Backlog Building Hands on Exercise

1. **Download a copy of the** [**Product Definition document**](http://ilink/its/agile/Agile%20Learning%20Center%20Document%20Library/AFS%20Materials/Backlog%20Building%20Workshop/Backlog%20Building%20Exercise-Product%20Change%20Description.docx) **and review its contents.**   
   In this review we will discuss the business value being delivered by the product, the vision and purpose of the product and how the product fits into our business value streams.
2. **Download a copy of the** [**Requirements Backlog Template**](http://ilink/its/agile/Agile%20Learning%20Center%20Document%20Library/AFS%20Materials/Backlog%20Building%20Workshop/Requirements%20Backlog%20Template.xlsx) **and review its contents.**   
   In this review we will discuss the difference between user and business value as well as how business value drives work prioritization. Review backlog spreadsheet and define the overall user and business value of the project.
3. **In a group discussion, define user and business value for the product.**Once the class has reached a consensus on the value propositions of the product, the instructor will document the value propositions the instructor copy of the Requirements Backlog.
4. **In the Requirements Backlog, write your first user story defining how a user will interact with the system to derive value.**This activity will be timeboxed at five minutes for writing. Once the timebox has elapsed each learning will share their story with the group. Once all learners have shared, the instructor will lead a group discussion and capture versions of the learners’ user stories in the instructor copy of the Requirements Backlog.
5. **In the Requirements Backlog, write at least six user stories describing high level functionality of the product.**This activity will be timeboxed at twenty minutes for writing. Once the timebox has elapsed the instructor will lead a group discussion and capture versions of the learners’ user stories in the instructor copy of the Requirements Backlog.
6. **In a group discussion, define the business and user value for backlog items.**This activity will be timeboxed at ten minutes. The instructor will lead the group discussion and capture the business and user value of learners’ user stories in the instructor copy of the Requirements Backlog.
7. **In a group discussion, document in which release each user story should be delivered.**This activity will be timeboxed at ten minutes. The instructor will lead the group discussion and capture the projected release and user value of learners’ user stories in the instructor copy of the Requirements Backlog.
8. **In the Requirements Backlog, identify which user stories are part of the minimum viable product (MVP) for each release.**This activity will be timeboxed at ten minutes. The instructor will lead the group discussion and capture the MVP status of learners’ user stories in the instructor copy of the Requirements Backlog.
9. **Save you Requirements Backlog and email a copy to the instructor.**A copy of the instructor version of the Requirements Backlog will be available in the class SharePoint site following the session.