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Product Owner Journal

What is useful when engaging with users or stakeholders? Listening to and recording the stakeholders' wants and needs is probably the most important part of the product owner's job. Without this important step the team won’t have a clear picture of what they are supposed to build. As we saw in the user focus group animation, there were a few items that came up more than once, so it should probably be assumed that those items are important to more people and should probably be higher up on the product backlog.

How will user stories be helpful to the Scrum Team? The user stories are useful because they are what the developers use in the sprint to develop the project. The better written and developed the stories are, the easier it will be for the developers later. Also, the final breakdown of the stories should be short enough for one person to finish it in one day or less.

How did the interviews/user meetings help in writing these user stories? The product owner can pretty much take the information from the stakeholders from either the interviews or meetings and turn it directly into the product backlog. This means they must get the most information possible out of the stakeholders, or if there is information that they need to get for a previously planned story before it can continue. They must prioritize the product backlog with the new information first, but then once they do that, then the Scrum team can break it into individual stories for the sprint.