Group 7 Collaboration Report

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Our group, Group 7, is made up of 4 members each of whom contributed meaningfully to the Deliverable 1 success.

Molly, as the only online member of the team, played a critical role in ensuring that our collaboration was well organized and accessible to everyone. She suggested and created a GitHub repository at the very beginning of the project, which became a hub where tasks were outlined, divided, and tracked. This gave our team clarity on responsibilities and deadlines, and it helped streamline the workflow despite the hybrid nature of our group.

Sophia, one of our in-person members, added strong organizational and research skills to the group. She took full advantage of the GitHub repository by creating well-defined issues that broke down tasks into manageable pieces, making it easy for everyone to track progress. Additionally, she suggested creating a Microsoft Teams chat for general communication, which quickly became our go-to space for updates, reminders, and informal collaboration. Sophia actively contributed to the development of our research topic, helping to refine and strengthen the scope of our study.

Briana, also working in person, encouraged everyone to brainstorm multiple possible research questions, giving space for diverse ideas to be shared. To keep us moving forward, she organized a voting process that helped us collectively select the most promising research topic for our paper. Briana has also spent a lot of time reading and synthesizing a wide range of research and conference papers, which she shared with the team. Her summaries provided critical background knowledge that guided our methodology

Sanjar, the final in-person member, focused on centralizing and enhancing communication while also helping with references. He suggested creating a shared Google Doc where team members could leave comments, add suggestions, and share potential references, making it easier to share ideas and sources around in one place. This became an effective collaborative workspace for drafting and feedback. Sanjar also recommended that the team hold a Microsoft Teams video call to rehearse and coordinate the 5-minute presentation.