



IIW Praktikum

Building a secure state-of-the-art web application

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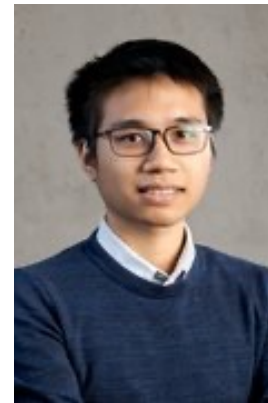
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About me

Call me Riccardo (no ~~prof~~ needed)

Head of the **Institute of Software Security**

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Roles: Teacher

- The role of the teacher is to *shepherd* you and be the *quality gate*
 - Are we choosing the right product?
 - Do we have enough/right requirements?
 - Are we progressing as expected?
 - Is the quality where it should be?
- Different from other courses!



Roles: Teacher

- The role of the teacher is to solve *team issues* you have failed to solve internally
 - What do we do with this member not showing up for meetings?
 - What do we do with this member being bossy?
 - What do we do with this member not working enough?



Roles: Teaching assistants

- The role of the TA is to provide *tech support* and give feedback on *quality*
 - What is the problem with this snippet of code?
- They also help with the grading
- They also help with the tutorials
- You must *be pro-active* in asking questions (we do not read minds, *yet*)



About you

Have you ever programmed before?

Favorite programming languages ?



What is this course about?

- Experience SW development as a **team**
 - **Challenges:** communication, delegation and trust, professionalism, ego
- Programming something **bigger**
 - **Challenge:** managing complexity, quality control with several “moving parts”

Course at a glance

- No theoretical lectures (some **tutorials**)
- We meet weekly for team **supervision meetings**
 - Show the **results** (show the backlog, show the design, show STRIDE analysis, demo the implementation...)
 - Discuss **problems** (i.e., **retrospective**)
 - Discuss the **plan** for next **sprint**
- Your work happens outside of office hours
- The course results in the development of a software **product** (i.e., running system)
- The development is carried out in a **team**
- The development follows a software **process**



What product?

- We suggest you develop a **web shop**
 - E.g., Amazon clone
- Open to other suggestions
 - Instagram-clone
 - Dating site...
- Big enough to keep 8 ppl busy for 14 weeks
- Use an **Javascript** (**Vue JS**) and **Python** (**Django**) to create the system
- The system you develop will have a **UIs** and **DBs**
- The system must run (**demo-able**)



What product?

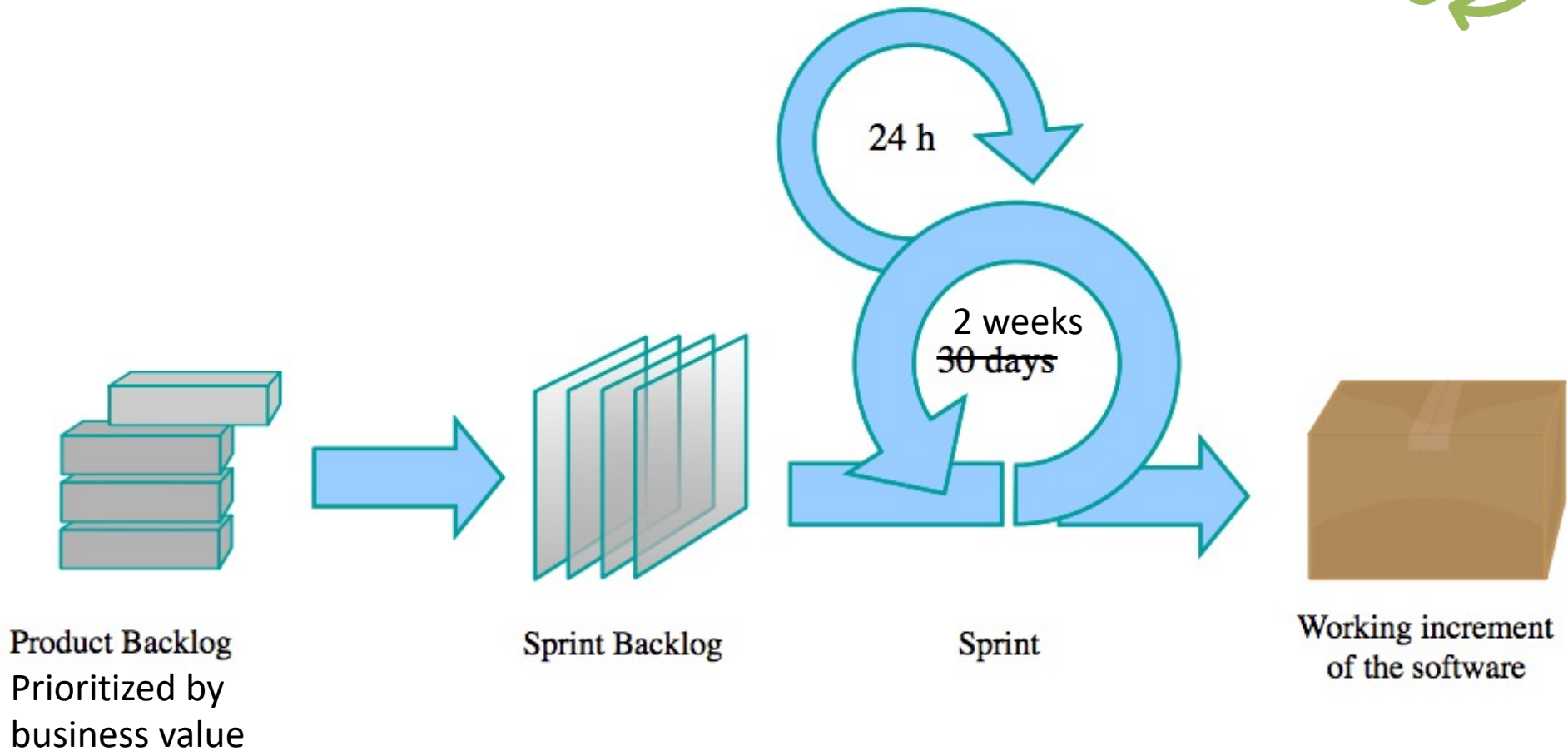
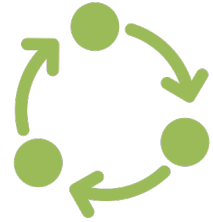
- You (as a team) define the *specific system you* want to build
 - Specify what the system is expect to do... i.e., its **requirements**



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- **Everyone** must be able to demo on their laptop **all the time**
- **Keep it simple for everybody !**
- When we meet, I want a **different “demo person”** every time

Agile process (à la SCRUM)



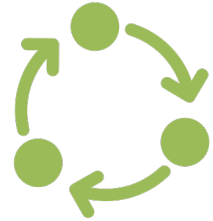
Part 1
(analysis and design)

Part 2
(implementation)

Backlog



- **Product backlog:** Prioritized list of **all** product requirements (**stories**)
 - Can be continuously updated by the **Product Owner**
- **Sprint backlog:** List of requirements selected for the current **sprint**
 - Contains more detailed information: **tasks**
 - Only updated by **Scrum Team**



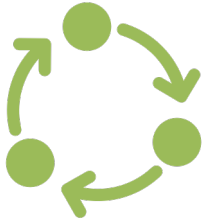
User stories

- Short, simple description of a **feature** told from the **perspective of the person who desires** the new capability
 - Usually a **customer** of the system
 - Avoid *developer* stories (tasks?)

Template

- As a **[role]**, I want to **[do something]** so that **[reason/benefit]**

User stories

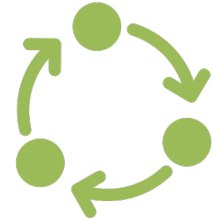


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Example

- As a **user**, I can **indicate folders not to backup** so that my backup **drive isn't filled up** with things I don't need saved

User Story Cards



- Describes the **requirements** and the **acceptance criteria**
- Can also hold information about the **priority** (from Product Owner) and **effort estimate** (from Scrum Team)

Front of Card

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As a student I want to purchase a parking pass so that I can drive to school

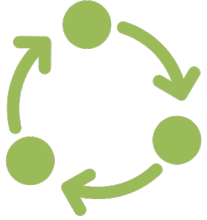
Priority: ~~High~~ Should
Estimate: 4

Back of Card

Confirmations:

~~The student must pay the correct amount~~
One pass for one month is issued at a time
The student will not receive a pass if the payment isn't sufficient
The person buying the pass must be a currently enrolled student.
The student may only buy one pass per month.

User Story – More material

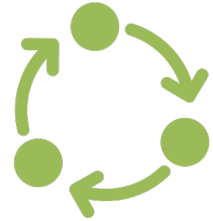


- Some **do** and **don't** about user stories in a specific presentation
- Also including info on **security stories**

Not shown today, but you should read the slides

Tasks

- User stories are usually “too big” to tackle as one

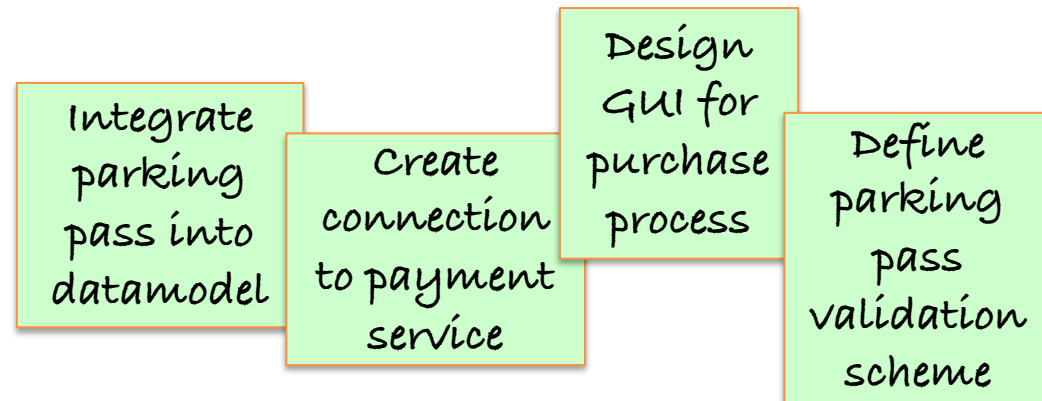
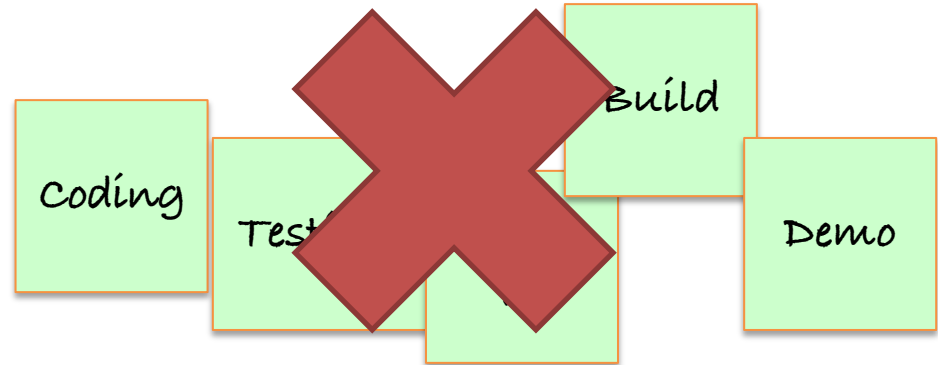


STORIES

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TODO



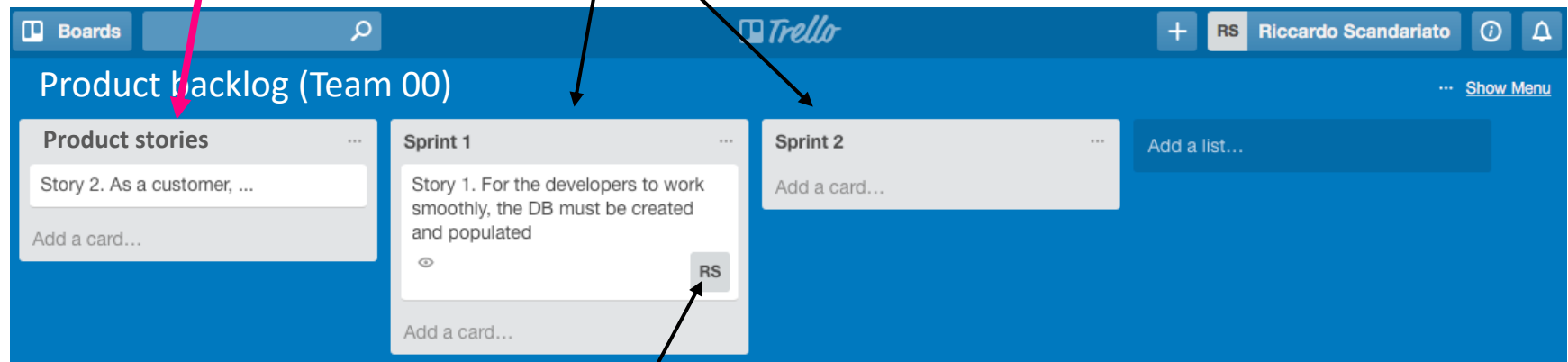
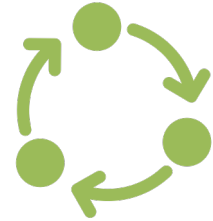


Trello

At the beginning, you
populate this list

Progress

Number, title, and story

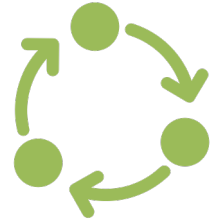


Clear responsibilities

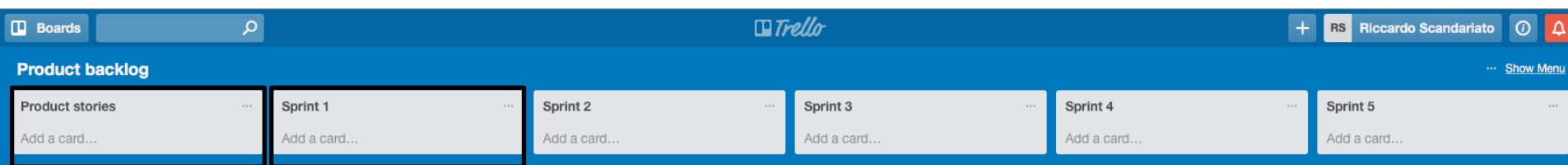
Also a board for the current sprints (sprint backlog, TODO tasks, done tasks)



Sprints Planning

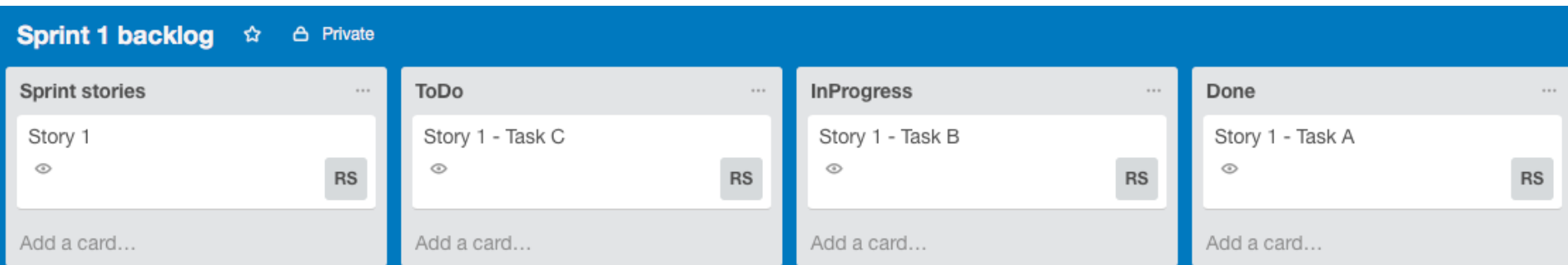


Product board (Trello)



1. Which stories in this sprint?

Sprint board (Trello)



2. Stories detailed into tasks
3. Who does what



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- Clear, agreed-upon responsibilities is the key
 - Visible in Trello
- Meet to distribute tasks
- YES: Give tasks to a single person as much as possible (e.g., ownership of features)
 - NO: 2-3 ppl working on 1 task, all the time



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- **NO:** “here is the pile of work, take what you can”
 - **YES:** Divide the work beforehand, with clear responsibilities
 - **YES:** Divide the work in a participatory way
 - **NO:** avoid dictatorships (“I tell you what to do”)

Focus on security as a key quality



- Perform a **threat analysis (STRIDE)** early-on
(as soon as the initial architecture has emerged)
- Derive **security mechanisms** you have to use
(**security requirements**)
- Use static application security testing (**SAST**) to
avoid **security vulnerabilities**
 - Your code → **Bandit**
 - Docker image → **KICS**

Security requirements



- Derived from STRIDE analysis (threats)
- About security requirements as user stories
 - **SAFECode guide** (focus on Section 2a)
 - Source of inspiration (**on git!**)

We have a list of security requirements for you,
but you should give it a try first ;)

Tutorials

- Vue JS (YouTube video)
- Django (YouTube video)
- Trello (online article)
- Docker (attend lab – one of the options)
 - 26.10.2023 – 09h45 (room D - 1.025)
 - ~~26.10.2023 – 11h30 (room D - 0.010)~~
- STRIDE (own video + book chapters + Q&A)
- Bandit to check your code (in-person tutorial)
- KICS to check Dockerfile and ~~Snyk to check Dockerimage (in person tutorial)~~

Team communication



- We use Mattermost (it's like Slack...)
- TA is on it



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- **YES:** Agree on a set of **fixed meeting every week** to discuss
 - Suggestion is 2 meetings per week
 - Meet **in person**

No messages on Stud.IP !!!



- Send an **email** !!!
1. Say that this mail is about IIW Praktikum (in subject)
 2. I need to see who you are (name is clear from sender or signature)
 3. Always add Cuong in CC

Git



- Team contract (see later)
- Code
- Diagrams
- Meeting minutes
- Tutorial materials
- ...



Questions ?



Sprint 1 (1 week) – Concept

- Write a **contract** – Agree on a way of working
 - When / where to meets (at least a couple)
 - Conflict resolution (e.g., ppl not delivering, discording opinions: vote on issues?)
- Develop the **concept** for your product (e.g., web shop)
 - Start writing the (functional) stories on the backlog (Trello)
- **Next supervision meeting**: we discuss/agree upon the concept, as well as its size and scope

S2 (2w) – Stories and Secure Design

- Finish the **backlog** (user stories)
- Create an **architectural sketch**
 - Components of your system
 - Storage strategies (what/where is the data ...)
 - Interactions among components and service interfaces
 - Deployment (e.g, Docker images)
- Perform **threat analysis** (STRIDE)
 - Define the security controls (**security stories**)

S3 S4 S5 S6 (2w each) – Implementation

- Select the stories for the sprint
- Define and assign the tasks
- Implement the stories
- Run security tools (**Bandit, KICS, Snyk**)
- Produce a demoable version (**Dockerized**)
- Supervision meeting: Show the demo, discuss progress, discuss plan, etc

Sprint 7 (3 weeks)

- Wrap-up
- Prepare individual report
- Prepare group presentation/demo
- Presentation for the other teams in the IIW
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Individual performance

- At the end: **Short individual report**
 1. **Part 1:** your contribution, design choices, challenges, things that could be revised or added (5 pages)
 2. **Appendix: Contribution tables (one per sprint)**
 - Tasks you are responsible for (copy from backlog)
 - Delivered? If not, why?
 - Integrated in the demo? If not, why?
- **Label the code** that you write (as comments on classes, methods)



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- **Covering up** for “freeloaders” is unethical
(cf. passing the solution of an exam to someone)
- **Don’t do it**
 - You will get overloaded, frustrated, etc.
- Talk to me **early on**
 - Sorry, I cannot fix things 2 weeks before final delivery



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- Same story for character/personal issues
 - Member is bossy
 - Member is disrespectful...
- Talk to me as early as possible
- **Avoid escalation** and team falling apart!



Questions ?



To be scheduled

- Meeting W44 (end of S1) – Nov 2, 11-12h
- Meeting W45 (mid of S2) – Nov 7, 8h30
- Meeting in W46 (end of S2) – Nov 14, 8h30

- Meeting in W47 (tutorial on security tools) – Nov 20, 10h

- Meetings at end of each sprint – To be scheduled

TODOs

- With TA
 - Set-up GitLab (uni account)
 - Set-up MatterMost (uni account)
 - Set-up Trello (need free account)
- You
 - Attend Docker lab 26.10.2023
 - Write team contract
 - Decide on product
 - Start writing backlog of stories