

Product Backlog Refinement

Product backlog refinement is an activity in Scrum where detail, estimate and order are added to product backlog items



PO & Dev team collaborate

<10%

of the Dev teams capacity



Items should be "done" with a sprint



SPLIT/SLICE



Refinement involves

- Removing user stories that no longer appear relevant
- Creating new user stories in response to newly discovered needs
- Re-assessing the relative priority of stories
- Assigning estimates to stories which have yet to receive one
- Correcting estimates in light of newly discovered information
- Splitting user stories which are high priority but too coarse grained to fit in an upcoming iteration
- Adding acceptance criteria

Strategies for success

- ✓ It's not an event, so it doesn't have to be a meeting
- ✓ Salami slice items ready for the next sprint
- ✓ Work in subgroups of relevant contributors
- ✓ Divide and conquer
- ✓ It's a collaboration between the product owner and development team

