

Scrum of Scrums Event

Purpose

To define the intent, key components, practice and best practices around Scrum of Scrums event in a Scaled Agile environment.

Introduction

Definition:

"Scrum of Scrums" (SoS) is an Agile scaling technique used within the Scrum framework to manage coordination amongst multiple Scrum teams working on a related product or project.

Scrum of Scrums:

Facilitates communication, synchronization, and integration across teams.

Ensures that the teams remain aligned with shared goals.

Ensures that interdependencies are effectively managed.

Helps maintain the core Agile values of collaboration, transparency, and continuous improvement at a larger scale.

Key Components

- Conduct of the Scrum of Scrums Meeting
 - 2 – 3 times a week.
 - 30 – 45 min each session.
 - All team members are not required to attend.
- Scrum of Scrums Master
 - Facilitates the meeting,
 - Ensures effective communication,
 - Helps teams collaborate.
- Team Representatives
 - Minimally the Scrum Masters
 - Share updates,
 - Discuss dependencies,
 - Resolve any issues.

Scrum of Scrums Agenda

1. Opening and Setting The Stage
2. Individual Team Updates
3. Cross-Team Dependencies and Issues
4. Action Items and Decisions
5. Review of Roadmap and Sprint Planning
6. Closing and Next Steps

Scrum of Scrums - Questions to ask

- What progress has your team made since the last Scrum of Scrums meeting?
- Are there any dependencies or conflicts with other teams that need attention?
- Are there any challenges or obstacles that may impact the overall project timeline?
- How can we improve collaboration and communication between teams?
- Are there any changes or updates to the roadmap that we should be aware of?
- Are there any adjustments needed in individual team sprints to align with the roadmap?

Scrum of Scrums - Best Practices

1. Clear Objectives
2. Timeboxing
3. Transparency
4. Documentation

Frequently Asked Questions

1. We have roughly 40 teams that might possibly working together or not in different workstreams. How do we setup Scrum of Scrums in that context? We need more than one right?
2. What if epic sharing is very dynamic and ad hoc?
3. Among 20 OUS teams, everybody could possibly eventually work with everybody. which could mean 20*20 scrum of scrums combinations and more. How do we scrum of scrums this?