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SCRUM
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Scrum is a project management methodology that delivers software, hardware, marketing, products, services, and complex projects with a non-complex structure. It allows the transfer of knowledge to be fast and the change management to have versatility and speed. Scrum is not controlled by the project manager and the traditional control model. Its focus is on transparency by allowing all team members to share the information.

While a Waterfall methodology plans the entire project before it begins, Scrum uses sprints. Sprints are a 4-8-week period where prioritized backlog items are turned into products, software, or workable features. Sprint features are controlled by the Product Owner who selects the features for completion that support the sprint goals. During each sprint, there are four ceremonies used to make sure everyone working on the project is in sync.

Sprint Planning

Sprint planning involves planning with the project team and Product Owner. Prior to the planning meeting, the Product Owner will prioritize the list of product backlog items to be completed during the sprint. During the meeting, the team and Product Owner work together to estimate how long it will take to complete these items. Some sprint planning meetings use this time to work out the details of each item.

Daily Stand-Up Meetings

This short 15-minute meeting is a normal part of the accountability, updates, and projections of the work. It focuses on three main questions: What have you accomplished since the last meeting? What will you accomplish today? What hurdles or obstacles are you facing? Steps must be taken to prevent stand-up meetings from becoming a status meeting, problem-solving meeting, or complaint session. A daily stand-up is not the time to give an update on the entire project. If the meeting starts to go beyond the three main questions, create another meeting for those discussions.

Sprint Review Meetings

Sprint review meetings happen at the end of the sprint. The purpose of this meeting is to give the customers or stakeholders an overview of the progress for the current sprint. The team presents only completed work or work defined as done to the stakeholders of the project. They will demonstrate the features of the sprint and receive feedback from the stakeholders.

Retrospective Meeting

There are two types of retrospectives: those conducted at the end of an iteration and those conducted at the end of the project. Both are similar to a Lessons Learned in a Waterfall methodology. During this meeting, team members will discuss what worked well on the iteration or project and what areas need improvement. These areas are documented for future reference.

Each of these ceremonies is done several times throughout the life of the project. Once one sprint has finished, it's time to start the process over again for the next sprint. Understanding the purpose of each ceremony will help you avoid wasted time during the meeting.

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Course Description: In the early 1990s, Ken Schwaber and Jeff Sutherland created Scrum as a simplified project management approach. The goal of Scrum is to produce software or a product every 30 days for the customer. While Scrum is a straightforward process, it is not easy to put into place and maintain. It is also not simple to shift from traditional project management to Scrum methodologies and cultures. During this three-day course, participants will examine the beginning framework of Scrum, the roles and responsibilities of team members, and each aspect of running projects using Scrum methodologies. Students will learn how to shift the roles from a traditional project manager to ScrumMaster. The course will include situations to challenge participants with what Scrum is and is not.

Course Objectives:

Objective 1: History of Scrum

The success factors of Scrum Project Management
The principles of Scrum Project Management
The roles of the Scrum Project Management

Objective 4: Define Scrum Events - Ceremonies

Sprints

Sprint planning

Sprint review meetings

Objective 5: Review Scrum Artifacts

Product Backlog

Sprint Backlog

Release Backlog

Objective 2: Define Scrum Roles and Responsibilities

ScrumMaster

Product Owner

Team Members (Development Team, Product Team)

Objective 3: Describe Scrum and Its Success Factors

The Scrum methodology and how/why it is successful
The when and how the hybrid project management approach utilizes traditional and Scrum

Objective 6: Identify the Sprint Review

Single team reviews

Multiple team reviews

Publisher stakeholders

Objective 7: Launching Scrum

Apprentice Stage

Journeyman Stage

Master Stage

Objective 8: Planning a Scrum Project

Estimating the work on the Product Backlog

Discuss the definition of done

Determine the challenges with suggested changes

Objective 9: Estimate a Scrum Project

Creating user stories

Estimating user stories

Committing user stories

Objective 10: Contracting Challenges in a Scrum Project

Fixed-price contracts

Cost-plus contracts

Time and materials

Objective 11: Communicating in a Scrum Project

Benefits of communicating with team members

Co-location and collaboration with team members

Objective 12: Providing value-driven delivery

Defining value-driven

Importance of value-driven justification

Continuous value justification

Earned value analysis

Objective 13: Defining quality initiatives

Acceptance criteria for quality and the prioritization backlog

Quality control and assurance

PDCA – Plan, Do, Check, Act cycle

Objective 14: Defining risk and reducing it

Risk identification

Risk assessment

Risk prioritization

Risk contingency

Objective 15: Retrospectives and Continuous Improvements

Process for conducting retrospectives

Process for conducting continuous improvements

Process for applying retrospectives

Process for applying continuous improvements



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