Iteration 5 Retrospective

What went right:

We got a TON done this iteration in wrapping up this project. Our preparation last iteration paid off, and we were able to get a lot implemented in a very short period of time. The product that we will be delivering at the end of this iteration is something that we believe is good considering the time constraints we had and the project requirements to fulfill. We also have gotten incredibly good at working together as a team. The cooperation that had to happen to get us through this iteration is something that we were probably not capable of during our first iteration. Overall, we are proud of what we accomplished during this iteration and this project in general.

What went wrong:

This iteration was very much a sprint, as we had many things to get done in a limited amount of time. This was incredibly stressful for our team, as while we had team members who were able to put in this time, some individuals had other final projects to work through, and everyone on the team will be having final exams here shortly. This would have probably have led to decreased team moral if we were not finishing this project during this iteration, as burn out is extremely likely after this.

What risks were missed:

One large risk that was missed was our time estimate for the project. At this point, we would be over-budget if we were earning financial compensation for our time. In addition, while we were able to put in the time to get this project finished, we left quite a bit of work for ourselves during this final iteration, which, while it ended successfully, is most likely creating burned-out programmers. This would be a large risk if we were to have had to continue this project, as team moral and motivation would be at risk of significantly decreasing.