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Project Narrative

This project was a great insight into how a project would be accomplished in the real world. On this project I learned a great deal in programming in PHP and using it to access a MySQL database. I helped my group complete HTML and PHP pages to access our SQL database in functions such as adding, updating, and deleting customers. I helped write the script to create and populate our database as well as running the script and dealing with any errors our script caused. I also helped in creating a way to browse the cruises available in our database based on cruise date and destination. I had a lot of help from Taylor and Jyoti on this project. Taylor did a lot of work making sure all the pages looked the same and designing the style of the page while also helping out with the PHP and HTML coding side. Jyoti had a lot of input and helped keep our group on the right track. She did a lot of PHP and HTML coding along with Taylor and I. The hardest part of this project was finding out that one of our group members was unreliable and then having to try and make up time doing the work we had thought he was going to accomplish. For me the best part of this project was learning the web based coding of HTML and PHP and what they can help you accomplish when combined because I am very interested in web design. Though one of the worst parts, other than our unreliable member, was trying to debug our HTML and PHP problems. Since there is not much information in the error messages provided. Considering our lack of a fourth reliable member I would say our project went fairly smooth. We had one set back with something not being completed but Taylor, Jyoti, and I came together to get back on track and to have a working project by the deadline. Overall I loved working with a group, it made the task seem more manageable and it always helps me to have someone else to ask for help on a coding project and to have someone keeping you on track. I have an easier time focusing and getting work done when I know that it is not just my grade on the line but someone else’s grade as well.

I liked the cruise ship idea as the focus of the project and I think this would be a good project to use in the future. I also think that something like booking an all expenses paid stay at a resort would be a good idea for a change up between semesters. It would be along the same lines as the cruise because you would have multiple different places with different room types and amenities that would come together to give you a final cost. You could also include plane travel and possibly renting a car as part of the project.