

# **Scrum Master Vs A Traditional Project Manager: An In- depth Task Comparison**





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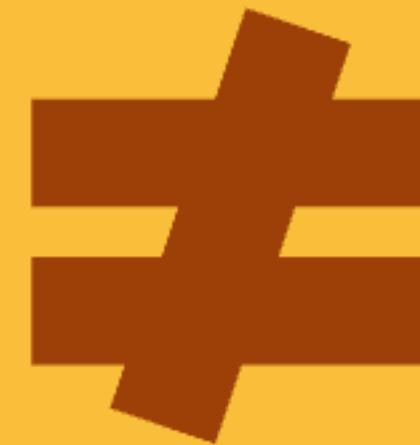
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- **The scrum master has extensive knowledge of scrum rules and practices**
- **Ensure the team effectively implements those rules and principles**



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Manager**

# Traditional Project Manager

→ Allocate duties to the team

→ Ensure the team carries out its duties



# Scrum Master



The team chooses what they have to work on from the product backlog



All the scrum master does is ensure the effective implementation of all scrum rules and principles



## Product Owner

- Unlike a project manager, a scrum master is not a manager
- The scrum master supports the product owner in his role



- The scrum master takes on the role of coach and facilitator
- The project manager on the other hand is like a ship's captain



- In scrum, the product decision making role does not lie with the scrum master but with the product owner
- This is unlike in the traditional project management scenario where the project manager decides the direction the project takes



# Scrum Master

The duty is not his/ hers and s/he can only contribute in this role by assisting the product owner handle that role more effectively



- **The scrum master bulldozes through impediments**
- **The scrum master should do all in his/ her power to level the ground**



**The team has to make problems visible and then self-manage and self-adjust to solve the problems**



- **The traditional project manager has the role of ensuring that the goals of the project are achieved**
- **In scrum, this role falls on the product owner's shoulders**