

Project Retrospective

Project 3: QAChat

Dear Future AMOS Teams,

We are excited to share our experience from our QAChat project, which at the beginning, felt overwhelming since we had to adjust to an agile way of working (Scrum). Initial hurdles included team coordination and time management in our first experience within a larger group setting.

Over time, we became more comfortable with working as a team. We progressively understood the project better week after week. Embracing Scrum principles improved team collaboration, time management, and task distribution significantly.

Midway, despite initial struggles and other academic responsibilities, we started to work as a single unit. It was encouraging to witness our collective efforts resulting in substantial progress. By the project's end, our focus shifted to refining details for a successful closure, despite challenges like changing technologies or problems with the Industry Partner. Such problems can include missing access rights, new requirements that lead to change, or even just the processing time within the company.

In retrospect, we take much pride in our achievements which we realized through a cross-functional team and consistent communication. We embraced a modular software design approach that offered adaptability and ease in making changes. Communication was essential, and the functionality of Github, such as pull requests and commentaries, complemented our teamwork.

Key lessons from QAChat include the necessity of a thorough understanding of requirements from the start, strategic planning prior to execution, and early task completion to allow developers to review them. Communication's pivotal role in team projects was underscored.

For future teams, we recommend early contact with industry partners after team-building for a smooth start and overview of forthcoming user stories. We appreciate the insights and fulfillment we gained at the project's successful completion.

Your Team QAChat