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**4-3: Journal Entry: Tester**

As the tester in the team, I am working to ensure that the user stories have been accurately translated into the program. When building the test cases for this project, the user stories are the roadmap for the testing. The most useful part of the stories is the “so that I can” portion of the value statement. This is the *why* of the story and the result the user wants from this story.

Because the user story is a concise statement of what the user wants and why, it can be hard sometimes to parse out the how. While this method gives the developers wide berth to design the answer, designing the test case or cases can be more difficult from just the user story. To get more information for helping in the test case design, I can reach out to the product owner to get more clarification. They could do more interviews if needed or possibly have the information, but it didn’t make it into the user stories. Also, using Test Driven Development, I can work with the developers. This helps with weeding out issues before they get to testing and testing can be designed around the functionality of the program. Below is a sample letter to a Product Owner requesting more information on the project.

Christy,

Good morning! After reviewing the user stories, I’ve started developing the test cases for each of the features. I do have some questions that will help define the pass/fail criteria. Can you please review the questions below and respond to them? Let me know if you need any further clarification on my questions.

**User Story One**

* Revision: The top 5 list is now a slide show.
  + Should there be a link for more information about each trip?
  + Should the price be shown on each slide?

**User Story Two**

* Should there be an option to save the filters for future searches?

**User Story Three**

* Should the ‘hot deals’ email have pictures or pricing included?
* Should there be a top 5 list like the first User Story?

Best,

Bob