DAT257/DIT143 INDIVIDUAL REFLECTION W2 ANTON OLSSON 19-09-12

MY LEARNING OBJECTIVES FOR THIS COURSE is obviously to some extent learning technologies such as Android development, Git (or rather, improving my skills there), route planning implementation and different API:s. Mostly however, my focus is on in-depth experience and understanding of a well-executed Scrum process, and team development in general. I've encountered Scrum in an earlier course, but the execution and my understanding of it was not optimal. Overall, there are some areas in particular I hope to get a clearer understanding of:

- How to effectively execute sprints such that the goals set are reached in time. Could explicitly setting time limits and reminders (which we didn't do in the previous course) in environments such as Trello help? What about better and clearer communication when/if team members start lagging behind?
- Touching on the previous point; my earlier projects have all suffered from suboptimal communication. How could that be improved?
- How to work "vertically" (that is, everyone works on everything from GUI to databases) while still maintaining quality, especially if people are talented in different areas (which they tend to be).
- How to make sure the quality of the code being submitted holds a certain minimum standard and time spent bug-hunting is minimized. Except for common techniques like extensive testing, peer reviews and pull requests, could strictly enforcing a constantly up-to-date design model of the app help achieve this?
- The best way to organize a Scrum board, the exact relationship between the product and the sprint backlog and how to optimally divide epics into user stories into tasks.

DESPITE THAT MY EARLIER EXPERIENCE of Scrum could've been more successful, I still believe my experience can help the team in the learning of the practice. I also believe I have general skills that can help others learn something new, as I've knowledge in both frontend and backend development.

DURING THIS FIRST WEEK of slowly starting up the project, I've contributed by participating in picking the project's scope, writing user stories and acceptance criteria for those, and the general GUI design. I've also done some administrative tasks.