

how SAFe differs from SCRUM

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SCRUM alone is not a sufficient framework for successful enterprise deployment

What's the difference between Scrum & SAFe?

| | Architecture & Design | Manage Development | Manage Program | Manage enterprise | Code quality | Politics & policy | Financial model |
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| SCRUM | Architecture sprint? | Scrum | Scrum of Scrums | | User Stories with AC | | |
| SAFe | Architecture epics & Runway | Scrum with normalized points | Agile release train | Epic Kanban | User stories with AC, XP technical practices | Partial | Cost of delay |

Features, WSJF

▨ = risk area



late market entry

Concerns about SAFe

- how do we normalize story points?
- how do we weigh shortest job first?
- limited availability of project management tools
- premature adoption as acquisition policy
- emphasis on face-to-face

SAFe is useful as a framework for enterprise adoption of Agile → But...

further iterations will make it better

Scaled
Agile
Framework
for
enterprises