

System Implementation

(Running Scenarios)

Introduction

A research prototype system was developed to demonstrate the feasibility of the proposed UCD-Agile integration approach, which enhances the integration of UCD in distributed agile environments. Here we show validation of the UCD-Agile integration approach for three scenarios to ensure that a computer-based system is capable of demonstrating those scenarios.

The prototype implementation demonstrates that a computer system is able to perform the steps involved in each of the three UCD-Agile integration approach scenarios described in this document. The implementation for each scenario consists of a sequence of screens, where each screen represents one step of the scenario. Each screen displays the output that results from moving from one step to another.

The VisualStudio [11] was used to develop the prototype, and MySQL [12] was used as the backend database. Both are popular tools used for creating computer and web-based applications.

Scenario 1: Modifying the UI artifact

Scenario 1 Description

1. Developer1 modifies UI artifact codeId135.
2. UCD-Agile integration system identifies US5, US6, and US7 as potentially affected stories along with the status of each user story.

3. If at least one of the related user stories is 'in-active', then developer1 requests an approval from the affected team members (user story owner: 'developer2', UX-designers: 'UX-designer2') to proceed with the modification of the related UI code.
4. When the request is accepted by the affected member, developer1 will be notified and the user story status will be changed to 'active'.
5. Developer1 modifies the UI artifact codeId135.
6. All other affected members will be notified automatically once the modification has been applied.

Running Scenario 1

Scenario 1 starts with the following initial data set:

- The UI artifact code codeId135 is shared to the following user stories: US5, US6, and US7.
- Some of the related user stories are 'in-active'.
- Developer1 modifies UI codeId135.

The implementation of the six steps is discussed below.

1. Developer1 identifies codeId135 to be modified (Figure 1)

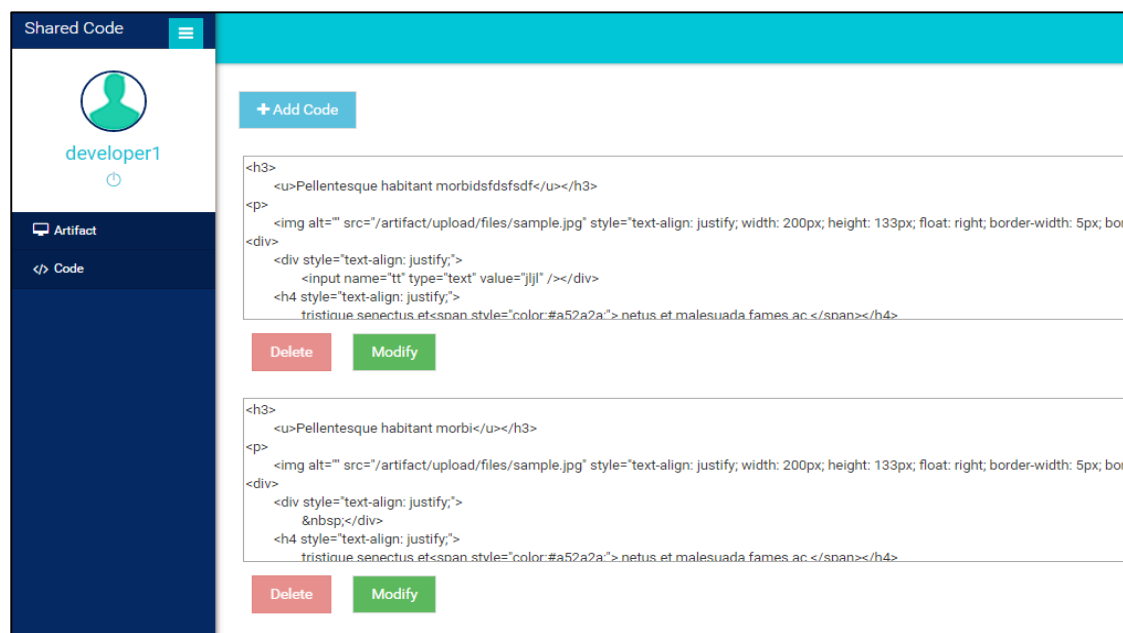


Figure 1 The implementation of scenario 1 step1

2. Developer1 will be alerted about the affected user stories (US5, US6, and US7) as potentially affected stories, along with the status for each one. Because at least one of the related user stories is 'in-active', the system informs developer1 that an approval is needed from the affected team members (user story owner: 'developer2', UX-designer: 'UX-designer1' and 'UX-designer2') before proceeding to modify codeId135 which relates to 'in-active' user stories US5 and US7, as shown in Figure 2.

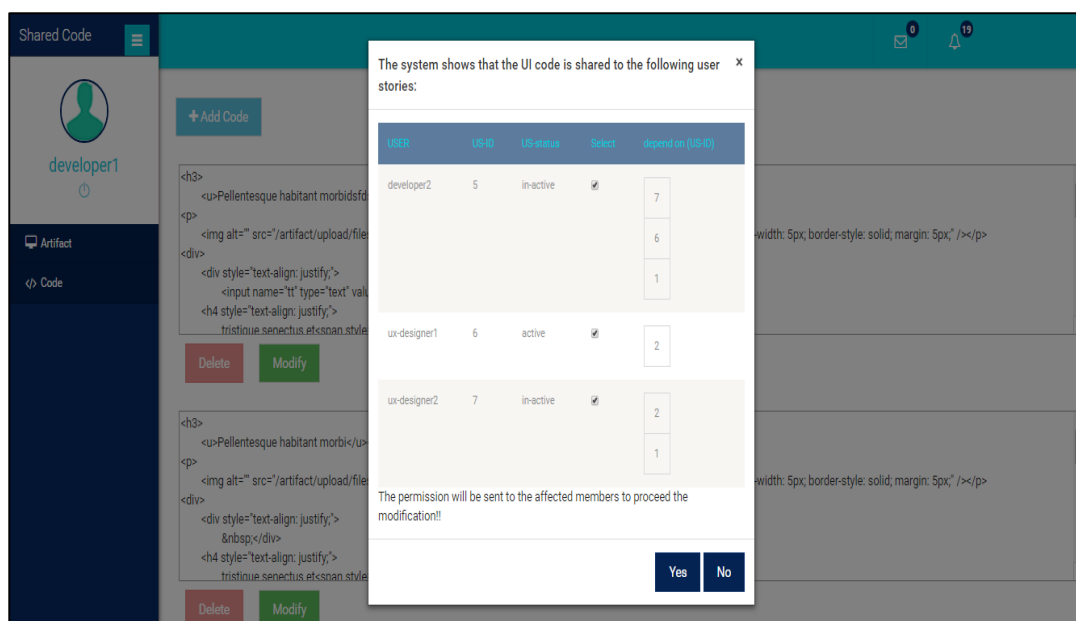


Figure 2. The implementation of scenario 1 step2

3. The request will be sent to developer2, UX-designer1 and UX-designer2, as shown in Figure 3.



Figure 3. The implementation of scenario 1 step3

4. When the request is accepted by the affected member, developer1 will be notified and the user story status be changed to 'active', as shown in Figure 4.

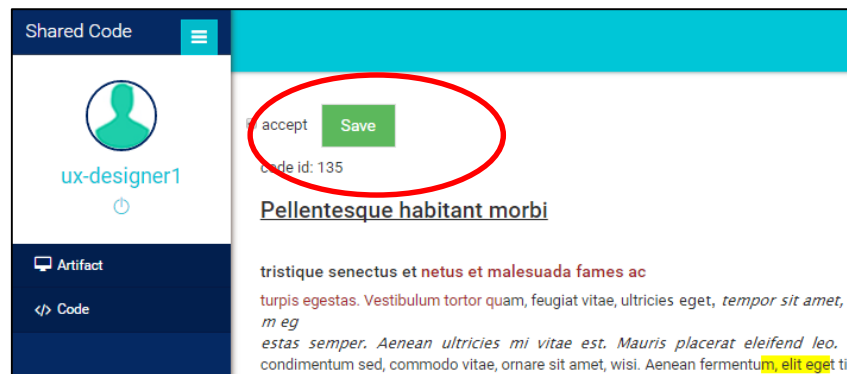


Figure 4. The implementation of scenario1 step4

5. Modification will then be available for developer1 as shown in Figure 5.

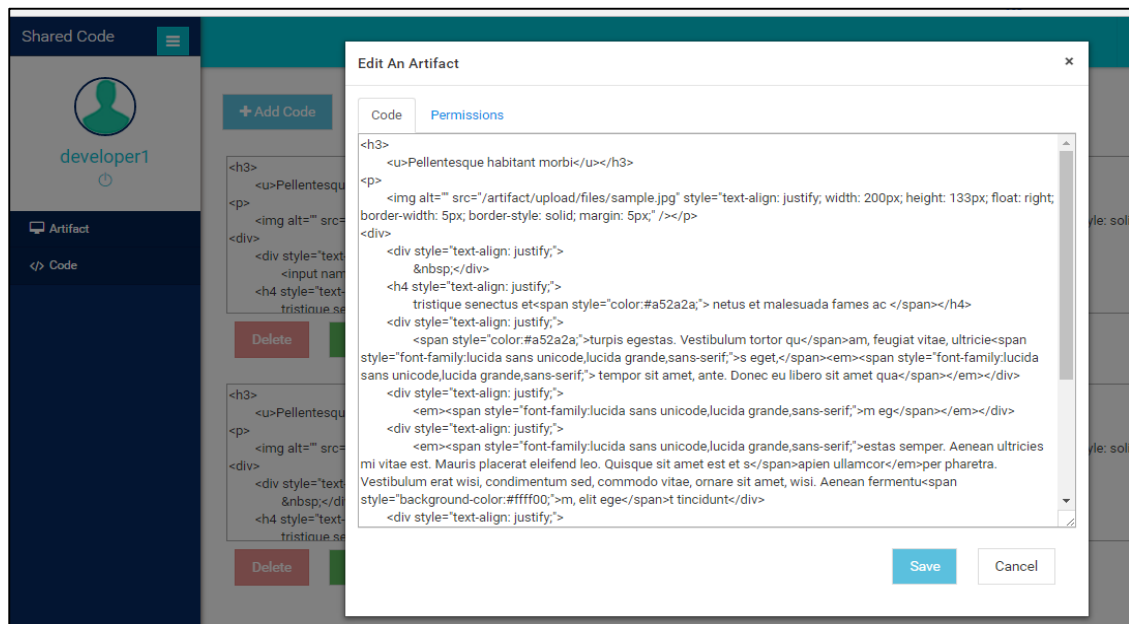


Figure 5. The implementation of scenario1 step5

6. All other affected members will be aware once the modification has been applied, as shown in Figure 6.



Figure 6- The implementation of scenario1 step6

Scenarios 2: Managing the user story that contains the UX-task being designed

Scenario 2 Description

1. UX-designer1 identifies 'Task2.1'.
2. The system checks the related user stories which is US2 owned by developer1.
3. The system checks the status of US2 which is 'in-active'.
4. UX-designer1 informed to send a request to developer1.
5. Developer1 changes US2 to be 'active'
6. UX-designer1 starts designing 'Task2.1'.
7. The status of 'Task2.1' is updated to 'being designed' in the design backlog.

The system changes status of the dependent US2 as (waiting for design) in the product backlog.

Running Scenario 2

In scenario 2 if the role is (UX-designer) then he is supposed to view this (design backlog) as shown on Figure 7:

US	Task	Designing	Wait for Technical Acceptance	status
US1	UX-Tasks			
	Task1.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Task1.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Task1.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
US2	UX-Tasks			
	Task2.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Task2.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Task2.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
US3	UX-Tasks			
	Task3.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Task3.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Task3.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Figure 7. Task board view for the UX-designers

If the role is (developer), then he is supposed to view this (product backlog) as shown on Figure 8.

US	Task	In progress	Test	Done
US1	title	id		
	Task1.1	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Task1.2	8	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Task1.3	14	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
US2	title	id		
	Task2.1	15	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Task2.2	17	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Task2.3	18	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
US3	title	id		
	Task3.1	19	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Task3.2	20	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Task3.3	21	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Figure 8. Task board view for the developers

1. UX-designer1 identifies UX-task Task2.1 of the user story US2 as shown on Figure 9.

US	Task	Designing	Wait for Technical Acceptance
US1	UX-Tasks		
	Task1.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Task1.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Task1.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
US2	UX-Tasks		
	Task2.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Task2.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Task2.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Figure 9. The implementation of scenario2 step1

- The tool checks the status of US2 and related user stories, if it is in-active, the request will be sent to the owner as shown on Figure 10.

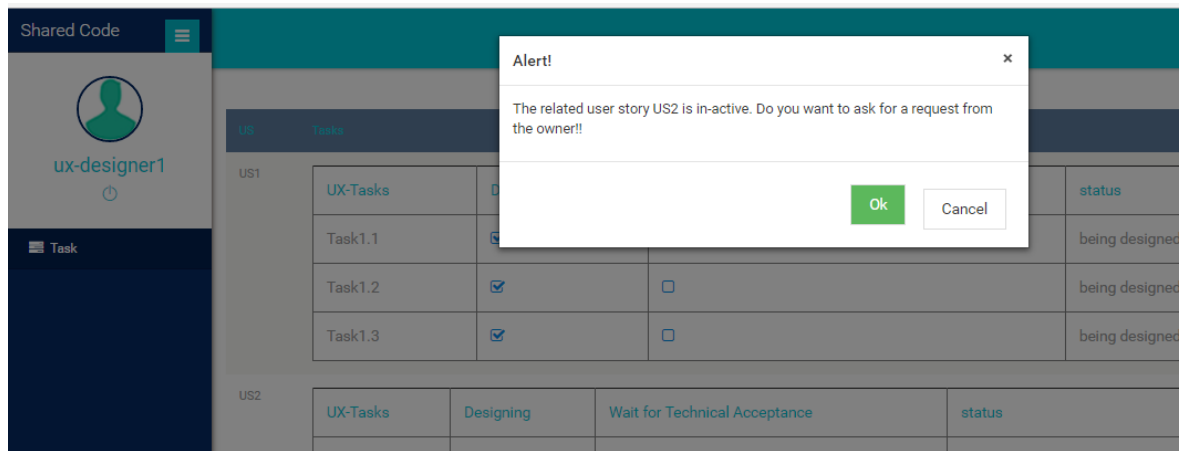


Figure 10. The implementation of scenario2 step2

- After accepting the request and changing the user story to active status, UX-designer1 starts designing the UX-task. The task status updated to (being designed) which implies, checking the dependent US2 and update the user story status (waiting for design) as shown on Figure 11.

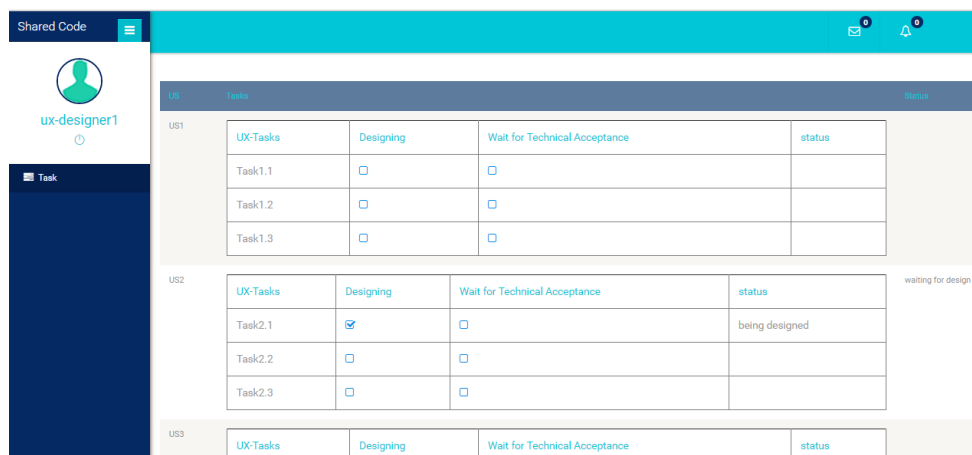


Figure 11. The implementation of scenario2 step3

Scenario 3: Accept/Reject UX-design from Technical Perspective

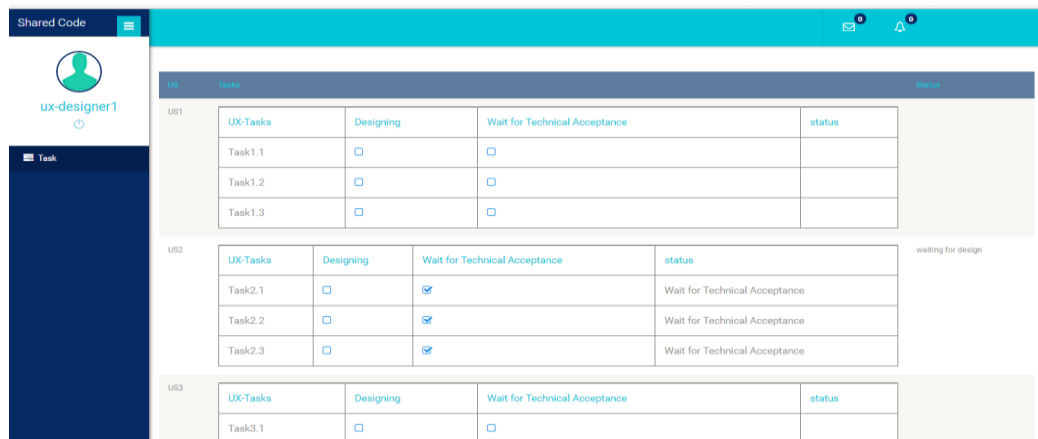
Scenario 3 Description

- UX-designer1 marks Task2.1, Task2.2, and Task2.3 as 'waiting for technical acceptance'.

2. The system checks for available developers and sends a request to check the UX tasks.
3. Developer1 accepts all the UX designs for Task2.1, Task2.2, and Task2.3.
4. The UX tasks are 'accepted', so the user story US2 will be automatically labeled as 'ready for development'.
5. UX-designer1 of Task2.1, Task2.2, and Task2.3 will be notified of the acceptance.

Running Scenarios 3

1. UX-designer1 marks Task2.1, Task2.2 and Task2.3 as 'waiting for technical acceptance' as shown on Figure 12.



UX	Tasks	Designing	Wait for Technical Acceptance	status
US1	UX-Tasks			
	Task1.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Task1.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Task1.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
US2	UX-Tasks			
	Task2.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wait for Technical Acceptance
	Task2.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wait for Technical Acceptance
	Task2.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wait for Technical Acceptance
US3	UX-Tasks			
	Task3.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Figure 12. The implementation of scenario3 step1

2. The tool checks for available developer and sends a request to check the UX-tasks as shown on Figure 13:

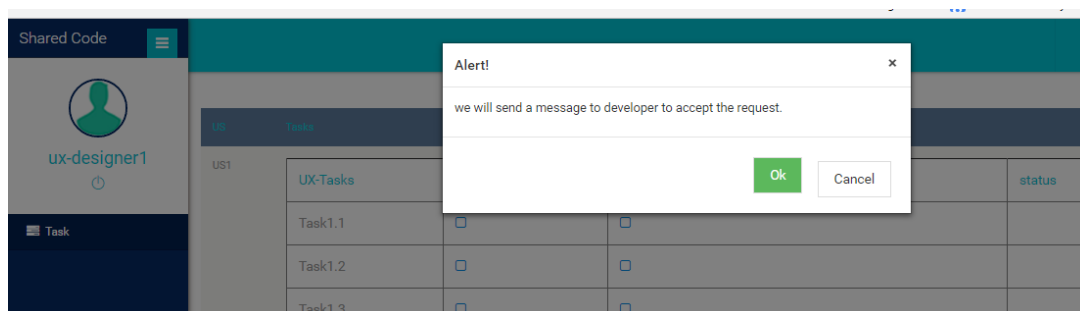


Figure 13. The implementation of scenario3 step2.

3. Developer1 accepts all the UX-designs of the UX-tasks (Task2.1, Task2.2 and Task2.3) as shown on Figure 14 and 15.

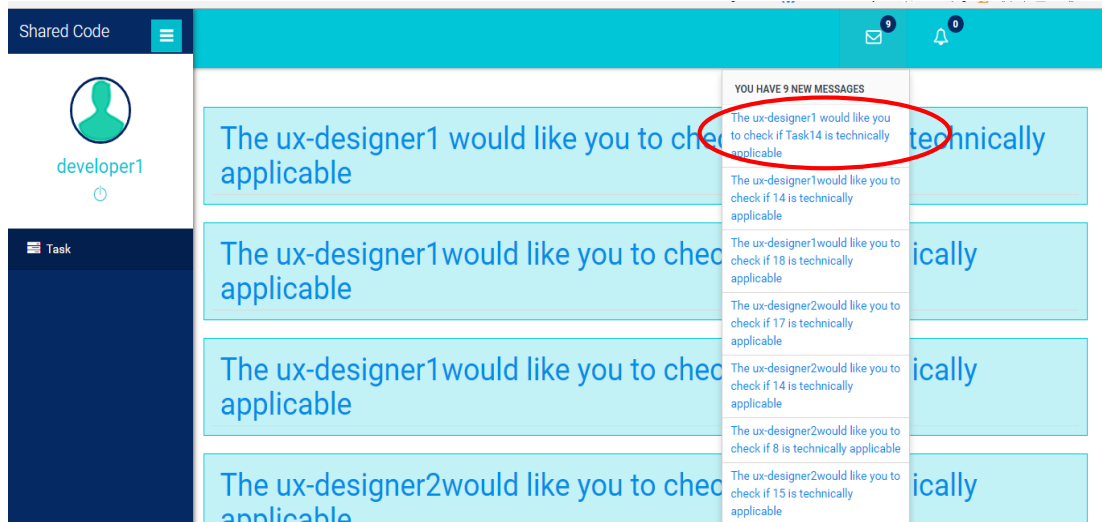


Figure 14. The implementation of scenario3 step3

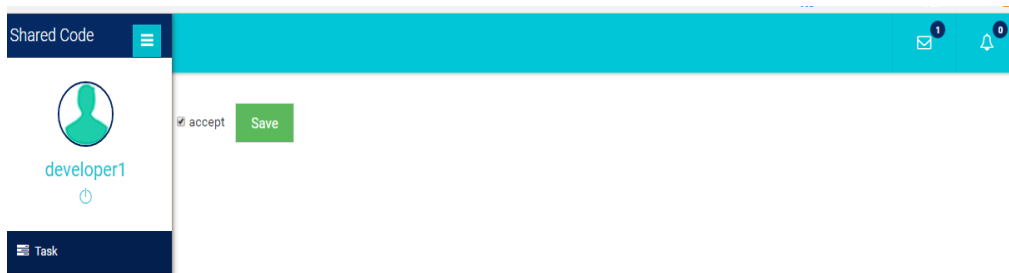


Figure 15. The implementation of scenario3 step3

4. The tool labels US2 as 'ready for development'; only for the user story with all UX-tasks that pass technical acceptance check as shown on Figure 16.

Shared Code

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Task

US	Tasks	Status																
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US2	<table><tr><th>UX-Tasks</th><th>Designing</th><th>Wait for Technical Acceptance</th><th>status</th></tr><tr><td>Task2.1</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Accepted</td></tr><tr><td>Task2.2</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>being design</td></tr><tr><td>Task2.3</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td></td></tr></table>	UX-Tasks	Designing	Wait for Technical Acceptance	status	Task2.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accepted	Task2.2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	being design	Task2.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		waiting for design
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Figure 16. The implementation of scenario3 step4.

5. The UX-designers of (Task2.1, Task2.2 and Task2.3) will be notified by the acceptance as shown on Figure 17.

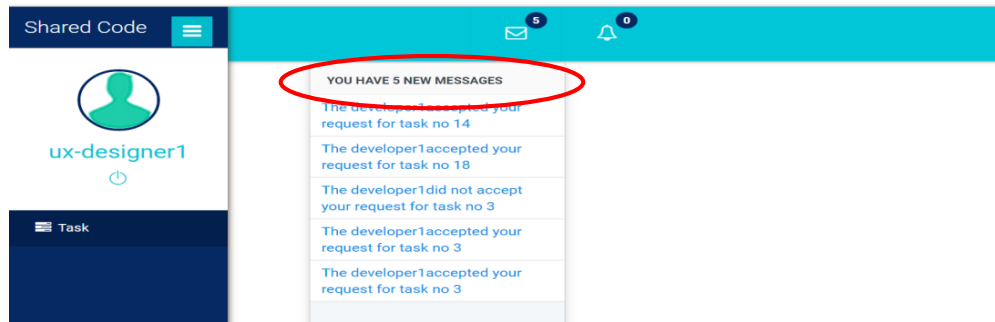


Figure 17. The implementation of scenario3 step5