Team Name: Smart Park

10/17/2021: Individual Journal

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**Product Title**: “Smart Park System”

**Update**:

This week was a week of preparation for everyone’s individual skill. The class, depending on everyone’s academic pursuits, took an assessment to measure one’s skill level for purposes that I don’t even understand right now. This time the assessment is for a grade. The practice version that everyone took, sometime earlier in September, was not for a grade. I admittedly did not take that version because I was bombarded with other tasks that I deemed more important, especially since the practice assessment wasn’t going to be graded so I thought it was going to be a waste of time. However, I really wished I would have tried it so that I could have been prepared for the graded version that was started with some students on 10/15/2021. It was dang near improbable for me to balance all of that while simultaneously conducting research for my group’s project, our midterm presentation, exams in other classes, and going to work. I was able to make it through mostly successful but with some drawbacks.

Andy reached out to me to take get in contact with Rakib before this week. I never did though, at least not until the actual morning of the graded assessment. Fortunately, I briefly explained my situation to Rakib and the fact that I was totally unprepared (I walked in the assessment without any clue or hint as to what I was going to be tested on for the EE version). He told me there will be another set next week for the rest of the students that were unable to take the assessment on 10/15/2021. Thus, he’ll let me take that version as I’ll be more prepared and with the knowledge of the content that will be prepared for me. I forfeited the first set, and he wrote down notes on my empty exam plus a reminder to himself to email me, and the other students, as to when the other version will be available for the rest of us students to take. He told me to expect it to be next week’s class period. Otherwise, the rest of the class will be for I and my group to continue to research our product idea and to implement a prototype.

**Application:**

My group and I just did research on our product idea, and we presented it for our midterm presentation. Otherwise, we all have studied separately to prepare for the assessment that all of us must take. I genuinely hope everyone in the class does well enough to score more than half the points available on it. The assessment is ridiculous because it’s an exam that is asking questions on content that most of us covered at least two years ago. So now I have to make the effort to find and study that information for my note sheet. I’ll be personally taking the last set of the assessment since I couldn’t really do it on 10/15/2021. Otherwise, the goal now is to work on creating a prototype for my group’s product and to do as Andy has suggested for us as we continue into the class.

**Goal of the Week and Potential Problems:**

The goal now is to study hard for my assessment. Also, to continue working on my group’s product and to start building a prototype. Otherwise, I will continue to do whatever is asked of me by my group.