

# THE PRODUCT BACKLOG

# WHAT IS IT?

- A list of things to do
- Ranked
- Estimated (Points)
- Contains *everything*
- Captures all *new* requests



***RANK***

*Not Priority*

# THE PLAYERS

- Product Owner
- Developers
- QA
- Management
- Customers

# MAKE IT SUCCESSFUL

Pay attention. This is *important*.

- Single source of truth
- Available, accessible
- Living, breathing document

# GROOMING

The ongoing process of *maintaining* the backlog.

- Involves all parties
- Preplanning
- Ad hoc planning
- Planning

# THE BENEFITS

- Transparency -> Accountability
- Confidence
- Ability to respond to change
- Planning -> Forecasting
- Expectations

# YOUR CURRENT SYSTEM

- Valuable as a *report*, not a backlog
- Vague
- Not pointed
- Limited timeframe



# MYSTERY MEN BACKLOG 2.0

Excel -> Trello -> Sprint Planner

# GET STARTED

## One Backlog Per Product/Application

- Spreadsheet: Google Docs
- Current sprint
- Wishlist
- Next two sprints
- Groom
- Everything else
- Groom frequently and diligently
- Initial effort eases, then it's *easy*

# ***THANKS***