# SCRUM Delivery Optimization Model

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## Notation preface

We reconcile two minor naming inconsistencies from the relationship list: (i) "Employee" is taken to mean **Worker**; (ii) "Sprint Review" without space corresponds to entity **SprintReview**. All sets and parameters below are induced by the provided CSVs.

## 1 1. Sets (Entities)

- P: Projects (Project)
- T: Teams (Team)
- W : Workers (Worker)
- F: Features (Feature)
- S: Skills (Skill)
- R : Roles (Role)
- PO: Product Owners (ProductOwner)
- SM: Scrum Masters (ScrumMaster)
- PB : Product Backlogs (ProductBacklog)
- SP: Sprints (Sprint)
- SPP: Sprint Planning meetings (SprintPlanning)
- DS: Daily Scrums (DailyScrum)
- SR: Sprint Reviews (SprintReview)
- SRE: Sprint Retrospectives (SprintRetrospective)
- SBL : Sprint Backlogs (SprintBacklog)
- SG: Sprint Goals (SprintGoal)
- E : Epics (Epic)
- *US* : User Stories (UserStory)
- TS: Tasks (Task)
- DEV: Development Snapshots (DevelopmentSnapshot)
- BL: Blockers (Blocker)
- SH: Stakeholders (Stakeholder)
- V : Velocity records (Velocity)
- REP: Release Plans (ReleasePlan)
- RM: Roadmaps (Roadmap)
- SCB: Scrum Boards (ScrumBoard)
- FED: Feature Documentation (FeatureDocumentation)

#### 2 2. Indices

- $p \in P$ ,  $t \in T$ ,  $w \in W$ ,  $f \in F$ ,  $s \in S$ ,  $r \in R$ ,  $po \in PO$ ,  $sm \in SM$
- $pb \in PB$ ,  $sp \in SP$ ,  $sbl \in SBL$ ,  $sg \in SG$ ,  $e \in E$ ,  $u \in US$ ,  $k \in TS$
- $bl \in BL$ ,  $v \in V$ ,  $rep \in REP$ ,  $rm \in RM$ ,  $sh \in SH$ ,  $scb \in SCB$ ,  $dev \in DEV$

Parameters from entity attributes (All are taken from the corresponding entity attributes.)

- $story\_points[u] \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  from UserStory.story\_points
- ullet effort $[k] \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  from Task.effort
- severity $[bl] \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$  from Blocker.severity
- achievement\_of\_goal[sp]  $\in \{0,1\}$  from Sprint.achievement\_of\_goal
- ullet team\_satisfaction[sre]  $\in \mathbb{R}$  from SprintRetrospective.team\_satisfaction
- number\_of\_entries[pb]  $\in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  from ProductBacklog.number\_of\_entries
- $\operatorname{avgV}[v] \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}, \, \operatorname{maxV}[v] \in \mathbb{R}_{>0} \, \, \operatorname{from Velocity.}$  (avg\_story\_points,max\_velocity)
- benefit[sg]  $\in \mathbb{R}$  from SprintGoal.benefit
- priority $F[f] \in \mathbb{R}$  from Feature.priority
- durationDS[d]  $\in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$  from DailyScrum.duration for  $d \in DS$
- durationSPP $[m] \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$  from SprintPlanning.duration\_(min) for  $m \in SPP$
- attend $[sr] \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  from SprintReview.attendees\_count for  $sr \in SR$

Decision variables (from Decision Variables.csv) All binaries take values in  $\{0,1\}$ .

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x_{t,p}^{TP} := \texttt{team\_assigned\_to\_project} \; (\texttt{DV0})
x_{w,t}^{WT} := \texttt{worker\_belongs\_to\_team} \; (\texttt{DV1})
x_{w,s}^{WS} := \texttt{worker\_has\_skill} \; (\texttt{DV2})
x_{w,r}^{WR} := \texttt{worker\_takes\_role} \; (\texttt{DV3})
x_{po,pb}^{PO-PB} := \texttt{po\_manages\_product\_backlog} \; (\texttt{DV4})
x_{sm,t}^{SMT} := \texttt{scrum\_master\_supports\_team} \; (\texttt{DV5})
x_{pb,f}^{PBF} := \texttt{product\_backlog\_contains\_feature} \; (\texttt{DV6})
x_{pb,e}^{PBE} := \texttt{product\_backlog\_contains\_epic} \; (\texttt{DV7})
x_{e,u}^{EUS} := \texttt{epic\_contains\_user\_story} \; (\texttt{DV8})
x_{u,k}^{UST} := \texttt{user\_story\_consists\_of\_task} \; (\texttt{DV9})
x_{u,sbl}^{USSBL} := \texttt{user\_story\_in\_sprint\_backlog} \; (\texttt{DV10})
x_{sbl,sp}^{SBLSP} := \texttt{sprint\_backlog\_in\_sprint} \; (\texttt{DV11})
x_{sp,sg}^{SPSG} := \texttt{sprint\_pursues\_goal} \; (\texttt{DV12})
x_{k,bl}^{TBL} := \texttt{task\_blocked\_by\_blocker} \; (\texttt{DV13})
x_{v,t}^{VT} := \texttt{velocity\_refers\_to\_team} \; (\texttt{DV14})
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### 3 3. Goals

• G0 (maximize\_delivered\_story\_points):

$$\max Z_0 = \sum_{u \in US} \sum_{sbl \in SBL} \sum_{sp \in SP} \text{story\_points}[u] \ x_{u,sbl}^{USSBL} \ x_{sbl,sp}^{SBLSP}.$$

• G1 (minimize\_unresolved\_blocker\_severity):

min 
$$Z_1 = \sum_{k \in TS} \sum_{bl \in BL} \text{severity}[bl] \ x_{k,bl}^{TBL}.$$

• G2 (maximize\_sprint\_goal\_achievement):

$$\max Z_2 = \sum_{sp \in SP} \sum_{sq \in SG} \text{achievement\_of\_goal}[sp] \ x_{sp,sg}^{SPSG}.$$

• G3 (minimize\_open\_task\_effort):

$$\min Z_3 = \sum_{u \in US} \sum_{k \in TS} \operatorname{effort}[k] x_{u,k}^{UST}.$$

• G4 (maximize\_team\_satisfaction):

$$\max Z_4 = \sum_{sre \in SRE} \text{team\_satisfaction}[sre].$$

• G5 (minimize\_product\_backlog\_size):

min 
$$Z_5 = \sum_{pb \in PB} \text{number\_of\_entries}[pb].$$

• G6 (maximize\_velocity\_avg):

$$\max Z_6 = \sum_{v \in V} \sum_{t \in T} \operatorname{avgV}[v] x_{v,t}^{VT}.$$

• G7 (maximize\_sprint\_goal\_benefit):

$$\max Z_7 = \sum_{sp \in SP} \sum_{sg \in SG} \text{benefit}[sg] \ x_{sp,sg}^{SPSG}.$$

• G8 (maximize\_feature\_priority\_delivered):

$$\max Z_8 = \sum_{pb \in PB} \sum_{f \in F} \text{priorityF}[f] \ x_{pb,f}^{PBF}.$$

• G9 (minimize\_daily\_scrum\_duration):

min 
$$Z_9 = \sum_{d \in DS} \text{durationDS}[d]$$
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• G10 (minimize\_sprint\_planning\_duration):

min 
$$Z_{10} = \sum_{m \in SPP} \text{durationSPP}[m].$$

• G11 (maximize\_stakeholder\_participation):

$$\max Z_{11} = \sum_{sr \in SR} \operatorname{attend}[sr].$$

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### 4 4. Conditions

• C0 (user\_story\_must\_have\_acceptance\_criteria): For all  $u \in US$ , acceptance criteria exists:

$$\mathbf{1}\{\text{acceptance\_criteria}[u] \text{ defined}\} = 1.$$

• C1 (user\_story\_status\_cannot\_be\_done\_if\_not\_in\_sprint): Let done[u]  $\in \{0,1\}$  flag if status is "done". Then

$$\sum_{sbl \in SBL} x_{u,sbl}^{USSBL} \ \geq \ \mathrm{done}[u], \quad \forall u \in US.$$

- C2 (task\_type\_may\_match\_bug\_or\_chore): Soft-preference only (no hard inequality).
- C3 (sprint\_end\_after\_start): For all  $sp \in SP$ ,

$$end_{date}[sp] - start_{date}[sp] > 0.$$

- C4 (sprint\_backlog\_status\_active): Status consistency for  $sbl \in SBL$  (parameter-level requirement).
- C5 (sprint\_goal\_achievement\_status\_defined): 1{achievement\_status[sg] defined} = 1,  $\forall sq \in SG$ .
- C6 (scrum\_board\_columns\_defined):  $1\{\text{columns}[scb] \text{ defined}\} = 1, \forall scb \in SCB.$
- C7 (worker\_availability\_positive): availability[w] > 0,  $\forall w \in W$ .
- C8 (product\_backlog\_status\_defined):  $1\{\text{status}[pb] \text{ defined}\} = 1, \forall pb \in PB.$
- C9 (role\_area\_of\_responsibility\_defined): 1{area\_of\_responsibility[r] defined} = 1,  $\forall r \in R$
- C10 (skill\_certified\_preferred): Soft-preference (used in scoring/weighting), no hard inequality.
- C11 (blocker\_status\_cannot\_match\_done\_without\_task): If a blocker is marked done, it must be linked to at least one task:

$$\mathrm{done}[bl] \ \leq \ \sum_{k \in TS} x_{k,bl}^{TBL}, \quad \forall bl \in BL.$$

• C12 (release\_plan\_planned\_date\_defined): 1{planned\_date[rep] defined} = 1,  $\forall rep \in REP$ .

• Relational cardinalities (from Relationships.csv):

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{p \in P} x_{t,p}^{TP} = 1, & \forall t \in T \quad (\text{R1: team} \to \text{exactly one project}) \\ &\sum_{t \in T} x_{w,t}^{WT} = 1, & \forall w \in W \quad (\text{R2: worker} \to \text{team}) \\ &\sum_{r \in R} x_{w,r}^{PO-PB} \leq 1, & \forall w \in W \quad (\text{R4: at most one role}) \\ &\sum_{pb \in PB} x_{po,pb}^{PO-PB} = 1, & \forall po \in PO \quad (\text{R5}) \\ &\sum_{sm \in SM} x_{sm,t}^{PO-PB} = 1, & \forall t \in T \quad (\text{R6: one SM per team}) \\ &\sum_{sm \in SM} x_{sm,t}^{PBF} = 1, & \forall t \in T \quad (\text{R6: one SM per team}) \\ &\sum_{sp \in PB} x_{pb,e}^{PBF} = 1, & \forall t \in T \quad (\text{R7: feature in exactly one PB}) \\ &\sum_{sp \in PB} x_{pb,e}^{PBE} = 1, & \forall t \in E \quad (\text{R8: epic in exactly one PB}) \\ &\sum_{se \in E} x_{e,u}^{EUS} = 1, & \forall u \in US \quad (\text{R9: US in exactly one epic}) \\ &\sum_{sb \in SBL} x_{u,sbl}^{USSBL} \leq 1, & \forall u \in US \quad (\text{R11: US in } \leq 1 \text{ sprint backlog}) \\ &\sum_{sp \in SP} x_{sbl,sp}^{SBLSP} = 1, & \forall sbl \in SBL \quad (\text{R12: each SBL in exactly one sprint}) \\ &\sum_{so \in SG} x_{sp,sg}^{SPSG} = 1, & \forall sp \in SP \quad (\text{R13: each sprint pursues 1 goal}) \\ \end{aligned}$$

• Capacity (velocity) coupling (loose upper bound):

$$\sum_{u \in US} \sum_{sbl \in SBL} \text{story\_points}[u] \ x_{u,sbl}^{USSBL} \ x_{sbl,sp}^{SBLSP} \ \leq \ \sum_{v \in V} \max V[v], \quad \forall sp \in SP.$$

#### 5 5. DecisionVariables

- $\bullet$  DV0: team\_assigned\_to\_project  $(x_{t,p}^{TP} \in \{0,1\})$
- $\bullet \ \mathrm{DV1:} \ \mathtt{worker\_belongs\_to\_team} \ (x_{w,t}^{WT} \in \{0,1\}) \\$
- $\bullet$  DV2: worker\_has\_skill  $(x_{w,s}^{WS} \in \{0,1\})$
- DV3: worker\_takes\_role  $(x_{w,r}^{WR} \in \{0,1\})$
- $\bullet \ \mathrm{DV4:} \ \mathtt{po\_manages\_product\_backlog} \ (x_{po,pb}^{PO-PB} \in \{0,1\}) \\$
- $\bullet$  DV5: scrum\_master\_supports\_team  $(x_{sm,t}^{SMT} \in \{0,1\})$
- $\bullet$  DV6: product\_backlog\_contains\_feature  $(x_{pb,f}^{PBF} \in \{0,1\})$

- $\bullet \text{ DV7: product\_backlog\_contains\_epic } (x_{pb,e}^{PBE} \in \{0,1\}) \\$
- DV8: epic\_contains\_user\_story  $(x_{e,u}^{E\!U\!S} \in \{0,1\})$
- $\bullet \ \mathrm{DV9:} \ \mathtt{user\_story\_consists\_of\_task} \ (x_{u,k}^{UST} \in \{0,1\}) \\$
- $\bullet \ \, \mathrm{DV10:} \ \, \mathrm{user\_story\_in\_sprint\_backlog} \, \left( x_{u,sbl}^{USSBL} \in \{0,1\} \right) \\$
- $\bullet \text{ DV11: sprint\_backlog\_in\_sprint } (x_{sbl,sp}^{SBLSP} \in \{0,1\}) \\$
- $\bullet$  DV12: sprint\_pursues\_goal  $(x_{sp,sg}^{SPSG} \in \{0,1\})$
- $\bullet \ \mathrm{DV13:} \ \mathtt{task\_blocked\_by\_blocker} \ (x_{k,bl}^{TBL} \in \{0,1\})$
- $\bullet$  DV14: velocity\_refers\_to\_team  $(x_{v,t}^{VT} \in \{0,1\})$