Good Evening Class,

My name is Ryan Simpson and I am a senior here at Alliance majoring in Information Technology. I am a great visual learner who loves to work with computer hardware and data software. I got my passion for technology from my dad, after watching him use every piece of tech in church and turn them into his greatest strength. I had the same urge to tinker as a young teenager and took it upon myself to build my first computer when I was sixteen. Since then computers have always been my strong suit and hopefully, in a few short months, it will become my career.

Throughout my life, I have encountered plenty of situations where I had to work in a group. For instance, my favorite activity in high school was appointing myself as the group's de facto leader and delegating work to all my classmates. I can't see myself doing something like that now, it seems the desire to win that all the best leaders possess had left me as I got older. I am still a very engaged and effective teammate, as I am not afraid to take on harder challenges and enjoy discussions with others. It is sometimes difficult to delegate work to others and still carry your portion of the final product. I will often become more worried about team cohesion and positive communication than the actual job at hand. Although I just want to ensure a safe and productive work environment, it is easy to become stressed with the individuals of a group and lose sight of the end goal. I get nervous when placing trust in others as I like to be in control of every part of an assignment I submitted. However, I find working in a group pleasant as it's nice to have other people to bounce ideas off of.

I pride myself on being a calm and level-headed person, who is not easily angered by changes in plans or obstacles. However, my ideal work environment is one that is well-planned and relies on open discussion. I talk to myself a lot when I think and sometimes cannot plan silently, I need a group that responds and compliments a discussion of ideas and talks through solutions to our problems verbally.

Although I feel as though I am helpful in all aspects of a group, my favorite skills are peer reviewing others' work for sentence structure and grammar errors, brainstorming broad concepts, and delegating tasks. As previously stated I also like to focus on team cohesion and making sure that all discussion is constructive or encouraging. Ultimately I feel as though constructive talks between team members lead to better results and gained experience.

This term is an important one for me as it is my last semester here at Alliance University before I graduate in May. I was originally supposed to graduate a year later but I decided to make the push and get my degree early. I hope to end with another 4.0 semester and bring up my final graduating GPA as well as learn about the importance of business communication as I take my first steps into my IT career.