

Individual reflection - week 2

This week we have learned about vertical versus horizontal backlog items, which for me made it a little bit clearer how to divide a project into user stories and tasks. For past projects I have found that it is very easy to mix up “what” and “how”, making the planning phase a bit overwhelming. So far, thinking in terms of horizontal and vertical items seems like a good strategy when making a plan and will be of benefit next week when we will create the first items to our project backlog.

We have also reached a consensus in regards to a project idea and will make a route generator for running and walking. The group had several good ideas that we chose between. For each “idea” we discussed what functionalities that might be relevant, available APIs, along with the pros and cons.

The final decision was made by voting, where every person in the group got to give points (1 to 3) to three of the possible project ideas that they found to be the most interesting. We then added the points and the idea with the highest score was the one we chose. My perception is that the discussion about project ideas and the process of choosing one went smoothly and I think everyone got to share their thoughts and feel comfortable with the choice we ended up making.

Going forward I will acquaint myself with Trello, that we will use for creating our work board. When we have put in the work and come up with our first user stories and tasks, it will be easier to have a clearer idea what my actual contribution to the project will be. Before that, I will contribute by continuing being part of the planning process.

For our project we will (initially) create a website. Since I mostly up to this point have done Java programming, this is an area that I wish to get more familiar with. I will use this course to develop my programming skills as well as learning about Scrum and agile work.