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After 2 different classes with group projects, I’ve realized that my classmates, or at least software developers in general, DO NOT like to communicate in any way that shows their face or allows anyone to hear them talk. In both situations, especially the case study group project, my teammates did everything they could to not have to do any kind of video or audio chat. Most prefer to just keep things to messaging. I get it- video/audio communication can be very intimidating and nerve-wracking while simple direct messaging is “easy”. What I learned was that live video/audio chat is almost necessary at least once a week. I love the group I was in, and I feel like everyone put forth great effort BUT there were times when we would all be working on the same part of the project which happened to waste a lot of time. I found I would have to rush through some parts to try to finish before the other teammates so that it could be presented first and be considered relevant. I’d say I much prefer a breakdown of tasks and to have each team member work on their part and then we bring all our parts together.

Another thing I learned from this group project is the realization of what I feel I excel at. I’ve come to learn that I really enjoy revising script, code, whatever you want to call it. I love to reorganize it all and make it easy to read and I find debugging a fun problem-solving activity. There were a few days where I spent an entire day trying to fix something that was wrong… which wasn’t ideal. It can be frustrating at times to have an issue with the code but the excitement that comes from finding the solution is very enjoyable.

I’ve always been told that I’m a good team leader, but I don’t like to lead if I don’t have to. I wasn’t assigned team captain leader for this case study which gave a nice relief, but I noticed myself thinking about how we could do things better. I don’t say this to put down anyone else because our team captain was awesome. Truthfully, we all kind of led at points and our captain was just the one to submit the assignments at the end of each week. I felt like we all could have been a bit more organized when it came to who was doing what and when. We also could have met together more regularly. As we all know this schooling is something that most of us are doing as well as full-time work and taking care of families and who knows what else. If we were only students or if this was a project for our full-time job, then it would obviously be a lot easier to meet regularly. We were never able to all meet together at one time. It was usually 2 or 3 of us at a time and someone different missing each time.

In closing, I know I enjoy revising, reformatting and debugging code. I’m good at suggesting a possible and efficient way in which to proceed in plans and/or projects. Hopefully I can take these things into consideration for future group and class projects as well as in the corporate world. After all, this is the time to figure out what I like to do best so that I can develop that into a valuable skill.