Individual Reflection W.35

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The first week is finished and there is a lot to take in. I haven't worked this way before, using the agile way of structuring projects but I can already see the positive aspects of it. When I think back to older project groups I've had and older projects I've worked on and try to picture us using Scrum or any other Agile method - I just see how much clearer it would've been and how much time we would have saved.

I understand the basics of scrum but since I haven't used it before, I want to gain more knowledge about it and as much as theory can help build the basics, you need to actively use the method to actually get to know it and find its true up- and downsides. When our project progresses and I, in a couple of weeks, look back on this first week, I know that I will have gained a lot of knowledge regarding this subject. I know that patience is key and eventually, step by step, I will improve and hopefully master the art of working in an agile way.

Outside of school. I work as a restaurang/bar manager for a nightclub which means that I'm in charge of daily operations which can include up to 12 active workers, anything from DJs, security, barbacks and bartender so I have to oversee everything, I've trained most of them and my job is to make sure that they do what they're supposed to and that they have the capabilities to do so. This in a way relates to the scrum master role in a project, I know that this is something a lot of people have a hard time doing and a hard time mastering since they do not want to boss people around or are afraid to do something that is for the greater good of the project but might not be popular with the participants. Hopefully, I can use my experience in this field to show people that it's ok to take place and ok to voice your opinion.

As I wrote above, I'm not familiar with scrum since I haven't worked with it before but I am familiar with being the scrum master in real life and being a member under both good and bad scrum masters and I know how to operate and communicate with scrum masters that appreciate the team and ones that dont.

Every team consists of around 6 members and if all 6 members were some of the best java programmers out there but the worst at time management, planning and communicating then that group would not be ideal. My hope is that all members of the group have something that they excel in or are more interested in and that we can form a group with 6 different edges and specialities. I have never been the best at github, I don't have a lot of hours put in to github since I've found ways to manage without having to sit for an hour to try to merge two branches but I know that people use github for their personal projects and this means that hopefully we have a github wizard in our team that can help guide the rest of us. When it comes to programming, we had some members that only knew Python and some that knew basic C/C++ and Java. I'm not the fastest coder out there but I consider myself proficient in coding for a simpler app like the one we are tasked with creating so I think I can add some value on that front. What I'd say my main value is would be to be able to

communicate properly and to pitch ideas. I find it easier to bring 3-4 different thought out ideas to the table and then use the team as help to code the ideas than to have a basic idea and just sit in a compiler on my own trying to make it work.

I think this is going to be a fun and mind-opening course that teaches us things that we will hold on to and make us of in the rest of our school time and when we're out working aswell.