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Daily Log

Monday February 17

Loaded my simulation framework onto my computer. Opened it, ran the sample scenario just to make sure everything still worked as I remembered from the summer.

Tuesday February 18

Printed out a map of Mexico and the southwest border of the US. Used my articles that I had previously saved and did a little more original research to draw out the correct (and most frequently used) paths to the United States from El Salvador. A picture of the map is on the next page.

Friday February 21

(I wasn't in class on Thursday so I worked at home on Friday.) Started creating the node map in the simulation. I have 5 nodes so far, and need to continue to make it more complex with links to multiple nodes (instead of it just being linear as it is right now).

Timeline

| Date | Goal | Met |
|---------|---|--|
| Feb 3 | Continue working on the model and | Yes, I know a lot more about how to |
| | be almost done with it | improve the accuracy of my model |
| Feb 10 | Reduce percent error by at least 10 | Yes, I actually got the percent error to |
| | percent. | an average of 29.76 percent |
| Feb 17 | Start working on the simulation. Cre- | Yes, a picture of the map is on the next |
| | ate the queuing model and map on | page |
| | paper. | |
| Feb 24 | Make a list of all of the steps needed | |
| | to still complete the simulation and | |
| | finish the project and finish the first | |
| March 2 | Create a non-linear node model | |

Reflection

I'm really glad I started working on the simulation this week since this is the part of the project where I can display the results of the model in a meaningful way. Next week I need to make the model more complex, run it, and then figure out how to also incorporate the different ports into my model.

