

Group 9 Final Project Meeting 2

Date: 10/23/2025

Attendees:

Bat-Orgil Erdenebat, Duy Nguyen, Daniel Jimenez

Time of meeting:

3:00pm - 3:31pm

Overview:

In today's meeting, we discussed our final project topic more in depth. I think we will focus on comparing whether it is better to pursue a career as a professional esports player in the United States or become a software engineer.

We confirmed that our main approach will involve collecting dirty datasets related to salary data for software engineers and earnings/winnings data for professional esports players. We plan to clean these datasets and analyze them to compare overall income potential, stability, and long-term career prospects between the two professions.

We also briefly discussed the next steps, which include:

- Finding and gathering real-world datasets from reliable sources (salary reports, prize pool statistics, etc.)
- Preparing to clean and preprocess the raw or “dirty” datasets
- Deciding on which metrics to compare (e.g., average salary vs. average tournament earnings, yearly income stability, etc.)

This overview will guide our work moving forward as we begin the data collection phase.

Action Items:

- Bat-Orgil will research *average salaries and compensation breakdown* for software engineers in the US, including entry-level, mid-level, and senior roles.
- Duy will collect data on earnings and tournament winnings of professional esports players, focusing on popular games like League of Legends, Valorant, or CS2.
- Daniel will start gathering dirty datasets from both sides (software engineering salaries + esports earnings) and check their structure and cleanliness level to prepare for cleaning and analysis.

Links:

- <https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/thedevastator/u-s-software-developer-salary>
- <https://www.esportsearnings.com/players>
- <https://www.onetononline.org/link/localwages/15-1252.00?st=AL>
- <https://www.ziprecruiter.com/Salaries/Software-Engineer-Salary#:~:text=The%20average%20SOFTWARE%20ENGINEER%20SALARY%20in%20the,per%20year.%20Get%20paid%20what%20you're%20worth!>

Next Scheduled Meeting:

Thursday Oct 30, 2025 at 3pm