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Developer Journal

The only requests that I would make of the product owner and the tester would be that they be as specific as possible so that I don’t send off the project and have it come back to me because of something that was known but not communicated. The only other thing is not adding a major change in the middle of a sprint. That should probably wait until the next sprint. Besides that, you really can’t ask for too much more because with Scrum change is part of the process.

I think the best way to get a response is with face-to-face communication, one of the key principles of Scrum. It’s easy to ignore or forget an email, but someone standing right in front of you is much harder to ignore. If face-to-face communication is not possible, I would send out an initial email and if I don’t get a response in a timely manner, I would start copying more people on it and resending it until someone that knew the details got back to me. In the meantime, you can always work on a different story.

Agile methodology allows more flexibility in the fact that you choose which stories and what order you are going to work on them. It also allows you the freedom to really design it any way you want as long as they pass the test cases. That being said, efficient, easy to understand code is the preferred way to code stories, since others will have to be able to use it and possibly add to it later.

To: Christy and Brian

Subject: Story clarification

Christy and Brian,

I just wanted to clarify a few things with the change in the booking program to focus on wellness/detox travel.

1. Christy - Since we are prioritizing this new content, what are we putting on the backburner? An updated product backlog and new stories including the new content would be appreciated as soon as possible.
2. Brian – Once we get new product backlog, how long will it take to write new test cases? Obviously the quicker we can get them the better.
3. Is there anything I should prioritize while the product backlog and test cases are being updated?

Thank you,

Brian