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This week we started off with our first advisor meeting with Ralph Vituccio on Monday.

This meeting hashed out project concerns and expectations from us as a group. Throughout the week, we have been getting to know each other and our interests.

We came up with our team name Cheshire from a conversation with Ralph about 'how far down the rabbit hole' we can go. We really appreciated the Alice in Wonderland reference and began to explore it further. We understood that our underlying theme needed to allude to always being watched in the case of privacy versus security. As a team, we decided that the Cheshire cat from Alice represented that theme aptly and therefore settled on a Steampunk Alice in Wonderland theme for our project.

In addition, we set up core hours, started doing dailies, and most importantly began researching the topic on our own.

On Wednesday, we watched 'We Steal Secrets', a documentary about WikiLeaks, Julian Assange and Bradley Manning.

This helped shape our goals for the project, and the idea that we wanted to explore an interactive storytelling transmedia website that would allow the user to learn more about the tradeoffs between security and privacy.

On Thursday, we had our first meeting with our client. We got their feedback on the types of things that they wanted to see in the project and what they expected from us. We also got their feedback on how they wanted to communicate with us and how we could help facilitate their ideas as well.

