

# Commitment: Definition of Done (DoD)

The Definition of Done is a formal description of the state of the Increment when it meets the quality measures required for the product.

The moment a Product Backlog item meets the Definition of Done, an Increment is born.

The Definition of Done creates **transparency** by providing everyone a **shared understanding** of what work was **completed** as part of the Increment. **If a Product Backlog item does not meet the Definition of Done, it cannot be released or even presented at the Sprint Review.** Instead, it returns to the Product Backlog for future consideration.

If the Definition of Done for an increment is part of the **standards of the organization**, **all Scrum Teams must follow it as a minimum.** If it is not an organizational standard, the Scrum Team must create a Definition of Done appropriate for the product.

**The Developers are required to conform to the Definition of Done.** If there are multiple Scrum Teams working together on a product, they must mutually define and comply with the same Definition of Done.

# Definition of Done (DoD)

How do you know something is “done” and you can start the next item?



DoD is a **POWERFUL** tool to increasing agility. Grow this to get closer to continuous delivery!



## Level Up Games DoD

- ✓ Code complete
- ✓ Unit, Integration, Acceptance tests automated and passing
- ✓ Acceptance criteria met
- ✓ User docs updated
- ✓ Demo-d to at least one stakeholder