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PO Teams:

The Power of an Awesome Product Owner Team





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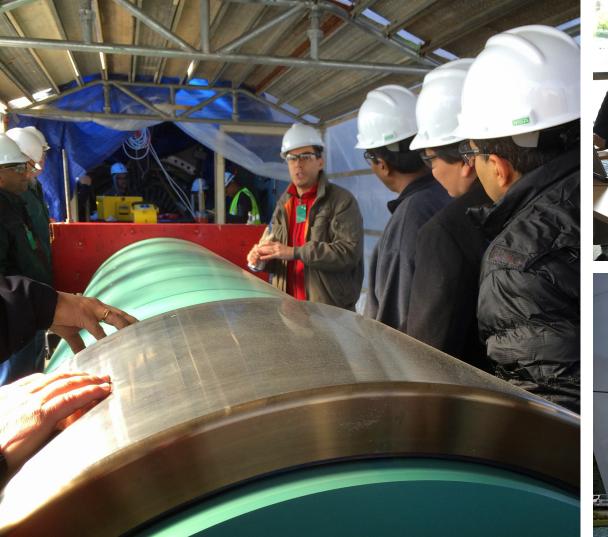






Perspectives

Why?











What's the difference?

Examples



What is a team?

Two or more people who come together to achieve a common goal



What characteristics do we look for in teams?



Work together to remove impediments



Breadth of Knowledge

EXPERTISE



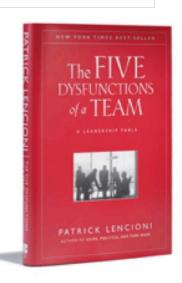


Grow each other through technical excellence

Interesting byproduct







THE FIVE DYSFUNCTIONS OF A TEAM

Focus on Collective Outcomes

Confront Difficult Issues

Force Clarity and Closure

Mine for Conflict

Go First!

Inattention to Results

Avoidance of Accountability

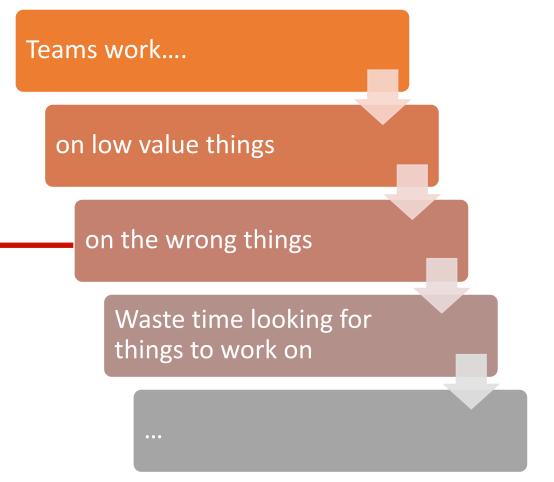
Lack of Commitment

Fear of Conflict

Absence of Trust

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What happens if there is no backlog?



Decision Latency 1 hr Decision Latency 5 hr

Standish Group 2013-2017

Decision latency is directly related to Process Efficiency!

Why the Standish Group thinks Scrum Works

- Peyton Manning- OMAHA
- Time to make a decision is the primary driver of project failure and budget overrun
- Scrum pushes decisions down to the team and small teams reduce "decision latency"
- Strong, decisive, available Product Owner is critical to short decision latency



- Create an inspirational vision for products & make it visible to the organization
- Generate a single prioritized backlog of products
- Consider dependencies raised by the teams to prevent impediments
- Decide upon and monitor metrics that give insight into the products

PO Team

Teams

Cross Functional

Do the work

Sprints
Validated Learning

3-5-3

Product Focus

Customer Field Trips
Regulation
Getting Sales
Time with teams

Team of Teams

PO (CPO) SM

Team – PO from teams, other people as needed

Items to create the backlog

Roadmap

Scaled Events: Planning, Daily, Refinement, Review, Retro

Executive Leadership

PO (Head PO) SM

Team – PO from SoS, other people as needed

Vision – WHY Servant Leadership

Review + Sprint Planning

Leadership accountability
Create/Kill products
Change management
Provide Incremental
Funding

Organization

Focus

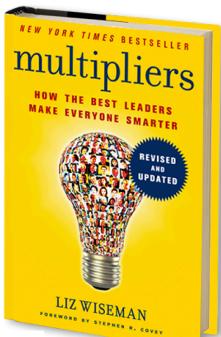


Multipliers

2.1 X increase in capability and intelligence

- Attracting and optimizing talent
- Creating intensity that requires the best thinking
- Extending challenges. Push beyond what they know.
- Debating decisions. Engage people in making decisions up front allowing people to understand the decisions.
- Instilling ownership and accountability







Lead the Organization

Patrick Lencioni's "The Advantage"

- Build a Cohesive Leadership Team
 - Small enough to be effective.
- Trust one another, genuinely vulnerable.
- Regularly engage in productive, unfiltered conflict around important issues.
- Leaves meetings with clear-cut, active and specific agreements around decisions.
- Hold one another accountable to commitments and behaviors.
- Focused on team number one. They put the collective priorities and needs of the larger organization ahead of their own departments.



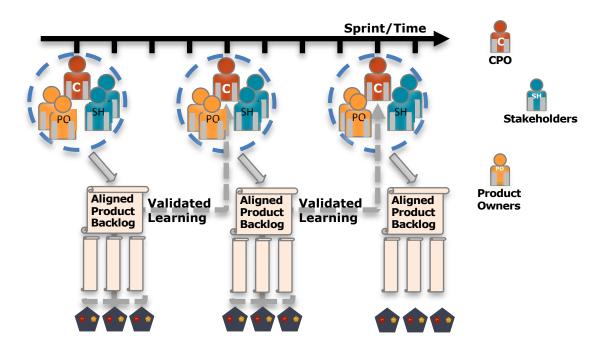
- 2 Create Clarity
- Why do we exist?
- How do we behave?
- What do we do?
- How will we succeed?
- What is most important--right now?
- Who must do what?



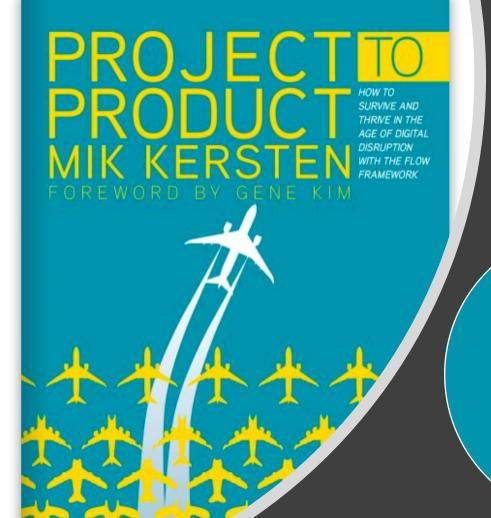
Scaled Backlog Refinement and Review



Vision







Flow metrics

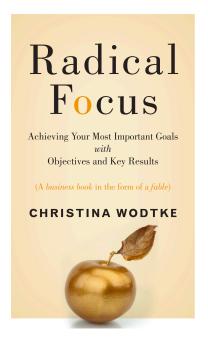
Flow Distribution

- Features
- Defects
- Risks
- Debts

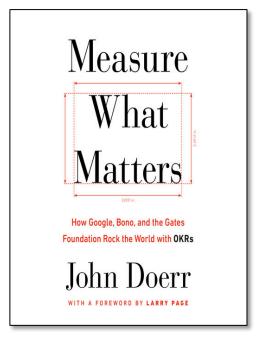
Business Results

- Value
- Cost
- Quality
- Happiness

Objectives and Key Results (OKR)



- Balance metrics like Revenue and
- Do not cascade metrics
- Quarterly and annual horizon



MetaScrum- See ScrumPlop Patter

- **Build Knowledge across silos**
- What did we learn that would impact our priorities?
- **Understand interdependencies and re-use** opportunities
- Each product deep dives at least every 90 days
- Build network of teams to address a "mission"
- Meet every week for 2-4 hours

How are we going to address the next most important

thing?







Strategic Product Alignment

- Who: Key Stakeholders, Leadership, Product Owners, and Team members.
 - Run by Chief Product Owner
- Topics:



 Did anything change that would change the strategy or priorities?



Incremental funding



Create and Kill products



 Aligns enterprise around single backlog



Restructure network of teams

See the Scrum plop pattern MetaScrum



Wrap

- PO Teams have superpowers
 - Perspectives
 - Functional/domain knowledge
 - Solving the right problems
 - Constantly learning and sharing



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