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Reflection

As a developer on the Scrum Team, clear communication with the Product Owner and tester is essential to staying aligned with project goals and delivering high-quality increments. If I were to make requests of the Product Owner, I would ask for clarification on the specific business priorities behind new features and more detailed acceptance criteria when backlog items are updated. This ensures I fully understand the intent behind a change, not just the technical task. For the tester, I would request clear test cases and feedback on defects as soon as they are discovered. Early communication of issues reduces rework and helps maintain velocity.

To ensure I get the responses I need to move forward, I would be proactive in how I frame my requests. Rather than asking vague questions, I would provide context and suggest specific options for moving ahead. For example, instead of asking “What should this feature look like?”, I could ask “Should this login screen require multi-factor authentication at launch, or can it be phased in later?” This narrows the scope of the conversation and makes it easier for the Product Owner to respond quickly.

Agile methodology allows me to be more flexible because change is expected and welcomed throughout the development cycle. Instead of being locked into a rigid plan, I can adapt to new

requirements or feedback during each sprint. Iterative development and sprint reviews give opportunities to re-prioritize and adjust scope without derailing the project. This flexibility makes it possible to deliver the most valuable features to the client while ensuring quality and user satisfaction.

Email to Product Owner

To: Product Owner

Subject: Clarification Needed for Updated Slide Show Features

Hello Product Owner,

I am currently implementing the updated slideshow features outlined in the new plan. To move forward efficiently, I need clarification on a few details:

- Could you confirm the final list of images and captions to be used for the “Top Destinations” slides?
- Are there any design constraints for the caption formatting (e.g., font color, background color) that I should apply consistently across slides?
- For testing, will you be providing specific test cases for validating image display, navigation buttons, and text accuracy?

Receiving this information will allow me to complete the implementation without delay and ensure that the product meets both the business and quality requirements. Please let me know if you need me to provide additional detail or examples before finalizing.

Thank you for your guidance,

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Developer, Scrum Team

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