

Agile Analysis and User Story Workshop

Duration : 2 days

Course Overview

This hands-on workshop provides an in-depth understanding of user stories within an Agile context through both knowledge sharing and practical exercises. We will explore the lifecycle of a story from how it is created to how we know it is 'done'. It is aimed at those with or without prior knowledge and/or experience of Agile.

You will leave the session with the tools you need to create refine and manage excellent appropriate user stories and use them effectively.

This workshop is highly interactive and we actively encourage participants to bring along 'troubled' stories they may have so that they can be discussed and improved.

Objectives

The 2 day Agile Analysis and User Story workshop will give you an in-depth understanding of User Stories in order that you can:

- Fully understand how User Stories are created or 'harvested'
- Understand roles and their relevance to user stories
- Create appropriately sized quality user stories
- Deal effectively with dependencies between stories
- Understand how you can create User Stories for bugs technical issues and non-functional requirements
- Understand and use at least two methods for estimating stories
- Identify common issues with User Stories and deal with them appropriately

Key Topics

You can expect the following topics to be covered during the course:

- Why use User Stories
- How to write good User Stories
- How to identify and collect User Stories
- Identifying User Roles and Personas
- Creating User Stories with Acceptance Criteria
- Creating a User Story Map
- How to refine User Stories
- Reviewing User Stories against INVEST Criteria
- Splitting Stories
- How to prioritise and order User Stories
- Definition of 'Done'
- How to estimate User Stories
- Applying User Stories more widely
- Non-functional requirements

In addition given the instructor's substantial experience and knowledge working with stories you will also have the opportunity to create assess and improve on User Stories through a number of practical exercises.



Target Audience

- Anyone who wants to be successful using Lean/Agile/Scrum
- Anyone who is involved across the full range of roles but in particular those playing the Scrum Product Owner role and/or Business Analysts
- Those newly setting out on their Agile journey as well as those already using Agile or Scrum but looking for help with their writing and usage of User Stories with their team and stakeholders
- Those with the following roles within their organisation:
 - Product Owners
 - Business Analysts
 - Agile Coaches
 - ScrumMasters
 - Team Leaders
 - Process Owners and Managers
 - Development Team Members (Analysts Architects Designers Coders Testers etc.)
 - Project / Product Managers
 - Functional / Departmental Managers

Prerequisites

This course will not cover the Scrum process or other Agile methodologies but will rather look specifically at the role of User Stories within them. As such it is aimed at those with a prior understanding of or experience of using Agile.

Pre-course Work

There are no formal pre-requisites for this course however the following materials may be helpful to review prior to attending the course:

- [User Stories](#) – Key Dimensions of User Stories
- [The 9 Steps of Successful Software Development](#) – Blog Post
- [Component Teams vs Feature Teams](#) – Blog Post

In addition for those already using User Stories collecting and bringing sample or problematic User Stories with you to work on would be beneficial.

What's Included

- 2 days of high quality instruction from a Scrum Alliance Certified Scrum Professional and Agile expert with over 10 years' Agile experience
- Course materials handbook (online PDF)
- Access to electronic copies of other reference documentation
- Community membership including face-to-face and virtual networking and knowledge sharing opportunities access to industry experts special offers and invitations to special events
- 14 Category B Scrum Education Units (SEUs) can be claimed for this course. These can be counted towards the renewal of Scrum Alliance Certifications such as CSM CSPO CSD. See here for further information.

Certification

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