

# Individual reflections

This week was a challenging one. It started out with the knowledge that our user stories required quite the technical know-how and that I did not have the amount of hours available for project work that I would like to have had because of other courses. The first days of the sprint started out well enough: progress was made in development and I felt that there was a clear communication between the group members. However, as the week progressed I felt that our ideas about how to build our backend route generator kind of fell apart and a lot of double work was made. Someone unknowingly coded some function that another had already solved. I don't think this was because of poor cooperation between ourselves, but because of lacking scrum planning of our user stories. They were not clear enough because we were not sure of how we should tackle them. I was one of those that did work that had, unbeknownst to me, already been done. This was because I thought that the one user story that I was assigned to required the creation of a method for patching together results from OSM, open streetmap. One of my project teammates had thought that the user story that they were assigned to included the creation of this method, and therefore a case of double work happened. It was unfortunate but I had to reconcile with the fact that the code that I had taken time to write was unnecessary and just had to be deleted. It felt a little frustrating but it was no one's fault except possibly mine. I should have checked more thoroughly with my teammates what they were doing and had already done. But I think the main thing at fault was our planning, since it was not clear what should be done and who should do it. We jumped in a little too quickly into this sprint without clearly defined stories and tasks. We talked about this in our review and will be better at not doing this for the next sprint.

As I have explained I am looking for potential pitfalls with Scrum, but I don't think this is one. It was because we did not follow the Scrum guidelines and workflow that this happened.

We still managed to do a lot. I helped in creating a way to handle the data we get from OSM and how we should process it. I think that after the next sprint we will have something that meets our MVP and I am really excited for it to reach that stage!