Sprint Retro

Team: Group-P09-02

Sprint: 0
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Attended: All
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1. Things That Went Well

The team identified the key features for the website by referring to the assignment requirement documents and incorporated them into the epics. We then created relevant user stories and acceptance criteria using the provided template and added them to GitHub. After that, we broke down our stories into specific tasks and determined which user stories would be included in sprints 1 and 2. We also allocated team members to work on either front-end or back-end to facilitate task assignment. Additionally, we divided our SRS documents equally and each member created a first draft individually. Finally, we conducted planning poker to estimate the time required to complete each task.

2. Things That Could Have Gone Better

There were some confusions regarding the acceptance criteria templates, which resulted in inconsistencies in the documentation of the criteria. This issue caused delays in completing some user stories. The team encountered difficulties in filling the templates and adding all parts to the GitHub project board, which results in further discussions to clarify and resolve the confusion.

3. Things That Surprised Us

The unexpected confusion around the acceptance criteria templates caught us off guard, as we had assumed that all team members were familiar with the standard format. This situation emphasized the need for better alignment on documentation practices.

Additionally, there was some confusion in identifying between user stories that should be grouped into epics and others that should contain acceptance criteria as separate user stories.

4. Lessons Learned

We realized the significance of clear communication, particularly when it comes to documentation standards. Ensuring that everyone is aligned is essential to prevent delays. The importance of having a standardized approach in documenting user stories, as it will help us with future sprints and minimize confusion regarding this.

5. Final Thoughts

Things to keep:

- Open communication with the team
- Our approach of dividing work evenly and creating first draft individually.

Things to Change:

- Confusion related to templates or processes to avoid delays.
- Ensuring tasks are completed before the weekly standup meeting with the project manager to receive timely feedback.
- Reviewing the assignment specifications individually before the standup meeting to clarify any doubts with the project manager.