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The Daily Scrum, or Daily Standup as it is sometimes referred to, is a short meeting, no more than fifteen to thirty minutes, depending on the size of the team. In the meeting, each team member provides a brief update - often including what they accomplished the previous day, what they plan on working on today, and any impediments they encounter, that may impact the current Sprint. As is the case for most team meetings, it is self-organized and self-directed. The team has agreed to the rules in advance, including when the meetings are scheduled each day.

One goal of the Daily Scrum is to appraise the team of successes and failures so that the team can hold each other responsible for the commitments that each team member made. Another goal is to communicate obstacles facing the team that other team members may be able to assist with or that the Scrum Master may be able to work with other stakeholders to remove, as appropriate.

The Scrum Master's role is to facilitate the meeting, coach the team regarding the Scrum framework, and keep the Daily Scrum flowing so the full team can provide updates within the provided timebox. The Scrum Master's role is NOT to manage the team or hold team members accountable but to coach the team to self-manage and hold each other accountable.

The Daily Scrum presented in the slide show functioned fairly well. Each team member stayed fairly focused, and for the most part, the team self-moderated with only a minimal amount of coaching from the Scrum Master. The Scrum Master also effectively



described the role of the Product Owner to the team and that his presence at the Scrum was not necessary, as the meeting was meant for the Team. During the Scrum Master's standup, they described how they helped remove an obstacle by speaking to a stakeholder to communicate the status of their requests but also to help the stakeholder understand the difficulty they were causing the team by communicating with them during the Sprint. Removing these types of obstacles is one of the most important duties that the Scrum Master has, and the Scum Master in the slide did a great job.

Overall the team is doing well, and the Scrum Master is doing well in her designated role. She helped coach the team to handle holding the developer that arrived late accountable while continuing to be respectful. There is some coaching that needs to be done before this team becomes a high-functioning Scrum Team, or no one would have been late without genuinely extenuating circumstances.