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Agile

Scrum Terms and Artifacts



Learning Objectives

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to:

- Design detailed user stories that capture the end user's needs and requirements
- Develop a comprehensive product backlog that includes user stories, tasks, and priorities for a given project
- Implement a sprint backlog from a given product backlog, prioritizing tasks and allocating resources effectively
- Evaluate the quality of user stories based on criteria such as clarity, completeness, and alignment with user needs



Learning Objectives

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to:

- Create a set of working agreements for a Scrum team to ensure effective collaboration and communication
- Evaluate the definitions of done and ready for their effectiveness in ensuring task quality and preparedness



User Stories

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In Agile, user stories are informal, short descriptions that provide incremental development in Agile's smallest unit of work.

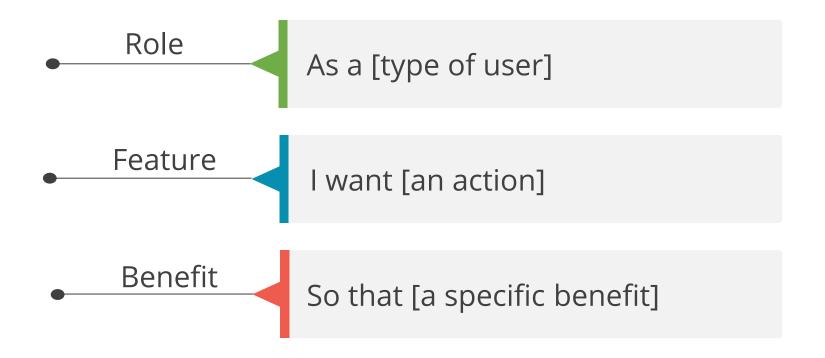






User Stories

User stories follow the role-feature-benefit pattern in Agile development.

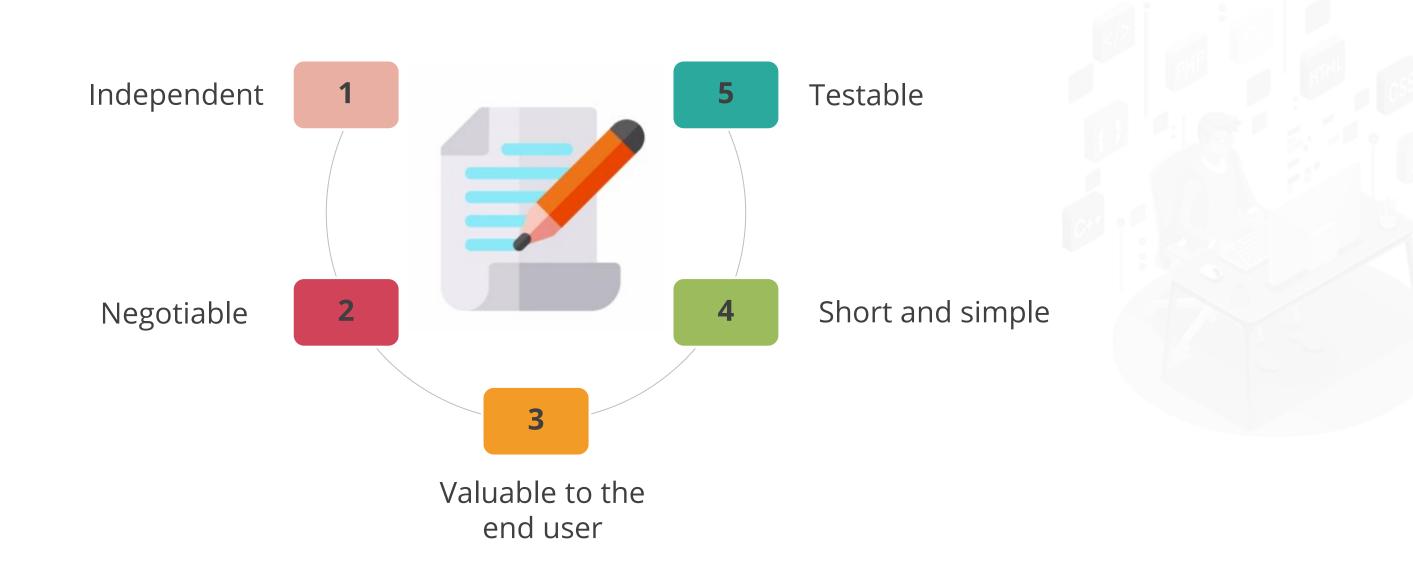


It ensures that each user story clearly captures three essential elements: the user role, the desired feature, and the benefit of that feature.



Characteristics of User Stories

Some key characteristics of user stories are:

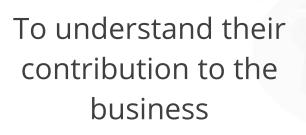


Benefits of User Stories

User stories help:

To provide input to the team about the creation of a product

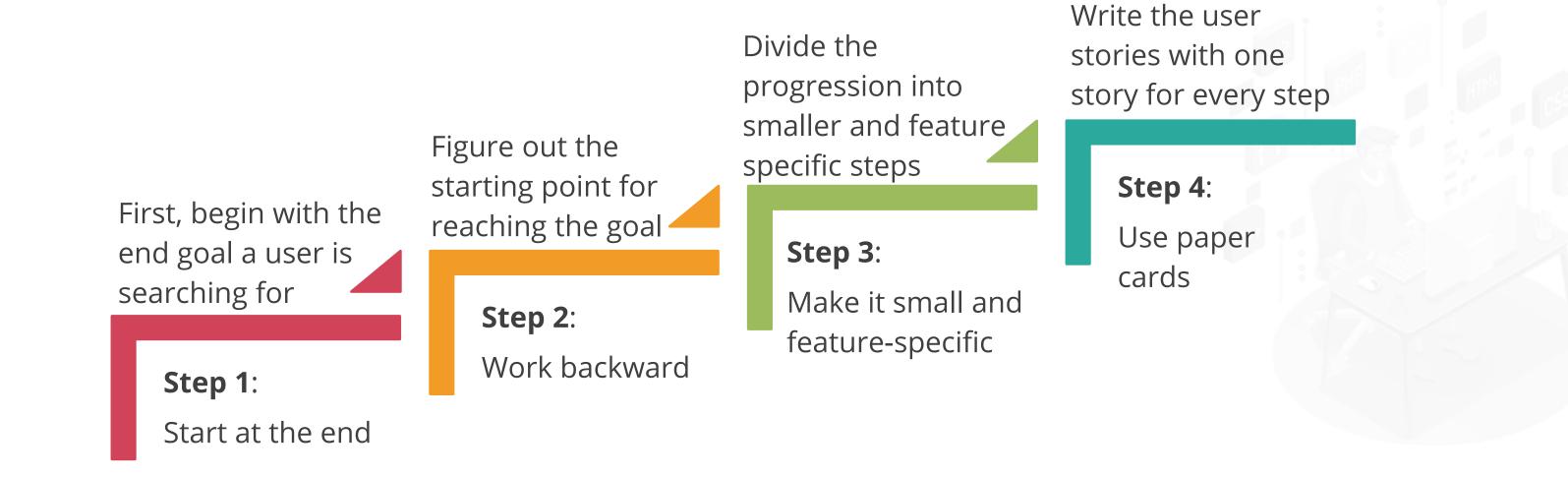
To put users at the center of the conversation



Writing User Stories

Writing User Stories

The following are the steps to write user stories:





Duration: 20 Min.

Problem Statement:

You have been assigned a task to explore the features of Jira.

Outcome:

By completing this task, you will learn how to effectively utilize Jira for project management and team collaboration.

Note: Refer to the demo document for detailed steps: 01_Jira_Walkthrough

Assisted Practice: Guidelines

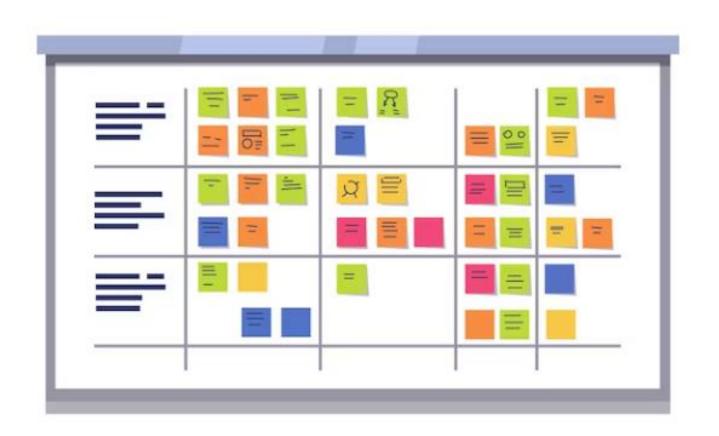
Steps to be followed:

- 1. Log in to Jira
- 2. Create a new project in Jira
- 3. Explore the features of the project
- 4. Customize the project

Product Backlog and Sprint Backlog

Product Backlog

The product backlog is a an emergent, ordered list of what is needed to improve the product. It is the single source of work undertaken by the Scrum Team.





A successful product backlog breaks down complex tasks into manageable steps and is the single source of truth for all the work needed to improve the product.



Product Backlog

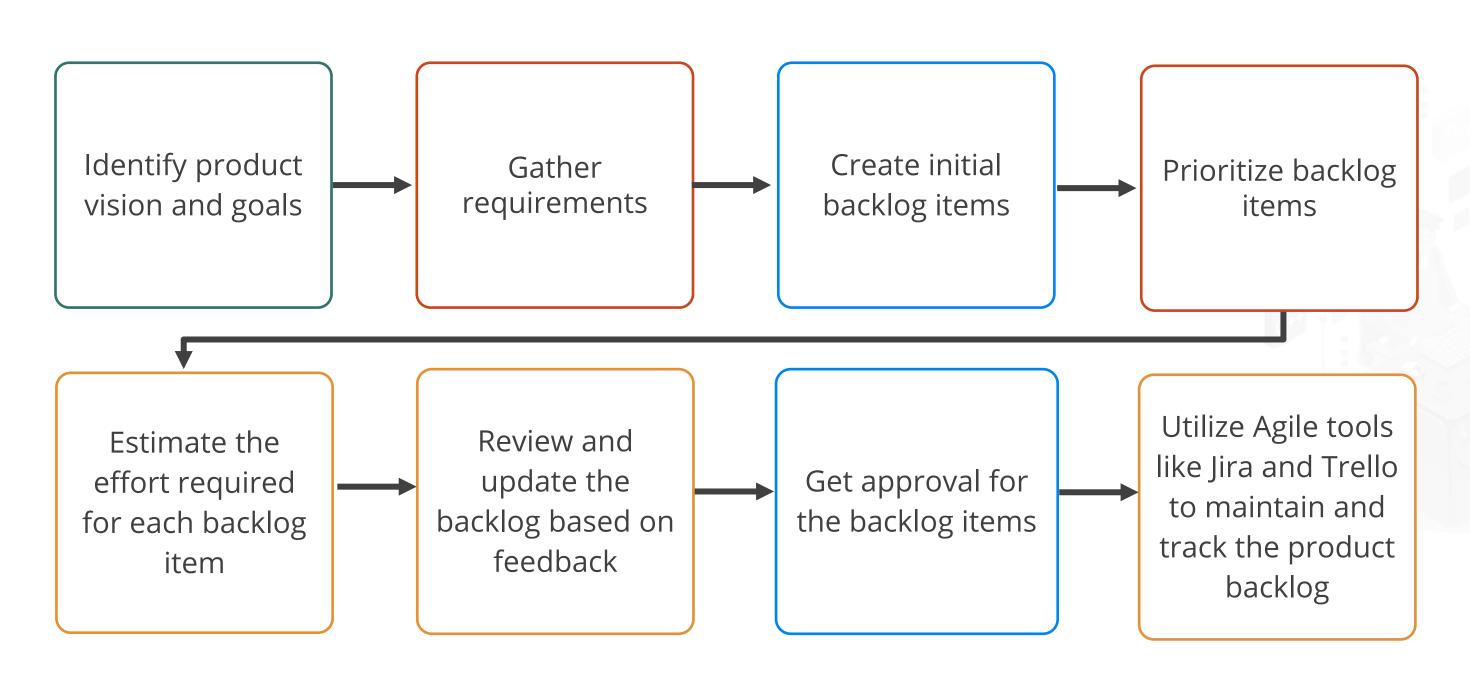
A product backlog must be adaptable.

The product backlog is not settled forever.



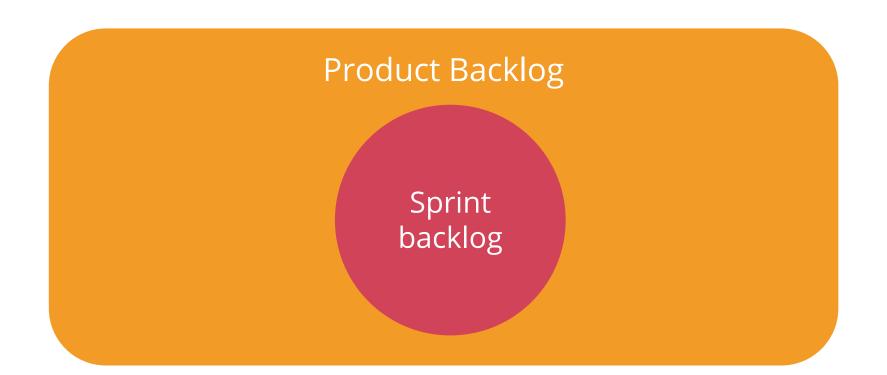
Product Backlog

The following steps are typically followed while creating a product backlog:



Sprint Backlog

It is a plan by and for the developers. It is a highly visible, real-time picture of the work that the Developers plan to accomplish during the sprint to achieve the sprint goal.





Sprint Backlog

Sprint backlog fills in the length and the complexity of a project.

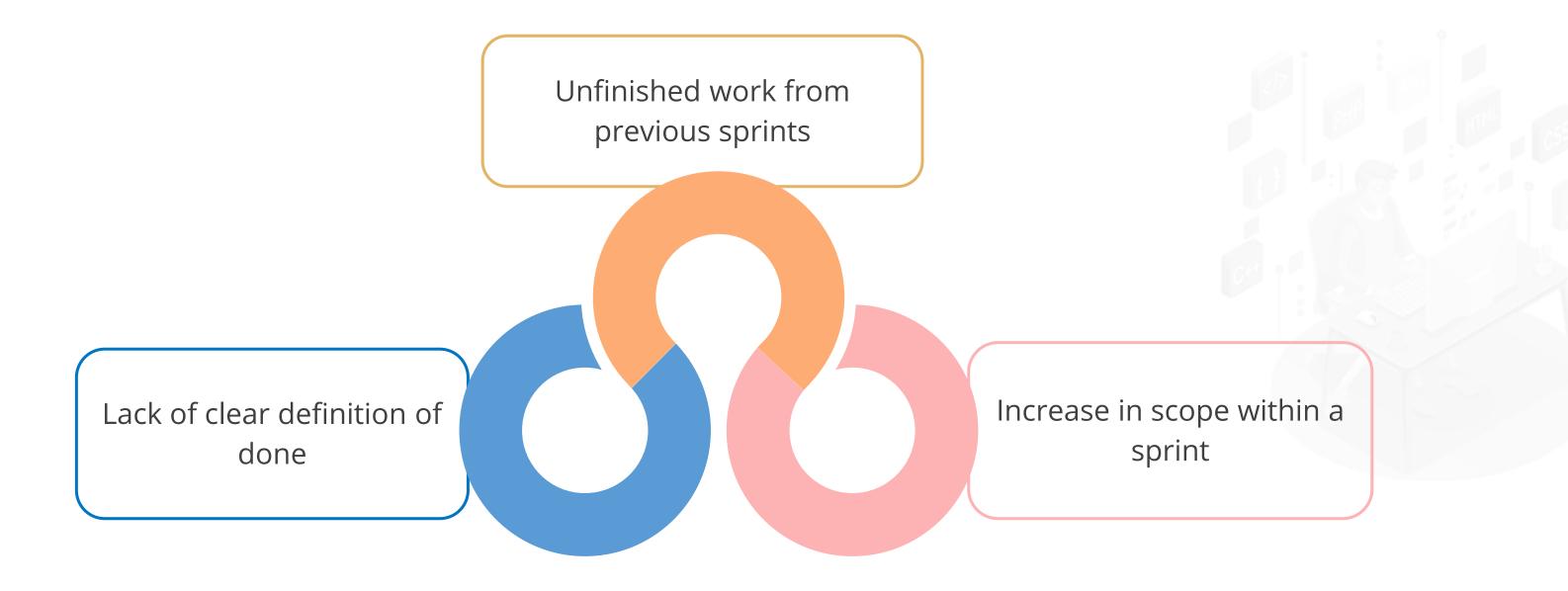


Incomplete tasks are added to the product accumulation and picked up in the next sprint.



Sprint Backlog

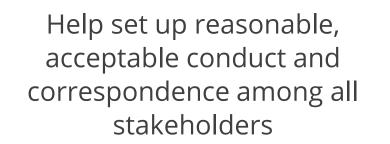
Product accumulation in the sprint backlog generally refers to the phenomenon where unfinished or incomplete product backlog items accumulate over multiple sprints. This happens when there is:

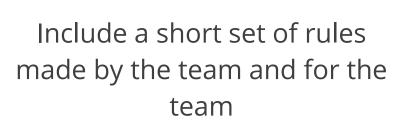


Working Agreements

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Working agreements are mutually agreed-upon guidelines that help Agile teams collaborate effectively and maintain a productive work environment.





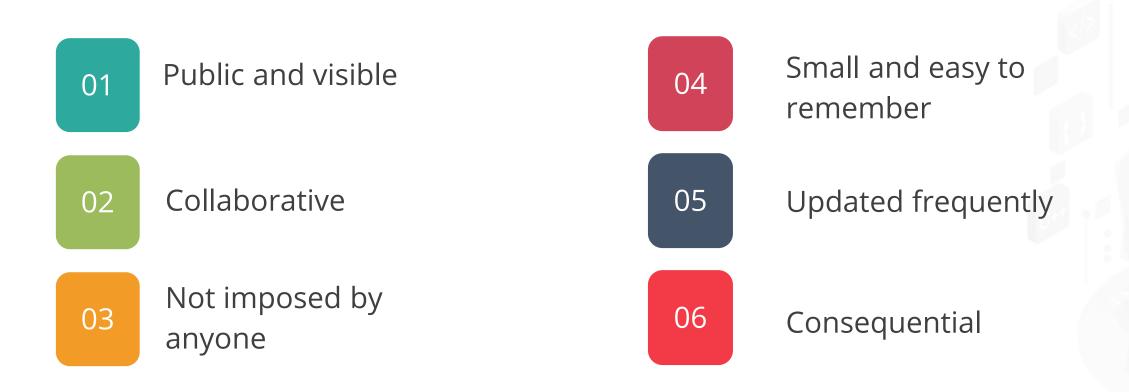


Involve numerous singular arrangements for every subject or issue



Working Agreements

Qualities of effective work agreements are:



These qualities help create effective work agreements that enhance team collaboration, communication, and overall productivity.



Done and Ready

Definition of Done

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

Parameters for planning list are based on the team's:







History

Capabilities

Framework



Definition of Done: Examples

Examples of DoD are:

Writing and passing unit tests

Updating project documentation

Building perfect and error-free projects

Reviewing features shared by the product owner

Deploying the project for testing

Testing the feature against acceptance criteria

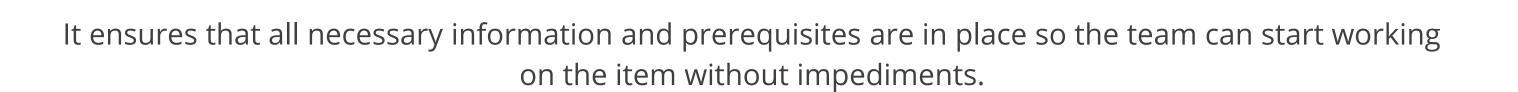
Performing Q&A sessions and resolving the problems



Definition of Ready

Definition of Ready (**DoR**) is a set of criteria that a product backlog item or user story must meet before it can be considered ready for a team to pull into a sprint for development.



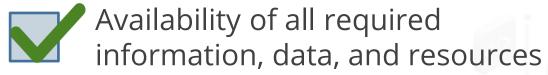




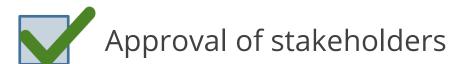
Definition of Ready

Ready is just a checklist of criteria. This checklist includes:

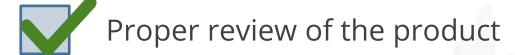
















The team and the client should fulfill these criteria to complete the project successfully.



Definition of Ready: Examples



Having defined, feasible, testable, and straightforward user stories

Recognizing the dependencies of a user story

Writing the acceptance criteria of a user story

4 Estimating the performance and efforts of the team

Defining at least one acceptance criterion for every user story



Duration: 10 Min.

Problem Statement:

You have been assigned a task to create user stories in Jira.

Outcome:

By completing this task, you will contribute to the project's planning and development by defining clear and concise requirements that align with user needs and project goals

Note: Refer to the demo document for detailed steps: 02_Creating_User_Stories

Assisted Practice: Guidelines

Steps to be followed:

- 1. Navigating to the Jira software
- 2. Creating user stories



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Key Takeaways

- In Agile, user stories are informal, short descriptions that provide incremental development in Agile's smallest unit of work.
- User stories follow the role-feature-benefit pattern in Agile development.
- The product backlog is a prioritized list of tasks, features, and requirements that must be completed within a project.
- A sprint backlog is a highly visible, real-time picture of the work that the developers plan to accomplish during the sprint to achieve the sprint goal.



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- Product accumulation in the sprint backlog refers to the phenomenon where incomplete product backlog items accumulate over multiple sprints.
- Working agreements are mutually agreed-upon guidelines that help Agile teams collaborate effectively and maintain a productive work environment.
- Definition of Done (DoD) is a formal description of the state of the Increment when it meets the quality measures required for the product.
- Definition of Ready (DoR) is a set of criteria that a product backlog item or user story must meet before it can be considered ready.



Thank You