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Week Three Reflection

Overall, I believe my performance in this class up to week 3 has been on par with what I would consider a B plus standard would be based on the grade guidelines that we developed in class. I have grown as a team leader by facilitating/initiating conversation on assignments both outside and inside of class. I have demonstrated a commitment to continued learning by thinking critically about the content of the course and applying it outside of class. I feel confident in most of the learning objectives, however; there are still a number I struggle to comprehend. Some of the learning objectives that I struggle with are to describe what a function conflict is, manipulating plots to make my visualization clear to the reader, creativity in my plots.

I believe that my commitment to continued learning so far has been one of my stronger performances for this class so far. This has been demonstrated by my questions on how the skills we are learning in class would apply in other cases to during in class activities. Usually, they are phrased in terms of "what if the dataset had this ____ would I still be able to use this argument in the code?" Also, I have been attempting to take data sets from my research for my master's thesis and apply some of the code that we have been learning to those. Using the code outside of the exercises in class has been frustrating but it has led to a lot of learning through experimentation and googling. Unfortunately, most in most of my extracurricular attempts I have been on successful in achieving the objectives I sent out with, but I still think they have reinforced what I have been learning in class and have taught me some things about coding in R that have not been covered in class.

The reason I would not give myself an A is because of my lack of effort to submit revisions of my work. I have looked over most of the comments but each week I have failed to find the

time address the comments on my work or write the reflection required for the revision. I have made edits to my .qmd files but have not written a reflection yet and have not done all of the edits that I should have made. I have made efforts to revisit my work and notes in order to ensure I recall what I've learned each week and I think that deserves some consideration when assessing my effort to revise my thinking. In the upcoming weeks I hope to be more mindful of submitting revisions in order to better my experience in this class and have of an A.