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Report 1

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Part 1:

This week of class felt like the real “first week.” Not to say syllabus week was useless, but it takes time to adjust to a new schedule, get a feel for the class, and get to know the teaching style of the professor(s). Firstly, I would like to state how much I enjoy your teaching style. Learning/reading individually as homework then reflecting on it in class as a group really helps boost my understanding of the content. It is as one of the design thinking papers put it: think individually then evaluate ideas as a group. Some professors are very stale; they just read from a PowerPoint in a monotone voice. On the contrary, you are very energetic and dynamic in your teaching, from what I have observed. This is a big bonus.

Pertaining to successes this week, I believe I have a solid grasp of design thinking and technical writing (not completely but as a beginner). I have learned how essential design thinking and technical communication are in my field, computer science. I am currently in CS 360, software engineering I, and we discuss the documentation and process of writing software systems. Both classes have taught me being a good problem solver is not the only skill needed; I must be able to convey my solutions effectively. I would say the stuff we learned in class was not necessarily “new” to me, but it just clarified and organized ideas I have had about designing and communication.

Part 2:

For the next week of class I plan to complete all the reading. I do not plan to skim the reading; rather, I will re-read until I mostly grasp the concept. I will also try to provide my ideas and thoughts in class where I think it may help further the class discussion. As I said in part 1, I really enjoy the class discussion because it allows me to clarify and re-evaluate my own thoughts. I do not think I need to revisit topics, but I hope to build off the topics discussed this week for next week.