Individual Reflection

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What do I want to learn or understand better?

This week, my team and I have participated actively in an exercise (Lego) where we learned some basics about Scrum methods, activities and tools. As a next goal, I look forward to getting a wider understanding of Scrum methods and terminologies which we can reach through exercises, lectures and effective team collaboration.

How can I help someone else, or the entire team, to learn something new?

Our team consists of members who belong to different programs and have different skills. I believe that the most effective way to help my team learning something new is by sharing information. This week I have shared some useful resources with the team about git-workflow, Maven and Junit. As the project progresses, holding more discussions with the team members will maximize the sharing of information in order to have a more complementary team.

What is my contribution towards the team's use of Scrum?

During the exercise we had this week, I had the chance to collaborate with the team members and follow simple Scrum activities and tools. My contributions included estimating the effort needed to implement each user story by using the planning poker tool, eliminating what is considered non-valuable from the stakeholder's point of view and improving the process after each iteration. Scrum is a methodology, practices and a mindset. Me implementing my role as team member in Scrum, helping other team members implementing their roles and embracing the mindset of Scrum, is both a long- and short-term goal.

What is my contribution towards the team's deliveries?

Since this is the first week on the course, my contribution towards the team's deliveries involved helping my team meeting the specified deadlines by attending the meetings, discussing the social contract as well as voting to choose the project idea. More contributions will be needed as the project progresses including Business Model Canvas and setting up the project structure.