EXPERIMENT 7: To Create Scrum Board for Scrum Master using JIRA Tool.

Theory:

Agile Methodology and Test Case Management using JIRA Tool 1. Introduction to Agile Methodology

Agile is a software development methodology that emphasizes iterative development, collaboration, customer feedback, and small, rapid releases. The primary goal of Agile is to deliver high-quality software quickly and efficiently, while adapting to changes in requirements even in the later stages of development.

Agile promotes:

- Individuals and interactions over processes and tools
- Working software over comprehensive documentation
- Customer collaboration over contract negotiation
- Responding to change over following a plan

2. Agile Frameworks

Agile encompasses various frameworks like:

- **Scrum** A lightweight process framework that facilitates collaboration on complex software projects.
- **Kanban** A visual method for managing work as it moves through a process.
- **XP (Extreme Programming)** Focuses on technical aspects such as continuous integration and test-driven development.

Among these, **Scrum** is the most widely adopted and is supported extensively in JIRA.

3. Scrum in Agile

Scrum divides the project lifecycle into **sprints** (typically 2-4 weeks long). Each sprint begins with **sprint planning** and ends with a **retrospective**. Daily stand-up meetings are held to ensure synchronization among team members.

Key Scrum Roles:

• **Product Owner** – Manages the product backlog, sets priorities.

- **Scrum Master** Facilitates the Scrum process, ensures the team follows Agile principles.
- **Development Team** Cross-functional team members responsible for delivering the product increment.

Scrum Artifacts:

- Product Backlog A prioritized list of features, enhancements, and bug fixes.
- **Sprint Backlog** Items selected from the product backlog to be completed in a sprint.
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4. JIRA Overview

JIRA by Atlassian is a popular tool for **Agile project management**, **bug tracking**, and **issue tracking**. It supports Agile practices like Scrum and Kanban through specialized boards and workflows.

Key Features of JIRA:

- Custom workflows and issue types
- Agile boards (Scrum and Kanban)
- Sprint planning and tracking
- · Epic and story mapping
- Test case and bug management (through plugins like Zephyr or Xray)
- Reporting and analytics (burndown charts, velocity, etc.)

5. Test Case Management in JIRA

Though JIRA doesn't natively include a dedicated test management module, it can be extended through plugins such as:

- Zephyr
- Xray
- TestRail (integration)

Steps for Managing Test Cases in JIRA (Using Zephyr or Similar Add-ons):

- 1. Install the Plugin: Add Zephyr or Xray from Atlassian Marketplace.
- 2. **Create a Test Issue Type:** Use the "Test" issue type to create and define test cases.
- 3. **Write Test Steps:** Define the input, expected output, and actual output.
- 4. **Test Execution:** Create a Test Cycle and assign test cases to runs.

5. **Track Results:** Monitor pass/fail status and link issues/bugs to failed tests.

Test cases can also be linked directly to user stories to ensure traceability and better quality assurance.

6. Creating a Scrum Board in JIRA

Scrum Boards in JIRA visualize work and enable Agile teams to manage sprint cycles effectively.

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- 3. Choose **Scrum board** and then:
 - Create a new project, or
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- 4. Configure the board with:
 - Backlog view to manage product backlog items
 - o Active sprints to track tasks in the current sprint
- 5. Add issues (user stories, tasks, bugs) to the backlog.
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- 7. Monitor progress via **burndown charts**, **velocity charts**, and **sprint reports**.

Role of the Scrum Master in JIRA:

- Maintain the Scrum board
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- Track team velocity and sprint performance

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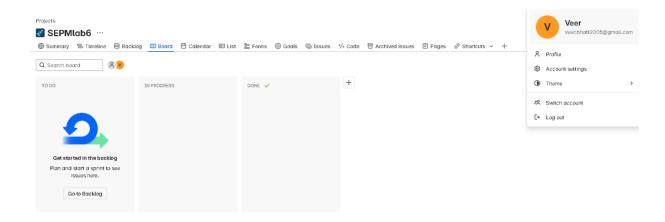
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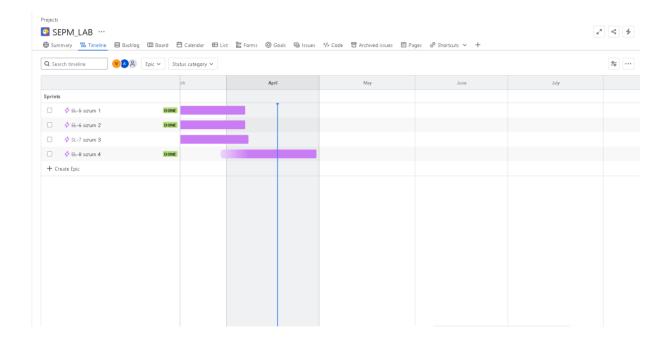
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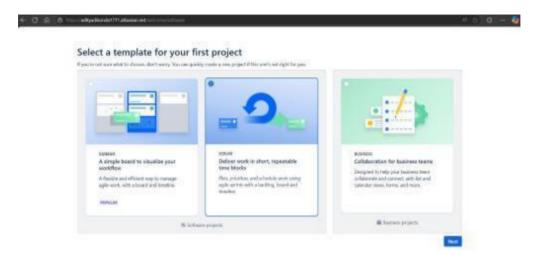
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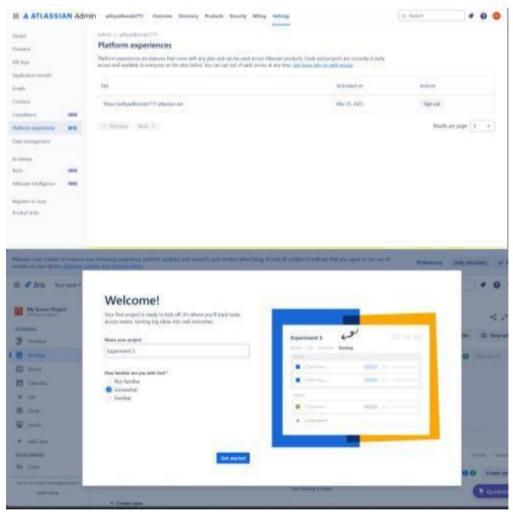
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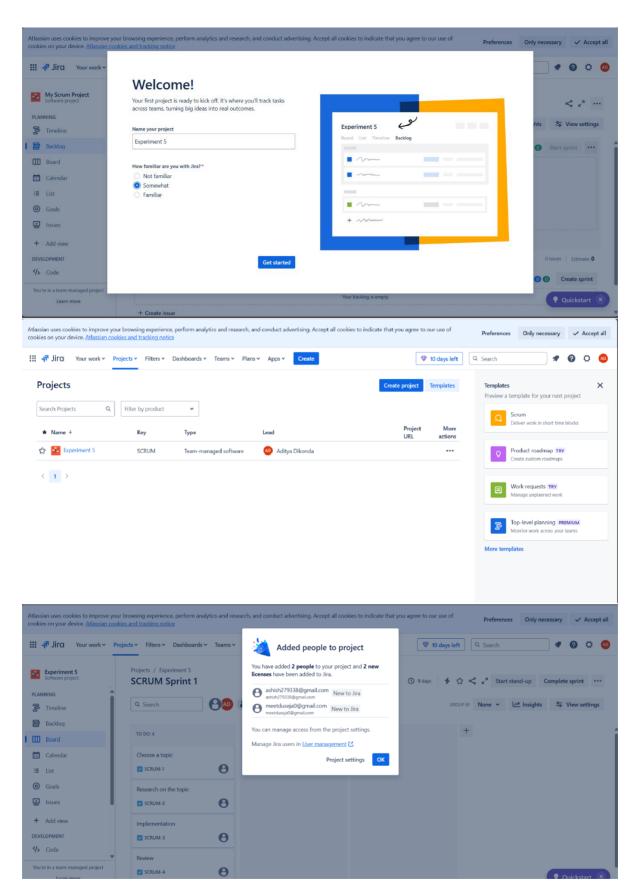
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- Track team velocity and sprint performance
- Remove blockers and ensure Agile compliance

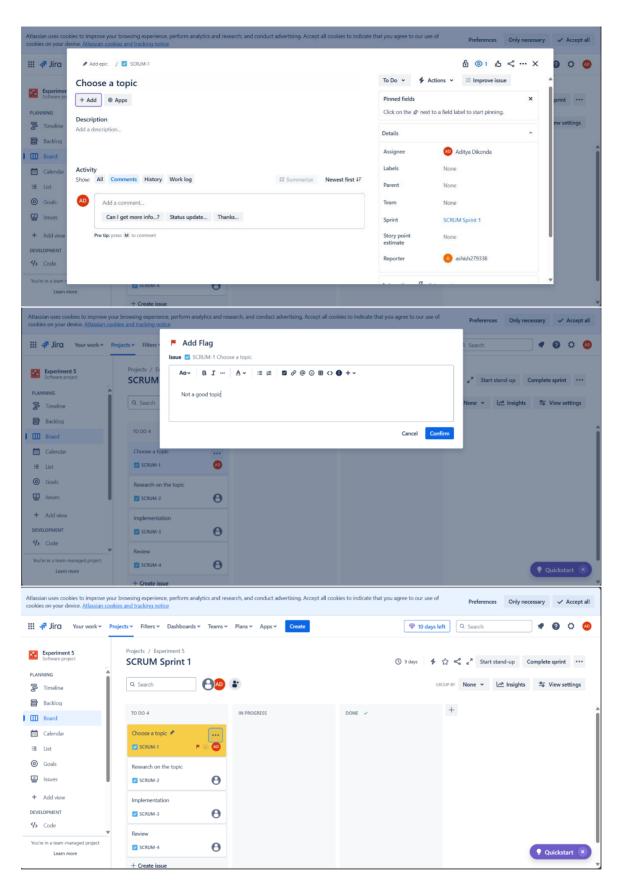


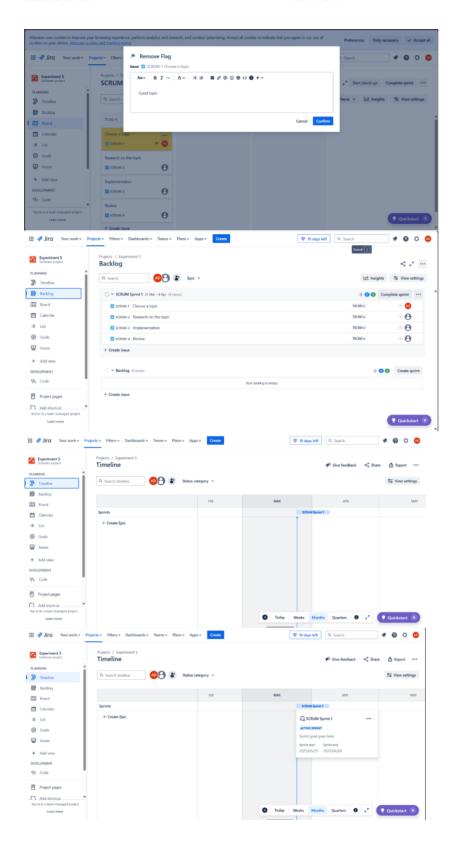












Conclusion:

Scrum project was implemented using JIRA.