James Wall's 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. One thing I found surprising despite these improvements was the effort it took to compile everyone's work into one PDF. Everyone used different formatting and styles, and simply copy-pasting everything required more work than I thought. We aim to use similar styles of formatting in assignment 3 to prevent this issue.

Although I found communication effective without many 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.