

I have some questions for you...

1. How do you know that something is *done*?

1. What does *done* mean?

1. What could happen if we disagree on what *done* means?

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.