1. ***How good was the project? What grade does it deserve and why?***

Our Foo-D-Mah project was successful, both in terms of functionality and in fostering strong teamwork. After reflecting on the overall process and outcomes, we all agree that a 100% reflects our efforts on this project. This is due to the fact that everyone gave this project their all and we all felt that we gained a lot out of it.

Starting with our team dynamics, we focused on clear communication and making sure every team member felt heard and valued. The group has not only worked well together, but was also able to get through team obstacles. If someone was off track at any point, the rest of the group was always ready and willing to help out. This also goes for when someone had to miss class or was falling behind on a deadline.

When it comes to the work that was put out for the project, the group has scored high for both Milestone 1 and 2. We saw our efforts and ideas translate into a working prototype that reflected the hard work put in by everyone.

In regards to the details of our work, we would always discuss at each class meeting where we are and what are the next steps. We would work collaboratively on group documents and discuss other work to be able to quickly use a divide and conquer approach, then come back to review the work together.   
We bounced ideas off each other which was very helpful, all with mutual respect and any conflicts - not many - were resolved gracefully. All of our work was on time, which sometimes required sacrifices from certain members, and we liked to go more in detail in some aspects of the work to truly understand our project better.

The project's topic and purpose was something that every member of our group was passionate about. Hopefully one day, we can implement this project so that it works for everyone in the real world. All things considered, we believe that our consistent effort, strong teamwork, and high-quality deliverables merit a 100% grade.

1. ***How did the group work together? Did you adhere to the contract throughout the semester?***

Throughout the semester, our group maintained a strong sense of collaboration, accountability, and responsibility. We adhered to our team contract by communicating consistently and holding each other accountable for meeting deadlines and contributing to tasks. The division of work was handled efficiently, with each member taking ownership of different aspects of the project based on their strengths and interests. This allowed us to work in parallel, minimizing delays and increasing productivity.

We mainly met when it was needed. It was mostly in class due to conflicting schedules but we made it work over zoom when needed outside of class. While we did a significant amount of work during class time, we also dedicated time outside of class for each person to work on their tasks or to refine and look over the team’s deliverables. We made sure to keep track of each milestone, setting smaller goals within the larger ones to ensure steady progress.

One of the key lessons we learned was the importance of flexibility. While we initially had an idealized vision of how our work would progress, we encountered obstacles, both technical and logistical, that required us to adapt quickly. One example was when we all realized that none of our schedules matched up to where we can meet up outside of class. However, we were able to regroup and come up with practical solutions together. This experience taught us the importance of staying flexible and maintaining a solution-oriented mindset in the face of difficulties.

One of the most essential aspects of why our group work was successful was that we relied on each other and that paid off. Someone who’s experienced in Figma would act as the “director” for that phase while the others handle the other workloads more. Someone who likes writing would be the one to handle long documents describing the project. We also very early on determined a preliminary plan on the presenters for the 3 Milestones. All this and more helped make the process of dividing, deciding and completing work a breeze, with less time discussing how the work should be done and more time actually “doing” it.

A highlight of the project was the seamless teamwork we developed. Not only did we get our work done, but we enjoyed collaborating, and the process itself became a valuable learning experience for all of us. The project taught us how to leverage each other's strengths, communicate effectively under pressure, and maintain a positive attitude when facing challenges. All in all, the group worked cohesively, and our teamwork was one of the key factors that led to the project’s success.