

6.170 Project 4 Reflections

Many things went well throughout the entire development of the project. Our project was always in a presentable form at each checkpoint, and while we faced our fair share of bumps, the final product did turn out to be exactly what we set out for. This was only possible by maintaining mostly open communications. We were not afraid to ask for help or ask another teammate for a feature that was needed. The sessions where we physically worked together were also very constructive. We also learned how to move forward after unexpected or undesirable events.

Some aspects we could have improved upon would be better time management from specific members of the team (including myself). This could have been achieved with more meetings with the whole team throughout each phase of the project instead of just one long meeting at the end of a phase. It would also have been more ideal to not have integration fall completely on one person, although this is a tricky problem given how we divided up the work amongst the team. An approach that may have been helpful in this regard would be to place TODOs in noted files, marking exactly what others should do in order to integrate with the file. However, regardless of these possible points of improvements, the project did get completed.

Jessica is very productive and sets high yet reasonable goals. She is patient and communicative in working with different parts of the project. She also sets up a positive environment for collaboration. The only thing to clarify is that she should not feel she is responsible to shoulder as much of a project as she did this time around.

Carolyn could communicate better with her teammates, and it would be most beneficial to communicate consistently throughout the whole project. I would also warn that possible bugs and tasks that arise during development should also not be underestimated, and a lot of time should be allocated in order to handle these situations.

Nick is very efficient, productive, and always keeps the goal in mind. He checks in thoroughly and consistently with what's needed and expected from every teammate. While it is okay to be disappointed, it may be useful to roll with unexpected events better in the future.