Behavior in Groups

Discussion: Behavior in Groups

Consider our scenario:

Three students---Alice, Bob, and Carlos---are working on a class assignment. When integrating their parts of the project, Bob says he doesn't understand Alice's code, and so he does not want to include it. Alice replies that Carlos had no issues reading her code, and Carlos agrees that he read through Alice's code and thought it was clear and correct. Bob says he already rewrote Alice's code and wants to include his version instead of hers.

Groups are fundamental to CS experience

- You will be working and programming in teams at UT and beyond
- Your actions affect others!
- Thus, it is essential that you learn how to behave appropriately in a group
- It's important to:
  - Your reputation
  - Your fellow group members
  - Society
- Two main pieces:
  - How you act within the group
  - How you act as part of the group

Appropriate or not?

A for yes

B for no

Guidelines for Group Interaction

Consider:

- Behavior within the group
- Behavior as a group

Acting Within a Group

- Arrive prepared and on time
- Pay attention when someone is talking
  - Don't interrupt
  - If you notice someone within your group being interrupted, speak up
- Pay attention when someone is coding
  - Split driving evenly
  - Don't grab the keyboard
  - If you're driving, listen for input
- Keep it professional
  - Maintain personal space (no touching!)
  - Don't ask your groupmates out (if you insist, wait until the project is over)

Acting as a Group

- Maintain high standards and integrity
  - Watch for rationalizations and group think

- Avoid characterizing people outside the group as "other"
  - Can lead to harm and bullying

- Be inclusive of those inside the group
  - Make sure everyone feels respected and included

Next up: Welcoming Environments!