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I believe you should be ready to deal with versatile identity in a class especially when the class has students from various parts of the world. As a prospective graduate of Data Science and Analytics, after knowing the range of identities, I get an idea regarding the real data which I must deal with in future as a data scientist. Interestingly, I never thought about my personal identity as I never faced any issues regarding identity. That is why I learned a few unfamiliar terms by participating in the class activity of this course.

I describe myself as a mid-aged South Asian straight male. And I am a working-class Muslim from Bangladesh. Though I found a considerable number of members from my own groups, I prefer to deal with the members from other groups as it will help me to gain some versatile experience which will be beneficial for future work as a data scientist. I have been married for almost seven years. So, at this stage of life, I define myself as a husband along with my other roles like, child, sibling, friend etc. I believe these roles will help me to take enough mature decisions in future as a data scientist. Apart from that, I have worked for a couple of prominent IT companies for several years, and currently, I have been working at the Padnos College of engineering and Computing, Grand Valley State University, as a Graduate Assistant since August 2021. During this timeline, I have advanced knowledge in developing scopes, keeping projects moving, and ensuring a seamless experience for all the parties involved. Moreover, my previous experience afforded me a well-rounded skillset, including excellent relationship building and time management skills. Therefore, I am a bit confident for the future task as an aspiring data scientist.

In conclusion, I hope though there will be students of different identities, but everyone's goal will be the same for this class. So, as per my understanding, dealing with different identities should not be a problem for anyone.