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Module 12.3 Assignment: Lessons Learned

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**What went well:**

Overall, I am really happy with how our project went. I think our team was very eager to complete this project and did a great job staying on track and working within the timeline. I also think that our team worked well to solve problems and pivoted when necessary. For example, when we were working on our ERD, we were having a hard time understanding the scope of the project, and all had slightly different ideas about what should be included in the project. We were able to work together to decide the best path forward and made an ERD that incorporated all of our ideas and better defined the scope of the project.

**Opportunities to improve:**

I think that the biggest area to improve in the future is better role definition. My biggest struggle was understanding the best way to contribute since the work was getting done so quickly and often in duplicate. If I could change how we worked on this, I would have started the week by discussing the milestones and deliverables and making a clearer plan for when these tasks would be completed and by whom. I noticed that one of the other groups had assigned roles to each group member at the beginning of the project, which seemed like an excellent way to divide the work and organize the project. Next time, I would take a similar approach. I also think that the group could have considered using other methods of communication like Zoom or phone calls to work through some of the more complicated problems that we encountered since it was sometimes challenging to keep up with what was happening on Discord and fully articulate my ideas.

**Future applications:**

This project felt like a great introduction to what working on tech-based projects as a team can look like. I have quite a bit of experience working on projects in different settings, from my time as a project coordinator and now as a manager in a retail setting. This project was built on the knowledge that I already had and applied it to a more technical setting and in a setting with my peers. Right now, I am used to being the planner and delegator for all my projects, so it was an interesting change of pace to work alongside my peers rather than in a supervisory capacity. This project also developed soft skills like communication, time management, and organization.