**Sprint Retrospective Meetings**

**Sprint 1 (08.03.18 – 25.03.18):**

**Positives:** There were a number of things that we thought worked well in this sprint. We were generally happy with the size of the sprint and our time estimates. The workload was predicted to lie at around 30 hours and we managed to get it done in roughly that time. Some tasks took longer than expected but that was balanced out by others not being nearly as long as estimated. We also managed to complete the sprint (almost) on time. The only reason we did not was because the last feature required us to be together which was impossible due to the holidays.

Another positive aspect was that we felt there was a good division of labour. We did not have team members specialising in certain areas or one person doing everything on their own. Instead we split the features in such a way that everyone would get to work on setting up the database, scraping an API and write to the database.

Finally, the (quite long) sprint planning meeting we had on the first day was helpful in clearing up any ambiguities about the project and give everyone a feel of what is to come. This was helpful as it got everyone on the same page.

**Not so Positives:** One area that might need improvement was communication. It was by no means bad, all team members were usually on the same page and talkative, however there was sometimes a delay in passing messages around and the daily meetings did not always happen or sometimes happened over chat. We believe this to be due to the holidays. Everyone was at some other place so communication happened entirely over slack and Facebook group calls. Naturally, it was difficult to find a suitable time slot for the daily and due to unread messages and missed notifications we sometimes had a delay in getting messages around. This was worsened by the use of slack we felt, as everyone had troubles getting notifications from it.

**Improvements:** As mentioned, communication can be improved and likely will be since the break is over. As everybody is back in college we can have a dedicated time each day for the daily where everybody will reliably be updated.

Also, we decided to switch from slack to Facebook for urgent notifications. Slack will still be used for the everyday stuff.