological projects fail outright. This was interesting for us to learn and as I said previously, even though we weren’t as successful as we had hoped, we still learned a lot through this process. For example, we learned about budgeting a technological system and what you must include in the software and hardware cost. We also learned the importance of communication not only with your project sponsor, but also with the technological leaders of the company. We had to communicate a lot with UITS about what systems and databases already exists and what systems we can implement on the IU network. They were extremely helpful and supportive throughout the year which leads me to believe that such system will be implemented in the near future.

To conclude, this project was by no means a “failure” to us due to the vast information we learned from the complications we faced. However, we do feel as if there was more time and a budget approved beforehand, we would have been able to fully implement the interactive touch screens.