

The Power of 3: Scrum Artifacts Simplified

Key Components for Agile Success

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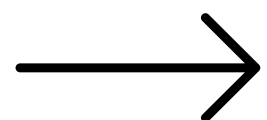
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What Are Scrum Artifacts?

- Scrum Artifacts provide key information that the team and stakeholders need to understand the product and the work.
- They bring transparency, help track progress, and enable continuous improvement.
- In Scrum, we have 3 main artifacts:
 - a. **Product Backlog**
 - b. **Sprint Backlog**
 - c. **Increment**

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Product Backlog

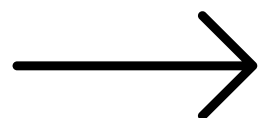
- It is an emergent, ordered list of everything that needs to be done in the product.
- It is the single source of work undertaken by the Scrum Team.
- It's a dynamic list of features, enhancements, and bug fixes for the product.
- The item in the product backlog is called Product Backlog Item, and its characteristics are "Description", "Size", "Order", "Acceptance Criteria"

Commitment: Product Goal

It is long term objective for the scrum team. They must fulfill one objective before taking on the next.

Owned by: Product Owner

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Sprint Backlog

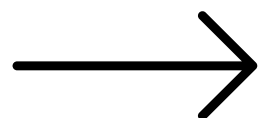
- It is composed of the Sprint Goal (WHY), the set of Product Backlog Items selected for the Sprint (WHAT), as well as an actionable plan for delivering the increment (HOW).
- It is a temporary backlog that will remain during the current sprint & it will change as the new sprint starts.

Commitment: Sprint Goal

It is a concise statement, typically a sentence or two, that defines the overarching objective the Scrum team aims to achieve during a specific sprint.

Owned by: Development Team

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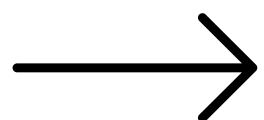


Increment

- The sum of all the product backlog items completed during a sprint, plus the value of increments from all previous sprints.
- Each increment is an improved and usable version of the product.
- Where developers work to deliver at least one product increment at the end of each sprint that is “working,” “tested,” and “potentially shipped.”
- The increment is presented to stakeholders in the sprint review event, but the sprint review should not be considered a release gate for the increment.
- Any sprint outcome not consider as increment unless it meet with Definition of Done (DOD).

Commitment: Definition of Done

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Definition of Done

- It is a formal description of the state of increment when it meets the quality measure required by the product.
- It is a checklist that ensures that whatever items you have taken in sprint is done & meeting built in quality.
- Also called as Exit Criteria for PBI.

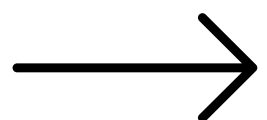
Created by: Entire Scrum Team

Owned by: Developer

Example:

- Coding is done properly by the developer.
- Unit testing is done by the developer.
- Code is merged into right testing branch.
- Regression & other mandatory testing are done.

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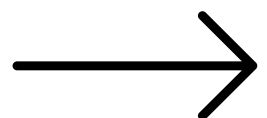


Why These Artifacts Matter?

- Transparency: Everyone sees the current state of work.
- Inspection: Evaluate progress and quality.
- Adaptation: Make changes based on real data and feedback.

Final Thoughts: Scrum Artifacts bring clarity, progress, and transparency. When used well, they help teams stay on track, communicate clearly, and deliver value faster. Focus on the Product Backlog, Sprint Backlog, and Increment to align goals, track progress, and drive continuous improvement.

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