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Reflection 3: Feedback

Giving and receiving feedback is a major part of the research cycle. It can allow us to fill in the gaps of knowledge we have when constructing our work, enabling us to create a more wholistic final product. As my stint in CODES continues, I have become more open to feedback; seeing it helpful too for me to utilize when developing my research as opposed to criticism. Consequently, I can give better feedback to my team, as I can utilize my unique knowledge base to better inform their individual parts of the research. This reciprocal process has become a key element in helping my team and I realize our goals with respect to JJKFAN and the greater research community.

The means in which feedback is conveyed is a key element to its interpretation and realization. Within our group, there are three main ways that we use to communicate: email, text messaging, and verbal communication. Within these channels, there is an unofficial “hierarchy” of importance, with email being the most important and direct while verbal communication may be a simple suggestion. Although this has not been explicitly stated, this hierarchy has been naturally assumed as our project has grown and changed. With this, the feedback cycle can be streamlined, with critical aspects being worked on first and offhand recommendations naturally being presented and changed on the fly.

Personally speaking, I am very open minded in relation to the feedback cycle; giving and receiving feedback in equal measures and viewing recommendations as helpful. However, this does not mean that I automatically change my work when given feedback. I find that in many cases, instead of deleting or adding new sections into my work, simply elaborating on what I'm working on and clarifying my points can assist both my group and I in our research projects. By doing this, my team can build off my work and better realize the goals of our research.

Feedback is an essential component in the ever-changing landscape of research. With the introduction of new data and changing goals, being able to convey and digest feedback is critical to the success of a research project. With that being said, I believe that our team is on the path to success as we continue to grow our knowledge base.