Reflections: Project 4
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Evaluation

I enjoyed working on this project a lot, and I think that our team worked very well together. We complemented each other very well in terms of strengths and weaknesses, and we were able to learn from each other very well. We stayed in constant communication through facebook and updated each other as we worked individually. Whenever we could, we would get together to work, and were generally very effective.

Overall, I am very proud of our final project. I implements all features that we all set out to cover, and it is a very functional application with real-world uses. Our team was usually very on top of things in terms of meetings, agendas, getting items submitted and so forth. Our code is pretty tidy as there are very few lengthy methods, and our specs and comments outlines our strategy in detail.

Peer Review

I think that my team members all worked really well together on this project. Everyone valued this project and doing well in this class, and I have no complaints about anyone's work ethic. Everyone was very excited to begin the project and we started early, and generally were good with time management. Casey, Katie, and Qui are all really talented coders who are very smart and good at what they do, and I thought it might be very intimidating working with them, but they made me feel comfortable and needed. Katie was very savvy with working with APIs and we all trusted her with handling the Twilio portion of our app. Casey was always very energetic and eager to work, and tackled her tasks early on. Qui was very reliable and could always be counted on to pick up tasks that weren't initially assigned to her. We trust each other to do our parts and everything worked out very well in the end.

Lessons Learned

I think my role in this project was very different in my last project, in both good and bad ways. In my previous project, I was the strongest coder in our group and I handled a lot of the back-end, front-end and everything in-between. Although we did well, it was an extremely stressful project. In this project, I found myself working with three other extremely talented and smart people. I learned how to hone in on my strengths and become an expert in one area and own a part of a bigger project. Additionally, I learned a lot of semantic things about ruby that I previously was just unaware of. I also rarely used javascript in my previous projects, but this time, we used javascript frequently for all aspects of the app.