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Peer Review

Eben Bitonte

Eben was great at organizing meetings and helping polish much of the documentation and design of the project. In terms of improvements, I believe that because the idea of our project stemmed from his original concept, he should take more of a leadership role and not be afraid to make certain design decisions on the ideas and stick with them.

Jonathan Batscha

John was great at giving great criticism on ideas and concepts we developed. Due to his criticisms we were able to see flaws in our designs. However to improve his groupwork skills, he should be more aware of his conflicting responsibilities when agreeing to work on certain tasks. I believe that if he were to better improve his time management skills he would greatly improve.

Guillermo Vargas

Guillermo was a great developer and an overall solid team member. He was very easy to talk to and would complete his tasks on time and with solid code. To improve his abilities and attain his potential he should definitely take on more responsibility as a developer. He should speak up and argue more for the correctness of his designs when criticised.

Evaluation

In terms of a team planning perspective, I believed our project turned out to be great. We faced a great many design challenges on our way to the final version and had to drop many features as well as modify some concepts we developed. However I believe we developed a non-trivial application which includes real-time chat/connection, a matching algorithm between users who have desired languages and proficient languages, and we incorporated a third party api to for easy use during chats. Furthermore I don't believe another application currently exists that is similar to ours. In terms of team planning, the majority of our work was done in the last two days (monday, tuesday) before the push to the repo was due. I think however we could have done better if we made a due date earlier such as saturday and then if we couldn't finish we would delegate the remaining duties to people who were free enough.

Lessons Learned

- Learned to accept the fact that your idea may not be the best and you should not be emotionally attached to your idea or any other ideas
- If you see a weakness in the group or in the features, speak up about it and take up the responsibility if you honestly believe it will not be finished in time or completed properly
- Do not be afraid to criticize the ideas of others because if they cannot defend it, then it might not be such a good idea
- Nothing can ever replace the atmosphere of working together in person in the same room