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Throughout the Bacchus Winery case study, I learned a lot as I got to get some real hands-on time with SQL as well as python. I understand in concept why this was a group project, as if this were a real task, I’m sure we’d be working in teams to best accomplish this. However, if this were a real project, we would likely each have our own specialties and bring something unique to the group. In practice though, making this a group project just made things infinitely more difficult. I ended up doing the vast majority of the work, which wasn’t really a problem except for having to do the dance of attempting to solicit information or opinions from group members that were difficult to reach, at best.

The project itself was kind of fun and I feel like I leaned a lot. I gained a lot of familiarity with making the SQL databases and being able to manipulate them. I found the SQL language to be really interesting and unique compared to the little I know about coding languages. I think the power of using databases and being able to adapt them to practical usage is going to be something that may be really valuable to me down the road and I’m glad that I had this opportunity.

Going forward in this curriculum, as group projects arise I think I will attempt to put a greater effort into initial communication with team members. Having a strong, communicative start may help instill a sense of ownership and accountability in all members so that the work load ends up being a little more equitable. With greater participation, we could have more insight from different angles that would help to achieve a stronger end product.