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SECTION 7

## AGILE METHOD ! SCRUM

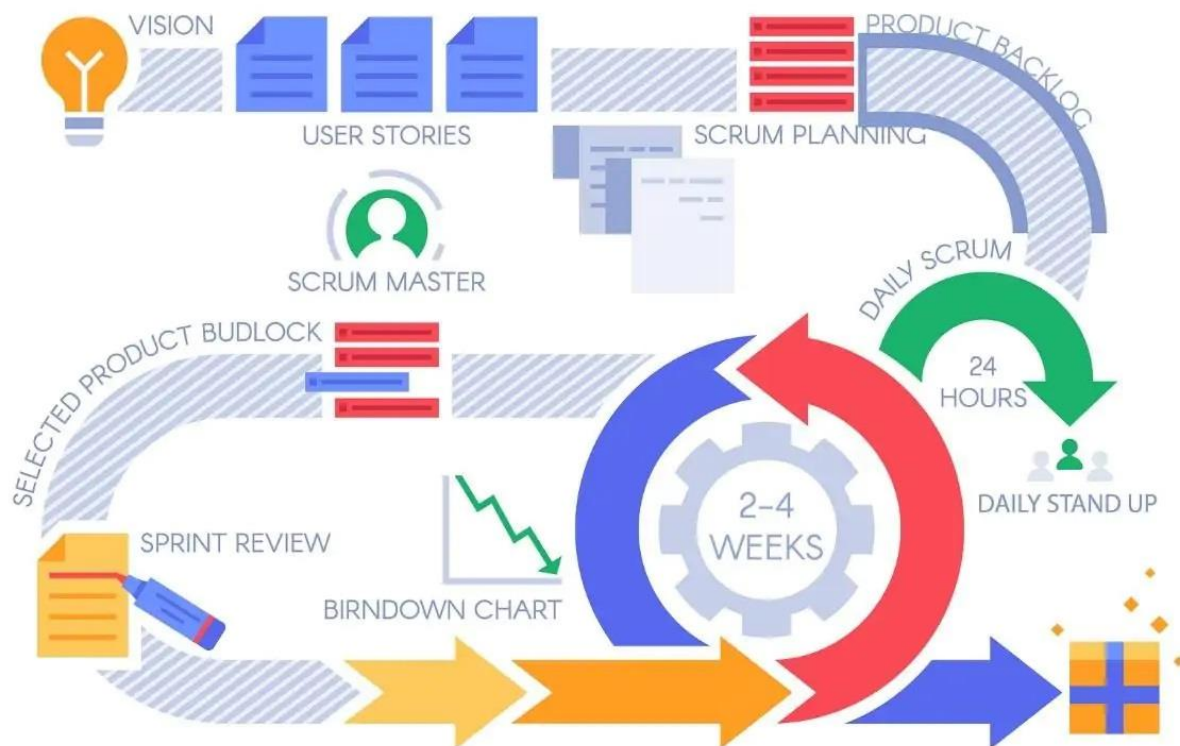
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## What is Scrum ?

Scrum is an agile development methodology used in the development of Software based on an iterative and incremental processes. Scrum is adaptable, fast, flexible and effective agile framework that is designed to deliver value to the customer throughout the development of the project. The primary objective of Scrum is to satisfy the customer's need through an environment of transparency in communication, collective responsibility and continuous progress. The development starts from a general idea of what needs to be built, elaborating a list of characteristics ordered by priority (product backlog) that the owner of the product wants to obtain.



## Scrum Methodology & Process

Scrum is precisely an evolution of Agile Management. Scrum methodology is based on a set of very defined practices and roles that must be involved during the software development process. It is a flexible methodology that rewards the application of the 12 agile principles in a context agreed by all the team members of the product.

Scrum is executed in temporary blocks that are short and periodic, called Sprints, which usually range from 2 to 4 weeks, which is the term for feedback and reflection. Each Sprint is an entity in itself, that is, it provides a complete result, a variation of the final product that must be able to be delivered to the client with the least possible effort when requested.

The process has as a starting point, a list of objectives/ requirements that make up the project plan. It is the client of the project that prioritizes these objectives considering a balance of the value and the cost thereof, that is how the iterations and consequent deliveries are determined.

On the one hand the market demands quality, fast delivery at lower costs, for which a company must be very agile and flexible in the development of products, to achieve short development cycles that can meet the demand of customers without undermining the quality of the result. It is a very easy methodology to implement and very popular for the quick results it gets.

Scrum methodology is used mainly for software development, but other sectors are also taking advantage of its benefits by implementing this methodology in their organizational models such as sales, marketing, & HR teams etc.

## Events in Scrum :

Each of the Scrum events facilitates the adaptation of some of the aspects of the process, the product, progress or relationships.

**Sprint:** Sprint is the basic unit of work for a Scrum team. This is the main feature that marks the difference between Scrum and other models for agile development.

**Sprint Planning:** The goal of the Sprint Planning is to define what is going to be done in the Sprint and how it is going to be done. This meeting is held at the beginning of each Sprint and is defined how it will approach the project coming from the Product Backlog stages and deadlines. Each Sprint is composed of different features.

**Daily Scrum:** The objective of the Daily Scrum is to evaluate the progress and trend until the end of the Sprint, synchronizing the activities and creating a plan for the next 24 hours. It is a brief meeting that takes place daily during the Sprint period. Three questions are answered individually: What did I do yesterday? What am I going to do today? What help do I need? The Scrum Master should try to solve problems or obstacles that arise.

**Sprint Review:** The goal of the sprint review is to show what work has been completed with regards to the product backlog for future deliveries. The finished sprint is reviewed, and there should already be a clear and tangible advancement in the product to present to the client.

**Sprint Retrospective:** The team reviews the completed goals of the finished sprint, write down the good and the bad, so as not to repeat the mistakes again. This stage serves to implement improvements from the point of view of the development process. The goal of the sprint retrospective is to identify possible process improvements and generate a plan to implement them in the next Sprint.

## What are the five phases of Scrum ?

The Five Phases of Scrum are:

1. Initiation
2. Planning and estimation
3. Implementation
4. Reviewing
5. Releasing