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Introduction to Software Engineering Course Reflection

I really enjoyed Introduction to Software Engineering, especially the semester-long project where we simulated building a company and worked through the entire software development process. I found that this was a valuable experience that I can use in my future career. Creating the SRS and SAS documents and presenting them helped me better understand how detailed and structured software planning needs to be in a real-world setting. One area I believe could be improved is communication around project expectations. At times, it was unclear what level of detail or format was expected for each due date, so more frequent or specific guidance could help future students stay on track and gain even more from the experience. I believe it could be beneficial to show future students what you believed to be the best presentation on both the midterm and final presentations so that they can have at least a rough idea of the strong example project. One other thought to consider would be to somehow reduce the time spent for these presentations. Frankly, I felt that both the midterm and final presentations took up a larger chunk of class time than needed. Although I found watching others present to be a valuable learning experience, I believe the time may have been better spent in a traditional lecture format as that is where I believe I was able to learn the most. Finally, I would like to say thank you for an incredible semester. Your energy within the classroom was contagious and led to an engaging and collaborative learning environment.