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Reflection of Assignment 2

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Going into this assignment our group divided up the work into three portions. While each person was interconnected in each part, Sarah created the database and tables, Pat created the queries, and then Eddie wrote the reflection paper. We each worked on our separate piece but helped on the other two, so there was fluidity throughout our project. This fluidity helped us when we ran into issues during the project. Such as, when we originally created the database, our database consisted of 19 tables which made our database excessively large. Our group struggled with deciding on how big our database should be, since there were no specifications on the number of tables. We ultimately decided on 9 tables. Similarly, it was unclear how much work needed to be put into creating the database, which left it up to us on how we wanted to go about completing this project.

For the actual project itself, many things went well. To start, our database was well structured. This carried into our tables which were well organized and populated with useful, applicable data. However, one thing our group wished we could have improved was the specificity of the queries. Due to the fact that we had to create the database, we did not have as many columns as we would have liked. If we possessed more columns the queries would have been more specific and provided even more useful data than we already had. Although we encountered this slight issue the lack of columns was not magnified because our project was appropriately scoped and focused. Overall, our group was able to find useful information on PetSmart. This information changes the way our group perceives PetSmart and how they might use information similar ours to operate their company and make decisions.