Tester Journal

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I believe that the value statement and acceptance criteria where the most helpful in creating my test cases. This is because the value statement tells me what the goal of the user stories are trying to accomplish. The acceptance criteria provide a list of things that must be true to make it through testing. Combined they give me a good idea of the overall expected outcome. This makes them easier to refer to when writing tests.

Sitting in the shoes of the tester I wish I had a better understanding of what the application input was supposed to be. If input results were listed in the acceptance criteria and maybe even some screenshots or pictures of desired functionality were fabricated it would have made this easier. This might just be because this is how acceptance criteria are written in my company, but it gives us a good idea of expected behavior, what is currently happening or what is desired.

I would take these questions to someone who might be more familiar with the design of the product such as another Tester, Developer, Business Analyst, The Scrum Master, and The Product Owner, in some cases The Product Owner goes to the business for this information. I have found that it is best to work up to the PO as some others may already know this additional information. Then we can work as a team to get it added to the acceptance criteria.