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Group #1

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**Journal Entry #5 6/5 – 6/11**

This week was pretty uneventful for my project. I created an epic and a few stories in Jira around UI design and the account creation process. I also created a Github website (mostly a placeholder) for the team app. The team and I briefly did some storyboarding after class on Thursday, and I also answered some technical questions.

The project charter is due today (Saturday) and the group leader told me I didn’t have to contribute to this assignment because I’ve already put in a lot more work on the project than anyone else. I really enjoy being on team where my technical opinions and standpoints are trusted and respected, although it kind of worries me because I don’t want to build and architect this app all by myself!

**Journal Entry #4 5/27 – 6/4**

My group and I are finally starting to get somewhere with our application. After a lot of research I decided to use the MEAN stack (MongoDB, Express, AngularJS, NodeJS) for development, Gulp for build tasks, and Amazon EC2 for hosting (pushed via Gulp task). I suggested this stack, and no one disagreed – I guess that means they’re: 1. Scared to disagree with me. 2. Think I’m really smart and will agree with whatever I think is best. 3. Don’t have any arguments to make because they’re not familiar with MEAN and Gulp. Anyway, I created a team Github repo and deployed some code and instructions! I guess we’ll see what happens ☺

As far as the tools presentation is concerned, mine is done! I came up with the idea, wrote the entire script, recorded the entire video by myself… My partner was mad at me when he couldn’t get it to run, even though the instructions were clearly written in my Github repo! When trying to upload the presentation to YouTube, I got flagged for copyright infringement for something at the end of the demo (The RickRoll song, haha)!

**Journal Entry #3 5/21 – 5/26**

Okay, this is my third journal entry and things are starting to get a little more interesting! We’ve finally decided on a group project, and we’re going with my idea! This week we’ve been brainstorming features. I got our team a cloud server, and set up a MongoDB backend. I also stood up an Asanna instance for the team, however I was really hoping to get my hands on Jira. Asanna isn’t nearly as functional. Finally, I set up a private Github repo for all of our code!

The tools presentation is complete, I put together a pretty cool docker demo! I’m just finishing up the editing, and Patrick is rehearsing! Our presentation should be pretty cool!

**Journal Entry #2 5/16 – 5/20**

This is my second journal entry, so here it goes… Still nothing too exciting has happened. My group decided on the teacher app from last week, despite my urge to go a more sensible direction. I told them I have 5 years of experience in the software industry (which I actually do!), but for some reason it doesn’t seem like they value my opinions/thoughts more than anyone else. I don’t know how, but they think this app can be finished before the semester ends. I would think anyone would prefer working on something that we could finish, and in turn display it on our resumes!

In regards to the tools presentation, things are on track! Patrick and I have evenly divided up the work load, and I’ve had a lot of fun playing around with Docker! I’m really excited for our presentations; I have a feeling it will be one of the best ones (or at least the most interesting) in the entire class!

**Journal Entry #1 5/9 – 5/13**

Okay, so this is my first journal entry. It is also the first completed week of the semester. Nothing too exciting has happened. I met my team however – They’re quite interesting, especially one of the team members who kept screaming that he wanted to create a computer virus and take down the internet. Everyone else wants to work on a student/teacher learning app, while I’d rather put our time and energy into a live bidding app for charity auctions or perhaps an online price comparison tool. I’m a little worried at this point. I know I have the most real world software development experience in the class, and no one on my team seems to know that or respect my personal opinion. The project my team wants to work on is a dumb idea, and technically difficult. Too bad there’s nothing I can do to change that.

This next week I intend to accomplish the first step of the tools project – build a Docker container, play around with it, and show it to Ted. As for the project, I intend to make the group switch to a better idea. Literally anything else. Weekly journal entries are a way for you to reflect on your progress in this class and your experience with your customer while the thoughts are fresh in your mind.