Combined retrospectives (sprint 0-8)

Sprint 0 (week 2-3 / february 26th - march 8th)

What went well?

Since this was the first sprint of the project, it was mostly project set-up, planning and the start of some research.

The project set-up went well, I was able to create a properly structured project plan that helped me with sprint planning that sets me up well for the rest of the project.

I also made a lot of progress on my portfolio by developing it, hosting it, and making sure it was ready for content additions, since I chose to keep my portfolio's code and content separate by using a headless CMS. I'm very happy with the progress of this portfolio and its reading guide, and I don't think I will have to spend a lot of extra time to finish it (other than content additions, of course).

What helped me during this sprint?

Having a lot of time to work on this graduation assignment meant I was able to make a lot of progress, even exceeding my expectations, causing me to move some sprint 1 tasks to sprint 0. It also helped that I was able to ask my company supervisor questions about the internship and project when needed.

Starting research such as the requirements prioritization early helped me get a good grasp of the project's problem and what is required for me to fix it.

What could have gone better?

While I am happy with my project plan and the general planning of the project, I feel like I underestimated how much time I had for sprint 0, therefore having to move sprint 1 tasks to sprint 0, which messed up my planning a little bit. This means I will probably have to move sprint 2 tasks to sprint 1 and re-do my planning. I feel like I could have made sprint 0 a 1 week sprint instead of 2 weeks and it would have been more logical.

How can I move forward?

Since sprint 0 went well overall, I plan to just work through my monday-board with sprint 1 tasks in the same manner. If I have any issues moving forward, I can contact my company supervisor for help.

Sprint 1 (week 4-5 / march 11th - march 22nd)

What went well?

During this sprint, I was able to finish a lot of my research on E-commerce platforms and Masita's technical requirements, as well as the design pattern research part of the UX & CRO research. I started the first versions of the prototype by designing a scalable design system in Figma with custom components, which helped me finish the wireframes and make a good dent in version 1 of the prototype.

What helped me during this sprint?

My motivation during this sprint was very high, as I was happy to finish parts of my research and start the design process. It has been the first time during the project where I can actually build something and I am heavily motivated to design something I am proud of and passionate about. I think this motivation caused me to work efficiently and professionally.

What could have gone better?

Just like the last sprint, I underestimated the amount of time I had for the graduation project, which meant I pulled forward some items from sprint 2 to sprint 1, such as starting the design wireframes and prototype, as I didn't think I would have finished the research documents required for this task this early.

How can I move forward?

I feel like I can move forward in the same way I have been working because I haven't ran into any issues so far.

Sprint 2 (week 6-7 / march 25th - april 5th)

What went well?

What helped me during this sprint?

What could have gone better?

How can I move forward?