**Iteration 1 Reflection**

Commerce Bank – Group 6

Our group’s motivation and effort were high throughout the duration of Iteration 1. After setting up our initial communication channel, Discord, and establishing foundational ground rules, we had mostly, if not all, smooth sailing.

The overall success of this iteration came from the follow through of the team’s original stated expectations and the project organization setup. We had two weekly Zoom meetings, where almost all members could attend. We found it was very helpful for us to decide our individual roles in the first meeting. Mostly because it allowed us to team up with other members in the group with similar interests and experiences.

In the first meeting, we found it important to determine the methods by which the group should run. We established the format of meeting notes, a group agenda, and where these supplemental materials would be posted in case a member would not be able to attend. The agenda was probably the most important integration because it ensures all team members have the opportunity to speak, share their ideas and work, and provide input on another team member’s efforts. When we got into the second meeting, it was extremely helpful to be able to reflect back on the previous week’s assignments. It was also very beneficial for us because it provided a standard routine and team members know what to expect going forward. Beyond organization, group members just did a stellar job hitting deadlines and presenting high quality design prototypes.

If we were to critique or improve some aspect of our team, it would have to be the response rate to some of our Discord messages. Technically, stated in our ground rules, members have 24 hours to respond. While this has not been directly violated, it can be fairly difficult to plan around everyone’s schedules if the response isn’t decently prompt. An example of this is we tried to plan a weekend meeting but could not get our availabilities squared away until Sunday night. In the future, we decided we will choose our next meeting date within our Zoom meetings so all feedback can be taken at once, it will be much more efficient.

Due to the fact that no coding was completed or attempted within this iteration, we successfully avoided our fear/ risk of not being familiar with the .NET framework. Another win, within this iteration, is that no team members “went dark”. Also, because our agenda lists out active projects and schedules time to review each one, we were able to avoid the issue the of groupthink. Mostly because all group members felt comfortable commenting on projects rather than someone’s specific affiliated work.

Our goal for the upcoming iteration is to implement the design prototypes we have created into actual web application pages on the .NET framework.