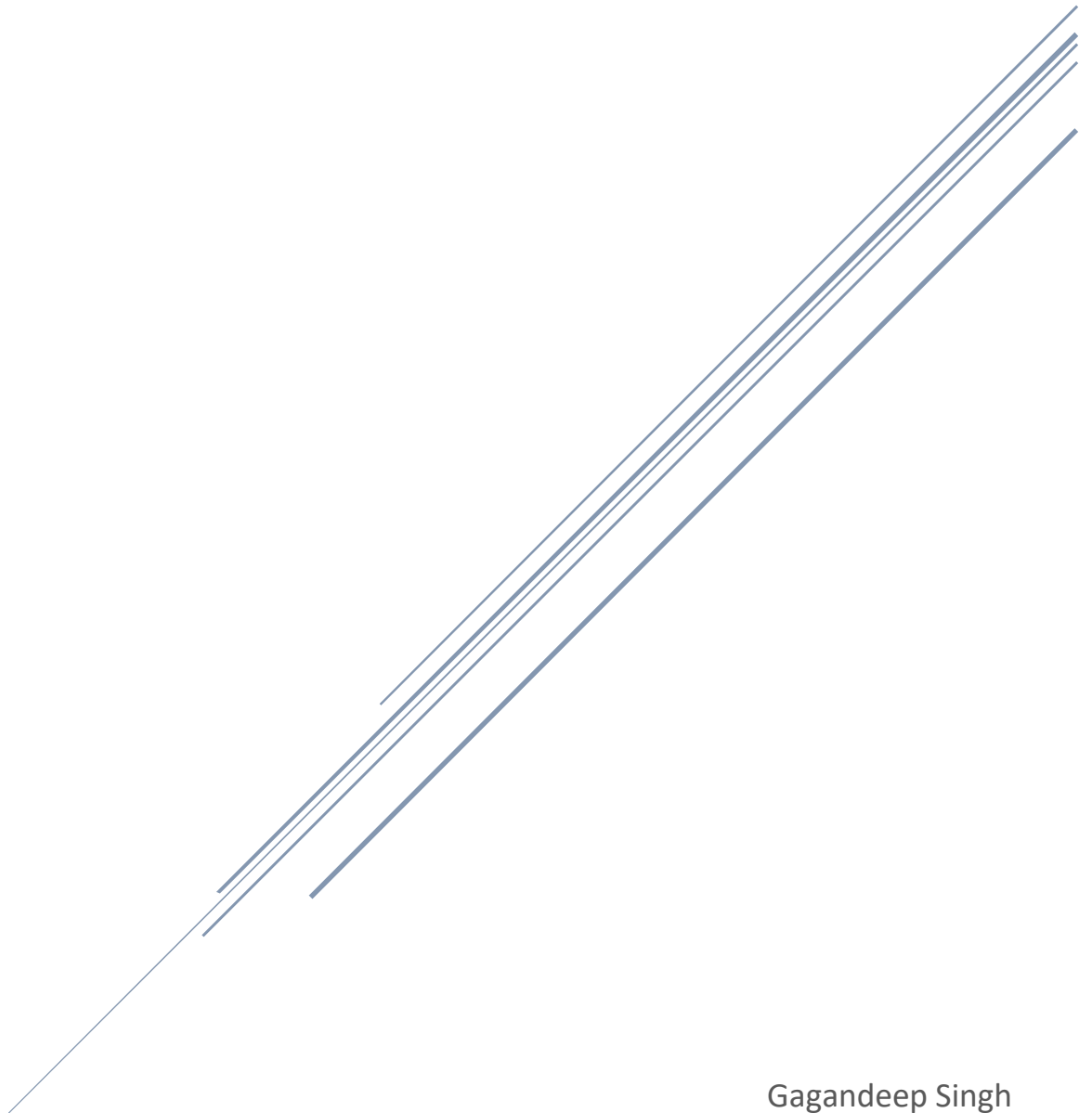

FINAL REFLECTION

COMM 1173 – Communications Strategies



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First of all, this course has been amazing. At first, I wasn't so excited about this class, looking at the calendar, a 3-hour long class on a Thursday. But, after a couple of classes, this turned into my favorite class, and I would spend the whole week looking forward to meeting Carolyn.

When I look at my past self before starting this course, I look at a guy who was not much of an extrovert. He talked to people, but he was never the one to start the conversation. He only talked to people he knew, talking to strangers was a nightmare. He would talk to everyone the same way and didn't understand the concept of PACT. He was a **Supporting learner** in my opinion, he was organized and completed the assigned task on time. He was motivated to do the work but needed someone to push him.

However, now I look at a guy who is clearly an **independent learner**. I find myself working on time, making organized calendars and full of motivation. I have started to plan my days ahead of time now. One thing that I definitely worked on since my self-awareness reflection is the 'Clarifying' communication strategy. I initially used to assume rather than discuss, however during this term, in many of my group projects I made sure to discuss as much information as possible to make sure we obtain the best result. For example, when I participated in the hackathon and was not able to give enough time to my class project, I made sure to communicate with my team members about covering my part for the assigned tasks. This allowed me to prioritize my work and also gave my college team a clear vision of how much I would be able to participate.

With my updated understanding of the strategies, I definitely agree that I was using the 'planning' and 'organizing' strategy. But earlier I was using it mostly for my schoolwork, and now I am also using them in day-to-day life. I have started to plan my personal events and commitments a bit more professionally.

In our team review, we identified our team as a "collaborative team". We clearly distributed the project into parts among our team members. Everyone knew exactly what they had to work on. There did occur some changes to our submission plans. We had decided on a certain date but were unable to finish due to other commitments, however in the end we still managed to submit it before the due date. I played the important part of keeping the team together and inspiring them to gather for team meetings as planned. I also tried to keep the group chat active throughout the project. I encouraged everyone to keep sharing ideas even if they were unsure about them. This created a psychologically safe environment.

The very first piece of advice that I would give to future students would be to have 100% attendance. Do not miss any class and pay attention to the instructor. This class is all about interaction. The more you share, the more you will learn. In order to create a collaborative team,

a good idea would be to set up regular meetings with your team-mates when creating plans and proposals. Physically sitting together in a room instead of chatting online would be more useful and productive.

On an end note, I would like to say that I am thankful for my classmates and my instructor for being supportive and understanding.

Also, thank you for the potluck :D