

Grooming Meeting

Interview Questions:

- Who joins the Grooming?
- What is the goal of Grooming?
- How to estimate a user story? How to give a point to a user story?

Grooming == Backlog Grooming == Backlog refinement

- This is not a scrum-meeting according to the scrum organization.
- However, many companies conduct Grooming meeting in a regular schedule time

Meeting specifics:

Attendees:

- **Scrum Master** -who facilitates the meeting
- **Product Owner** -who clarifies the **details** of the product backlog items / **user stories** and their respective **acceptance criteria**.
- **Development Team** -who works on the user stories

Grooming meeting process:

- **PO** defines / **explains** the user **stories** that are listed in product backlog to the dev team
 - Discuss each item in detail, get enough clarity from test/development view.
- User **stories effort estimation / giving points** (optional)

Time box:

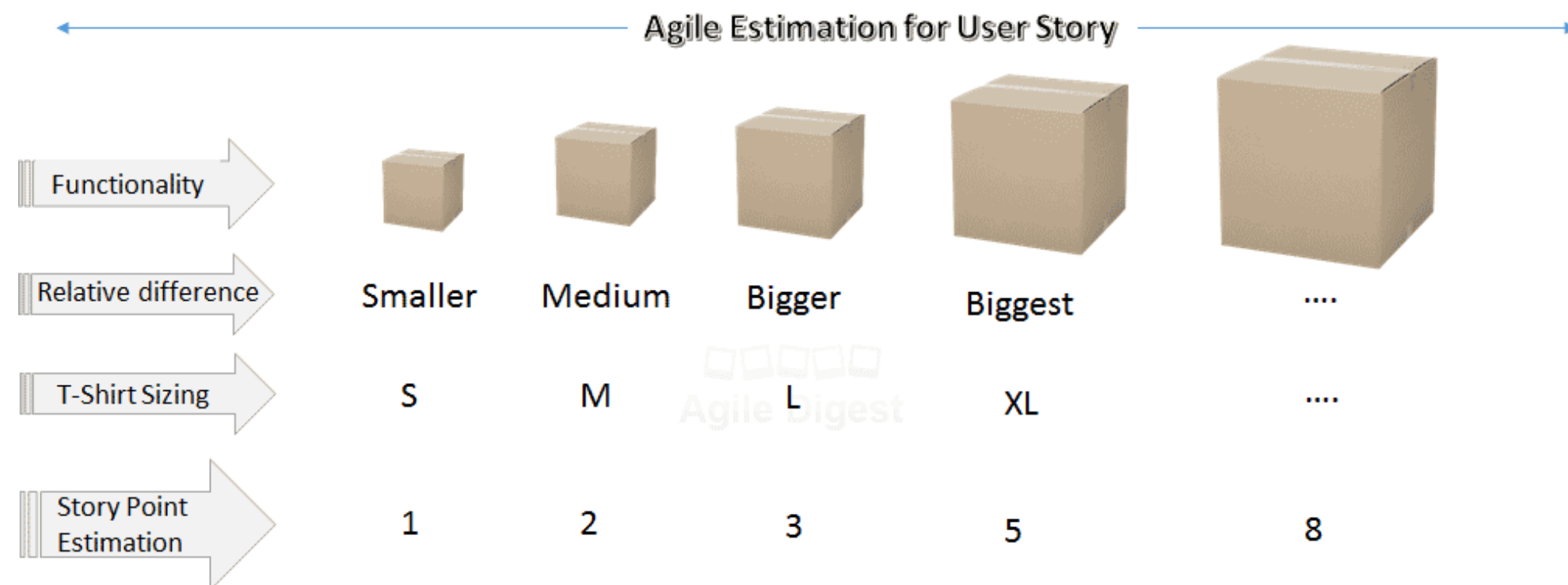
1-2 hours for 2 weeks sprint, or 2-4 hours for 3-4 weeks sprint

When:

- Before starting a new sprint / or at the sprint started day

Story point / Estimation

- People are naturally better at **relative estimation** than absolute estimation
- In Scrum, teams use **relative estimation method** to size each user story
- Relative estimation **takes less time** and is **easy to refine**
- Easy to explain to others and justify expectations
- **Estimate the user stories on Product Backlog**
- Compare one story to another
- Allows you to select a predictable volume of work to be done in a sprint



How a developers or a QA estimate a user story point?

- **Complexity**: Consider the complexity of the story.
- **Risk**: Consider the team's **inexperience** with developing/testing this story.
- **Implementation**: How much code will need to be written for this story? Have we written similar code before?
- **Interdependencies**: Consider other outside issues - Experience, Testing tool availability, skillset, application knowledge, environment availability, etc.

Steps to estimate story points:

1. **PO explains a user story** in detail with its Acceptance Criteria
2. **Dev team members ask questions** about the story
3. **Developers and QAs starts to give point.**
 - a. this can be done with Agile-Card
 - b. Use online Scrumpoker app <https://www.scrumpoker-online.org/en/>



Agile story estimation card

Output of the Grooming?

↑ RAS-1	Login to the app to launch the home page	
↑ RAS-2	logout from the app	
↑ RAS-3	Menu module is created on the homepage	
↑ RAS-4	update username & password to login	
↑ RAS-5	request new password	
↑ RAS-6	Register to the restaurant app	
↑ RAS-7	menu page with the food detials	

Before Grooming -> No points

↑ RAS-1	Login to the app to launch the home page	13
↑ RAS-2	logout from the app	2
↑ RAS-3	Menu module is created on the homepage	8
↑ RAS-4	update username & password to login	5
↑ RAS-5	request new password	3
↑ RAS-6	Register to the restaurant app	5
↑ RAS-7	menu page with the food detials	3

After Grooming -> points are assigned