

Jonah Aney CSD-310 Module 12.3 Assignment: Lessons Learned

This was my second group project since starting this program at Bellevue University and I feel it went fairly well and better than my first group project. One of the nice things about this program is we stay with the same group of students as we progress so I feel working with fellow students gets a little easier with time. As I think back, one thing that started us off on the right foot was that each team member took the initial action on their own to post a message in the discussion board. Once we had our case study picked, we decided to create a discord group to easily communicate throughout the project. I thought this was a really good idea as the discord app was easier and quicker to access than the discussion board on blackboard.

Without much delay, we started collaborating early in our first week. Personally, I made sure my team knew my schedule and possible hurdles we may have to work around throughout our project. I feel one team member, Amanda, was great about leading the group with consistent messaging and a lot of contributions of her own. She was good at letting the team know where we were at in the project and what was needed each week. She also handled the submitting of each milestone so I really appreciate her efforts and organization.

Something that I wish would have gone better was my initial contributions when we started. I had to leave for a work trip during the first week of the project so it was tough for me to feel like I could contribute as much as I normally would. I tried to stay transparent with my availability and I maintain a balance of my duties at work as well as the group project. I think it went fairly well but I did feel like I didn't contribute as much to the coding aspects as I would have, had I not been gone. Luckily our team had some really diligent and cooperative members who handled the SQL and python scripts very well. It was in those moments where I had to tell myself to help as much as I could, however I could, and let the other members handle what needed to be done. It seemed at times some members were more available to work on parts and simply got it done before I was able to, which I'm grateful for. It kept us on schedule and kept the stress levels relatively low.

Although I feel I did a good job of communicating, it's always good to remind myself that open and consistent communication is key. A successful team project always starts with open communication and taking the time to be transparent with all members. I think at times we could have done a better job at establishing who was going to do what. The tasks were handled well overall, though when it came to discussing tasks, most of the time a team member, including myself, would just send a message stating they could do it. We really didn't elaborate on who had time that day/week, who was good at one part or enjoyed a type of work over the another. The preliminary discussion about delegating tasks lacked a little bit but as I said before, everyone was very good at offering help and

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eagly volunteered to work on a certain part. Maybe we could have set up a time to discuss each week's tasks and then delegate who would do each one before we actually started working. Most of the discussion around the task was just, "I'll do it", or "I can do that part."

In the future I'll be better about proposing a discussion about delegation so that each week we have a clear set of tasks for each team member, all while trying to not overthink the situation and annoy other team members. There will always be road blocks or aspects in life that make projects tougher to accomplish but that's when it's good to have reliable team members you can count on like I did here. I think clear, open communication and making sure you're able to give a consistent effort will be key for future group projects as well as future career projects and situations.