

Individual Reflection — Week 6

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What do I want to learn or understand better?

Continuing on what is talked about below, when explaining something to someone the hardest thing I find is to know what baseline you should use for your explanation and whether the person listening actually understood what you just told them. I would like to learn a better way to verify that the person listening actually did follow at each step of the explanation. To make this easier I will try to not make the steps of my explanation too large and more frequently gauge whether the listener is following instead of holding a 45 min lecture about a topic. I hope this might make what I try to convey more approachable and less overwhelming.

How can I help someone else, or the entire team, to learn something new?

Just like last week I worked together with other members to solve problems this sprint. Nothing has changed significantly in regard to this. I still try to explain what I am thinking and trying to do so others can follow along as well as possible. I have noticed time and time again that making sure to explain from a baseline of something I know the other person knows and then taking the person step by step works quite effectively. Additionally, aiming to use language (including visuals) that is familiar and clear instead of too technical just for the sake of being correct can be very helpful. I have also noticed a night and day difference when making sure to follow the adage that “a picture is worth a thousand words.” Showing someone how to do something or explaining something relating to code is a lot more effective when you actually do it yourself and let someone watch instead of just using words to explain. This way you can point at something concrete instead of referring to some abstract idea in your own head. Working online makes this harder but luckily there is screen sharing in addition to using voice chat.

What is my contribution towards the team's use of Scrum?

Regarding the Scrum workflow this sprint, I believe I have performed about the same tasks to the same degree as previous sprints. I have attended stand-up and supervision meetings, I have made sure the Scrum board is complete and kept up-to-date, reviewed and evaluated the acceptance criteria of this week's user stories, and made sure new assignments are set up for the next sprint. I believe this has worked well and do not see any reason to change it at the moment.

What is my contribution towards the team's deliveries?

This week I worked on three assigned user stories and helped another member a little bit with their story. Two of the stories were assigned to me alone. I finished the functionality for both of them, satisfying the acceptance criteria. However, I did not have time to fully finish

writing tests for both of them. The third story I worked on together with another member. We finished it completely, including tests. In total I went almost 8 hours over the team target this sprint. With regard to the amount of progress that was made and the hours spent I would say this sprint was very successful. Since I went over the target time I, technically, might have had too many stories assigned but I felt it was fine anyway and do not find that it would need to be changed for future sprints.