SWT II 2018/19 Shared Retrospective

I like…

● the enthusiasm of participants
● communication with the teaching team
● enthusiastic lectures
● real-world problem that is being worked on
● customer that behaves like in the real world
● adapting the Scrum process to the team’s needs
● writing a functional software

I wish…

● we deployed to a managed platform (e.g. Heroku) and didn’t rely on own tools
● there was information on how deployment worked internally
● there was more time for kanban and time to adapt it
● there were additional PO-intro sessions / mini PO-workshops
● the dates for the oral exam were scheduled earlier
● mocks and advanced testing such as acceptance tests were parts of the introduction
● there was a resource of “beautiful” test code
● there were concrete examples of view / feature / acceptance tests
● collaborative test reviews in the lecture, akin to code reviews, test smells
● details about the security of web apps were part of the course
● there was some instruction on front-end and JS development
● there was less duplication of content within guest lectures

I wonder…

● how we can get all SWTII students to find teams with matching time slots
● how we can schedule SWTII so that more students can attend lectures
● how we can avoid overlap with the BID lecture
● how we can motivate developers to not use magic numbers and credentials in files
● if the WSL on Windows is usable for RoR
● how can we foster a community around an open-source project
● if Kanban is useful at the start of the project
● how we can communicate effectively / respectfully
● how mocks are used in tests correctly
● how POs can be better supported during the lecture
● how to RoR internals knowledge can be communicated
● how to CI and testing can be sped up
● how to use TDD consistently
● how Scrum could be used in full-time development