# WEEK 3

## Positieve Punten:

1. Samenwerking was prettig en leerzaam.
2. De stof was voor mij overall genomen op een goed niveau; moeilijk genoeg om me uit te dagen, dat ik ook écht m’n best moet doen, maar ook wel behapbaar genoeg dat ik zonder al te veel stress over het afkrijgen van dingen te werk kan gaan.
3. M’n opsta ritueel / ritme is gestabiliseerd en ik begin wat minder traag te worden. Begin van de week korte yoga en meditatie sessie voor ‘t begin van de dag gedaan, vandaag daar nog een workout bij weten te krijgen; top, houdt me energieker tijdens de dag en laat ruimte over voor andere projecten na de TG werkdag.

## Verbeterpunten:

1. Na les-tijd / werktijd ben ik (by far) niet zo actief / productief geweest als ik graag had gewild. Twee factoren die daarmee te maken hebben zijn het ontbreken van een planning of weekindeling voor mezelf, en het vermoeider zijn dan nodig door weinig slaap.
2. Project-skills are clearer than before (what is demanded, what is optional), but it still feels not really integrated into our workflow. In my idea the work we are doing right now doesn’t lend itself too well to division via scrum, since there are no ‘moving parts’ or team members that truly need to connect. The team goals therefore also felt a bit meak; hope there can be more attention to choosing this more conscious and deliberate this week, so we can reach the next scrum (power) level.
3. And one more point here, if I may. This softskill week would be all about OKR’s, which i really was looking forward to, also because I can really use some extra context from coaches and peers. Ruben was very enthusiastic which was fun to see in all his little mini interviews, but he kind of forgot to dive into OKR’s.  
   Wan’t an important aspect about the OKR structure the aligning from company → team → individual? I hope we can still construct a tight OKR for all of us, and that there will be some time for this topic still next week.

# WEEK 4

## Things that went well:

1. Bootstrap felt very comfortable to use for me, I’m quite pleased with the result and the personal touches I gave to the page.
2. Enjoyed the MediaMonks presentation from A to Z, having good and relevant questions. Fuelled my enthusiasm and inspiration.

## Things that could go better:

1. My pace has been a bit slower than is necessary. When official work-time is over, I have quite some difficulty in getting myself to work
2. I have been starting a habit tracker, in order to integrate my OKR’s into my daily life. It is currently still in the buildup fase, but it’s going well and I am almost ready to start one of my biggest personal challenges that I set for myself; becoming a non smoker

## Action Points:

1. Providing myself with a rough week plan to plan my workouts and other activities.
2. Providing myself with a general rhythm that feels relaxed and productive, to give me the space that I need for also doing a bit of homework or extra study for TechGrounds.

# WEEK 5

## What went right:

1. Well, Javascript is going quite well, things seem to make sense till so far, and my pace for the exercises was quite good.

2. I liked the scrum-master role, what it did to my perception of the group and the progress of the individual team members

## Things that could go better:

1. When I noticed that my pace was above average and I could take it easy, I became too nonchalant; now I still have to finish one assignment; this was not necessary.

2. I lost one entire day on some non-TechGrounds stuff that needed to be done on that day. Doing other things during TG hours didn’t feel quite right, especially so many hours at a time.

## Action Points:

1. I really need to incorporate my calender into my daily thinking and flow. I could have anticipated multiple things last week. General pointers:  
  
- Make sub-appointments for TechGrounds; know what is when  
- Put social calls, music lessons and relevant deadlines in your calender.  
- Be smarter with your free time: Schedule it where it is smart and appropriate.

2. I feel that my overall focus (TechGrounds + Life) can be sharper. I think that finalizing, ‘publishing’ and therefore using my OKR would be an important step in the right direction.

# Week 6

## Wat ging goed:

Na het oorsprokelijke achterlopen heb ik lekker tempo gemaakt om weer in te lopen, daar was ik wel tevreden over.

Ik vond het gezamelijk uurtje softskills erg geslaagd; gaf meer focus tijdens het lezen, meer diepte door de onderwerpen even door te spreken via onze individuele perspectieven.

## Wat ging minder:

Te weinig geslapen, zowel van tevoren als tijdens de week. Dit heeft me een kleine achterstand bezorgd, en ben tijdelijk ‘vermist’ geweest voor m’n groepsgenoten. 

Ik vond het moeilijk om opdrachten als Fibonacci of bubble sort daadwerkelijk zelf te beginnen.

## Actie- / Verbeterpunten:

Slaaptijden, zowel in het weekend als doordeweeks. In het weekend zorg ik er voor dat ik sowieso geen slaaptekort opbouw en juist een beetje inhaal. Qua slaaptijden door de week, zal ik komende week om 23:45 beeldschermen uit doen en kamerlicht dimmen, om zo uiterlijk 00:45 echt te gaan slapen.

# WEEK 7

## Wat ging goed?

Het was fijn om wat meer de ruimte te hebben, minder stress over het afkrijgen van dingen of een ‘overlopend hoofd’. Dat heeft geleid tot goed (of nog beter) contact tussen m’n teamgenoten en aandacht te besteden aan diverse randzaken als codeur in opleiding: Over de front-end backend keuze, de loopbaan mogelijkheden, de dingen waar we tegenaan lopen en onze inspiratiebronnen

## Wat ging minder goed?

Het pluspunt was tegelijkertijd een minpunt: ik heb ook wel een beetje de drive gemist die ik wel had als er opdrachten gemaakt dienen te worden: met alle gesprekken en meets ben ik te weinig toegekomen aan coderen zelf.   
  
Verbeterings mogelijkheden:

Ik denk dat ik me alle opdrachten, de grip en drive mbt coderen, meer eigen kan maken als ik alles meer zie als het opbouwen van mijn (skills en) portfolio als web developer.   
  
In plaats van zo goed als alleen maar via TechGrounds aan de slag te gaan, wil ik beginnen met het creeëren van mijn eigen rode draad door en om de opdrachten heen, door vast te beginnen aan een portfolio achtige website.

# WEEK 8

## What went well?

- Working on my portfolio has been a good move for me. It helps me integrate the material, it makes the whole education more real or tangible for myself, and the idea to show this to friends or family is a nice little bonus motivator to get everything right.

- I was super happy that Clyde picked up on my OKR questions / concerns and responded with a monthly OKR workshop. The information being exchanged was useful for me, monthly meetings create a sort of accountability system, to prevent your objectives from slipping away to the background, and all the different personal angles from my peers really helped my brain a lot. I had a few ‘clicks’, of which I hope the spinoff will be noticeable soon.

## What could have gone better?

- Besides the two previously mentioned points, I am really really displeased with week 8. I missed clarity, structure… I had a few goals in mind, but without a very-nearby-deadline it was difficult for me to get in to the right groove.   
What also didn’t help with that was the nature of the scrum meetings, I think I need a more strict scrummaster.

Improvement Points:

A) Next week I want to make a very clear distinction between the scrum standup and social chitchat or “soft-thoughts” about our path to come

B) I want to start the scrum meetings first thing in the morning, with a time-cap on it to. The enforced timecap will hopefully create clarity for everybody and will aid in everybody’s productivity.

C) I want to be clearer about time, use my time better, train myself to become more goal oriented while working. This could be a huge +1UP for me, since I tend to research and explore a topic for way to long before I start working on something.

D) Expanding on C, or method for (C) 🡪 CodeMotion Software Architect Guide  
 (mbt waterfall method vs agile only)  
 The right amount of info / designing / planning before starting:  
 “Just enough” 🡪 “a functioning, primitive whole”  
 which then can evolve into your desired outcome.

E) Actually I would really like to be scrum master: I feel most groups can use a bit more leadership. My suggestion for my group will to also come together at the end of the day, and quickly present the results / findings of the day to each-other. I think this will be beneficial for everybody’s absorption of the material, and at the same time I will create a ‘closed’ accountability system for myself.