SEPT Assignment Sprint Retro Notes

Team: 2

Sprint: 2

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1. Things That Went Well

There were not that many things that the group believed went that well during the sprint. However, the one thing that the group believes was beneficial and went well, was the fact that the group maintained the regularly scheduled meetings, as well as including extra meetings when needed. This helped with progress updates, updates on issues encountered and how individuals or the group should tackle it, or simply looking over each other's work. As this helped on many occasions, this would be something that the group would most likely continue to do in future sprints.

2. Things That Could Have Gone Better

In this sprint, we could have improved on our communication with each other, as since this is a group task, it is important to let others know where we are at so that the group does not fall behind. We also did have a confusion in regards to the timing of the sprint which meant we started our tasks late and that some tasks were left to the last minute, and hence could not be completed on time. We also think that in future sprints, we can spread tasks/sections better because right now we only have one member of the team working on the backend, and we decided to have someone else work on the backend as well so that tasks can be completed in a more efficient manner.

3. Things That Surprised Us

One thing that surprised us was the extent of complexity to deploy the application. When doing the task it was revealed that there is not much documentation and information for the course on deploying to AWS, making it quite difficult. We were also surprised at the lack of help afforded to us, as many of our questions asked to tutors for technical support went unanswered.

4. Lessons Learned

We have learned that we should start the tasks earlier and before we started it we should have a look at the rubric for the milestone at the beginning as a group to prevent last-minute work. We should also get more clarification and communicate with each other about the tasks when there was confusion.

5. Final Thoughts

Things that need to be kept are the amount of meetings that we have currently set because having at least two meetings outside our lab session was really helpful to understand what everyone has been doing and discuss the issues that we encountered. The things that need to be changed are our communication. We need to improve our communication in order to get a better understanding of what we need to do. We also need to plan the next sprint in the next milestone better and set a timeframe for each task so we will not be overwhelmed at the end of the sprint.