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After learning about agile methodology and scrum, I would want to follow the process shown in the section titled: The Sprint (Sims & Johnson, 2007-2023). Here, the sprint cycle is clearly shown as a cycle that has a collaborative effect on the product backlog, which is essentially a list of the requirements or what is expected to be accomplished, ending with project completion. I think that before a sprint occurs, the initial planning begins. Once the initial sprint has been defined, a sprint backlog can be created. The sprint backlog is simply a more simplified version of the product backlog; however, it is only a log of the tasks that need to be completed during the current sprint. Now, of course, this list is adaptable. At certain points, it may become necessary to refine the backlog by adding or removing items, which becomes the discretion of the Scrum Master (based on the needs of the team). The sprint backlog becomes the backbone of the current sprint, where the daily scrum events will be organized around. As time continues, after daily scrum meetings, completed tasks start turning into completed sprints. Of course, testing occurs along the way, and modifications and improvements are worked into this repetitive process until the team has reached its determined “done” state. Once this occurs, a product can be handed to the customer, where Sprint review and Sprint retrospective can begin. These two review and planning phases are essential for team development. It helps the team identify strengths and weaknesses, which will ultimately foster a more productive team in the future. Future sprints continue in this pattern until the project is ultimately completed.

I believe these events are important because they help keep the team and the project itself moving forward. There should never be any backward progression so long as the team is always moving toward the goal of a finished product. Defining the “done” state helps steady the course of the current sprint and keeps team members working within the scope of the current sprint.

As a Scrum Master, I would work to achieve these goals by following the agile manifesto, implementing and enforcing a strict team charter, and upholding the highest standards possible while ensuring a positive and constructive work environment for all team members.

**References**

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