Individual Reflection 4

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The fourth sprint was a bit shorter than preceding sprints and with that we had to be smart on how much work we planned to take on. Since Mondays are one of the days where we usually have everyone gathered, first to do the sprint planning but then to start working. This is the time where it is the easiest to get help from others and discuss potential problems that could arise. With that day gone out of the sprint we lose some momentum because it can be more difficult to get started or easier to get stuck when everyone isn't around. Despite all of this the sprint went really well, during the sprint planning we lowered the amount of tasks available focusing on getting the navigation between different pages to work which made the entire app come together. The tasks that were left after that were more focused on user experience, like a cleaner GUI, validation on textfield, etc. I enjoy a shorter sprint once in a while since it may be difficult with time with larger tasks but it does give time to pay off some technical debt and take some time to fix smaller details.

My contribution to the team deliveries has mostly remained the same during the previous sprint, but I've tried to answer questions even though I'm not at the computer or currently working. Since the working hours for people differ, I feel that it is important to put some effort into answering team members' questions since if no one answers they might continue to be stuck far longer than if they would've gotten some response.

I feel like each sprint is getting easier to get tasks done and to increase efficiency. Compared to last sprint I said that the more complicated merge conflicts were less frequent, this trend has continued. We had some major merge conflicts during the start of the sprint which came as a result from when we moved to a GUI, this took some time but wasn't as bad as the previous merges. I feel as we are getting more efficient each sprint and these large merge conflicts will probably continue to decrease in how often they appear. Overall my experience over this sprint was good!