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      In our first sprint, I managed to accomplish little. I ran into several technical issues –issues that I feel aren't necessarily productive to mention at this point– that could've been avoided with better preparation. I have since resolved all issues and shouldn't have to experience them in any upcoming sprint.

      Communicating effectively as a team has proven to be much more difficult than I had expected. There have been several moments where I, and others, have had to request for further explanation post-meetings. I don't see striving for a better understanding as a bad thing of course, but it is frequent enough to where it shows a weakness in our ability to organize as a group. Although we didn't manage to keep track of our meeting points consistently, I noticed that the couple of times we documented our own choices, the easier they were to remember and understand. It's clear that effective communication has as big of an impact on the functionality of a team as it has been stated to me before.

      Challenges I noticed in myself relate primarily to communication. I find myself not knowing what to ask, or necessarily how to ask it at times. I'm not experienced in a large amount of the lingo that I hear relating to software development which is an irritatingly obvious leak in my ability to know what is going on around me. Asking for help with some of these things as a CS major requires a brief bit of humility, and seeing that that is required I will be sure to ask for help when needed.

      I learned how important planning can be for a group of people working on a project. I mistakenly figured that planning and executing would be as intuitive as it has been during group projects in previous courses. I view this new awareness of the importance in planning as a skill that I have gained from this first sprint.