

# 09/10: Risks and Prototypes

### The Capstone Experience

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### 09/10: Announcements

- Informal Team Photos Today: Teams MSUFCU through Whirlpool
- Check Website Team Photo Names and Hometowns
- Using Google Calendar
  - Must Use MSU Email Address
  - Watch for Double Booking
- Apple Developer License
  - Request Invitation from James or Ryan
  - Team Members are Members
  - James and Ryan are Admins
- PowerPoint Slide Deck Submission Instructions
  - Read Carefully
  - File Name Conventions
    - All Lower Case
    - Replace Blanks with Dashes
    - Examples
      - "Spectrum Health" → "spectrum-health"
      - \* "team-[team-name]-status-report.pptx" → "team-spectrum-health-team-status-report.pptx"
  - Submit to Dr. D. and your client by the deadline.
- Absences
  - From Meetings
  - From "Working"
- Does anyone need equipment? See James and Ryan.
- Issues? Problems? Questions?



# Risks and Prototypes

**≻**Risks

Prototypes

## **Identifying Risks**

- What You Don't
  - Know
  - Understand
  - Know How to Do
- Normally
  - Major Project Features
  - "Showstoppers"
- Varies From
  - Not Familiar With But (Probably) Can Learn to
  - Absolutely No Idea How to Do It

What are you worried about?

What should you be worried about?

### **Example Risks**

#### Including but not limited to...

- Business Processes
- Key Application Features
- Hardware Systems
- Software Systems
- Development / Programming Environments
- Programming Languages
- Etc...



### Prioritizing Risks

Classify Difficulty

High Very Hard, No Idea How to Do

Medium

Low Not Hard, Probably Doable

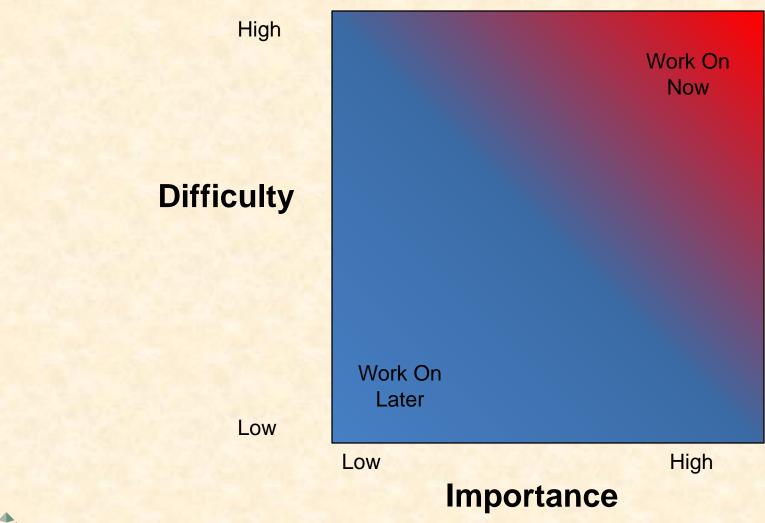
Classify Importance

High Showstopper, Must Have

Medium

Low Not Vital, Nice to Have

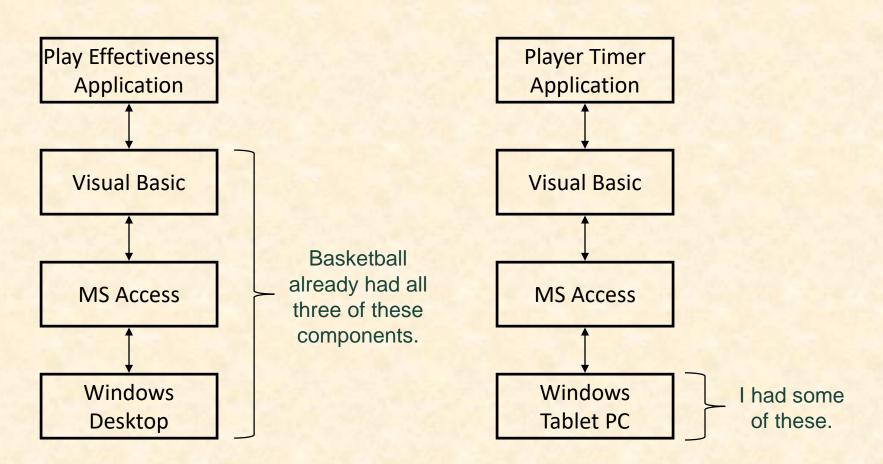
# Prioritizing Risks



### Case Studies: Basketball Apps

- Play Effectiveness
  - Determine Effectiveness of Plays
  - Record All Plays with Results
  - Produce Reports of Effectiveness
- Player Timer
  - Keep Track of Player Times
  - Record Minutes Played and Rested
  - Use On the Bench, During the Game

# Basketball Apps Architectures



## Basketball Apps Risks

- What SDK should I use?
- Can I write this in Visual Basic?
- How do I make a GUI in VB?
- How do I interface VB with Access?
  - Create/Open/Save a Database?
  - Read/Write Records?
  - Traverse Records?
- How do I implement clocks in Windows?
  - Game Clock?
  - Wall Clock?
- How do I generate a report from Access?

## Mitigating Risks

- Use Existing Resources
  - Including But Not Limited To
    - Faculty
    - Other Students
    - Product Demos
    - Book Sample Code
    - Downloadable Examples
    - Wizards
    - o Etc...
  - Test Drive
    - o Install
    - Compile
    - o Extend
    - o Etc...
- Build Prototypes
  - Single Purpose
  - Quick-and-Dirty

#### Nota Bene:

- 1. Check license if including in project.
- 2. Document.
- 3. Inform client.

## Basketball Apps Risk Mitigation

- Game Clock
  - Start /Stop
  - Counts Down
  - By Minutes:Seconds
- Handling Access Records
  - Write Number
  - Read Number
  - Add Up Numbers







# Risks and Prototypes



**→** Prototypes

### Prototypes

- Developed
  - Early
  - Rapidly
- Implement Subset of the Requirements
- Done for Variety of Reasons
- Are Not Finished Goods
- "Hacking" (Good Sense)

### Why? Answer Questions

#### Help Determine...

- Specifications
  - Functional
  - Design
  - Technical
- Usability
- How Existing Code Works
- Programming Languages
- Development Environments
- Operating Environments
- Etc...



## Why? Determine Schedule

### Determine how long it will take to...

- ...learn the new programming language.
- ...learn the development environment.
- ...learn the existing code.
- ...convert the existing code.
- ...convert the existing database.
- ...get libraries working.
- ...deploy the application onto an iOS device.
- ...Etc....

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## Why? Identify Risks

- Operability
  - How do we make a game clock?
  - Where do we store the data?
- Interoperability
  - How does the game clock work with other tablets?
  - How do the tablets all write to the same database?
- Scalability
  - Will the game clock propagate in real time?
  - Will the database engine keep up?
- Reliability
  - What happens if the clock tablet dies?
  - What happens if the database tablet dies?
- Etc-Ability...



## Speed (to Write)

- Critical
- 2-3 Day Tasks
- Use Whatever Works
  - RAD Languages
  - SDK's
  - IDE's
  - Design Tools
  - Wizards
  - Sample Code
  - Etc...
- Stop When Questions Answered

## Tradeoffs: Speed (to Write) vs...

- Speed vs Best Practices
  - Testing
  - Documentation
  - Security
  - Software Engineering
  - Usability
  - Performance
  - Coding Standards
  - User Interface Standards
  - Using Real Data
  - Etc...
- Hence, May Not Be Appropriate in Final Deliverable

## Challenge/Danger

- "Hack" Solution
  - It works.
  - It's \*a\* way to do something.

VS

Often My Biggest Frustration

- "Correct" Solution
  - It works.
  - It's the \*"right"\* way to do something.
    (There may be more than one "right" way to do something.)

## Basketball Prototypes Case Studies

- Play Effectiveness
- Player Timer
- Radio Stats
- Real Time Play Stats
- Plus/Minus

### Play Effectiveness App

- Functional Specifications
  - Determine Effectiveness of Plays
  - Record All Plays with Results
  - Produce Reports of Effectiveness
    - Each Play
    - o# of Successes / # of Attempts
- Design Specifications?
- Technical Specifications?

### Initial Meeting with Video Coordinator

#### I Learned...

- Done After Game
  - On Desktop Computer
  - From DVR-Like App
- Lots of Plays (~ 200) in Play Book
- ~20-40 Plays Run Per Game
- Plays Categorized
  - Early Offense 1,2
  - Offense 1,2
  - Special Situations 1,2 (i.e., Out of Bounds)
- Overwhelming

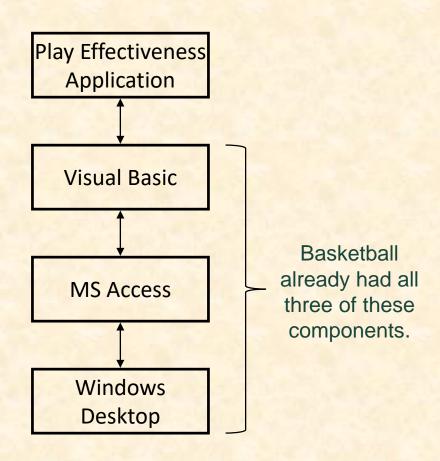
(i.e., Fast Breaks)

(i.e., Half Court Plays)

Can you relate?

The Business **Processes** 

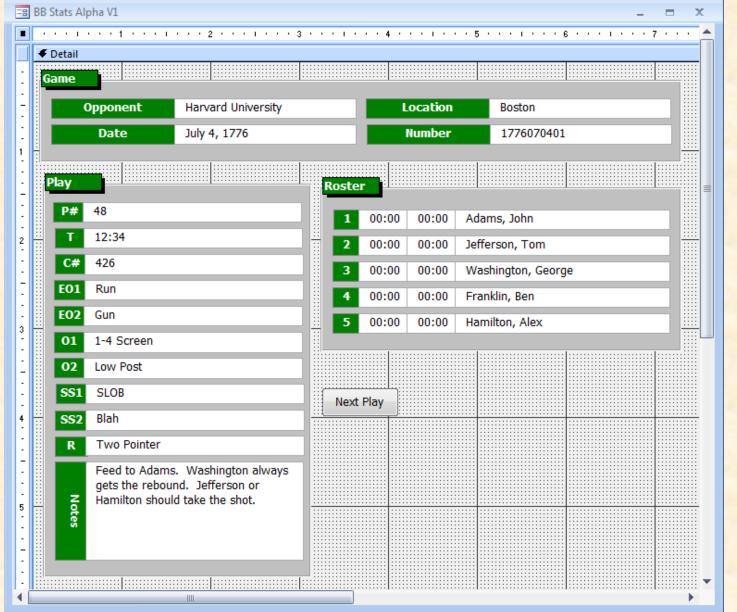
# Play Effectiveness Architecture



#### Risks

- Learning Basketball Business Processes
- Programming in Visual Basic
  - Can this be done in VB?
  - ! Can I learn VB?
- Making a GUI in VB
- Interfacing VB with Access
  - Creating/Opening/Saving a Database
  - Reading/Writing Records
  - Traversing Records
- Generating Reports in Access
- Etc...





#### BB PE PV1

(Prototype Version 1)

#### **Fields**

- P# Play Number
- T Time
- C# Clip Number
- EO Early Offense
- O Offense
- SS Special Situations
- R Result

#### Nota Bene

- Just Screen Layout
- No Code (Underneath)
- Never Have All Entries
   Filled at Once

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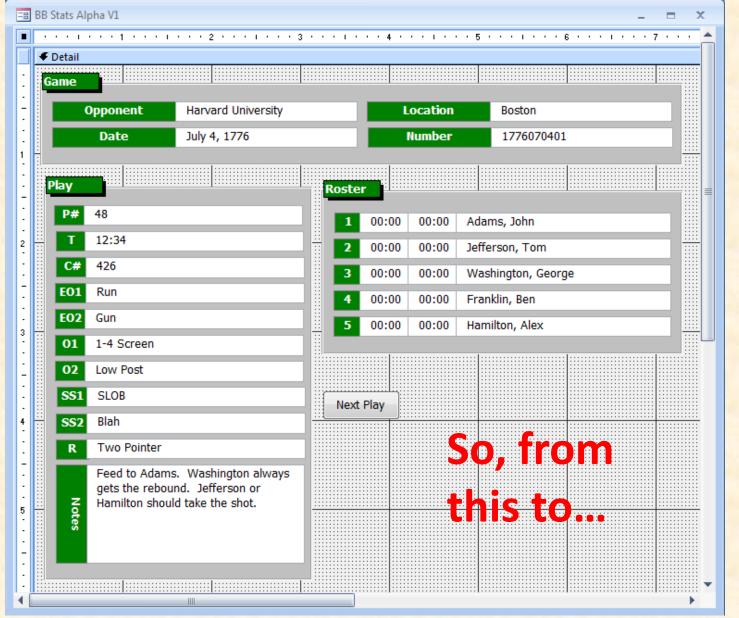
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- Wanted to Identify Plays Within a Possession
- Plays Categorized Series / Set
  - Set is Variation on Series ("Parameterized Plays")
  - E.g.
    - Series: Thumbs
    - Sets: Up, Down, Circle
    - o Plays: Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down, Thumbs Circle
  - 1, 2 Notation
    - O EO1 = Early Offense Series
    - O EO2 = Early Offense Set
  - ST (Special Teams) Missing

Huge Impact On Design

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- Results Coded
  - XN Missed N Pointer (X1, X2, X3)
  - ON Made N Pointer (O1, O2, O3)
  - FF Foul on the Floor
  - TO Time Out
  - Etc...
- Wanted to Record Notes on Defense
- Didn't Care About
  - Player Times
  - Video Clip Number (C#)



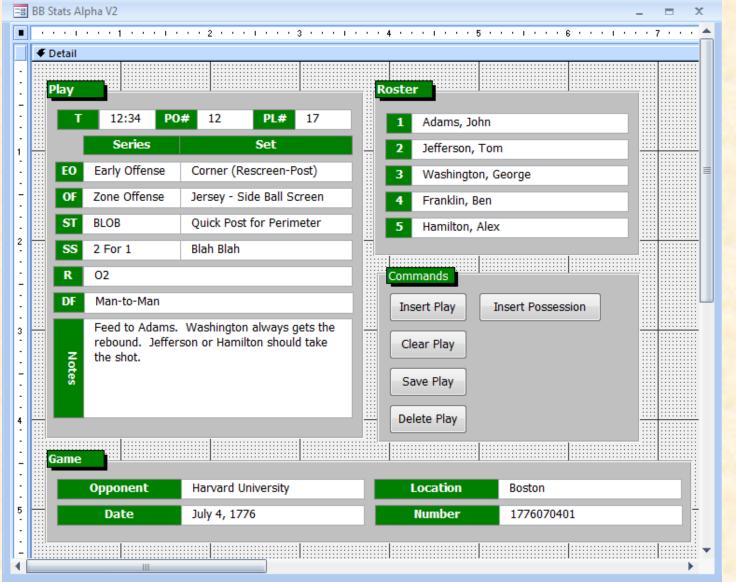
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#### BB PE PV2

#### **Fields**

- PO#
   Possession Number
- PL# Play Number
- SS
   Special Situations
- DF Defense

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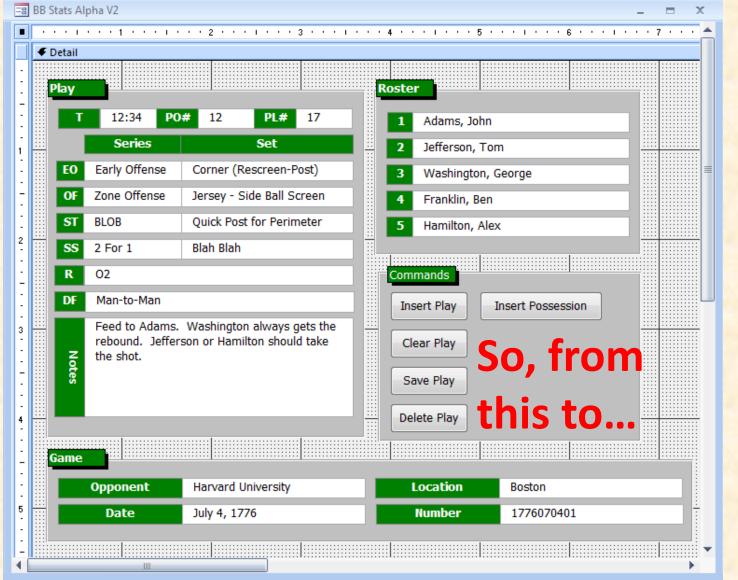
- Just Screen Layout
- No Code (Underneath)

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 Would NOT Have Entries in All Fields

#### What I Learned From PV2

- Wanted to Grade Effectiveness of Plays
- Wanted to Record Player Steals and Assists (Remember this...)
- Needed to Navigate Plays and Possessions
- Wanted to See Running Total Score



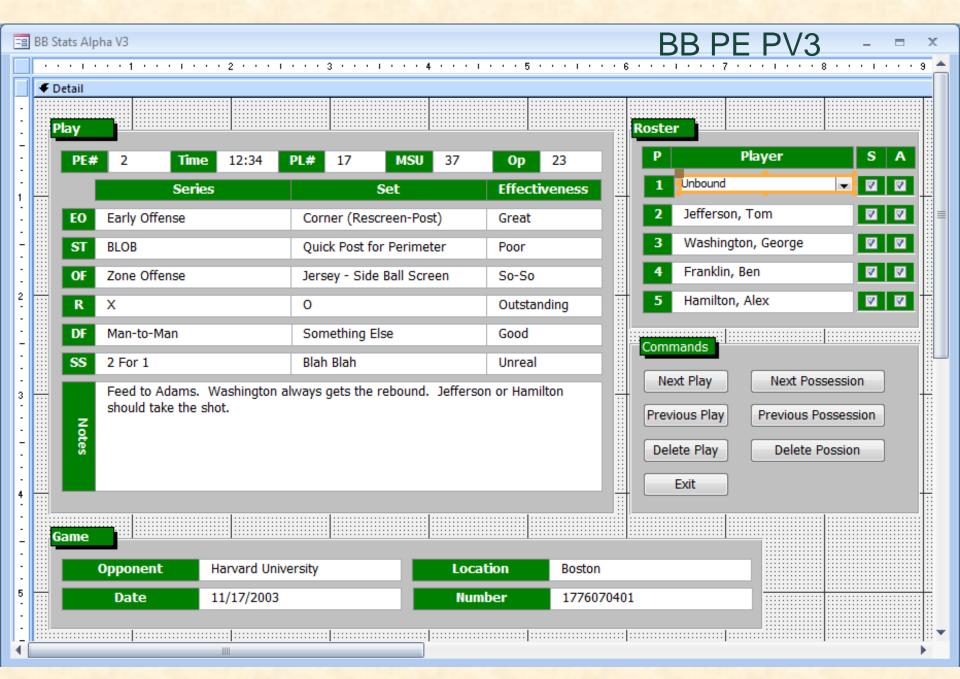
#### BB PE PV2

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- DF Defense

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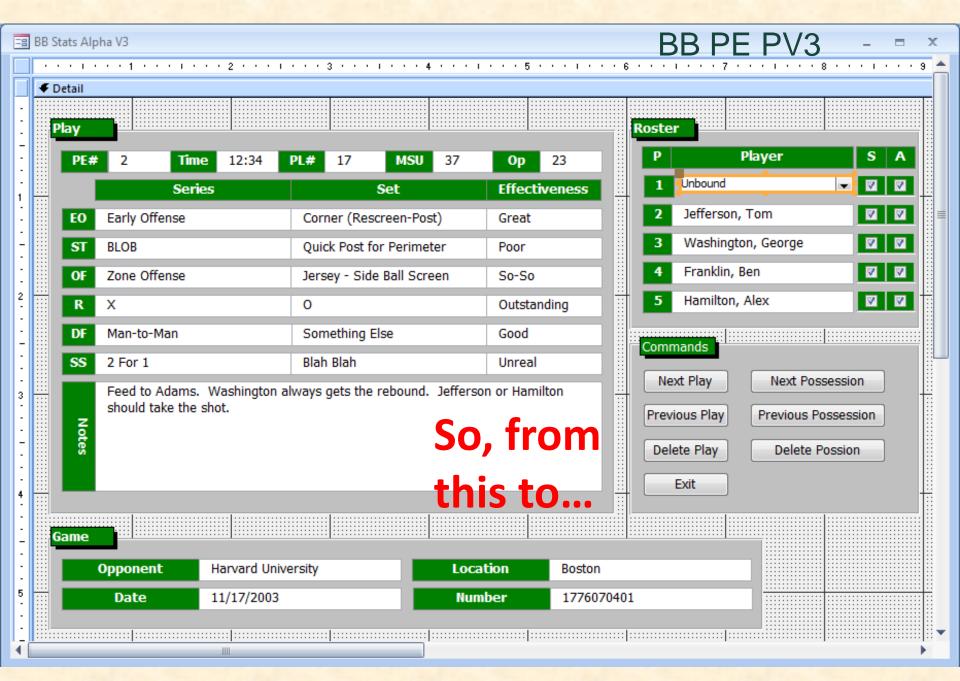
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- No Code (Underneath)
- Would NOT Have Entries in All Fields



### What I Learned From PV3

- Wanted...
  - Grades to Be A, B, C, D, F
  - Results Associated With Players
  - Series/Set Combined ("Thumbs Up" Rather Than "Thumbs", "Up")
  - To Record Player Rebound
- Will be used by...
  - Video Coordinator, GAs, and Managers
  - Very Familiar with DVR Controls
- Did <u>NOT</u> Want to Record Player Steals or Assists







BB PE AV1

(Alpha Version 1)

First Version With Code

Not Much Implemented

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# What I Learned From Alpha 1

- Entering a Play
  - Some Things Calculated Automatically
    - Play/Possession Number
    - Score
  - Most Things Entered With Mouse Via Pull-Down Menus
    - Series / Set
    - o Result
  - But Time Entered With Keyboard Via Typing Numbers
- Need
  - Mouse-Only Input
  - Easy Way to Adjust Clock



BB PE AV1

(Alpha Version 1)

First Version With Code

Not Much Implemented

So, from this to...



BB PE AV2
Still Not Much

**Implemented** 



#### BB PE BV1

(Beta Version 1)

# Basketball Prototypes Case Studies

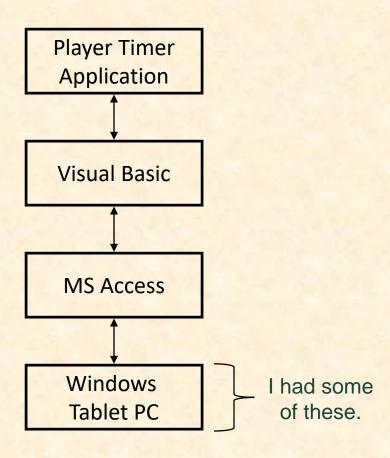
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## Player Timer App

- Keep Track of Player Times
- For Each Player Record
  - Minutes Played
    - Game Clock Time
    - Consecutive & Total
  - Minutes Rested
    - Wall Clock Time
    - Consecutive
- Must
  - Be Usable on the Bench, During the Game
  - Be Portable and Not Require Electrical Outlet
  - Feel Like a Pen and a Clipboard



# Player Timer App



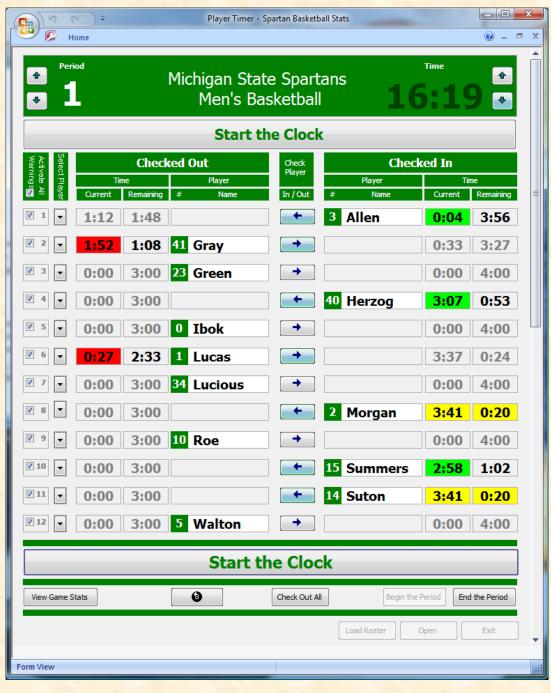
#### Risks

- Learning Basketball Processes
- Implementing Clocks in Windows?
  - Game Clock
  - Wall Clock
- Very Limited Screen Real Estate (Different Problem Than Mobile App)
- Computing and Displaying Cumulative Times
- Hidden Risk ("Danger Will Robinson!")

# Player Timer Development

- Knew Exactly What They Wanted, So...
- Designed "Final" Version
  - User Interface
  - Data Base Schema
  - Etc...
- Coded "Final" Version
- Bench Tested "Final" Version
- Field Tested "Final" Version
  - In Practice Scrimmage
  - Totally and Completely Unusable
- Scrapped "Final" Version UI and Started Over

Huge Mistake!



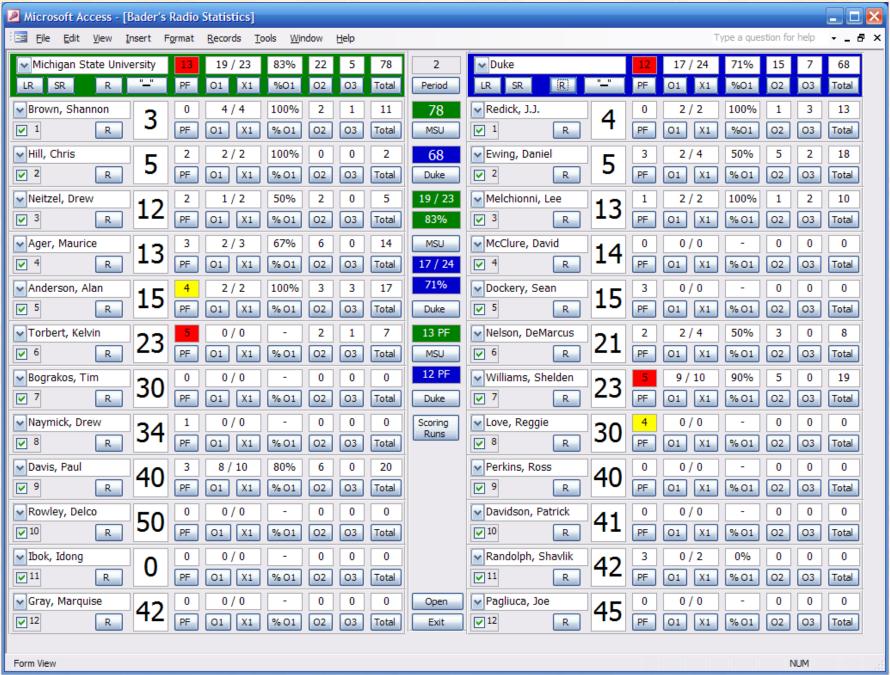
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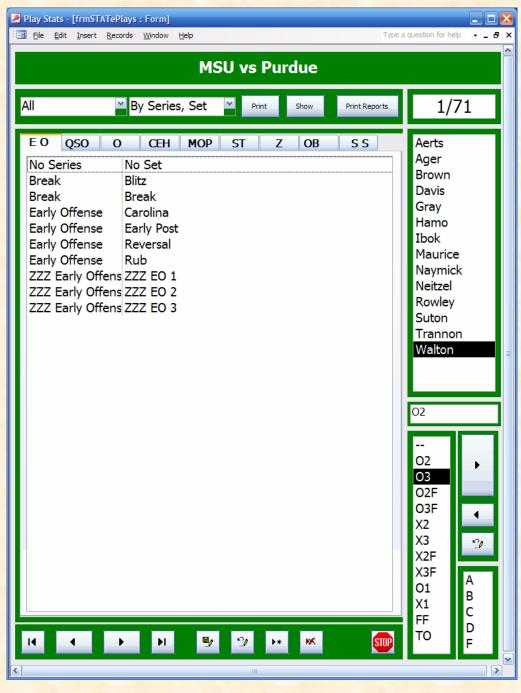
# Software Updates

- Enable Clock Adjustments (While Clock Stopped)
- Enable Check In/Out By Touching
  - Check In/Out Button
  - Player Name
  - Player Slot
- Allow > 5 Players Checked In (While Clock Stopped)
- Enable Pending Check In (While Clock Running)
- Eliminate All Modal Dialog Boxes

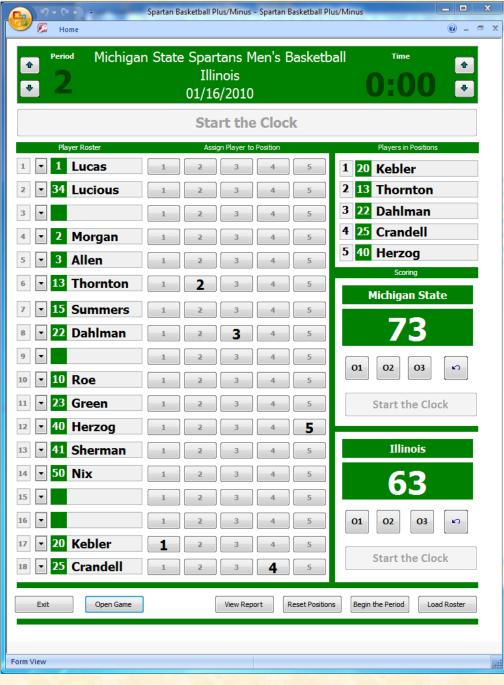
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**Real Time Play Stats** 



Plus/Minus

# Risks and Prototypes



✓ Prototypes

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#### **All-Hands Meetings**

- 08/29: Capstone Overview
- 09/05: Capstone Overview
   Project Plan
- Team Photos: Teams Amazon Mozilla
- 09/10: Risks and Prototypes
   Team Photos: Teams MSUFCU- Whirlpool
- 09/12: Team Status Report Presentations
- 09/17: Resume Writing and Interviewing
- 09/19: Schedule and Teamwork
- 09/24: Team Project Plan Presentations
- 09/26: Team Project Plan Presentations
- 10/01: Team Project Plan Presentations
- 10/03: Team Project Plan Presentations



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- Team Status Report Presentations
  - PowerPoint Template
  - Due 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, September 12 (Think Tuesday night.)

← Get on this now!

- Tomorrow Night
- Email to Dr. D.
  - Subject: Team [Team Name]: Status Report Presentation
     Subject: Team Auto-Owners: Status Report Presentation
  - Attachment: team-[Team Name]-status-report-presentation.ppt
     Attachment: team-urban-science-status-report-presentation.ppt
- Dr. D. Will Combine Into Single PowerPoint
  - To Speed Things Up During Meeting
  - Do NOT Modify Master Slide
  - Must Use Windows Version of Microsoft Office
- Each Team Presents
  - Using Dr. D.'s Laptop
  - At Most 3.5 Minutes (Rehearse Timing)
  - Single or Multiple Presenters (Your Choice)

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#### Project Plan Documents and Presentations

- PowerPoint Template
  - Download Now
  - Read the Read Me Slides (Over and Over and Over...)
- Submission
  - Both Project Plan Document and PowerPoint Slide Deck
  - Due 12:01 a.m., Monday, September 24
  - See Submission Instructions in Template
- Presenting
  - 5 Teams Per Meeting Over 4 Meetings
  - Schedule Posted Sunday Evening
  - Strict 13 Minute Time Limit
  - Use Team Member Laptop
    - Bring Power Cord
    - Test In Meeting Room (in Advance)
  - Rehearse
  - o 5% of Final Grade
  - Business Casual Dress
- Formal Team Photos
  - Immediately Following Meeting
  - o In Capstone Lab
- Schedule Conflicts
  - Only for Interview Trips
  - Notify Dr. D. Well In Advance

← Get on this now!

← Nota Bene!



### Status Report Presentation

# Team [Team Name] The Capstone Experience

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#### Status Report Instructions

- Use the Microsoft Windows version of PowerPoint.
- Required Template
  - Do not edit the master slides.
  - Do not change the organization or number of slides.
  - Make your presentation fit within these four slides.
- Content
  - For the slide titles, replace [Team Name] with your company name as in "Team Auto-Owners" and [Project Title] by the project title posted online.
  - All presentations will be posted on the course web site so do not include company confidential information or anything that your client would not want posted.
  - Delete this slide from the presentation.
- Presenting
  - The order of the presentations during our meeting will be team numerical order.
  - The time limit for your presentation is 3.5 minutes, which will be strictly enforced.
     Practice your presentation to ensure that you will finish within the allotted time.
- Submission by Email Read this carefully.
  - All presentations are due via email to me and to your client by 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, September 12. (Think Tuesday night.)
  - For subject, use "Team [Team Name]: Status Report Presentation" as in "Team Urban Science: Status Report Presentation".
  - Attach the PowerPoint source file named "team-[team-name]-status-report-presentation.pptx" as in team-auto-owners-status-report-presentation.pptx. Use all lower case and replace blanks by dashes in your filename.
  - Include some (professional) text in the body to avoid being sent to my junk folder.



#### Status Report

[1 of 4]

#### [Project Title]

- Project Overview
  - Description Point 1
  - Description Point 2
  - Description Point 3
  - Description Point 4
- Project Plan Document
  - Status Point 1
  - Status Point 2
  - Status Point 3
  - Status Point 4

Include status information.

What's the status of your project plan document?

Have you started it?

How much have you written?

What percentage complete is it?

Delete this textbox and the brace to the left.



#### Status Report

[2 of 4]

#### [Project Title]

- Server Systems / Software
  - Description &/or Status Point 1
  - Description &/or Status Point 2
  - Description &/or Status Point 3
- Development Systems / Software
  - Description &/or Status Point 1
  - Description &/or Status Point 2
  - Description &/or Status Point 3

Include status information.
Are all systems up and running?
Have you tested everything?
Delete this textbox and the brace to the left.

#### Status Report

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#### [Project Title]

- Client Contact
  - Status Point 1
  - Status Point 2
- Team Meetings
  - Status Point 1
  - Status Point 2
- Team Organization
  - Description Point 1
  - Description Point 2

Include status information.

Have you talked with/met with your client?

Have you scheduled a weekly conference call? When?

Have you scheduled an in-person meeting? When?

How many times has your team met so far?

Have you scheduled team meetings? How often?

Delete this textbox and the brace to the left.



#### Status Report

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#### [Project Title]

#### Risks

- Risk 1
  - Description
  - Mitigation
- Risk 2
  - Description
  - Mitigation
- Risk 3
  - Description
  - Mitigation
- Risk 4
  - Description
  - Mitigation

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