

Principles and Practices for Teamwork in the IS Program

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Abstract

Teamwork and collaboration enable organizations to identify and exploit new opportunities, increase the pace of innovation, and reduce time to market. Skills in teamwork and collaboration are a necessity for IS students specifically because of their expected roles in helping organizations harness digital technologies.

Yet business and IS students often push back against team projects in their courses. There are myriad contributing factors, such as time pressure and grade concerns. In many cases, team projects degenerate into 1-2 team members doing most of the work, which reduces individual and team learning and results in unequal distribution of the team's work.

How do we effectively integrate teamwork into IS courses? The forum will share principles and practices from an ongoing inquiry team composed of faculty teaching undergraduate and graduate business and IS students. The session is intended to be highly interactive and pragmatic, so attendees can share their own practices and provide feedback. A concept map will be presented and updated as an organizing framework for the discussion.