**SPRINT 1 RETROSPECTIVE**

**Liked**

1. **Successful Authentication Integration**:
   * **Clerk Authentication**: Integrating Clerk for user authentication was smooth and provided a solid foundation for managing user sign-ins and sign-ups.
2. **Initial UI/UX Setup**:
   * **Navbar Creation**: The creation of the initial navigation bar using Tailwind CSS was effective.
   * **Homepage Design**: The homepage was successfully created, setting a functional base for SITE
3. **Technology Stack**:
   * **Next.js**: The server-side rendering and static site generation capabilities of Next.js were well-utilized, improving the app's performance.
   * **Tailwind CSS**: Tailwind CSS facilitated rapid styling with its utility-first approach, which was appreciated for its flexibility and ease of use.

**Learned**

1. **Integration Challenges**:
   * **Clerk Setup**: Learned about the nuances of setting up and configuring Clerk authentication within a Next.js environment, including understanding middleware and API keys.
2. **Next.js Specifics**:
   * **Routing and Components**: Gained experience with Next.js routing, page components, and layout management.
3. **Handling Errors**:
   * **Debugging**: Gained insights into common issues such as module imports and missing exports, and how to resolve them.

**Lacked**

1. **Comprehensive Error Handling**:
   * **Error States**: The initial implementation lacked detailed error handling, particularly for authentication and component rendering issues.
2. **Advanced Features**:
   * **State Management**: There was a lack of advanced state management for complex interactions or data flows within the app.
   * **User Profiles**: Features for managing user profiles or settings were not yet implemented.
3. **Styling Consistency**:
   * **Design Consistency**: While the initial styling was completed, there might be inconsistencies or missing elements that need to be addressed in future sprints.

**Longed**

1. **Complete Authentication Flow**:
   * **User Experience**: Longed for a more refined authentication experience, including smoother transitions between login and sign-up flows.
2. **Feature-Rich Navbar**:
   * **Dynamic Content**: Desired additional functionality in the navigation bar, such as dynamic user-related links, or notifiactions.
3. **Enhanced UI Elements**:
   * **Design Enhancements**: Looked forward to more polished UI elements and interactive features to enhance user engagement.
4. **Backend Integration**:
   * **API and Database**: Longed to integrate backend services for data management and to implement CRUD operations for financial data.