What do I want to learn or understand better?

Last week we began our first scrum sprint and had ambitions of writing useful user stories as well as breaking down these user stories into vertical tasks. I believe we were quite successful in that department. There is still room for improvement and I believe I would still want to improve my own user story writing skills and task breakdown. Therefore my goal for the coming week is again to further improve my skill set and hopefully by the end of this week it will be as easy as riding a bike. Another goal I have for the coming sprint is to be as supportive as I can while I am away. My holiday began a little bit early but I want to ensure I am still of use to the team this sprint by doing as much as I can.

First of all, I will improve my skills within user story writing and task breakdown by using the knowledge that my family member has from working in a scrum team. Last week I used internet and classmates but I didn't feel as if I got enough information out of it. I believe primary source information will be more useful and I will get another level of context from my family member. Secondly, to be useful from afar on holiday, I will keep close communication with my team and ensure that I can be available if there is anything they need me to complete. I will also work on my own of doing the less core tasks so that the whole teams influence doesn't have to be taken into account.

How can I help someone else, or the entire team, to learn something new?

My goal was to help the team with the scrum process as well as be a role model for the scrum master role. I can be very honest and explain that I personally do not believe that I could properly portray a perfect scrum master. This was mostly down to the fact that we didn't have any incredibly detailed tasks that would require daily stand-ups or where the meetings were genuinely of any aid.

For the coming sprint I am a little bit unsure how I can properly teach the team something new as I am away on holiday and will have very limited time to be able to have a larger influence on the team. However, I wish that upon my return I will be able to make a large impact on the team so that they don't feel like I have not done any work this coming sprint.

What is my contribution towards the team's use of Scrum?

As aforementioned I am away on holiday so my contribution towards the teams use of Scrum will not be too significant. Personally I believe I could be of most use as a support person to the scrum roles and the process as I do have quite a bit of

experience and I have spent the previous week researching a lot about scrum to be of aid to the team. In order to be able to help the team with scrum I will encourage them to contact me when they are in need of advice or help with scrum. Hopefully this will be a sufficient amount of assistance for the team and upon my return I will be more influential in contributing to the scrum process.

What is my contribution towards the team's deliveries?

Last week my most important contribution was assisting with the actual design of the main view, as well as together with two other team members creating the location recognition service in our app by using Google Maps API.

This week my contribution to the team's deliverables will be fairly limited. Most of my contribution will be in the form of learning certain softwares and understanding techniques that we plan to use. However, my goal is to also contribute to either more GUI design, or even assisting with the server-client integration.

In order to achieve these goals I will have to be thorough in my communication with the team, and ensure that my team are aware of which tasks I am taking control of. Our team uses a Trello board for this sort of task division and I will ensure that my name is placed on the tasks I do, as well as write comments or send messages in order to update them on my thinking and progress.