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Comment #1:
I really enjoyed your course and thought it was well taught. My only note would be for the main
project to include more information on how you want the mapping done and your specific
requirement of the database. It would also be beneficial if TA's were briefed on the projects so that
they might provide assistance.

Comment #2:
I believe you are a very good professor, I found myself understanding the material well. When
professor Roby started teaching I found that I couldn't understand a lot. I hope in the future there is
an offering where you teach the entire course as I find I was able to learn more and understand
more from your way of teaching.

Comment #3:
I really liked how the course was structure. The workload is not too heavy, not too light, a good
balance. The teachers were providing good answers to questions. The material provided was really
clear. Overall, one of the best structured course. The only suggestion I can think of is to separate
the Q&A section of the discussions on Brightspace (1 for each assignment at least since putting
everything in 1 makes it cluttered). Thank you for the semester.

Comment #4:
Great course and slides, lectures easy to digest. Recordings were good quality and I appreciated
the repetition of students questions before an answer was provided.

Comment #5:
Great job!!! Thank you for all the hard work.

Comment #6:
A decent course with a lot of useful information when it comes to databases and postgresql. I am
not sure why a lot of the latter half of the course turned into operating systems talk, when there is a
specific class on that but nonetheless a decent class. This prof's slides were very helpful in
understanding concepts for assignments and the prof himself was a very approachable and nice
guy.

Comment #7:
I really appreciate how responsive you are on the discussion forum. Your lectures were great and I
liked how detailed your assignment specifications were. Great job!

Comment #8:
I enjoyed learning about databases. The slides are good. The course is interesting and great.

Comment #9:

⬆Great course, prof is good at explaining, the slides are really well designed with concrete examples
of each SQL concept. Prof is responsive on Brightspace. No criticisms.

Comment #10:

Really nice professor. He truly cares about his students and always helps when students are
struggling. I really appreciate you Professor Orogat!

Comment #11:
Too many assignments. Unfair grading scheme. There should not be 4 assignments with a group
project on top of that as well as such a high-weighted final that asks for a minimum grade.

Comment #12:
Thanks for the great semester!

Comment #13:
This course would be esily understandable if there are labs for it. Especially for the application
design and uses of different database languages practice. But overall great instructors.

Comment #14:
Putting the same comment in both of my feedback boxes:
I really enjoyed the open ended more application based opportunities to work with databases, I like
being able to set my own goals and design methodologies and feel like I learn how to actually make
things. I feel like overall though the more theory based aspects are super easy, and feel that for a
university level course I want more bite to the academic knowledge I have to engage with. I think
taking out normalization sucks, cause that seems like something actually useful to know.
The first part of the course is definitely something that can be condensed. Learning SQL and entity
relation diagrams is fairly quick to pick up, and while this probably isn't true for all students it
definitely is true for some. I feel like that part of the course could almost be covered in a week or two
if it was really taught from a "higher level concepts" perspective. One thing I think I

would
like more of in the schema design aspect is "patterns" or common schema design issues
that are encountered in database design.
Learning about NoSQL compared to SQL is cool, though I think focusing on specifics of
"how" to do specific actions is time that could maybe be better spent (like I saw
aggregates is optional, but could maybe replace crud operations in mongodb as a topic since any
programmer/cs student by a 3rd year course should be able to read documentation and figure that
out)
All of the information about how relational databases work seems pretty cool though.
Overall I've enjoyed this course and really appreciated the open endedness of the projects, I feel like
very few courses provide the opportunity to actually use "higher level thinking" and
design ideas ourselves so its nice to be able to this. While I didn't do the bonus relational query
processor project that was also cool :)
