

Reflections (on MVP)

- Arman Rahman
 - Peer Review:
 - John: In the corner we got Mr. P. He's probably done the most so far in terms of coordinating and building features. Lot's of experience in web development which is super helpful. He's taken care of a lot of the advanced functionality, but this makes it hard if we need to go back and tweak things because we don't have as good an understanding of how it works.
 - Rosemond: My man in the middle Rosy the Riveter. Super helpful and willing to work on whatever. Good design ideas for how the app should work from lots of experience ;) He's had a lot of work this week, but that's ok he got everything done (even if it did scare John)
 - Hugo: Topping it off we got none other than Mr. Who Go. Real solid team mate who brings joy and happiness to the team. We had a bit of a miscom about who was doing the profile page, but it's all good in da neighborhood.
 - Evaluation : We gonna be alright. Finished all the tasks for our MVP and then some. Cool working with everyone in the house. Makes meetings and asking for help really easy.
 - Lessons Learned: We need to communicate what each of us are doing. I think we were too reliant on the teamwork doc for separation of tasks because the teamwork doc can be too vague. Also we should document our code better because the rest of us are going to be using it too.
- John Parsons
 - Peer Review
 - Arman: Arman did a very nice job integrating Passport as our login system. He had previous Node experience and it showed through in his ability to write robust code and solve library related problems. I do wish he were more communicative with us (a few times, a lack of communication caused problems), but I think this will be an easy problem for us to fix.
 - Hugo: Hugo's thousand yard smile never failed to brighten our days as we crafted our MVP. He's very capable of staying on top of work – in fact, he reminded us to write our evaluations even when I forgot. With that said, I wish he had worked to implement his work a bit sooner.

- Rosemond: My understanding is that he has had a lot of projects this week, which means he has had to work on 6.170 at odd times. I'm a fan of getting things done early, so this has stressed me out. However, he has produced reliable work and I know I can trust him to successfully complete any tasks with which the group tasks him. Rosemond's experience with dating apps has also been invaluable to us as we create features and attempt to differentiate ourselves.
 - Evaluation
 - Our team works fairly well together. However, we should try to communicate better, and we should try to get our work done sooner. Because we live so close together, this shouldn't be hard. We did produce an MVP that I'm proud of, and I look forward to seeing what we piece together for the final product.
 - Lessons learned
 - I now fully understand that I can trust the team to get work done near the wire, which will make me less likely to intervene on others' tasks. However, I will likely still want to get my work started early. This will require our team to split up our work more efficiently so we can avoid stepping on each other's toes as we code.
 - We really need to implement some sort of issue tracking and allocation system. This will allow us to think through the details of our implementation a little bit more and help us avoid the miscommunications that happened as we created our MVP.
 - We need to make better use of feature branches and code review before large features are merged in. I caught a lot of serious bugs (that occurred partially because of miscommunications) after they were on our master branch and considered complete.
- Rosemond Dorleans
 - Peer Review
 - Arman: Arman has been a great member of the team. He is not afraid to tackle the scary bugs in the app. In addition, his experience in web development in the past has made him perfect for the CSS design aspects of the apps. Though Arman always comes through, he could probably benefit by starting a little earlier on his implementation to avoid long nights.
 - Hugo: I really enjoy Hugo's enthusiasm about the project. He's always coding in a good mood and never afraid to ask for help. Like Arman, Hugo can also benefit by working on his implementation sooner rather than later.

- John: John has been a great asset to the team giving his background in web development. As a result, we have soared ahead of many of our goals and deadlines. However, John does have a tendency of getting carried away and starting to implement parts assigned to other teammates. I feel this can be fixed via communication and clear understanding of deadlines.
 - Evaluation
 - We made it to the MVP smoothly. Because of my busy week, I only worked on viewing chop requests setting up the routing and models for accepting and rejecting chops, but my team was able to pick up my slack without any extra effort. Despite living in the same fraternity. communication could be improved, as we discussed in our checkoff meeting.
 - Lessons Learned
 - Going forward, we plan on using GitHub issues or something similar to assign tasks. This way we can keep track of who is doing what and have a clear idea of when it will be finished
 - Work will be distributed in such a manner that all members of the team are doing their fair share. Of course, we will accommodate for individuals with impending deadlines in other classes
- Hugo Zul
 - Peer Review:
 - Arman: An excellent teammate. He doesn't go to class so he's always around to answer any questions I have about his implementations or bugs that I can't figure out. However it would be helpful if he more openly communicated the features on which he was working on. The team would benefit from always knowing what he's doing.
 - John: A real go getter. John has probably contributed the most to the app as he's brought his prior experience of building web apps. It would be helpful if he wouldn't so regularly steal the wind from under our sails though. He often volunteers to build the more complex features, which is appreciated, but it would be beneficial for everyone to gain that experience.
 - Rose: A real team player. Always willing to go out of his way to help his teammates. I would like to see him take more of a leading role with implementing some of the more core features of the app. He's been working on smaller projects, but I like the style with which Rose approaches problems.
 - Evaluation:

- Overall team planning has been smooth sailing. My group members and I benefit from living in close quarters. On a regular basis we call short team meetings in which we discuss any implementation issues we might have and overall progress on the app. This is where we make all the major feature decisions.
- Lessons Learned:
 - Communication is key. I learned first hand that proper communications with my teammates is essential. Because I was unaware of what everyone was working on, I began working on a feature which was already near completion. Moving forward I'll be sure to minimize redundancy and contribute to a team dynamic which facilitates communication
 - Write code that is clear and ready for change. Already our software has interwoven such that we need to dip into each other's code on a regular basis in order to add new features. It's very important to maintain these principles in mind when going forward.