

Managing Time & Cost

⇒ Agile practices support both strategic & tactical schedule & time management.

① Early planning (Product Roadmap, Product Backlog) is STRATEGIC

② Detailed planning for each Release & each sprint is TACTICAL

In Release planning → We plan release to match a specific Date with minimal features

• ∞ We can plan release with enough time to create specific set of features

In sprint planning → We estimate time in Hours to complete individual tasks for each of requirement

→ We use Sprint Backlog to manage detailed time allocations throughout the sprint.

© We use scrum team's velocity to fine tune scheduling.

⇒ We must know team's velocity to determine, how much functionality an agile team can deliver.

⇒ Velocity is measured as number of User Story points that the development team completes in each sprint.

User story is simple description of a product requirement.

User story points are relative numbers that describe the amount of effort required to develop a user story.

- ⇒ Once we know the team's velocity, we can use it as a long range planning tool.
 - ⇒ Velocity help us to forecast how long the scrum team will take to complete a certain number of requirements & how much a proj may cost.
 - ⇒ We measure velocity from sprint to sprint.
 - ⇒ Velocity is a post-sprint fact, not a goal
- (If velocity turns into a target rather than a past measurement, scrum teams may be tempted to exaggerate estimated story points to meet that target), Thus rendering velocity meaningless

CALCULATING VELOCITY

- ⇒ At the end of each sprint, the scrum team looks at the requirements it has finished & adds up the no. of story points associated with those requirements.
- ⇒ The Total number of completed story points is the scrum team's velocity for that sprint.
- ⇒ Average Velocity is the total number of story points completed, divided by the total no. of sprints completed.

for example

Sprint 1	⇒ 15 points
Sprint 2	⇒ 13 " "
Sprint 3	⇒ 16 " "
Sprint 4	⇒ 20 " "
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Total	⇒ 64 points

Average Velocity = $64 / 4 = 16$

Using Velocity to estimate the Project Timeline

- ① Add up the no. of story points for the remaining requirements in the product backlog.
- ② Determine the no. of sprints you will need by dividing the number of story points remaining in the product backlog by the velocity.

⇒ For a pessimistic estimate ⇒ Use the lowest Velocity

⇒ For an optimistic estimate ⇒ Use the highest Velocity

⇒ For a most likely estimate ⇒ Use the average Velocity

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- ③ Determine how much time it will take to complete the story points in the product backlog by multiplying sprint length by the no. of remaining sprints

$$\text{Time reqd} = \text{sprint length} \times \text{No. of remaining sprints}$$

for ex. remaining story points = 800

$$\text{Average Velocity} = 20 \text{ points/sprint}$$

$$\text{no. of sprints needed} = 800 / 20 = 40 \text{ sprints}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Time reqd} &= 02 \text{ weeks} \times 40 \text{ sprints} \\ &= 80 \text{ weeks} \end{aligned}$$

- ⇒ Velocity differs from sprint to sprint.
- ⇒ As the project progresses, Velocity should increase

Increasing Velocity

For 800 story points in product backlog & 20 story point as Avg. Velocity. } 40 sprints / 80 Weeks

(a) Increasing Velocity to 23 story points. ⇒ 35 sprints / 70 Weeks

(b) " " 26 " " ⇒ 31 sprints / 62 Weeks

(c) " " 31 " " ⇒ 26 sprints / 52 Weeks