

Sprint Backlog

The sprint backlog is the development team's detailed plan to deliver the sprint goal.

It's created during sprint planning by taking items from the product backlog, clarifying the requirements, and breaking them down into smaller tasks. The development team owns the sprint backlog and are responsible for tracking progress.

It's desirable for the scope of the sprint backlog to be stable throughout the sprint as this will reduce context switching and waste. However, if things don't go to plan, the development team can work with the product owner to adjust the scope of the sprint, in such a way that the sprint goal can still be met.

Organizing the sprint backlog

Product Backlog Item (PBI)

As a...
I want...
So that...



To Do



Doing



Done



As a...
I want...
So that...



As a...
I want...
So that...



Check List

- ✓ Transparent view of work to be completed during the sprint
- ✓ Collectively owned by the development team
- ✓ A new sprint backlog is created during the sprint planning event
- ✓ Inspected and adapted by the development team during the daily scrum
- ✓ Contains retrospective improvements from the previous sprint
- ✓ Is flexible to accommodate achieving the sprint goal
- ✓ Often includes an estimate of work remaining in hours, which could be used in a sprint burn-down
- ✓ The development team have the final say over what can be included
- ✓ The product owner must be involved if the scope needs to change