Project retrospective - lessons learned

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Reflect on past work and identify recommendations that would serve in the future for similar activities.

Topics for reflection:

People: roles, team shape

Process: communication, collaboration, Agile framework, tools

Product: requirements, backlog, architecture iteration, releases

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Retrospective @

What went well	What went wrong	Key recommendations
 2 Week sprint with Sprint Goals Aws skill builder trainings and learning material Sessions to educate wider audience in Lhasa about GenAI applications 		 Regular retrospectives. Scrum recommends 1 retro in each sprint Basic naming conventions should be followed Value of the product or the Use Case should have been evaluated early on
 Good team spirit Endava team in person visit to Lhasa very useful Established a good base of skills in Lhasa to build on in next development Scientists very enthusiastic to stay involved 	Early expectations on knowledge transfer and what this meant ('boot camp' vs self learning) Hindrance - Endava having to adapt usual process to new environment: AWS Hindrance - some foundational things to make best use of gen AI missing at Lhasa (e.g. existing data store)	 In future, very specific skill requirements to be stated by Lhasa to augment in house capabilities Stand ups 15 mins max! und after 9am und aft
Enthisiastic and knowledgable Endava team	Emphasis on Endava Team utilisation to deliver a	Lhasa explore the space independently using our existing AWS support

- Lots of workflow patterns explored
- Really exciting opportunity for all involved to learn and do something special
- working POC, limiiting Knowledge transfer.
- Clear path of skill development missing e.g. prompting, prompt optimisation, model assessment
- Self directed learning the norm when work was available
- Unclear on how the Science feedback will be used to improve accuracy
- Left with a general feeling of disengagement from the project
- Seconded to learn the end to end delivery of AI systems but ended up fulfilling a devops role.
- Endava team lacked knowledge in our technology stack
- Perception that the vitic system prompt was 'tweaked' by one person for the full three month period and the result was a solution which was unable to access a limited subset of the dataset.

mechanism for support, augmented with regular attendance to industry KT events.