Individual reflections

This week consisted of a guest lecture with Matthias Becker and some planned work sessions for the group where we could meet up and do work together for this sprint. The guest lecture was really interesting, especially the later half of it where Matthias went through what lessons the team had learned. These lessons will be great to have in mind when I work with the agile system.

On monday we had a retrospective of the previous sprint and all felt that we should focus on creating estimations for this week's sprint. We used poker planning to make an average estimation for our user stories for this sprint's backlog. These effort estimations can come in handy when choosing what to put in the backlog (although it didn't matter that much this sprint) and will also be used as one of our KPI:s in the form of velocity.

We planned some sessions where we could sit together, some using zoom. Unfortunately I became sick and had to work from home. I managed to deliver the tasks I had been assigned to me and learnt a lot about cookies and thymeleaf, but I feel that the week could have been even more productive if I would have had more energy. I still delivered what was expected of me to my team and could take part of the thymeleaf and spring rundown that one of our team members gave to the rest of us.

The scrum routines are getting a little more cemented in my brain now, and next week it's my time to be scrum master so I am looking forward to that. I have noticed something that I think might be a challenge and problem with scrum. If one finds that they have done the tasks that they have been assigned and that no one needs help with their tasks you kind of become a little useless. This sprint we all had the task of learning more of our technologies stack so we could always fill time with that, but if you don't have any research or learning to do I think it becomes kinda hard to find work to do without having to disrupt the flow by calling for a meeting where the team can come up with more tasks and potentially mess with the scrum routine. Of course if a team can correctly set estimations on effort for the user stories this shouldn't be a problem since you would fill the sprint backlog to the perfect level and, but it can become a problem with a newer team where the work done per sprint is now fully known.

The last thing we did this week was to create tasks for our user stories, some of which will be put in the next sprints backlog. We all came up with some and discussed how we should formulate them, and I think that we all now have the SMART framework in our subconscious when creating tasks.