

# SCRUMBAN SIMULATION

A safe way to learn how to deal with both planned and unplanned work in an iterative approach.

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# Participants

- 1 product owner
- Team members
  - At least 2
  - At most 6
  - Can be generalizing specialist

# Team members and roles

- 1 role is specialized in preparation & validation
- 1 role is specialized in execution
- People can take up tasks outside their specialty
- Efficiency penalty:
  - Within specialty: 2 units of work per day
  - Outside specialty: only 1 unit of work per day

# The board – planned work



**Sprint:**

1 2 3 4 5

**Day**

Plan

1 2 3 4 5 | 6 7 8 9 10

Review/Retro

**Backlog**

**To do**

**Prepare**

**Execute**

**Validate**

**Done**

WiP =

WiP =

WiP =

CRITIZED

FINISHED





# The board – Unplanned work

Reported	Accepted	Investigate	Fix	Validate	Solved
<b>FAST LANE</b>					

# Cards

## Product backlog item

Bus. value	<b>150</b>	MoSCoW	<b>Must</b>
Prepare	<b>3</b>	○○○○○○○○○○	
Execute	<b>4</b>	○○○○○○○○○○	
Validate	<b>2</b>	○○○○○○○○○○	
Planned			
Started		Lead time	
Done		Cycle time	

## Unplanned work

Priority	<b>High</b>		
Investigate	<b>1</b>	○○○○○○○○○○	
Execute	<b>2</b>	○○○○○○○○○○	
Validate	<b>2</b>	○○○○○○○○○○	
Reported			
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## Event

You are ill.

You are absent for the rest of the week

# Prioritization

- Product owner decides priorities
- Puts the backlog items in the Backlog column
  - First set of most important items
  - Ordered by priority

PRIORITIZED

## Product backlog item

Bus. value	150	MoSCoW	Must
Prepare	3		
Execute	4		
Validate	2		
Planned			
Lead time			
Cycle time			

## Product backlog item

Bus. value	100	MoSCoW	Should
Prepare	1		
Execute	3		
Validate	2		
Planned			
Started			

## Product backlog item

Bus. value	60	MoSCoW	Could
Prepare	2		
Execute	4		
Validate	1		
Planned			
Started			

## Product backlog item

Bus. value	20	MoSCoW	won't
Prepare	1		
Execute	3		
Validate	1		
Planned			
Started			
Lead time			
Cycle time			

# Planning

- Team determines capacity for next iteration
- Forecasts which backlog items they can implement according to capacity
- Move selected backlog items to Planned



# Limiting work in progress

- On activity level

Prepare	Execute	Validate
WiP =	WiP =	WiP =

- On individual level  
3 pawns per team member





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Backlog

To do

Prepare

Execute

Validate

Done

WIP =

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# Work

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Validate	2	○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○	
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Started		Lead time	
Done		Cycle time	

Increment if needed

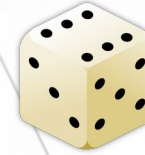
Fill the dots

Iteration

Day of the iteration

# After each participant's round

- Evolving insight - use the normal dice



- 1: increase workload with 1 unit
- 2: no action
- 3: no action
- 4: take an event card
- 5: block item you last worked on
- 6: unblock any blocked item




# When an activity is done...

- You can remove your pawn
- Don't push items to the next stage
  - Pull the work
- Don't validate yourself what you implemented
  - Four eyes principle



# At the end of the day

- Use the Unplanned work dice 
- 0: lucky you – no unplanned work
- 1: take 1 unplanned work card
- 2: take 2 unplanned work cards
- Product owner decides what to do
  - Act immediately, plan or park

# At the end of the iteration

- Retrospective

- Planned versus done
- Flow?
- Unplanned work – right decisions?
- WiP limits respected?
- Metrics?

