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Developer Journal

As a developer on the Scrum Team, the product backlog is the most important form of communication. The product backlog is a list of requirements organized by most important to least important. Prioritizing these tasks help developers strategize the progress of the product and keeps the product owner informed and satisfied. Developers depend on the Product Owner to organize and update the product backlog. The Product Owner has time to communicate with clients and users and can identify product requirements and user suggestions.

User suggestions may change the backlog based on their input. For example, if a user suggests they want to organize destinations by ratings, the Product Owner may choose to implement this suggestion and update the product backlog. This is when developers depend on the Product Owner to update changes as soon as possible so the dev team can make changes to their sprint planning. A Scrum Team embraces change to ensure they are delivering the best product possible. Changes like this may affect the estimated cost and time of a product, but it is a key aspect of the Agile Methodology. Traditionalists may prefer a concrete cost estimate, but an Agile developer identifies these changes necessary to deliver a quality product. To deliver a quality product, I would ask that the Product Owner does proper research so the dev team delivers the best product possible and notifies the Scrum Master or entire team via e-mail as soon as possible so we can implement those changes.

The Product Tester plays a very important role in assisting the developers. The Tester makes sure the product meets all requirements and makes sure the code is fully functionable. As a developer, I expect feedback from the tester so I can improve my code for the next product. I should be able to test my own work and make corrections, only relying on The Tester for fine details. Collaboration is crucial for an agile team to perform to the best of their ability and delivering the best results to the Product Owner makes my work fulfilling. The flexibility to update my product and check for errors on the fly gives me the freedom to be creative and take risks I wouldn’t normally take on a tight budget job.

E-MAIL:

TO: Product Owner

CC: Tester

SUBJECT: User Story Development Update

I have looked at the user story clarifications, and to move forward I will have to update the code that lists the Top 10 Destinations. I will recode to list the destinations on the same page as opposed to a slideshow. Also, I must update the search results to be sortable by user ratings. I will have to add a new section of code to include this feature. Lastly, I will need a second developer to help me include all features of the website onto the mobile app. Initially we set limitations on the mobile app for a simplistic user interface. To reprogram the mobile app before the deadline, I will need a little assistance.

Thank you,

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