

There are periods when regardless of the effort or the intensity of the desire to succeed, the conglomerate of all given factors would simply stop one from achieving his/her goals. Despite always believing that dedication and hard-work are always sufficient to outweigh any possible negative circumstances, I must now renounce my belief and admit my defeat. In my defense I must say that I have invested sufficient time in studying the course material, I dedicated my winter holiday to reading all the course literature, and I allocated a considerable amount of time to understanding and doing the assignments, but sadly - it just didn't work out well in the end. It is perhaps my physiological condition that worsened in the meantime, some form of inherent clumsiness in doing software analysis and design, or other personal circumstances to be invoked as the main justification of my failure, but for the sake of preventing this note from becoming too pathetic, I will refrain from giving one.

With everything said above, I kindly ask the lecturers to take into consideration the perseverance of my colleague – Robbin de Groot, who despite the withdrawal of our other teammate the night before the deadline of the second iteration, and my own circumstances, managed to remain motivated and focused throughout the course, and only thanks to whom, this report reached this current state. Moreover, since I intend to repeat the whole course next year, hopefully in more benign circumstances, I would like to note that I intentionally skipped adding all of the parts expected from me in this last iteration, except those upon which some of my colleague's parts were dependent. I would like to ask the lecturers, if this is possible, to grade these (my parts) with the minimal possible mark (regardless of the consequences this may in the future have for me), as to avoid offering me the chance to pass the course. Albeit this may look like a sick form of perfectionism (and it probably is), this is the only solution in which I can see my redemption.

Thanks for your understanding,

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