

**May 24**

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mcl5 = Mark  
lingching1988 = Alice  
phoenixfb = Serge  
shahanah.s = Shahana

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mcl5: hello =)  
lingching1988: hello  
how's your weekend :)  
mcl5: mostly spent reading and writing assignments =)  
lingching1988: ah, that sounds FUN  
mcl5: oh yes - its thrilling!  
lingching1988: hehe.  
serge may not be able to make it to tonight's meeting because he's checking out an apartment in new westminster but he will try to get home asap  
mcl5: ok  
lingching1988: um..then,  
lol  
what are your thoughts on the new group?  
mcl5: Somewhat wary - I feel like this one has some problematic biases =)  
need to be careful what we make  
lingching1988: ah.  
yes.  
were you able to look over the items we plan on using?  
mcl5: yeah - has the TA said anything yet?  
lingching1988: she sent 2 emails  
did you get the 2nd?  
i didn't  
shahanah had to forward it  
if you don't have it, i can forward it to you  
anna asked for justifications for each item..  
so shahanah sent over the reasoning..anna seemed to like it :)  
mcl5: oh ok  
I have no emails at all =)  
lingching1988: eh?  
there were the 2 from ta  
i'll forward them to you  
mcl5: The only one I received was the one that Shahana put on the doc  
lingching1988: hm..  
odd..  
shahanah also sent you a sms text yesterday night  
or i think it was yesterday night..  
mcl5: didn't get that either...  
yay! communication breakdown in the 2nd week! awesome  
'  
I'll recheck my contact info  
lingching1988: i forwarded you the email.  
so you did not get shahanah's email for the item list after our thursday meeting?  
mcl5: nope  
lingching1988: subject heading = "IAT333 Probe List - Wednesday Lab"  
that's odd..i see you as "cc"

being cc-ed  
so should ahve received :S  
...  
:(  
mcl5: have people been sending the emails to mcl5 or mc15?  
lingching1988: mcl19?  
lol  
...  
mcl5: a common problem I have is my email address using an L where a 1 might be =)  
lingching1988: oh.  
um...  
then your email is..  
mc15? or mcl5?  
ok..mcl5  
i forwarded you the email  
oi..no wonder you didn't receive the emails ....  
mcl5: yay - got it =)  
I'll add a note and send out an email to notify people  
lingching1988: oi.  
check over the items and tell us what you think :)  
hehe  
mcl5: sent out an email to clear that up =)  
and taking another look =)  
lingching1988: all right :)  
mcl5: yeah, she seems to have seen a lot of the problems I did =)  
by and large the same items as the sample probe, with a heavy reliance on daily tasks  
the descriptions I read on the doc didn't really sell me on them to be honest =)  
have we already deployed? or do we want to change the items?  
lingching1988: hi.back.sorry  
i'm at work so i might be away from the computer at times  
i.e., like now.  
mcl5: np  
is shahana coming?  
or is she sitting today out?  
lingching1988: shahanah is avaiable on saturdays :(  
there are 2 items i haven't purchased yet  
the notebooks + highlighters..  
i kind of want a more creative item than a .. noteobok ;(  
mcl5: I still haven't been sold on any of the materials  
the box that you decorate I like on principle, but the execution is important  
lingching1988: yes.  
i agree  
mcl5: and I don't think the description given for execution really works for me  
lingching1988: how would you do it?  
i thought shahanah just wrote what you explained in class  
lab  
mcl5: just give them the box and write "decorate me" on the inside  
lingching1988: oh..tha'ts what she wrote?  
lol.  
mcl5: if they ask, tell them to use their imaginations  
lingching1988: ah.  
ok.  
:)  
should make note of that on the doc

mcl5: nah, she wrote that we would tell them why the box is blank =)  
just give them a blank box and tell them we want them to decorate it  
I'd prefer you get the box to ask them =)  
lingching1988: ??  
i get the box/  
mcl5: ?  
lingching1988: i don't know..i was confused with a sentence you typed  
"I'd prefer you get the box to ask them =)"  
mcl5: what I mean is that there is a difference between us telling them what to do with an empty box, and us  
writing "decorate me" on the box  
If we ask them to decorate the box, that's an assignment  
a box that says "decorate me" is asking to be decorated  
We aren't telling them to decorate the box, the box is asking them to decorate it  
does that make sense?  
not sure =)  
lingching1988: oh right  
i understand  
just give them the box  
don't ask them to do anything with the box  
"the box will tell them what to do"  
?  
kind of idea?  
mcl5: pretty much, but to prod them along we can write "decorate me" on the inside the spark the idea  
the less we tell them, the more creative they can be =)  
lingching1988: ah yesss  
"show, don't tell"  
:D  
i get it :)  
they're planning on deploying the packages on monday  
the "leader" of the group has said ok :)  
mcl5: yay =)  
the worry I have is that I'm not really sold on anything save the box  
and even then, I have different reasons for backing it than she does =)  
lingching1988: ok..  
i'll try to .. explain?  
shahanah came up with some of them  
lol  
i don't remember which ones i came up with...  
mcl5: I guess it's just that I remain unsold with the justifications she gave  
The TA raised a lot of the issues I noticed though  
I'll write them up  
lingching1988: ok :)  
sounds good  
mcl5: got it in the week 2 section  
lingching1988: ahok  
will check it out  
i was able to answer the first question  
there will be one camera per package :)  
mcl5: yay =)  
lingching1988: we're planning on wrapping it so it looks generic (white maybe)  
mcl5: added 1 more =)  
I copied Shahana's paragraph to the TA, so you can see where I got the impression from point 7  
lingching1988: OH :S  
nono to shahanah's explanation :(

that wouldn't be good ;(  
telling them to decorate  
mcl5: hence my concern =)  
moved the point you were editing to #2  
and rephrased 6  
sorry, rephrased 5 =)  
Meh. screwed with the numbers again. The tin foil one  
I added a note for the notepad as number 5, so the tin foil one is now 6  
=====

since your last comment I added 5 and changed 6  
lingching1988: lol.ok  
will check over  
h.  
ah.  
kk  
mcl5: thought my rambling wouldn't be clear when you came back =)  
so put it out boldly =)  
lingching1988: i believe the map was to determine where the participants travel  
lolXD  
it's all right  
i'm not confused .... YET  
:P  
mcl5: mwhahahaha!  
=)

lingching1988: would have justifications for the items you're concerned with?  
or maybe see a reason why they may be included in the package?  
mcl5: Well, I see a reason for the map, camera and notebook, but the more tasks we have per day the more  
overloaded the people may feel  
worried they may work together to undermine each other  
that worry counters their justifications in many ways  
perhaps I should rephrase 3 =)  
there

lingching1988: ah..i see wher eyou're coming from  
i agree that too many items may backfire..  
mcl5: turned it into 3 points =)  
yeah, I'm worried about many of the objects =)  
I like the box idea, and I like the others as well, but not necessarily all at once, and with Sha's justifications  
mcl5 has opened the document.  
mcl5 has left.  
mcl5: ooh, if I open the document twice I appear twice =)  
lingching1988: lol..being in two places at onceXD  
i think 4 items would be enough  
too many might not work :(  
mcl5 has opened the document.  
lingching1988: which items do you think are the strongest?  
mcl5 has left.  
lingching1988: or we can get hte most out of?  
mcl5: The box is still a strong item, keeping that is a good idea  
I think we should add at least 1 item that tests the group dynamic  
as for the 4 daily tasks, I suggest we choose 1 and drop the others  
though that would leave us with only 3 items  
If we wanted a fourth, I'd suggest looking for some way to see each person's relationship to the group  
and the people in it  
We could keep items, but we'd need to re-purpose them in a way that makes sense

added a link in the meeting doc to the concerns here

mcl5 has opened the document.

lingching1988: i like box too

mcl5 has left.

mcl5 has opened the document.

lingching1988: i think for the purpose, we wanted to get to know their life outside the group.

and b/c we're only selecting 4 ppl..

would group dynamics be accurately measured?

mcl5: remember the paper stand that I suggested for the improv group?

the aim of that was to be a group probe

we only deploy 1 and the group uses it

the TA mentioned it in her email - I'll copy paste

mcl5 has left.

mcl5: no I haven't you silly document

lingching1988: ohh

ok.

so you'd like to have the giant note stand?

mcl5: nah, I suggested that for the improv group because they would probably use it as a prop

not sure what we want to use for these guys, as I don't really know the group dynamic

lingching1988: lol

me neither :S

the box is great.

hm.

i dont really want the notepad?

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to write down how they solved their problems.

i think that's too much of a task..

not for fun

mcl5: ok

not sure about the tin foil myself - though we could just put it in there and say nothing

see what happens =)

lingching1988: yea

that was what i was thinking tooXD

they can use it to help with their decoration...

or just make things out of it

or just leave it thereXD

or throw it outXD

lol

that'll tell us something about themXD

lol

mcl5: so, camera or map?

and what will be the task of either?

well, we could use both, and make the map a group activity

but then I'm worried about the whole "reusing the sample objects" thing

lingching1988: yea.

i understand.

prof can say we're not being original..

maybe camera would be better

b/c the cameras are already boughtXD

lol

mcl5: well that works =)

what will their task be?

or will we even have one?

lingching1988: um.

maybe a list of things they can take..  
each camera can take 27 ipctures  
maybe 5-10 can be more specific..where they have to go out and look for those things..  
while the remaining shots can be whatever they like  
things they like..dislike..  
mcl5: I'm going to look at the sample again - 1 moment  
also wrote up some meeting notes on the other doc  
lingching1988: ok.  
mcl5: all right, I refreshed myself  
I'll copy what Sha wrote  
lingching1988: what do oyu think of hte jsutificaton?  
i think it's decent.  
but can use some revision to make it sound .. better :D  
mcl5: I agree with both those points =)  
Also, we may want to elaborate on the points. Choosing what ones we want  
lingching1988: yea.  
agreed  
mcl5: Any ideas?  
phoenixtbf has opened the document.  
phoenixtbf: hihi  
mcl5: hello =)  
phoenixtbf: hows it going?  
mcl5: Well, 3 things have happened thus far  
first, we realized that everyone was emailing me at mc15@sfu.ca instead of my ACTUAL email at mcl5  
so I sent out an email clarifying that  
phoenixtbf: yeaah i saw that >\_<  
mcl5: then I wrote up some concerns I had about the probe items and we discussed them  
Thus far we both think the box is a good idea  
phoenixtbf: yay  
mcl5: but I remain unconvinced on any of the other items  
take a look at what I wrote up - I'd like to hear your thoughts too =)  
phoenixtbf: kk reading  
shahanah.s has opened the document.  
phoenixtbf: hahanah! :O  
mcl5: yay - everybody is here =)  
phoenixtbf has opened the document.  
phoenixtbf has left.  
lingching1988: hey.sorry i got to go..  
time to close  
mcl5: oh all right  
lingching1988: i'll be back online in about an hour :D  
phoenixtbf: okie get home safe!  
mcl5: meeting notes are on the meeting notes doc  
lingching1988: kk..see you all in a bit :)  
lingching1988 has left.  
shahanah.s: why is the notepad removed..  
and we already planned how they would use the camera  
mcl5: multiple reasons  
shahanah.s: which would be..  
mcl5: 1 moment - can only type so fast =)  
first we were concerned that we were asking for far too many daily tasks for it to be an enjoyable experience. second,  
because we were concerned that reusing items from the sample package would be considered unoriginal, and third  
because neither of us really thought it felt fun as an idea  
as for the camera, you never told me your plans =)

so I am asking for them =)

shahanah.s: serge just explained it.

mcl5: have you looked over my concerns?

shahanah.s: yes

mcl5: thoughts?

shahanah.s: The tin foil idea, Anna approved and thought we should keep it

mcl5: I got the impression she just wanted us to choose new ideas

shahanah.s: Reusing items will not make us appear "less creative"

its how we use the items

lol

no

she said the items such as the box and tin foil are unique, and we could try finding one more original item to put into the box

mcl5: look at point 5 though

shahanah.s: she said the others are fine too, though they do duplicate somewhat to the examples, so we have to further develop them

mcl5: she mentioned it too, and I'll stand by it

shahanah.s: alright.

well we also have an affirmation bottle as well

that anna suggested we should try

mcl5: I have heard nothing of this - could you clarify?

shahanah.s: similar idea of how they use the bible to find positivity, and reuse quotes in their life

write down things similar to that

put it in a bottle

Sorry mark, I sent you a text yesterday from the phone number you put on the google doc so...i Don't know if you jsut made a mistake with the number or..

cause it says you didn't recieve it.

:S

mcl5: my email doesnt have a 1 in it =)

we noticed that at the beginning of the meeting - my email is mcl5, not mc15 =)

so most of the emails never reached me =)

shahanah.s: yes i got that...from the e-mail you sent 2 hours ago

thanks.

mcl5: sigh, I'm not trying to annoy you Shahana - the inflection just doesn't translate well to text

shahanah.s: huh?

mcl5: My phone wasn't working yesterday either - I had to call up my mobile provider to get it fixed

shahanah.s: Alright

mcl5: well, both seem to be in order now, so communications should work again =)

phoenixfb: k im gonna be on and off from here i realized ive got an assignment due tomorrow for my dist. ed course

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mcl5: whee

are there any thoughts on the concerns I raised?

phoenixfb: i cant really say much about 3 and 4 since some of the sample probes can not be "outdone" better, like the camera and noones judging our creativity at this point, it is what we do with the information we get that matters

mcl5: my concern is we haven't said what info we hope to get

and the overwork part

if we can solve those then the creativity becomes a minor issue

shahanah.s: but we outline what we wanted to get

from the items

in the meeting notes

thats basically how Anna got a better idea of what we want to do from the 2nd e-mail

mcl5: from what I read the camera is meant to uncover base assumptions amongst group members, the map is meant to get an idea of where they go and the notepad is a wildcard which we are uncertain about

the camera is a decent idea - we could learn a lot from that - but we need for info on what assumptions we want to test

the maps are ok, but I'm worried that they require too many details, or daily maintenance and I don't see anything really justifying the notebook needs to be developed a bit =)

hello?

?

phoenixfb: yup yup we're thinking of it

shahanah.s: how did you want to develop the notebook

mcl5: Take a look at point 6, it basically raises my initial concerns

making up a transcript of the conversation if we need it later

was going to put it on a separate doc, we're pushing 8 pages of size 9 Arial right now should I do so?

shahanah.s: we developed the notepad idea in the meeting notes that do answer those questions...

the idea of the notepad was for them to express problems they encountered wherever in the day and communicate how they solved or how they would've solved it

its like the diary idea, yes, used in the example, but we're developing it in a way where they can communicate it down anyway they want

if they leave it blank..they leave it blank

seeing how they communicate their different problems, tells us how they physically draw out a way of solving problems

rather telling us verbally..

lingching1988 has opened the document.

lingching1988: hellows

i'm back:D

mcl5: Alice is back!

lingching1988: and home

mcl5: yay =)

we are debating on whether to have to notebook in the package or not

I shared the minutes with everyone

the ones I shared are rather long though, the notes page is probably better

lingching1988: lol.

currently reading the transcript..

mcl5: yeah, its long =)

phoenixfb: im typing an idea for the "group dynamics" probe down at the bottom

lingching1988: ah..

ok

ok.about the notebook.

maybe instead of asking them to write it down

not going too specific

maybe just ask them to "mark" it down somehow

shahanah.s: mark down...

lingching1988: oh nvm..the notebook has been removed from package..

shahanah.s: lol yup.

lingching1988: ah..the house idea is interesting

friends/groups in the group tend to stay together

if someone sees their friend place a themselves or something in a specific area, they follow

phoenixfb: ^ exactly

lingching1988: is there significance about why it's a house?

symbolize "the house of god"?

hehe.

xD

phoenixfb: ugh

lingching1988: sorry..was not intended to offend anyone.  
phoenixfb: no hahaha  
lingching1988: mark...thoughts on the house idea?  
could that be considered as "group dynamics"  
phoenixfb: its a basic representation of a group in psychological trainings/tests  
mcl5: sounds interesting  
shahanah.s: and fun activity  
mcl5: should we give them some furnature cutouts?  
tell them to assign them to people?  
shahanah.s: isnt that limiting them.  
mcl5: oh sorry, I misread  
I like the idea =)  
phoenixfb: hmm simpler, the better in this case, because the emptiness of the house is supposed to provoke the group(if its a well functioning group) to fill it with stuff  
lingching1988: hm  
we're going to have to BUILD A HOUSEE  
XD  
shahanah.s: no  
lingching1988: whoppie  
shahanah.s: draw  
lingching1988: oh  
draw  
XD  
ok  
shahanah.s: haha  
yeah  
mcl5: aw crap =D  
shahanah.s: so we need to buy a poster  
and outline a house  
lingching1988: we can buy that in surrey central  
shahanah.s: yeah  
lingching1988: central city  
i believe dollar store has them.  
if not, we can go to zellers :D  
phoenixfb: ahh nah, sha. you got those big drawing pads for 208 i was thihnking of a paper that size  
shahanah.s: o0o0  
mcl5: worst case we make our own and print it on 8x11 sheets  
massive pasting!  
shahanah.s: is the posters sizes not the same size?  
their relatively close  
mcl5: just if we don't want to pay for 2 posters  
lingching1988: who's good at drawing?  
i thought it was just one giant house on a poster board..  
shahanah.s: its only 2 dollars..  
lol  
mcl5: oh ok - handdraw =)  
lingching1988: 1.12 :P  
shahanah.s: yeah it is a giant house on a poster board  
lol  
mcl5: much simpler =)  
I was going far too overboard =p  
shahanah.s: this item helps answer both group dynamics and member relationships  
we basically knocked two of them in one item  
lingching1988: great!

it's a great item

phoenixfb: pretty much, and we'll be able to see more about interpersonal relationships inside the group... if there are any, and if the group actually is successful as a group...

lingching1988: yes

i LIKE it!

fantasiccc

it's so awesome:D

phoenixfb: BUT

theres on thing tho about this exercise its quite important who draws first maybe... it would be better if the leader of the group did not draw her self there, but rather, let the group decide where they see her

lingching1988: possible approach

sounds like a board game now :)

mcl5: Do we want to provide utensils for drawing?

and what ones do we use?

perminant markers are different from pencils after all =)

lingching1988: quite different

mcl5: or we could provide post-its and they could move those around

or pieces of paper and post-it glue so they can make their own cutouts

lingching1988: i'm not familiar with the post it glue stuff

so not sure how that works :(

mcl5: its basically a type of adhesive you can get. Its weak, like a post-it's adhesive

turn any piece of paper into a post it

haven't used any in years, so we'd have to look around if we wanted to use it

shahanah.s: i dont think we'd have time for it

mcl5: quite possible, but worth noting =)

we could also just use paper and gluesticks when they decided on a spot

lingching1988: lol

shahanah.s: yeah..

lingching1988: maybe have the house..

phoenixfb: hmm another thing to keep in mind, will they have time for a lengthy exercise? if their meeting are structured, there may be only a short time frame that they might be able to spare for this

mcl5: or just provide pencils and a lot of erasers

lingching1988: do we know how many ppl are int he group?

shahanah.s: 6 or more

at least

but we're using 4

lingching1988: ah.

shahanah.s: yeah

lingching1988: but for the group dynamics..that'll require the whole group

shahanah.s: there will be enough people

we can explain when to use it

lingching1988: maybe just have it "hang" on the board or something (if they have one)..

and whenever they have time, go and do it

before/after group meetings

they have a few days.so no rush

shahanah.s: that makes sense

phoenixfb: +1^

haha

mcl5: what about adding one thing every meeting?

shahanah.s: doesnt that become a chore.

mcl5: put some colored pencils below

the nature of the activity helps combat that

phoenixfb: that would become a "snapshot" of each meeting, when we want to get a general idea of the group////

mcl5: I add a mustache to your figure =)

lingching1988: to add something..would that be the leader's job?  
mcl5: well, just put it up and say add another object whenever you feel like it  
some may take to it, others won't  
hmm... I wonder who will?  
lingching1988: hm.  
it may make the proces a little more..complicated?  
mcl5: hmm...  
what if we just give them the poster and tell them that its the design for their new club headquarters  
and when we get back we want to see what it'll look like  
be sure to put yourselves inside!  
let them manage the rest  
shahanah.s: i like the house idea better  
they can identify with it better  
mcl5: I'm not going for the different skin  
I'm saying, let them handle when they do it  
we don't need to  
lingching1988: erm.  
mark's idea is good.  
but it seems more like a task to them now though  
well, i think it does  
because you're teling them to do this..and you BETTER do it when we come back :P  
mcl5: so either it happens in the meeting or it becomes a task =)  
but the task thing is mainly a matter of how you present it I suppose  
lingching1988: happens before, during or after meeting  
so they can do it on their free time..  
"free"  
or when they feel comfortable  
mcl5: pretty much  
it can still be a house drawing, I'm not trying to rule that out  
but why are we worried about time when they have a week?  
and they don't have to do anything?  
no result is still a result after all  
have I scared everyone away? =(  
lingching1988: lol  
nono  
sorry..multi-tasking  
i have a few meetings going on rightnowXD  
mcl5: :)  
lingching1988: um.  
hard to say what to do..  
phoenixtfb: i guess we can leave it with them for the week and then collect with the items  
shahanah.s: yeah  
theres not much to say for instructions  
mcl5: I like the idea, I don't want to crush it with a slightly different presentation =)  
shahanah.s: for when they need to create something  
lingching1988: i think for the heck of it, just leave out as much instruction as possible? :(  
mcl5: well the idea is to open a dialogue right?  
do what you think is best  
lingching1988: yea..  
dialogue..  
shahanah.s: lol...  
lingching1988: but..to do that  
that should be done during group meeting time?  
i.e., have it on the table..

everyone huddle and do their thing  
shahanah.s: yeah  
lingching1988: would they have time for that?  
shahanah.s: thats the point of the activity  
mcl5: for me that would be ideal, but not strictly necessary  
shahanah.s: wellt hats why we inform them  
whenever they feel as a collaborative they want to do an ice breaker  
mcl5: if I draw a mustache on bob's guy that says something about the group too =)  
shahanah.s: this could be an oppotunity  
\*\*opportunity  
lingching1988: ok.?  
shahanah.s: :S  
mcl5: I have to go now - I need to get up early for work tomorrow  
but I leave it in your capable hands =)  
lingching1988: we'll be meeting tomorrow  
shahanah and i  
to work ont he probe :)  
and documenting  
mcl5: I'll come online if I can after work  
shahanah.s: yeah..  
we're deploying Monday  
well I think Serge and I are  
Monday night  
so we have to finish ti tomorrow regardless.  
mcl5: all right  
lingching1988: yea..  
mcl5: keep me posted if you can  
lingching1988: we'll keep you updated  
mcl5: =)  
shahanah.s: Right.  
mcl5: don't forget to get the minutes for today after I go =)  
lingching1988: NOW that we have the proper email  
XD  
mcl5: lol  
lingching1988: what minutes?  
i dont know what that meansXD  
lol  
shahanah.s: yeah..what minutes?  
mcl5: sorry, the transcript  
lingching1988: ohh  
ok  
sure thing ;)  
shahanah.s: right..  
lingching1988: i'll take care of that  
:D  
mcl5: I've been doing a short summary on the notes page, you can do that if you want but I'm not going to force you  
guys =)  
shahanah.s: what notes  
the notes are right here...  
lingching1988: ah  
shahanah.s: lol  
lingching1988: i think i know  
mcl5: the other doc  
lingching1988: "things accomplished' thing?

mcl5: yeah  
anyway, I'll leave you to it =)  
later  
lingching1988: kk  
good night :)  
**shahanah.s**: cause the poster is a seperate item from the packages.....right?  
lingching1988: a little?  
somewhat  
we're still probing..  
**shahanah.s**: like its nto physically in the package  
lingching1988: just not for the individual  
**shahanah.s**: ah gotcha  
lingching1988: ah  
gotcha  
hm.  
we were suppose to come up with interview questions today..  
lol  
:S  
**shahanah.s**: we can do that tomorrow  
as we're packaging  
it'll be more clear  
once we have our official items list  
...which i thought we finished already..lol  
lingching1988: lol..  
:S  
apparently notXD  
**shahanah.s**: yea..  
we could still do the emotional ribbon thinger  
where we give them 4 different colours  
and let them tie the colours in any pattern they want..  
or the individual ribbons can represent something  
or is that too much  
lingching1988: that may be a little toomuch ;(  
:(  
**shahanah.s**: yeah..  
okay well i'm reseraching  
cultural probe packages  
online haha  
and it says as a post investigation, that we should interview each participant about their package  
i'm starting tot think that maybe a digital camera might be more efficient.....  
but i'm not sure  
lingching1988: to record the interviews?  
**shahanah.s**: no to give them  
actually nvm  
hha  
i'm just worried aboutt hat ticker..  
on the disposable camera  
lingching1988: hm.  
**shahanah.s**: cause then we have to recontact them if we don't know what the photo is referring to  
lingching1988: we might have to do a numbering system thing?  
so we know which picture refers to which thingy?  
**shahanah.s**: yeah  
but what if they dont remember  
i got an idea

okay  
say we give them  
que cards  
and  
each of them have  
the 5 senses onthem  
smell, taste, hear, touch and sight  
and they have to describe anything they want to  
using the 5 senses  
like for instance  
lingching1988: tha'ts interesting too  
5 senses.  
**shahanah.s:** or even one card  
that has placement for mroe than one thing in each sense  
for the matter of 5 days  
**phoenixfb:** sowry im working on my kin assignment >\_<  
lingching1988: it'sok  
**phoenixfb:** what am i missing :D  
lingching1988: i'm working my 343XD  
lol  
**shahanah.s:** so like smells can be coffee, vanilla, manure, flowers, chinese food haha  
anything  
but using their senses what did they explore  
it'll give us a sense about their senses  
haha  
i think we need an item where it explore their life like who they personally are  
lingching1988: lol  
**shahanah.s:** oh btw alice, the mall closes at 5 or 6 tomorrow, we will have to shop fast haha if we need stuff  
lingching1988: lol  
oh right  
so we shold come up wiht a final list of things we have to buy  
then when we get to school..go shopping crazy  
**shahanah.s:** yeah  
and then make all the stuff  
photo graph it  
lingching1988: erm..what time do you think we'll be done?  
**shahanah.s:** make instructions...  
haha  
lingching1988: i kinda have to get back to work :(  
lol.  
sigh.  
**shahanah.s:** what?  
lingching1988: i'm.."skipping" work  
lol  
**shahanah.s:** tomororw?  
lingching1988: yes  
tomorrow  
**shahanah.s:** oh..  
wait what  
haha  
lingching1988: ok.  
**shahanah.s:** so you're not going...  
lingching1988: um..  
tomorrow

i have 343 filming thing  
maybe won't take as long as i thought  
**shahanah.s:** okay  
lingching1988: maybe to...1-2pm  
**shahanah.s:** okay  
yeah  
lingching1988: do you think we'll be done by...5-6?  
**shahanah.s:** we can meet after no problem  
oh.  
i highly doubt..so haha  
but if anything i'll just finish it  
cause we have to buy the rest of the things....cover the cameras..make instructions photograph the stuff package it  
then, and also create interview questions and a script for the deployment day  
but  
some of it can be done on Monday i suppose  
lingching1988: we can do the .. more difficult stuff tomorow  
that way, you wont' be overwhelemd  
**shahanah.s:** yeah..thats packaging and photographing haha  
lingching1988: ok..  
**shahanah.s:** i'll see if i can just get there earlier..and buy everything  
lingching1988: that should be..okXD  
lol  
i mean  
**shahanah.s:** then we can just go straight to packaging  
lingching1988: nono.not ok  
XD  
lol  
yea  
**shahanah.s:** yeah  
ok well i think we need a diary of some sort  
that shows their personal life  
or communicates it in someway  
and then i think we'll be good  
lingching1988: hm  
maybe not notebook.  
i think that's too..formal  
not fun  
POSTCARDS :P  
lol  
hm.  
**shahanah.s:** uhmm  
we should go beyond postcards  
lingching1988: lol  
yea  
**shahanah.s:** otherwise Mark might be disappointed....  
lingching1988: defeinitely.  
XD  
haa  
heck...we should just follow the sample probeXD  
lol  
**shahanah.s:** we just had a 2 hour conversation what that guy  
as to why we should follow the sample but not copy it..  
and he debated we shouldnt  
so..i don't know if i really want to go anywere near samples

lolol  
lingching1988: lol  
i was jking  
lolxD  
i failedXD  
lol  
:S  
anywho...  
how to modify notepad idea..  
a timeline thing?  
a long strip of paper  
rectangluar..  
sigh  
:(  
this is not easy  
...  
**shahanah.s:** hm  
we could do a quilt..  
a small one  
for each of them  
actually no  
lingching1988: lol  
**shahanah.s:** quilt would be more appropriate for group dynamic..  
lingching1988: yea..  
like.a collage of things they like  
or..collage of things they hate  
appreciate..  
**shahanah.s:** yeah.  
we could package old magazines+scissors+glue  
feels sort of like a task thoguh  
lingching1988: hm.we could  
but might be more task-ish  
**shahanah.s:** what if  
we gave them a random bag  
of things  
like  
names  
albert einstein  
obama  
adolf hitler  
michael jordan  
or  
apples  
chow mein  
bread  
basketball  
cricket  
things like that  
on tiny squares  
and let them write something on the back  
or  
about it  
what ever they feel?  
but these things on the card are completely random

we just want to investigate how they respond to it  
personally  
as an individual  
lingching1988: their response?  
lol  
like..their first instinct?  
that's kinda fun to  
hehee  
it's like a game then  
maybe it can be an activity they can do?  
during their group meetings  
**shahanah.s**: what would they do  
lingching1988: oh no..i meant from your bag of ideas  
the random bag of things  
hm  
about writing things on the back  
what if the students arent interested..:(  
they might jsut be.."it's ok.."  
"meh.."  
hm.i guess we can also use that ..  
to say some of the participants arent motivated to respond to the activity?  
i guess that does happen  
**shahanah.s**: lol  
i don't really know then  
i can't find an alternative to the postcards..  
We can always  
ask questions  
of those topics  
just like they have a picture on a postcard and ask a question  
lingching1988: yea  
**shahanah.s**: yeah  
OR we could do...  
lingching1988: um..which categories have we not covered.  
**shahanah.s**: a mirror?  
lingching1988: a mirror?  
**shahanah.s**: and have  
lingching1988: interesting..  
**shahanah.s**: writing say  
"mirror mirror on the wall....wait what is that behind on the wall"  
haha  
and they kind of have to write about it on the card  
different things they see  
?  
other than themselves...  
i guess i dont know  
something fun like that  
lingching1988: where would they use the mirror?  
**shahanah.s**: well we could give them a limit of one room  
lingching1988: walk around the streets holding a mirror :D  
**shahanah.s**: in their household  
we could say  
we could put the mirror  
in a mysterious packing  
and say "only open in a desired room in your household"

and they can choose wherever they want  
but whatever they find behind them they should put down, and also if theres any significance or anything they feel  
they want to share  
its like getting to know them indirectly through tangible items  
that they see  
but we can't  
haha  
lingching1988: lol.  
that's good  
i'm a little..confused..  
but it sounds like a good idea  
but it might be.."biased"?  
**shahanah.s:** what are you confused about  
how so  
lingching1988: most ppl may pick their bedrooms?  
unless they like to cook  
= kitchen  
it might "get in the way" of their life/  
**shahanah.s:** but it can be up to them  
get in the way?  
lingching1988: where they have to actually go do something  
compared to just doing it quickly.?  
**shahanah.s:** oh  
i suppose  
hm  
lingching1988: hm.  
what are the categories we haven't addressed yet?  
i.e., the physio..psycho..  
**shahanah.s:** i dont know...i think we touched base on all of them..  
should we just do the questions  
lingching1988: probbly..  
we have some really good items  
i think  
:)  
are the tasks for tehe camera..confirmed?  
like.solid list?  
**shahanah.s:** no..we still have to create them  
lingching1988: of things we want them to take of?  
should we do that first?  
then interview quesitons?  
**shahanah.s:** sure..  
lingching1988: b/c when we meet tomorrow, we wont' have to think about what ot write on the packaging.  
**shahanah.s:** the interview questions can be done tomorrow  
or even monday  
lol  
lingching1988: yea.  
XD  
lol  
ok  
let's do the camera stuff  
we want to discover their individuality..their life outside the group  
so.  
maybe have them take pictures of their favorite food..  
OH

i think i know  
how we can solve the problem of knowing what they like/dislike  
no  
wait  
how to know what picture means  
which picture refers to their interest  
blah blah  
maybe have a note or something  
that say..  
"I like ..."  
"i dislike..."  
and then have them place it by the thing they want to take a picture of.  
if we have specific things we want them to take off..(i like the smell of ...)  
**shahanah.s:** ok  
lingching1988: or.. "when I get home from school/work, i want to ..."  
**shahanah.s:** sure  
lingching1988: like pre-determined statements..in a way  
but probably not too many..  
or else the participant would have to shuffle through a bunch of papers :(  
**shahanah.s:** papers?  
arent they being labeled on the camera...  
lingching1988: they could.  
but if they have it on the camera, they'd have to keep track  
like how many pictures they've taken  
i.e., the 9th picture is of food  
the 10th of birds  
**shahanah.s:** ohh  
right  
lingching1988: where as...if it's like "i like ... "  
**shahanah.s:** yeah  
lingching1988: just have them hold it up against the thing they like and take a picture  
**shahanah.s:** have them hold it?  
are you saying its a list on the instruction paper  
or..  
something else  
i'm super confused  
lingching1988: lol  
sorry :(  
i'll try to explain again  
XD  
um.  
ok  
they'll be given a camera + a hand full of "signs"  
**shahanah.s:** oohhh  
ok  
lingching1988: on the signs..it'll say.."i like.."  
**shahanah.s:** i understand  
lingching1988: then they hold it up against the thing they like?  
...  
**shahanah.s:** haha  
lingching1988: lol  
b/c when you take pictures..u can take it with 1 hand  
especially with .. those ?  
**shahanah.s:** yeah lol

lingching1988: what do you think?

good/no good

**shahanah.s:** sure

lingching1988: each camera has 27 shots.

so to have them record down 27 pictures would be..a bit..task-y

**shahanah.s:** pl

\*\*ok

do you and serge want to create the statements

i feel like im going to pass out

lol

and i'll just go to school tomorrow and buy everything to get set up

lol

lingching1988: lol.

shall we meet in a team room to work?

i have scissors

x-acto knife

i dont have glue/tape

i have permanent markers

um..

what else shall i bring?

**shahanah.s:** yeah

lingching1988: i'm drawing a blank at themomeXD

**shahanah.s:** uh

anything you think we need.

lol

craft stuff..

lol

lingching1988: i'll try to bring them all

i'll try to be at school by 2pm

latest 3pm

**shahanah.s:** alright

see ya then

shahanah.s has left.

lingching1988: when do you plan on getting there?