Individual Reflection: Week 1

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What do I want to learn or understand better?

I have never before properly followed an agile or scrum process and would therefore like to learn how to do this well to make sure the team can work in an effective manner producing something of value. I belive good comunication is of uttermost importance in team collaboration. Currently, I get somewhat anxious and quiet during verbal team meetings which makes me hold back on providing feedback. I would like to get better at expressing and valuing what I think even if that means disagreeing with someone or sounding incoherent.

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

I can help the team by making sure to share resources that I found useful and help them if they are stuck or have questions. One possibility is also to give small presentations to the whole team at once on how to perform some specific tasks. For example, how to use a feature of React or how to more effectively follow best practices for git.

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

I should make sure to know what my role and responsibilities in the project are. If some part of the collaboration or development workflow is not working as expected, I should make sure to ask for clarification or suggest some way to improve it. If someone needs help, I should make sure to try my best to understand what their needs are and how to help them. I also believe it is important to make sure everyone on the team is on the same page with regard to the project organization and use of technology. Scrum boards certainly help here and I have suggested that the team can use GitHub Project Board to more easily integrate planning with other work performed on GitHub. Additionally, I have created and filled out a shared Trello board for meetings and other course-related deadlines. My hope is that the team finds this useful in giving an overview of what is on the agenda and decreases confusion.

What is my contribution towards the team's deliveries?

I have attended all team meetings, helped writing and provided feedback on some topics. I am generally very focused on organizational and technical aspects of a course so I feel those have been the topics I have been able to contribute to the most. In the future I hope I can contribute to other aspects of the discussion and project more as well.