

# Splitting Stories

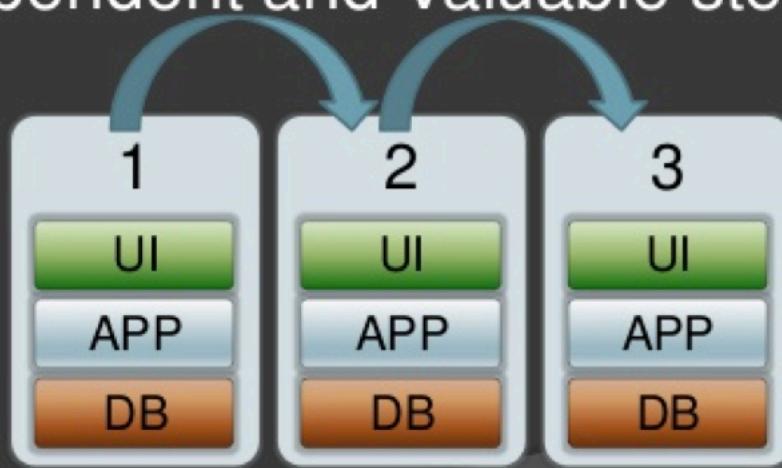
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1. Try to find splits that produce value.
2. Try for symmetrical splits that gives stories that are equal and small.
- 3.. Splitting stories is a skill that is developed through experience.
- 4.Identifying patterns is a key skill for splitting stories.

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1. Most teams try to split stories by architectural boundaries such as one for UI, one for DB, one for Backend, even though these stories are small they fail the Independent and Valuable step.



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- Split on Work flow steps

As a content manager, I can publish a news story to the corporate website.

- ...I can publish a news story directly to the corporate website.
- ...I can publish a news story with editor review.
- ...I can publish a news story with legal review.
- ...I can view a news story on a staging site.
- ...I can publish a news story from the staging site to production.

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- Split on CRUD boundaries

As a user, I can manage my account.

...I can sign up for an account.  
...I can edit my account settings.  
...I can cancel my account.

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- Split on Architectural Spikes aka not knowing the implementation.
- In the “investigate” story, the acceptance criteria should be questions you need answered.
- Do just enough investigation to answer the questions and stop..

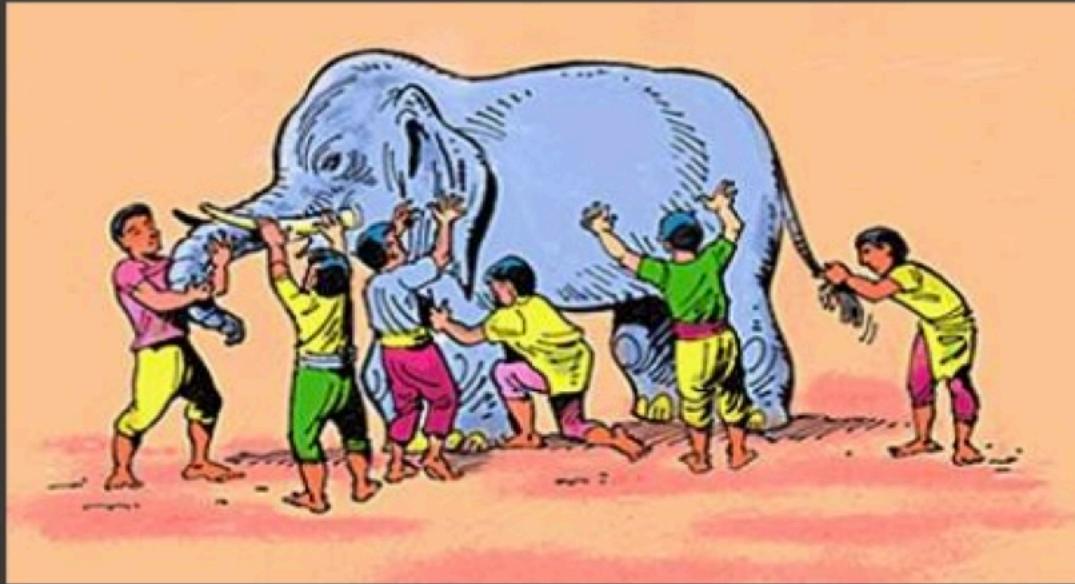
As a user, I can pay by credit card.

Investigate credit card processing.

Implement credit card processing.

# Splitting Stories - Pitfalls

Some times small stories have their own problems.



1. Small Stories stop making sense individually and kill conversations.
2. The 'so that...' part becomes meaningless.

# Find the Patterns

Match the Stories to the Patterns (10 mins)

- I want to search for jobs I am interested in.
- I want to manage my business profile.
- I can search for a business based on geo-location.
- I want to register using my social profile.
- I can search for businesses in categories.

Workflow  
Steps

Data  
Entry

Simple/  
Complex

CRUD

Spike

1. Take five Index Cards and write the stories in them
2. Now match the Stories to Work flow patterns and write them in the Index Card.
3. Walk to the Wall Board and Stick your Stories to the Patterns that you have chosen