

- Pre-meeting with Rob (October 16th):
 - Due to the complications we were coming across with our previous product owner, Rob has graciously decided to take over as our product owner.
 - The relationship was becoming toxic, and we needed to bring up various concerns to Rob as this experience was not great.
 - Spoke briefly on how our project will proceed with him as owner:
 - We are all busy people and could probably conduct most meetings still online (for being able to record them).
 - He wanted to do a quick catch up for our project ASAP.
 - As such, we scheduled a meeting for October 17th at 2pm.
 - This was so we could start development on the next sprint immediately.
 - Meetings won't be so toxic going forward :)
 - We should have communicated much better about the quick turnaround on this as an entire group, but we wanted to get it done as quickly as possible.
- Meeting with Rob (October 17th):
 - Commitments:
 - Completing the Personal Calendar feature.
 - Completing the Reply to Posts user story from the Interactions with Posts feature.
 - Finishing the residuals from Sprint 1.
 - For our stretch goal, we should try to finish the Edit/Delete Posts and Comments user story from the Interactions with Posts feature.
 - General project recommendations from Rob:
 - Integration Tests:
 - We should find a way to use a local database instead of testing with a database on the cloud.
 - We should ideally be keeping our testing independent of each other, which means the way we're running our tests now doesn't fit this. It would be ok for us to make a user in the database that could be used by all tests, but this should be created and destroyed outside the tests, so like a constructor that runs once before the tests and a destructor that runs once after all the tests are complete.

- Private repo
 - Rob suggested having a separate private repo for our aws credentials and such so that we can remove them from our main repo so it can be public, but only if we wanted to.
 - Meeting minutes
 - If we don't have an in person meeting for a while, we should document our communications from our discord conversations in a document that we can consider "minutes".
- Sprint 1 Grading:
 - The TA gave us 26/27 on this sprint which is wild, what with how poorly the demo went and how rude he was being to us.
 - Apparently we were the highest of his 3 groups??
 - Rob decided to keep the grade as-is since there were definitely still some kinks that could be ironed out, but he didn't bother to change any of the notes on the rubric.
- Looking ahead:
 - With the Hidden Achievement System, we should probably get rid of the high views achievement since we probably won't be tracking views on individual posts and adding that would be a nightmare/too much for one feature.
- Jenkins server:
 - We need to respond to the email thread again to make sure we can get the VM spun up for running our CI/CD. We're doing "hard mode" for CI/CD and this VM is a necessity since getting an instance through AWS gets very expensive very quickly.
- Post-meeting discussion with Rob:
 - Database connection for testing:
 - We should be doing this, but unfortunately our users are created using Cognito. This means that our tests would become much slower if we were to create a user in every test.
 - This would also mean that we'd need to create an entirely new Cognito user pool for all of the tests which is a huge amount of work.
 - Also, we are mostly working with the cloud and our tests should focus on ensuring that the cloud interactions are

functioning. As such, it doesn't really make sense to have a local database.

- We're using an SDK directly in our code, which doesn't support a local database. If it's possible for other projects, it's probably because they need a connection string. In our case, we don't have that.
- Also, our endpoints would need to have if statements everywhere, causing a massive refactoring of the already-functional backend.
- We decided to just keep it as-is and opted to justify why we went with this model.
- We just need to keep in mind that there are tradeoffs to both approaches, and it looks like refactoring the backend when it already works is just too many drawbacks.
- Daunting Project:
 - We all need to keep in mind how intimidating this project is and that this is definitely new for all of us.
 - We're all in this together! Let's keep working hard at it and support each other whenever we can or have capacity to.
- Action Items:
 - Discuss and consider what Rob had suggested.
 - Continue working on Sprint 2.
 - Finish up Sprint 1 residuals.