Individual Reflection — Week 3

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What do I want to learn or understand better?

This week we had our first supervision session. This helped us a little in better understanding what our user stories should look like. Before the supervision, our user stories for the first sprint were developer-focused which, although it provided value to developers in "horizontal slices," did not provide much immediate value to the user. Therefore, the stories for our first sprint were reprioritized to be more user-facing. Due to the supervision sessions being very short, we, however, did not get an answer to some of our other questions so we still do not know how to break down user stories into vertical tasks effectively. Another thing I would like to understand better is how to define effective KPIs. At the end of this week during our review meeting, we measured our KPIs and tried to see what they could tell us. I am however not sure how effective they are in bringing us useful insight and will think about this in the future.

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

Anytime during meetings or while working in a group of three this sprint, if someone is wondering about something that I believe I have an answer to, I have tried to explain it as well as possible. Additionally, after one of the Scrum stand-up meetings, when one member had a technical issue, I made sure to offer my help so we could resolve it.

I am, however, sometimes unsure whether I should present what I know as a fact or more as a suggestion. On one hand, presenting it as a fact will more quickly steer the conversion in the right direction but might also discourage others from saying what they think. On the other hand, if I present it as a suggestion I open up for discussion and the possibility of better suggestions and questions to come up at the cost of efficiency. I am not sure how, but I would like to find a middle ground between these two approaches.

As of yet, I have not used our workflow documentation system to teach the team anything new. As we have discussed during our review meeting our git branching and pull request strategy needs to be established and documented so we can perform code reviews more effectively. I plan on writing a document regarding this before or during the next sprint.

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

Along with the rest of the team, I have attended stand-up meetings, 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 user stories and assignments are set up for the next sprint.

What is my contribution towards the team's deliveries?

This first sprint, I have actively worked together in a group of three people on two user stories. I have tried to provide useful ideas and questions about how to solve the problems we encountered. I have also coded parts of the solution for both the user stories.