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Tester Journal

What elements of the user stories were the most helpful in developing your initial test cases? I found that when the stories were specific and didn’t need any more information, they were the easiest to write test cases for. The other thing that helped quite a bit is if there weren’t any changes after the initial test cases were written.

What was missing from the user stories that would have been helpful? Switching from a page layout to a slideshow for the destinations would have been nice to know in advance, but that’s how Scrum works, always evolving. Also, a little bit of input on what other types of trips to include would have been helpful, and some information on the actual page layout would have been nice as well.

How might you go about getting this additional information? I think the easiest way to get the information would be to go straight to the product owner since they are the ones that have direct contact with the stakeholders and probably have the best idea of what they are looking for. If they are not available, I would definitely hit up the Scrum master since they worked hand and hand with the product owner to come up with the stories in the first place.

Sample email for more information:

To: Christy (product owner)

CC: Ron (scrum master)

Subject: User story clarification

Christy,

I am trying to develop test cases for the user stories that you sent me, and I need a little bit of clarification on a couple of them.

Story One: Since we are switching to a slideshow format for the top destinations, how would you like it formatted? Picture above, name and description below, or name above, then picture, then description, or something else?

Story Two: I only have a few types of trips at the moment: cruises and museums tours and would like to see if you have a more complete list.

Thank you,

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