**Journal Entry by Amit Pandey - Simplicity**

Extreme Programming value simplicity put stress on things what needs to be done. It helps in simplifying things within the project and leading it to the desire goal in a smooth way.

During the second week of the project, we as a team understood that moving in simple and getting things completed before moving to the next step is more important than starting with many task and completing none.

During the second week, as part of simplicity, we decide to first draw the UML diagram before moving to the code. We have taken simple steps in understanding the requirement and getting it done first in UML rather than starting with the code without and blue print.

As part of simplicity,

1. We decided to take our project ideas to the user (client) and understand their requirement in out project.
2. We decide with the CS unplugged activity on which we would be working upon.
3. Meetings were short and discussion was done only on the things which we are taking for this week, like UML diagram, user requirement.
4. Discussed our idea with the professor and eliminated things which was not required for the project.
5. Now we are with one technology to focus on and single idea to work upon.
6. Task has been divided into simple steps by understanding the work flow of the team.

Giving stress to simplicity within the project we are now able to complete our task in stipulated time and with no stress. Team mates are finding it easy to complete small task and merging them rather than taking the big task at once.

Simple things work better than complicated things, keeping this in mind we are moving with our project and eliminating things which are not required.

We eliminated daily physical meet ups and tried to shift our meeting on WebEx, so that everybody is available from his or her comfort place.

For the first two weeks we focused on what to do rather than how to do. Our steps and requirement were short and every one was successfully able to do that. Our project is now moving in a simple way but with good pace toward its goal.