

Software Engineering is still improving...

- You won't develop software:
 - as it was done 15-30 years ago
 - the same way in 15-30 years from now

Scrum + Engineering Practices: Experiences of Three Microsoft Teams

- Williams_ESEM2011[...].pdf presents the experiences of **three Microsoft teams** with Scrum
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 - The other authors work at Microsoft

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- **Thesis:** Scrum, when augmented with engineering practices, improves:
 - quality
 - productivity and
 - estimation accuracy

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- Agile development methodology, on:
 - Adaptable to customer changes
 - Focusing on software quality

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■Practices:

- Pair Programming (PP)
- Test-Driven Development (TDD)
- Continuous Integration (CI)
- Refactoring
- Coding Standards
- Collective/Team/Shared Code Ownership
- Sustainable Pace
- etc.

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- **60%** of respondents in a Microsoft Survey use Scrum
- Current popularity may be even higher!

What Scrum Practices were used at Microsoft?

- **Product Owner** creates and prioritizes requirements
- **Incremental development** (“iterations” in 2011 Williams) through sprints
- **Spikes** (prototypes)
- Poker Planning
- Sprint Planning Meeting
- “Quality Gates” (aka Definition of Done)
- Time-boxing
- Daily Scrum Meeting
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Why Augment Scrum with Engineering Practices?

- Scrum doesn't describe how to build software
- Consequently... it's arguably **not a software lifecycle!**
- The original Scrum article almost didn't mention software!

What Engineering Practices are in Use at the Microsoft Scrum Teams?

- Planning Poker
- Continuous integration
- Unit Test-Driven development
- “Quality Gates” (aka Definition of Done)
- Source control (TFS)
- Code coverage
- Static Analysis Tools
- Peer Review
- Code Documentation (XML annotations)

Sample Definition of Done for Microsoft Teams

- All **unit tests** must pass
- Unit test code **coverage must be at least 80%** (for all teams except Team B)
- All public methods must have **documentation**
- All non-unit test code must not have any **static analysis** errors or warnings (see Section IV.9)
- **Build** must compile with no errors or warnings on the highest level

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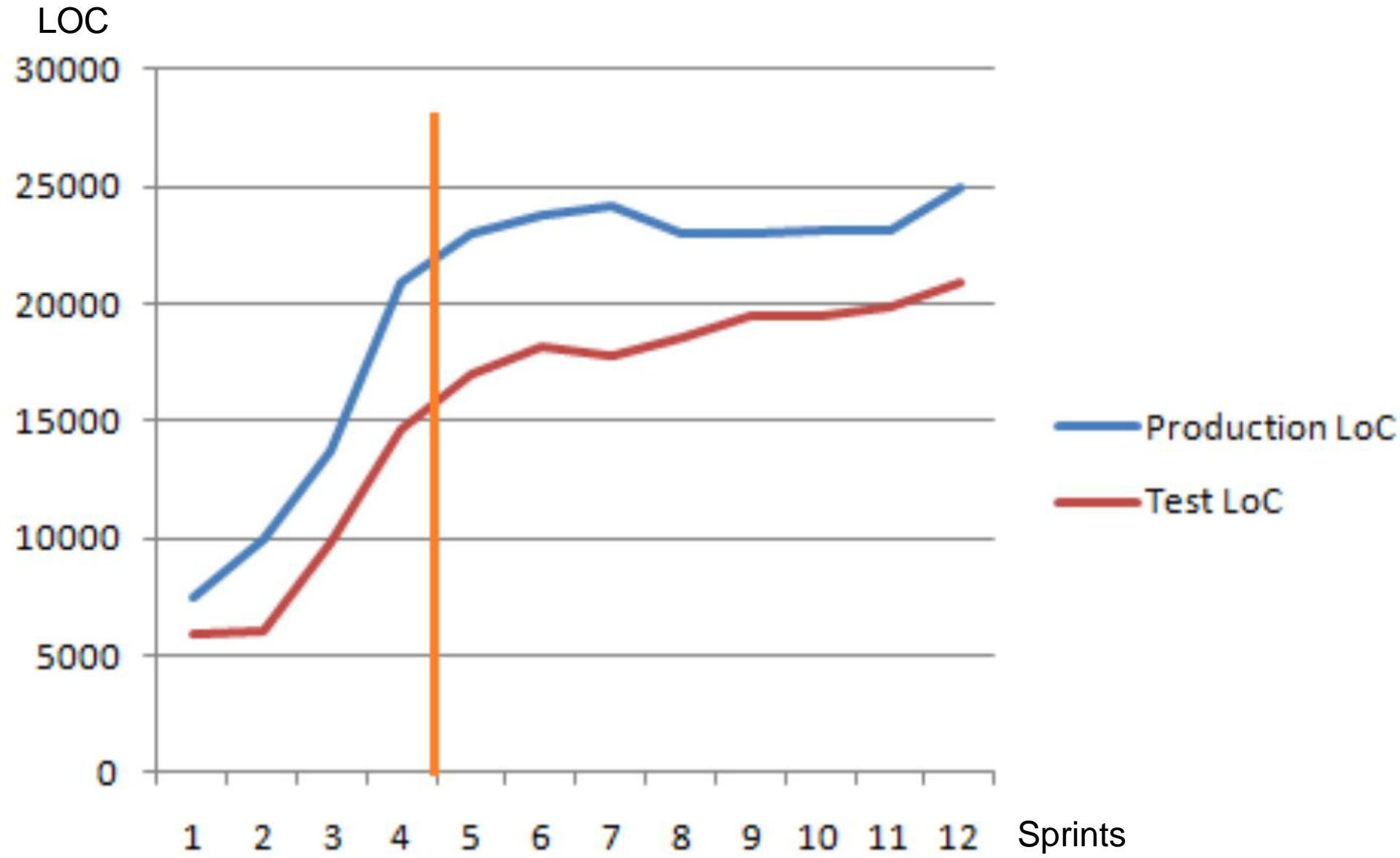
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Team A Cumulative LOC Produced



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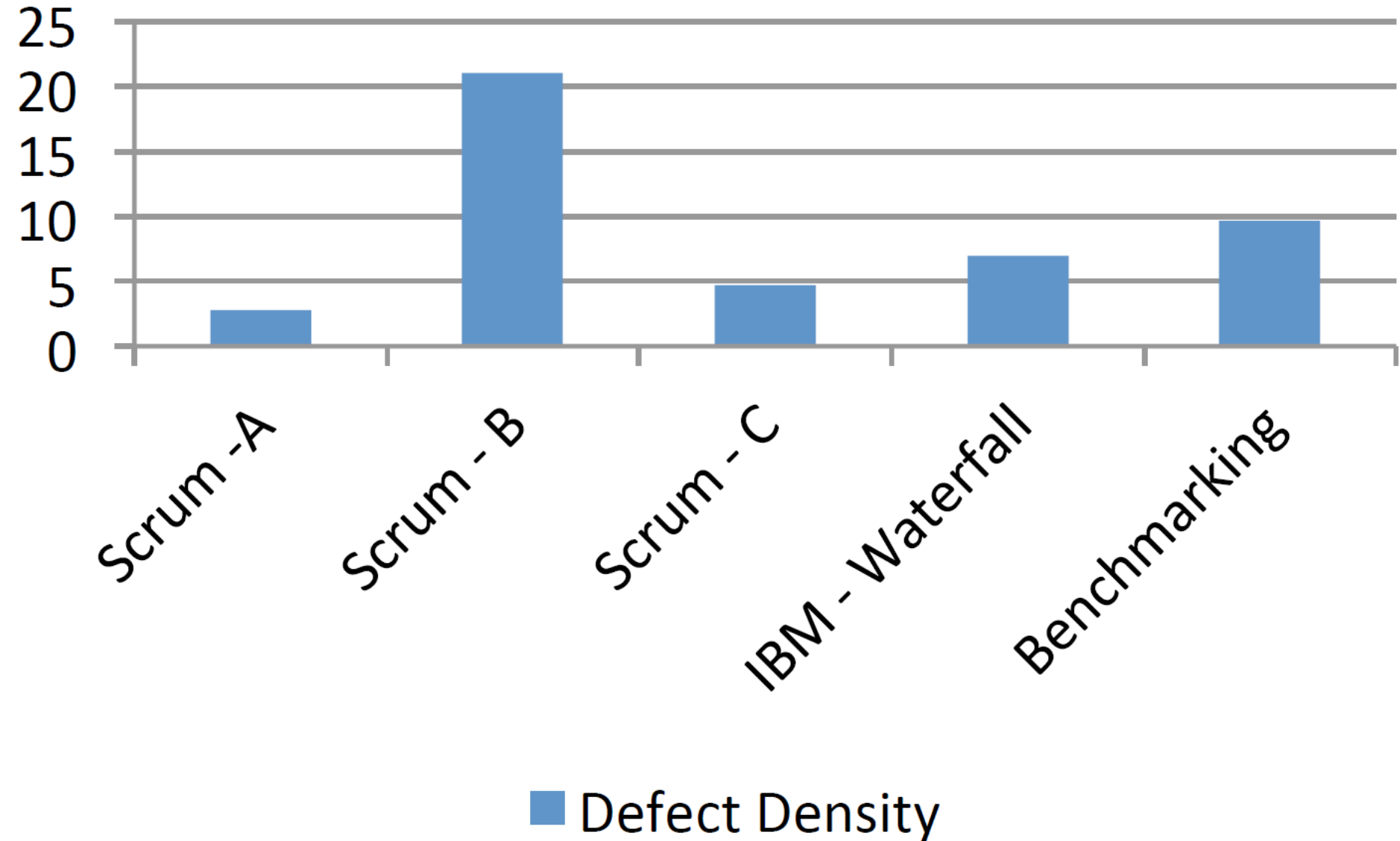
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Scrum vs. non-Scrum Teams: Defect Density Comparison



Learnings

- Scrum with sound Engineering Practices delivered higher quality (about 3-5 defects/KLOC) than non-scrum teams (about 7 defects/KLOC)
- Scrum with weak Engineering Practices (testing) failed
- Planning Poker improved estimation accuracy

What's on the Scrum Quiz?

Texts and Lectures

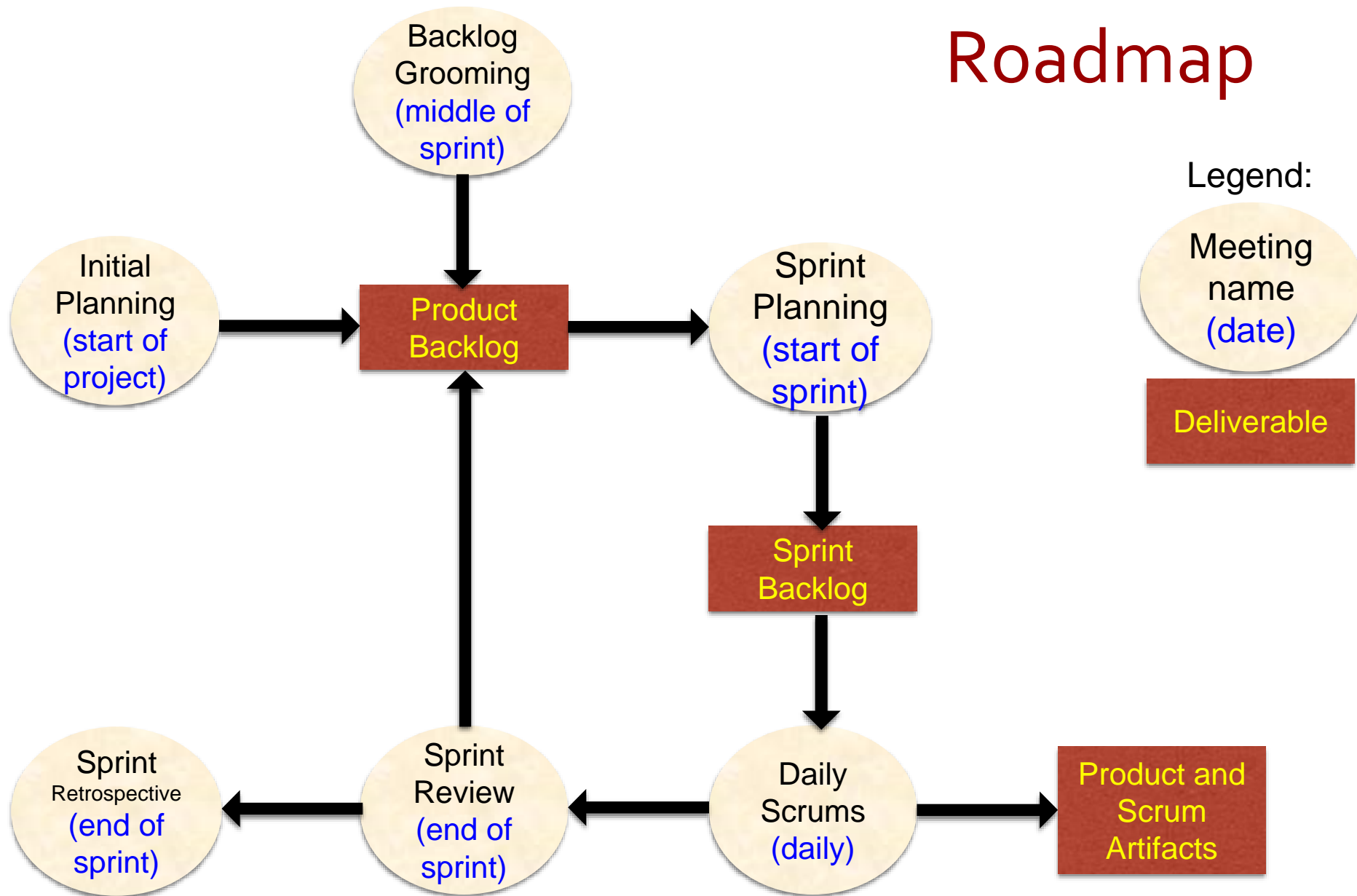
- “The Elements of Scrum”
- Scrum lectures
- Williams_ESEM2011_Scrum_3_Microsoft_Teams.pdf on Piazza (Additional Reading)
 - Williams, Brown, Meltzer and Nagappan. “[Scrum + Engineering Practices: Experiences of Three Microsoft Teams](#).” *Proceedings of the 2011 International Symposium on Empirical Software Engineering and Measurement*. IEEE Computer Society. 2011.

Scrum Quiz

- Take-home
- Open book, open notes
- Assigned via Blackboard
- Assigned ~Monday (2/12) due Monday (2/19)
- Designed to take ~20-30 minutes
- Time limit not enforced

Scrum Review

Scrum Process Roadmap



Scrum: Sprint Meetings / Activities

- Initial Planning (start of the project)
- Sprint Planning Meeting (start of Sprint)
- Daily Scrum (daily)
- Backlog Grooming (~ middle of sprint)
- Sprint Review (end of Sprint)
- Sprint Retrospective (end of Sprint)

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Product Backlog

■ User Stories

- Who writes them?
- Template for writing them (Role-Goal-Benefit)
- Prioritized (Who prioritizes them?)
- Estimates (Who estimates them? How?)
- Epics vs. detailed stories

■ Acceptance Criteria

- Template for writing them (Given-When-Then)

What's on the Quiz?

Sprint Backlog

■ Tasks

- Engineering Language
- Owner
- Estimated (by who?)

Expect Questions

- Which test your **knowledge** of Scrum concepts
- Test your **in-depth understanding** of Scrum (**WHY** do we do things this way)
- Test your ability to **apply Scrum**

Class Exercise: New Team Member

- Your scrum team is developing a classroom response (i.e. clicker) service and mobile apps
- Your team will begin Sprint 5 (of 10 expected) on Monday

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- How can Scrum help introduce **Bob** to your project?