**Iteration 5 Reflection**

Commerce Bank – Group 6

The goal of the last iteration is to always finish the project with the best quality possible! Our team took that to heart and kept it in mind throughout this whole last cycle. The biggest requirements that needed to be completed within this iteration were the implementation of the notification rules, stretch goals, and testing.

All of our group members really kicked it in gear for this last sprint. With that being said, we had a lot of success from their efforts in completing our project’s last few requirements. At our weekly meetings, we routinely review what was left on our cumulative to-do list and had several members volunteer to complete said task. We also decided to incorporate an extra meeting these past two weeks. Our regular meeting is on Monday and we added the additional one on Friday as a midweek check-in. We found this to be very beneficial because it allowed more short-term communication opportunities for group members that needed extended input or help from other individuals. I believe being able to put aside that time beforehand prepared everyone’s mindset and allowed us to be more productive in the long run. Another big success we had was the integration between the two “big chunks” of our project. Throughout the semester, we basically had two teams. One was in charge of the frontend web development and the other was assigned with the task of creating the SQL backend. About a week ago, both mini teams met and figured out how to combine their two pieces of the project. This was very exciting both because the project was closer to being completed but also because it verified our development process was advantageous.

There were not too many “fails” or negative parts to this iteration. If we were able to change one thing, I think it would be increasing our preparation for the testing portion of the project. It would’ve been better for us to start documenting potential test cases throughout the entire semester instead of waiting until this iteration to do so. I believe this would’ve made our checks more comprehensive but initially we weren’t aware so it’s no individual’s fault.

Fortunately, we did avoid most our listed risks throughout the iteration. The only risk that probably wasn’t avoided was groupthink. I think because were nearing the end of the project that it’s possible members are more agreeable than they would be if they had more time to complete the task at hand. Otherwise as a group we avoided going dark, lack of communication, coding implementation issues, and overall project failure.