

What is Scrum?

Embark on a journey to understand the essence of Scrum. We'll dive deep into this versatile project management framework. Discover why Scrum works and how it can transform your approach to complex problems.

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Introduction to Scrum

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Embarking on a Journey

We're setting out to understand the essence of Scrum. It's a path of discovery and learning.

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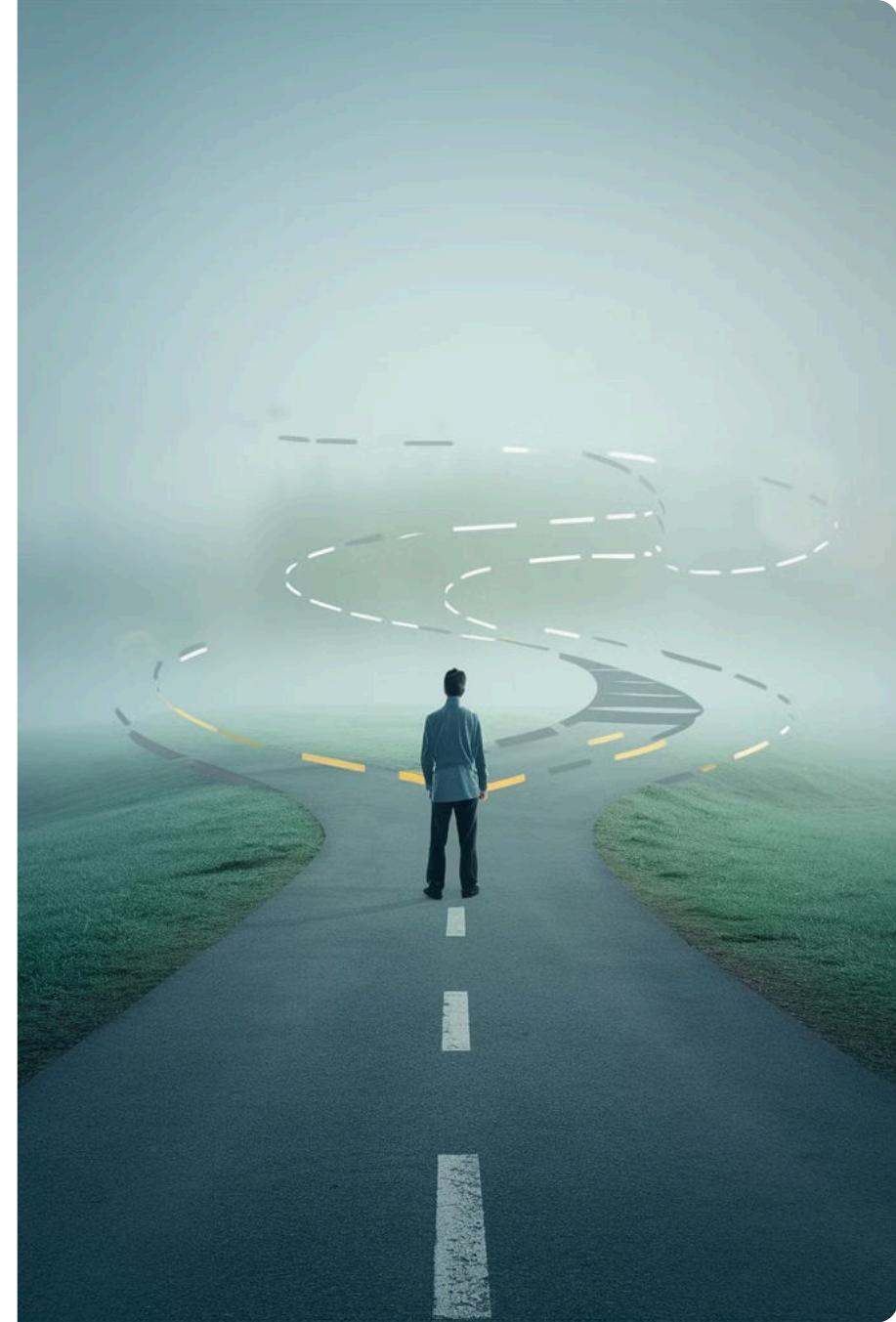
Diving Deep

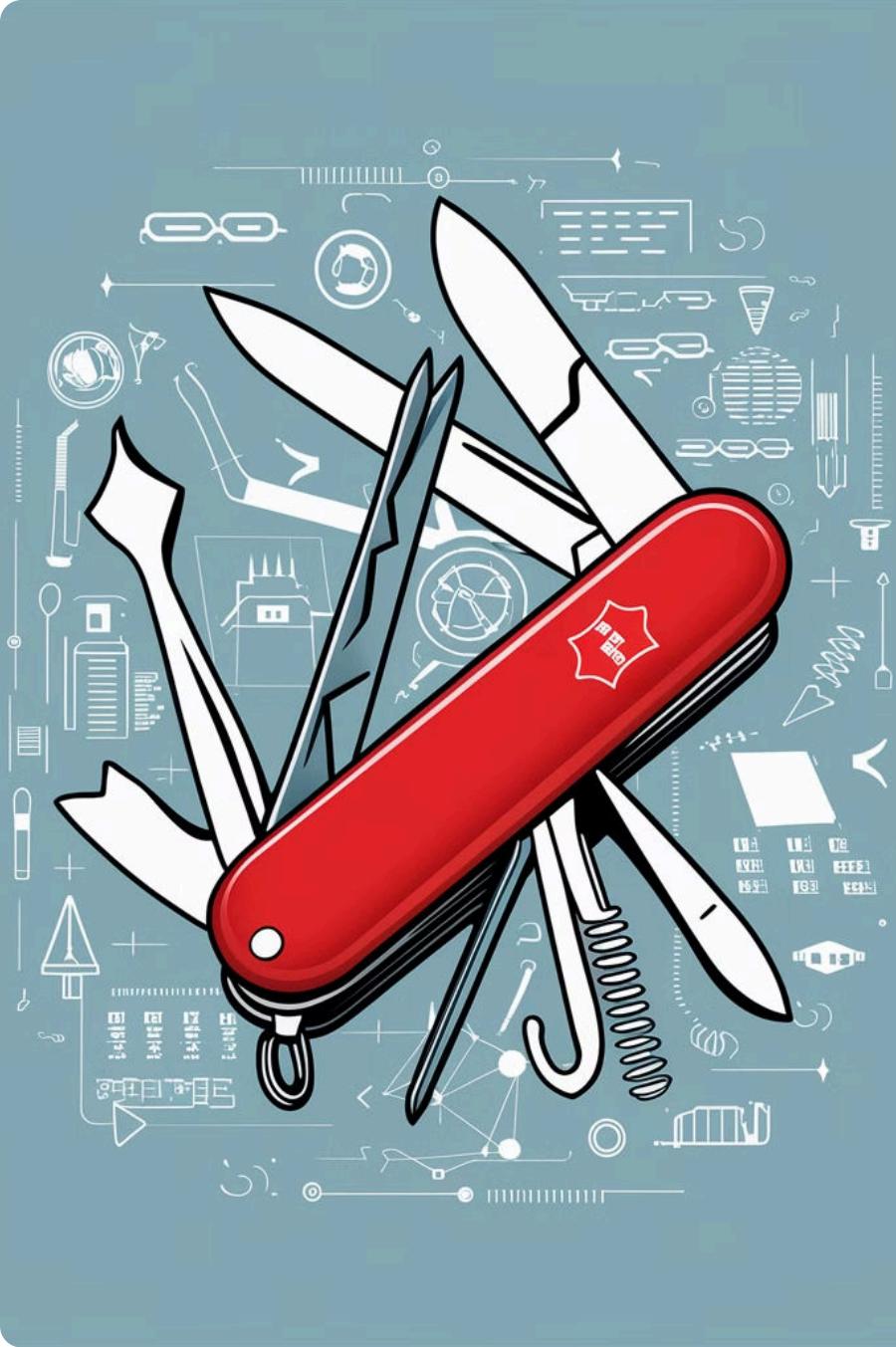
We'll explore the question: "What is Scrum?" This will be our guiding light throughout the journey.

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Unveiling Insights

Prepare to gain new perspectives on this powerful project management framework.





Scrum: A Swiss Army Knife for Project Management

Versatile

Scrum adapts to various project needs and environments.

Efficient

It streamlines processes and enhances productivity.

Powerful

When used correctly, Scrum delivers impressive results.

Understanding

Grasping not just what Scrum is, but why it works is crucial.



Key Aspects of Scrum

1 Official Definition

We'll explore the formal description of Scrum.

3 Scrum Master's Role

We'll delve into this pivotal position within Scrum teams.

2 Framework, Not Methodology

Understanding Scrum's flexible nature is crucial.

4 Simplicity and Pragmatism

Scrum's lean approach is a key strength.

Keep an Open Mind

Challenge Assumptions

Some concepts might challenge your current understanding of Scrum. Embrace this opportunity for growth.

Continuous Improvement

This aligns with Scrum's principle of continuous improvement. Stay open to new ideas and perspectives.



Reflection

- 1
- 2
- 3

Current Understanding

What do you currently think Scrum is?

Anticipated Change

How do you expect your understanding to evolve?

Future Perspective

Imagine your enhanced grasp of Scrum after this module.

Scrum as a Mindset



More Than Practices

Scrum is not just a set of practices.



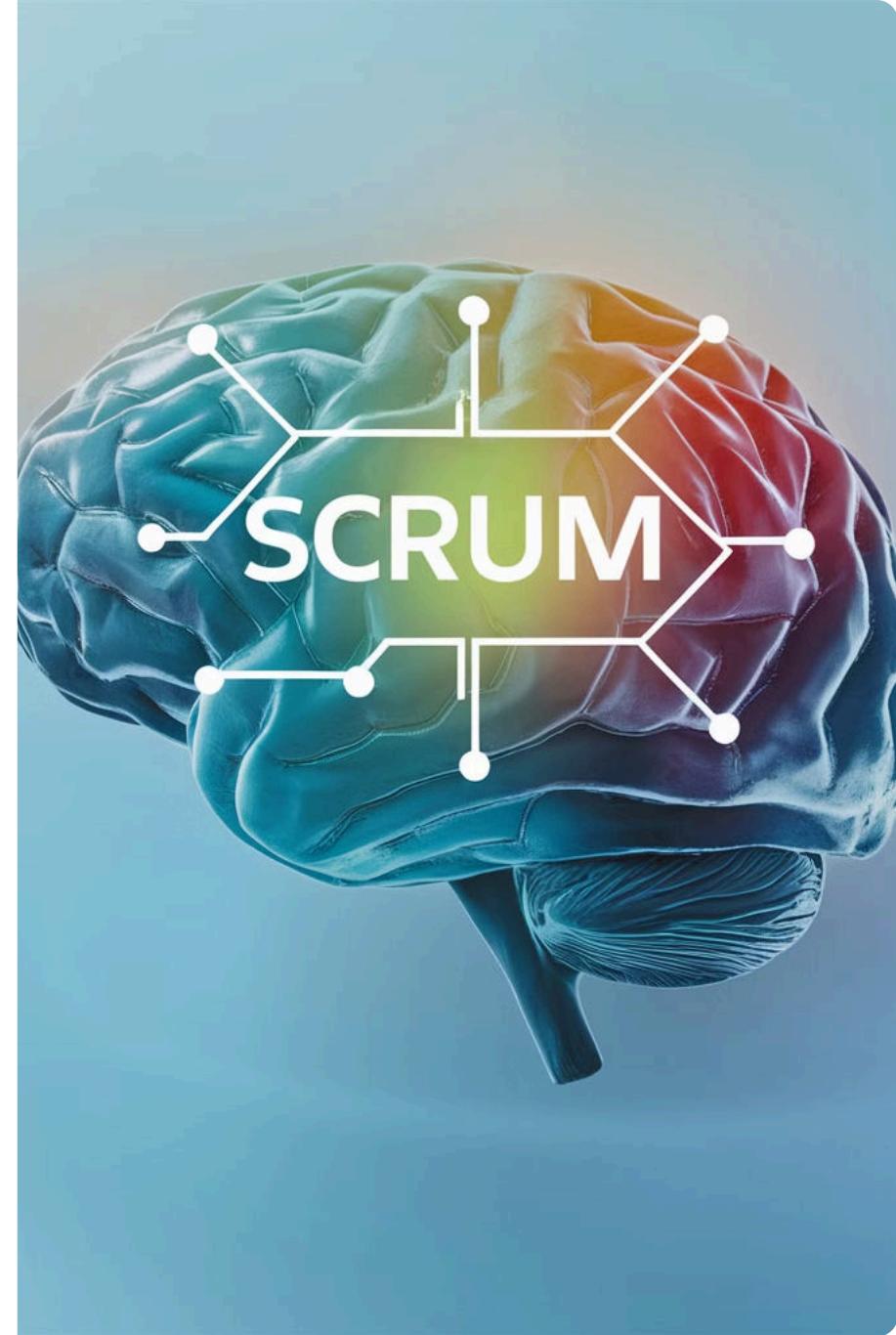
Problem-Solving Approach

It's a way of approaching complex problems.



Value Delivery

Scrum is a method for delivering value.



Next Steps

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Definition Exploration

We'll start by looking at the definition of Scrum.

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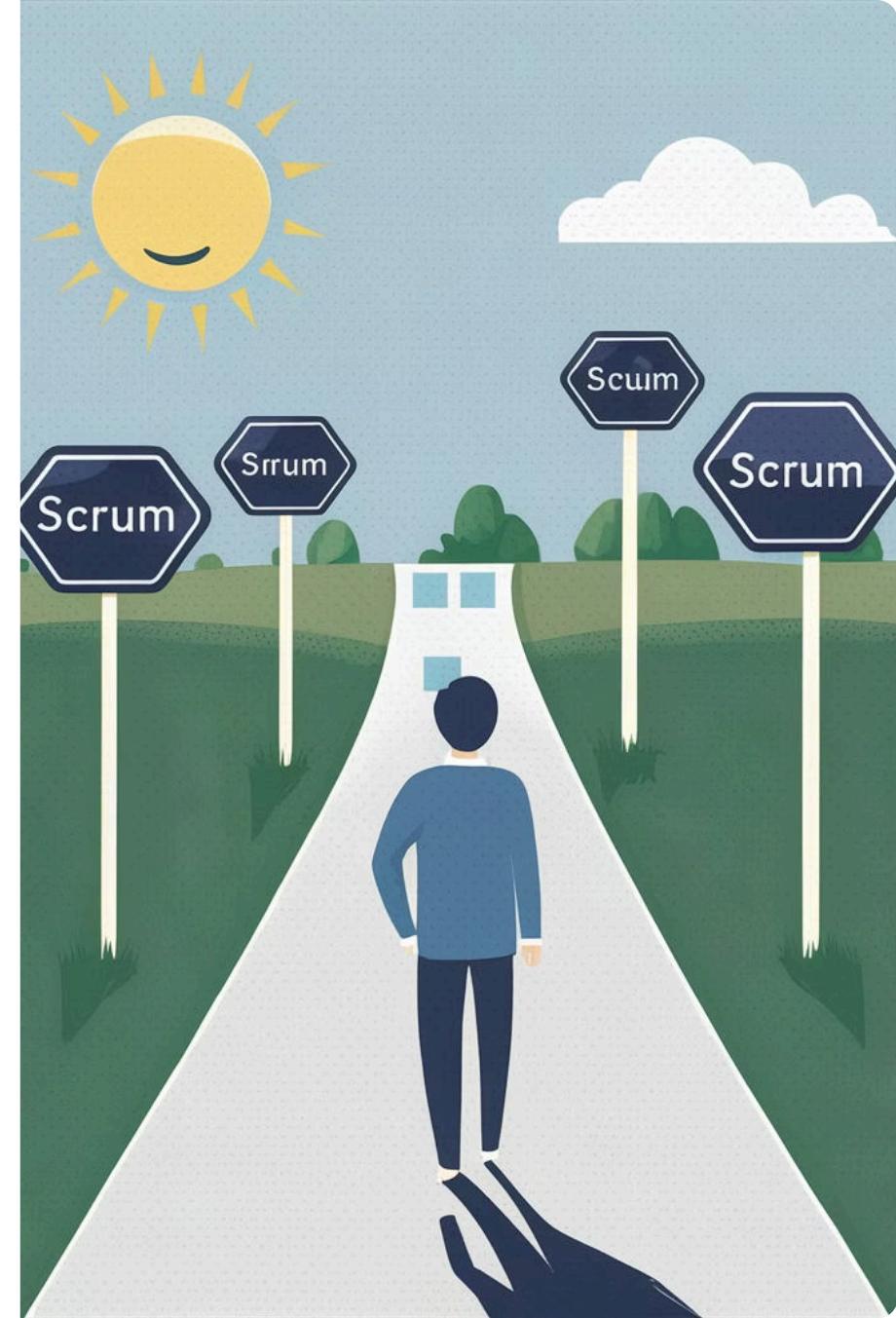
Mindset Shift

Begin thinking about Scrum as a mindset.

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Practical Application

Prepare to apply Scrum concepts in real-world scenarios.



Thank You

For your attention

For your engagement

For your curiosity

For your commitment to learning

Looking forward to unraveling the mysteries of Scrum in our next session!



The Definition of Scrum

We're diving into the heart of Scrum. Understanding its definition is key to unlocking its power. Let's explore this lightweight framework for generating value through adaptive solutions.

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Introduction

1 Core Focus

We're diving into the heart of our subject: the definition of Scrum.

2 Importance

Understanding this definition is key to unlocking the power of Scrum.

3 Foundation

This definition forms the basis for our exploration of Scrum.

SCRUM

Official Definition from Scrum Guide

Scrum Defined

"Scrum is a lightweight framework that helps people, teams and organizations generate value through adaptive solutions for complex problems."

Breaking Down the Definition

1

Lightweight framework

Flexible and adaptable

2

Helps people, teams, and organizations

Applicable across various fields

3

Generate value

Focus on creating worth, not just completing tasks

4

Adaptive solutions

Designed to help you adapt in a complex, changing world

5

Complex problems

Suited for complicated, multifaceted challenges

Scrum in Practice



Product Backlog

Product Owner orders work for complex problem.

Sprint

Scrum Team creates value increment during Sprint.

Inspect and Adapt

Team and stakeholders review results and adjust.



Key Concepts Introduced



Scrum Master

Facilitates Scrum process and team effectiveness.



Product Owner

Manages product backlog and maximizes value.



Product Backlog

Prioritized list of work to be done.



Scrum Team

Cross-functional group delivering the product.

Scrum is Purposefully Incomplete

Not a Manual

Scrum is not a step-by-step guide for every situation.

Framework

It provides a structure for applying intelligence and creativity.

Adaptable

Scrum can be tailored to fit various contexts and needs.

Reflection

1 Compare Understanding

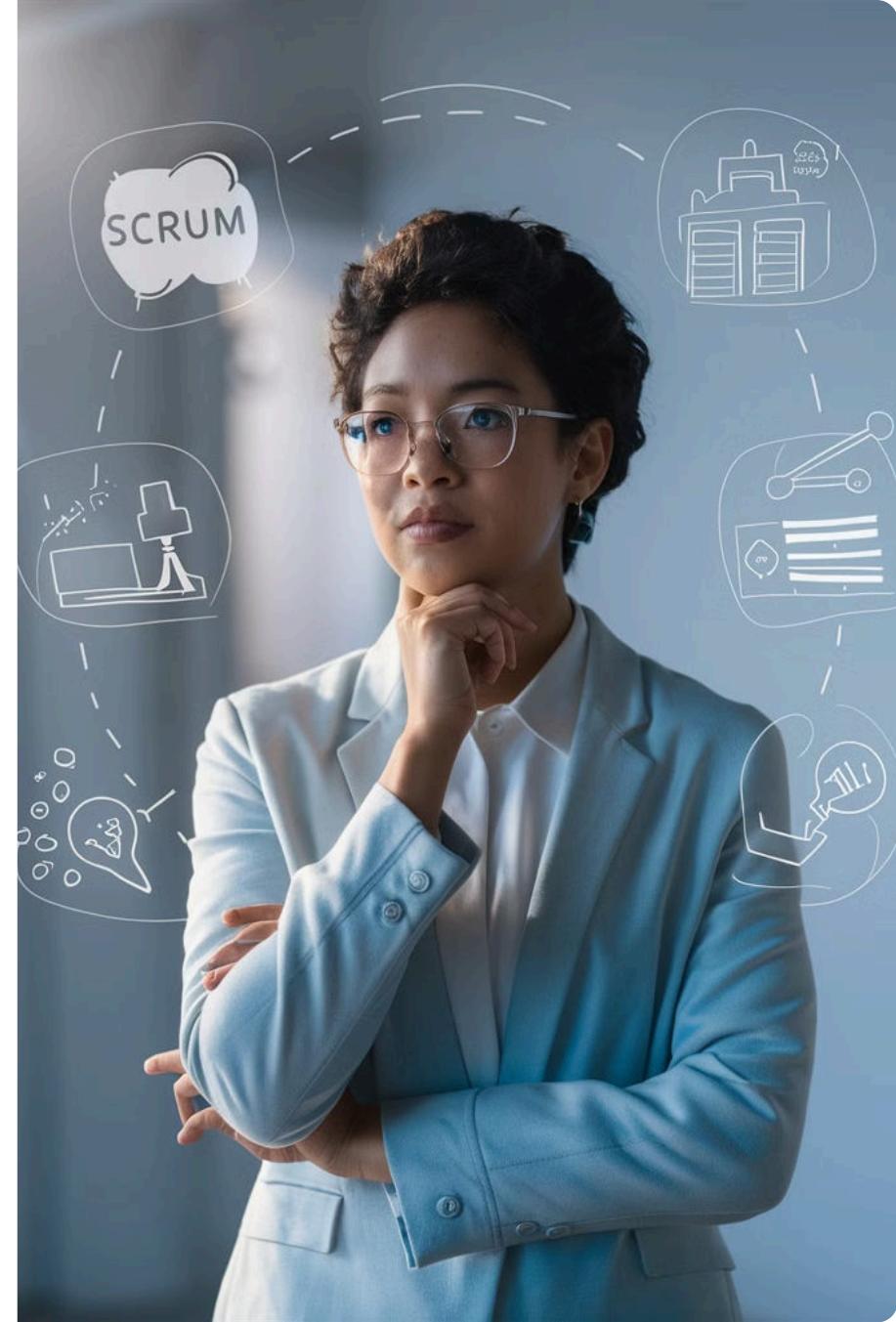
How does this definition differ from your previous understanding?

3 Personal Insights

What new perspectives has this definition given you about Scrum?

2 Application

Can you see how this framework might apply to your work or projects?





Next Steps

Framework vs Methodology

We'll explore why Scrum is called a framework, not a methodology.

Rethink Approach

Start thinking about how this definition might change your approach to complex problems.

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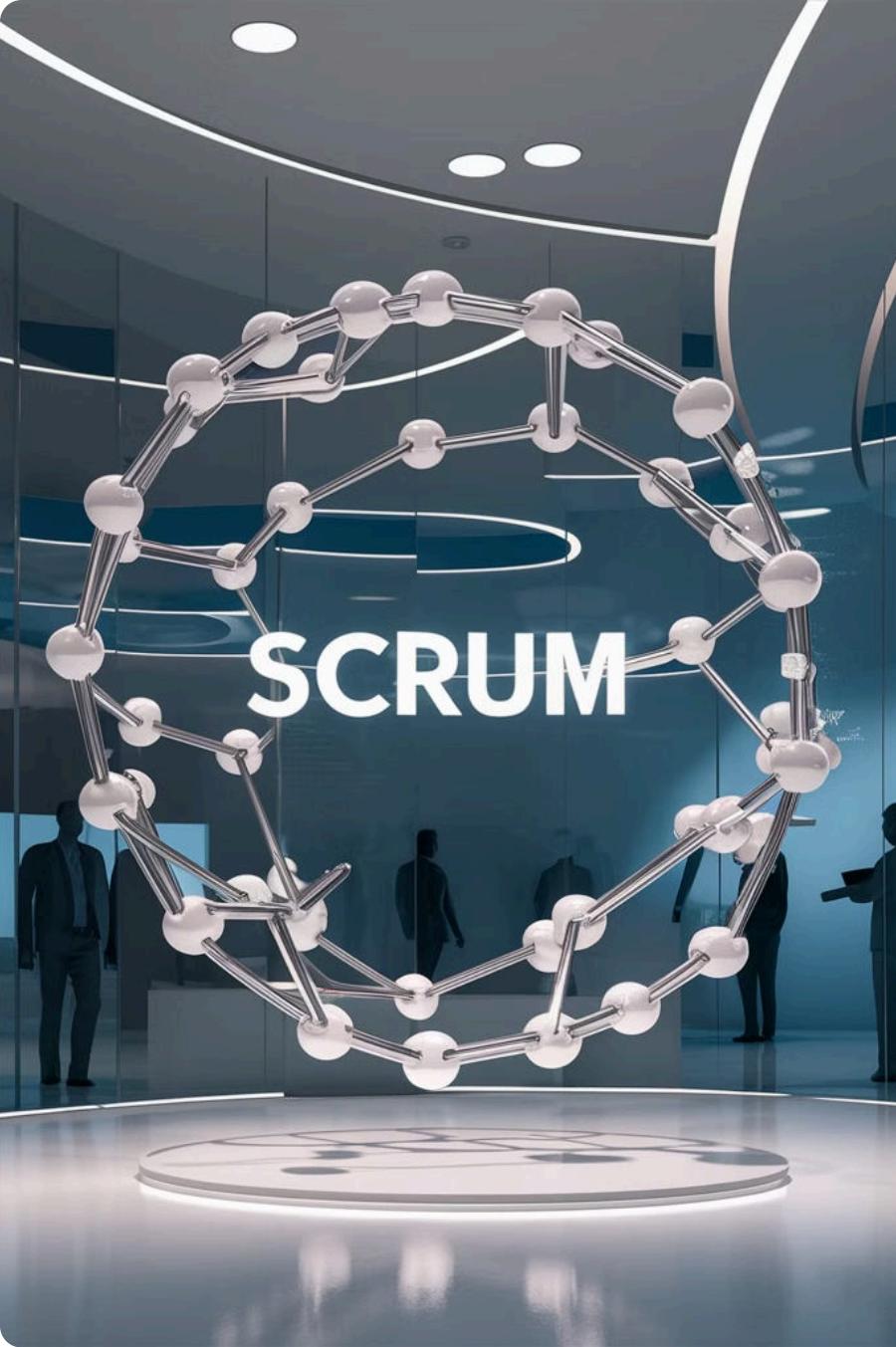
Appreciation

Thank you for your attention during this session.



Looking Forward

We're excited to continue our exploration of Scrum in the next session!



Scrum is a Framework

Scrum is a framework, not a methodology or process. This distinction is crucial for understanding how Scrum works and how it can be applied effectively in various contexts. In this presentation, we'll explore what it means for Scrum to be a framework and why this classification is important.

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Introduction

1 Crucial Aspect of Scrum

It's a framework, not a methodology or process

2 Unpacking the Meaning

We'll explore what this means in practice

3 Importance

Understanding why this distinction matters



Framework vs. Methodology/Process

Framework

Provides structure/skeleton to build upon

- Flexible
- Adaptable
- Customizable

Methodology/Process

More rigid

- Specific steps
- Particular order

Why Scrum is Defined as a Framework

- 1 **Flexibility**
Adaptable to different situations
- 2 **Customization**
Core elements present, implementation varies
- 3 **Applicability**
Not limited to software development
- 4 **Continuous Improvement**
Encourages inspection and adaptation
- 5 **Complementary Practices**
Can be combined with other techniques



Key Point for Certification

Scrum on Certification Exam

On Scrum certification exam, Scrum always referred to as framework

Incorrect Question Identifiers

Questions describing Scrum as methodology/process or limiting to software development likely incorrect



Example Question

Scrum is best described as:

- A) A software development methodology
- B) A project management process
- C) A lightweight framework for solving complex problems
- D) An Agile methodology specific to IT projects

Correct answer: C

Reflection

1 Implementation Approach

How might viewing Scrum as a framework change your implementation approach?

2 Team Benefits

How could this flexibility benefit your team or organization?



Next Steps

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Explore Scrum Master Role

We'll explore the relationship between Scrum and the Scrum Master

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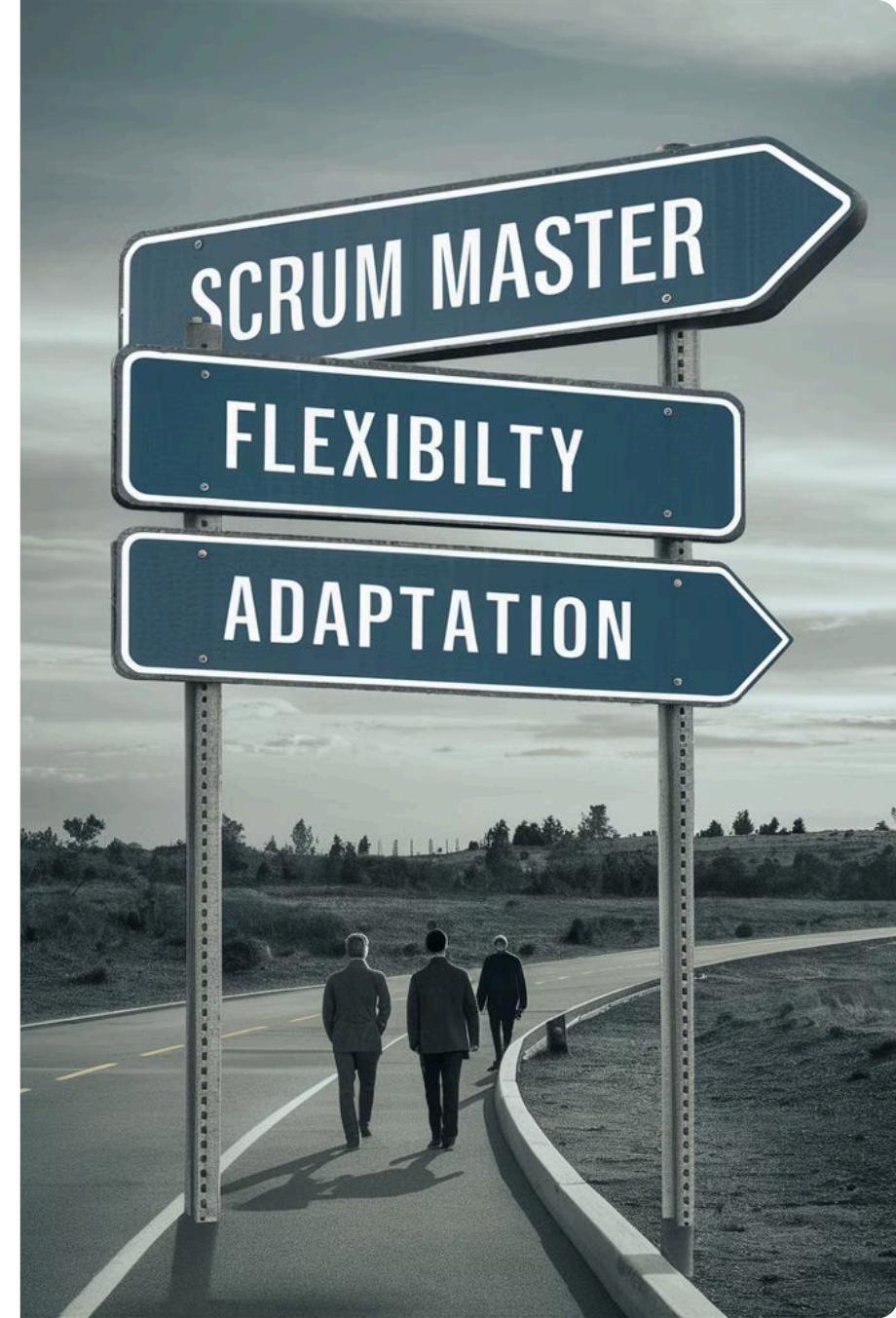
Flexible Framework Mindset

Start thinking about Scrum as a flexible framework

3

Adapt and Maintain

Adapt to specific needs while maintaining core principles



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Appreciation

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To continuing our exploration of
Scrum complexities!



Don't Overstate the Role of the Scrum Master

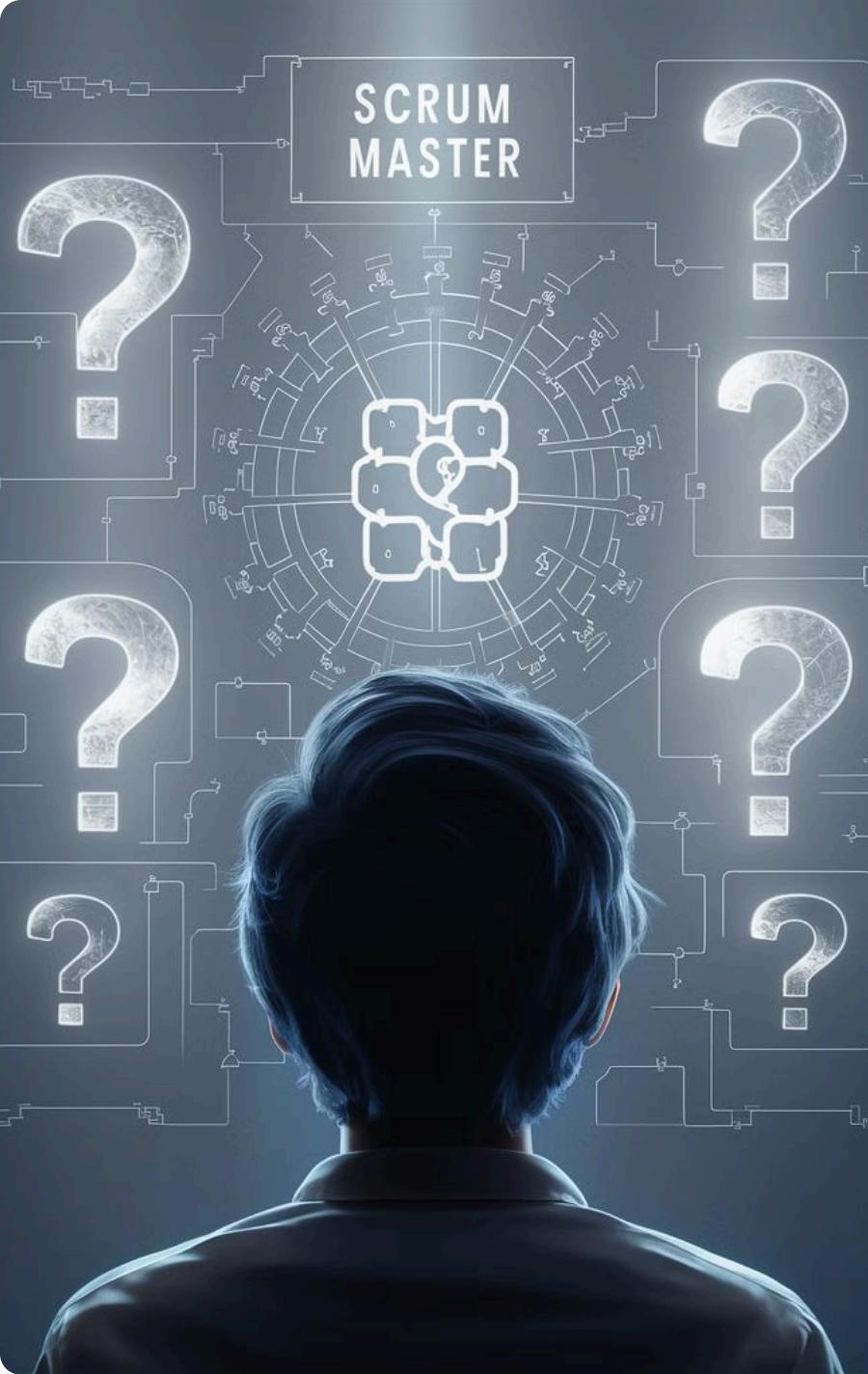
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Introduction to Scrum Master Role

- Addressing a crucial, often misunderstood aspect of Scrum
- Clarifying what a Scrum Master does and doesn't do



Common Misconceptions



Authoritative Title

"Scrum Master" sounds authoritative, leading to misconceptions about the role.



Control Misconception

Some think the Scrum Master controls everything in the Scrum process.



Reality Check

This is far from the truth of what a Scrum Master actually does.

Reality of the Scrum Master Role



Controls Very Little

The Scrum Master role is not about exerting control. In fact, the concept of "control" is antithetical to the role's true purpose.



Primary Job

The primary responsibilities of a Scrum Master are to coach on Scrum principles and foster an effective Scrum environment for the team.

Breaking Down the Scrum Master Role

Facilitator & Coach

- 1. Facilitator, not controller
- 2. Coach, not boss

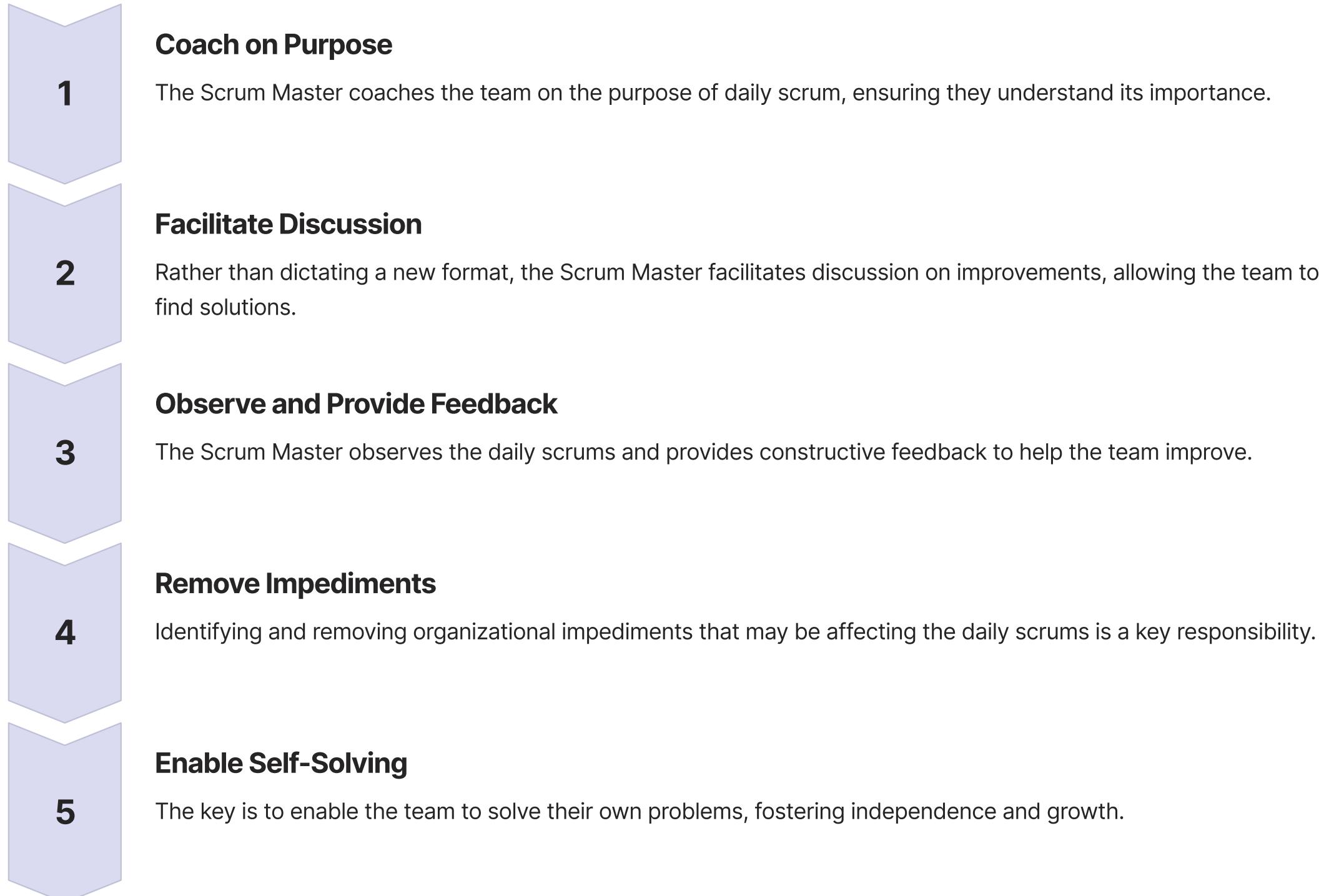
Leadership & Guardianship

- 3. Servant leader
- 4. Process guardian

Change Agent

- 5. Organizational change agent

Example: Struggling Daily Scrums

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- 1 Coach on Purpose**

The Scrum Master coaches the team on the purpose of daily scrum, ensuring they understand its importance.
 - 2 Facilitate Discussion**

Rather than dictating a new format, the Scrum Master facilitates discussion on improvements, allowing the team to find solutions.
 - 3 Observe and Provide Feedback**

The Scrum Master observes the daily scrums and provides constructive feedback to help the team improve.
 - 4 Remove Impediments**

Identifying and removing organizational impediments that may be affecting the daily scrums is a key responsibility.
 - 5 Enable Self-Solving**

The key is to enable the team to solve their own problems, fostering independence and growth.

What a Scrum Master is Not

Not a Project Manager

A Scrum Master does not take on traditional project management responsibilities. Their role is focused on facilitating the Scrum process, not managing timelines or resources.

Not a Product Owner

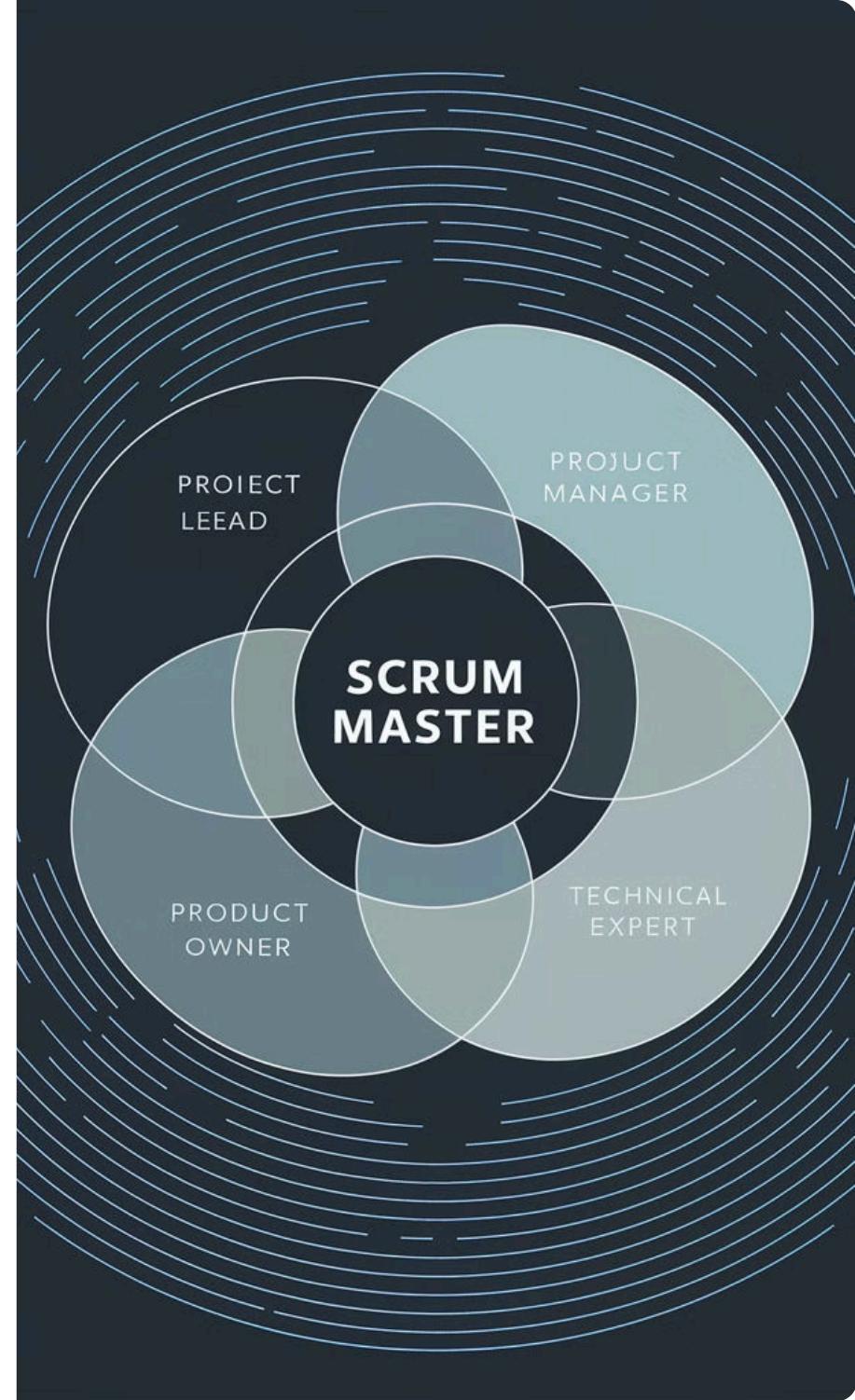
The Scrum Master is distinct from the Product Owner role. They do not define product vision or prioritize the backlog, which are responsibilities of the Product Owner.

Not a Team Lead

Unlike a team lead, a Scrum Master does not direct the team's work or make decisions on their behalf. They serve the team by removing impediments and fostering self-organization.

Not Necessarily a Technical Expert

While technical knowledge can be beneficial, a Scrum Master's primary expertise lies in Scrum practices and principles, not necessarily in the technical aspects of the project.





The Scrum Master's Approach

The Scrum Master's approach is characterized by two key principles that define their role within the team:

- 1. Enables the team to solve problems:** The Scrum Master acts as a facilitator, providing the team with the tools, techniques, and environment they need to address challenges effectively. Rather than stepping in to fix issues directly, they empower team members to develop their problem-solving skills.
- 2. Doesn't solve problems for the team:** It's crucial to understand that the Scrum Master's role is not to be the team's problem-solver. Instead, they guide the team towards finding their own solutions, fostering independence and self-organization within the group.

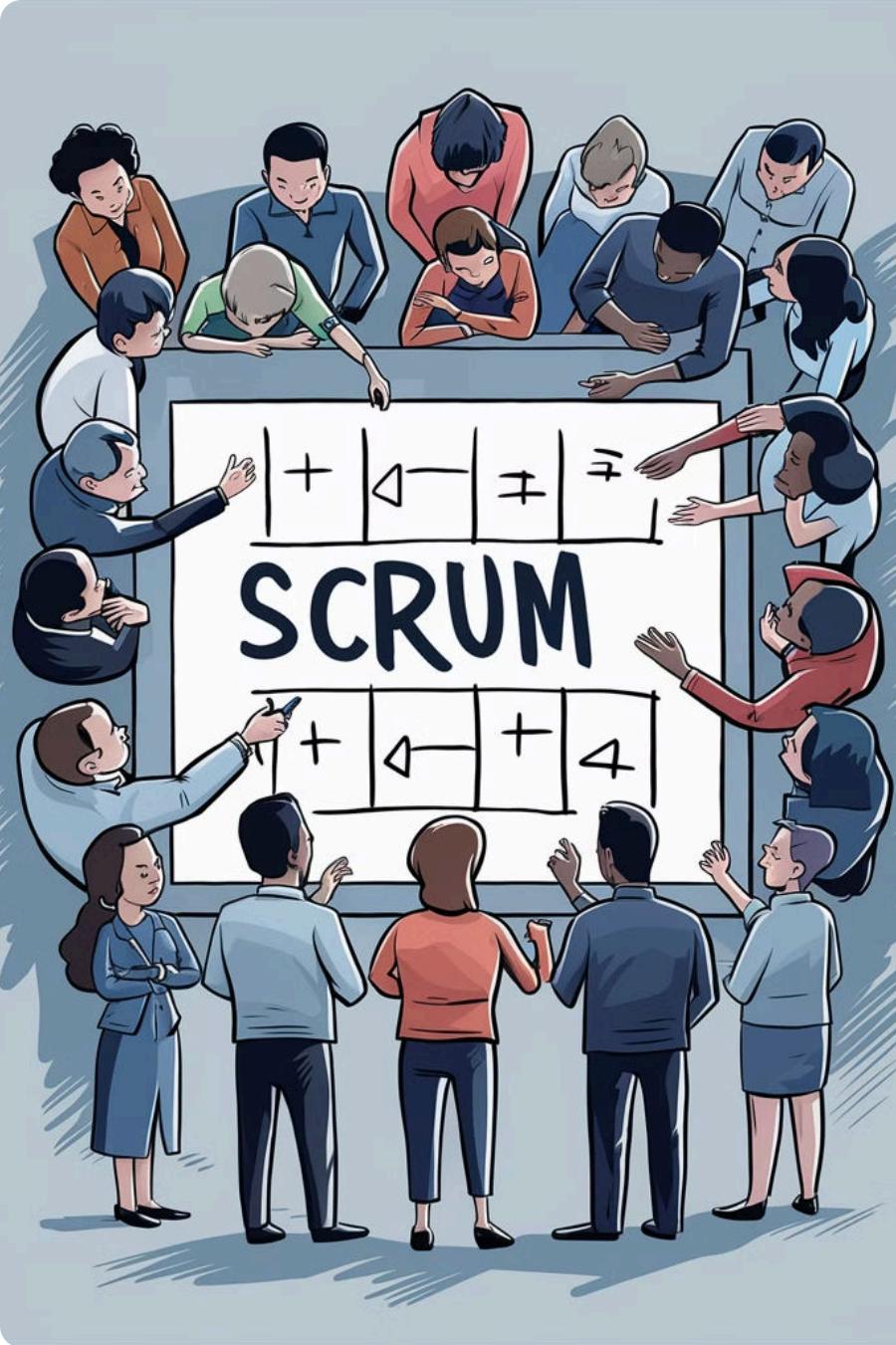


Reflection Questions

As we conclude our exploration of the Scrum Master role, let's take a moment to reflect on some key points:

- How might overstating the Scrum Master role negatively impact a Scrum team?
- How might a facilitative approach benefit your team?

Consider these questions carefully as you think about the role of the Scrum Master in your organization. Reflecting on these points can help you better understand the nuances of the role and its impact on team dynamics and productivity.



Next Steps in Scrum

- We'll discuss how Scrum is **simple, pragmatic, and lean**
- Think of the Scrum Master as an **enabler and facilitator**, not a controller or manager



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Scrum is Simple, Pragmatic and Lean

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Introduction to Scrum



Exploring Scrum

Exploring a fundamental, often overlooked aspect of Scrum



Understanding Effectiveness

Understanding why simplicity, pragmatism, and leanness make Scrum effective



Common Misconceptions

Overthinking Scrum

People tend to overthink Scrum, believing it to be more complex than it actually is.

Perceived Abundance of Rules

There's a common misconception that Scrum has numerous rules to follow, making it seem daunting.

Scrum's Simplicity

In reality, Scrum has very few rules, making it much simpler than many people believe.

Proof in the Scrum Guide

The brevity of the Scrum Guide proves this simplicity, demonstrating that Scrum is not as complex as often perceived.

Scrum is Simple

Basic Framework

Scrum provides a basic framework, not detailed instructions. This simplicity allows teams to adapt the framework to their specific needs and context.

Collective Intelligence

Scrum relies on the collective intelligence of its users. It trusts teams to make the best decisions based on their expertise and experience.

Relationships and Interactions

Rather than dictating specific processes, Scrum guides relationships and interactions within the team. This focus on people over processes enhances collaboration and flexibility.

Scrum is Pragmatic

Try It As-Is

Scrum encourages teams to try it as-is, providing a solid starting point for implementation.

Adapt Based on Experience

Scrum allows adaptation based on team experiences, promoting continuous improvement.

Focus on Tangible Value

Scrum focuses on delivering tangible value regularly, ensuring consistent progress and results.



Scrum is Lean



Eliminates waste by focusing on essentials

Scrum streamlines processes by concentrating on the most crucial elements, reducing unnecessary complexity and waste.



Promotes continuous improvement and adaptation

Through regular retrospectives and feedback loops, Scrum encourages teams to constantly refine their approach and adapt to changing circumstances.



Emphasizes incremental value delivery

Scrum focuses on delivering valuable increments of work in short iterations, ensuring continuous progress and early value realization.



Example: Team Starting with Scrum

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Simplicity

Start with basic Scrum events and roles

2

Pragmatism

Run a few sprints, adjust based on results

3

Leanness

Focus on working increment each sprint, cut unnecessary elements

Scrum's Iterative Nature

Scrum is an iterative framework, not an iterative process. This distinction is important to understand the true nature of Scrum. As an iterative framework, Scrum:

1. Describes steps to be repeated
2. Allows regular inspection and adaptation
3. Delivers value increments each sprint, enabling stakeholder feedback

These characteristics of Scrum's iterative nature provide significant advantages over traditional project management approaches. For instance, when we contrast Scrum with the waterfall model, we see a stark difference: in the waterfall approach, the client typically sees the complete product only at the end of the development process.

This iterative nature of Scrum allows teams to be more responsive to change and stakeholder feedback, continuously improving the product throughout the development lifecycle.

Reflection Questions

As we conclude our exploration of Scrum's simplicity, pragmatism, and leanness, it's important to take a moment to reflect on how these principles can be applied to your own team or organization. Consider the following questions:

How might simplicity, pragmatism, and leanness of Scrum benefit your team/organization?

Take a moment to think about your current work environment and processes. How could the adoption of Scrum's core principles lead to improvements? Consider areas where complexity might be hindering progress or where a more practical approach could streamline operations.

How could your current processes be simplified or made more pragmatic?

Reflect on your existing workflows and methodologies. Are there any unnecessary steps or overly complicated procedures that could be streamlined? Think about how embracing a leaner approach might enhance efficiency and effectiveness in your day-to-day operations.



Next Steps

- We'll discuss how the Scrum Guide is a guide, not an instruction manual
- Start thinking about applying simplicity, pragmatism, and leanness in your work

Thank You

- For your attention
- Looking forward to continuing our exploration of Scrum intricacies!





It's a Guide, Not an Instruction Manual

We're exploring a crucial, often misunderstood aspect of Scrum. The Scrum Guide is not a rulebook, but a flexible framework. This presentation will help you understand its true nature and purpose.



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Introduction

1 Crucial Aspect

We're exploring a key, often misunderstood part of Scrum.

2 Understanding Nature

We'll delve into the true nature of the Scrum Guide.

3 Guiding Principles

Discover how the Guide serves as a framework, not a strict rulebook.

Common Misconception

Expectation

People often look to the Scrum Guide for definitive answers to every situation.

Reality

The Guide doesn't contain many definitive answers. It's designed as a guide, not a rulebook.

Key Points to Remember

Flexibility

Provides framework, not rigid instructions.

Few Rules

Intentionally minimal rules.

Purposefully Incomplete

Makes Scrum effective.

Team Leeway

Freedom to find best processes within framework.





Example: Struggling with Sprint Planning



1 Scenario

Team's sprint planning meetings are ineffective.



2 Experiment

Try different meeting formats or work visualization tools.



3 Adjust

Change timing or frequency of planning sessions.



4 Validate

All can be valid within Scrum if achieving sprint planning purpose.



Key Point About Scrum's Nature

1 False Statement

"Scrum is a complete and proven framework that helps teams achieve goals and create value."

2 Truth

Scrum self-identifies as purposefully incomplete.

3 Implication

This incompleteness is a strength, not a weakness.

Power in Incompleteness

Direction

Provides enough guidance to be useful.

Freedom

Not so restrictive that it limits adaptation.

Tailoring

Allows teams to adapt Scrum to specific needs and contexts.



Reflection

1

Implementation Approach

How might viewing Scrum Guide as flexible guide change your implementation approach?

2

Beneficial Situations

In what situations might this flexibility be beneficial?



Next Steps

1

Discuss

We'll explore how Scrum exposes efficacy in your processes.

2

Reflect

Start thinking about using Scrum Guide as a flexible tool.

3

Apply

Implement Scrum principles with flexibility, not rigid rules.



Thank You



Appreciation

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Looking Forward

Excited to continue exploring Scrum intricacies!



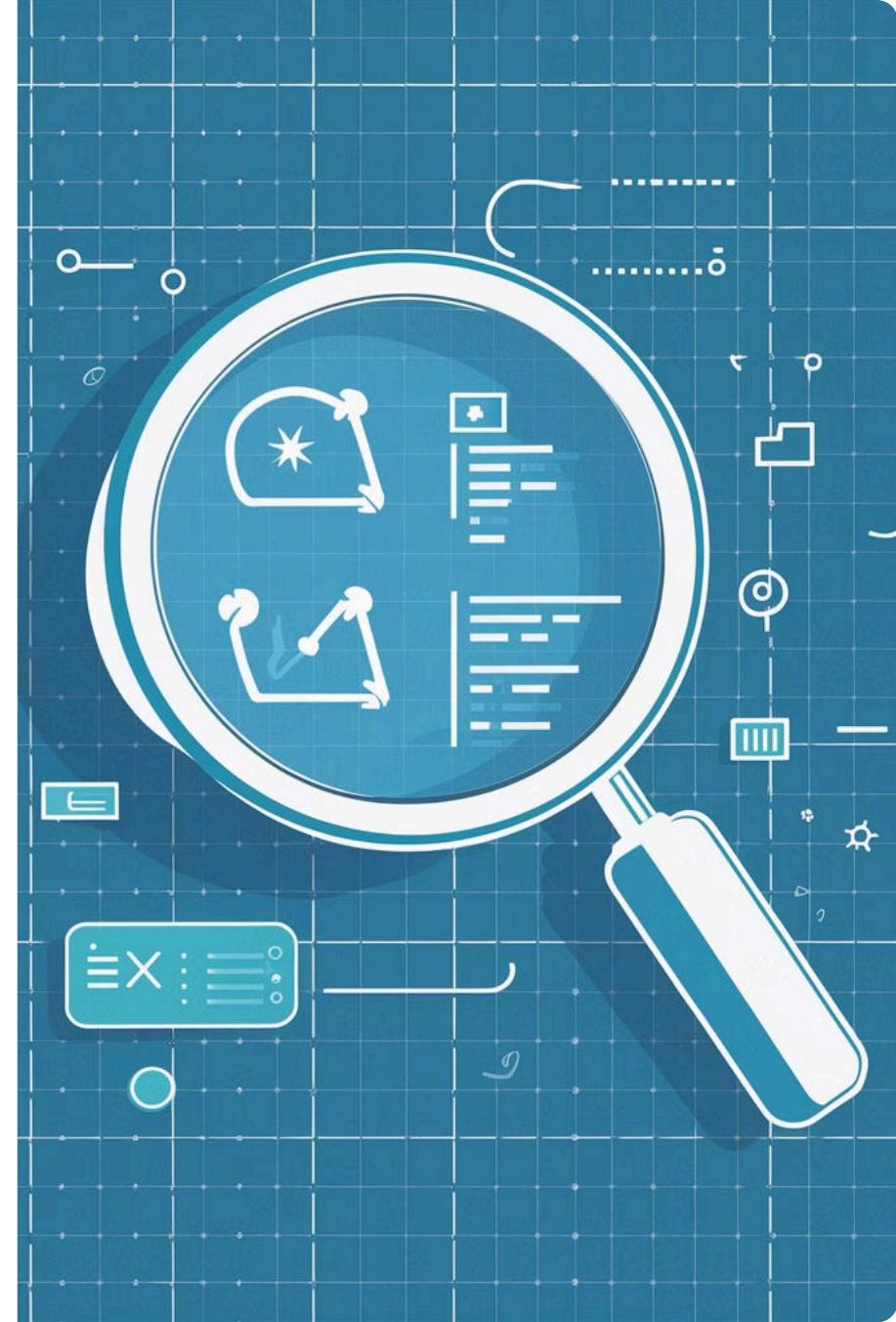
Collaboration

Let's apply these insights together.

Exposing Efficacy

Discover the power of our solutions and how they can transform your business. Explore the proven results and tangible benefits that set us apart.

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Exposing Efficacy

Scrum has the powerful ability to expose the efficacy of processes and practices within an organization.

Understanding Scrum

This is a key feature of the Scrum framework that allows teams to understand what is and isn't working.

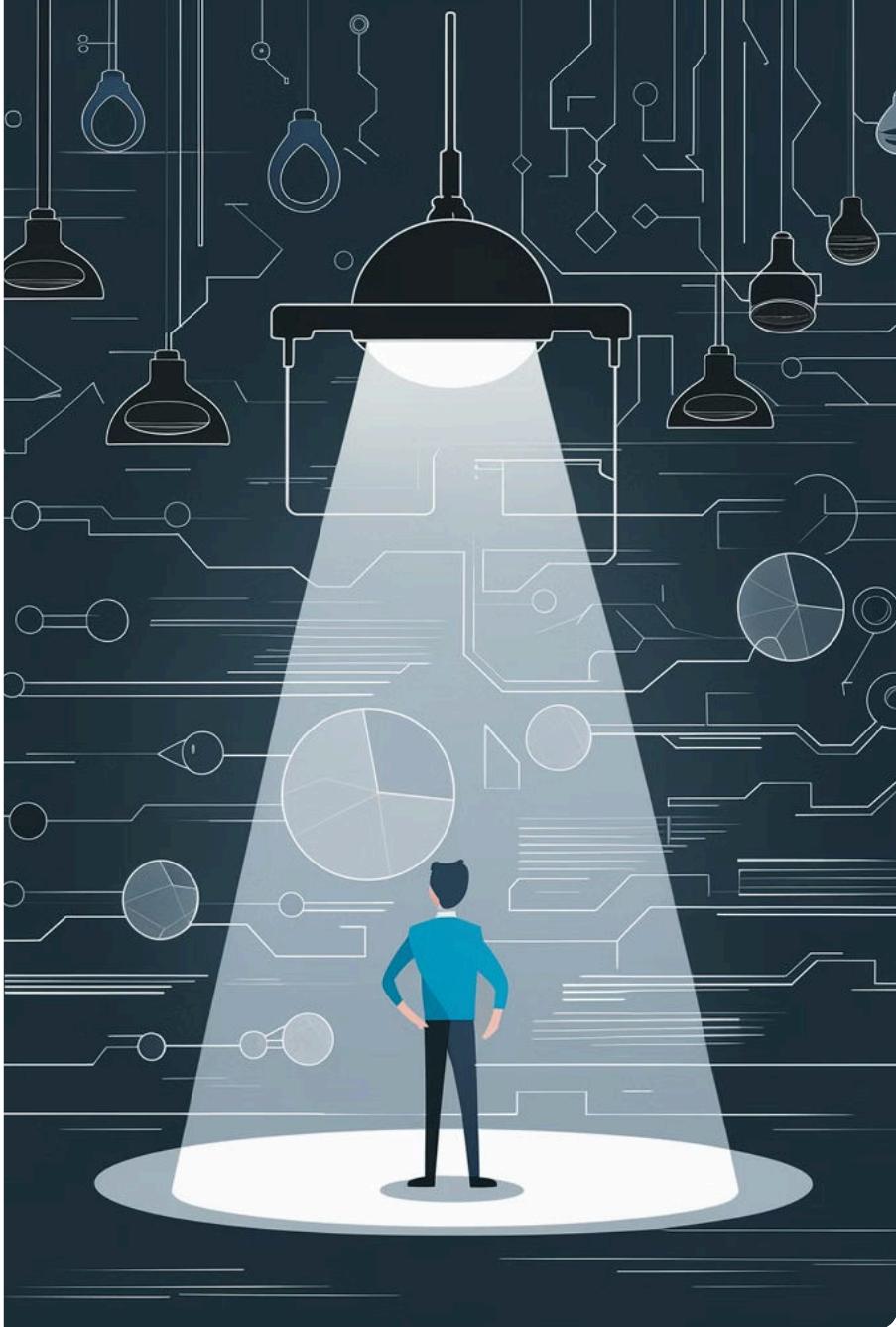
Scrum's Unique Ability

1 Shines Light on Existing Practices

Scrum helps expose current processes, revealing which are productive and which are wasteful or non-productive.

2 Reveals Productive vs. Wasteful Processes

By highlighting existing practices, Scrum enables teams to focus on the most valuable and efficient ways of working.





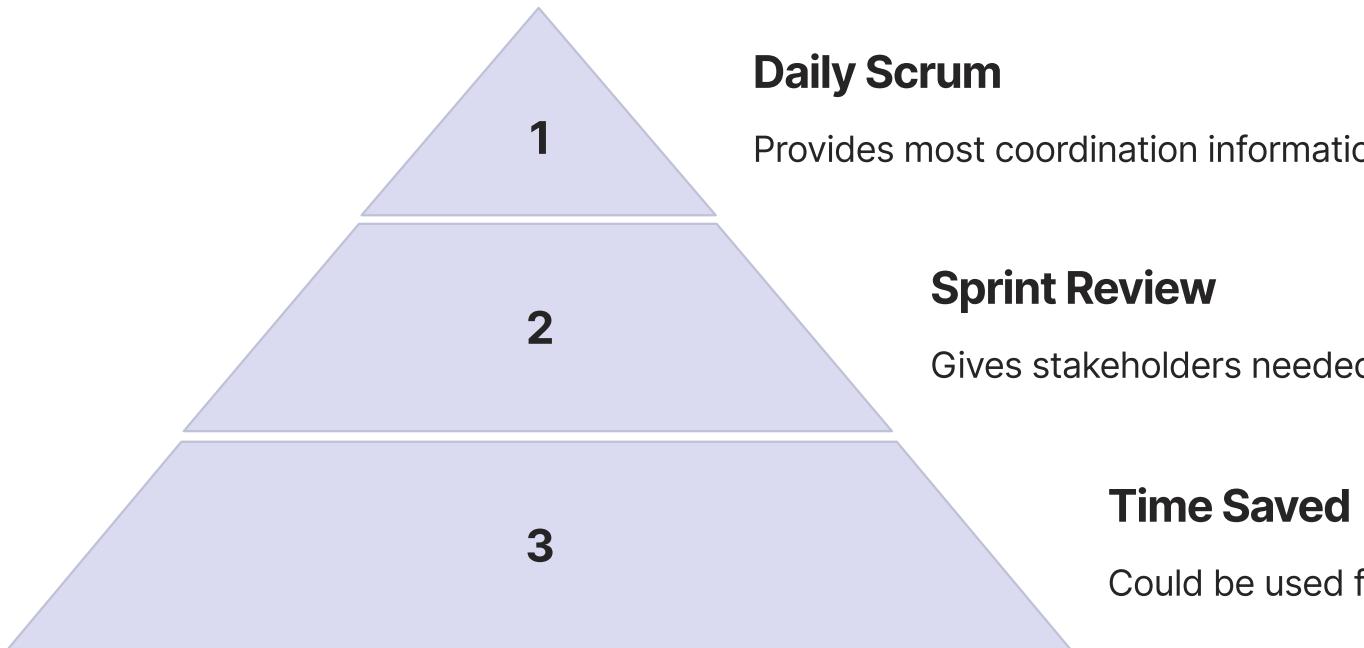
Importance of Transparency

Transparency is a crucial aspect of Scrum. It promotes visibility into all work aspects, ensuring everyone involved has a clear understanding of the project's progress, challenges, and achievements.

By focusing on value-creating activities, Scrum's transparent approach highlights the most important work and helps the team stay aligned with the project's objectives.

Furthermore, Scrum's regular inspect-and-adapt cycles foster continuous improvement, allowing the team to regularly review and refine their processes for greater efficiency and effectiveness.

Example: Complex Reporting System

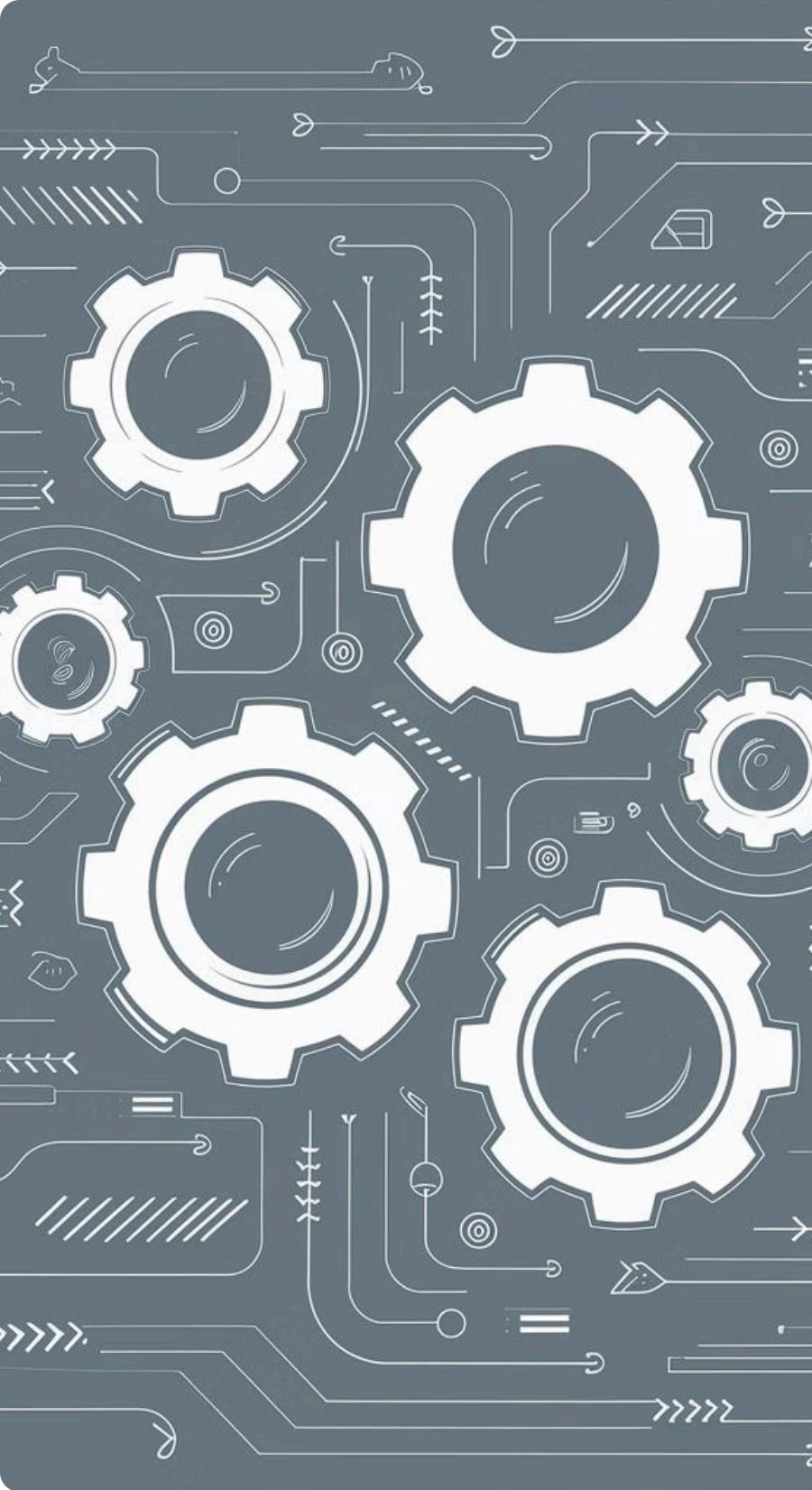


The team realized that Scrum's practices, such as the Daily Scrum and Sprint Review, were already providing the most important coordination and stakeholder insights. This allowed them to streamline their work by reducing time spent on detailed reports, and instead focus that time on actual development.

Key Point from Scrum Guide

Scrum wraps around existing practices or renders them unnecessary. It makes visible the relative efficacy of current management, environment, and work techniques so that improvements can be made.





Important Aspects Highlighted



Flexibility

Scrum works alongside other processes and methods, allowing for a flexible approach.



Evaluation

Scrum helps assess which practices are truly necessary, enabling continuous improvement.



Improvement

Scrum exposes inefficiencies, allowing teams to continuously improve their practices.



Scrum's Approach to Practices

Flexible Practices

Scrum doesn't dictate specific engineering practices or techniques. Instead, it provides a framework to help teams identify and adopt the best practices for their unique needs.

Tailored Approach

The Scrum framework allows teams to customize their processes and tools to fit their specific project requirements and work environment.

Continuous Improvement

Scrum encourages teams to regularly reflect on their practices and continuously improve them, ensuring they stay relevant and effective.



Reflection Questions

What current processes or practices could benefit from Scrum's transparency and focus? Exposing their efficacy may improve team productivity.

Next Steps

1

Combine Scrum

with other processes

2

Leverage Efficacy

in your work

We'll discuss how to combine Scrum with other processes and frameworks. Additionally, consider how the exposure of Scrum's efficacy could be leveraged in your work environment to drive positive change.

Thank You

For your attention. Looking forward to continuing our exploration of Scrum intricacies!





Combine the Scrum Framework with Other Processes

Explore how Scrum's flexibility allows for powerful combinations with other methodologies. We'll examine ways to enhance Scrum while maintaining its core principles.

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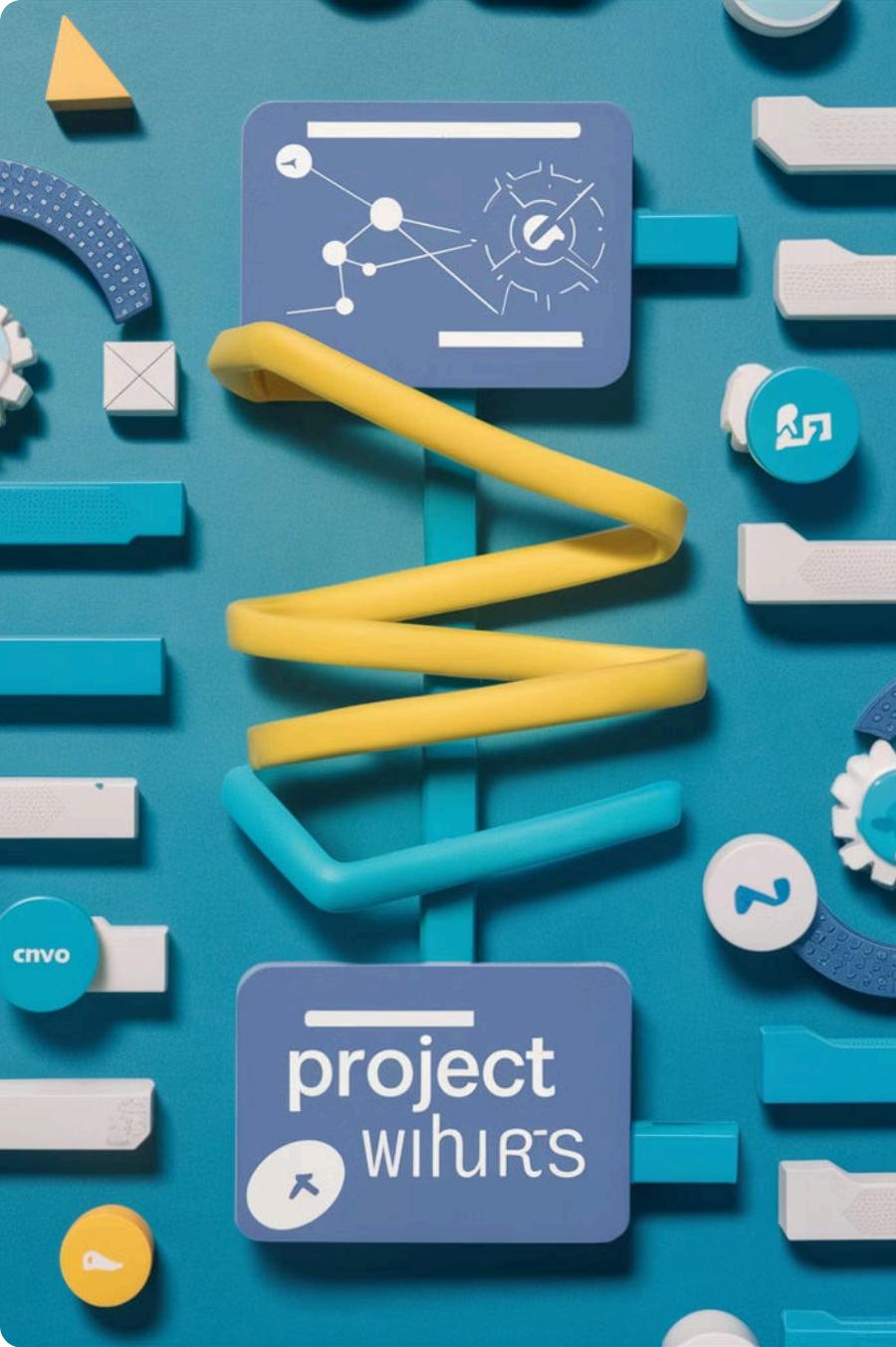
Introduction

1 Compatibility

Explore Scrum's compatibility with other processes and methodologies.

2 Flexibility

Understand how Scrum's flexibility allows for powerful combinations.



Importance of Scrum's Flexibility

Customization

Tailor approach to specific needs and context.

Continuous Improvement

Enhance effectiveness by incorporating other practices.

Leveraging Existing Knowledge

Build on experience with other methodologies.

Examples of Scrum Combinations

Scrum and Kanban

- Use Kanban boards for sprint visualization
- Implement WIP limits
- Combine time-boxed iterations with continuous flow

Scrum and Extreme Programming (XP)

- Incorporate pair programming and test-driven development
- Enhance increment quality with XP technical practices

More Combination Examples

Scrum and DevOps

- Integrate CI/CD practices
- Automate testing and deployment within Scrum framework

Scrum and Design Thinking

- Use design thinking in product backlog refinement
- Incorporate user-centered design principles



Maintaining Scrum's Core

"Scrum's roles, events, artifacts, and rules are immutable and although implementing only parts of Scrum is possible, the result is not Scrum. Scrum exists only in its entirety and functions well as a container for other techniques, methodologies, and practices."

Key point: Add complementary practices, don't remove core elements.



Practical Example of Combining Processes

Kanban Visualization

Use Kanban boards for sprint backlog visualization.

1

DevOps Integration

Use DevOps CI/CD practices for faster feedback and delivery.

2

XP Practices

Implement XP's pair programming for complex tasks.

3

Design Thinking

Incorporate design thinking workshops for backlog refinement.

4



Reflection

1 Current Practices

What processes or practices does your team currently use alongside Scrum?

2 Enhancement Opportunities

How might incorporating additional complementary practices enhance your team's effectiveness?



Next Steps

1

Scrum Theory

We'll dive deeper into Scrum theory.

2

Leverage Flexibility

Consider how to leverage Scrum's flexibility for your team and organization.



Thank You



Appreciation

For your attention.



Exploration

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