

# Requirements in SAFe

Most organisations start with the 'Essential' configuration of SAFe.

In SAFe®, Requirements are linked to the levels included in your SAFe configuration. Team and Programme levels are 'Essential'. Portfolio and Large Solution levels are optional.



## Stories – Team Level

- User Stories – An item that delivers benefit to the customer or the organisation. Usually written in 'user-voice' format:  
**As a <role>**  
**I want <functionality>**  
**So that <benefit>**
- Enabler Stories – Tasks that enable value to be delivered by User Stories, once the enabler has been completed. Typical Enabler stories include, architecture work, explorations (spikes) or compliance work.
- All Stories – Small enough to be delivered by a single Agile Team in a single iteration.



## Features – Programme Level

- Business Features – An item that delivers benefit to the customer or the organisation, and can be broken down into Stories
- Enabler Features – Large task or set of tasks that enable value to be delivered by Business/user items when the enabler is completed.
- All Features – Small enough to be delivered by a single Agile Release Train in a single Programme Increment.



## Capabilities- (Optional) 'Large Solution' Level

- Business Capabilities – An item that delivers benefit to the customer or the organisation, and can be broken down into Features.
- Enabler Capabilities – Very large task or set of tasks that enable value to be delivered by Business/user items when the enabler is completed
- All Capabilities – Small enough to be delivered by a single Solution Train in a single Programme Increment.



## Epics – (Optional) Portfolio Level

- An idea or initiative that needs more than one Programme Increment to implement.
- Epics that are particularly big or risky (above a 'threshold') have additional approval steps before they can be picked up by Solution Manager and Product Managers.

