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Week 1 Reflection

This week I prepared for class by reading the preparation material posted on this week’s module before class. This week we studied the soft skills in technical teamwork. Soft skills are the skills necessary to function as a successful team in the computer field especially. This topic is of super important because coding requires many thinkers to work together in order to get the project done. When we think of programming, our initial thoughts might be working alone at a computer, but this is not the case; in fact, careers in this field often work in teams and soft skills are vital in order to work well within the team. In class we went through a scenario where some of us were team members, leads, and managers. Each of us were given a sheet of paper with a unique set of symbol on them, and we were supposed to find what symbol we all had in common. However, there’s a catch. We could only speak to certain people with only true or false questions. As the manager in this scenario I had to mentally come up with a system in my mind where I basically asked each lead whether or not all the team member shared a common symbol, themselves included. By doing this process repetitively, we eventually found our common symbol. I taught me the importance of patience and mental/strategical organization. This scenario related to this week’s topic of soft skills by reminding the team the importance of collaborating to get the job done and remaining focused. A huge take-a-way I gained from my study this week was that I need to be willing to open up and work with my classmates. I am a typically quiet person, which is okay, but when it comes to working with my classmates this lesson helped me realize that I need to speak up and insert my thoughts and opinions. If I were to explain this to someone who missed this class, I would tell them the term they must remember is soft skills. Not just the definition, but also how to apply its principles. I would tell them to make a list of what makes a good team and say why for each item. From there I feel the student would understand the essential part of soft skills. This week’s topic to is important to teamwork because without it, nobody would even know or understand how to even communicate with one another. Without having the skills necessary to build up the foundations of teamwork, none of our computer projects would ever make any progress. I think with it being the first few days of class, my experience relates to several of classmates’ experiences too. It’s hard to be in a new school and in a new class making new friends, but like I mentioned earlier, we need to be willing to all open up, motivated, and energized to work together to create amazing things through computers. In a sense, soft skills relate to the gospel, especially when we attend church. Applying our soft skills to our discussions in church will help us to learn the gospel and its principles further, while also understanding our own community we live in. Through such work, the ward can grow closer together through the spirit we feel when we are willing to act as a team within our wards.