

Self evaluation – Week 2

The lecture on a horizontal vs vertical backlog was interesting. This is a new perspective in contrast to how the personal and academic projects usually have been approached. Having to think about constantly providing value for a customer/product owner is challenging, as that has not been part of the equation before. Used to being able to put a lot of time into preliminary research and ground work before producing anything which might produce value.

The group met this week to discuss ideas and produce a pitch for an early idea. Idea discussion was productive and we were able to pick an idea everyone was interested in after collective mind mapping and a final vote. The pitch went well, and we followed it up by meeting to discuss some initial setup.

We had already decided that we wanted to make a web application, but the backend tech stack was still up in the air. As everyone has progressively become comfortable with Java in the many courses preceding this one, that was picked in favor of Python which had also been thoroughly discussed. Believe it was a good decision as to not have the project be off to a slow start with some group members being unfamiliar with the most central language in the stack.

Having the most experience with web development in the group, I designated that we use Spring (www.spring.io) for the web application framework after doing some research into a list of Java frameworks. Spring seems to be the most popular, still supported, and has preconfigured setups on hosting sites like Google Cloud. Never used that particular framework before, but utilized many others in other languages, so getting to know this will likely not take long.