Project Retrospective – Team 1 – SS2022

Our experience and our learnings

The AMOS and COACH courses offer a great opportunity to learn and practice agile development within a student team. Besides learning the theoretical basics of SCRUM, these courses require you to work independently and solve problems within your team.

In the following, our main learnings are listed:

- Agile software development
- SCRUM basics (and more)
- Collaboration in a team
- Giving and receiving feedback
- Working with git and GitHub in a team
- How to collaborate with an industry partner

What we liked

We as a team liked the high focus on practical learning. To work on an actual project together with an industry partner gives these courses a high level of professionalism and offers great opportunities to learn agile development in a safe environment.

We liked the good support of the teaching team, that not only provide general guidance, but also help in identifying and overcoming specific problems you might face within your team.

We especially liked working together as team members with different roles and responsibilities where everybody contributed his/her part to a successful project delivery.

What we did not like

Especially at the beginning of the course, all the input and materials may seem a bit overwhelming. Not every aspect is presented in detail and a lot of self-organizing is required. However, after the first few weeks, everybody becomes familiar with the tasks and the meetings, and the general workflow becomes a routine.

Unfortunately, not everybody in our team was equally motivated, which lead to some internal problems that needed to be addressed. While this also provided a lot of learning opportunities, it can also be demotivating.

Summary

To sum it all up, AMOS and COACH both require students to be self-organized and work independently on a project throughout the semester. It offers great learning opportunities and is based on a meaningful practical approach. However, collaboration in a team can also lead to obstacles, which can be demotivating and must be overcome.