Group reflection: James Walls perspective

My experience with the group and assignment 2 allowed me to experience the difficulties of coordinating with groups, the benefit of multiple people working together, and the commitment required to working together to achieve results. The difficulties of working in a group arose through coordination issues and infrequent communication during the earlier weeks. In these early weeks we were reduced from six team members to four due to one student withdrawing and the other changing groups. This reduction in team size combined with our infrequent communication led to a higher workload than was anticipated. However, with time we began to make progress by increasing communication frequency and allocating assignment tasks.

After we improved the frequency of communication, the group was able to start making progress on the assignment. This taught me the importance of frequent communication and delegating tasks appropriately in group projects. In regard to communication, one thing that surprised me was that our communication was very effective despite minimal scheduled meetings. This was due to the convenience of text-based communication which the team used to respond promptly to each other. Although I found communication effective despite a lack of scheduled meetings, I acknowledge that we could also benefit from more frequent scheduled audio-visual meetings — which we intend to improve on for assignment 3. With the improvements our team has made in coordinating tasks and communication, I believe we will achieve more success going forward in assignment 3.