Summary

The team worked well together once clear boundaries and expectations were set. When we had a clear objective team members were able too work well and communicate. Work was delivered mostly on time and given the different strengths of each team member we were able to assist each other to deliver a higher quality of work then we would have delivered individually. With the boundaries and expectations set we were also able to keep each other on task and accountable.

We all have agreed that communication was the teams weakness. We were slow to start and it was not easy to get it together in the beginning. The combination of being new to each other and all having different availabilities made it difficult to get a cohesive group formed. The growth that we have made over the last couple of weeks towards better communication has made us productive as a team. Using the tools we have been introduced to such as Microsoft teams and discord certainly helped. Some of the initial awkwardness could be attributed to learning to use these tools as well.

The surprising thing about working in a team and this assignment was despite the availability of many platforms and tools for collaboration and communication, the difficulty in establishing strong and consistent communication channels. The channels were established almost immediately after the group was finalised yet it took a few weeks for these tools to be utilised to the extent required for a successful group project and in some instances it was not utilised much at all. Without these tools distance collaboration is near impossible and not productive.

With the experience gained during the last few weeks the lessons learned have been many. Most importantly the setting of expectations and accountability . without a firm foundation trying to build any kind of successful project is difficult at best and impossible at worst. With the foundations set and a clear path going forward clear communication is essential to keeping the project on track.