I had really a wonderful experience working with my team members. Initially when the class was split into groups I didn’t expect myself to be with new faces. I hoped that I would be placed with my other Friends who have taken this subject and I even pleaded the professor to do so. But the professor said that time period for that is over and it should be a very good experience to work with new friends rather than sticking with the old ones. Initially I was hesitant. Then I gave my best and my teammates did the same too. Each one of us took the roles seriously and we didn’t slack off. We set our goal to finish the project and we finish before that too. The communication between each of us was impeccable. If anyone of s had any issues such as travel, family, or work we would let others know that either it will take time to join the others or we will contribute to the work later.

My role in the team is mostly a technical coverage guy. Be it pseudo code for the design, or developing a prototype for the application, it will come under my responsibility. It is not that others can’t do or won’t do, it’s just I initiated on taking these tasks. In all of the reports if there are any technologies that can be used or if there is a need for algorithms then I try to explain that or show the working methodology of it. When it came to implementing the design of the product into development I took the responsibility and then finished developing a working prototype too. Though few things are hard coded due to time constraint but I still feel good about the application developed.

The team performance is excellent if you grade as an overall performance. Each and every one of us have our own strength and weakness but using our strength we covered other’s weaknesses. So as a team we grew together without letting anyone down. I am proud of each individual in my team. We were so calm even when we reached deadline sometimes and each time one of us took initiative with the report and started doing it so the others can see and join when they feel that they can understand how it has to be done. We did all of our works online through either Google docs or presentation files. Before each assignment we created a Google sheet where we filled out our available time so others can see and join when they want to or they can do the respective work on their own pace. Finally we will see and get together one last time to verify and then go through the entire report and then we will submit.

I learned a lot from my teammates. I learned how to be creative, I learned how to handle tough questions and come up with right answers, I learned how to take initiatives and lead rather than blindly following what others are doing. I sincerely thank the professor for giving me such a good opportunity to learn and grow. I felt like not coming out of the comfort zone since I usually don’t know how to start interacting with strangers. But, it was pretty smooth and very helpful in the end.

Knowing how to compliment is a skill. And I learned that from my teammates. When someone came up with a good idea or solution then no one held their appreciations. If we find that few things are irrelevant in certain topics we provide suggestions for that topic but we don’t criticize their thoughts. Unless you are in their shoes you may not know how and why they are thinking the way they are thinking.

I thank ARTURO, GUADALUPE, KAREN and YONGSI, not only for being such a good teammate but also for being good friends. So far, this is the best team I have worked with apart from my friends and that’s my honest opinion. I wish them successful career and very good life.