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Week 10 Reflection

This week, I prepared for class by quickly reviewing some of the reading material though I didn’t read thoroughly. This week we studied effective communication and analyzed the different forms of communication we have such as written, technology, verbal, and body language. In our projects this week, we are nearly finished with goal 1, halfway completed goal 2, started goal 3, and have talked about goal 4. In our team meeting, we answered this week’s questions by creating a mind map together of what communication is. We grouped communication into four groups: body, verbal, written, and tech. I put my assignments onto GitHub on the webpage for this class under the reflections heading. From the study material, I learned that communication comes in more forms than just verbal. This week’s topic is important because to be an effective communicator means that you are aware of the other parts of communication like body language or tone and know how to use it in your communication. This week’s scenario was about the woman who reported the to ethics hotline about her coworker installing spyware onto other people’s computers at work. The topic of communication relates to this scenario because to address issues such as that at work we need to be open to talk about it and report it rather than being dismissive of other people’s actions. From our team’s project progress this week, I learned that to be an effective team you need to all be willing to cooperate. It cannot just be one person who can make a team cooperative, it takes all. A huge take-a-way I got this week was the importance of being aware of what you communicate to those around you. When talking about body language and facial expressions especially, I felt that I might be communicating things with my actions I do not intend to communicate. This week, I made sure to keep note of my actions and tone in my voice when communicating to those around me. I found that when I consciously think of how I communicate to other, I can effectively express what I intend to when I do that. Next week, I feel like I should change the way I participate in the class activities. This week we did the game tellestrations, and I feel that I was too literal in my guesses and misleading with my answers in the game. Next week, I will make sure I am more on topic when participating in the class activities. This week’s topic is important to teamwork because effective communication is one of the first steps in achieving collaboration. Teammates need to be able to talk to each other and not have to spy on each other to get information. When we communicate in unethical ways, we break trust and efficiency in the team. It’s important to be aware of how we talk to those around us so that we can improve the team because the better the communication the easier it becomes to complete a goal.