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Upon completing our current Sprint, I want to give a big thank you and congratulations to everyone who helped make this happen. Every member of our team has played a crucial part to ensure our success. Thank you to the Product Owner who used Agile Methodology to organized teams with Scrum Masters like myself to work together and create User Stories, organize & prioritize the backlog.

The Developers analyzed the User Stories and together we discussed any blockers or concerns they had and addressed them. This allowed the Developers to provide accurate estimates throughout SDLC which kept us in scope to complete this sprint. The great feedback provided by both those teams allowed us to keep a consistent flow.

Testers were able to adapt to the flow and communicate with both those teams to create an accurate & rigorous test plan. By communicating with both the Developers and Product Owner the Testers verified expected results and how to achieve them while also discovering other bugs along the way. As the Scrum Master I was able to facilitate the communication between the team and keep flow at a consistent rate.

This was achieved by being able to manage pivot points quickly and effectively in development and working with the team to evaluate the level of effort necessary for a change. At one point our vision for this project was only Vacation packages but our focus shifted to Detox Vacation Packages which seemed like chaos. As a team we were able to quickly analyze the shift and keep ourselves back on track.

We came together and sent various emails to analyze this change. Developers required examples of Detox Vacation spots to better align the request, they also asked questions about interactions that had to do with filtering options that were in development. The Testers also sent various emails to ensure expectations were met with the new change in direction.

Using software like JIRA we exercised Kanban methods and continued communication on individual tickets. We also were able to iron out any left-over details by using Scrum Events to engage in person-to-person communication.

The use of Agile has many benefits but a big downside to Agile is that it’s better for building upon something that’s already here. When initially beginning a project a Waterfall method is preferred this allows the direction for a project to be set and provides answers for questions, blockers, and expectations outright.

Even though Agile offers a lot of flexibility and quick development, being flexible in early stages of development can quickly create multiple pivots in a project and prevent any actual progression. In this case Agile worked extremely well as a predeveloped system was in place. So, the adaptation for its components was easy to manage.