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Product Progress

Research Assessment 19

Assessment:

Calendar:

Now that my calendar is official, I have not had a problem staying on track with my calendar. The actual creation of the calendar was where I was behind schedule. My mentor and I got to meet with a video conference the Friday before Spring Break. I had planned to finalize it after the meeting, but it ran over thirty minutes and I had to rush to work. When I came home from work, I went to sleep as I had to wake up very early for my mission trip flight to Belize. In Belize, I had no wifi. Managing schedules was one of the greatest difficulties. Now the calendar is finalized, I have been following it, but all of my deadlines are pushed back farther than some other students, or at least I assume. I have not missed any deadlines on the calendar outside of the actual deadline for the calendar, but my first deadline is this Friday.

Progress:

I am a little concerned about one of my progress checkpoints for next week. I had set the goal of sending out information on what I am trying to do for my final product, a solution to combining the Magic Band with the new Star Wars hotel, to people at Disney and contact twenty people. The goal of this deadline was to help me to get in contact with someone who could officially use my solution or could send data or details in some way. I did not specify who I would contact and I am trying to contact a variety of levels and hope someone sends my information on or can help me. I had started to get concerned because my message is too lengthy for LinkedIn messaging and many who I try to connect with have yet to accept, likely because they do not know me. I have already begun the process of connecting and emailing, which is good as I have a headstart on the deadline.

Another achievement I am pleased with my mentor and I's bi-weekly progress updates. In real life, management consultants send color coded messages to their clients to communicate what they have done or what they are waiting for from the client. I will create bi-weekly reports once my mentor is back from her honeymoon with what I have completed, what I am working on and what I have not started yet. This is a good way to communicate and go about this project as a real consultant would.

What is Left:

I still have a lot to do before I can create a strong solution. I have finished the Magic Band research and will continue to work on contacting Disney professionals. The other deadlines I will complete in the future include a solutions brainstorm, innovation center visited, panel questions completed, panel conducted and finalized. Everything is going as planned. The only

thing that is slightly different than I expected was the panel would most likely be conducted over Skype Bridge because many management consultants will be out of state and they are more likely to say yes to the panel if it is from their home and they do not have to drive anywhere.

Mentor:

My mentor will take a large role in the administrative side of my project. She will reserve the design center and reach out to her co-workers who could be able to help me talk through the problem. Ms. Susan will also help me with finalizing solutions and apply her knowledge as a management consultant to the brainstorming process.