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Reflection Paper Week 3

When I was faced with the task of online collaboration and communication I ran into the problem of getting in touch with my group members and finding times to work together that did not conflict with our schedules. It's difficult because people who take online courses typically do not have a lot of free time to begin with and then when forced to work with others who have just of a restricted schedule, it becomes next to impossible. To solve this problem, it's best to be flexible with your free time and communicate well in advance. Waiting until the last minute to communicate with your group members and discuss schedules just increases the difficulty because people can be less flexible with their time if they already scheduled previous obligations. Online webcam meetings are also beneficial because they require less time and effort than meeting in person and more people can work their schedules around it. In the future, I am going to be the one to initiate communication with my group well in advanced so that we have more time and opportunities to get together and work. In the future, I plan to utilize the group chat app groupme and skype to help facilitate communication between multiple group members. I also just became aware of buckyemail calendar and plan to use this in the future when working on longer group projects that require a longer time span of communication and collaboration. I will practice keeping this calendar up to date so that when a group assignment does arise, my group members will be aware of my free time and obligations.