SCRUM Challenges and Problems

# Problems of Scrum Master

Myth #1: Scrum Master as Extra Role Instead of Contributing Member

Reality:

SM is not the boss of the team or of Scrum

SM is an enabler

SM is a roadblock crusher

SM allows the team to become excellent at what they do (Scrum)

What Scrum Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=502ILHjX9EE>

Myth #2: Scrum Master is an Admin

SM should book meetings, schedule events, take notes, invite people to ceremonies

SM is responsible for project assistant or project coordinator jobs.

Reality:

SM MAY do Admin/Coordination work. But it is not the SM’s core responsibility

<http://www.growingagile.co.nz/2014/09/who-owns-the-meetings-in-scrum/>

Myth #3: Scrum Master is not necessary

Reality:

SM can quickly help team overcome 4 stages for development (Forming, Storming, Norming, Performing)

Coach Scrum to make it a habit; this is required at the start

Once operational, SM shifts to system-wide thinking, organization culture and scaling agile

Connect with other SMs to learn how they helped their mgmt. teams see true value

Myth #4: Commitment from Senior Management

# Advice for Scrum Master

* Connect with both Upstream and Downstream
* Share lessons learnt
* Become popular as being courageous and able to solve sticky problems
* Identify key problems and make it less impactful

# Checklist for a new Scrum Project

1. Get the Team, Management and Customers trained on Scrum.   
   Each of them should know what to expect and what not to expect from Scrum, what are their roles and responsibilities in Scrum.
2. Allocate a Scrum master to instill Scrum rules

* Break to take care of domestic responsibilities.
* Used spare time to take up following Certifications & Courses –
  + AWS Certified Solution Architect,
  + Data Science Specialization – Johns Hopkins University,
  + Big Data (Hadoop & Spark) Training from Intellipaat
* Part-time technology consultant for couple of early-stage startups