Sprint 1 retrospective

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What went well?

Because of the delayed start to the Sprint all of us thought that we would be lagging behind in development as well. The result, however, was quite surprising to us.

The leading factor behind that is us being familiar with the tools we decided to work with. In our previous projects we worked with Vue.js, Express, SQL etc., and the fact that we had to use them again sped up the first steps of the project, including frontend and backend.

Considering the time loss, almost all of the issues regarding frontend from the Sprint backlog are finished. Backend development is going slow and steady. Although the progress is not as explosive as it is in the frontend, it definitely will not hinder the development of the overall product. The team environment has improved a lot compared to the last sprint. Once we started working on development and seeing positive results, the team's morale improved.

What can be improved and how to do so?

Project management

Project management could be improved by logging issues and their progress more frequently, issue descriptions could also be more verbose. Implementing certain coding standards would also greatly benefit the project, in addition making reading, improving and debugging easier.

Effort logging

There are a lot of inconsistencies when it comes to logging hours. The biggest cause of which is forgetting to log hours after working a certain amount of time.

A way to solve this issue is to install software such as <u>Toggl</u> which helps you keep track of the amount of hours you've worked and periodically reminds you to log your hours if you're working.