

What I Learned from Empowerment Technologies

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When I heard the word Empowerment Technologies, it often deals with the use of different technologies such as mobile phones, computers, laptops, telephones, and other devices to locate, save, communicate, influence, and to inform others. Empowerment Technologies is important for its innovative uses that are sufficient in our daily lives. It has three important components: communication, to make our lives easier, and to help our county for its modernization goals. It's making small shifts towards a big difference.

Empowerment Technologies or E-Tech is a hard and difficult subject for me. One thing's for sure is that, I, myself, didn't know fully about the subject. It is hard because some of our lessons are difficult for me to understand and I'm not good in technology-related stuff. However, there are times that I can understand what our teacher is discussing; a lot of lessons that I can use and apply to my life. I remembered the time when second semester started to kick off, my first thoughts about the overall outlook on E-Tech and the same goes to the projects was mixed, mostly negative views followed by positive views. Why negative? Truth to be told, it sounds tiring for me already. I could imagine sleepless nights and cranky attitude on making projects. Nevertheless, I could say that it teaches more. With the help of the subject, it widens my knowledge and perception in technologies today. The lessons being taught by the teacher is something that couldn't be thrown away easily. It was something to apply in order to live in a world full of technology.

The interesting discoveries that I encountered or made were how to make a blog and how to use Prezi. I was amazed upon discovering about that stuff like I'm being ignorant about it; I'm not going to deny that. Additional to that, I was impressed to myself that I could actually do it on my own. However, there were challenges that I encountered on dealing with E-Tech. First is the need to do self-discovery through the internet. Second, the things needed to finish before or during deadline. Third is the lack of motivation and laziness on making projects. Fourth is dealing with group mates especially if some members were not cooperating and were taking it just for granted. Lastly is the lack of proper sleep and lack of time management. It feels nostalgic and at the same time, I learned from it.

Learning new knowledge in Empowerment Technologies is very important. Why is it important? It helps me especially other people to be wise, clever, and aware in using internet. Also, be responsible in posting things that may be confidential. It teaches me that I should manage time and prioritize the things needed to do. Moreover, it is

useful in our lives. E-Tech left its mark in my life as an individual, a citizen, and a student. E-Tech is a powerful tool that I learned personally. These are self-improvement, time management, critical thinker, innovative, and self-confidence. Sometimes, I hate E-Tech just like how I hate Mondays. It is because there were things that are critically need to understand. I'm scared on dealing with hard projects especially if I'm pretty much sure of myself that I'll be having difficulty on doing it. The subject made my body shiver in fear and chill. I'm not going to deny that.

In facing my problems, I realized that I need to strive harder. I need to aim high. I need to face it instead of running away. There were times that I broke down while making projects in different subjects including E-Tech. I'm on the verge of giving up and frustration eating up my system. I felt like I'm a ticking bomb that any second I could blow up. However, I overcome them. How? I believed on myself. I faced it. I prayed for guidance from Above. In relating it to real life problems or situations, I felt stressed but relieved. There are storms before a rainbow. There are struggles and hardships before achieving success or fulfillment in life.

Experiences in E-Tech cannot be forgotten. I remembered the collaborative groupings that our teacher disseminates. At first, I was happy to my group members since they were cooperative and ready to help any time. Although, there were times that our communication failed to establish since unstable wifi connection and it's hard to communicate through social media. In collaborative groupings, there is up and down; a positive and negative feedback. It's because each member has different standards on the tasks that may fall short to expectations. Others couldn't give suggestions for the improvement of the tasks. Some were expecting too much even though they barely help on the making of the collaborative groupings. Nevertheless, everything works out just fine.

My journey in E-Tech class is like a roller coaster. There are ups and downs but still I overcome those challenges and hardships in this subject. It brought me a lot of learning and perceptions. All the things that I encountered and learned during the second semester are never be forgotten and will always remain in my mind and heart. Absolutely, I have a love-hate relationship with the subject.