

Effective User Stories

Code:	USERSTORIES
Length:	2 days
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Learn story mapping, build from user story examples, apply user story templates to agile epics and scrum epics, and decompose technology work into a user story format that gets the right product created for the end user. User stories are about how we use them, not how we write them. They tell the story of what a user needs, and enable mapping those stories to the creation of systems and products that delight the user.

This hands-on course is full of user story examples, story mapping applications, and guidance on how to apply user story mapping to enterprise use cases. In this class you'll learn user story mapping and templates for decomposing agile epics, applying scrum practices to epics with user stories, and writing user stories in a format that can be applied in practical ways for both an agile practice or a blend of conventional software product development with agile or scrum teams. You'll leave this course with user story examples, user story templates, and how you should be writing user stories to achieve optimal outcomes at the end of every sprint.

Don't think of user stories as a way of writing requirements. Applying user stories entails a different way of working altogether. An effective user story in agile (or otherwise) will encourage collaborative, emergent thinking and communication through conversation within a team.

In this workshop, you will explore the most popular techniques for agile story pointing, writing, gathering & splitting user stories, and how to use personas to ensure customer-centric thinking and hone team skills to perform tasks effectively.

Skills Gained

- Learn how to adapt quickly and positively to rapidly changing business needs and priorities
- Learn how to collaborate on requirements for a project
- Align development to business needs to provide business value quickly
- Learn the benefits of using Agile methods to communicate requirements
- Understand the five levels of planning in Agile
- Use agile requirements as an effective basis for planning and testing
- Understand the characteristics of a well-written agile requirement
- Understand how to plan frequent releases so that customers can recognize benefit quickly
- Learn mapping techniques for identifying the stories of larger releases
- Minimize risks of ineffective solutions by obtaining frequent feedback

Who Can Benefit

This course is beneficial to all members on an Agile team, but will add the most value for those in a Product Owner role or are a part of the development team with a focus on grooming the product backlog. This course benefits:

- Business Analysts, Requirements Analysts or Business Systems Analysts

- Product Owners, Business customers, users or partners
- QA Professionals, Systems Testers or User Acceptance Testers
- Systems/Application Analysts, Architects, Designers or Developers
- Anyone that wants to enhance their understanding and ability to author and elaborate on user stories

Course Details

Course Outline

- Part 1: Agile Review in Five Minutes
- Part 2: User Stories then, User Stories now
- Part 3: User Story Overview
- Part 4: User Personas
- Part 5: Levels of Planning
- Part 6: Getting hands-on: User stories in practice
- Part 7: Prep and Support of Sprints
- Part 8: Application Workshop
- Part 9: Retrospective

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