

Scrum and AMOS



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AMOS B02

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Reminder on Commits to Repository

Don't forget to sign-off and declare your co-authors, if any [1]

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dirk@host$ git commit -a -m "Fixed problem  
> Co-authored-by: Stefan Buchner <stefan.buchner@fau.de>"  
> --signoff
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[1] For more details, please see the slide deck **AMOS B01** on **Team and Tools**

Agenda

1. The AMOS process
2. The team meeting
 - Meeting preparation
 - Sprint review
 - Sprint release
 - Sprint retrospective
 - Sprint planning
3. Software bill of materials
4. Software architecture

1. The AMOS Process



Scrum in Student Projects

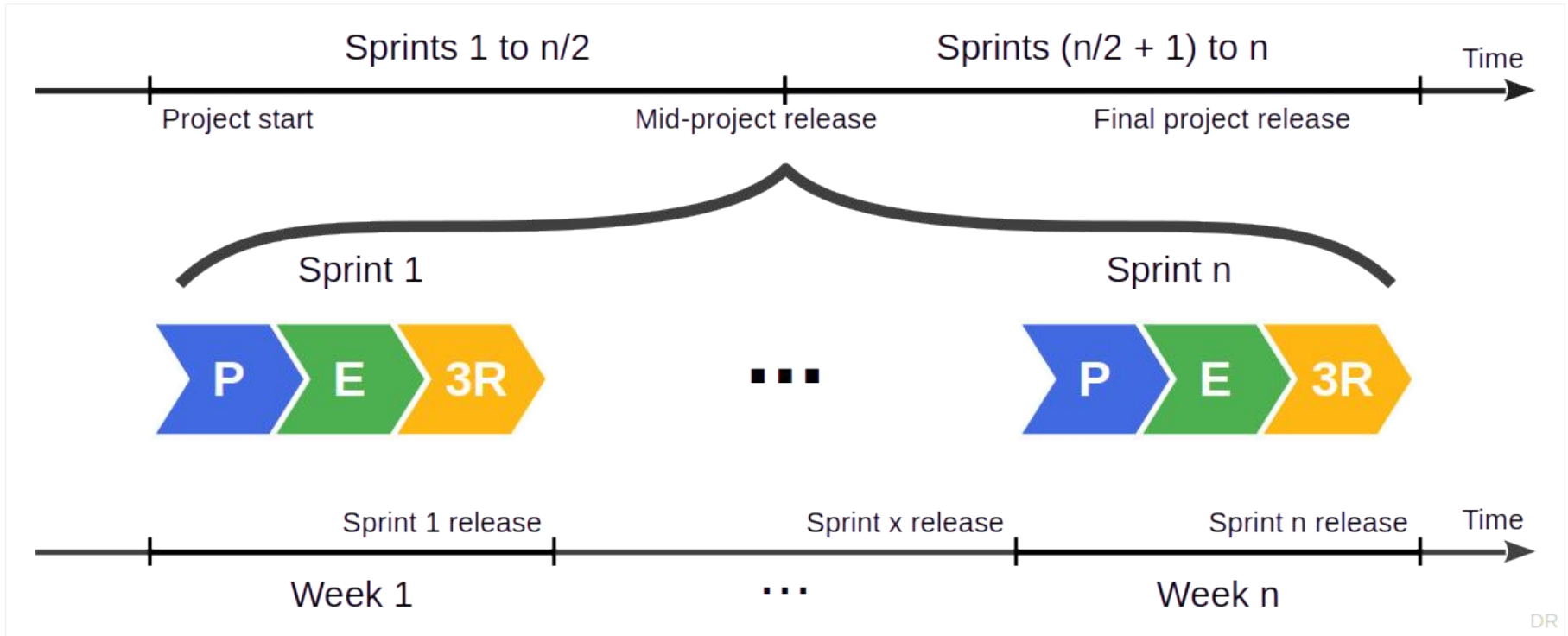
Challenges

- Widely differing abilities and experiences
- Not 100% on project, but in multiple courses
- Transient rather than persistent teams
- Not available at same place, not at same time
- Sometimes extrinsically motivated (grades)

Solutions

- Context-aware instantiation of framework
- Supporting teaching team, coaching

Overall AMOS Project Timeline



Time-boxed Sequence of Releases

A **release** is

- A named identifiable, consistent, and useful snapshot of the software

A **sprint release** is

- A release used to gather feedback from the industry partner to steer the project

A **project release** is

- A release that is deployed to production where it is supposed to perform its job

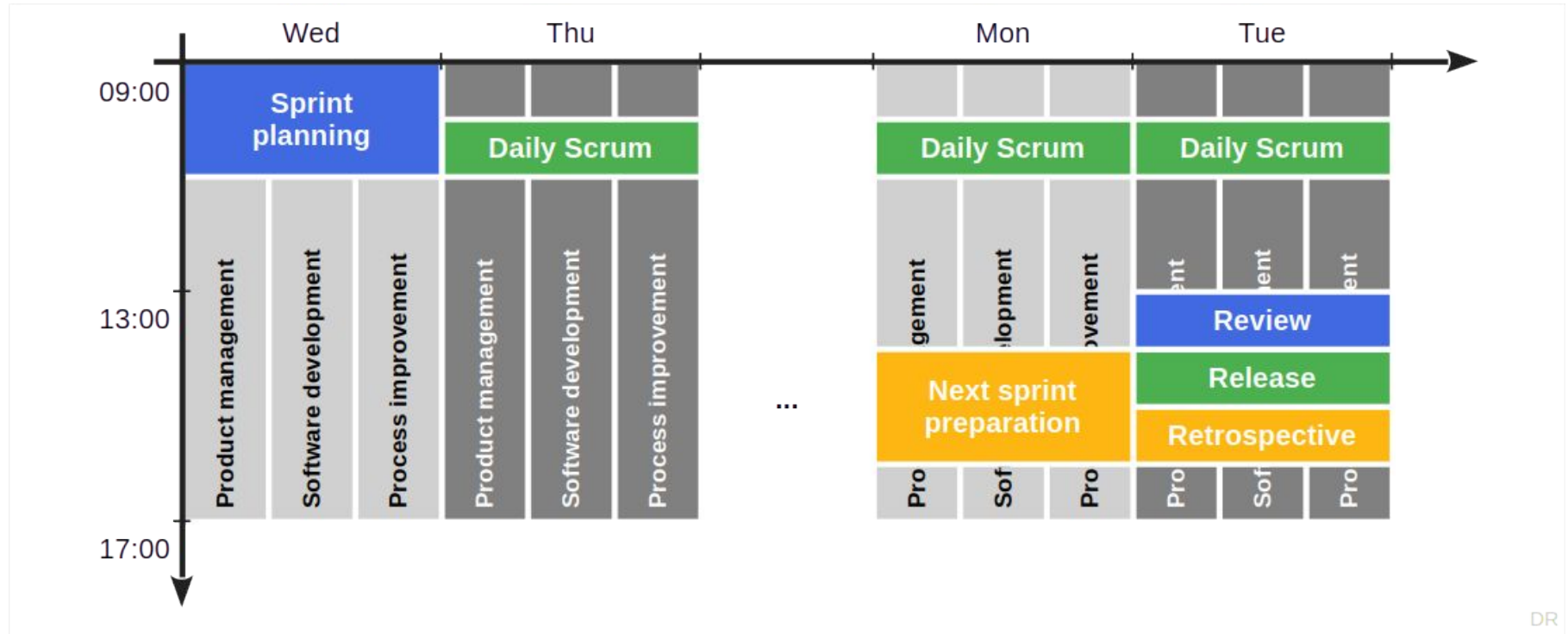
In the AMOS Project there are two releases (mid-project and final release)

Project Schedule

Please see the Schedule tab at <https://amos.uni1.de>

2. The Team Meeting

Logical Structure of a Scrum Sprint

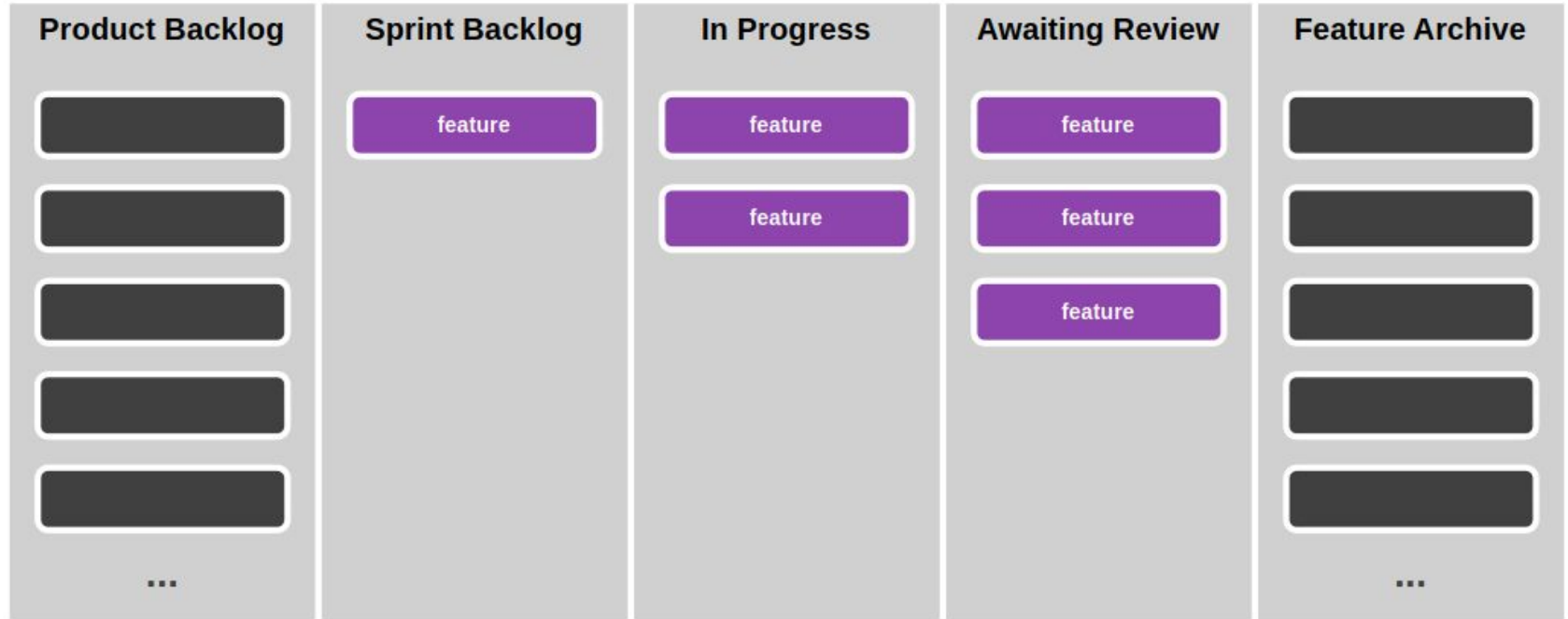


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The AMOS Team Meeting



The AMOS Feature Board (Recap)



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1a. Meeting Preparation

Product owner #1 [1]

- Refines backlog [2] in a **next sprint preparation** meeting
 - Should include at least one developer (may want to plan this out)
- Ensures that the product backlog is ready for sprint planning
 - There are enough high-quality entries at least for the upcoming sprint
 - High-quality = meets INVEST criteria, explained later
 - Product backlog entries may be
 - New features, bug fixes, and refactorings

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6. Meeting After-work

[1] Product owner #1 will run the sprint planning in the upcoming team meeting

[2] Backlog refinement is also known as backlog grooming

1b. Meeting Preparation

Release manager

- Ensures that a working demo system will be available
- Tags release candidate with **sprint-xx-release-candidate**
 - Where xx is your sprint number (see deliverables through project schedule)

Tagging Release Candidates and Releases

Release candidate

Releases

Tags

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Target: main

Choose an existing tag, or create a new tag when you publish this release.

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Generate release notes

Describe this release

Attach files by dragging & dropping, selecting or pasting them.

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☒ Set as a pre-release

This release will be labeled as non-production ready

☐ Set as the latest release

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Save draft

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[1] Do not rename release candidates

2a. Sprint Review

Release manager

- Checks-out fresh code base using release candidate tag
- Compiles, builds, and runs tests for release candidate
- Deploys release candidate to test environment

The release manager does not run the review

1. Meeting Preparation

2. Sprint Review

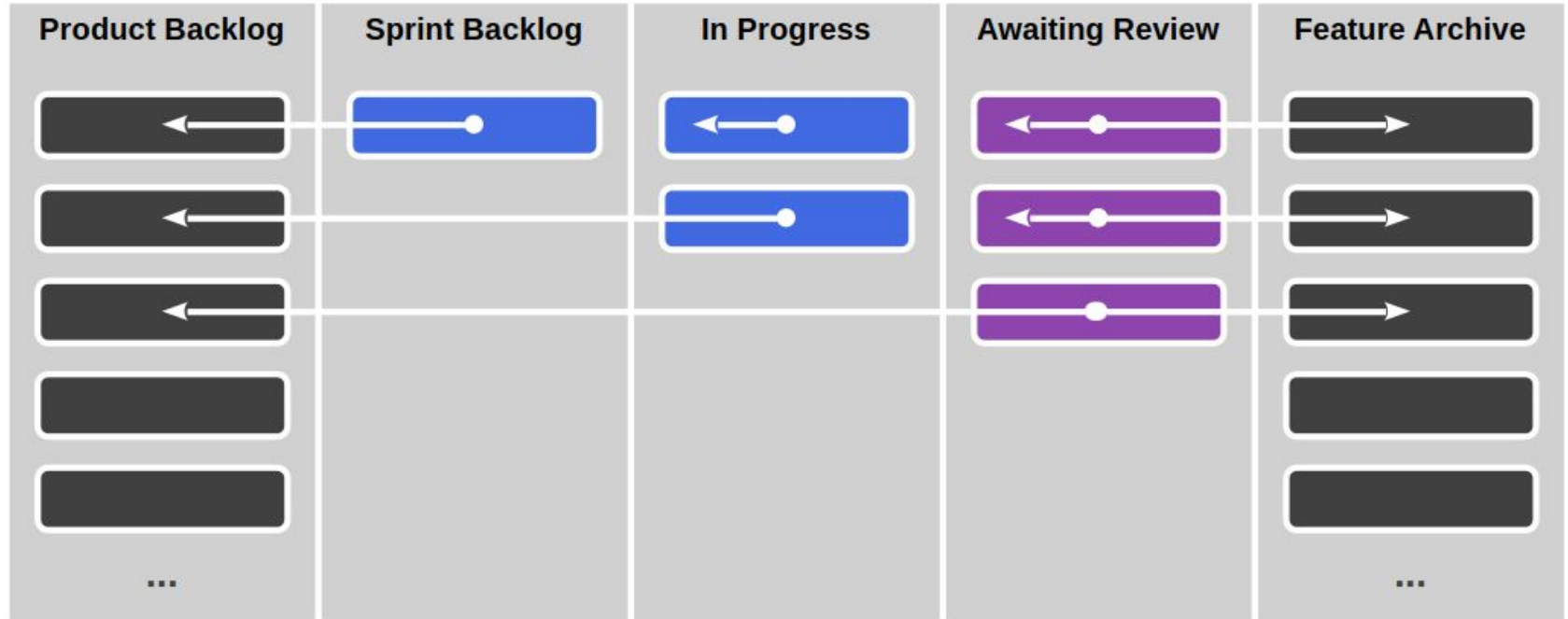
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How Backlog Items Move During Sprint Review



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2b. Sprint Review

Product owner #2 [1]

- Walks through “Awaiting review” column item by item
 - Asks developer to demo item under review
 - Insists that developer shows, not just tells
 - Checks fulfillment of acceptance criteria
 - Checks fulfillment of definition of done, if required
 - Checks other criteria incl. logging output for problems
 - If successfully implemented
 - Moves item to feature archive
 - Asks developers about real size, add it to the item
 - If not successfully implemented
 - Moves item back to product backlog

2c. Sprint Review

Software developer (individually)

- Is called upon by product owner for backlog item
 - Demos backlog item as requested by product owner
 - Answers questions about item design and implementation
 - Provides real size as determined after implementation

Only talking, not showing, is not acceptable

- The product manager needs to insist on showing not just talking
- If a developer only talks, product owner and developer failed

3a. Sprint Release

Product owner #2

- Decides whether release candidate should be released
 - Only in case of significant regression should you not release
 - Later in the course you will use a definition of done
 - Specifics depend on type of release
- Consults with software developers if necessary

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3b. Sprint Release

Release manager

- If the release candidate is to be released
 - Tags release with **sprint-xx-release** where xx is your sprint number
 - Deploys sprint release to production environment
- If there is a change log (optional)
 - Updates change log with release information

4a. Sprint Retrospective

Scrum Master

- Reviews this sprint's impediments and improvements
 - Reports on progress
 - Reviews remaining problems
- Performs roll call, asks everyone individually
 - What has gone well?
 - What hasn't gone well?
 - What can we do better?
- Puts new impediments and improvements into imp-squared backlog

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4b. Sprint Retrospective

Everyone

- Answers to happiness index

5a. Sprint Planning

Product owner #1

- Reprioritizes product backlog items, if necessary, on-the-fly
- Works through top-prioritized backlog items one-by-one
 - For each product backlog item,
 - explains it,
 - asks developers to estimate and commit
 - You are finished, if the team does not want to take on more backlog items

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5b. Sprint Planning

Software developers (as team)

- Estimate size of each backlog item using planning poker
- After planning, commit to backlog items in sprint backlog

Story Points

Story points

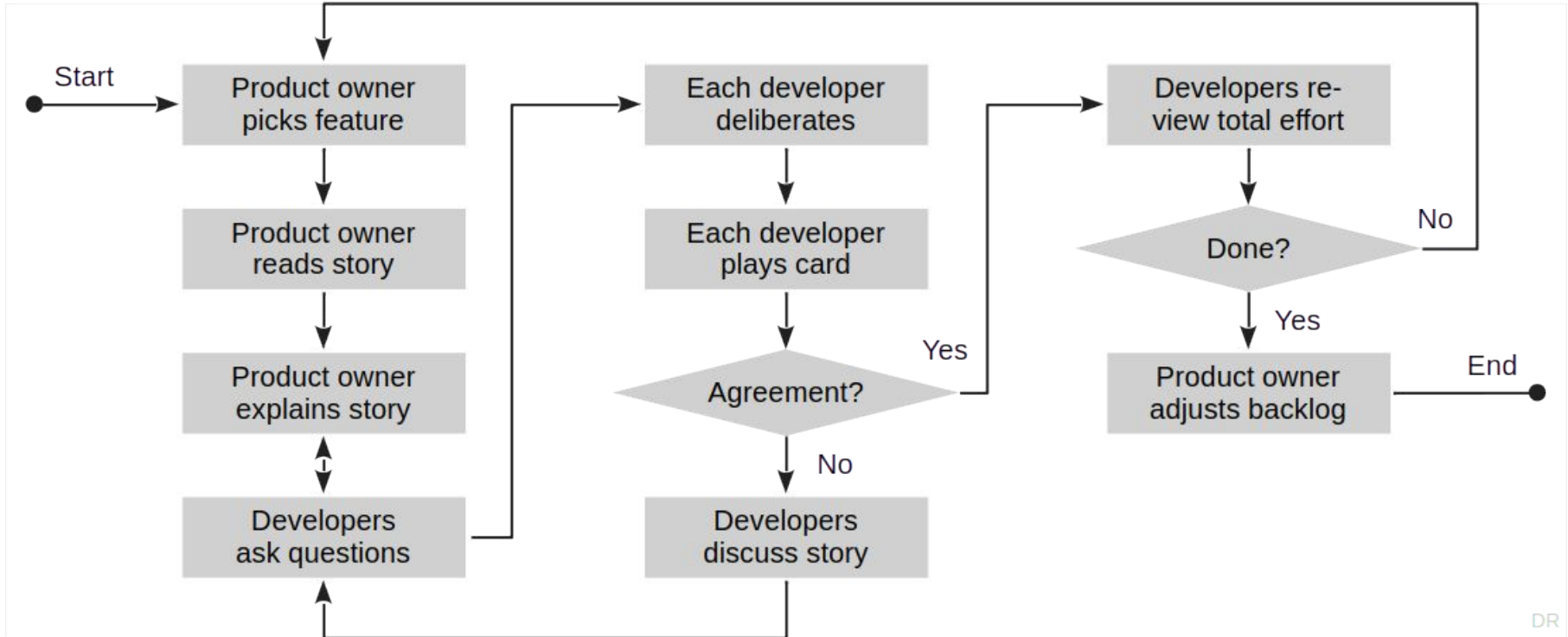
- Is an arbitrary numeric measure of size of a given backlog item

Properties

- Is a measure of size, not of effort or duration
- Measured in non-linear increments, forcing choice
- Is socially agreed upon, depends on team estimation history
- Is independent of a particular person (and their skills)
- Is mapped to time using the team's velocity (development speed)

Points	Meaning
0	No size
1	Trivial size
2	Small size
3	Medium size
5	Large size
8	Very large size
13	Too large (size)

Sprint Planning with Planning Poker [1]



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6a. Meeting After-work

Product owner #2

- Updates planning document to consistent state
 - Cleans up product and sprint backlog
 - Ensures feature archive is current

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6b. Meeting After-work

Software developer (as team)

- Plan programming tasks (1 feature = 1+ tasks)
 - Agree on which developer(s) work(s) on which tasks
 - If pair programming, ensure you document the pair

6c. Meeting After-work

Scrum Master

- Works on impediments and improvements during sprint
- Documents resolutions in imp-squared backlog

An Efficient Team Meeting Takes 90 Min. (or Less)

#	Section	Duration
1	Meeting preparation	-
2	Sprint review	~35%
3	Sprint release	~5%
4	Sprint retrospective	~20%
5	Sprint planning	~40%
6	Meeting after-work	-

3. Software Bill of Materials



Bill of Materials [1]

A **bill of materials** (of some artifact) is

- A linear list of materials (the parts) constituting the artifact (the whole)

A bill of materials can contain any kind of material

- Not just software

If purely software, the bill of materials is also called the

- Software bill of materials (SBOM)

Software Bill of Materials (SBOM)

For each dependency, provide this (recommended, not required) information

Field	Name	Example
1	Context	com.google.code.gson
2	Name	gson
3	Version	2.3.1
4	License	Apache-2.0
5	Comment (optional)	Pulled from Maven Central

Regular Deliverable: Software Bill of Materials

Please initialize your software bill of materials and keep it up-to-date

- You can limit this to your first-level dependencies

You can use a tool, e.g. a build tool plugin to generate the SBOM

Please update every time you change your dependencies

4. Software Architecture



Agile Architecture?!

Agile methods eschew detailed planning

- The proof of the software is in the feedback of the customer

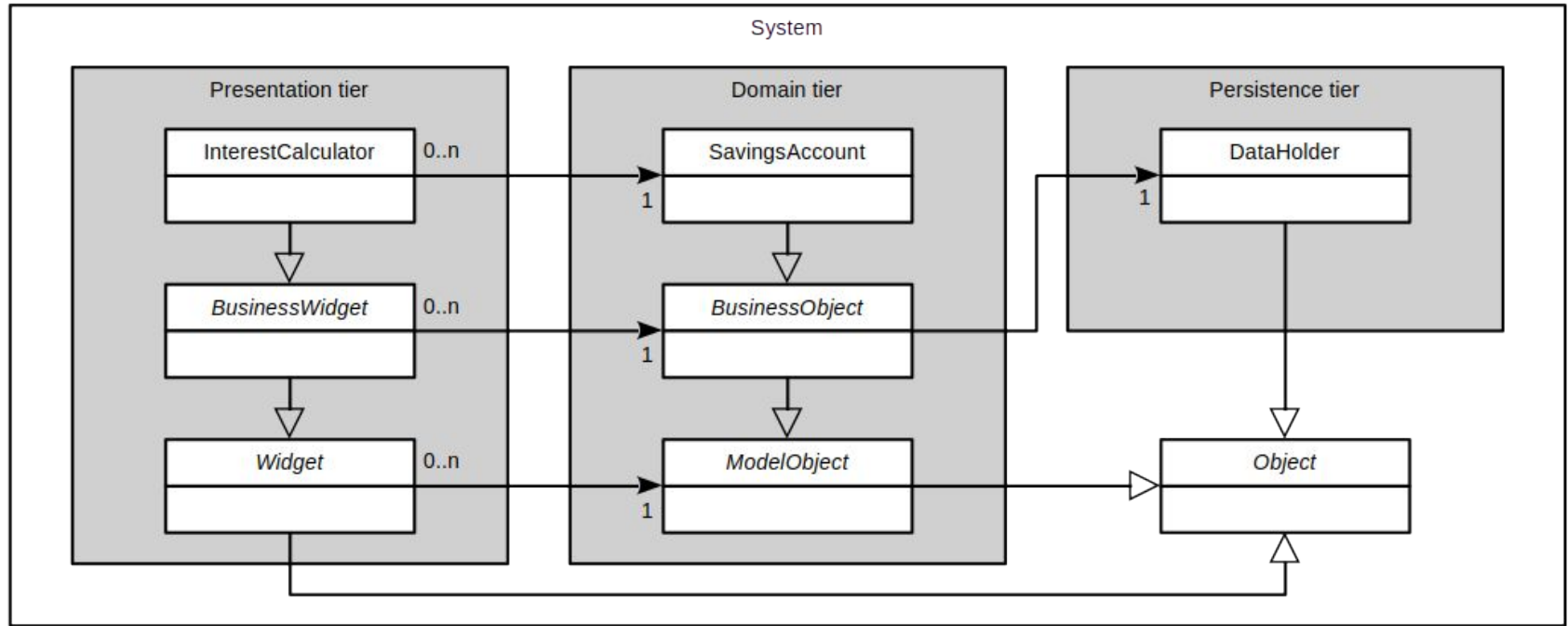
Software architecture is the overall design of a system

- Including static (structural) and dynamic aspects
- Covering everything of wide impact to the system
- Ignoring everything with limited (localized) impact

Agile software architecture is software architecture that

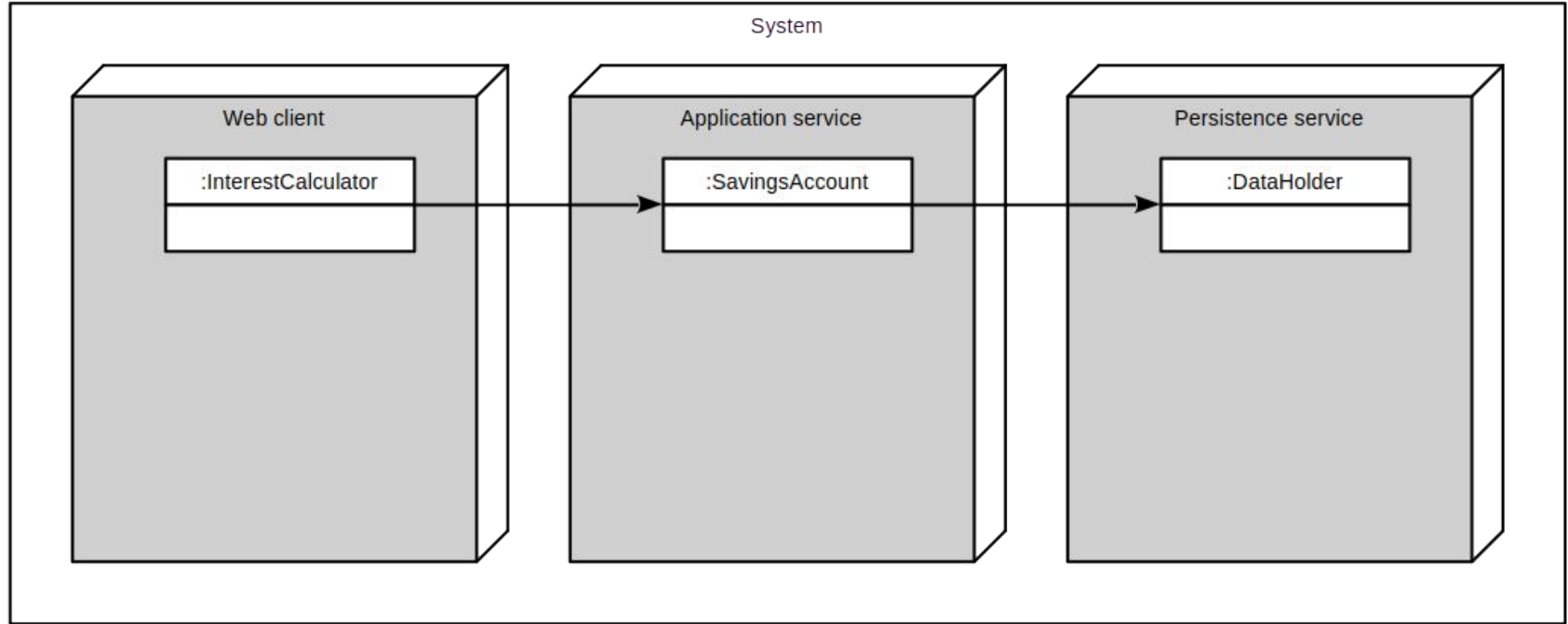
- Emerges from risk-adjusted planning / visibility
- Delays architectural investment to the last minute

Runtime Architecture



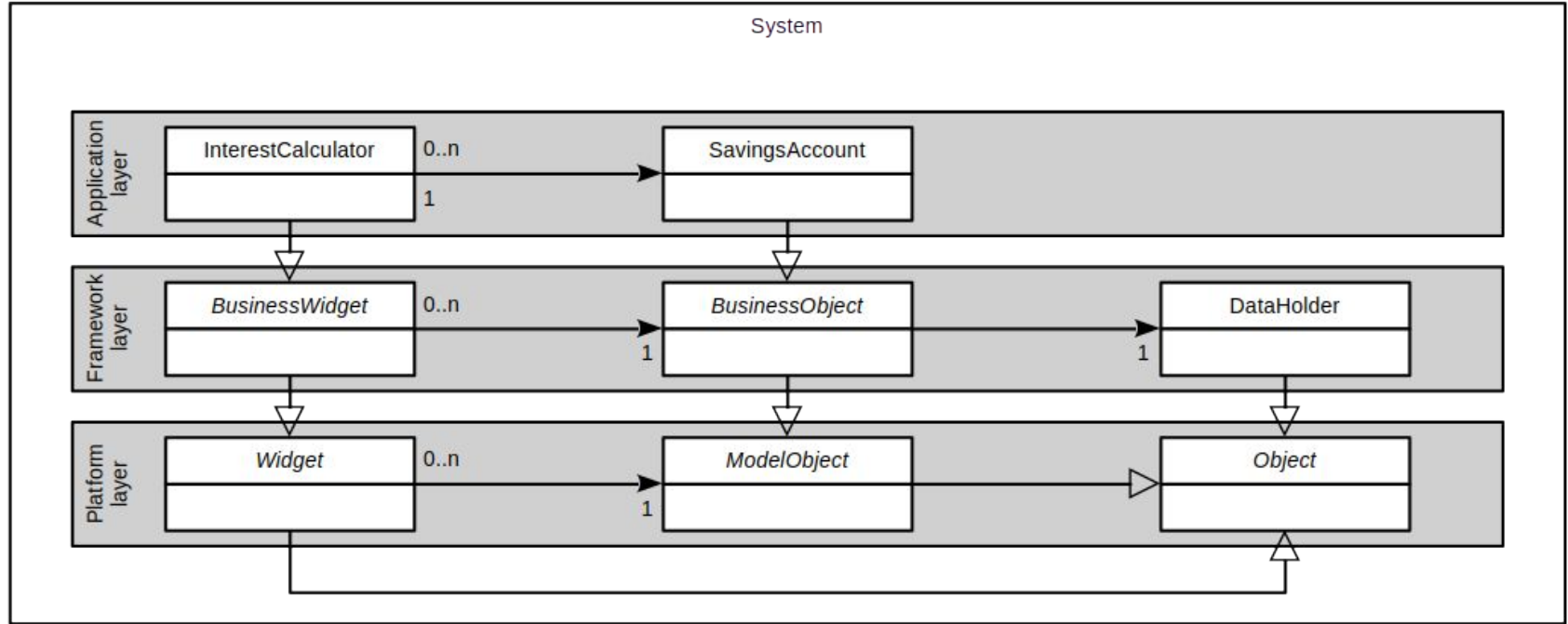
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Objects at Runtime



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Code Organization



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One-time Deliverable: Architecture Description

Provide a description of the initial planned architecture including (at a minimum)

1. The runtime architecture
2. The (static) code organization
3. The tech stack you are building on

Feel free at the end of the project to review planning with reality

Summary

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Thank you! Any questions?



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