CS 255 Module Eight Journal – README Reflection

Summary of the DriverPass Project

DriverPass was a project where we acted as a software team designing a system for a fictional driving school. The client, DriverPass, wanted a system that would help manage student registrations, lessons, practice tests, scheduling, and payments. Our goal was to understand what the client needed and design a system that would meet those needs clearly and effectively.

What I Did Well

I feel I did a good job identifying and organizing the functional and non-functional requirements in the business requirements document. I also made sure my system design matched those requirements by creating detailed UML diagrams that showed how users would interact with the system.

What I Would Revise

If I could revise one part, I would go back and improve the consistency of my UML diagrams. Some parts of the sequence diagram could be more detailed to better reflect how the system handles lesson scheduling. I would add clearer notes and labels to improve readability.

Interpreting User Needs in System Design

To understand the user's needs, I focused on what the students, instructors, and administrators needed to do in the system. I used user stories and functional requirements to guide the system design. This helped make sure the system would actually be useful and user-friendly. It's important to keep the user in mind during design, because if the system doesn't work well for them, it won't be successful no matter how well it's built.

My Approach to Designing Software

When I design software, I start by gathering requirements from the client or user. Then I break down the tasks and create diagrams to visualize how everything works together. In the future, I plan to use more detailed use case and activity diagrams, and I will continue using UML tools to map out the system early on before building anything.