

Capstone Team Introduction - App Development for Analyzing Biological Networks

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Dear Ananda Mondal,

Thank you for your project proposal and for accepting to serve as a product owner for one of our Capstone projects. I am excited to inform you that your project proposal was well received by our students and there has been plenty of interest among them. As a result, the below students have joined your project. My students should have already gotten in touch with you and you guys should have had your introductory meeting and sprint 1 planning. Also, I am hoping that either you guys have already had your sprint 1 backlog grooming meeting yesterday or scheduled it for sometime early this week.

To make sure that there is no miscommunication, here is the list of students assigned to you and your project:

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Please note that all your Cap II students are expected to contribute to your project throughout the semester. In other words, they will be responsible for running the meetings, participating in the discussions, asking questions for clarifications, and in general, they are responsible for all the development activities, including, but not limited to, requirement elicitation, requirement analysis, system design, detailed design, coding, testing, deploying, as well as creating posters, videos, presentations slides, project documentation, and attending and presenting at the showcase towards the end of the semester. Note that each Cap II student is expected to work at least two hours per day for five days of the week on this project; so, please adjust your expectations of them accordingly.

Please keep in mind that as a product owner, you are only expected to provide my students with the requirements of the project, clarify any doubts, and confirm/reject their understanding/design/implementation. This means that basically, you should stay in the **WHAT** part of the project. You should **only charge the whole team** with what is expected of them to be done during each sprint of two weeks when you attend their sprint planning meetings. You must refrain from assigning tasks to individuals; only ask the whole team what is expected of them. The teams are supposed to be self-organizing and students should be motivated enough to do their parts themselves. You should never get to the business of who does what and let the whole team accept what they are charged with for each sprint and then figure out the **HOW** part and divide the work among themselves in a self-managed manner.

Note that my students are not being paid to develop a software solution for you. In fact, they are paying tuition to take this course. So, if in the end, no matter how much you have motivated them and how much I have done that too, they decide to fail the class or get a lower grade, it is really their choice, and we should respect that.

Lastly, I am going to provide you with a copy of what you agreed when you submitted your proposal. So, please make sure to comply so that we have a really fruitful and successful semester ahead of ourselves.

Throughout the semester, from the beginning to the end, I will commit to providing the students with the requirements of the project, I will commit to making myself available to meet with the students assigned to me at least once a week either remotely or in person, I will commit to answering the students' questions and clarify the requirements on a daily basis, and I will commit to providing weekly feedback regarding students' performance and the project progress.

Once again, many thanks for your service. I am very excited to work with you closely throughout the semester and I am sure that my students are excited too. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,
-Masoud

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