

How And When To Split User Stories On A Kanban Board

COMP150 - Agile Development Practice

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Please include an abstract of at most 100 words (these do not count towards your word count).

1 Introduction

Agile is a development philosophy that attempts to...

2 Sprint Programming

3 Splitting Stories

Clinton Keith's book [1] advocates starting with large stories, and splitting them at the start of a sprint...

4 Story Sizes

Smaller stories are much more motivating; it's much easier to pick up a quick task, complete it, and move on. As tasks are self-selected in a scrum team, this means higher productivity, higher moral, and...

5 Conclusion

So as you can see, each have merits. It's definitely worth having epics because...

I'm advocating the higher priority epics to be split into smaller stories regularly, long before the start of the sprint they will probably be completed in, and show that they are linked to each other in some way (such as by being the same colour, or by a letter or number in one corner). This allows teams to complete part of an epic during a sprint...

6 Placeholders

6.1 Introduction

Write your introduction here. A brief introduction is recommended, which should outline key details of the chosen topic and the reviewed papers, motivate the work, and provide a roadmap of key points to the reader. The motivation is quite important here, as essays should have a contribution (i.e., what is the point of the essay, and what does the reader take away from the essay) and the link between the motivation (in the introduction) and the contribution (in the conclusion) should be made clear.

6.2 Body

Write the main body of your essay here. Add more sections if appropriate. You may choose to write about each of your three papers in its own section, or you may choose a different structure. Either way, remember that you are being assessed on technical insight and analysis: it is not enough to merely summarise the contents of the three papers. You must demonstrate the ability to make inferences beyond what is written in the papers, and to draw the three papers together into a single coherent narrative.

Your essay must make a clear recommendation, in terms of which of the three techniques you have reviewed is the best according to whichever metric or metrics you feel is most appropriate. You must justify your choice, backing it up with empirical evidence. However remember that an academic essay is not a murder mystery: you should already have briefly discussed your recommendation in the introduction and in other parts of the essay. Do not save it for a grand reveal at the end.

6.3 Summary

Write your conclusion here. The conclusion should do more than summarise the essay, making clear the contribution of the work and highlighting key points, limitations, and outstanding questions. It should not introduce any new content or information.

References

- [1] C. Keith, *Agile Game Development with Scrum*, 1st ed. Addison-Wesley Professional, 2010.