Writing a thesis together

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Why write your thesis with a fellow student?
Why?

• You have company, and that's usually more fun

• The product usually turns out better than if you did it by yourself

• You have someone to complain about your supervisor with

• You are forced to work together, which means you have to:
  – talk about the process
  – talk about the product
  – talk about the weather (which is good)

• It can be easier to take time off and it can be easier to work more efficiently when you work

→ You WILL get it done!
What to consider, when you are two persons writing the thesis?
Expectations

To each other
- How are you going to work together?
  - Office, home, library? (advice: get an office!!!)
  - Everyday? From 9-5?

- Who is going to do what?
  - Reading, writing, programming, agendas for meeting with supervisor, etc.

To the thesis
- What should it include? Data mining, surveys, statistical tests, theoretical approach?

- What level do you target? What grade would you want?
What to consider when you are two persons writing the thesis?

• Get to know and use each other’s strengths
  – Project planning
  – Writing
  – Data mining, programming
  – Statistics
  – Economic theory

• Make a common time schedule and adjust it during your process
What to consider when you are two persons writing the thesis?

• Talk ABOUT your process with each other:
  – Could something be done differently?
  – Unbalance in the work load?
  – Nervous about the final product?

• Do something else together than writing your thesis.
  – Take a walk
  – Talk about other stuff than your thesis
  – Have a beer/coffee/something
And, don’t forget:

Relax – take it eaaaaaasy

Your thesis is going to be fine

It’s never going to be perfect

And that’s fine. You will get a job and another life on the other side.
Good luck!