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Team Proposal

As we discussed in class, there is much more to a team than the individual skills each member brings to the table. After meeting and speaking with many different classmates, I have found a team that seems to embody everything necessary for a productive high-performing team. Although this team contains five members, I feel that each one is critical and given extenuating circumstances regarding one team member, I believe consideration and approval of our five member team is appropriate. Below, I will outline each team member and explain why their inclusion in our team is vital.

**Hoang Tang (Computer Science):** Hoang is the voice of reason and sensibility in our team. He has a keen eye for recognizing feasibility and will keep the team on track when we get caught up in the excitement of adding features that may not be viable. His friendly, likeable personality and infectious smile will keep even the most mundane meetings light hearted enough to allow us to stay focused and not burn out. In addition to the exceptional contribution to the group dynamic, his intuitive approach to solving complex problems and knack for understanding the big picture will be crucial to our team’s success. Hoang is brilliant technically and able to take complex problems and break them down into bite size pieces for others to digest. These combined contributions make Hoang an indispensable member of our team.

**Karl Feinauer (Computer Engineering):** Karl is our team analyst. With years of experience, even prior to the enrollment of UTA, in the realm of computer science, he always has valuable input to add to a discussion. While he says he isn’t a social person, within our team dynamic he is popular and well liked. When he speaks, people listen attentively and take note. As one of our computer engineering majors, we expect Karl to be a resident expert in the department of hardware and his expertise in network programming will be integral to interfacing hardware and software. He is dedicated and driven to do well and probably the most enthusiastic member of the team when we start talking about proposed ideas and getting started. This enthusiasm rubs off on other team members and leads to insightful discussions that will carry our team to greatness.

**Brian Shef (Software Engineering):** Brian is our team innovator. He has a million ideas a minute and will be able to take our product to the next level with his creative mind and entrepreneurial attitude. He is also a very busy man, which means he is accustomed to streamlining bloated processes to achieve maximum efficiency. As a person who has worked in industry, his familiarity with MS Project will allow us to be ahead of the curve when dealing with what last semesters’ groups indicated was a huge inconvenience. Brian brings a rare combination to our team dynamic that would be catastrophic to lose. He combines the class clown and valedictorian perfectly. This will keep our meetings both fun and productive.

**Ivan Fan (Computer Engineering):** Ivan is our team workhorse. This is not to say that we will rely on Ivan to do all of the work, but rather, when it comes to getting things done, he is driven and dependable. Ivan likes to see results and can be counted on to be our group’s deadline warning. Ivan is the type of person that regardless of the seeming impossibility of a project, somehow manages to bring his part in ahead of schedule and under budget. For critical, time sensitive tasks, Ivan will be our go-to person. His focus and ability to understand and explain new concepts quickly will allow us to move forward when otherwise we would be idly spinning our wheels. In addition to his overwhelming technical skills and aptitude, Ivan’s drive and dedication will keep other team members competing to contribute as much as he does. His inclusion in this team, like the other members is critical.

**Charles Beran (Software Engineering):** While I am far from the best or the brightest member of our proposed team, I am comfortable with my ability to contribute technically. In our team dynamic, I will be the glue. Several members suggested me as Team Leader, a role which I would be proud to fill for such a capable group. In that capacity, I would feel at home using my ability to take in details and make decisions when necessary to keep the group from stagnating over minutiae. I can diffuse potential conflicts before they become problematic. I am also good at keeping meetings productive and excellent at planning and organization. I am personable and prepared, eager to deal with tough questions during presentations and provide a body of accountability to both the professor and sponsor.

As I mentioned above, one team member has extenuating circumstances that will arise midway through this semester. Brian Shef, who is crucial to our team dynamic, will be getting married in one month. After speaking with all other proposed team members, we have decided that this is a critical point in a person’s life and having him skype in from his honeymoon would be a selfish and doing a disservice to both him and his new wife. This should be a time that is reserved only for the man and his wife, without interruption from work and school. As a five person team, we would be able to provide Brian and his new wife an uninterrupted honeymoon, while still not straining the team dynamic as deadlines approach. We all feel that his contribution to the team will be significant enough that losing him for a couple weeks this semester is tolerable.

While I realize that group formation among twenty-one people will be difficult, I implore you to leave the aforementioned group intact. We have met already met as a group and have developed a professional rapport such that exclusion of any member would be a tragedy.