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Week 3-4 Reflection

What?

1. What did you do to prepare for class this week?
   1. To prepare for this week I made sure I had a solid understanding of how stories work in the agile development environment.
2. What did you learn from this week’s activities?
   1. I learned by experience that it can be challenging to coordinate online while waiting for several people’s schedules to free up. Meaning that things like remote work can cause production schedules to fall behind.
   2. The activities didn’t do much due to the fact I had a good amount of exposure to Git and GitHub already.
3. What did you learn from the customer?
   1. I didn’t learn much more from the customer this week due to the limited interaction they have with us and that we are getting a decent idea of what they want.
4. What did you learn from the customer’s domain knowledge?
   1. They have a good idea of what it's going to take and they don’t want us to do too much.
5. What synergic activities did you participate with the customer?
   1. Anna is going to be doing a lot of interacting with the customer so I didn’t really get to participate with the customer, only meeting with Anna who was conveying the customer’s desire and vision.
6. How did you participate in class?
   1. 4 - activity participated
7. What did you learn?
   1. You can refer to question two for my answer. Just stating that I am finding that it is difficult to get things done over online methods.

So What?

1. How did you affect the project?
   1. The way I affected the project this week was my contribution to making a video that goes over the environment set up for the backend. This helped a lot of people getting things going in the backend so we can start getting the backend running and we can start developing it.
2. How did you include the customer?
   1. I worked with Anna the project manager who talks with the customer and is in charge of executing their vision of the project.
3. What is the status of your goals from the previous reflection?
   1. I got access to the project but I was not able to get a solid understanding of it so far. I only have a beginner's understanding of JavaScript with no real experience in software development and the tools used in this project so I am finding that it is going to take a lot more work than anticipated to gain a solid understanding of how the project comes together.
4. What value did you provide to the program/team?
   1. With my understanding of Docker and how to set up the environments, making the video I did provided an easier time for people to get up and running for developing this project.
5. What value did you provide to the product/customer?
   1. Helping the rest of the team get up and running, this is going to allow us more time for implementing features rather than waiting for other people to figure it out and not having them build the desired features the client wants.
   2. **Behavior**
      1. What value or innovation do you plan on providing the customer, project, or program?
         1. My desired contribution would be somewhere in the database side of things, whether it is creating a better database that stores the important information for creating value or building tools that can help. Right now I am only focusing on working on providing value in building the desired applications for the client.
      2. How do you plan on including the customer in your tasking?
         1. Working with the PM in implementing the desired vision of the client.
      3. How do you plan on contributing to the team, besides completing your tasks?
         1. I plan on being there for the team to fix any problems they have in the backend environment setup.
      4. What would you do differently next week?
         1. I would get the information for the GitHub repository manager and contact him directly, because not being able to get into the repository really put me behind schedule in how I can contribute.
      5. Write a SMART Goal for next week.
         1. Have an understanding of the work done so far by the previous team and understand what their vision was
         2. If I can get the backend and frontend working and know how to affect it I know I am making good progress on it.
         3. In the next week, it is possible.
         4. For me to be able to contribute to the project I need to know how everything is working.
         5. In the next week or two is my goal to accomplish this.
      6. If you were to teach one thing that you learned to someone else what would it be.
         1. Effective communication, what I mean by this is how to present your desired outcome so that people understand.
   3. **Cognitive**
      1. How does your experience relate to other experiences you have had?
         1. I haven’t had much experience in software development so I can’t relate much to my previous experiences in this project.
      2. How does your experience relate to other classmates’ experiences?
         1. I would say that it is the fact we are really new at this and have very little idea about what we doing.
      3. Tell me about what you taught someone? And what did they learn, that they didn’t know before?
         1. I know this is reversed to the question, but my father taught me effective communication methods. I learned how to break down problems to communicate with them before. I didn’t realize before that there are specified methods on how to explain overall programs.
      4. If you were to write your experience as STAR story, how would you phrase it?
         1. Situation - Job interviews weren’t leading to jobs and I didn’t know why.
         2. Task- I wanted to move into a job but needed to figure out why I wasn’t being transitioned to employment.
         3. Action - I asked my dad who is a senior professional in the tech industry and he figured my communication methods were lacking.
         4. Result- I am now learning different ways to explain complex ideas so that in my next interview I can transition it into a job.
      5. If this was a religion class, how would you relate this week’s topic to the gospel?
         1. Nobody can get into heaven on their own so we need to work together and share our own experiences so we can help others who might be going through the same problem

Score:

95 - my answers were answered as required and they are explained with important contextual details.