

CHEAT SHEET FOR WAYS TO SPLIT USER STORIES

1. SPLITTING WITH WORKFLOW STEPS

Think of the all the steps (or action) that a user takes while using a feature or a product. Map out the steps visually and then break all the individual steps as a story.

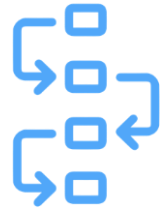
As a student, I am able to buy a course from Udemy

Split 1: As a student, I want to "Browse the course"

Split 2: As a student, I want to "Add the course to cart"

Split 3: As a student, I want to "Get confirmation of purchase"

Split 4: As a student, I want to "Access course on your device"



2. SPLITTING WITH SIMPLICITY

This about the simplest way of allowing your user to achieve their goal. Then, think about a little more sophisticated way and then a really robust way. Thus, user story can be split with keeping simplicity in mind.

As a merchant, I can take payment from customers

...payment using paypal's app

...payment using stripe integration on the app

...payment using physical payment processor (like Square Up)



3. SPLITTING WITH ENTRY METHODS

Think about different ways you can enter data or information (example date, picture or price) into a system. Each way to enter data or information can be split into a user story

As an agile learner, I can search for in person certification classes between two dates

Split 1: As an agile learner, I want to book class "using a very simple date input."

Split 2: As an agile learner, I want to book class "with a sophisticated automated calendar built on the website."



4. SPLITTING WITH CRUD (CREATE, READ, UPDATE, DELETE)

CRUD stands for create, read, update and delete. If you have a large user story, simply split the user story with the function of creating, reading, updating and deleting.

As a game seller, I can upload a game for sale to my product page



Split 1: As a game seller, I can “create the post of the game”

Split 2: As a game seller, I can “review or view the game I posted”

Split 3: As a game seller, I can “update the game post.”

Split 4: As a game seller, I can “delete the game posting”

5. SPLITTING WITH SPIKES

If you have a complex user story and the team doesn't know how to get started (or estimate it) on the work, team can split the user story into spikes where you can investigate different ways to solve that problem or tools to use.

As a user, I can pay by credit card.

Split 1: Investigate credit card processing methods

Split 2: Implement credit card processing

