

# Scrum Master's experience Team 103

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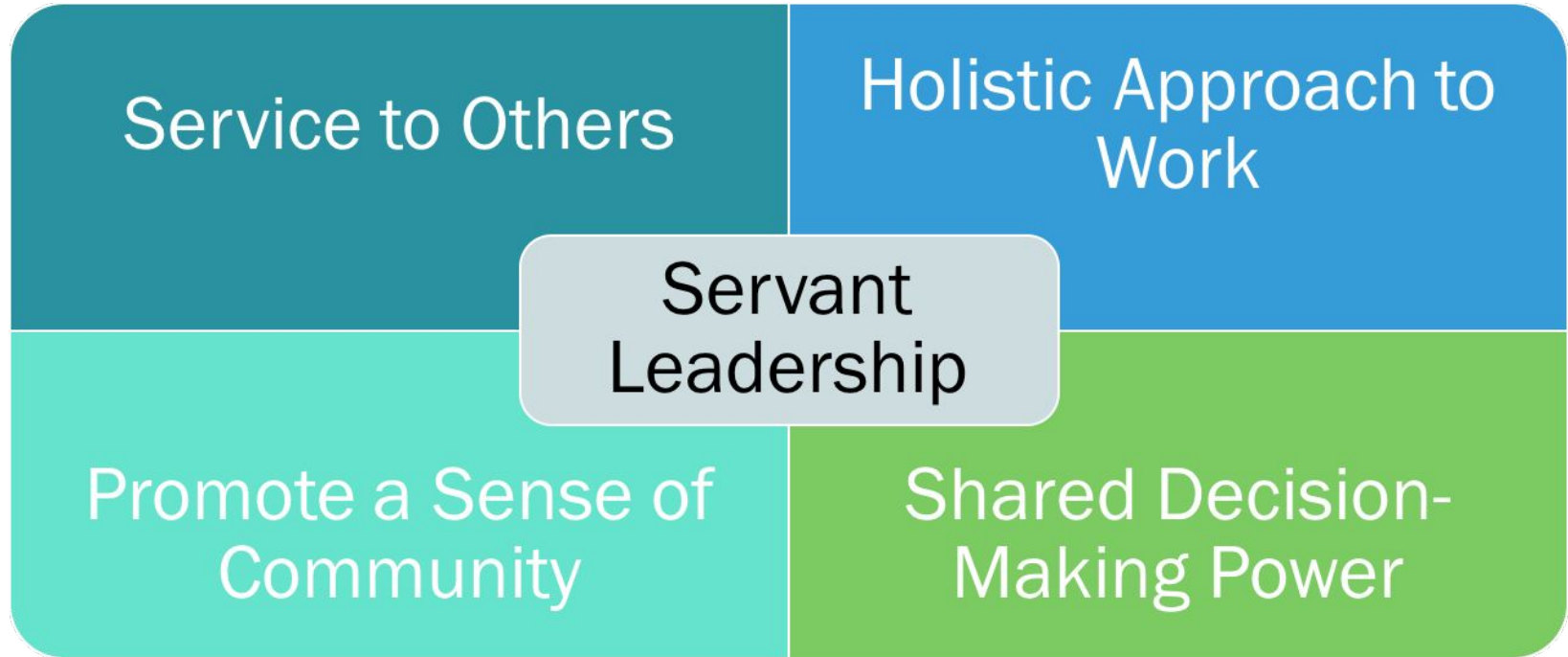
# What is Scrum?

*“Scrum is a framework that helps teams work together. Much like a rugby team (where it gets its name) training for the big game, Scrum encourages teams to learn through experiences, self-organize while working on a problem, and reflect on their wins and losses to continuously improve.*

*Often thought of as an agile project management framework, Scrum describes a set of meetings, tools, and roles that work in concert to help teams structure and manage their work.”*

<https://www.atlassian.com/agile/scrum>

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- For example, I had little experience with backend and DB design, so how could I help the backend team if any issues arised?
- More importantly, I did not know any of my teammates prior to this project.
- Humans are complex, therefore, communication is challenging.
- I work most days of the week while taking upper-level CS courses this semester as my fellow teammates making finding time for team-building activities or meeting very challenging.
- Geographical distances that folks need to commute to school is prohibitive at times.

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- We use Docker for our SW development. However, we have had so much difficulty getting Docker running on Doug's laptop. Obviously, if we had resources to use a loaner laptop we could help Doug, but we ended up trying for at least 1 month to get Docker running on Doug's laptop.
- Eventually, Doug got it installed on a PC and uses TeamViewer to use it remotely.

# So, what I ended up doing:

We meet 3 times per week:

Thursdays (class meeting)

Saturdays (group meeting)

Tuesdays (whoever shows up; mostly 3 members are present).

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At the end of each meeting on Thursdays and Saturdays, I ask my team members what they accomplished/resolved/solved and what their plans are until the next group meeting. I take notes in each meeting.

Abhi also leads the group in providing a summary of tasks done and urgent tasks to be done by writing them all on a whiteboard.

We both take pictures of what we write on whiteboards and share it with the group on Discord or via email. (It's specially useful if a teammate is absent!)

# Team building activities:

- Pizza on Saturdays (3x provided by Abhi, Josh and Nina).
- Free-flow group story-telling: By far the most fun activity we have done as a team. Abhi suggested it and everyone but wilson took part in it. (Wilson was in a coding frenzy!)