

Learn advanced Scrum practices with JIRA Software

Advanced Scrum tutorial

In this tutorial, we'll give you step-by-step instructions on more advanced scrum practices such as using epics, customizing your workflow and using reports in JIRA Software.

Time	Audience	Prerequisite
10 minute read. Complete over 2 weeks	You know basic scrum practices and have started using JIRA Software. Please take the first tutorial: here	You have created a JIRA Software account.

Step 12: Using epics in your backlog

Your team may need to work on features that comprise of a larger body of work. When this happens, you should consider using epics when planning your work and grooming the backlog. Epics are essentially large user stories that you can break down into smaller user stories. What's more, epics can span more than one project. So, if your team is working on user stories that build up a larger user story, which in turn affects multiple projects, go ahead and use epics — they can make project tracking easier in this scenario.

To use epics, head to the Backlog of your board, and expand the Epics panel by clicking **EPICS**.

TIS board


Backlog

QUICK FILTERS: [Only My Issues](#) [Recently Updated](#)

VERSIONS

EPICS

All issues

Mission to Mars 

TIS-9 (allthethings) getting to Mars

Issues 3

Completed 0


Unestimated 0






Estimate 26

[Create issue in epic](#)

▼ TIS Sprint 1 5 issues 38 0 0

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-  ↑ TIS-1 Add support for teams larger than 20 people 4
-  ↑ TIS-2 Plans for our Summer Saturn Sale 8
-  ↑ TIS-3 Make working with our space travel partners easier [Mission to Mars](#) 16
-  ↑ TIS-4 500 Error when requesting a reservation [Mission to Mars](#) 6
-  ↑ TIS-5 Requesting available flights is now taking > 5 seconds [Mission to Mars](#) 4

Check out [Working with epics](#) for more epic goodness. (wink)

Step 13: Customizing your workflow

In JIRA Software's default workflow, your issues move through three statuses: To Do, In Progress, and Done. If this is too simple, you might consider creating your own workflow so that the statuses in JIRA Software match your team's process. For example, if your team works in a software development project, you might want to add statuses, such as Code Review, Awaiting QA, or Ready to Merge. You can make JIRA reflect how your team works as much or as little as you like.

For more information, check out [Issue workflows](#).

Step 14: Using the Velocity Chart

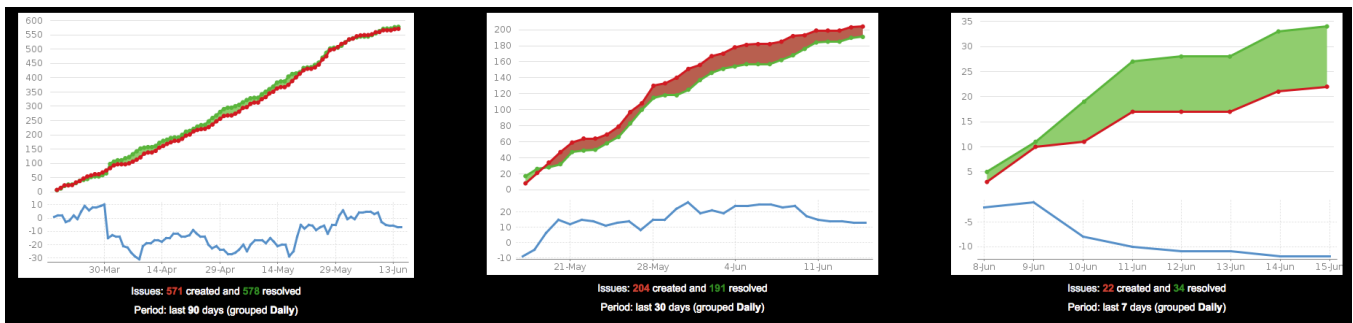
JIRA Software is all about helping you unleash the potential of your team. With the Velocity Chart, you can see a summary of the work that your team delivers in each and every sprint. You can use this information to predict the amount of work that your team can realistically complete in future sprints. During sprint planning meetings, for instance, your team can go through the visuals of what's happened in previous sprints — the team's commitment vs actual completion — and then come up with more realistic

commitments.

Check out [Velocity Chart](#) for more details on how to use it.

Step 15: Using wallboards

With everything that's going on in your project, it's also worth considering using wallboards to get your team up to speed in a quick glance. Connect your computer to a TV monitor and voila! Your JIRA Software dashboard is now a physical wallboard — with the power of JIRA Software's agile gadgets showing your team's progress in real-time.



For details on setting up your dashboard and wallboard, see [Configuring dashboards](#).