

Retrospective report – fixed, group 42

The first sprint mostly went well. But of course there were some drawbacks that we found out during it as a team. It was our first time in agile development.

Things that went well:

We did all of the assigned work before the deadlines and delivered it on time.

Reason: At the beginning of the sprint all the team members were really motivated for the project and all of the team members took part or initiative in the tasks without slacking. That was of course the first week.

Team communication during the first week was smooth and on point.

Reason: The team members got acquainted with each other fastly and actively participated in the meetings that were scheduled and everyone took the lead when we were brainstorming project ideas.

Individual responsibility and tasks were carried out well.

Reason: Due to the fresh start of a project all the team members had enough energy to carry out their tasks efficiently, timely and without any hardships. The members took seriously their jobs at the very beginning and provided their results to the team on the scheduled deadline.

Well-defined planning and design

Reason: At the beginning after we found the user stories and brainstormed some design and implementation ideas we looked through the material of Academic skills provided and carefully followed the guidelines provided for agile development and we really put hours and focus in that so that the results are satisfying.

Providing constructive feedback

Reason: All the team members provided feedback when a team member was presenting their task and result. There was offensive or praising feedback because all of the team members had experience from previous Academic skills courses where they have learned how to give feedback to others so that they can improve and learn from their mistakes.

Things that went bad:

Slacking after the first week

Reason: We think that the reason for it is that we received a lot of positive feedback and we finished everything before the deadlines which made the team members relax too much which is a knife with two pointy ends and in this case was the bad end. Due to that we lost our productivity power which we gathered during the first week.

Miscommunication about project ideas

Reason: We think this problem is caused mainly because of the strange times we live in. Doing everything online sometimes causes communication problems like when we were brainstorming the design and everyone thought about a completely different thing at the end even though we all attended the same meeting

Participation in meetings

Reason: Because as said above we relaxed after the first week there was a problem with attending the meetings some of the team members were often late due to oversleeping and sometimes they did not attend the meeting at all.

Incoherence between the different developed parts

Reason: Every member had their own idea on how some things should be done and that lead to parts of the project design that could not integrate into the joint project. The team members did not take into account the common understanding of the project and went straight away with their own ideas.

Ill prepared presentation

Reason: We were ill prepared for the sprint review because we stopped following the guidelines and did not take seriously the review at all. Because maybe that was our first time working in such a way (agile) and underestimated the value of the reviews.

Because of the problems that occurred during the first sprint we decided to make some commitments inside the group. Firstly we decided that all of us should participate more in the discussions so we can have more ideas and more suggestions for the project. We also decided that everyone is going to give his/her best to be on time during a meeting so we can start and finish our work earlier. We decided that we should make a stronger organisation with specific tasks and people responsible for those tasks, so everyone can be busy during the sprint and if he/she finishes his/her work earlier to have the possibility to become responsible for new tasks or help with the ongoing tasks of the other members.