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Self evaluation – Week 5 – Wincent

In this sprint it felt like we got a lot done. The learning curve for the front end of the tech stack seemed to have reached its peak last sprint and everyone felt a lot more comfortable with creating a website frontend. I have helped folks when they needed it, but would have liked to be more accessible. I work as a teaching assistant here at Chalmers on top of my own studies and this week we had grading to do, which stripped down on the time I had to dedicate to the sprint. We ended up completing all tasks, but felt like I could have contributed more had time allowed.

It was decided during the task allocation that I should work mostly on the map feature of the application. I started the week by implementing the REST APIs for OpenStreetMap, OpenElevation, and Open Source Routing Machine in Java. This ended up being most of the work I would do on the application itself week, most of the other time was spent on other priorities.

When the map started to get along in the frontend I decided to get the application setup on a hosting service. I am a bit self critical here since this was not decided as one of the tasks this sprint. Regardless of the planning, the hosting setup went smoothly and we now have an easy way to test the application on the mobile phone. This can become important now when we will be working with a map, which works better with a phone with GPS.

As discussed in this week's group reflection, most KPIs felt like they did not deliver much value. With the time spent on the sprint during the week being mostly localized at the end of the week for most individuals it looks more like a waterfall than continuous development. This is a consequence of our schedules – KPIs would likely work a lot better if applied to a real work-week.

Next week most of the group will shift to working more in the backend. As the simulated product owner during the next sprint I hope to guide the group into delivering a lot of the value. I also hope to work more with the definition of done now when it gets more applicable to code in the backend.