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Basic Scrum Agile Interview Questions

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| | What is difference between Agile and Scrum? | Agile is a broad philosophy defined by values and principles. Its an umbrella of methods and framework which comply to the values and principles. This philosophy was defined in 2001 where a Agile Manifesto was written by 17 contributors from various methods and frameworks. Scrum is a framework for handling complex-adaptive problems . That means, if the problems have unknown nature of requirements or technology, Scrum is used. | | |
| | Can Scrum work for every type of work? | Scrum is for complex adaptive problems. That means there is an unknown nature of what and how. Scrum is based on Empirical Process control theory . Empiricism means you have to constantly inspect and adapt so that you can address unknownness of the problems. | | |
| 3 | What is Velocity? | At the end of each iteration, the team adds up effort estimates associated with user stories that were completed during that iteration. This total is called velocity. Knowing velocity, the team can compute (or revise) an estimate of how long the project will take to complete, based on the estimates associated with remaining user stories and assuming that velocity over the remaining iterations will remain approximately the same. This is generally an accurate prediction, even though rarely a precise one. | | |

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| 4 | What is Product Backlog Refinement? | Backlog Refinement is when the product owner and some, or all, of the rest of the team refine the backlog on a regular basis to ensure the backlog contains the appropriate items, that they are prioritized, and that the items at the top of the backlog are ready for delivery. |
| 5 | What is the difference between Product Backlog Refinement and Product Backlog Grooming? | They are the same. The word Grooming is replaced by the word Refinement since Grooming has negative meaning in some parts of the world. |
| | What is a Burndown chart? | Burndown charts and burnup charts track the amount of output (in terms of hours, story points, or backlog items) a team has completed across an iteration or a project. |
| | What is Definition of Ready? | Definition of Ready involves creating clear criteria that a user story must meet before being accepted into an upcoming iteration. |
| | What is an Epic? | Epic is a large user story . |
| | Is Facilitation same as coordination? | No. Coordination is just a small aspect of the facilitation. Facilitation is a process of getting a group to conclusions. Facile as a word means making it easy. |
| | What is Coaching? | Coaching is a way of unlocking potential of a coachee. In a coaching model, the coach keeps in mind that coachees may know the answers. Coach tries not to give direct answers and helps the coachees get to the answers. One of the most powerful tool that a coach uses is ask powerful questions. |
| 11 | Have you heard about Given-When-Then? | Given-When-Then comes from Behaviour Driven Development and is from a business language called Gherkins. The Given-When-Then is a template intended to guide the writing of acceptance tests for a User Story : (Given) some context, (When) some action is carried out, (Then) a particular set of observable consequences should obtain. |
| 12 | Is the word Incremental and Iterative same? | No. Incremental means breaking down the work into smaller pieces of work. Iterative means repetitive to get feedback. |

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| 13 | What is Information Radiator? | "Information radiator" is the term for any of a number of visual displays which a team places in a highly visible location, so that all team members can see the latest information at a glance. Examples of Information Radiator includes Burndown chart , scrum board, kanban board, burnup chart , cumulative flow diagrams etc. |
| 14 | Can you use Kanban Board in Scrum? | Yes. A Kanban Board is a visual workflow tool consisting of multiple columns. Each column represents a different stage in the workflow process. Scrum believes in transparency and Sprint Backlog is transparently represented by development teams. Kanban Board is a very effective way of representing the Sprint Backlog. |
| | What is Lead Time? | Lead Time is the time between a customer order and delivery. In software development, it can also be the time between a requirement made and its fulfillment. |
| | What is MMF? | A Minimum Marketable Feature is a small, self-contained feature that can be developed quickly and that delivers significant value to the user. The main difference with a Minimum Viable Feature is that MMF is associated with "usefulness to the market". Viability is associated with feedback. |
| | What is MVP? | A Minimum Viable Product is, a version of a new product which allows a team to collect the maximum amount of feedback or validated learning about customers with the least effort. MVP does not necessarily mean its marketable. |
| 18 | Have you heard about Planning Poker? | Planning Poker is a way of estimation generally used for Story Point Estimation or Relative Estimation. This approach to estimation is used by Agile teams. Each team member "plays" a card bearing a numerical value corresponding to a point estimation for a user story . |
| 19 | What is a Persona? | Persona is a fictitious characters used to describe different type of users. Personas are concise and visual; a common layout is a single page including a photograph (from stock shots or magazine cutouts), a name and social or professional details: "Amanda Jones, 34, press officer at a major food retailing organization, etc." |

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| | | As a software product is generally intended for use by more than one category of person, with potentially different preferences and expectations of the product, the team creates one persona for each category it deems important to serve well. |
| 20 | What is Refactoring? | Refactoring is code cleanup activity. A way of making the code maintainable. Clean up the code, comment the code, document inside the code etc. |

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