

# Scrum-based Lab Experimentation

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## Setting Up in Jira

### 1. Create a Custom Issue Type

- **Name:** Experiment
- **Description:** Use for Scrum-based experiments to validate hypotheses and iterate on features.

#### Custom Fields:

1. **Experiment Type:**
    - Dropdown options: Feature Experiment, Usability Test, A/B Test, etc.
  2. **Hypothesis:**
    - Text field for the hypothesis (e.g., "We believe a simplified homepage layout will increase user engagement.").
  3. **Goals:**
    - Text field to define experiment objectives (e.g., "Reduce bounce rate by 10%.").
  4. **Metrics to Measure:**
    - Multi-select field (e.g., Engagement, User Feedback, Conversion Rate).
  5. **Sprint Goal:**
    - Text field summarizing the sprint's objective related to the experiment.
  6. **Status:**
    - Options: To Do, In Progress, Done, Abandoned.
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## Scrum Workflow for Experiments

### 1. Product Backlog Refinement

- **Task:** Add the experiment as a user story or epic.
- **Steps:**
  - Define the hypothesis and goals.
  - Break the experiment into smaller tasks or subtasks (e.g., "Design layout A," "Implement A/B testing mechanism").
- **Jira Setup:**
  - Create an Epic: "Homepage Experiment."
  - Create linked user stories for tasks:
    - Story 1: "Design layout A."
    - Story 2: "Design layout B."
    - Story 3: "Implement A/B testing logic."
  - Use labels: **experiment**, **A/B Test**.

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## 2. Sprint Planning

- **Task:** Plan the sprint and allocate experiment tasks to the team.
- **Steps:**
  - Assign tasks to team members.
  - Define a clear sprint goal (e.g., "Test two homepage layouts for user engagement metrics").
- **Jira Setup:**
  - Assign user stories to the sprint.
  - Add the **Sprint Goal** field: "Validate which homepage layout improves user engagement."

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## 3. Sprint Execution

- **Task:** Work on experiment tasks and track progress.
- **Steps:**
  - Use Scrum ceremonies:
    - **Daily Standups:** Monitor progress, identify blockers, and share insights.
    - **Task Updates:** Transition tasks between statuses (To Do → In Progress → Done).
- **Jira Setup:**
  - Use a Scrum board to visualize progress.
  - Update task statuses during daily standups.

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## 4. Sprint Review

- **Task:** Present results and compare with the hypothesis.
- **Steps:**
  - Share experiment outcomes.
  - Collect feedback from stakeholders.
  - Decide next steps (e.g., implement successful layout or refine further).
- **Jira Setup:**
  - Add findings to the **Experiment Hypothesis** or **Sprint Goal** fields.
  - Transition the epic/story to **Done** or **Abandoned** as appropriate.

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## 5. Sprint Retrospective

- **Task:** Reflect on the execution process and identify improvements.
- **Steps:**
  - Discuss what worked well and challenges faced.
  - Plan process adjustments for future experiments.

- **Jira Setup:**
    - Document retrospective notes in a linked Confluence page or Jira comments.
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## Example: A/B Test for Homepage Layout

### Epic:

- **Title:** "Homepage Experiment"
- **Hypothesis:** "We believe a simplified homepage layout will increase user engagement by 15%."
- **Goals:** Validate which layout drives better metrics (e.g., bounce rate, time on page).
- **Metrics to Measure:** Bounce rate, time spent on page, user feedback.

### User Stories:

1. **Story 1:** Design Layout A (simplified layout).
  - Subtasks: Create wireframes, implement design, QA testing.
2. **Story 2:** Design Layout B (current layout with minor adjustments).
  - Subtasks: Create wireframes, implement design, QA testing.
3. **Story 3:** Implement A/B testing mechanism.
  - Subtasks: Set up test environment, deploy layouts, monitor metrics.

### Sprint Goal:

- "Test two different homepage layouts and determine which one improves user engagement."

### Execution in Jira:

- Use a Scrum board to manage tasks.
- Conduct daily standups to review progress.
- Update statuses and collect metrics continuously.

### Sprint Review:

- **Results:**
    - Layout A reduced bounce rate by 20%.
    - Time spent on page increased by 30% compared to Layout B.
  - **Decision:** Roll out Layout A as the new default.
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## Benefits of Scrum-based Experimentation

1. **Iterative Progress:** Experiments are planned, executed, and reviewed within time-boxed sprints.
2. **Team Collaboration:** Encourages continuous communication and feedback.
3. **Clear Accountability:** Defined sprint goals and tasks ensure focus.

4. **Actionable Insights:** Sprint reviews and retrospectives drive data-driven decisions.

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A/B Test for Homepage Layout

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