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« Collaborative Discussion 1: Project Failures Study

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Summary Post

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This week, students were tasked with writing a summary post to conclude the discussion on software engineering project failures. In my post, I briefly covered the most frequent causes of failure, including underestimating and analysis errors, engagement, teamwork, and communications failures, as well as organisational and planning failures.

I've gained more knowledge about issues with project management and software development as a result of this discussion. Even when we are looking at the same scenario, I discovered that we can have different thoughts about what caused the project to fail. This supports the result by Lehtinen et al. (2014) that it is challenging to describe software project failures since different stakeholders have different viewpoints. To avoid repeating these errors in our own projects, it is important to be aware of the common causes of project failure.

References:

Lehtinen, A., Mäntylä, V., Vanhanen, J., Itkonen, J. & Lassenius, C. (2014) Perceived causes of software project failures – An analysis of their relationships. Information and Software Technology 56(6): 623–64

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