**Lessons Learned**

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I have learned that writing code is not the only part of software development. I think the teamwork and planning is even more important to the success of the project than having superstar coders. Without this solid foundation and the ability to communicate effectively, a team can be extremely handicapped from the beginning. Since this was my first experience working in a team to develop software, I definitely made mistakes in my capacity as the project manager. I learned that the PM has to take more initiative to enforce soft deadlines as well as to ensure that meetings are productive. I also learned the difficulty in being a good PM from the aspect of being able to motivate your teammates in a constructive manner. We ran into difficulties with Github in consolidating changes throughout the course of the project and also in being productive during meetings. An interesting solution to the lack of productivity during meetings was paired programming which I learned could be a good way to develop code. I learned the importance of team chemistry and the importance of working on a project that everyone has a passion for and invested interest in seeing come to fruition. Even though it was a struggle the last two weeks to start and finish the project, I was glad that I was working on the project with two good friends. I think that if we had chosen a language that we all were more passionate about and had better planning, we could have created an even better product.

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