Iteration 1 Retrospective

What went right:

Team setup went very well with this group, and we had a very good initial meeting for establishing roles and ground rules. We’ve had great participation in subsequent meetings, and we seem to be making good progress in terms of improving our understanding of some of the technologies we will be using in future iterations. We have laid good groundwork for ourselves in terms of understanding the project’s requirements and building out wireframe and ER diagrams accordingly. One point that has furthered our productivity has been holding bi-weekly meetings: one at the beginning of the week to talk about what we want to get done for the week, and one at the end of the week to review what we’ve accomplished and what we still have to work on from those initial goals. This system has been working well so far, and it hopefully will further improve with the integration of the Kanban boards, as stated below.

What went wrong:

While we believe that we have been getting off to a good start in terms of our basis of understanding, our progress with writing out code has been slow. Our team’s lack of experience with writing web applications means that the upfront time has been spent researching and learning about how to use the chosen technologies properly. During the next iteration, we hope to rectify this, even if portions of the code do not connect yet.

What risks were missed:

During this iteration, our lack of experience meant we did not have an excellent grasp on the tasks for getting started on this project. This of course hurt our ability to truly get the project underway. To solve this dilemma during future iterations, each team member will break down their portions of the project into manageable tasks and put these onto a Kanban board. This will hopefully motivate us to think and work as a group that is focused on which tasks need to be done first and work accordingly.