

Don't Get Lost in Translation

Effectively Translating Agile into Enterprise Program Management for Executive Stakeholders

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Agenda

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- Our Approach
- Examples

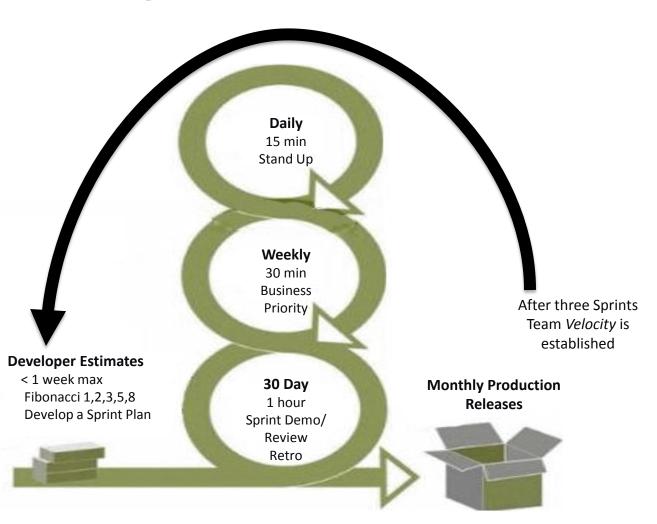


Background

- IT PM 14 years
- PM @ WorkflowOne since 2009
- Web Development Manager for WF1
- Started 12 months ago on an eCommerce program to replace all web –based order capture systems
- A program of Core, Migration, Campaign management, and Complex order capture will all be managed using Agile / SCRUM
- All of these related projects will integrated



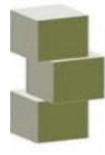
Agile / SCRUM



Product Features / Requests

Captured as stories

Sprint Backlog





Program Management

- Traditional Program Management
- Planning, estimating and prioritizing value delivery to the organization
- Tied to Strategic and Budgetary Planning
- Communicates/Interfaces with Executives
- Tools Processes such as Project Governance, Total IT Capacity, Roadmaps and Project Plans provided by PMs



The Gap

- In most organizations, management lacks trust based on experience
 - IT projects typically overrun
 - Project impacts come out of nowhere
 - Unknown risks and uncertainty
 With one exception... "Lucky Good Guessers"
- It's g(r)eek to me
 - A significant gap in communication between Management and IT
 - Expectations are driven by something other than facts or the ability to deliver.
 - "Take the Hill!" mentality



Applying Agile

- Challenges
 - Continually educate about Agile
 - Power of prioritization
 - Reality is better but it doesn't remove uncertainty
 - The intuitive nature of Agile vs. the corporate analytical
- Agile brings
 - Grass roots historical data
 - Incremental value not big bang
 - A pattern of consistent delivery
 - Rebuild trust ...over time



Our Approach

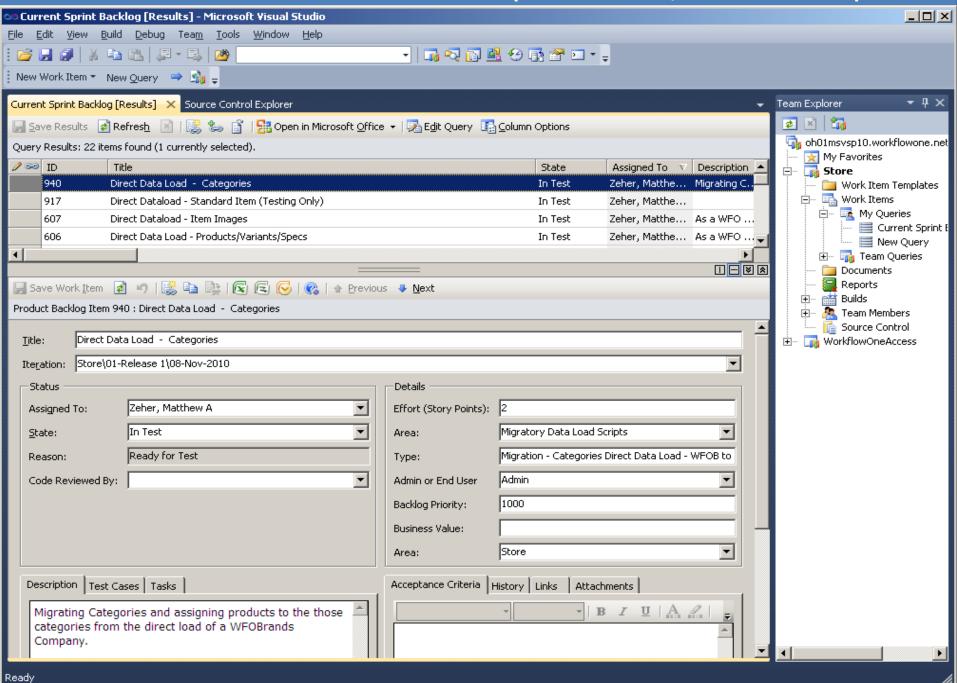
Establish consistent communication

- Bottom up metrics
 - Estimates based on relative complexity
 - Established monthly team velocity
 - Calc average monthly churn % (20 pts)
 - Un-estimated backlog stories get assigned a value (4 8 pts)
 - Rollup to Release Themes = Business Value
 - Rollup to Yearly Roadmap
- Maintain Transparency
- Settle on Tools (TFS/Excel)
- Daily Stand ups
- Weekly Steering Meeting w/Business Owners
- Monthly Demo and Sprint Review



Case Study: WorkflowOne

Current Sprint -> VS2010, TFS & Scrum Template



Backlog Management -> TFS/Excel Integration

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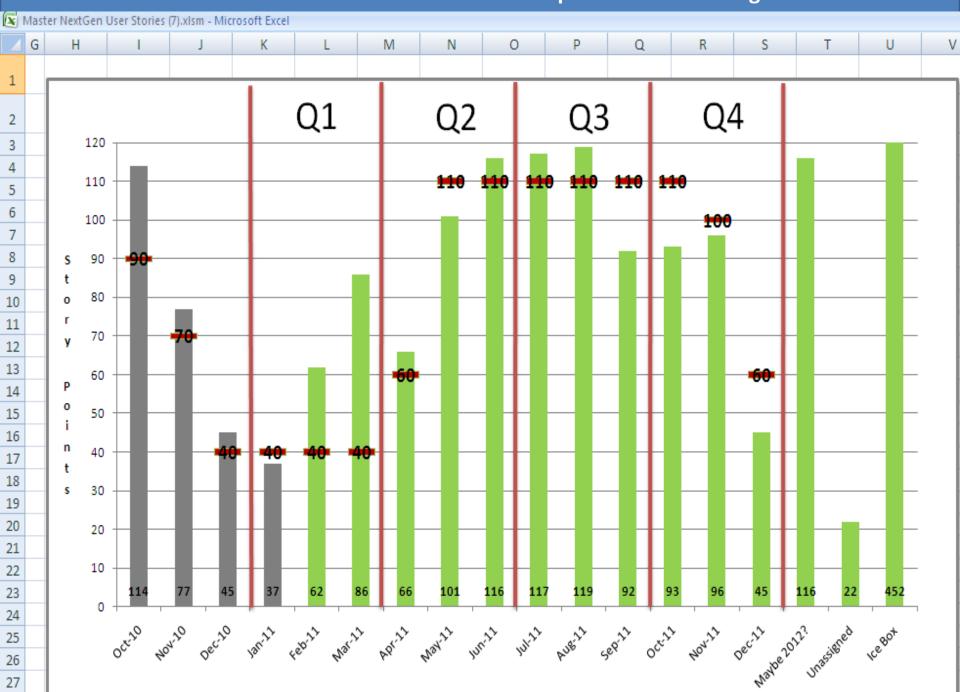
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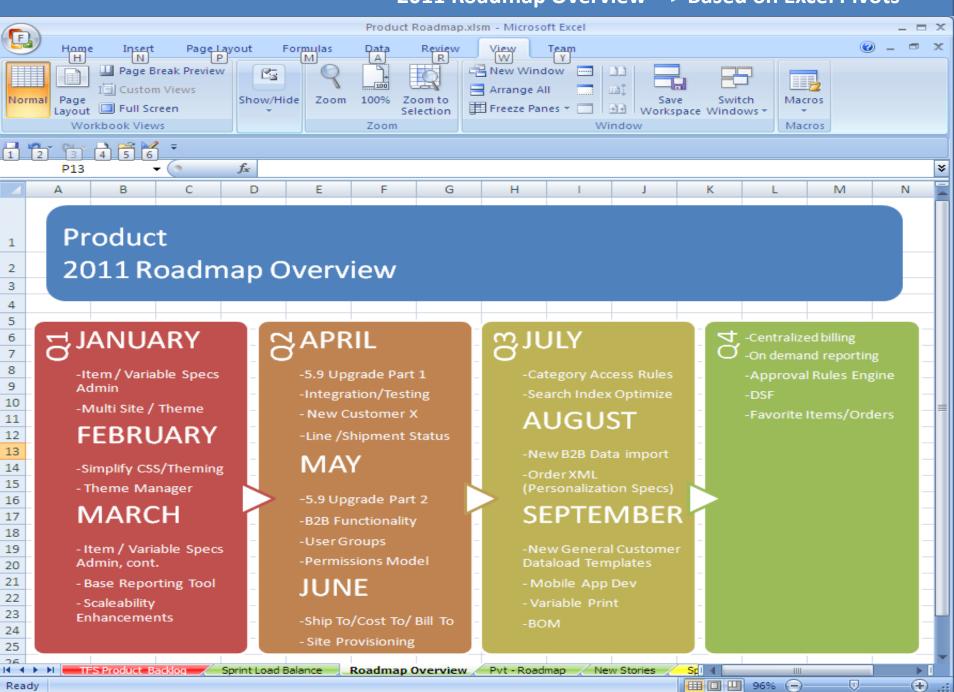
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Sprint Load Balancing -> Excel Pivots



2011 Roadmap Overview -> Based on Excel Pivots

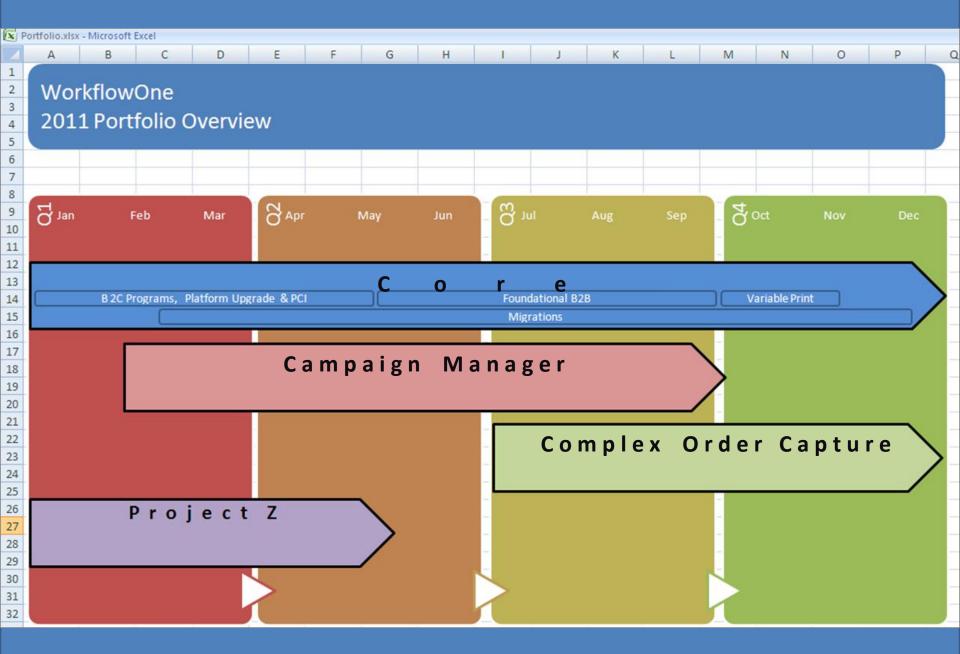




Next Steps

- Aggregate other projects following the same model into an Enterprise Program Portfolio View
- We will be doing this with two other related projects this year.

(Prototype) 2011 Portfolio Overview





Thank you.

Questions?

Comments?