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The sole purpose of this lab was to collectively come with an object as a group and essentially elaborate on that idea. My group and I decided to converse about an app that will help the community. Having heard every member's input that was put forward, we ultimately reached a consensus that we all felt positive and was agreeable. We all thought of universal ATM locators as the ultimate end product, which would be a great topic and product. Everyone that had spoken in the discussion got a chance to exchange their words. An ATM is an acronym that stands for automated teller machine that facilitates every individual's life because unlike having gone to a person and managing one's fund, they can just use this machine at their convenience and manage any transactions that wish to get done at any time. It allows an individual to carry out different types of transactions such checks, withdrawals and deposits. We all decided on an app that could be built to help individuals do transactions and track the location of an ATM using the app. It would simplify people's lives to a further extent and any transactions can be done more effectively. Prior to coming to the decision of building this app we had also talked about other ideas that could have helped the community in a more convincing way. I heard of e-waste disposal areas and public bathroom locators, and so on. However, everyone did not agree with these ideas, and so we narrowed it down to ATM, because we think it is the most common heard product in everyday life. We had discussed how an ATM would be useful to everyone and given the fact almost everyone is encouraged to utilize an ATM as it is much more convenient and all the information stays within the individual that is using it. Moreover, the team dynamics were beneficial, advantageous, appropriate and helpful. It was unique that I had never felt before because all I have worked in a group in the past, but never once had I worked in such a large

group until that day. One unfavorable and disadvantageous aspect of working in a large group especially in a group where everyone has tremendous background knowledge is that everyone likes to share their ideas and elaborate on those ideas, but when the time is limited not everyone gets to share their ideas. But then, having been in a large environment enables us to learn more from each other and acquire more knowledge of the topic that we may not have had before the discussion. We felt that not everyone was getting the scope to share their idea, so we then split into sub groups to expand on the topic. We chatted more later on to expand on the idea of innovatively creating an app to facilitate everyone's life. Every member stuck with the ATM and continued to share and exchange each other's ideas and thoughts, whether it was via chat or discord. In order to be more precise with your points and convictions we did research and tried to find the pros and cons of having and not having an ATM locator. Frankly speaking, this process of having worked into a large did good for everyone as everyone was able to take a slice of knowledge away from each other and able to utilize that into producing this lab. The only drawback that I found was that because it was such a large group and given limited time everyone was not able to talk much. But other than that, everything else was good and a great experience for me personally. Furthermore, a collaborative environment is actually vastly different from working individually because not only does one get to share their ideas, but they also get to obtain knowledge from others that help them solidify their experience. When an individual is working independently, they are obligated to carry out their tasks by themselves, nevertheless when they are working with someone else, they get to do the work collectively and efficiently. The challenges that everyone faces in a collaborative environment is that when we have to work together for the first time, we tend to get nervous and hesitant about sharing information, because we think we might judge each other, which would lead to a bad impression

and could undermine one's confidence. But, there are advantages to working together because it enables us to acquire more knowledge from each other and consolidate one's confidence and sharpen one's experience.