

**SFU, CMPT 120**

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**PROBLEM SOLVING SUGGESTIONS - SUMMARY**

1. *START EARLY*
2. Arrange with your team mates when you will meet, how you will communicate yourselves, what is important for you in team work.
3. *READ ALL THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION*
4. *FIRST: Understand the problem.* Understand the sample runs.
5. *SECOND: Analyze and plan your solution (no coding yet! Use paper and pencil at this stage!).*
6. *ONLY AFTER HAVING PLANNED YOUR SOLUTION: Do a gradual implementation, including tracing (including auxiliary printing) and testing and possibly revising your original plan. Start implementing a few features; add more features as you have tested the previous versions.*
7. *Keep more than one back up.*
8. *Submit all what is required at the dates/times required.*
9. *Remember to take breaks when you study and work on this. (Write down a “to do list” before breaking. You can break only if you start early!)*
10. *Discuss the problem with your team member/s, with the TAs, the instructor. Come to the labs and office hours for consultation with your questions.*