

Individual Reflection W.37

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After two weeks of preparation and research we finally started creating value for the product owners in the form of things that we could present to them. I had a task to create a backbone for the application on Visual Studio which led to a bit of research and a bit of testing which was fun and interesting since I gained a lot of new knowledge regarding Python and the different frameworks you could use.

Our Scrum master for the week didn't take over the project completely and started being a nuisance to us but instead listened to the developers and helped us steer the development in the right direction. He also checked up on us individually and asked about our progress and if we needed any assistance. I felt that this was a good way to bring up any problems that one might have. Instead of waiting for a meeting or maybe being afraid to ask for help, you can just talk to the scrum master who can relocate resources to help you out.

I completely forgot about our end of sprint meeting on Friday so I booked myself at work at the time which felt awful. I did find a way to sneak away and join the meeting, 5-6 minutes late though and I had to leave after 45 minutes - it felt bad to not attend the full meeting and contribute to the teamwork for the full hour as the others but I took a couple tasks upon myself to complete during the weekend to hopefully compensate a bit for my bad planning.

The task I completed is a basic one which basically set up the backbone and outline of our back-end. The back-end will be one of our main points and if I were to guess, I'll continue to work on it during the next sprint. We might pause the task for now and prioritize some other task but that is up to the team and the sprint master to decide on. I feel like our teamwork is flowing good and something I think is a top priority is decided by the group not to be, so I trust my group enough to not feel bad that I'm being over-voiced.

The weekly meetings with the TA's is something that I think is very useful since it helps steer us in the right direction and helps us with questions we have regarding the SCRUM way of working.

For every week that goes, I gain more and more appreciation for SCRUM, I think back on projects that I've worked on before and try to think how they would play out if we had applied SCRUM to our work planning. The general feeling I get is that we would have saved a lot of time and headaches if we had used this way of working. A lot of things would have been way clearer, our main goals and the way to them would also be clear. I look forward to continuing my usage of SCRUM in this course and in my worklife.