Overall, we consider that it was a very positive experience to work as a team. Each of us took responsibility for our allocated roles and tried our best to make a positive contribution. There was no or minor issue in terms of collaboration and teamwork. When a team member requested feedback, many of us actively participated in the discussion and provided constructive opinions. Please find an example of our active forum of achieving a better outcome shown below.

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We have conducted similar brainstorm sessions via Teams chats daily while maintaining formal online meetings twice a week. We feel that our engagement in a meeting has made some improvements over time. Although we struggled to keep it structured initially, we quickly learnt to hold it more efficiently by strictly following a pre-agreed agenda. Another positive aspect of our team collaboration is the cross-sharing of our knowledge base. Through exchanging our first assignment, we realised that some members might be more skilled for this assignment. In our team, experienced members were encouraged to share their expertise with others, creating a positive learning environment for the group. Examples were when Taylen assisted others in setting up the group’s GitHub with his self-made Youtube and when Brandon proofread the work prepared by a non-native English member.

We used the chats function in Teams for daily communications among members. However, we feel that this may not have been the best way to maintain our conversation records. Although we tried to keep a separate chat log for each topic, our chat history has cluttered over time, and become hard to review the past conversations. One solution may be to use the channel function or SharePoint instead of the chats function. We plan to have a planning session to brainstorm further before commencing assignment 3.

We have learned the hard-working nature of our group. The commitment and dedication of each member toward this assignment were remarkable. It demonstrates our determination to succeed as mature-age students. Most of our members worked full time during the day while dedicating nights and weekends to study. We refused to waste our time and strived to take advantage of this learning opportunity.

To some extent, it was surprising to find that we functioned very well as a team. According to our personality tests, we were a relatively introverted group of individuals. We had concerned that the fact would affect our collaboration adversely. We were proud of overcoming the concern and forming a well-organized team with a positive and supportive culture. After all, we believe that our success comes down to our diligence and determination.

Each member surprised us for their uniqueness and intelligence. Ahmet is generally a quiet person but makes simple yet effective comments when he speaks up. Brandon has excellent interview skills, which surprised not only the team but also himself. Hugo has amazing people skill at such a young age. Taylen always surprises us with how skillful he is with IT. Tim is a well-balanced businessperson who is logical, thoughtful, and assertive. Tetsu is a hard-working individual who still enjoys studying in his mid-40s. What surprised us was that we all had unique strengths that positively impacted the team.

We look forward to completing the assignment together and developing an even better team for the rest of the course.