The SNHU Travel project consisted of creating a new website to develop new and trendy vacation travel packages that appeal to a broader range of customers. Our client was hoping to have the project compete within five weeks, before the majority of customers begin searching for travel and vacation packages for the year. The client was hoping to broaden their current customer base by offering niche travel packages that could be customized. As Scrum master on this SNHU Travel project I would like to give a Sprint review and a retrospective. Each scrum team member helped to contribute to the success of this project by working together and by applying an agile method to complete this project. Each of their job roles helped in different ways to contribute to the success. By using an agile approach, our scrum team was able to handle change and was able to identify problems before they occurred.

Our scrum team consisted of 4 different roles. The product owner, scrum master, testers and developers made up our scrum team for the SNHU travel project. Each of these roles contributed to the success of our project in different ways and each role had a different set of responsibilities.

The product manager engaged with the stakeholders on a regular basis as well as created user stories based on interviews with the user. The user is the consumer that will be using the travel website so what they want for ease of use is of high importance. The product owner was, also, responsible for the management of the product backlog, communication of the product goal and for creating product backlog items. Communicating with the user and stakeholder to be able to update the Product Backlog and user stories was a main responsibility during this project. The product owner was also able to communicate any changes to the team that were made to the project.

As the scrum master on the SNHU travel project I am also a part of the team and am responsible for keeping up with the scrum events. My responsibilities though were to coach the team members in cross-functionality and self-management. I helped to keep all scrum events happening and kept the team on track to make sure that communication was positive.

The testers and developers on the SNHU travel project created the software using the user stories, and communicating with the scrum team, and then constantly tested it to find any issues before they happened. In this travel project, the developers had to adapt to change when the user wanted to change focus on the vacation packages to focus on detox and wellness vacations. They didn’t have to scratch everything that was already done, though, and just had to make some changes to accommodate. Working in an agile team was a definite plus in this situation because it allowed our scrum team to successfully adapt to changes. There was a bit of work to be able to change to this adaption but it was not too difficult because of our agile approach and being able to adapt to change very well.

Using a scrum agile approach to the SDLC helped each of the user stories come to completion by organizing them in a way that showed each travel option that the user wanted and listing the acceptance criteria for each value statement. Our user stories for this project started off with the user wanting an option to show the top 5 vacation travel destinations in a slideshow. Using an agile approach, we listing all of the acceptance criteria for this statement and made it easier to complete each user story criteria by listing what the user wanted to see. For the top travel destination statement, our user story listed all of the elements that would comprise that section of the website.

As scrum master in our agile scrum team, I effectively communicated with our scrum team and insured that we were implying proper principles and tools. My job was to successfully lead, train and coach the team into learning and adopting scrum agile. Communication is key in the scrum team and each of our members would meet each day for a daily scrum meeting. Our scrum meetings would last for 15 minutes and we would discuss our previous days achievements, any impediments we were facing and we would then discuss what we were hoping to achieve that day. By holding daily scrum meetings our team members are able to adapt to any changes that are to happen as well as get any assistance needed to complete a project. These also help to keep the entire team on the same page and up to date with how the sprint and project is going.

Adopting a scrum agile approach for the SNHU travel project introduced organizational tools and principles to help our team be successful. Agile methodology allows our scrum team to welcome change, failure and communication all along the way. By adopting these principles and tools our team was able to react to change in a less stressful way without having to add too much additional work with the changes. Welcoming change and holding daily scrum meetings helped to keep each of us up to date on the current needs and hopes of the user and stakeholders. The scrum agile approach kept our team working together and communicating along the way. The daily scrum meetings were a very important part of the agile approach because it allowed each of the team members to briefly list what they did, any impediments and what we hoped to achieve that day.

In my professional opinion, adopting the scrum agile approach to complete the SNHU Travel project was a definite plus for our team. It allowed our team to communicate along the way and was a major positive when we had the software change given to us in the middle of the project. Though we did lose a bit of time to adapt to the vacation package change along the way we also improved the end product and insured that our customer will have a very unique and trendy vacation rental website.

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