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After the poster presentation, we had our last call with our client scheduled for May 3rd before our final presentation in New York City on May 7th. In this call, we will get a chance to practice our presentation and get feedback from the management at Credit Suisse. I coordinated the last call for after our final exams as we all would be able to make use of this opportunity well. Since, our call is much later, we will get good time to use all of the help and prepare well.

In preparation for the call, we worked towards ensuring all slides are final and complete by taking in all feedbacks and inputs from our last class presentation and also from the poster presentation day. I communicated with the client on how our poster presentation went and also checked in for the future steps since our last week’s call was canceled. Since, all of our work was in the Credit Suisse virtual machine, we had constraints in sharing any written documentation we had put in there. Prior to our call on Friday, I contacted Mariem to understand how to setup WebX as per their convenience. I also confirmed all the steps of joining the call with her and what they would like us to highlight in our presentation so that we spend time on preparing ourselves well and all the other technical preparation is done in advance. I had a good discussion with her and I have communicated the general tips she gave to the team too.

As we are coming to an end of the class, I am only filled with gratitude for having such an amazing team to work with and a client that was so giving. We had our share of challenges, from starting off a little later than other groups because of our non-disclosure processes and access, to being able to only work off from the computers in the Pittsburgh building. We also faced a little slow-down with the data, as we didn’t have any dictionary to refer to and had to go through multiple check-ins and clarifications to verify our choice of variables. However, with a lot of support and patience from our client we went past through it and all of us helped each other to work towards getting our desired output. I am so thankful to my team members for always being so accommodative, supportive and extremely helpful. As the communications person, I had to strike a balance between coordinating the team’s availabilities with our client and accommodating any changes from both ways. I tried my best to remain on top of all email exchanges and was respectful of everyone’s schedules and planned in advance.

Credit Suisse has been a great learning experience. It had its share of challenges, but it was a rewarding one at the end of it. As a team, we constantly filled each other’s spaces, respected each other’s schedules and worked together extremely well. I hope we are able to transfer all our learnings effectively and successfully!