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Team Pitstop

Self-reflection narrative after the in-class Team Pitstop activity

Rover Wheels, the engineering design team I am a part of, consists of members Luke Van Leeuwen, Connor Gumbs, Hong Guo, and Antony Saleh, majoring in Mechanical Engineering, Mathematical Economic Analysis, Mechanical Engineering, and Electrical Engineering, respectively. We come from a multitude of colleges, including McMurtry, Duncan, Jones, and Sid Richardson. Our team has a very robust working structure, where we have a highly monochronic workflow that focuses on high individualism. We have always agreed that high directness in constructive criticism is something we all value, and thus, our pitstop was fully direct in communications.

Though the idea of a team pitstop can seem frightening at first, it is crucial to the development and flow of a team. Thus, our team made sure to approach the pitstop with an open-minded yet direct approach. The climate was very light, with everybody being open to constructive criticism; some team members even admitted their own faults without being prompted about them and accepted further feedback. During the pitstop, we started by giving some kudos to our effort and consistent attempts at improvement. We then discussed how we felt about our progress. What hindered it? What has been helping it? How can we further expedite it? We also discussed our team's aspirations and how we would like to continue with this project. Additionally, we commented on our strengths and weaknesses as a team.