Sprint 1 Retrospective

The primary problems in this sprint were in communication and poor understanding of our tasks. The backlogs for said sprint were far too rough to act as guides for progress, and the features in them were written without fully comprehending the project as a whole and what we wanted our end result to be. Communication was also an issue, with solid channels and venues of communication not really being established until halfway through the sprint. Much of the initial work was done in the dark and without adequate consultation from the rest of the team.

In future sprints, an important item to work on is meetings: they should be scheduled ahead of time, and with much less flexibility on when exactly they are. They should be used to discuss where and how we move next with the program, rather than discussing the details of how to work on one aspect, then sitting in silence while one or another person works on that. There should also be more inter-mingling of working on areas; no one person should be responsible for the entirety of any one part of the project. The backlog for the next sprint should be much more ambitious; the items on the last one were completed about halfway into the sprint. Backlogs should be goals, not lines we are sure to cross.