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CS-250 Journal: Tester

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* ***What elements of the user stories were the most helpful in developing your initial test cases?***

While developing my initial test cases, I found the Acceptance Criteria and the User Story Value Statements to be a very valuable resource. These provide clear conditions that must be met for a feature to be considered complete. They help guide the development for the test cases as a blueprint of sorts. While extremely helpful, they are also sometimes missing some details. Which ties into the next Question….

* ***How critical are communications between you and the Product Owner during the development of the test cases? How can the Product Owner be helpful during this phase?***

As mentioned above, User Stories sometimes lack clarity or need more information to move forward. That is why communication with the Product Owner is crucial during the development of the test cases. The Product Owner’s communication with the Stakeholders ensures that the testing approach aligns with their expectations, helping to manage any potential conflicts early on.

* ***What was missing from the user stories that would have been helpful? How might you go about getting this additional information?***

I combined these 2 questions together because I felt like what was missing wasn’t from the User Stories per say, but more from personal experience. I don’t travel, so I wasn’t familiar with how travel sites work. Therefore, I went to a few different websites just to get a look and feel of how they work. Once I got a sense of the layout (Menu options, Price features, etc.), I had a better understanding of what to include in my test cases.

* ***Create a sample email that would effectively explain your needs and prompt a proper response. Be certain to identify the recipient of the communication and the specific information you expect to receive.***

To: Christy (Product Owner)

From: Travis Hutchinson (Tester)

Subject: User Story USID-3 Clarifications

Hello Christy,

I have gone over the User Stories, and I am starting to develop test cases for them. In User Story USID-3, I need a couple more details so that I can clearly define my test cases. I was hoping you could answer the following questions for me?

1. User Profile Creation- Should we use email address and password entry for login instead of creating a unique username? It could be easier during setup and reduce redundant programming.
2. Customize Interest Settings- For customize interest setting are we wanting an option to choose from a scroll down text list, or a picture/button option. What are your thoughts?

Thanks, Travis H.