

# BACKLOG REFINEMENT WORKSHOP

Working within a Scrum framework requires a new way of thinking. Your project, for example, isn't one thing: it's a whole host of work items that, once complete, make up your product vision. It isn't easy to break that concept into tasks that your team can do in quick iterations, but that's the goal with Scrum, and using a Product Backlog makes the process that much simpler.

A Product Backlog is your To Do list for the project at hand. However, instead of tasks, you have user stories: vertical "slices" of completed work out of the "cake" that is your product. Your Product Backlog will have all of the features, functions, technologies, enhancements, and bug-fixes that together constitute your product vision. In our Backlog Refinement Workshop, we'll show you how to make your Product Backlog clear and effective.

## Workshop Topics

Through coaching and facilitated hands-on sessions, this workshop covers the following topics:

- Establishing capabilities for refining the Product Backlog iteratively
- Discussing and updating the product vision and product roadmap
- Establishing and refining the "Definition of Done" for user stories
- Defining and enhancing acceptance criteria for each user story
- Performing user story review and estimation
- Prioritizing the Product Backlog
- Discussing the most effective practices for Backlog prioritization
- Presenting the Product Backlog to the whole team

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## Who should attend?

This workshop is generally delivered to one or more teams. The Product Owner and ScrumMaster of each team should be present. This workshop is particularly effective in guiding teams working on multi-team projects through the process of developing an effective Product Backlog.

## Workshop Duration

The duration of the Product Backlog and Estimation workshop depends largely on your goals.

- The one-day workshop is recommended for new projects, where the goal is an initial backlog from which the team can pull work for several sprints.
- A multi-day workshop is recommended when an existing backlog is being prepared for release planning or when multiple sources are being combined into a single Product Backlog.