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From the scrum exercise we learned that we should try to be specific about how the work is distributed. If each person has a specific task to focus on during the sprint, less time is spent on discussions about how to do the task and we can focus better on our work. This also makes it easier for everyone to give their input about how other persons' task can be implemented without disrupting the workflow. This prohibits that work needs to be changed in the next sprint, since everyone has the chance to give their input before the implementation, which gives a better chance at a reasonably good outcome from the first sprint.

It is very important to thoroughly plan what everyone is going to focus on before starting to work on a new task. Planning is easy to forget but makes your project and tasks so much easier to execute. We definitely saw a clear, positive change in the second and third sprint, when we had done some planning before starting to work, compared to the first sprint where we merely focused on quantity and not quality. It is easier said than done though and many times when you say that "during this project I am going to plan very well", it has been lost during the way. So in this project we are really going to sit down and plan before we start our coding, in order to get the best possible outcome.

We also learned to not take on too big tasks that we will not be able to finish during a sprint. Small and clear tasks provides a more efficient workflow with better results.

In our first sprint we focused too much at getting many points, which gave us poor result in quality. As a result, the second sprint was used entirely to fix the poor quality from the first sprint. This was time spent inefficiently.

A better way to use our time would have been if we focused on small tasks from the beginning, which would have given us better opportunities to present a reasonable result in the first sprint and used the second sprint to develop the solid ground work from the first sprint and take on more tasks when the first ones are finished.

Some insights from the scrum exercise overall, is that we also saw a big change in workflow and result when we started to cooperate with other teams. After all, all of our small tasks were for the same end goal. A good (altered) saying is "a project is only as strong as its weakest link", which is why, if you work together, you can accomplish so much more than you could ever have hoped for of doing on your own.

The scrum exercise definitely taught us that going solo in a project is rarely a good idea, and deciding beforehand what everyone should do, will increase work efficiency drastically. This is most certainly something that we will carry with us for the duration of the project.