Definition of ready and definition of done: What's the difference?

What is Definition of Done (DOD)?

DOD is a checklist of the work types that the team is supposed to finish successfully before declaring the work to be potentially shippable. These work types depend on a number of variables like:

- The nature of the product being developed

- The technologies being used to develop it

- The organization that is building the product

- The present obstacles that impact the possibility

Example of Definition of Done:

The Definition of Done (DOD) can vary, but it is crucial to make sure that the

initial Definition of Done is agreed upon before the first Sprint. According to

Scrum Alliance, there are three different types of DOD, mentioned below.

•Definition of Done for a feature (user story or product backlog item)

•Definition of Done for a sprint

•Definition of Done for a release

What is Definition of Ready (DOR)?

A set of agreements that let you know when a user story is really done, and all the essential activities are complete is the Definition of Done. But Definition of Ready is a different concept. It is a set of agreements that tells you when something is ready to begin. More correctly, "if something is good to begin".

E.g., when a user story is ready to be taken into a sprint, or when all the conditions are right for a team to begin a sprint.

Examples of Definition of Ready:

•Well-defined User story

•User story acceptance criteria defined

•User story sized by the delivery team

•Scrum team accepts user experience artifacts

•Performance criteria identified

•The Person who will accept the user story is identified

•A Team is able to 'demo' the user story.