Journal – Retrospective

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For an Agile Scrum team communication is everything. It cannot be stressed enough in my opinion. This means everything needs to be communicated as soon as it is happening. This requirement makes it a bit harder when you’re working in a team. But that is where all the Scrum Team Tools and scheduled events come into play. For an Information Radiator it’s crucial that it shows current information. This could mean possible real time notifications on a message board or being in a chat room/ zoom meeting together. These information radiators will have all relevant information ready for anyone on the team to view, keeping true to the transparency of it all, along with the timeliness. Scrum events are a way to catch up with everyone all at once because they will all be in one spot for however long. Having the Daily Scrum and every team meeting is a good way to have updates from face-to-face communication, but for some who are unable to be there face to face there are platforms you can use for video and/or instead and simultaneously while working. “Communication is key to collaborative work, which is one of the cornerstones of creative multidisciplinary work.” (Miranda, 2025) All of these practices, either in the office or out, contribute constantly to the Agile development, through the transparency and openness of each communication. During this Module we had a group discussion board and a decent deadline we were given. I assumed the Product Owner role and communicated with the team about the things I agreed on mostly and another suggestion as well. Our team had awesome ideas that were completely doable from the get-go so if I went into a team with them, I would already feel comfortable with them. Tools I would have suggested we use would be discord or zoom for real time communication throughout the day. For the project management tool selection I would have to do some research to see what is the best fit for the current project. So far I have seen a few I have used before as a beta tester for little applications. Trello seemed to be the one that has popped out the most because of the management boards that revolve around a Kanban-Style of management. “(Trello) It's particularly well-suited for smaller teams or projects with straightforward workflows.” (Sravan, 2024) I would have chosen this tool to manage the project. Azure DevOps tool would be another choice for the project here at SNHU Travel but since I am mostly iOS and macOS it wouldn’t work seamlessly like it could. I would use Trello more often because of this and its ability to be compatible everywhere. Each of these tools allow boards to be seen by all on the team and communications to be seamlessly updated whenever its modified. Trello uses boards, lists, and task cards for organization in a project. When doing the SNHU Travel project Trello would be a great tool because it is tailored to smaller teams but still has the same functionality of bigger project tools. When I get to the career level goal after my graduation I am going to love seeing all the new tools and additions in the Agile world. Between tools and the people I will be networking with I am eager to get started.

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