# Reflection

I believe reflections are necessary step in our quest to understand individual progress. It forces writer to walk down the memory lane and reflect on how it all started. Fortunately, I am filled with positive thoughts about Capstone I. I think I learned about many different aspects of developing a product over the course of this semester. I have learned about taking an idea and creating a business proposal, writing comprehensive plans, effective writing and effective communication for the work setting.

I think creating proposal document at the initial stage during the semester helped greatly with improvement and building on initial ideas. The initial document helped put together thoughts about the project in a paper. I got exposure to different writing approaches through feedback and using Project Management template made it much easier to breakdown thoughts in different sections. I think I have developed a compelling project proposal that 1) addresses business requirement, and 2) list down the details for what to come in Capstone II.

The most interesting discovery period throughout the semester was after the initial proposal and idea of the project. When I finalized that I will be working on Arkansas Movie database and not try to find an independent sponsor or project, that took off a lot of pressure on how to find something that’s meaningful. I truly enjoyed exploring different areas of website development learning more about different development platform including Rapid Application Development and other development tools. To me, the most challenging exercise was to be able to narrow down different development options and focus on one or two areas that will give me good learning experience along with meeting project requirement.

The second major aspect of the semester was creating the portfolio that covers different aspect of the learning experience including collecting different writings, analysis and other related areas. Learning about different tools such as GitHub, AWS, building a LinkedIn profile and effective resume writing was a great experience.

In the final weeks, I learned a lot about using different tools used for prototyping, resume formats, presenting ideas in a group setting. The feedback and positivity from Professors, Peers, and Sponsors alike made me feel very comfortable presenting my ideas. I think this exercise gave me an opportunity to summarize main points or the points that I really thought is important to share. For example, while creating presentation I learned the importance of describing problem areas before proposing an idea. I also learned the importance of using images instead of writing idea as points.

During these projects, I experienced significant improvements in my initial drafts and final submissions. With what I have learned so far, I think a good presenter is someone who can make audience think through the problem, and help them connect what may come next. It is an art, that, when done right keeps the audiences engage. I am sure I have a long way to learn the art of presenting but I felt good about my overall progress.

In conclusion, I think Capstone I is very well designed to make students ready for a work setting. I am excited about starting Capstone II and finish developing a product that hopefully meets the course requirement along with giving me plenty of opportunity to learn.