

Sprint #3 Reflection

Overall, we feel that we performed better during this Sprint than during our last. However, there are still a few minor things that we may change for our next Sprints, mainly having to do with planning, keeping track of our progress, and moving our progress forward.

One thing we would like to do is to have check-in meetings more often and with more solidly-defined expectations. This will provide us with a better basis to ensure that everybody is getting their work done in a timely manner, and therefore we won't have to worry about getting into crunch time towards the end of the work period. In addition to this, we will individually work harder to meet our internal group deadlines, so that at each meeting we can move forward to meet our goals more efficiently and in a more timely manner. This will also help us re-assign any tasks that are taking longer than expected, and will help us keep the workload spread more evenly throughout the Sprint.

Also, in the future, we will be discussing better methods of keeping track of our tasks. Compared to Sprint 2, our tasking tracking was much, much better, and by making use of the taskboard we were able to keep track of our tasks much more efficiently, which also helped our team communication. However, we will likely still work towards adding expected completion times and the number of hours already spent on the cards on our taskboard. Our grader helpfully suggested using Trello to help with this goal, which we will be looking into as a group at the start of the next Sprint. We hope that this will again help us with the distribution of the workload and that it will help us gain a more concrete understanding of the work we have left to complete.

Lastly, for Sprint 4 we will likely spend more time in the earlier planning stages in order to thoroughly and individually brainstorm all of the tasks that will be required, as well as thinking about ways that larger tasks can be split up into smaller ones. This will help us not only with estimating how much time each task will take to complete, but will also ensure that we can better understand how to approach splitting up our tasks and how to tackle them. This will be especially important for Sprint 4 since there is not as much of a concrete guideline for all of the remaining features that must be implemented, and therefore the responsibility for ensuring that our project is truly complete will be up to us.

In summary, we feel that this Sprint was more successful than our last. There are a few minor things we would like to change for the future since we ran low on time towards the end once again, including strategies having to do with planning and task-tracking, but overall we felt that our team performed well.