Individual Reflection: Week 2

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What do I want to learn or understand better?

This week we had lectures about Scrum, which gave a lot more clarity to what it is all about. We also set up our scrum board which involved defining the project scope better, creating initial user stories, prioritizing those user stories, breaking them down into tasks, and assigning stories to team members. The most confusing part was to break down the stories into tasks. I and the rest of the team are still somewhat unsure how to create vertical slices in an effective way. I will try to research this more if I have time, otherwise, I hope we can learn to understand this better after the first sprint once we have gotten the technical foundation and a first prototype finished.

The team had two short stand-up meetings and two longer team meetings this week. Compared to the first week, I felt I could contribute somewhat more effortlessly, mostly giving feedback when I felt it was needed.

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

During this week I have tried to provide helpful information and links to move the team forward or learn something new during meetings and when someone has asked me. At the start of this week, I also worked on and suggested what I call "Workflow Proposals." They are a system for creating documents which serve as a way to present and propose new workflows, and as a way to teach and document existing or obsolete workflows used by the team. I hope this can be helpful in making sure we can improve our workflow and knowledge without leaving any team members behind. I plan to use this system to propose and teach how the team can, for example, follow good git branching practices, how to use certain components in React Native, or how to perform a code review.

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

As I had suggested last week the team is now using GitHub Project Boards for our scrum board. I was not sure how this would turn out since I had not used GitHub Project Boards before. After setting up our scrum board it, however, turned out better than expected. Most of the team seem to have picked up how to use the board and GitHub issues and their features fairly quickly. I provided the team with some useful resources to map Scrum concepts to GitHub's tools and together we managed to set up the board with agreed-upon labels for effort estimation and a Definition of Done detailing what rules we will follow as a team when moving cards between columns.

What is my contribution towards the team's deliveries?

I have attended all team meetings, stand-up meetings and extra work sessions and believe I have contributed useful opinions along the way for our Scrum board and team reflection. I have made sure to maintain a meeting agenda of what needs to be done in more detail allowing the team to get an overview of where we are going.