

Project Retrospectives

Agenda

- Short Intro to Retrospectives (5-10 Min.)
- Prepare Presentation (PowerPoint, etc) (20 Min.)
- Presentations ($n * 10-15$ Min.)

Introduction

The purpose of a retrospective is learning ...

- ... to avoid recurring mistakes
- ... to identify and share successful practices
- ... to prepare for the next iteration and future projects

Everyone says they want to learn, but so few take the time to do so.

What a retrospective isn't

Not a postmortem (sometimes it is!)

Do at regular intervals

Not a drudgery

Techniques are fun (sometimes it isn't fun)

Not done in secret

Can include different affinity groups

Not a whine session

Emphasis is on being constructive

Not a witch hunt

Participants speak from "I/we" point of view

Golden Rule

Regardless of what we discover, we must understand and truly believe that everyone did the best job he or she could, given what was known at the time, his or her skills and abilities, the resources available, and the situation at hand.

Retrospective – 4 Questions

- **What did we do well, that if we don't discuss we might forget?**
- **What did we learn?**
- **What should we do differently next time?**
- **What still puzzles us?**